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George Kenwood Esq.,
Executive Director,
Canadian Mental Health Association,
3355 West Broadway,
Vancouver. 8. B.C.

Dear

Thank you very much for your letter of the 16th of September regarding the proper place of mental health training in the professional preparation of teachers.

I am bringing your letter, as you request, to the attention of our Senate and I am also referring it to our Faculty of Education for their comment, because I feel sure that Senate will wish their comments before dealing with the matter.

Thank you so much for bringing your views on this matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

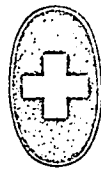
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Patrick D. McTaggart-Cowan, M.B.E.
President
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby 2, B. C.

Dear Dr. McTaggart-Cowan:

The Education Committee of the Canadian Mental Health Association's British Columbia Division is concerned about the lack of mandatory courses in mental health offered by the teacher training faculties in our Universities.

When this was brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, they directed me to write to the Senate of each University to request that the present courses as they relate to mental health, be reviewed by the appropriate bodies at the Universities. Such reviews would determine the courses that a student has to have during teacher training now and, we hope, would result in changing present optional courses into mandatory ones.

We are certain that you appreciate both the importance of having the teacher as well equipped as possible to handle the mild manifestations of emotional turmoil in children and the value of her being able to determine when a child needs professional help.

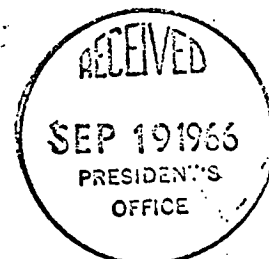
We are aware of the extreme shortage of mental health personnel in the community to whom a harassed teacher can refer a child, and our Association is conducting a continuous social action program for more training courses and better salaries.

The leadership that the Faculties of Education can give in initiating their own programs now need not wait for the results of this campaign.

The Canadian Mental Health Association therefore urges you to review your present mandatory mental health courses in your teacher training programs with a view to increasing these requirements to an appropriate level.

Respectfully yours,

George Kenwood
George Kenwood,
Executive Director
for the
Board of Directors.



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