



Steve Chandler, on behalf of the Students Representative Council, presents a brief on Student Mental Health to President Colin B. MacKay. Left to right, President Mackay, S.R.C., and Steve Chandler.

President Accepts Mental Health Brief

A thirty page brief on Student Mental Health was submitted to President Mackay last week by the Students' representative Council. The recommendations based mainly on the results of a survey conducted by Mr. Steve Chandler, chairman of a C.U.S. Student Mental Committee, are aimed at revealing the students' worst problems at university and what kind of counselling they desire.

In an interview with Mr. Chandler, who recently attended a Student Mental Health Symposium in Toronto, the Brunswickan learned that 500 questionnaires had been sent out to randomly-selected students on the U.N.B. campus. From the 51% returns, it was found that 54% of the students have had a desire for advice or counsel. The most serious problems, in their order of importance, are academic, social, emotional and financial.

The basic recommendations of the brief were that the university employ a full time consultant psychologist to head a consulting service, which will be reorganized by a Presidential Student-Faculty Committee on Student Mental Health. The projected result would be a complete physical and mental health service on campus.

The comprehensive brief will be studied by the Senate of the University, to be acted upon at the end of the term.

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Freshman Failures 'Catastrophe'

— McCain

Fred McCain, MLA for Carleton in the New Brunswick Legislature, remarked on what he called an "academic slaughter" at the province's "institutions of higher learning". He

was speaking at the end of the Throne Speech debate.

"Our people, through payment of taxes, student expenses and private donations to institutions of higher learning, have a tremendous investment in education and are not receiving the reward which they may justly claim," McCain, who later answered a few questions for the Brunswickan, went on. "The casualty list as the freshman examinations are marked can scarcely be referred to as less than an economic disaster and an educational and social catastrophe."

"Our people, through our provincial government alone, a multimillion dollar investment annually in our institutions of higher learning. Their dividend in the freshman year is niggardly at best."

McCain said that Teachers' College students did comparatively better than UNB freshmen on the same examinations. The reason, he felt, is in the teaching methods.

McCain said that he felt the problem could be lessened by hiring seniors and post-graduates as tutors for small groups of students. Eventually, he said, there could be greater steps taken, but it would be a slow process.

He said that it would not cost much for such a project, and that a program of this nature would be "well worth it."

Asked whether he thought the problem rested in the schools, he said that it was true that the facilities were not the same in Southampton as in Fredericton, and that something must be done. "I don't think the Byrne Commission Report is the answer," McCain said.

Blood Needed

On March 16, 17, and 18, the Spring Blood Donor Clinic will be held at UNB. This year the event takes place in the Tartan Room of the Student's Centre.

The Red Cross is depending on students to deposit 400 pints of blood in their blood bank next week. It is expected that students will donate this and more, according to Clinic officials.

The Red Cross puts the blood to good use, and donating does not injure the health of the students, and the time involved in the service rendered is negligible. The inconvenience is negligible.

The life your pint saves could be your roommate's, or your best friend's.

The Details of How to Donate:

1. Go to the Tartan Room next Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.
2. Get a free coke.
3. Register at Red Cross desk — get your haemoglobin checked and your blood typed.
4. Follow the Red Cross nurse to the bed.
5. 3/4 pint of blood taken.
6. Taken to a rest bed where you rest for ten minutes.
7. Snack — free coffee and cookies.

Clinic in Tartan Room Schedule:

Tuesday, March 16
1 p.m. — 8 p.m.
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17
1:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 18
12:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Amendments Not Valid

A UNB student pointed out last week that none of the amendments by the SRC since September are valid. The proposed amendments, he said, were not posted for the prescribed two weeks, as the SRC constitution dictates, and were not published in the Brunswickan.

The student, who said he wished to remain anonymous because of his relations with last year's council, added that in his opinion this forces the SRC to accept the constitution as it stood last May.

A Brunswickan spokesman remarked, "No one brought

copies of the proposed amendments into the office, so I don't see that we can be held responsible."

Another student said, "I guess this was just another one of last year's council's fumbles."

The seriousness of the oversight is yet to be measured. Some legislation may have been affected by the fact that parts of the constitution were thought to be changed. It is up to the SRC to find out just what is wrong, and then to straighten it out. Otherwise loopholes could be found which might affect councils years away.

Activity Awards

Ken Carty, President of the S.R.C. has announced the names of the non-athletic activity award winners for the year 1965. The winners were selected by a standing committee of the Council under the Chairmanship of Peggy Blair.

Ross MacLeod, a fourth year Arts student, and Director of Radio UNB this year, was the only winner of a First Class non-athletic activity award given this year.

Second Class Awards went to Robert Burt, James Doleman, Janet Hepburn, Preston Thom and David Tilson.

Third Class Awards: Gordon Betts, John Champ, Harold Gekman, Harry Hindmarch, Daryl McLean, Rod Mills, Donald Patton, and Chris Robb.

Fourth Class Awards: Robert G. Cooper, Ken Fynn, Sheila Hutchison, David Munsen and William Redden.



D. Ross MacLeod

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