

Carlton to provide cheap thrills

by Warren Meek

Many students have heard of the Henry House. It is a classy dining area in the south end of the city. Quite a few students have not heard of the Carleton House. The reason for this is that the Carleton House is not yet existent, but plans are being formulated and discussed for its existence.

The Carleton House will be a social facility on the lower campus of this University -- Carleton Campus (for all you very knowledgeable students, that is not Carleton University in Ottawa!). The idea of such a facility surfaced approximately three years ago, when students of the lower campus felt that they were set off by themselves (see map), and that the Campus was lacking in lounging areas, eating facilities, etc.

In the past three years, there have been at least two questionnaires to the C.C. students, the first of which in April '74 was designed to determine the advantages of Student Union membership. The results definitely indicated that Student Union services could be greatly improved, rather than having the services provided outside the Student Union. That part of the Campus is even lacking in sidewalks!

From the original Task Force, we have now set up a committee to develop further the advantages or services not supplied. The end result will be the Carleton House, but it will not be quite the same calibre as the Henry House. This committee is composed of one representative from each of the Health Professions, with myself as Chairman. The committee has been functioning officially since September, but background work was done during the summer by myself and Lorna Muzzerall (Nursing) with the help of the executive of the Student Union.

The Carleton House will not be a 'house' as such, but will be incorporated into an existing structure on the Carleton Campus. We have had much discussion with Union and University officials on the idea. We have in the past five months been primarily concerned with a location for the House, since we have previously established the

needs, purposes and priorities of the facility (see insert). We have decided on utilizing an existing building after considering any houses or a new structure due to various reasons, financial, political, and availability to name just a few. Our hope is that the Carleton House will be part of the Forest Building, although this is far from definite.

For those of you concerned with the financial aspect, you will not be subjected to an increase of Student Union fees to finance this project, but we shall be able to draw from a fund set up by the Student Union last year for capitol expenditures outside the S.U.B.

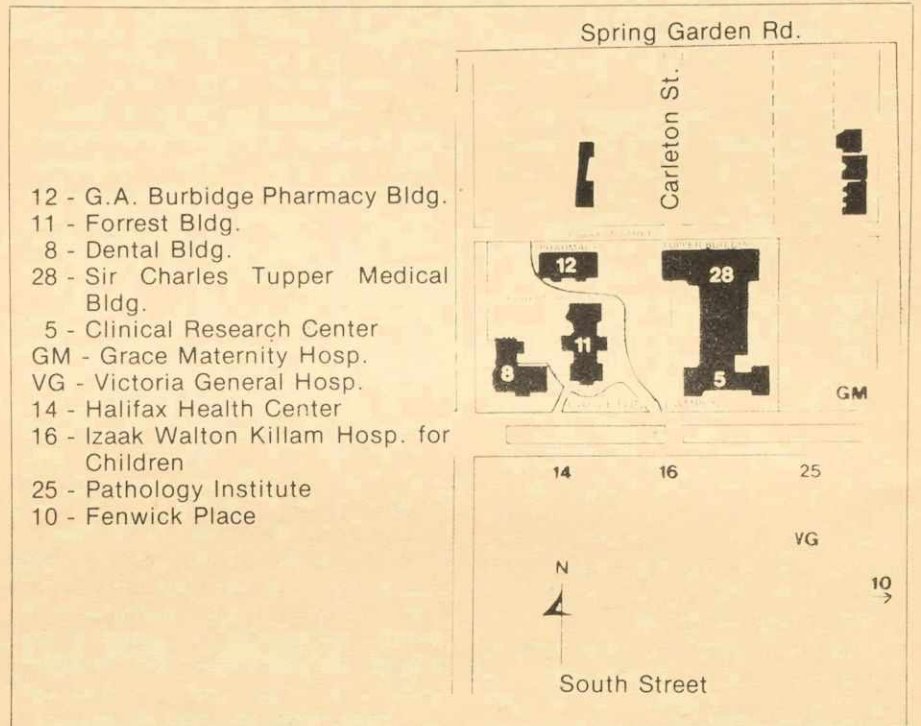
We have also been working on the physical size of the facility. Although none of us on the C.H.C. are architects, we have tentatively arrived at a floor space of from 3500 - 4500 square feet, (325 - 425 square meters). This figure was determined using the S.U.B. and the newly constructed Graduate Student House, and their populations and usage as guidelines.

One area that we have not dealt with in depth is that of operation of the facility. In all probability, it will not be operated by the Student Union, but in cooperation with the Student Union by a Board formed of Carleton Campus Health Professions members. But, of course, none of this is definite.

