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SRC not getting good press says President Neale

By GARY CAMERON

"The Brunswickan has in fact done very little to aid us (the Students Representative Council) in any type of public relations," said SRC president Roy Neale at Monday night's SRC meeting. "You people (council) are brushed off as puppets and we are ass-holes and power-trippers."

Neale was commenting on several Brunswickan comments to the effect that Council was not fulfilling its role as a legislative and policy-making body. However, when he entreated council to comment on the issue he was greeted by a stony silence broken only by councillor Valerie Jaegers' comment that "it's improving."

Councillor Barb Hill stated that we should work really hard to clear up that attitude, and that council should not be regarded as a "rubber stamp."

Chairman Peter Forbes commented that the role of the executive is to attend to day-to-day housekeeping and present the results to council. The fact that due to council "occupying much of the air time" a false impression of the executive dominating Council might be conveyed. He entreated council not to lose sight of the fact that "final decisions rest with you."

In other business council appointed three people to the Applications Committee, Barb Hill, Cathy Pomeroy, and Ron Ward. George McAllister was appointed Assistant Returning Officer for the fall elections to assist Steven Mulholland who will be running for a Senate position.

Three of the executive have met one of the candidates for the position of UNB medical director. Another candidate will be interviewed soon.

A request for office space by the Graduate Students Association in the Student Union Building was approved in principle and forwarded to the SUB Board of Directors.

A proposal by James Rafuse, National School Services representative, to design and supply official rings for UNB was examined by Council. It was decided to have Neale investigate the matter and report back to council.

The date for the upcoming Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Alumni, should be finalized by the next council meeting, according to Neale.

In discussing the upcoming fall SRC elections, Neale reported to council that "nominations have been terrible so far."

Assistant Comptroller Pat Flanagan requested that he be sent to the Canadian Entertainment Conference from the 9th to 13th of November in order to increase his knowledge on available groups for pubs and concerts on campus. CHSR will also send 1 or 2

representatives.

Council gave a blanket approval to SRC Comptroller Fud Steeves' budget proposals which had been passed at an Administrative Board meeting on the previous Wednesday night. There was little discussion or questioning from council concerning these proposals.

Campus Police - \$558.27; Bailey Geological Society - \$140.00; Amateur Radio Club - \$813.25; Pre-Med Club - \$82.50; Anthropological Society - \$31.80; Action Corps - \$613.40; World University Service of Canada - \$150.00; History Club - \$45.00; History Club Speaker - \$300.00; Infirmary - \$450.00; Membership Cards \$15.00; orientation \$2000.00; Comptrollers Fund - \$1000.00; SRC elections - \$300.00; SRC office budget - \$22,000.00; Summer Salaries - \$1700.00; ID cards - \$750.00; Winter Carnival Budget - \$3000.00; Fall Festival - \$2000.00; Honoraria - \$4,275.00; Student Directory - \$1000.00; Charity - \$550.00 Activity Awards - \$500.00.

Keith Manuel, Barbara Pomeroy and Barb Hill were appointed to the Administrative Board.

Councillor Alex Merseareau pointed out that to him membership in the National Union of Students did not offer anything of value to UNB. Council accepted his recommendation and decided not to join the union. It would have cost UNB at least \$1500 to join.

The issue of what Merseareau's position on what Council consists of was raised by council. Rick Fisher suggested that Merseareau had already been made a member of the executive since he had been included in executive meetings. Chairman Peter Forbes pointed out that this was not necessarily so since the executive could invite anyone to their meetings. The matter was tabled by council.

Councillors were invited to sit on all senate committees with the exception of the Student Standings and Promotions Committee (see story elsewhere on this page.)

The committees are as follows: Academic and Campus Planning; Facilities, Services and Equipment; Audio Visual Aids; Budget; Summer School and Extension Operations; Library; Computing Centre; Student Services; Publications; Admissions; Timetable; Undergraduate Scholarships; Examinations; Appointment, Promotion, Tenure and Leaves; Athletics; Creative Arts; Honorary Degrees; Lecture Series; Curricular and Bookstore.

However only 20 out of 48 positions were filled, leaving 28 vacant so far.

SRC chairman Forbes reminded Council that it's communication with The Brunswickan staff members at SRC meetings should involve only responsible, polite criticisms based on accurate facts,



SRC President Roy Neale feels that The Brunswickan is unfairly criticizing the SRC. Council meanwhile passed a \$40,000 budget in about 10 minutes with hardly a question.

Students' standings and promotions

No students on Senate committee

By GARY CAMERON

Prospects for having student representation on the Senate Committee on Student Standings and Promotions do not look good. The Students Representative Council at its meeting Monday night voted against a motion that would have seen Council recommend to the administration that a student be placed on the committee.

The Student Standings and Promotions Committee deals with such things as remarking of exams and other special cases pertaining to students academic records.

Discussion on the matter began when Councillor George McAllister broached the subject to SRC President Roy Neale.

Neale asked that CHSR turn off its tape recorder and that The

Brunswickan not report his answer to MacAllister's question. He was rebuked by Chairman Peter Forbes who ruled that he did not have the right to decide what could not be reported at the meeting.

Neale stated that council should leave well enough alone. "The point I don't want bandied about is that Frank Wilson has been very successful to date on dealing with student problems. On the political side he explains it to the extent that students are usually a lot harder on themselves than anyone else would be," Neale continued. "Students would receive a great deal more sympathy than they would get if students were sitting on the committee."

McAllister retorted that "students are on all the other senate committees...there's no reason why there shouldn't be student input in that committee."

At this point McAllister put the motion to council, but Neale suggested that the executive rather than council approach the administration. McAllister disagreed.

"The committee," said Neale, "deals with personal matters, sometimes very private matters that should not be bandied about by their peer group."

Councillor Alex Merseareau echoed Neales' opinion, stating that "it (the committee) is so small and only deals with a few cases a year...it does its job itself and it's a lot of hassle to get the act changed and it's doing a very sufficient job now. I don't think we should screw things up and try to get students on

this committee. We'll have a hard enough time filling the other committees this year."

Councillor Valerie Jaeger replied to this, stating that without student representation "how do you know it's doing fine?"

Vice-president Steven Mulholland stated that "I wouldn't really want a student on the committee. I'd rather have faculty making decisions they've dealt with before."

Jaeger replied: "You're putting a very low opinion on student representatives."

The motion was defeated when a vote of 6 for, 6 against, and 2 abstentions was broken by Forbes.

"I'm sure none of the people that voted against the motion were against student representation," said Neale, "but this is an area that's very difficult to get involved in."



SRC Councillor Valerie Jaeger

Bulletin

Five former graduates of UNB will be given honorary degrees at Convocation exercises, Oct. 17.

Gordon Fairweather, MP for Fundy-Royal; Reg E. Tweedale, of Fredericton; David Baird, of Montreal; New Brunswick Chief Justice Charles Hughes; and a fifth unidentified person from Halifax will get the degrees.