

Mugwump Journal

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..SRC President Roy Neale will be asking the council for \$110 a week for 16 weeks this summer. As is the custom, he brought the matter to the Administrative Board Wednesday night, but they started to haggle so much it was decided to leave it and let the council decide. The theory behind the leave-it-to-council attitude went this way: council will want to discuss it in some length anyway, so why waste the time?

..And they're right. Neale has gone to the SRC two times for salary - and both times he had problems getting his money. Right after he was elected he proposed to go on the sabbatical presidency, meaning that he would take fewer courses and devote more time to the job. In other words, he wanted a substantial weekly salary, a great increase over the honorarium his predecessors had to be happy with.

..He went to the AB, asked for \$100, and I think they agreed with his proposal. The council (which has final say in all such matters) tore that to bits, leaving him with only \$80 a week.

..Just before council adjourned for the summer, he asked to have a summer salary of \$100 a week. The council said yes, but only for four weeks (August 14 to September 14.) When the New Brunswick Union of Students was formed this summer, Neale ignored the council's earlier decision and became President full-time. When council returned this past fall, he presented them with the bill, based on a rate of \$100 a week. The bill was cut down.

..Now he's asking for \$110 a week, and for the whole summer. One wonders whether this new figure of \$110 is only a bargaining position, so that in taking a cut he will actually get the \$100 a week he's wanted all along. We'll soon see.

..UNB students (about 700 of them anyway - those who cared enough to vote in last Wednesday's SRC by-election) were asked in a referendum whether or not they wanted a yearbook in '74-75. The SRC felt the need to ask the students after Comptroller Fud Steeves told the council Monday that costs were rising, with advertising and sales hitting all-time lows. 377 students said they would want a yearbook - and that they'd be willing to pay \$8 to \$10 for it (with added pages and colour). 144 said no on both counts, while some said they wanted a yearbook, but not at an increased price. No doubt we'll be hearing Monday from Fud on the yearbook.

..Speaking of the Comptroller (or THE Comptroller, as he calls himself) he'll soon be appointing Pat Flanagan as Finance Chairman. That appointment will probably be made official Monday. Several other councillors (and non-councillors) have applied for the position, but apparently Fud has his heart set on Pat. I hope the boys hit it off well together.

..Cars parked in the SUB circle this past week have been towed away - and at least one was damaged in the process. The cars definitely shouldn't have been there - and the student-owners can't complain they weren't told it was a no-parking area. Unless they're blind, the no-parking signs are fairly prominent. But damaging the cars is another thing. I'm not prepared to argue that that's the students' fault. Nor am I prepared to argue that they shouldn't have parked there because there is adequate parking space available. Both arguments are bull. Our parking committee should start moving a little faster, with the view that this sort of thing won't happen next year. The plain fact of the matter is that there isn't enough parking spaces around here.

..A friend at The Gleaner and one of the girls in our newsroom have decided to tie the knot on August 18 of this year. Congrats to you both.

..Our boys in Vietnam (sounds sort of different, doesn't it?) may be home sooner than we had thought. Personally, I was in favour of them going there in the first place, mainly because I thought they could help "keep the peace". News reports from that area have proven that they can't - and you can't really blame them. Neither Hanoi or the U.S., apparently, will agree to have some sort of third party to whom the ICCS (of which Canada is a member) report truce violations to.

..And when you can't report truce violations it's more or less a useless proposition in the first place. Officially, the 60 day trial period that Ottawa sent them there for ends March 30, I think. Now Ottawa is offering to leave them there for an extra 30 days after that, so that the combatants (a fancy term for Hanoi and Saigon) can find a replacement.

..I'm not so sure I agree with that. It's my opinion that they should be brought home as soon as possible, if the present attitudes of "the combatants" continue to prevail.

..By the way, this is our second last edition. Because of the March break next week, there won't be any paper. But keep your eyes peeled on March 16. We've got a little something special coming your way. See you then.



Article 'immature, tasteless'

Dear Sir:

I should like to comment on your paper of Feb. 23 and specifically on your editorial of that same date.

I have never before experienced such an immature, tasteless, and ill-considered editorial as I read in this issue.

At a time when this University is going to need to pull together--that includes everyone--you attempt to create, in the minds of your readers, an image of the new President that is extravagant and

some what condescending. You pre-judge him. Have you ever met the man?

But what I find even more objectionable is your call for the resignations of the three students on the Board of Governors. I am personally acquainted with two of them and can vouch for their long service and loyalty to student interests: a fact that you, too, are well aware of, Mr. Editor. Considering this, and the fact that, by your own admission, you don't know what went on in that

particular meeting (a fortiori, all of the relevant facts considered)--it does not lie in your mouth to accuse these people in such an unjust manner.

Further more, Mr. Editor, you must assume that the Board of Governors is a collection of reasonably intelligent men having in mind all of the financial considerations needed to run this University. They make a decision; ONE man objects; you back your

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