

Campus expansion means better grad facilities

by audrey hutchison

"You can't avoid expansion and development — but you're going to have growing pains with it," said administration vice president Macaulay as he described his "mixed feelings" regarding the numerous

additions and extensions on campus.

"When I was a student here," he went on, "there were less students enrolled than there are faculty now."

Most of the expansion has taken place during the last fifteen years. For the academic

year 1952-53, there was an enrolment of only six hundred ten — now it's over four thousand including UNBSJ. Within the last couple of years a number of new buildings have opened — the library, psychology, nursing, law, SUB as well as an addition to the gym.

But what is projected for the future?

"There has been a good deal of advance planning done the last fifteen years," said Macaulay.

"First, an addition to the chemistry building costing one and a half million. Dineen Construction has been awarded the contract (the same company that worked on the law building and UNBSJ). Most facilities will be for graduate work — labs, offices and seminar rooms.

"It will dress up the back of the building — making almost two front entrances."

Completion date is set for the end of 1969.

An addition to the forestry and geology building is planned for the use of the geology department. "Forestry will move out ultimately . . . there are a lot of labs in both the chemistry and geology buildings for the use of graduate and under-graduate studies," said Macaulay. The \$980,000 contract has been awarded to Brunswick Construction Limited.

Work is to start soon on an addition to Loring Bailey Hall. Facilities will again be mainly for graduate students, but with the result that there will be additional space for everyone. No contract has been awarded yet for the \$1,200,000 project.

No student fees are spent on construction. The Atlantic development board supplied money for the chemistry, biology and geology

extensions, but the rest comes from capital funds.

In the offing are also plans for additions to Tilley Hall and Lady Dunn Hall and an addition and renovations to Lady Beaverbrook Residence.

"Preliminary planning has been done for Lady Dunn — the award of contract depends on the money available" said Macaulay. The eighth residence in the men's complex will be started soon.

A new central heating plant is to be built on the upper campus — it will serve the new city hospital as well as the campus. (And good news — the new plant will eliminate the

sickening smell and taste of sulphur on campus.)

UNB Fredericton isn't the only one able to boast of progress. Dineen Construction is nearing completion of the new five and a half million dollar campus for UNBSJ. Macaulay waxed poetic as he described the "excellent Tucker Park site," situated on Kennebecasis Bay, five miles north of Saint John.

Buildings for the arts, science, a library, student center and administration have been erected. Moving will take place this summer and the new campus should be in full swing by September.

Frontier College is not for idealists

by paul roper
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Frontier College offers hard work, low pay, mosquitoes, little or no leisure time and a chance to help a fellow man.

A clear and vivid picture for the successful applicant was painted with enthusiasm and a film by Dr. Eric Robertson, principal of Frontier College. He had the help of UNB students Angus Mills, Steve Fenety and Jim Muir. All three served with Frontier College last summer.

Frontier College was founded in 1899 by Alfred Fitzpatrick a Pictou, Nova Scotia, Presbyterian Minister. Dr. Robertson, a graduate of McGill, is the third principal. He has served in this capacity since 1954.

Labourer-teachers, after a full week in a mining or logging camp, on a construction or railway crew, are expected to organize sports, libraries, movies, evening discussion groups and educational upgrading.

The curriculum, that of the ideal college is the choice of the students. It may be basic English for Canadians or old arithmetic, grade and job training courses which take up a lot of lecture time.

But a labourer-teacher is even more than a fellow worker and teacher. He provides a contact with the outside world for the isolated and lonely labourer.

As a counsellor, he may be required to give lectures on venereal diseases and alcoholism; write letters to a family thousands of miles away, raise the morale of the new Canadian separated from his family for the first time.

Traditionally operating as

labourer-teachers, the college staff, five years ago began a program of community development and adult education. The first of these was operated for the unemployed at Elliot Lake after the uranium mines there closed. This activity has been expanded and now there are centers all over Canada.

The college's total budget is \$120,000 a year. The money comes from donations by private citizens, companies and from federal government grants. UNB donated \$200 last year.

Labourer-teachers get their regular wages as an employee of the company they work for, while teacher-counsellors are paid \$500 a month.

Recruits are plentiful, despite the hard work and black flies. Over 800 applications were received from all across Canada for 30 winter and 70 summer staff positions.

Dr. Eric Robertson, Frontier College principal who is based in Toronto, is presently touring Canadian universities, searching out enthusiastic recruits. He is determined to discourage anyone who is not keenly interested in such service or is full of idealism.

The heads are rolling



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