

To The Editor:

Friday's Brunswickan reports that in response to a petition the SRC has arranged a plebiscite this coming Wednesday to decide whether the student levy for WUSC shall continue. Upon such short notice, when there is little time to air the pros and cons, this hardly seems responsible behaviour by the SRC. The decision to hold a plebiscite having been made, however, perhaps you will afford space in your columns so that the case for WUSC may be fairly placed before the student body.

Thirty-two Canadian universities belong to WUSC, and through it their students participate in an international community known as World University Service. I shall not dwell, in this brief letter, upon the many opportunities which are thus created for better understanding between Canadians and peoples of many lands. Here I would like to emphasize the privilege which students and faculty at U.N.B. have of helping their less fortunate counterpart in other countries of the world.

This year the Canadian organization has set a campaign target of \$15,000 to be given towards the International Programme of Action. All of this amount will go to assist students in poverty-stricken lands by helping to provide books, health facilities, medical supplies, cooperative stores, hostels, and other necessaries. This year the Canadian universities earmarked part of their pledge for eight special projects, and I enclose a summary of these with the suggestion that you publish it in a separate column for the information of our student body.

In helping to support WUSC and its International Programme of Action, the students of UNB are not merely giving a handout to students in the countries concerned. The objective is to help people to help themselves, and in all the cases named local organizations are contributing as well. Furthermore, they may rest assured that none of the money given to the I.P.A. is swallowed up in administrative costs. This is covered from other sources.

The foregoing is only one facet of WUSC's activities, but I think it is an important reason why UNB should maintain its link with the world university community. There is no direct material benefit accruing to the students of UNB from membership in WUSC; only the inner satisfaction of knowing that they are playing a modest but decent part in a world where the stark fact is the contrast between the fortunate few and the unbelievable poverty and illiteracy of the many.

If they give even a moment's reflection to this, there can be little doubt that the students of UNB will do their duty in Wednesday's plebiscite.

Yours very truly

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