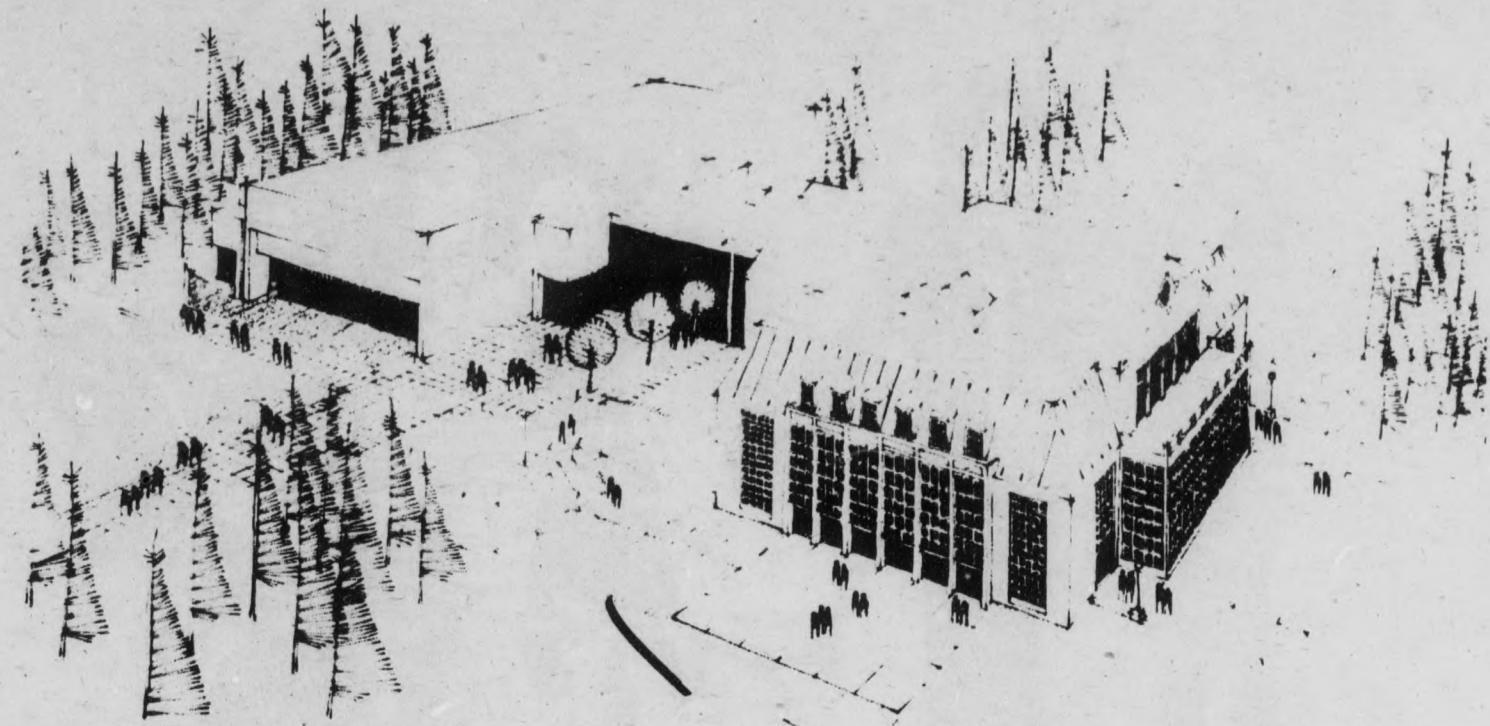


The SUB-Are new facilities needed?



If the students wish, the SUB may be over doubled in floor space. The issue will be decided in a referendum in October.

Will the Student Union Building expand?

After years of debating the issue, a referendum is slated for October, as part of the fall student elections, to decide whether or not the SUB Expansion Committee should make preliminary investigations into possible financing arrangements.

Preliminary architects plans would more than double floor space in the building, adding 77,000 square feet to the present 64,000 square feet.

Present plans call for slightly over \$5,000,000.00 if construction began today, but the earliest completion date is two years hence. With construction costs

rising from one to one and one-half percent per month, the final figure

would be in the range of 6,000,000.00.

SUB director Howard Goldberg suggested that one-third from outside sources, leaving one-third for students to pay.

Approximately one-third of the \$6,000,000.00 would be used to renovate the existing building. This would involve enlarging the cafeteria and related kitchen areas on the ground floor. On the next level up, the walls presently enclosing the Smoke Shoppe would be removed and increased retail space would be provided.

The SRC meeting room would be enlarged by making rooms 102 and 103 (the present SRC meeting room) into one room by removing the wall which separates them.

The present upper floor would be modified to provide approximately four times the existing space for

the College Hill Social Club. A large games room, lounge area, and office space would also be provided. A second story would be put in the ball in the ballroom.

As well, the space presently occupied by the stairwells would be utilized to provide janitor's closets. Also, washrooms would be enlarged.

The stairs at the front of the building would be removed completely and a new set would be installed so that they would be accessible from the outside and leading directly to the social club. Filling in the stairwells would also remove a present safety hazard, Goldberg said.

