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Sir Max announces financial support for arena

By GARY CAMERON

Sir Max Aitken, UNB Chancellor and publisher of the Daily Express, announced at fall convocation that the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation would support the construction of the new-purpose arena which was recently approved in principle by the Senate and Board of Governors.

"This arena was opened in 1955 as a winter sports centre for the university students and the school children of Fredericton," he stated at convocation. "The city was much smaller those days and just over 1,000 students were in attendance at UNB."

"The time has come for the

university to have its own arena," he continued, "one designed to meet the many educational, recreational and ceremonial needs of six times that number of students."

In a Brunswickan interview Wednesday, the chancellor stated that "recreation is of immense importance to universities." The major portion of funds for the arena, he felt would come from the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation.

The foundation is not considering funding in any other area, since "in the last five years the foundation has donated about \$6 million to the university and has to have some time to recharge its batteries,"

said Sir Max.

What does a university chancellor do?

According to Sir Max: "Nothing. Nothing that is except talk, make speeches, travel back and forth from London to the university several times, and in general help the university all he can by raising money."

Commenting on the installation ceremonies of Dr. John Anderson as president of the university, Sir Max said that the ceremony "simply wasn't thought of in recent times." The ceremony should become a university tradition, he felt, since it is a good thing for people to see their president

installed, rather than for him to just slide into the job.

"Honorary degrees," he stated, "generally go to men of outstanding distinction and serve as an accolade for efforts they have made in the world."

When questioned further about honorary degrees he said, "I don't think they're worth stopping. They certainly don't do any harm. However, if the students don't think they're of any use..."

Sir Max stated that he is opposed to Britain's entry to the Common Market. "Britain should have gone towards the commonwealth rather than Europe."

He maintains that the rest of Europe is ganging up on Britain, but that it is too late for Britain to leave now. In fact, he stated, "It's a great pity it was ever done." He pointed out that the bureaucracy and red tape involved in the Common Market was massive and completely impossible to wade through.

"Ireland," he said "will calm down soon and the troops will return to England. Ireland must always remain a part of Great Britain because that is what the people want."

Sir Max expressed an affinity for Fredericton, saying "I'm sorry to leave because I've really grown to love the place."

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Dr. John M. Anderson officially dons the robes of his office with a helping hand from the Chancellor, Sir Max Aitken. Anderson took over the job of president in March of this year, but the official ceremonies were only held this week. He urged the university to look outward with a view to serving all of society. The president paid tribute to UNB's history. The installation ceremony exemplified that history, he said.

Anderson now official president

By GERALD THOMAS

On Monday, October 15th, Dr. John M. Anderson was officially installed as President of the University of New Brunswick. Present were dignitaries of the province and sister universities in addition to a large representation from UNB's faculty.

Acting as university orator, Dr. Thomas Condon, Dean of Arts, performed the duties of master of ceremonies. First Premier Richard Hatfield arose to express the government's enthusiastic approval of Dr. Anderson. He then called upon the Chancellor and

Lieutenant Governor, the former to present the Robes of Office; the latter to administer the Oath.

After these ceremonies were performed, greetings were expressed by: Dr. Desmond Pacey on behalf of the faculty; Dr. B. F. Macaulay on behalf of the non-academic staff; SRC President Roy Neale, on behalf of the students; Mrs. R. D. Baird, on behalf of former graduates; and Dr. Colin B. Mackay on behalf of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. Finally, greetings were extended by representatives of some twenty sister institutions.

President Anderson, in his address, paid tribute to the great historical base at UNB which this ceremony exemplified. While acknowledging the past however, he laid emphasis on the challenges of the present and future.

He mentioned the challenge of improving administrative procedures, to be more viable and flexible.

He mentioned the challenge for Universities to adjust to change in a rapidly changing world. Finally, he mentioned the challenge to universities of opening outward to serve society at large.

Says convocation speaker

Higher level of literacy needed

Increased leisure time and rate of knowledge acquisition will necessitate a higher level of literacy for the whole population, said a Canadian scientist here Wednesday addressing 402 convocation graduates of the University of New Brunswick.

David M. Baird, director of the National Museum and Technology in Ottawa, stated the ability to read and write was no longer sufficient in a world dominated by science and technology. The public needs to increase its knowledge of controversial ecological and political issues to prevent "politicians from making decisions in ignorance which will unnecessarily mortgage our future," he said.

Dr. Baird observed increased communication of new information have made the young aware of the indiscriminate use of DDT, carelessness in waste disposal and the unthinking use of renewable resources. He predicted a shift in emphasis in the new generation from acquiring basic literacy and earning a living to "wholesale

education for living."

Dr. Baird also noted the rapid development of science and technology was beginning to taper off—the young are less concerned with highly specialized training, the rate of enrollment increase is declining and governments are becoming more reluctant to subsidize research for the sake of research.

"Maybe this is all part of a slowing down," he said. "Perhaps there is more emphasis developing on living than with advancing. We can enhance our enjoyment of life only with intelligent planning and foresight."

He defined enjoyment of life as increased cooperation among individuals, more satisfaction from creative efforts and enjoyment of the environment. The former UNB graduate stated the scientist as generalist was becoming rarer and noted the major steps in scientific progress had been made by individuals with a wide understanding and frame of reference. He predicted a future

revolution in medicine—particularly dentistry, cancer and genetic defects research.

He suggested the need for directed research on relevant sciences. Rather than knowledge for the sake of knowledge he said, "social engineering and human elements are far more important in our social ethic of bettering the human condition," he suggested most researchers be channelled into the newer, relatively unknown sciences by increased scholarship to such students, development of national pride and prestige in the respective areas and increased university participation in society.

Board approves UNBSJ hospital

The University of New Brunswick Board of Governors has approved in principle the development of a regional hospital on the campus of UNB Saint John. The decision was reached at a Board meeting, Oct. 16.