

Union official says university's latest offer 'foolish'

By FORREST ORSER

Tonight Local 1326 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees meets to decide if they will accept the University of New Brunswick's latest contract offer.

A union spokesman said, "It's a foolish offer." He pointed out that the university has not met the union's demands which were drawn up before the recent raises in the cost of living.

Director of Personnel A.F. Knight, who is conducting the

negotiations for the university, said, "From the point of view of the university administration the offer is the most that can be made, and we feel it is fair."

According to the union spokesman, a plumber is usually paid \$5.65 an hour. The university now pays \$3.30 an hour, and is offering to raise it to \$4.34 an hour by the end of December 1974.

The spokesman added that the university has assumed responsibility for the Co-op on Montgomery Street without increasing its staff. He pointed out that the staff has often worked long hours with little sleep to repair breakdowns in the electric and water systems so that the university could continue to function.

"But now the men are very down hearted," he said. He feels the university could receive much better work from its employees if they were happy with their working situations.

Knight said he feels the details of the offer should not be discussed publicly until the union membership has had an opportunity to reach a decision on the offer for themselves.

But he did say, "I don't consider the offer too low, but opinions are not important. Facts are."

Knight said he felt the facts are that the university is offering its employees a large raise, and that it pays on a par with other large employees, including the provincial government.

He said that the wage rates paid by the provincial government were accepted by CUPE, which is also the union for provincial employees.

He admitted tradesmen employed by contractors are paid more, but he says they are only employed for limited periods of time, while university employees work twelve months a year. He added that contractors do not provide benefits; such as sick leave, paid vacations and pension plans, as the university does.

The union spokesman said if the union decides the offer is not high enough, a strike is possible though "it is a horrible thing to think about."

He pointed out that a strike of university employees would interrupt many of the essential services on campus. He adds that many companies would refuse to deliver such things as food across picket lines.

Knight stated the university's offer is definitely as high as possible, and the university will run at a deficit to meet its present raise offer.

The union spokesman said that while the university's administration claims to be unable to pay its employees more, he feels that poor management has cost the university a great deal. As an example he pointed out that cleaning of many buildings of campus was contracted out to companies who did not do the job they were paid to do.

Knight said any further raises will have to be paid for somehow, ultimately by the students.

The union spokesman said that poor management costs the students money and that they should be actively concerned.

"We're after student support," he said. "We need it."



Union members regard the university's wage offers as "foolish".

Candidates asked to have posters ready

By DERWIN GOWAN

Students considering running in the spring SRC election were requested to submit their posters to the Brunswickan at an SRC meeting Monday night.

President Roy Neale read the resignations of SRC Arts Representative Gary Cameron, Campus Co-ordinator Chris Gallotti, and Dean of Students Frank Wilson. It was then moved and passed that a letter of thanks be sent to Wilson, along with a token gift.

The SRC is looking for a place to conduct their T-Group Session. For this reason, the session must be put off for a little while.

In other business, Alcan proposes an Under Attack session at UNB; the library proposes the purchase of typewriters to be rented by students, set up either in the SUB or the library; and Prof Kissick wants two students to sit on a religious committee.

The architects have submitted a report concerning the arena, and the users committee met yesterday.

Ken Corbin and Fred Storey were present at the meeting. They gave a small exposition on the wage and contract disputes between the Maintenance Workers Union and the administration. The SRC was asked to take a position concerning this issue. After student opinion is gathered and analysed, a position is to be decided. Valarie Jaeger, SRC Vice-President, said that it is incumbent on representatives to get in contact with those whom they represent, to determine the students' opinions.

The list for SRC team in the Monopoly Marathon was announced. This concluded the president's report.

Jaeger then submitted a recommendation for the proposed

"activity scholarships". She proposed two one year scholarships worth five hundred dollars, to be given to full time UNB students in good academic standing, and who have contributed to student affairs.

The problem was brought up as to how they would be awarded, and discussion was entertained as to whether or not these scholarships should be awarded to people because of athletic accomplishments. There was also discussion as to whether or not people receiving honoraria should receive scholarships.

Some people suggested that people in their final year should receive scholarships, as it isn't until then that most students become involved in student activities.

The motion finally made by Jaeger was — "Be it resolved that the SRC approve in principle the creation of activity scholarships to take effect 1974-75."

This received ten votes in favor, 2 against, and 2 abstentions, with Keith Manuel going on record as opposing.

Comptroller Fud Steeves read the AB minutes of Jan. 16, which were accepted unanimously. The was followed with a short discussion on the SRC's float in the Winter Carnival.

The Assistant Comptroller then told which bands were available. Major Hoople will be here at the end of February, at the price of \$1000. Also, Terry Dee was here yesterday for \$2.00 per ticket. A couple of hundred dollars loss is expected to be incurred on each of these.

There then followed a short discussion concerning the T-group, in which Rick Fisher said that he doesn't believe the session is necessary, and is not worth the costs that would be incurred.



University employees are "downhearted" due to their working conditions.

Saga's food variety questioned

By JEAN DENNING

The variety of the food offered by Saga Foods was questioned at Thursday Night's Sub Board of Directors Meeting. The committee also discussed the quality of the food served and the cleanliness of the serving area.

In an attempt to improve the services of Saga Foods the Board requested the presence of Mark Steepe the manager of the SUB organization. The Board members stressed the availability of such things as more salads, fresh fruits, orange juice as well as tang, brown bread, and pizzas. They also passed on other beefs and suggestions that were accumulated over the year.

Mr. Steepe stated "that the meeting was great and the suggestions he received were a prime example of what he wished to follow through."

As a result, Mr. Steepe agreed to try some of the varying dishes on a trial basis. A menu was left for the Board members to discuss and approve.

Also during the meeting it was decided that the chairman of the Board of Directors, Peter Forbes would write an official letter of thanks to Mr. Chester Campbell for

his generous donation of time and equipment in preparing the new SUB parking lot.

Further business included the reading of a letter of resignation from Mr. Don Sedgewick, from the Board. Mr. Sedgewick, Assistant Comptroller of UNB has been an administrative member since 1967. A motion was passed to send a

letter to him expressing sincere thanks and appreciation for his contributions to the Board.

Concluding business dealt with Ken Corbin's wishes to resign his position of Program Committee Chairman. No final decision was made. A motion was passed to appoint Mr. Corbin to investigate the Program Structure of the SUB.

SRC to try T-group session

By DERWIN GOWAN

Fud Steeves, SRC Comptroller, said the SRC is hoping to improve its services to the students through a T-group session.

"This T-group would be under the supervision of the counselling services, headed by Dr. Norman Whitney," said Steeves. There are several types of programs available this one being geared to "communication and cooperation."

The program consists of structured exercises, role-playing and discussions "in the present tense" concerning "communications and understanding."

It is proposed that the program last "at least two nights and two days."

The instructors are trained by the National Training Institute, and are fully qualified professionals.

Ideally, the course will be held at a "retreat far from campus," said SRC president Roy Neale.

Neale also added that, if there was an expense involved, "there is no question concerning its justification."

Steeves said, "The SRC represents the whole student body, and finished by saying, "Even if the idea falls through, councillors in the future might see in the minutes where this idea was first brought up, and they hopefully will recognize or realize that this was the first SRC to try to improve itself, rather than dealing solely with sponsored organizations."