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University body leader resigns

MR. LEWIN BLAZEVIK resigned last night as president of the 17,500-member Queensland University Union, with a blast at radical students on the union council.

Mr. Blazevik said he had 37 allegations to make against radical members of the council for their running of the union.

The union council administers a \$1 million a year turnover complex which includes refectory, relaxation block and Schonell Theatre.

Mr. Blazevik tendered his resignation, to be effective from April 7, at a union council meeting last night.

He said outside the meeting: "Like so many other students, I was prepared to give radical students a go at running the union responsibly. They have failed dismally."

'Serious'

"I do not view my action as merely giving up, but as an attempt to show students just how serious the situation is. I hope this will induce them to correct it."

He said he believed that if the union continued as it was now being run, it would make a loss of \$100,000 this year.

"Staff cannot work for us. They spend their time worrying about whether they will be fired tomorrow," he said.

He will report to a general meeting today.

At his election last year, Mr. Blazevik said

he regarded himself as a Left-wing president of a radical council. He polled 1800 votes. His nearest rival polled 1470.

Arts faculty representative, Mr. Michael Birgen also resigned from Union Council last night.

He said the union council had become nothing but a toy parliament.

It would be better to have a democratically-elected students' representative council and to leave the running of the union complex to professional administrators, he said.

A union council member Mr. Alan Grieve, who later spoke for radical students, said radicals had come into the union to stop corruption.

The position of acting president will be filled by the general vice-president (Mr. Maurice Swan), who said last night there would be elections this term.

The union council chairman (Mr. Michael Richards) also resigned his position last night.

Mr. Blazevik said he expected at least four more members of the council to resign today.

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