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Senate gets plan for 5,000 seat arena

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A proposal for a 5,000 seat general purpose arena for the UNB Fredericton campus highlighted the Senate's meeting Tuesday night.

The new arena would provide enlarged facilities to house concerts, registration, exams, convocation, as well as the usual sports activities. President John Anderson said revenue-producing conventions could use the arena during the summer months.

Financing for the project has been discussed with the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation, said Anderson. A decision will be made by the Foundation and forwarded to the Senate's October 16th meeting.

In other business, Senate discussed the location of Saint John's proposed regional hospital.

Department of Health officials have requested to buy land on the UNBSJ campus on which to build the hospital.

No decision was made on the matter although it was discussed in detail. Many arguments were put forward in favour of the proposed site. It was felt that the close proximity of the hospital and the university would have advantages for both. Paramedical training could be carried on there in conjunction with the university.

The question arose as to whether the position of the hospital might influence the university to create a faculty of medicine. Several opinions were expressed, with the general consensus being that it was too early to consider the matter at present.

It was suggested that the next meeting of the Senate be at UNBSJ to allow senators to examine the site.

The proposal will be referred to both the Board of Governors and the Campus Planning Committee.

Professor Dionne presented a proposal for a botanical garden - arboretum. He said there isn't any botanical garden in Atlantic Canada, and the need exists for one. Plant scientists at this university are inhibited because of lack of facilities, he said.

A botanical garden would increase co-operation between the university and the town because the facilities could be used by both, said Dionne.

Dionne revealed a map showing the position of the garden much to the dismay of President Anderson. It appeared that the location would

be somewhere just south of the Trans Canada Highway.

The garden would involve both service and display greenhouses, and would cost \$124,000 per year to maintain. Dionne said that in his experience botanical gardens are usually heavily supported financially by non-university sources, especially those like the proposed National System of Botanical Gardens.

The proposal now goes to the Academic and Campus Planning Committee.

Professor Dionne also mentioned that there is considerable interest in construction of a forestry complex, possibly south of the Trans Canada Highway. The complex could involve the Department of National Resources, the Forest Ranger School, the faculty of Forestry of this university, as well as conservation groups.

UNB Registrar Dugal Blue reported on fall enrolment. Five hundred and thirty-five students are registered already at UNBSJ. The target is 570.

Registration on this campus was 120 above last year's figure at a comparable time.

Both campuses are expecting more students who will be registering late.

Professor Garland announced the beginning of an interim parking policy on campus. The new policy, which will start Oct. 1, will involve a \$2 registration fee for all vehicles parked on campus between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Parking lots will be allotted for faculty, staff, students, visitors, and service vehicles, said Garland. There will be increased enforcement and policing of parking areas. Garland said he hoped the experience gained from this year would improve parking conditions in the future.

President Anderson said he will be part of a 14 man delegation to the People's Republic of China. The expedition hopes to promote university level cooperation in science and technology with the Chinese.

Anderson said the aims of the delegation were to find out what has happened in China's technological development in recent years, as well as setting up cooperative programs. He said he would leave on Sept. 17 and return Oct. 7.

A heated discussion took place concerning the university's supplemental pension plan. The plan was approved in the summer of 1970,

and was later thrown out by the Board of Governors.

A Senate motion will have the board reconsider its decision.

The results of the provincial committee on audio-visual services were discussed. It was agreed that the university is

already following all major recommendations of the report.

A motion was passed endorsing a brief to the Higher Education Commission. The report mentioned the present policy of limiting enrollment because of several factors. The university attempts to

keep the number of students directly related to job opportunities.

The brief also contained enrollment information; facts on programs and program development and a compilation of view of departments and faculties.



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Anne Murray comes home to UNB