

# Education forum encouraging

Canadian university presidents have expressed a sense of encouragement as a result of the National Forum on Postsecondary Education.

Dr. Arnold Naimark, President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) said the Forum has contributed to the creation of a positive climate in which to address the opportunities and challenges facing postsecondary education in the coming years. "By involving Canadians from all walks of life in an open discussion of the role of postsecondary education as we approach the 21st century, the Forum has challenged governments, institutions, business, labour and special interest groups to design a system that will ensure the social, cultural and economic development of our society. It is imperative that all of us move swiftly before the spirit of that very important meeting begins to dissipate."

"The AUCC supports the consensus among Forum participants that there must be cooperation among the major players in PSE and that a national strategy for PSE must be

developed and a mechanism established to articulate national objectives and promote the national strategy."

Dr. Naimark noted that the AUCC will meet very soon to discuss how the Association can best assist the transition from conference to action. "We will be seeking meetings with the Honourable David Crombie, Secretary of State

and with the Honourable Roland Penner, Minister of Education for the Province of Manitoba and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC)."

The National Forum on Postsecondary Education was convened by the Secretary of State and CMEC. It involved some 600 participants from governments, postsecondary

institutions, business, labour, native peoples, the disabled, the media and other interest groups. The Forum was held in Saskatoon October 25-28 under the chairmanship of Dr. Brian Segal, President of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Founded in 1911, the AUCC is composed of 85 universities and university-level colleges. It promotes cooperation among

Canadian institutions of higher learning and represents the university community to governments and to national and international bodies concerned with higher education. The Association's secretariat is located in Ottawa.

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## Nurses want MacLaggan smoke free

The students of the Nursing Faculty want MacLaggan Hall to be declared a smoke-free building.

In the wake of an updated smoking policy effective on the UNB campus on October 20 of this year, the nursing students have been actively establishing their position in this issue.

The new smoking policy gives each dean, departmental chairman or director responsible for a building the authority to designate smoking areas in consultation with his/her safety group. With a decisive health orientation, this policy emphasizes a need for the

limitation of smoking areas. Similar policies have been implemented in many businesses and academic establishments as public awareness of the hazards of tobacco smoke escalate. The University of Waterloo is one such example. This entire campus has been declared Smoke-Free with the exception of one small room.

As a health-related faculty the nursing students of UNB have taken a great interest in the new smoking policy. A poll conducted by the fourth year nursing students revealed a strong majority (80%) of the students in the Faculty of Nurs-

ing desire a completely smoke-free nursing building.

Currently the Dean of Nursing, with her safety group and faculty, are deliberating over the future smoking or nonsmoking status of MacLaggan Hall. The students of the

nursing faculty firmly believe that this is an excellent opportunity to establish a precedent upon the UNB campus as well as heighten the public's awareness of the danger of tobacco smoke.

## Copyright threat

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objected to it, but they thought it would be difficult to enforce.

The faculty at York University have been more outspoken in their condemnation of

restrictions placed on photocopying. In a recent reaction to a Charter or Rights for Creators, they argue for a balance between public rights and private rights in copyright legislation.

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