

Course evaluation based on questionnaire

By RICK BASTON

In a recent interview with SRC vice president, Mike Richard, it was revealed that UNB would in all likelihood have course evaluation within the next couple of years. A pilot run was made last spring but unfortunately the report will not be released until sometime in October.

The UNB course evaluation program will be based on a slightly modified version of the evaluation questionnaire used by Loyola College of Montreal.

The Loyola program has been in use for several years now and is published annually as a student version of the university calendar. It has a much more comprehensive outline of the course and the statistics of

how the students evaluated the course and the professor. This program is a substantial part of the criteria for both the student and the professor in judging the courses.

The report on the pilot run is not available but Richard explained to the Bruns in a general way the results of the report. Each department was asked to pick a freshman course and another course to be evaluated by the committee. A total of sixty courses were evaluated.

The results were excellent. Almost all of the courses were considered to be good and the instructors were considered to be doing good jobs. All the comments, both favourable and unfavourable were passed onto the instructors for their benefit.

Several departments had previously conducted their own course evaluations. When these were compared with the evaluation statistics they were found to be similar in nature. The cost of the entire survey was \$300.

All of this is fine, but just exactly what is the point of it? The main benefit is that it will tend to raise the quality of education on campus. The evaluation will provide valuable feedback for both the student and teacher and also cut down on the failure rate in course. It could prove to be the best investment that the university will ever make.

Insurance policy "reasonably good coverage"

By JEFF DAVIES

"Seeing as we're paying for it, we might as well use it," says Students Representative Council President Roy Neale referring to the group insurance policy which covers UNB students.

The Maritime Life Assurance Company provides hospital coverage for foreign students at the university while also giving coverage to Canadian students supplementary to Medicare services. The cost is \$8 for Canadians and \$55 for non-Canadians, with the money being included in the price of tuition. The coverage lasts from September 1, 1972 to August 31, 1973.

Wherever you go during that year, you're covered. Get a puck in the mouth during an intramural hockey game and Maritime Life takes care of the dental fees. The policy also takes care of prescription drugs and infirmary costs, none of which is included under Medicare.

The coverage is divided into four basic areas; life insurance, accident benefits, infirmary coverage, supplementary health care, and primary sickness benefit (for students not cov-

ered by Medicare.) Canadian students from provinces other than New Brunswick continue to receive Medicare coverage from their own province through a reciprocal agreement.

While the term life insurance is self explanatory, accident coverage included dismemberment insurance, medical expense insurance and dental expense insurance. Supplementary healthcare coverage de-

notes major sickness expense insurance and prescription drug insurance.

Included under primary sickness expense insurance are surgical and anaesthetic expenses; medical fees (for students not covered by Medicare); consultant fees; diagnostic, laboratory and X-ray examination expenses and physiotherapy; ambulance coverage; and maternity coverage.

Infirmary coverage takes care of the expenses charged by the university infirmary up to three dollars a day for a period not to exceed one year.

Hospital coverage for foreign students takes care of medical expenses for the students and their insured dependents who are not eligible for coverage under the Provincial Hospital Plan.

"I think it's reasonably good coverage," said Dr. Wilson, the Dean of Students. "Of course we can keep reviewing it." Such a review will be carried out during the next year.

The university will shortly be distributing 4000 copies of a descriptive leaflet concerning the insurance policy.

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A history of student aid

By JOHN BALL

The number of students assessed as requiring student loans over the \$1700 limit grew from 2.4 percent of total recipients in 1968 to 12.6 percent of the total in 1970 according to figures in the Higher Education Commission Report of February 1972.

A feature not implemented until the 1968-69 academic year, was the means test. One of the aims of this test according to the Higher Education Commission Report of 1969 was "that parents make a specific contribution toward

the educational costs of their dependants."

This new formula represents an increase in federal allotment from \$1000 to \$1400. The provincial financial commitment on a per student basis remains unchanged at \$700.

The demonstrated increase in the level of need has led responsible authorities at both the federal and provincial level to make more dollars available to students. The formula to be applied this year

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