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A MODEST PROPOSAL—A few years ago everyone was buying and selling the Brooklyn Bridge. Now, however, an even greater prize may be up for grabs, if students' council members Owen Anderson (left) and Glenn Sinclair (right) have their way. In a recent statement to The Gateway, they not only suggested that the new SUB be offered for sale, they suggested that the union be disbanded, and that any future student organization be voluntary on the basis of individual government for individual students. These suggestions were made after extensive analysis and discussion, and would be "beneficial to the students of this campus."

Educational aid offered

OTTAWA (CUP)—The federal government has offered to pay half the operating costs of higher education and total costs of adult job training.

Prime Minister Pearson announced the sweeping new deal for university, technical, and adult education Sunday when he released the text of the statement made Monday at the opening of the week-long federal-provincial conference here.

Federal aid to universities, technical institutes, training centres, community colleges, and technical and vocational high schools will rise from \$270 million this year to \$360 million next year, he said.

As student enrolment rises, federal aid will be increased, the prime minister promised provincial premiers.

The federal government, which already pays most of the cost of training and retraining adults for technological change, will assume the full cost and greatly expand the programs, Mr. Pearson said.

Last January, the federal government increased grants for university operation expenses from \$2 to \$5 per head of provincial population. Sunday he proposed scrapping the grants system to introduce a new method

of financing based on 50 per cent of operating expenses, or \$14 per head.

He is offering the provinces an additional four points of individual income tax and one point of corporation tax. This means the federal government would reduce its taxes by these proportions and the provinces would take up the difference.

REVENUE LOSS

Mr. Pearson hinted it will be necessary for Ottawa to raise its own taxes to make up the loss of revenue, bringing the tax levied in English-speaking Canada closer to that levied in Quebec.

Equalizing tax rates across the country appears to be one of the principle reasons behind the new formula.

In addition, the prime minister proposed a comprehensive manpower training program under which the government will assume full cost of allowances up to \$90 a week for adults taking full-time training required for employment, as well as full cost of the training.

The government will pay all out-of-pocket costs of companies providing general training to their workers, and in some cases, will pay fees for a person training in a private institution.

Parking area reserved again

Students invited to apply for parking space in 'A' lot

Parking lot "A" is again reserved space.

Until last Monday, the lot was open parking because its availability through the coming year was in question. "A" lot is the projected site of the new biological sciences complex.

Last week, students were invited to apply for space in the lot.

"I couldn't tell you how long it will remain a parking lot," said S. L. Edmunds, parking supervisor. "We have received no indication. The contract is until the end of this year. We hope we can stay longer into 1967."

Development of the bio-sci complex has come to a halt.

The provincial government has rejected the tenders for the project because the cost was considerably higher than expected.

The low bid of \$24,179,500 was submitted by Burns and Dutton Construction Ltd. and Poole Construction as a joint venture when tenders were called last July.

This was \$6 million above the estimates of the provincial department of public works.

BIDS HIGH

The bids were higher than the estimates because of increasing construction costs and because the university requested more sophisticated space after the original estimate was made, said Public Works Deputy Minister S. E. Kenworthy.

The building, to cover 583,000 square feet, will house the departments of botany, genetics, psychology, microbiology and zoology.

It was originally hoped the genetics section would be completed by fall, 1967. The other stages would have been completed by fall of 1969.

FACILITIES

Extensive research facilities, notably laboratories and equipment that would simulate arctic conditions for studying plant and animal life of cold regions, are planned for the bio-sci complex.

Dr. Max Wyman, U of A vice-president, declined to comment on the building delay. He said the university is currently awaiting word from the provincial government, which should be forthcoming in the next week.

Plans for the building have been approved by the Board of Governors and the Campus Planning and Development Committee.

The complex is expected to be the most expensive single building in Western Canada.

Debaters to tackle U.K. team

"It should be a jolly good fight!"

U of A debaters are going to tackle the United Kingdom debaters.

The debate, sponsored by the university Law School Forum, will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 in Convocation Hall.

Members of the Forum expect Melvin Belli, former counsellor for Jack Ruby, to speak following the debate.

The debate will be open to all students—free of charge. The topic will be, "Resolved: That this house would support the British government, in any measure that it might consider necessary, to terminate the white racist support in Rhodesia." The U of A team will hold the negative of this statement.

The debate will be judged on the basis of audience response.

UK DEBATERS

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, a candidate for an honors LLB in Law at Edinburgh University, and Ian Forrester, who holds an MA and LLB from the University of Glasgow, are this year's United Kingdom debaters.

While working on his BA at Balliol College in Oxford, Lord Douglas-Hamilton was president of the Oxford Union. This is the highest debating honor that can be held by any man in the English-speaking world. At Edinburgh, he is president of the debating team.

Mr. Forrester held a leading position on the dialectic (debating) team at Glasgow.

The U of A team will consist of Jim Matkin, law 2, and Larrie Boddy, law 2.

Matkin is a former McGoun Cup debater. The McGoun debates are inter-university debates in the Western Canada debating leagues. He has won numerous awards for his speaking ability.

Boddy received his BA at the Royal Military College in Kingston, where he was president of the debating society. While there, he debated in most of the eastern Canadian tournaments.

This year, both Matkin and Boddy are planning to participate in the national debating contests at London, Ont.