

SRC backs UNB's bid for HEC grant revision

The UNB Students Representative Council has announced they will support the university's bid to have the Higher Education Commission revise the grant formula for the university as set forth in "Flexibility in the 70's".

When questioned about UNB's request to the Higher Education Commission, SRC President Roy Neale stated that "We will give our total support to the university in their bid to have the grant formula revised."

Neale anticipated in the near future that a brief would be submitted to the Commission on behalf of students.

He stated emphatically that New Brunswick students could not absorb the additional financial

burden of a tuition hike, which is born out by "the loan and bursary issue this past summer. The question of accessibility to a university education must also be considered", he said, since everyone should have the right to an education.

The other alternative is to cut back the amount of university spending, but as Neale said "Everyone is now feeling the pinch; possibly they can cut back but the province must accept its responsibility in insuring the continuity of the UNB community and the quality of education in that sphere."

Although the SRC has not been asked for an opinion by the HEC on how the students feel, they are expected to submit a

brief to the Commission recommending that there be no increase in fees and outlining the student's position on the issue. One undesirable conclusion to the negotiations between UNB and the HEC would be a compromise resulting in an increase in tuition.

Neale will be meeting with UNB Acting President Pacey to discuss the issue in the near future.

The Government's total commitment to pay operating grants for New Brunswick universities on an automatic basis comes to \$28.4 million for 1973/74.

Already, because of the unexpected enrolment drop, UNB has lost over three quarters of a million dollars in grants for 1972/73.

Presently the university can use one of two provisions for determining the annual provincial grants paid by the HEC:

(i) the dollar yield from a new grant formula based on the year's eligible enrolment (total N.B. residents enrolled plus 1,145 non-resident) up to a predetermined maximum based on a projected slow rate of growth.

(ii) the total grant for academic year 1971-72 increased by 5 percent for each year (i.e. 1971-72 total plus 10 percent for 1973-74), plus the increase in weighted enrolment over 71-72 weighted enrolment multiplied by the grant unit for the year (\$880 for 1973-74), again up to the predetermined maximum.

The basis unit grant for 73-74 has increased from \$835 to \$880, and is calculated using weighted rather than actual totals. This means that all undergraduate arts and science students have a weight factor of 2, all other undergraduates have a weight factor of 3, and all students at the masters' or doctorate level are assigned a weight factor of 4.

The HEC clearly indicates that this "extra" money should not go into significantly increasing such budgets as student aid, research, or the subsidy of auxiliary enterprises. Despite the fact that masters' and doctorate level students have the highest weight, the emphasis of the HEC appears to be on the continuing improvement in the amount and quality of basis undergraduate and professional education accessible to all citizens.

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UNB President yet to be officially announced

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Although the nomination of Dr. John M. Anderson for the position of President of the University of New Brunswick went before the provincial cabinet Wednesday, an official announcement on the appointment has yet to be released.

According to sources in the Premier's office the delay in the official confirmation of Anderson's appointment is only procedural. Apparently arrangements have not been entirely completed, but this is said to be the normal process in such a matter. A spokesman for Premier Hatfield said

yesterday that an announcement would be made very shortly.

Anderson's nomination was first made public by the BRUNSWICKAN on December 13, and since then several newspapers and radio stations have picked up on the story. However, to date, the University has said virtually nothing to informally confirm the information. Any official announcement on the appointment must be made by the cabinet, according to university officials.

In an interview with the BRUNSWICKAN Thursday, Anderson stated he too was awaiting completion of arrangements by the cabinet.

"I must say I have been waiting for the cabinet to make an announcement so I could tell people how happy I am to be returning to the academic world, particularly

to UNB.

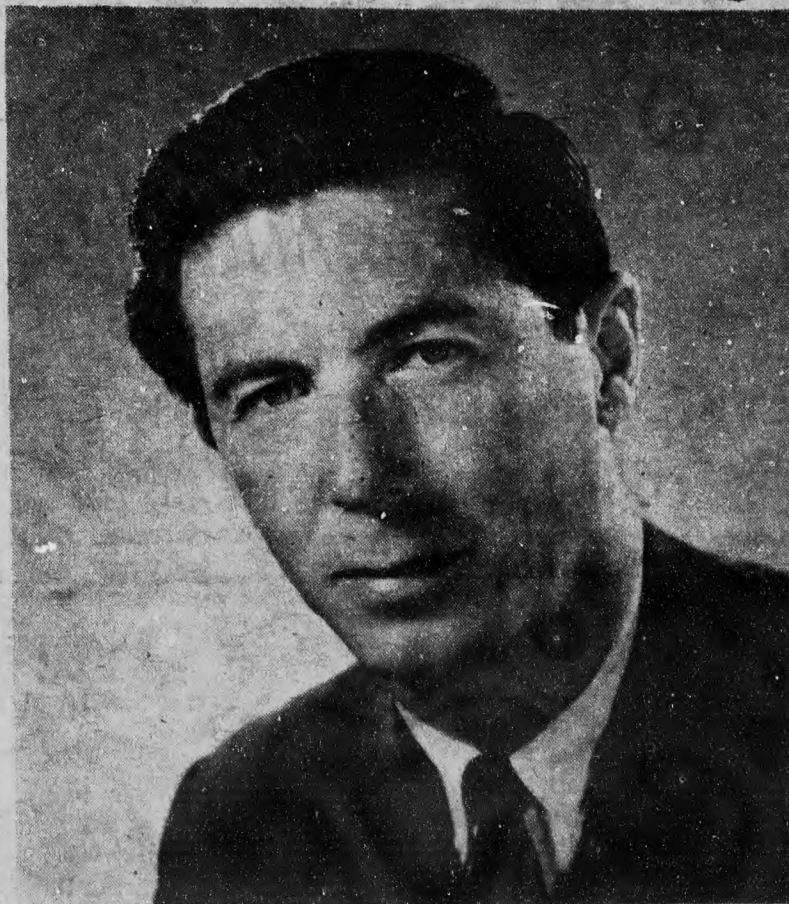
"UNB is a good university", he said, "however, it will be my job to make it even better."

Anderson told the BRUNSWICKAN he expected to take up the position as President in early March for a six year term.

He added he has not applied for any position at UNB before, however, this is the second request he has received by the university to take such an offer.

Anderson, 45, was formerly an assistant professor of biology at the University of New Brunswick in 1958 until his appointment to the department of biology at Carleton University.

He is presently the Director of Research and Development of the Fisheries branch of the Department of the Environment in Ottawa.



Dr. JOHN M. ANDERSON

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Between 1961 and 1972, food prices in Canada rose 42.5 percent. At the same time, the prices farmers received for their crops increased only 25.4 percent, and this increase was wiped out by the increase in farm production costs.

Clearly, both the consumers and the farmers are losing out. The food producing corporations, however, are increasing their profits.

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