

# Aquinian editor gets reprieve

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Yet another attempt by the St. Thomas SRC to disrupt normal operation of the Aquinian has fallen flat.

STU SRC comptroller Kathy Wright withdrew a motion at Tuesday night's meeting that would have called for Neil Toner's resignation as editor of

the Aquinian had it passed.

In explaining the withdrawal, Wright stated, "This is not beneficial to either the St. Thomas Student Union or the SRC." She added that she would like to see some improvement in the Aquinian over the Christmas break. "This motion could be brought up again," she said.

Toner said he was pleased

that council reconsidered the motion. "I think it will certainly help to ease relations between the Aquinian and the SRC."

He added, however, that he was upset that the motion had been put forward in the first place. "When someone calls for a resignation, people can't help but assume there's something wrong with the person whose resignation is being called for. I feel it's unjust because I feel I've done nothing wrong."

As it turns out, the SRC did accept one resignation during the meeting. Kelly Bidlake-

Jamieson, off-campus representative since October 15, regrettably resigned from council for "personal and academic reasons". SRC President Greg Davis said he would look into possible interim replacements until the position could be filled by election.

During the same meeting, council's vice-president external Mary Laslo submitted a report from the NB Students' Alliance conference held in the SUB over the weekend.

Laslo said the main topic of discussion at the conference was weighted voting, or representation by population

of the 7 member universities. She said the main proponents of this voting system were the large universities like Université de Moncton and UNB-F.

If the proposed system were instituted, she said, larger universities like U de M and UNB-F would have 6 and 7 votes respectively, while the remaining 5 universities, including St. Thomas and UNB-SJ would have only one vote each.

The motion to institute such a policy was soundly defeated since the smaller universities still hold the reins under the old system of voting.

## CUP

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Toner said CUP fees were included in the Aquinian's budget proposal because, "normally, the publisher pays the CUP fees directly and the paper gets ad revenue from Campus Plus. That means the paper doesn't have to ask council to fund other things that would ordinarily be paid for by ad revenue."

According to CUP's constitution, the purpose of an investigative commission is to investigate and report the facts involved in any alleged violation of membership obligations. Such a commission consists of 1 member of CUP's national executive, 1 member of another CUP newspaper of the region, and 1 member of the professional media in the region.

In this case the members were Muzychka, Mary Ellen Jones, editor of the *Dalhousie Gazette*, and Marilyn Robech of CBC Radio, Fredericton.

In an effort to establish the Aquinian's status with regard to CUP membership the commission also looked into whether the SRC is interfering in the Aquinian's internal operations.

Davis said he didn't think the topics were particularly well chosen. He said council has already decided that the Aquinian is not a member of CUP, and "With the

Aquinian not being incorporated, it would be quite hard for us not to interfere in the operations of the Aquinian, since we're financially responsible."

The final issue considered by the commission was whether or not the Aquinian was fulfilling its mandate as a voice for Saint Thomas students.

Davis said the 3 commission members are not qualified to decide this issue. "The only people that can decide that are the students at Saint Thomas."

The investigative commission will be making recommendations to both the Aquinian and council in its report due to be published in two weeks. Both Davis and Aquinian editor Neil Toner are anxious to read the report. Neither will say whether he will be inclined to follow the recommendations, but both are willing to consider whatever the report has to say.

Muzychka is convinced the Aquinian and the SRC will reap more immediate benefits from the investigation before the report is published. "There was an atmosphere of mistrust between them over the last couple of months that is no longer there. I think council benefitted, I think the Aquinian benefitted, and I think CUP benefitted. Even if that's all that happened, it was a worthwhile endeavor."

## SUB booking policy reviewed

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The SUB Board has struck a committee to review its space reservations policy in the Student Union Building.

"The current policy is not the best possible system for all users of the building," said Kim Norris SUB Director.

Under the existing policy there is a priority system. The order of priority is: (1) Student Union organizations, (2) recognized student organizations, (3) university related organizations, and (4) non-university organizations.

This system provides those higher on the priority list an advantage over those which are lower.

As it now stands those higher in priority can book a room in the SUB with as little as two weeks notice. A group lower on the priority list which had perhaps reserved a room six months prior can be "bumped" by a higher priority group.

In short, a lower priority group can not be certain their reservation is confirmed until about two weeks prior to the booking date.

Norris said this greatly affects business, and brought the matter to the attention of the SUB Board.

The Board then struck a committee of two, Norris and Gordon Loane, to review existing policy and recommend changes. The committee is currently seeking input from the various groups which frequently use the facilities.

The main goal of the review committee is to set down a firm

and lengthier time required for minimum notice of reservations. This should avoid a lower priority group's booking being 'bumped' by a higher priority group.

Once the committee has what it considers sufficient information it will report to the Board which will then vote on the proposed changes. If approved, the changes will become effective 'as soon as possible.'

### Holiday Best Wishes

The News staff of the Brunswickan extends seasons' greetings to the students of UNB and STU.

Let us take this time to reflect on the significance of the holidays we are about to celebrate and endeavor to make the new year one of 'peace on earth.'

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