The dominant aspect that we are concerned with is that of an eating facility. We would like to have a grill area capable of serving hot food, but due to the extremely high cost of such an arrangement, we cannot develop such, working within the boundaries we have. Thus, we have been working on the principle of a 'watered-down' Grawood, where we would have bar services, but the emphasis would be on food and not liquor. We would be able to have a substantial variety of sandwiches, soups, beverages, etc.

Other aspects of the Carleton House would be a relaxation area, something like the Green Room of the S.U.B., T.V. services, a small games area, etc.

There you have a general outline of the proposed Carleton House. A lot of work is yet to be done, and a lot of problems have yet to arise,



but we are on the road to solving the majority of deficiencies on the Carleton Campus.

This facility has the general support of all members of the Health Professions on the Carleton Campus, and I hope that we all will continue to work cooperatively in the next few months, so that we may have a real Carleton House (hopefully before I graduate!), but politics and development is a long slow process.

If anyone has any questions about the facility, the validity or invalidity of it, or is interested in its development, please do not hesitate to contact the member of your Society on the C.H.C., or contact myself via Student Council Offices.

The Carleton House is yours -- if your willing to work for it.

Be it officially and finally voted that the Carleton St. Campus of Dalhousie University is indeed lacking in non-academic and eating

facilities for the enjoyment and pleasure of students predominantly on that part of Dalhousie University campus, and that the Carleton Campus Facility Committee proposes the following:

That there be constructed a social facility in the near geographic location of the Carleton Campus to be composed of a unified interchangeable eating area with bar services, a room in the fashion of the Green Room of the Dalhousie S.U.B., and that these other desirous elements be included - a games area, e.g., cards, darts, etc., and T.V. availability.

Be it declared that the proposed Carleton Campus Facility serve the following primary two-fold purpose: to provide a unified eating area for Health Profession students and to provide for greater interaction and contact among members of the Health Professions.

Carleton Campus Facility Committee.

Dal promotes image

In an effort to create a better rapport between Dalhousie University and the local media the Dalhousie Information Office hosted "informal background briefing" during the week of Nov. 10 - Nov. 14. Though the response from the media was not overwhelming at all the meetings the sessions which were well attended seemed to prove useful for both the press and the university administrators present.

Among the topics discussed were the university's relationship to the

metro community, the public's image of Dalhousie and the media's coverage of events at Dalhousie.

Several surprising facts came out about Dalhousie which shattered general misconceptions held by both the press and the public. One area of surprise pertained to the university's adult education program. Apparently Dalhousie's adult education program is neither as small nor as limited as most people tend to think. In actual fact

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"You had to learn how to diagnose and prescribe medicine, and learn to take responsibility and make decisions yourself. Often there was no direction," she said.

After eight months at the clinic she became frustrated with the working conditions and decided to transfer to Lake Bosumtwi, about 400 miles to the south. Here again she was relatively isolated, about 13 miles "in the bush" at a Methodist mission clinic. The clinic was well equipped with drugs and supplies, two Landrovers, and a generator for electricity, and met the needs of the area in everything from public health to midwifery.

"It was a big challenge, and I often felt not really prepared," she recalled. "We might see 200 children in a day, and we never had a doctor. There were two hospitals, both 40 miles away."

Barbara left Ghana last June, but finds she's still going through a readjustment period.

"You're so full of everything, and you want to tell. At home I was spilling it out for hours and hours--even my mother turned off. Sometimes, I think you can only relate to someone who's been there."

Personally, Barbara feels she's changed in the past two years.

"I was reserved before, now I'm more outgoing. I think it's a response to the people's friendliness."

Professionally, she finds she has a lot to catch up on--a lot has happened in medicine since she left. But she won't go back to hospital nursing again. Her course is finished, she'll have diplomas in outpost nursing and in public health, and will be qualified in midwifery. Like Melody and Sue, she'd like to work overseas again.

Does involvement with CUSO make a difference?

"You can't be over there without some change," Barbara said. "I realize now we have so much here, and the waste. . ."

"It's not an isolated experience," Sue agreed. "It makes you much more aware of your own country, even if you don't realize it until you come back."

"I miss a lot," Melody said. She's looking forward to the day when she and her family can pack up and live again among people of another culture.

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Derak Mann, University Information Officer, Vice-president Vagianos and Vice-president MacKay at the background briefings. Michael Walsh / Dal Photo