

# ... PROGRESS

## The Last Hope

The president of the University of New Brunswick, Dr. Colin B. Mackay established the exact position of the university with regards to the building plans when he recently stated, "The city is our last hope. Our building programme will halt at the completion of current construction if the city council turns down our latest request."

UNB has been Canada's most rapidly expanding campus over the past six years. Enrollment zoomed from a low of 900 to a high this year of 1780. The number of buildings and expansion of facilities has more than doubled in the same time period.

An enormous amount of the credit for this unparalleled growth must go to Dr. Mackay. Through his leadership and executive abilities a steady flow of funds has provided this university with eight new buildings and additions to others.

Featured prominently in immediate future building plans are a women's residence and two more men's residences, but more money is needed. This money is available from the Federal Government in the form of a loan.

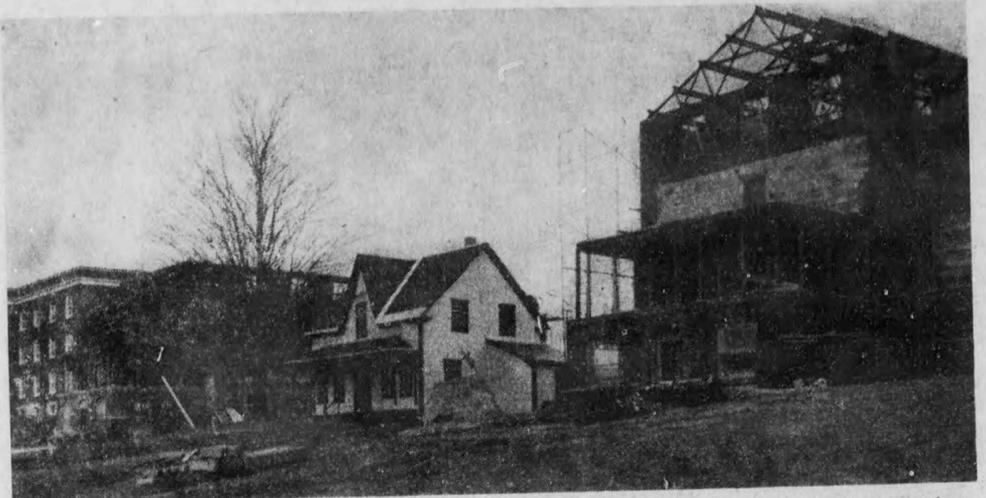
UNB wishes to have a method of guaranteeing the payment of this loan, repayment costs being \$85,000 a year. Extra income amounting to \$62,000 a year is forthcoming from students living in the new residences, leaving a gap of \$23,000. Fredericton City Council was approached with a request from UNB for a series of annual \$20,000 grants over a period of twenty years. This was rejected by the council after the city solicitor stated that the city could not commit funds beyond the 1961 budget . . . bringing us to the present situation.

The president has now requested \$20,000 for 1961, with a strong recommendation to future councils that these grants be repeated. If the grant is made, the university will press forward with its building plans, if not, then building will halt after completion of current construction. Decision on the \$20,000 grant has been postponed until the city considers its budget on April 6.

Our position is admittedly slightly prejudiced but we sincerely feel that the only possible decision that can be rendered in this matter is one granting the university the required funds.

On this basis and since this is the last issue of the Brunswickan for the academic year, we would like to both thank and congratulate the Fredericton City Council; thank them for the generosity and congratulate them on making an excellent investment.

## Home On The Hill



There is an old man named Neville, Who as yet hasn't written his will; Though they bought all his ground; Though they moved him around, He decided he'd stay on the Hill.

You might consider Fred Neville as part of UNB, and then again you might not. He is a tall, big man with a pleasant face and white hair, and he lives alone in a little two-storey frame house sandwiched between two large new residences still under construction. He was a farmer, but he doesn't miss his old life — before 1944 he owned 25 acres around the area where his house now stands, and he worked a prosperous farm.

There were three children in the Neville family, and all were born on College Hill. The son Fred is the only one left now, his last sister having only recently passed away, leaving him two cats to care for — "for her sake." Mr. Neville was head of the household, however, seventeen years ago when the University of New Brunswick bought his land from him with the agreement that he would live in the house as long as he wished.

This he did, and it wasn't until last summer that he heard people talking about two new residences to be added to that area. He was glad — he spent 42 years working among UNB students with a team of horses, hauling wood, and anything else that needed transporting; and he liked to have the students around. When he was called to the Business Office, however, and was told that his house would have to be moved for one of the new residences, he was astounded. "I could have been hit by a bomb I was so surprised," he said. He didn't like the idea — this was not in the agreement. But he talked and thought about it and decided that his relations with UNB, and especially the students, had been so good for so long that he saw little reason for resistance. He had great faith in Dr. Mackay, and the President proved worthy of this, for Fred was given everything he needed; and his house was moved onto a new and solid foundation.

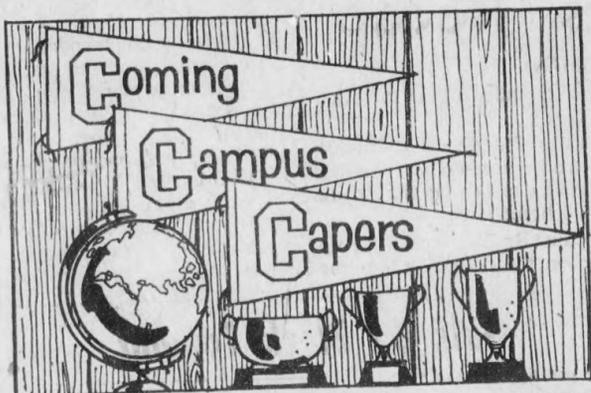
Asked if he missed the fields and the open areas now taken up with

construction, he replied, "The house stood alone before. I like to see the students go back and forth — they are pleasant fellows, although now I don't know too many of them." He feels much better and very comfortable there with all the workmen, whom he likes to see around the place. He has no antagonism towards the new construction going up on all sides of him. In his own words: "Outside of Dr. Mackay, nobody enjoys them more than I do."

Mr. Neville plans to stay in his little house — little in comparison to the buildings around him — for a while yet. He has no plans for the future and he has been here so long that leaving would mean going away from something he has known and lived with all his life. He has a few distant relatives, and his main job at the moment is to acknowledge the cards sent to him following his sister's death.

And they're going to call one of the new residences Neville House.

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### TODAY:

Slave Auction: Memorial Hall 7:30 pm.  
ATTENTION Co-Eds (Slaves)  
Memorial Hall 6:30 pm.

### SUNDAY:

UNB Canterbury: New Cathedral Hall,  
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