

Hicks seeks successor

Mirror, mirror on the wall

by Sheryl Grant

President Hicks, who will be retiring next August, gave some hints as to what qualifications the proposed selection committee may be looking for in his replacement. In an interview on Jan. 12, Hicks said the contract he signed in 1963 requires him to retire at 65.

"A university president," said Hicks, "should be a scholar of international standing, a genius at executive duties and an excellent public relations man."

The president added that he

was half joking in his description of what the committee would consider the ideal university president.

"The Lord Himself wouldn't meet the committee's requirements," said Hicks, "and I certainly don't claim to."

Hicks said that he could not say whether or not the new president would be picked from among Dalhousie faculty, but he stated that there were several professors on staff who were qualified for the position.

He refused to name names saying that to do so would be

to show favoritism. For the same reason he refused to comment on the "Barometer's" suggestion that King's University president John Godfrey was a prime candidate.

Hicks added that no one was being seriously considered for the position as yet.

Applications will be accepted when the selection committee, made up of three members elected by the Senate, three by the Board of Governors, and one by the Student Union, is chosen.



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by Valerie Mansour
Canadian University Press

Because the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix was found responsible last month for printing a libelous letter, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald has refused to print letters for over a month.

According to managing editor Harold Shea, the newspaper has decided to resume letters columns Jan. 13, after withholding them because of the Supreme Court decision in late fall.

Shea said the decision meant that a newspaper would have to agree with the total concept of a letter it printed. "We asked our solicitors to give us a ruling and they suggested it would be wise to refrain from running letters."

"Of course we try not to print libelous letters anyway," he said, "but I feel letters to the editor have a proper place in newspapers."

"We usually get about 35 letters each week. We've been saving them all, so there's quite a back-log now."

"I personally feel someone should ask Parliament to clarify the ruling. Although we'll be publishing letters again, the ruling has not been erased from our minds."

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