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New arena will stress ease in activity conversion

By ANDREW STEEVES

Progress continues on the design of the campus arena.

Submissions have recently been received from various groups on campus and they are now being studied by the architects. According to Planning Director Eric Garland, the arena design is now well into the preliminary drawing stage and the campus submissions will further work in the final design.

The fact that a users report has just been released indicates just how far along the arena design has come for the report is a fairly detailed list of specifications set by the university for the multi-purpose arena. These specifications cover aspects such as the rink size and the type of seating.

Stress is placed upon versatility throughout the report, whether it discusses uses for the rink-auditorium space or placement of portable ticket booths. The building has been designed with these objectives in mind; it is to be an arena, that will be able to be used for as many activities as possible, with as much ease in activity conversion as possible. The report reaffirms the objectives and its recommendations are based upon these objectives.

Garland noted that the floorplans are nowhere near completion. The position of the design at present could be compared to a set of detailed blocks waiting to be fitted into the best possible combination of a whole.

What has been decided? The building will be situated adjacent to the Teacher's College Building, overlooking T.C. field. The size of the main rink-auditorium will be the governing factor in determining the size of the structure. There will be seating for a minimum of 4,000 people situated around a 200 x 85 foot ice surface. A large stage will be found in this area also. This is the area that will be used for such activities as hockey games, convocation, concerts, basketball games, assemblies, etcetera. Other spaces found in the arena will include an entrance foyer, a meeting-conference room, several dressing rooms, mechanical and maintenance spaces, concession stands, storage areas, a first aid clinic, a skate sharpening room, washrooms, lecture rooms and an administration area.

The storage spaces will be scattered throughout the building so that furniture may be moved to other rooms without much inconvenience. Very few of the spaces have specific purposes leaving them open for different uses.

If a building is to be as heavily used as the rink it must have good circulation and access. In this regard the Lady Beaverbrook Rink might serve as a bad example with its isolated washrooms and the congested concession and foyer areas. These are factors that are being avoided in the design of the new rink.

The foyer will be of moderate size with wide access halls leading off from it. These halls could be used as ticket centres in the winter, allowing for those waiting for

admittance to wait in the foyer inside the building.

Past the foyer the spectator would be on the main concourse of the building and would enter the rink well above ice level; there will be rows of seats above and below the entrance. Concessions and washrooms will lie on the main concourse on both sides of the rink. The dressing rooms will be on ice

level along with a small concession area, washrooms, the skate sharpening room and the clinic. All the concession areas and washrooms will be conveniently spaced and to prevent congestion.

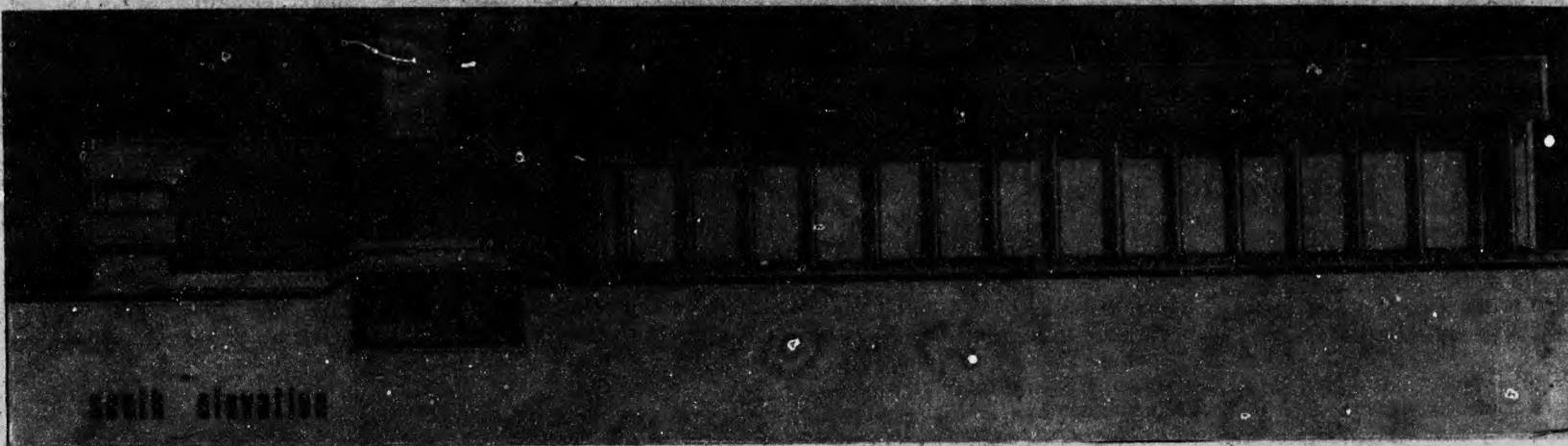
The rink itself will have new cushioned theatre-type seats. The team benches will be both on the same side of the rink, and there will be room for equipment and the

teams' facing coaches.

On the opposite side of the rink there will be the penalty boxes, timekeeper's box and press facilities. There will be provisions for broadcasting from the complex with communications jacks and colour TV lighting, lighting for the stage, a P.A. system, and a sports clock.

The rink plans are well advanced, but there is much to do

yet. Acoustics, for instance, will provide a real problem as those familiar with the Moncton Coliseum will attest. Also the recommendations of the campus committees will have to be moderated somewhat as some are at odds with each other and others may prove to be impracticable. However, progress has been made and another progress report should be completed soon.



Users' reports are ensuring that the new 4,000 seat arena will be as multi-purpose as possible.

Campus janitors complain of low wages

By TOM BENJAMIN
News Editor

Employees of Modern Building Cleaning and Custodian Services are becoming upset over the issues

of wages and job security, workers from both companies said on Wednesday.

One worker said he has not received a raise for several years,

while the cost of living has risen each year. He said many of the employees could not afford cars, and many were forced to hold down a second job.

The spokesman for the employees said they were hoping for a raise in wages to at least \$3.00 an hour.

Many employees are concerned because Custodian Services is terminating their contract with the university at the end of this month. Even if the men who would be laid off by the termination are re-hired by another company to do the same job they would lose their seniority. Last year a similar situation existed and the men lost their vacations for the year as a result.

Modern Building Cleaning lost their contract for Harrison House after complaints by the residents. Modern has been given until the end of the month to improve its

services in the other five men's residences it holds contracts for.

Modern is a division of Dustbane Enterprises, a nation-wide company that also supplies many of the cleaning chemicals and equipment used in the buildings.

Petitions are being circulated by the employees of both companies. Modern employs 55 janitors and maids, and at least 47 have signed the petition. All the 42 employees of Custodian are supporting the issue, a spokesman said.

The men complained that it was "almost impossible to handle the job as we aren't adequately staffed."

They threatened a work stoppage or slowdown to improve conditions. They cannot legally strike because they are not unionized.

The spokesman asked for student support in this issue.



Campus janitors are threatening work stoppage if their wages and working conditions are not improved.

Land sale considered

By DERWINGOWAN

The Board of Governors has appointed a committee to look into and report on the block of land from Carleton to Regent Streets and from King to Brunswick Streets, according to UNB comptroller Chester L. Mahn.

This part of the original land grant to the university is now under lease to various parties.

Part of the reason for the formation of this committee is that the block of land yields limited

revenue - about \$18,000 per year. Another is the fact that, under the present situation, developers are hesitant to invest capital in this parcel of land.

The committee may recommend that investors be found to develop the land under the university's ownership, or that suitable buyers be found.

The committee is expected to report to the Board of Governors, at the end of January, when they next meet.