

NEW VENTURE FOR MEDS AS PRECEPTORSHIP BEGINS

Dr. C.B. Stewart, Dean of Medicine, Thursday termed the new General Practice Preceptorship Program a move "to supplement experience in the Outpatient Department" and allow students to see a wide variety of cases.

Dr. Burke Fullerton, a Dalhousie graduate and a general practitioner in Halifax, has been appointed director of the program.

"One of the criticisms that has often been levelled at medical education, with a certain degree of truth," said Dr. Stewart, "is that the students see only the very sick patient and do not see moderate illness."

"In an effort to fill this gap, we are setting up a general practice preceptorship."

Under this program, each fourth year medical student will, for one week, participate in the full day's work of one of 14 general practitioners in Halifax or Dartmouth appointed to be preceptors. This will include going on rounds with the preceptor and seeing patients in his office; the student will learn how to take care of a patient when there are no nurses or specialists always on call.

A second innovation is the assigning of each fourth-year student to a patient or family, "to become

thoroughly acquainted with the whole medical history and present status and to follow that patient for an entire year.

"The purpose of this is to get a little more continuity or follow-up in some of the long-termed illnesses." In the hospital, where the longest time spent on one service in the fourth year is seven weeks, this continuity is not possible.

Besides following the progress of the illness, the student will "learn the social, environmental and economic factors that influence illness and that have a bearing on the practicality of the treatment program."

Said Dr. Stewart, "This is another move in the frequent revision in the curriculum of our Medical School to keep it up to date, and we think this is a good one."

NDP MEMBER WILL SPEAK

The first appearance of a national MP on the Dalhousie campus this year will take place November 29 when Vic McInnis will address the NDP Club.

Mr. McInnis is NDP member for Cape Breton South. All interested students are invited to attend.

DR. KRAUS, FIRE COUNCIL BUSY

The Arts Annex almost burned down last Wednesday night.

At the Students' Council meeting Thursday a delegation from SCM complained of illegal entry into their campus office, during which the fire accidentally began. A motion that the SCM office be equipped with a new and substantial lock and a careful check be kept of the keys was passed unanimously.

Next the question of Dr. Kraus once again was introduced. A delegation led by Peter March, first-year mathematics student proposed reconsideration of the case. The motion was tabled. Dennis Ashworth then asked if the matter could be reopened and was told that another matter had to be considered.

Micky McEwen, Gazette managing editor reported that \$50 had been stolen from the Dalhousie delegation to the CUP conference at Antigonish despite all reasonable caution. She wished to know whether Council would make good the loss, or whether the individuals involved would have to pay from their own pockets. A motion to reimburse the students was defeated in a close vote.

Discussion on Dr. Kraus was resumed with several students speaking for the cause. Council members made it clear that there was no conspiracy against the professor at least so far as this university is concerned, and that Dr. Kraus was given ample contact with the student body. A discussion developed as to the purpose of Council funds. Dick Thomson suggested that they were not to be used for charity. "If the students want to donate to a worthy charitable cause, then they should do it on their own."

Dennis Ashworth moved that the Council send to the NY Times for objective information on Dr. Kraus. This motion was defeated. The delegates expressed dissatisfaction with the decision and left. Council regretted that Dr. Kraus did not have more time in Halifax to present his case so that they could consider the circumstances more fully.



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DR. KERR delivered a lecture in the Law School last week on "Famous Lawyers in Church History". His hour-long talk was attended by all students and faculty. The President met the students of the first year class afterwards. Dean Read looks on at right. (Photo by Purdy)

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