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AT LAST IT'S STARTED—The happiness of these three sod turners at the commencement of SUB construction is mirrored in their faces. Smiles register, from left to right, on Andy Brook, SUB Planning Commission chairman; Richard Price, students' union president; and Iain Macdonald, former SUB Planning Commission Chairman.

Panel refers to Indian problem as indictment of white society

By AL SCARTH

A community development officer from Slave Lake believes he is sitting on a volcano of emotion.

"The frustration, aggressiveness, and hostility of the Indian are always present, and only thinly concealed," said Douglas Babcock.

Addressing a panel discussion held by the sociology club, Wednesday, on Canada's Indian problem, he said the Indian is an indictment of our society.

Flown in to address the meeting, Mr. Babcock spoke to an audience of more than 175 in Wauneita lounge.

A second panelist, Dr. Abu-Lab-

an, a sociologist, referred to the guilt the dominant society feels about the Indian; and a member of the Indian Affairs Branch, Mr. Grovum, spoke of the need for integrated education.

As the community development officer in Slave Lake, Mr. Babcock has encountered the worst housing in his experience as a social worker. He considers the Indian population there as an underprivileged, undeveloped, wasted human resource.

NON-WHITES NOT HIRED

Working on a summer employment project in the High Prairie region, Mr. Grovum found potential employers of Indian workers were reluctant to consider any non-

white applicants for employment. Now that some Indians have successfully obtained jobs, the Indian affairs official hopes for improvement next summer.

Until recently most Indian children went to reservation schools which white pupils do not attend. Commenting on this situation, the Indian affairs officer said, "If we can get these children everywhere going to school with white children in grades one or two, the transition (to white society) will be much easier in later life."

Part of a two-year pilot project, Mr. Babcock was sent to Slave Lake a year ago by the Alberta government. The first community development officer was placed at Fort McMurray 15 months ago.

NON-DIRECTIVE METHODS

Babcock's responsibility is to foster change using only "non-directive" methods. He is not a welfare officer, but as a government employee, is often mistaken for one. This complicates his job because the inhabitants of the Slave Lake area expect him to provide all the necessities of life, as welfare officials have done in the past. He is actually attempting to make these people help themselves, and therefore trying to keep outside aid to a minimum.

Referring to the Indian's apparent lack of self-respect, Mr. Babcock asks, "After what they have lived through at the hands of the white man, is it any wonder they have a poor self-image? Any lice or lack of cleanliness are symbols of something more basic—a lack of involvement."

Computer hired to program couples for Wauneita a go go

"Miss 641584, I'd like you to meet Mr. 643191. Whrrrr. Click."

This touching scene will be repeated time and time again, when the university's computer is called in to organize the annual Wauneita white gift party Dec. 16.

Here's how it works. Miss 64-1584 and a lot of other girls, plus Mr. 643191 and a lot of other fellows, will all fill out a short ques-

tionnaire on their interests and activities.

The information these uninhibited souls give about themselves will be fed into the computer. Then, bells will ring, wheels whirl and couples match up for the unique dance, to be held in the education building gym from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Admission to the dance is a gift for an underprivileged child.

Dance officials say it's scientific and potentially more romantic than one might think.

Work begins on new SUB

Four years of planning end with brief ceremony Thursday

By BILL MILLER

The hopes and dreams of the students' union for four years began to take shape Thursday when the first sod was officially broken to begin construction of the new students' union building.

The \$6 million student-planned project, which will be the largest students' union building in Canada, is expected to be completed by the summer of 1967.

Calling the building an example of "the high level of responsibility and initiative students have had," students' union president Richard Price turned the first sod.

Participants in the sod-breaking ceremony included SUB planning commission chairman Andy Brook, his predecessor Iain Macdonald, university president Walter H. Johns, provincial treasurer A. O. Aalborg, education minister Randolph McKinnon, university officials who will be connected with the new building, students' union officials and a handful of interested students.

The building has been in the planning stage for four years, and is entirely planned by the students.

Dr. Johns hailed the building as "a very major project in the development of the university."

"With the kind of planning done on this building, I don't see how it can fail."

The planning of the project was not a simple job. The original project was to expand the present building to the south. This idea was changed and the building was now to be situated in the parking lot south of the present building but separate from it.

The Board of Governors would not let the students have this land, and the project was moved to its present site, beside the administration building, and redesigned once more.

Macdonald commended the efforts of the late Walter Dinwoodie, former business manager of the students' union, for his encouragement in helping the students set up the project.

"This has been a great thing for students," he said.

Mr. Aalborg, asked to turn a sod, said "the kind of digging I've been doing in this project is digging up the money."

Included in the new building will be an art gallery, a non-denominational meditation room, a 750-seat cafeteria, 500-seat snack bar, a 750-seat theatre, curling facilities, bowling facilities, a ballroom, lounges and offices for student organizations and publications.

The building will be financed over a period of 31 years, with the students paying for 65 per cent of their project and the university being responsible for the rest for services it will operate there.

UGEQ status voted down by McGill

MONTREAL (CUP)—Students at McGill University have voted by a narrow margin to reject membership in the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec.

Students' council president Sharon Sholzberg has announced she will resign as a result of last Wednesday's referendum.

The referendum to retain membership in UGEQ was defeated by a vote of 2,859 to 2,548. McGill was admitted to UGEQ at the union's recent congress in Quebec City.

The vote's validity was challenged because of voting irregularities, but the returning officer ruled that these would not have affected the outcome.

Thursday, the McGill students' council defeated by a narrow margin a motion to declare the referendum invalid, and passed a second motion declaring the results binding.

Miss Sholzberg, who had supported the referendum, then announced she would resign; but the council passed a motion asking her to stay on. She said she might reconsider her stand within the next few days.

Lister Hall students hold hunger lunch

A group of students is conducting an active campaign to put Lister dining hall out of business once a month.

Lister Hall will contain only those "dead hungry" students who need more than the bread, cheese and water supplied at the "Hunger Lunch" for the Save the Children Fund.

Club Internationale is sponsoring the \$1 per near-empty plate lunches to raise money for the more than 600 million chronically-underfed children of the world.

The club is offering hunger lunches in conjunction with Treasure Van this week in the armed services building.