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and for a long time???

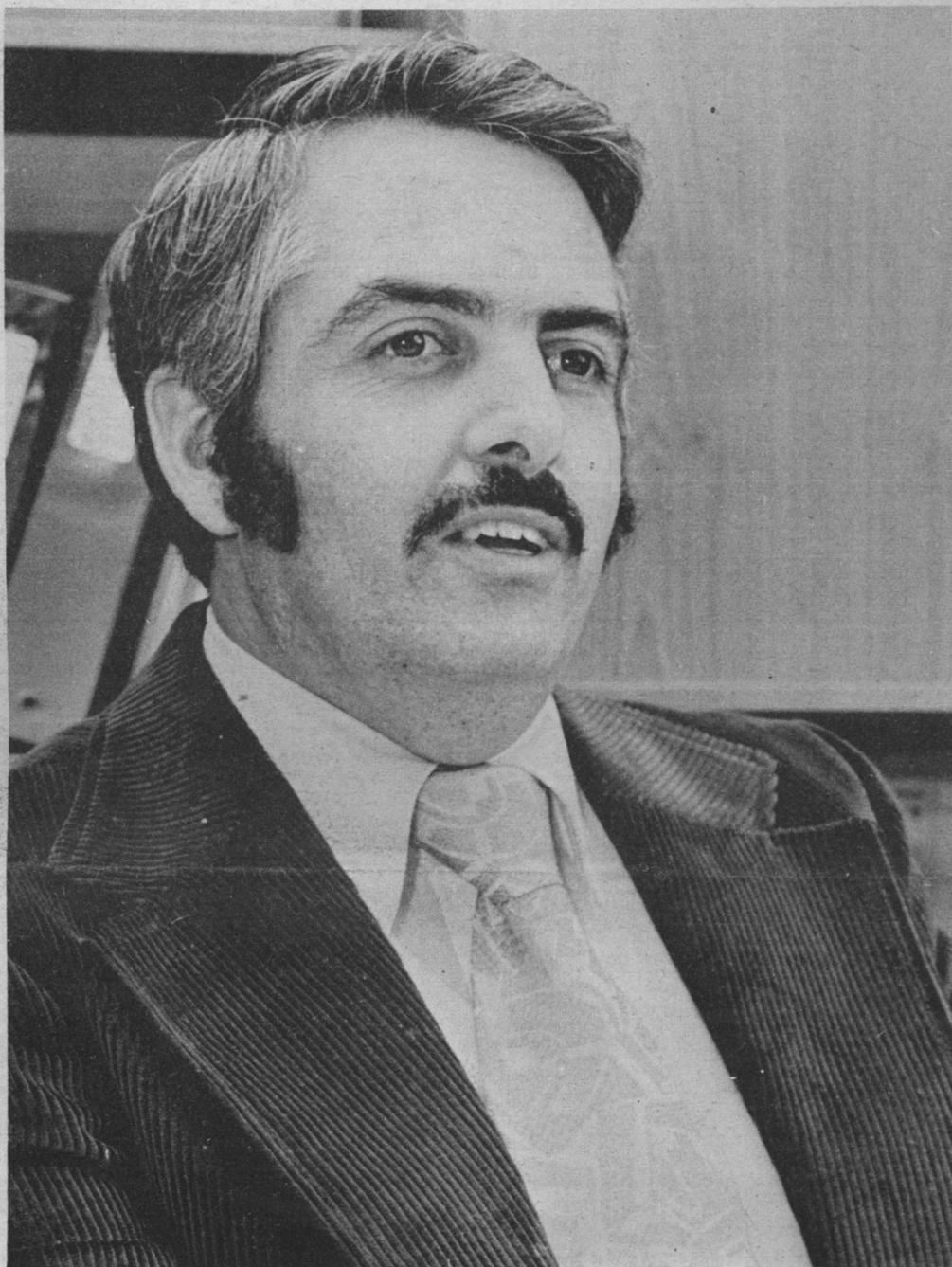
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That's right, turkey:
It's Berry.

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New Student Union finance manager appointed



Gene Nicol

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Gene Nicol, SU's new Finance Manager, says that things will be improving in HUB after it becomes possible to get more pedestrian traffic through the mall.

