

Concerning walkoff

Janitors go to SRC for declaration of support

By SUSAN MANZER
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Representatives for the janitors who walked off the job at UNB last week for better wages and working conditions, asked for the support of the UNB Student Representative Council.

Kent Blades and Albert Allen who attended the regular meeting of the SRC Monday night, explained that it was not a forced strike since the janitors, formerly employees of Custodian Services, are not legally unionized; therefore they said they are in need of student support on the issue.

Council passed the following motion:

Be it resolved that the SRC request that the Administration make the reasons for their position the janitors known to the University community as soon as possible or the SRC may have no alternative, based on the representations so far made to them, but to support the janitors on the issue of improved working conditions at UNB.

Blades explained the janitors are not employees of the university as such but of a private company; however, he said the university usually makes out a contract which is accepted by the company. In other words, the university "more or less sets up the contract for the

contractor". The janitors are asking for \$3 per hour over their present salary of \$2.28.

Blades added that Custodian Services, whose contract has run out, had made an unwritten promise to increase their pay should the university's unionized janitors receive a raise, however, prospects, he said, look very dim.

SRC President Roy Neale mentioned that the university's budget is "now locked in for next year" and that the only openings for changes are in tuition and residence fees.

Rick Fisher, in an emotionally packed speech, rebuked Council for their hesitation in giving the janitors their support.

"If this Council had any guts like the one five years ago, you would give the janitors 100 percent support. You sit here while these janitors are really getting shafted!", he said.

Dave Kent agreed with Fisher saying he feared a loss in student support for the janitors. "It's just like any other important issue here; at first it causes great controversy, then after it quietly rolls away. You can't beat around the bush with something like this."

Chairman of the SUB Board of Directors Peter Forbes said there was fear for Carnival (which ends

this weekend) when the walkoff began.

"If the building was completely shut down, it would break the backbone of Carnival. We had to maintain at least a minimum amount of cleanliness or the Board of Health would require the building to be closed. Therefore, SUB supervisors were asked to do

janitorial services; a record of this being kept should a chance to bill the university at a later date arise."

Neale mentioned the executive of the SRC had meetings with the administration on the issue concerning the 75 janitors and 15 maids.

The main question the SRC had was how the janitors intended to use their support. Blades and Allen said they were mostly interested in getting the students educated on the issue and to solicit their support.

The motion was passed unanimously.

UNB Dean appointed ombudsman

By KEN CORBETT

George A. McAllister, former Dean of Law of UNB, was officially sworn in as New Brunswick's provincial Ombudsman in ceremonies Thursday.

McAllister has been active in the life of the University since 1950. He has been a prominent member of many administrative organizations, including the Board of Governors, Senate, Board of Deans, University Committee, and served on the last two Presidential Selection Committees, chairing the committee that chose President Anderson. He received his BA, BCL, and MA from UNB, and his LL.M. from Columbia.

The New Brunswick Legislature passed a resolution recommending his appointment to the position of Ombudsman Tuesday.

McAllister described his function as ombudsman as that of a middle-man between the citizen and the various departments and agencies of government. He would, he explained, investigate the complaints of private citizens against these organizations, especially in cases where normal avenues of recourse have been exhausted.

McAllister outlined that the powers of an ombudsman are mainly persuasive. His main duties will be to recommend courses of action to Government departments and agencies, and to make further recommendations in his annual report before the Provincial Ombudsman was inaugu-

rated in 1967, and carries a ten-year term of office. The first person to occupy this post was Dr. W.T. Ross Flemington, followed by Charles Edward Leger. Both passed away while in office. McAllister was appointed to succeed Leger.

Mr. McAllister has also been very active outside the University sphere. He is a past-president of the Barrister's society of New Brunswick, and is presently chairman of the Industrial Rela-

tions Board and of the Lorneville Area Projects Bargaining Authority. He will be giving up these posts to devote his full time to serve as ombudsman.

President Anderson is expected to make an announcement in the near future concerning a successor to McAllister as Dean of Law. Anderson will appoint an Acting Dean, and a committee regulated by the Senate will choose the new Dean.



Dean George A. McAllister

Photo by Ron Ward

Carni parade winds city streets tomorrow

The parade which will wind its way through Fredericton tomorrow - part of the University of New Brunswick annual Winter Carnival - promises to be "The best ever" according to parade marshal Gary Towers.

Slated to start at 2 p.m. from the former Teachers' College building on campus, the procession will have floats representing the City of Fredericton, the Town of Oromocto, the Canadian Armed Forces, the Oromocto Lions' majorettes,

UNB administration, residences, faculty and other university-oriented groups.

Other features include clowns, druids, the "Peanut Man," an old-fashioned beer wagon, antique cars and the 1974 Miss UNB Winter Carnival as well as other faculty queens.

The parade route extends from Teachers' College down University Ave. to Charlotte St., right to St. John St., up Queen St. and south on Odell to the exhibition grounds.

Jet Janitorial wins UNB cleaning contract

By LORNA PITCHER

Jet Janitorial Services won a cleaning contract for three buildings at UNB last week, and became immediately involved in the janitors' strike.

The company's janitors are blockaded by strikers from picking up keys to the Forestry Building, Toole Hall, and the SUB. These men are being paid \$2.50 an hour as starting salary, and are provided transportation to and from

Oromocto, where the nearest company branch is located. So far they have been unable to commence work under the new contract because groups of students and janitors turn them back each night.

Jet, an Atlantic company based in Newfoundland, has contracts in Halifax, at the Saint John airport and on Base Gagetown in Oromocto. The UNB contract is the company's only Fredericton job.

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