

Student papers pledge support to St. Mary's Journal

HALIFAX (SPECIAL) - The University of New Brunswick student newspaper, The Brunswickian, and other Atlantic area student newspapers agreed last week to support the St. Mary's University Journal in its struggle with the SMU student government.

The newspaper has not published this year because the near-bankrupt student union suspended their subsidy as a belt-tightening measure.

The Acadia University Athenaeum, the University of Prince Edward Island Cadre and the St. F.X. Weekly joined The Brunswickian in expressing support at the Atlantic Region Canadian University Press (ARCUP) conference held Sept. 27-28 in Halifax.

JOURNAL Editor candidate Sarah Gordon suggested at the Halifax conference that the paper's budget was cut because the

paper was a constant source of criticism of the SMU student council.

The paper was told it would have to finance its operation this year totally from advertising. ARCUP members agreed it would be impossible to finance the paper in this way.

The student government has attempted to appoint an editor to the paper, a move which would

contravene the constitutions of both the paper and Canadian University Press.

Both constitutions state the paper must be run on a democratic basis, which includes election of the editor by staff members. Canadian University Press president Francis Fuca said the "important thing right now is to get a paper out".

He said CUP will recognize only Gordon as editor until a staff election is held.

The Journal staff has been locked out of its office and there have been reports of equipment being removed.

Alternate arrangements have been made for correspondence with the paper.

ARCUP members agreed to request their student unions and administrations to put pressure on the St. Mary's student union to re-instate the newspaper.

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No increase in honouraria say student councillors

By DERWIN GOWAN
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Salaries and honoraria made an otherwise standard comptrollers report long and sometimes stormy at last Monday's Student Representative Council meeting.

President Warren McKenzie's salary was also increased by \$10 per week to \$90 per week. Justifying this, comptroller Batanyita said that, despite inflation, the president's salary has not been increased in four year's time. MacLean added, "People are grossly underpaid at this university."

McKenzie said that he was not breaking a campaign promise by accepting the raise. He said that his promise was to not ask for a raise, although he did not say anything about not accepting one if it was offered. This was in response to a question by Kennedy, who still maintained after the meeting that McKenzie specifically promised not to accept any raise in pay.

The next point of contention was the across to board 20 per cent increase in student union honoraria, plus a new honorarium of \$60 for Administrative Board members.

Miller said that honoraria should be minimal and the cost of living should not be considered. According to him, the reason why the Saint Mary's and Dalhousie student unions are having financial difficulties is that they have to pay salaries to functionaries. After the meeting he said he was proud that student activities at UNB depended primarily on volunteer labour.

Councillor Margot Brewer said, "You bet that's going to hit the fan," and Miller replied, "You're right it is."

Batanyita took the opposite view. "I don't think it's such a big thing," he said, particularly when wages paid at other universities are considered.

Brewer replied, "When The Bruns gets ahold of that and prints

it in that rag this will be the smelliest council chambers in the entire Atlantic provinces."

At this point, Kennedy wanted to introduce an amendment, but it was not allowed, as the chairman, George McAllister, said that it was too contrary to the main motion to be allowed as an amendment.

When Batanyita said job requirements were taken into account when the raises were considered, Brewer retorted, "I'm thinking of what is going to come out of their pockets out there. student fee increases are all going to pay for honourarium and salary increases. They're going to scream and I'm screaming for them now ... God!"

At this point Kennedy moved the previous question and the motion passed 12 zero with Batanyita abstaining. The raises were defeated. Batanyita, Mulholland, Stairs, and McKay voted in favour of the increases.

Kennedy, seconded by science representative Kevin Garland, then moved that all persons receive last year's honoraria. This was the amendment he had intended earlier. This passed seven to four. Stairs and McKenzie abstained. Batanyita, Mulholland, McKay, and MacLean opposed. MacLean later explained, "On principle, I'm against honoraria." He would rather have a system of salaries.

Next it was decided that Administrative Board members should not receive honorarium.

Batanyita opposed, saying they meet each week for "hours and hours," thus shortening council meetings considerably. "We need competent people on the A.B.," he said, and \$60 was not too much.

Brewer said, "I want to know why the AB is such an important committee?" she said. "I mean, is it the time factor or what?"

"Margot, we control all the budgets," Mulholland said. Stairs said there were other committees just as important. He pointed out that the constitution controlled all

the constitutions without an honourarium.

McKenzie said the AB is merely a recommending body to council and council has the final authority. If the workload is too big, he said, then it should be lessened. He disagreed with Mulholland, saying that the AB does not control or have responsible for any money.

"the important aspect is that the SRC is the final authority." According to McKenzie, if there is to be an honourarium, it should be taken out of the councillors' \$100 because council delegates part of their authority to them. Batanyita reiterated that Administrative Board members have no responsibility to students as they

are not elected, and if competent people are to be had, then the honourarium is necessary.

McKenzie and Stairs then moved the previous question. It passed unanimously. The motion on the floor was defeated nine to three. Mulholland, Batanyita, and McKay were in favour. Councillor Bram Nellison abstained.

Guns not needed says Williamson

By DAWN ELGEE

Chief Williamson disagrees with a statement made in the Brunswickian editorial of Sept. 19 stating that a meeting of the Canadian Association of Security Directors discussed the possibility of giving UNB security guards Peace Officer Status. Williamson says that the discussion was on Peace Officer Status for Canadian Universities generally, but certainly not specifically UNB or St. Thomas.

"To the editorial caption 'Are firearms necessary', my reply is no, they are neither required, nor desired and indeed have never been considered."

Williamson is not presently backing the university administration for peace officer status for security guards at UNB. However he believes it would be wise for a certain number of security officers.

"The role of the 'supervisory activity' in the UNB security section," says Williamson, "is very closely related to the duties of a city police patrol constable. The member on this detail is required to investigate accidents, make enquiries into thefts, impaired driving, indecent assaults and other criminal matters on campus."

He feels that without Peace Officer Status, security patrolmen are being deprived of their working aids. He hopes that the SRC will look into the possibility of having their security section given more influence under the law to increase a sense of security on our campus.

"The new proposed Police Act for the province of New Brunswick, if enacted, makes it mandatory to

report all criminal matters to the police force in their jurisdiction."

Chief Williamson argues that the main duties of the security officers is not to enforce parking regulations, but of over 40 people employed in security only four are concerned with traffic control. Importance is placed on protection

of university property, the security of people in residences, emergency communications, etc.

Parking regulations have been circulated through The Brunswickian and brochures. Strict enforcement of these laws will be in effect in October. Anyone who is not aware of these laws may phone security.



Photo By Jerome Kashetsky

University of New Brunswick security chief Williamson recently said that campus security officers do not need to be armed, although a certain number of peace officers would be beneficial.

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