

China Week

Student gets the needle

By C.T. SQUASSERO

During Bethune college's China Week, Dr. A. Parchment, a practicing gynaecologist, gave an acupuncture demonstration.

Before the demonstration, Parchment talked about the difficulties he had with hospitals when he first began practising acupuncture 20 years ago.

Although the Chinese have been successfully practicing acupuncture for thousands of years, it has not been totally accepted in the western world.

Parchment said acupuncture can cure common ailments such as acne and asthma, as well as relieving labour pains during child birth.

He explained that our bodies have meridian lines running through them, with pressure points at various intervals. The trick, he said, is knowing how these points are interconnected throughout our bodies. He demonstrated this by indicating a pressure point on the hand, which he said, would relieve the pain from a toothache.

After some questioning on the subject, he discontinued the idea that illnesses treated by acupuncture could have

originated from psychosomatic conditions, and possibly cured by the power of suggestion.

At the demonstration, a graduate student, John Parkes, who has been suffering from tendonitis in the right shoulder, was treated by the doctor.

Parchment used very fine, stainless steel needles which he implanted into Parker's shoulder. The needles, traditionally vibrated by hand to stimulate the pressure points, are now vibrated by electronic equipment.

During the treatment, which lasted about 20 minutes, some questions were raised.

One dealt with the effectiveness of acupuncture in the treatment of more serious ailments.

Parchment said acupuncture is useful in treating serious ailments related to the nervous system, but that it is not totally effective. Acupuncture has proven to be up to 40 per cent effective in the treatment of deafness, he said.

At the end of the demonstration, Parkes was able to raise his arm over his head, something he couldn't do before the treatment. Parker said that much of the pain in his shoulder had gone.



Dr. A. Parchment makes a point on acupuncture to an audience at Bethune college. Parchment was giving a talk and demonstration on acupuncture as part of Bethune's China Week activities held last week.

Security tows away automobile after removing valid sticker

By BONNIE SANDISON

When Atkinson student Nick Catomeris went to get his car Jan 14, he found it gone.

After phoning security, he located it on a pile of ice and snow outside the physical plant.

The \$75 parking decal purchased at the beginning of the school year had been removed; there was a \$10 ticket on the window and a notification that the car was barred from the York campus.

The parking office had ordered the car removed from the lot and the decal to be removed, after being notified by accounting that Catomeris had given an invalid cheque in August for \$25.

York security said there was justification for removal of the decal, since it was reported invalid. It also stated that such things are done frequently on campus.

Catomeris said that he had sent another cheque to cover the one marked NSF. Security checked with ac-

counting on this and was still told Catomeris owed the \$25. After another check of the account the receipt for the second cheque was found.

Security apologized to Catomeris for the inconvenience caused and gave him a new decal. It also offered to tear up the \$10 ticket.

A.A. Vesterback, manager of general accounting, said he was very sorry for the trouble.

He added that accounting handles tens of thousands of receipts a year and some mistakes are made.

Xavier students howl

ANTIGONISH (CUP) The administration of St. Francis Xavier University has not renewed the contract of an anthropology professor despite student protest.

Paul McDowell was given no reason why his contract is not being renewed, contrary to Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) recommendations.

McDowell intends to appeal the decision with the grievance and appeals committee.

Students, however, have decided not to fight for McDowell's rehiring but have formed a committee to get more say in the hiring and firing of professors. They want more representation on the Senate where they now hold five seats and on the Board of Governors where they hold two.

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