

# Provincial Medicare costs below expectations

By MYRNA RUEST

Approximately 7500 Medicare claims are established each day which is a cost of approximately \$75,000.00. Thus Medicare costs are below expectations. This was the word last week from Donald Junk, the head of the N.B. Dept of Medicare.

It seems that few complaints have been issued and doctors are not finding their work loads substantially higher.

When questioned as to the likelihood of Medicare accepting dental cost, Junk said the possibility is small but perhaps if Quebec is successful in doing so then it might be tried here. As for optometrical care, he stated that the cost of eye examinations may be covered within the

next two years.

Present estimates show that Medicare is successfully solving the medical problems which have been apparent for many years.

Medicare is a medical services plan covering residents regardless of their age, their state of health or their financial condition. There are no premiums.

Junk noted that the Medicare Plan has stayed below the budget since it came about in January, 1971. Medicare is financed from the general revenues of the province and by contributions from the Federal Government.

Presently, the Federal Government plays 65 per cent of the Medicare New Brunswick costs.

New Brunswick was the last of the provinces to make use of the Medicare Plan. It became increasingly clear that Medicare would be most useful for this province also. All of the provinces are taxed for Medicare by the Federal Government so it seemed a wise idea for New Brunswickers to be the recipients of a benefit they are paying for. A second condition which made Medicare more desirable for the province was the lack of doctors, especially in the northeastern region.

However, since Medicare has come into use doctors are being attracted to New Brunswick. Medicare also provides for those who can not afford medical attention.

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## Library takes on longer hours after pressure

As a result of the student body's desire for the extension of available library facilities, a schedule of longer hours has been drawn up. These new hours will be effective from November 1st until December 21st, 1971. They are as follows:

MONDAY-THURSDAY	8:30am - MIDNIGHT
FRIDAY	8:30am - 11:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	8:30am - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday study hall (6 floors) 2:30 p.m. - midnight with Lending Services, 2 desks. Preceded and followed by study hall (basement)

### STUDY HALL BASEMENT

MONDAY-THURSDAY	12 midnight - 2 a.m.
FRIDAY	11 p.m. - midnight
SATURDAY	5:30 p.m. - midnight
SUNDAY	1:00 p.m. - 2 a.m.

If the students do not make use of these extended hours they will be discontinued, and the library will revert back to its former schedule.

Since the beginning of the term, students have been attempting to get the library hours extended. This has been done, and it's up to us to make full use of it. Students will note, particularly, the extension of hours on weekends which is a great advantage to us, as are the new hours for weekdays



Shot taken of the Harriet Irving Library (in case you can't read) before the new library hours were instituted. Pictured are students wending their weary way home with their books clutched tightly to their breasts after having been turned away from the study factory.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES  
11A  
RB 84  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Photo by Ken De Freitas

## UNB to have International Student lounge

By MARIA WAWER

Of all Canadian universities, UNB has the second largest per capita population of international students. 47 different countries are represented on this campus, and there are four or five foreign student associations, most of them aggregates of several related nationalities.

However, for some time now, this university has been lagging in services provided for these students. In Ottawa, for example, there are not only university facilities for international students, but also a building, the Oasis, set aside for their use, where they meet with representatives of all national-

ities.

In Fredericton, until now, students from outside Canada had little means and no particular place to express various facets of their culture. Native students in turn could not benefit from the different viewpoints presented by people with other heritages. The various national groupings had little opportunity to associate with each other, leading to a type of isolation.

To help alleviate this situation, several international associations on campus, in conjunction with the SRC, are inaugurating an International Students' Lounge. The lounge

located in room 109 of the SUB is being officially open on Friday, November 5th, with an "International Variety Show."

Featured at the gala opening will be dances and music from the Caribbean, Chinese, Indian and African groups, plus talent from Canada.

Invitations to the event have been extended to President Dineen, who with his wife, has accepted; Mrs. E. Joyce Stocker, Overseas Student Advisor, and the faculty at large. Ngolayefa chairman of the opening night program, stressed that all the student body is also invited to attend.

The show itself is being pre-

sented in the cafeteria wing of the SUB. For the opening, the lounge will contain displays from various countries.

Ngolayefa said response from the organized groups has been very good, and he hopes to see those individuals who do not have a national club on campus more involved in future lounge events.

The UNB SRC was the first body interested in bringing about better union and communication between the various international groupings on campus, both Canadian and from outside the country. Val Carson, SRC representative, acted as chairman and coordin-

ator for the committee setting up the lounge. It fell to her to bring people from the groups together, call the first meeting and act as liaison between the international clubs and the SRC, which was instrumental in allotting the lounge for this purpose. CUSO and Crossroads Africa are also supporting the project.

However, she stressed that the final success or failure of the venture does not rest on the student council, but on the international associations and other interested people. On them rests the responsibility of

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