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Aquinian/SRC conflict continues

By DREW BROWN

"You (St. Thomas SRC President) have often stated to myself and in the media that you oppose any council interference in the editorial content of The Aquinian, yet you continue to insist that the paper not print Canadian University Press and not run Campus Plus advertisements" stated Neil Toner, Editor of The Aquinian, in a letter to Greg Davis.

The St. Thomas paper is now facing a second attempt by the St. Thomas council to remove Neil Toner as Editor. The President, Greg Davis, notified council at Tuesday's meeting of the notice of motion to call for Toner's resignation. Toner has stated though, that should the motion pass, he will not resign.

"...I've done nothing wrong. I've acted in the best interests of the paper and the Student Union" said Toner.

The notice of motion apparently was not an arbitrary decision.

"Greg did not have to come to this decision alone, we (the executive) discussed the situation after we received the letter (from Toner), we all had a chance to read it....Together we felt we were left with no alternative" said Mary Laslo, Vice-President External.

The current problems between the student newspaper and council appear to stem from the paper's membership in the national organisation, Canadian University Press. It also appears though, that money is not the issue.

"In my opinion, and in the opinion of Canadian Universi-

ty Press, it has been established that the Aquinian is a CUP member and therefore legally responsible to pay CUP

membership fees. Since council made no provision to do so in the budget presented to us and since they refused to accept further funds from CUP's na-

tional advertising organisation, Campus Plus, the Aquinian elected to pay CUP fees in the only way possible, that is, by sending advertising revenue from Campus Plus to CUP.

This is to protect the St. Thomas Student Union from lawsuit.

Since only a student newspaper can be a member of CUP, I, as Editor, felt responsible to pay this debt to keep the St. Thomas Student Union

out of the courts, especially considering their current financial state" said Neil Toner, Editor of the Aquinian.

Pro-life advocate to speak

By ROBIN GENEAU

An internationally known expert on human sexuality and staunch pro-lifer, Dr. J.C. Willke, will be speaking at U.N.B. on the abortion issue.

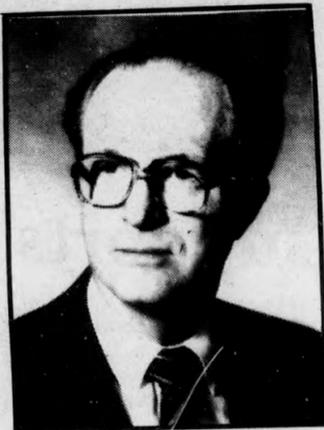
The U.N.B. student council is attempting to bring one lecturer per month to the U.N.B. Fredericton campus. Michael Bennet, Vice President (Academic) is working toward that end despite the controversy that sometimes arises over his choice of speakers.

Several students requested that a qualified speaker appear to address the issue of abortion. Because the S.R.C. is neither pro-life nor pro-choice it was decided a representative from both sides be invited.

During the time of Dr. Henry Morgentaler's lecture on campus last November, approximately 20 petition-style letters were received by the S.R.C. from various church groups. Those letters protested having a pro-choice speaker on campus. Some were threatening, calling Morgentaler a "babykiller" and the S.R.C. "immoral" for bringing him here.

Bennett sent invitations to Willke's lecture to the protesters who included return addresses. He hopes that having Willke here will "pacify the protesters."

Dr. James Downey, President of U.N.B., also received letters of protest. However, he is supportive of the S.R.C. for bringing in both Morgentaler and Willke. "I think it is a very



good idea-I personally would congratulate the S.R.C. for presenting informed points of view on a controversial issue." Downey feels that protests are inevitable when such a controversial subject is raised.

Downey answered most of the letters by saying that "presenting such issues is consistent with the purpose of a university." Father Monte Peters, U.N.B. chaplain agrees saying "university is a place where people can speak freely."

The letters of protest do not necessarily represent the views of all pro-lifers or Christian groups. Darren McHarg and

Neville Gosman, both members of the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, attended Morgentaler's lecture and plan to attend Willke's.

Said McHarg, "I take a pro-life standpoint (the embryo is a life at conception) but I do not oppose Morgentaler's having been here because it made people think about their beliefs."

"In so far as the letters go, I think it sheds a bad light on Christianity-Christianity is there to help people, not judge them," said Gosman.

"With such a relevant, emotional issue it is important to look at both points of view," said Bennett.

STU/UNB workers ratify contract

CUPE sees no problems ahead

By COLLEEN SULLIVAN and HELLEN BURKE

A collective agreement was reached Monday night with CUPE local 1326 and administration.

The local was in a legal strike position as of Saturday. Mance Langin, local 1326 President, said the agreement involves a four per cent wage increase beginning January 1, 1986. Among other issues agreed upon was a job security clause. The contract expires June 31, 1988.

According to the new agreement, the university can no longer contract out jobs.



Joan Blaquier, CUPE representative

An issue of student wages was also talked about said Langin. "I feel that students who work during the summer should get equal pay for equal work."

CUPE Union Representative Joan Blaquier says student wages were of concern to the members, but the "administration wouldn't budge."

James Downey, President of UNB says he has never heard of the issue of student wages.

Thursday night local 1326 will meet on a separate bargaining unit, involving secretarial accounts. There are three bargaining units in the union, Audio Visual, Secretarial, and Maintenance.

CUPE rep Joan Blaquier said she does not anticipate any problems with the new contract.

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