SUB expansion meeting attracts little interest

By DOROTHY CONSTABLE

The only place in SUB that was relatively uncrowded Wednesday was SUB Theatre. Less than 50 people attended a forum on SUB Expansion for the purpose of informing students on the question of the Jan. 23 referendum.

The referendum, requiring a two-thirds majority to pass, will read, "Do you favor an expansion of the Students' Union Building, which will require an increase of \$3 in students' union fees?"

Using a projection of enrollment figures, an increase of \$3 has been deemed necessary to cover a loan from the provincial government to finance the addition. Also considered is the ceiling of 25,000 students which the government has set on enrollment.

The proposed addition will include several "commercial facilities" to diminish the cost to the student body.

Principle among these facilities is a pub in SUB, which, in addition to raising money, would provide "a delightfully informal area" on campus. Money will also be obtained from space rental to such concerns as the bank and various shopping centres.

There was some objection raised that commercial enterprises destroy the concept of a university. Dennis Fitzgerald, SU treasurer, said "a university community of 40,000 is in many ways a small city. It necessitates a change in people's thinking about what goes on on a campus."

The proposed addition will cover 89th Avenue and will be joined to the physical education building and the parkade, being constructed on the west side of SUB. It will include increased lounging and eating facilities as well as additional meeting rooms.

"One of the major problems in the building as it exists now, "is lack of space for students to talk and eat," said Laura Scott, chairman of the SUB Expansion Commission

It's obvious to anyone who uses SUB, that we're running out of space, said David Leadbeater.

A specific proposal is being offered to the student body. Diagrams are available, an architect has been appointed (Mr. H. J. Richards, who was the architect for the present structure) and a feasibility study has been made.

The addition has been approved in principle by Campus Planning and has been planned in conjunction with the Diamond & Meyers plan for the expansion of the entire university.

If the referendum gives support for SUB Expansion, the plans are still subject to approval by the Board of Governors and the Alberta government.

David Leadbeater, in response to doubts that the B of G would not approve the pub and shopping mall included in the plans for expansion, said the students' union would not go ahead with the expansion unless it was approved.

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Required Arts and Sci courses may disappear

GFC reviews compulsory first-year courses and required credits in Arts and Science

By PHYLLIS BALDWIN

Compulsory courses in the faculties of Arts and Science may be scrapped by the General Faculty Council at its meeting at the end of this month.

The question of compulsory English, Physical Education, compulsory science credits for arts students and compulsory arts credits for science students will come under scrutiny at the meeting in the light of a GFC committee's recommendation to scrap these requirements.

University president Max Wyman said he could not express his opinion on the compulsory aspects of university education until the GFC has made its decision but said that he thought the dropping of compulsory subjects in order to gain greater flexibility in course programs would probably be a general trend of the '70's.

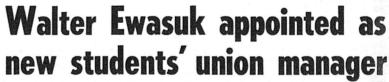
The decade will probably see a wider use of mass media techniques, such as closed circuit television, as well, he said.

"There are sizeable requests in the budget for additional TV's" he said.

Media techniques will be coupled with classes of about their present size. An average class now holds 36 people.

That there will be no great increase in class sizes is all but guaranteed by the system of quotas instituted by the government earlier this year. It will limit campus size to 25,000 students.

Flexibility and modern teaching methods seem to be the keynotes for the university in the '70's.



Walter L. Ewasuk has been appointed the new general manager of the students' union.

He succeeds Jorgen Holgersen as of March 1.

Mr. Ewasuk was born and educated in the Edmonton area. He commenced articles and a course of instruction with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Edmon-

Before he came to the students' union as accountant, Mr. Ewasuk was with the Workmen's Compensation Board as an administrative officer, and before that with Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart.

Prior to his articles Mr. Ewasuk was employed by the City of Edmonton Recreation Department on the administrative staff.

He is married and has two sons.



Walter Ewasuk



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IT WAS A DARK and stormy night in the old parking corral. And he cranked and he cranked and he cranked and it was ex-austin. We're not sure if Steve Makris won the contest for ice man of the year but he has been seen wandering the halls of SUB frozen to his super manual starter.