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N. Harrison to S. Krueger

Harrison: Want to state that I endorse the comments made by Mr. Branchflower. I want the people to know this situation is common to all colleges and this council and other college councils have protested these onerous interest rates. This protest has been going on for at least 12 months and the Minister of Education is fully aware of it. And it is my understanding there is a possibility of a legislation change during this Session to help to remedy the situation.

Every College has protested repeatedly you know.

No I want the public to know the colleges have not been sitting idly by they have been fighting hard for these changes.

The government has to approve all leases. Say that a company has this we can't go ahead and say that is fine. We have to go to the government to get approval for every dollar spent this way. They do get the best interest rates possible. We can't get the money from the bank at prime interest so we have to go to a private financial company and get it at the lowest rates we can; but the lowest is just terrible, if you get what I mean.

We all would endorse his stand on this and this is one example of where Boards and colleges getting together may do a lot of good for the college. I am pleased he took this stand.

Here is another thing. The other paper, the Advertiser in a little article in the Feb. 1st issue. They have stated that S.D. 24 Trustee, Dr. Martin, officially takes over as Chairman of the Council today. That is not true. I don't want Dr. Martin to be embarrassed or anyone else. Should we say anything that reads - ~~the~~ you say one thing these guys say another. Yours is correct. ---- That is correct.

What actually happens. I thought after I spoke to you-- The vice-Chairman is Les Redford from Williams Lake District - appointed by the govt.order-in Council and he will act as Chairman until the first meeting of College Council on Feb. 17th

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That could happen and we would be in a real pickle. I had forgotten because we had Mr. Redford on deck.

No, you are quite correct. It sure is. What should I do? Phone the Advertiser? I will too.

This could have a reaction in other districts you know -----Oh God they sure are. I will do it right away.
Yes good, would you? And I'll phone the Advertiser now.

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N.H. call to the Advertiser

This is Jack Harrison, Cariboo College. I am raising an observation about an article in your paper on Feb. 1st, stating the new college head would be Dr. Martin. I hope the News Advertiser will correct this. It must be very embarrassing to Dr. Martin. ----Well it is scheduled for Feb. 17th. The Vice Chairman Mr. Les Redford from the Williams Lake area. He is acting Chairman until then. He is an appointment made by the Lt.Gov. in Council. Don't get that wrong. On Council there are some trustees and some appointed by the govt. so he is a council member appointed by the Lt.Gov.in Council. So he is Vice Chairman. So you had better correct that if you would. Good show. Thanks.

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N.H. call to Gordon Rye - CFJC Radio Stn.

I read a little piece on the news on Cliff Branchflower and the leasing business. Can I make a comment? Say I want to comment and thank Mr. Branchflower for his stand over costs of leases to colleges and this applies to all colleges in the province and all colleges have been protesting for the past 12 months or longer and the Minister is fully aware of this protests and we are hopeful there will be a change in legislation during this session ~~am~~ that will rectify this, and I want to thank Cliff very much.