

Francophones' not at home' at English university

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soon as possible so we can get on with the job we've got to do."

Sinclair said the bilingual program presently offered at UNB is progressing "better than expected." This program offers French courses for first year law students.

Sinclair claimed that, even if a law program was totally bilingual, the students would still have to know the English language as ninety-five percent of the textbooks were printed in English. Senate's recommendations say that "...it should be independent of both universities, in order that it not speak to or for U de M or UNB."

Lutz also said other bodies should have a say in the control of legal education in the Maritimes.

We're concerned that the control of legal education may be restricted to UNB or U de M and that other bodies who should have a say may not get their views represented." The other bodies that Lutz referred to are the other Maritime universities. The New

Brunswick Barristers Society, and the federal and provincial departments of Justice.

The LSS position paper states French and English speaking students have a right to a legal education in their own language. The best way to accomplish this, according to the LSS, is to have an autonomous bilingual law school in Fredericton. This law school would be administered by representatives of the English and French segments of the province as well as having members from the Barristers Society, Department of Justice, and from all Universities in New Brunswick.

"What we are trying to present is a compromise without having one side or the other 'win'," he said.

U de M Federation des Etudiants president Gilles Beaulieu said, "It will be time to consider a bilingual school once we have established a French law school." "To do otherwise", he said, would hasten assimilation of Acadians.

He disputed the notion that English and French students could be educated together without one being assimilated by the other.

In its report to the MPHEC, the federation said U de M's status as the only post-secondary institution for francophones in New Brunswick meant they were the ones most competent to offer legal education to New Brunswick francophones.

Under the present system, Beaulieu claimed, it takes French

students one year longer to receive a law degree than their English counterparts.

He said there were very few opportunities for post graduate studies for francophone students outside Quebec and the establishment of a French law school in New Brunswick would help alter this situation. Further, he said, there were too few French lawyers in New Brunswick, particularly at the governmental level.

Beaulieu said a French law school in New Brunswick would attract non-Quebec French students.

As law programs at Quebec universities are tied to the Quebec civil law which is based on the Napoleonic Code. Civil law in other provinces is based on the English legal system.

U de M president Jean Cadieux said a bilingual law school would not respect the principle of equal opportunity, as it would not permit the full development of a French legal profession. Such a school would function with difficulty, he said.

Cadieux said he was pleased with the stand taken by the students' federation as it demonstrated their respect for the principle of providing equal services for French and English students.

Both Cadieux and Beaulieu said the stand taken by UNB francophone law students confirmed their own feelings. "We are not at home in an English university," Beaulieu said.

Industrial students meet

By TWEED

the preliminary report.

A general meeting of the new club is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30 at 8:30 PM in the education lounge, room 230, Marshall D'Avray Hall. All industrial education, KSTC and KTTC (industrial) students are urged to attend. The steering committee will present their proposals. An outline for the election of officers in the new year will be discussed. Plans are in the works for guest speakers and films.

Coffe and doughnuts and good fellowship are on the menu. Let's get together and make our club a success.

Campus may stay open

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contracts could be renewed when the new institution is established. Faculty were reduced to 23 this year from 54 the previous academic year, and students now number about 400, down from a high of 1,000 in 1971.

And the Winegard report recommends only 10 faculty for the Notre Dame campus of the proposed university.

Winegard toured the province last summer in a series of hearings to determine educational needs for the B.C. interior pending the closure of NDU.

Among the suggestions he received was the one proposing a multi-campus university in four regional centers, from the National Union of Students and the provincial student organization.

The B.C. Students Federation has since voiced approval of most of Winegard's recommendations, but contends the administration of the University should come from local governing boards, rather than from Simon Fraser on the coast.

Pre-med meet rescheduled

Last week's Pre-Med-Dental general meeting was cancelled because of scheduling problems on the part of Dr. Mennen (Pathology Dept.) the guest speaker.

Society members will meet next week in the Dr. Evertt Chalmers Hospital auditorium. The tentative plan is for members to rendezvous in the SUB beside the information

desk between 7:00 - 7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Confirmation will be made by Thursday night so please watch for our next poster.

Members are invited to attend a tour of the hospital this Saturday morning. Please mention this to fellow members and be at the SUB information desk by 10:15 a.m. The hospital tour starts 10:30.

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