The new building would be directly in front of the old, with a connecting link between the two. The link between the buildings would provide an entrance to both

parts of the building, as well as providing a well lighted lounge area.

The new structure would house two major facilities — a new ballroom capable of holding 1,000 people and divisible into three smaller rooms, and what Goldberg termed "a home for student services."

Services to be housed include the Dean of Students' office, the Awards Office, the office of the Overseas Students' Advisor, Canada Manpower, and general office space. Goldberg suggested that it was this aspect of the proposed new facilities that would interest the administration in providing funds. According to him, the administration agrees that student services should be placed under one roof, preferably in the SUB. Two years ago, the SRC asked the

Dean of Students to relocate to the SUB from the Memorial Students Centre, but this was turned down since facilities were not adequate.

Goldberg explained that the SUB is presently in the main line of traffic through the campus, and if the new building is completed according to present plans, a "street effect" would be created, starting from the upper end of the new building, coming down through the old SUB, and back outdoors. Persons would enter either at one end or the other, or else at "side entrances" in the connecting lounge. They would then walk along the proposed "street" and turn off to go to ever which part of the building they wished.

According to present plans, the office wing would be the only part of the building to be basically unaltered.

Both Goldberg and J. David Miller, chairperson of the SUB Expansion Committee, have suggested that to expand would mean an increase in student fees, possibly to as much as \$60.00. However, they both agreed that UNB would still have relatively low fees as compared to other Canadian universities.

Goldberg said students "would only be hurting themselves," by not voting "yes" on referendum day as the referendum would only give permission to see if funding was available. He added that the new facilities would be worth their cost, particularly if all student services were under one roof.

By way of example, he said student wishing to make use of student counselling services would be able to do so more anonymously than at present.

With respect to funding, Goldberg said the university would be "expected" to fund the student services facilities due to their stand on this issue. He suggested the new building could be named after some individual if funding was sufficient. He said UNB is fairly lax concerning the naming of buildings. Some universities, Goldberg said, demand at least 25 percent funding of a building before it can be named after that individual. The rest would have to come from students. He suggested that it might be possible to renegotiate the present mortgage on the building. UNB and STU students presently pay \$15 apiece per year on a \$1,000,000.00 mortgage.

If funding can be had, Goldberg said another referendum would have to be held to start construction.

The SUB expansion claims in a leaflet that with increasing restrictions on the use of McConnell Hall and other facilities, the ballroom has become inadequate for pubs, formals, speakers, feature films, etcetera. The present ballroom can accommodate 300 persons legally. Also, the committee claims the social club is too small and there is inadequate facilities for games, cafeteria, games and pool rooms, office space and meeting rooms. They also point out the need for a centralized location for student services.

A model of the proposed new facilities, as drawn up by Murray and Murray and Partners, is on display just inside and to the left of the front door of the SUB when entering.

Students on fence with postdated cheques

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It seems that the university changed its policy of allowing students to postdate cheques until the end of September when paying their tuition.

On registration day a senior student went to pay her fees at registration and asked if she could postdate her cheque until the end of the month, as she was waiting for her Quebec student loan to be confirmed.

However, she was told she could postdate it until the end of the week.

Although it was admitted that students always could postdate cheques, the student was told the policy was changed. If she could not come up with the money, she would have to withdraw from university.

The person on duty at registra-

tion said he would check to see if the student's loan had been confirmed, and when he did, he found that her loan form was not even in his files.

The student had no way to prove she had a loan, so she was asked if her family could supply the money. The answer was "no".

The student then left the Aitken University Centre and went to the Student Union Building. She tried to phone her member of the Quebec National Assembly, who was not there. Meanwhile, student union president Jim Smith heard of the problem, and phoned university president John M. Anderson.

"Meanwhile, I was fuming," the student said.

She phoned her parents and had them contact the Quebec minister responsible for student loans. To the student's surprise, the Quebec government had not received her application. She had sent it in on August 23, shortly after returning

from studying in Europe all summer.

Before a student can receive a Quebec student loan, he or she must first have it approved by the institution she or he plans to attend. The Registrar has to sign a form which then must be stamped by the Comptroller. On further investigation, it was discovered that this form was still in the registrar's office.

The university then took care of the situation promptly.

When Smith explained the situation to Anderson, he asked what first year students would do if confronted in such a manner. He further asked what students would do if they could only postdate their cheques for 10 days, and their loans had not come in.

According to Smith, Anderson said, "Well, if students aren't aggressive or resourceful enough, maybe they should drop out."

Smith told The Brunswickan this

attitude would cause some first year students to "pack up and go home."

After the student's loan form was expedited, she was allowed to postdate her cheque until the end of the month.

Assistant Comptroller H.R. Morehouse told The Brunswickan that the policy had changed. If students are waiting for a loan to be confirmed, they are given 10 days to find the money.

Morehouse said problems in past years centred around student postdating a cheque for one month, waiting for the loan to reach the campus bank. However, some students would then have the loan transferred to another bank or branch. Therefore, the cheque would bounce. The student would have to be called in and would be charged a late fee.