A Medical School For UNB

A committee convened in Fredericton on September 27, to determine whether the province of New Brunswick needed a medical school; and if it did, where it should be located.

The main reason for the prompting of this investigation is the acute shortage of doctors in the province. This is due to the lack of eligible students who are able to gain admission to medical schools.

This has become so serious in recent years, that even the number of New Brunswick students to Dalhousie has been restricted.

Three cities have expressed a desire to have the medical school there.

Fredericton's case was expressed by Mr. Everett Chalmers' report to the **Gleaner.** The prime reason he cites is that the University of New Brunswick is already established with research facilities permitting the advanced studies of doctorates and has the nucleus of a medical library. An enlarged school of nursing is also being established on the UNB campus. This could be co-ordinated with a medical school complex.

Essential to the project is the construction of a 400 bed teaching hospital. This will include all specialist and ancillary service which will be established near the campus in affiliation with the medical school. This hospital will be large enough to attract the men needed to staff a medical school.

The present Victoria Public Hospital could be utilized for chronic psychiatric cases, terminal cases, heart and diabetic clinic where medical students could make observations and prognoses under the guidance of the teaching staff. Also existing in Fredericton is the Rehabilitation Centre and Polio Clinic.

The possibilities for Saint John were supported by Professor John McCready, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at UBC. He said that Saint John with a metropolitan population of about 100,000, has the Saint John General Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Provincial Mental Clinic, DVA Hospital, Rehabilitation Centre, a Children's Hospital and the Provincial Laboratory.

He also said that in addition to this, Saint John has a significantly higher number of highly trained specialist personnel, than any other city in the province.

Professor McCready agreed the medical school must be taught in conjunction with a university. He felt the UNB in Saint John would ensure a strong university relationship when the project is fully completed. The proposed location of the medical school in Saint John is picturesque Tucker Park in the city's North End. This is adjoining the land that is set aside for the expanding campus at UNB in Saint John.

Moncton expressed her potential by being the central location in the Maritimes. Also, their university provides nursing training and could offer instruction in French to free the shortage of French speaking doctors, which compromises 30 to 40 percent. Already, facilities for internship plus training for nurses, x-ray and lab technicians are available at Moncton Hospital. Their new 300 bed hospital would be large enough to attract the men needed to staff a medical school.

The decision as to which city will get the medical school is yet to be made. What effect this would have on the taxes of the city chosen is also still unknown. A grant could be offered by the federal government but this can not be discussed until definite plans are made for the location of the school.

The New CUS Plan

Recently at the 30th Congress in Halifax the Canadian Union of Students Life Plan, introduced by CUS ten year's ago, was revised. A new plan with new benefits and new low rates (30 percent lower than previous rates) was approved, with the Canadian Premier Life Insurance Company serving as underwriter. This insurance plan is offered to all CUS members. All UNB students are eligible to take advantage of this plan.

The CUS Life Plan is a two part plan. Part one is low cost term insurance that covers the insured for an initial period of ten years. Part two is a permanent life plan chosen from a range of permanent insurace plans offered by the company. It takes over when the term insurance expires and covers the insured for the rest of his life.

The Brunswickan will be asking Insurance experts to comment on the advantages and disadvantages of taking part in the CUS Life Plan. This will be in response to student comments that regard the plan as of "doubtful value".

Boycotted Cafeteria U of M Closes

MONTREAL (CUP) — The Université de Montréal administration closed the campus cafeteria September 28 as students, refusing to pay increased prices, boycotted it.

Students will organize their own food distribution centres "as long as the shutdown persists", said Jean Villiard, vice-president of Association Générale des Etudiants de l'Université de Montréal (UGEUM)

Administrative action followed complaints from cafeteria staff that students were paying the old prices after the new prices were announced.

University officials have refused to re-open their food services until AGEUM accepts new cafeteria rulings and demands students to comply.

M. Cloutier, U of M director of information attributed increased cafeteria prices to "the rise in wages, the increase in general food prices, and the rise in cafeteria operation costs".

The students, who had not been consulted about the new price list by the board of governors, began picketing last week. At that time, the price hike was attributed to lack of personnel and poor organization.

Contemplating Lint

MONTREAL (CUP) — Controversial McGill lecturer Laurier LaPierre has lambasted McGill students for "comfortably installing themselves in their apathy".

Addressing students at their first Hyde Park session this fall, the former host of the now-defunct CBC television program **This Hour Has Seven Days** said:

"You sit on your rear ends and contemplate two balls of lint in your belly button, while the world passes you by. You might as well be dead because you're already buried."

Mr. LaPierre, an associate professor in McGill's history department, contended that students' council, with its apolitical stand is "sanctifying the Right" on the McGill campus.

"Once students refuse to stand up and be counted, they are denying the possibility of democratic action," and this is the first step in the development of a fascist community, he charged.

Later, taping a Radio McGill panel show, LaPierre disclosed he intends to run for the New Democratic Party in the next federal election — probably in a Montreal riding. He also predicted the NDP would be the governing party in Canada by 1975.

WUSC

Co-ordination of WUSC activities in the Atlantic region was the chief topic of discussion at the WUSC Regional Workshop at Mount Allison University earlier this month.

The nine Atlantic region members discussed the problems of over administration in WUSC at the national level and the lack of organization on the regional level.

The Committees from the member universities discussed the possibility of organizing projects on a regional, rather than a national level to make them more effective. CTES, a program for foreign students to enable them travel in Canada was discussed. The members felt that such a project was not a suitable WUSC project because of its national character.

Treasure Van, a WUSC project will be coming to UNB the first week in November. The selection of items for sale will include more than 1500 objects from 30 different countries. Peter Brantke, a Treasure Van supervisor spoke to the group on the promotion of Treasure Van.

Miss Jill Stocker, former UNB student and presently on the WUSC national secretariat was the keynote speaker for the Workshop.

The sessions concluded with a formal meeting where stratgy for the Atlantic region of WUSC national conference at Windsor, Ont. which took place during Thanksgiving Weekend, was planned.

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