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A Dream Comes True - Maybe

Monday night Students' Council took a giant step toward making a dream a reality.

They did this by approving the "Final Revised Facilities List" and in essence the "Detailed Proposal" for the new Students' Union Building.

The approval means the architects may begin final drawings and hopefully, construction may begin early next year.

The job of planning the new building is not over however. Council and the Board of Governors still must approve the final drawings. Much preparation yet remains, though much of it will be done by the appropriate professionals.

The Sub-Expansion project has travelled a "rocky road." The Council decision Monday climaxes four years of preparation. Four years, four industrious student planners, have seen a four million dollar project evolve. It took the planners of the present SUB 13 years, from 1936 to 1949, to plan and build a building much smaller in size and scope.

Although the project has been plagued with numerous political storms, for the most part the time was well-spent. The students at large should feel relatively confident that the proposed building is based on sound and extensive research.

It took Council only three and one-half hours to grant approval to the project. Perhaps it should have taken considerably more time. On the other hand, it may be a tribute to the careful planning that it was

handled so expediently.

It might be argued that councillors were inadequately prepared for the SUB-Expansion report, as they received much of the material just in advance of the meeting. However, if we have any faith in our councillors at all, we must assume that before they granted approval to the proposal they were completely convinced of its validity.

The Sub-Expansion Committee is to be commended for its work. The many hundreds of hours spent on the project have proved fruitful, and the quality of the work is proof of the fact students are capable of running their own affairs.

One criticism remains: place the blame where you will, but the students on this campus have once again been kept in the dark. The committee, as it did last year, lost touch with student opinion. A brochure planned for Sept. 28 finally arrived a month later. Is it any wonder that a Gateway survey showed ignorance, apathy, confusion, and irritations? Now that planning has reached the final stages it is a little late to make amends.

The next hurdle for the project is the Board of Governors meeting Dec. 4. No doubt the Board will be a good deal harder to convince than Students' Council. However, judging by recent Board decisions, there seems little reason to suppose that approval will be withheld.

We are about to obligate students for the next two or three decades to pay for a four million dollar student center. Let us hope they do not regret our decision.

A Waste Of Time

Let us call a spade a spade. The Board of Inquiry was a waste of time.

The students who gave so much time to its operation could have better spent their time playing dominoes. Judging by the minutes of some of their meetings they solved every major problem except that facing the students on this campus—SUB-Expansion.

The fault lies with the entire student body, not just the Board. At no time did they receive the cooperation of the students at large. Very little student interest was shown—representations to the Board could be counted on one hand.

Even Students' Council, who should have made it their duty to in-

vestigate the SUB-Expansion project, did not see fit to express their views before this body.

The result was a pitifully weak report to Students' Council Monday evening. They really had nothing to say, at least nothing Council did not, or could not, find out for itself with a minimum of effort.

The Board's intentions were admirable. The members gave freely of their time. But in the end they failed to do what they were asked to do. (Perhaps because they were a little uncertain what was expected of them.)

We sympathize with the Board of Inquiry who discovered that the concept of "student apathy" is more than abstract speculation.



DE GAULLE IS IN, SO IS POP ART, PASSION IS OUT BUT WHO CARES AS LONG AS WE HAVE "GUIDELINES"



HE: Darling, please give up smoking.

SHE: But dear, all my friends smoke.

HE: Darling, nicotine is a nerve poison used in many insecticides. Tars are a proven source of carcinogens. Incomplete combustion of tobacco produces carbon monoxide, which in heavy smokers reduces the oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood by five percent.

SHE: But dear, I only smoke half a package a day.

HE: Darling, tobacco smoke inhibits the action of cilia in the respiratory tract, important in the removal of foreign particles from the lungs. Tars and other residues can coat the alveoli to an extent that oxygen up-take is reduced. Heavy smoking causes rupture of alveoli and hemorrhage.

SHE: But dear, I get nervous if I don't smoke.

HE: Darling, cigarette smoking causes unsightly stains on the fingers and teeth. Heavy smokers develop "tobacco breath" and an irritating, hacking cough. Cigarette smoking is often offensive to non-smokers.

SHE: But dear, I feel so much more at ease when I have a cigarette.

HE: Darling, lighted cigarettes constitute a threat to life and property. Many fires are started through the mis-use of tobacco.

SHE: But dear, it is so hard to stop smoking once you start.

HE: Darling, cigarette ash and other refuse contribute much to general untidiness. Cigarette burns on furniture are impossible to remove without refinishing. Cigarette cartons, empty match covers, and cigar-

ette butts are littered everywhere. Filters are impervious to ordinary organic decomposition.

SHE: But dear, what would all the poor cigarette companies do if no one bought cigarettes?

HE: Smoking is an expensive habit. Money now spent on tobacco could be put to any number of better uses.

SHE: But dear... I like to smoke.

HE: You like to smoke?

SHE: Oh, yes!

HE: I don't believe you. Give me one to try.

SHE: Here, dear.

HE: Say: That was good. Let me have another one.

SHE: But dear...

Overheard

Richard Price, Students' Union Secretary-Treasurer, speaking at the Monday Council meeting, wondered whether students were competent to handle their own affairs. We wonder if he was thinking at that time of the budget he prepared.

On "Filthy Pigs"

According to a university official, a number of "filthy pigs" have been littering the Jubilee Auditorium parking lot with remnants of lunches, pop bottles, and other garbage. This practice could lead to further parking restrictions. Abuse of present parking facilities is no way to bargain for increased parking areas.