One way to do this would be to build a pub in the HUB mall.

"The operation of RATT makes a good contribution to the overall profit of the Students' Union, so that I think it will go good down there. It'll get foot traffic down there and that's what the place needs."

A Certified General Accountant from Washington, Nicol says that, from his experiences with Students' Unions, our SU has, "in the sense of the administrative end

of things, a greater degree of autonomy than those in the States."

The duties of Finance Manager here are to help the vp finance and administration supervise the spending of SU funds, to co-ordinate accounts, as well as to supervise the many facets of our day-to-day monetary operations.

Before his arrival these duties were performed by Burt Krull, General Manager, and Jack Redekop, VP Finance and Administration.

How does he like having undergraduates as bosses?

"For the most part, I think these kids are pretty good, but undoubtedly they have a lot to learn."

Supply, demand economics dismay HUB tenants

A meeting to protest \$20 monthly rent increases on one-man units and poor maintenance in HUB attracted over sixty people to the Arts Court Lounge of HUB Sept. 11. Also on hand for most of the evening were Students' Union president Joe McGhie, Jack Redekop, vp finance and administration.

Rents on one man units in HUB will be going up in cost from \$100 per month to \$120 per month on unfurnished suites and from \$111 per month to \$135 per month on furnished suites.

This comes on top of a \$10 per month increase on all HUB units effective the beginning of this month.

Add to this maintenance problems - suites have not been painted even though many of them needed it, rooms have not been cleaned up from one tenant to the next, sound-proofing is so inadequate one can hear his neighbour urinating - and you have the theme of the meeting.

As one resident, Tom Carter, expressed it, "You're paying for convenience, but you're not getting any service."

Other gripes were aired as well, Donna Teahen, one of the organizers of the meeting, said that she had not been paid interest on the damage deposits she had paid in previous years as is required by provincial law. Teahen and Judy Chrastina, another organizer of the meeting, also said that they had run into interference with maintenance in distributing notices of the meeting.

Notices placed on walls were summarily removed by the maintenance staff. It was suggested that this may have been because the notices were placed on doors and windows instead of the official notice pillars. (In fact a couple of notices on pillars were left in place.)

However, Teahen and Chrastina said that maintenance people had followed right behind them and could easily have informed them if any rules were being broken. The two were also denied permission to place notices in HUB mailboxes; this in spite of the fact that similar free mailings have been carried out before.

With the meeting in full swing, McGhie and Redekop arrived to pour oil on troubled waters by explaining supply-and-demand economics. But the oil soon caught fire as the tenants started to demand why they were being treated so

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Lord Denning - Britain's Master of the Rolls

Respect for the law was the subject of a few of the opinions expressed by Lord Denning, Britain's Master of the Rolls, Head of the Court of Appeals, and one of the United Kingdom's most distinguished jurists during a recent visit to the university.

"The rule of law," he stated, "is threatened as much, if not more than it has been for hundreds of years." Lord Denning said that respect for the law depends largely on public opinion, and that unwise legislation and attempts to enforce laws against the wishes of the majority leads to disrespect for the law.

The inequality of justice in President Ford's recent pardon of former president Richard Nixon, Lord Denning feels, offenses against the rule of law.

In his opinion, such a pardon could not take place in England. The Bill of Rights, unlike the United States Constitution, would not permit such a pardon in these circumstances.

According to Lord Denning,

a pardon in England is only granted when the facts have been obtained and guilt or innocence under the law has been clearly established. A pardon would then only be a mitigation of the sentence. Its particular use would be when grounds for reprieve exist and in situations where an individual act has acted illegally, but nonetheless innocently.

The only similar occurrence in England, he said was when an Attorney General simply ceased to prosecute, and in this particular instance, the government fell.

Some matters Lord Denning feels, are not fit to be punished by law. Some matters are private and between one's maker and his conscience. As such, he said, they are not fit to be condemned or punished by society.

He listed as examples of such matters homosexuality, adultery, in fact all sex acts between consenting adults, abortion, and the use of drugs.



Lord Denning

He said that in his opinion, legislation should confine itself to crime, and not necessarily

concern itself with value judgements and sin.