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MC senate expected to call for majority members to resign

By John Korinek

Representatives of the Morton College student senate are expected to present a resolution at tomorrow’s board business session asking that the four majority trustees resign.

According to Charley Krebs, a member of the student senate committee which drafted the resolution, the senate voted last Thursday to present the petition which calls for the resignations of Edward Omelin, James Nuellen, Eugene Klosak and Henry Novak.

Krebs said nothing would probably come of the resolution, but added the senate hoped it would “shake up” members of the board who he thought would “come on as buddy-buddy with each other” in light of the anticipated attendance of representatives of the Illinois Community College Board at tomorrow’s meeting.

Even if nothing comes of it, it will cause the Illinois Community College Board representatives to say, “Hey, there must be something going on here,”” Krebs added.

The resolution follows a letter signed by student senate president Nick Panteo that was delivered to the board at the November business session and which Panteo said was endorsed by the senate.

The letter criticized the board for the way it behaved at meetings, citing the “constant arguing” between the majority and minority members Albert Jettick, Thomas Higgins and Thomas McKinney.

The new resolution states the senate is still disappointed in the board’s behavior, and lays the blame on the majority faction.

“We, the student senate, believe the board majority is, equally, responsible for the inadequate operation of the college,” the resolution states. “The senate, by a overwhelming majority, now calls for the immediate resignation of the majority. It takes this action after careful deliberation throughout this academic year and with recognition of the seriousness of the request. We deeply regret this step, but we believe it is necessary and that it is our responsibility to insures the best education for students of the Morton College.”

The resolution is signed by the Associated Students of Morton College (the senate) and Panico.

Krebs said the final draft of the resolution would cite specific instances leading to it, and would include the senate’s objections to the way the majority has backed Novak who allegedly did not meet the legal deadlines for filing ethic statements with the Cook County Clerk’s office for 1974 and 1975.

Representatives of the ICCB have told college officials they will attend tomorrow’s meeting in order to gain first-hand information on how the board is conducting itself.

MC Spotlight

Leave talks out of class

By Jean Mizerka

In reply to a letter from Eugene Miller, Morton College teacher’s union executive board member, published in today’s Collegian, the student newspaper, I can answer his “constructive criticism” as follows:

The dispute is not irrelevant to the students, but the teachers should not take up valuable class time discussing their problems getting a contract settlement with the board. The students can turn to The LIFE or the Collegian for unbiased information that will represent both sides of the situation.

The conflict is not just a “merely exchange of petty charge and counter-charges”, but I used that term to describe the attitude that some members of both sides have about the situation.

CHARLEY KREBS, editor and chief of the Collegian, and myself do not have a “plague on both their houses” attitude on the faculty’s struggle with the college president’s administrative policies and contract negotiations position. I, myself, am sick of hearing about this. A few of my teachers have been coerced into talking about their opinions of the matter by students, to take up time and use up as much as a hour per week of class time in making their opinions known. The alarmist attitude of a few instructors has let rumors fly and misinformation become rampant.

Krebs stated, “I felt the cartoon he (Miller) refers to was misinterpreted. Instead of suggesting that the students should “tune out” as he says, the situation I wanted to illustrate was the students’ hope for a quick settlement and that all parties involved should channel their energies into achieving a rational, coherent and acceptable solution. I realize that its constructive criticism, and I’m glad someone took the time to read it and bother to comment on it.”

Both Krebs and myself were addressed in the letter.

The letter also had more of the teacher’s union’s opinions hat so-called “constructive criticism.” The faculty union also in a so-called “last-ditch” attempt to “reach the students” took out a full-page ad in the school newspaper: The Union is saying it cannot get anything across to the students because of the “administrative situation.”

The problem is, as usual, a lack of communication and information.

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A cartoon depicting the administration, teachers’ union and the board of trustees as The Three Stooges along with a Student Senate demand for the resignation of the board of trustees attracted attention in the local press including the weekly Morton College column for LIFE Newspapers written by student and Collegian reporter Jean Mizerka.
Two cartoons about the 1976 Presidential Campaign. Above, the incumbent Jerry Ford ran a gaffe and mistake-ridden campaign against the peanut farmer from Georgia, Jimmy Carter. Below, Richard Nixon was still good for a cartoon gag years after his resignation.
In addition to cartoons about the local and national political and social scenes of the times, Morton College continued to be a regular editorial cartooning topic. This LIFE Newspaper editorial and cartoon addressed controversy surrounding the 1985 departure of the college president.
This cartoon and editorial commented upon the college’s efforts to annex land from the Town of Cicero. Shown here are college president Charles Ferro and town president Henry Klosak. Eventually a deal was made for annexation. And a sequel to this cartoon depicting that result was also published later in the paper.