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"SORRY, ALL ROOMS ARE FULL... HOWEVER YOU COULD STAY IN THE MANGER, ... IF YOU DON'T MIND SHARING IT....."

letters

At least save the original section

Only this last weekend have I heard of the proposed demolition of St. Stephen's College. I am simply shocked. I was Matron there for fifteen years. It is 'Old Home Town' to me.

I should like to see the original building become a Museum where Archives would be housed. If you like, tear down the back part that was added but please do keep that lovely old front part intact. I just can't bear to think of it being destroyed.

Anxiously yours,
Eva S. Epton

History repeating itself

Here we go again. The BAC Building versus the Arts Court; Athabasca and Assiniboia - finally restored - and now, St. Stephen's faces the same destructive mentalities. There is no way that this campus can afford the loss of its oldest building, and it's frightening to realize that the powers that be will look for any excuse to demolish it, and do nothing whatever about restoring the building at least for historical reasons.

The United Church has supported the structure when the rest of the campus was

turning into an architectural zoo surrounded with parking lots. Our kind government offered a grand total of \$5,000.00 per year for support, that just about covers the heating bill. It appears there has to be a joint church-government-campus-public effort in order to justify the restoration and economic viability of the building.

Suggestions: We need an alternative energy resource centre. There are none in Alberta. The upper stories and towers can be an ideal (nearly) place for solar hot-water heaters and at least two wind generators (to supply electricity for small appliances or lighting.)

We also need quarters for visiting lecturers and their families who will be hard-pressed to find accommodations - anywhere. The building could earn additional revenue from students who have not found places to live. The child-care centre should remain, and public or private support should be sought in order to continue this worthy community venture.

There are no doubt other facilities required by community-oriented organizations which could contribute to the revenue of the building. To say that the building is not sound is misleading: True, it needs re-wiring and a majority of the plumbing would have to be replaced, but the foundation is basically sound, and most of the cracks that are visible are superficial, since the mortar on the surface finish was used mostly for the prevention of moisture seepage.

The interior restoration for floors, walls and ceiling could be accomplished without using 'mod' expensive materials, which one finds all too often in our aluminum-plastic society.

Therefore, the cost of restoration is relevant to consideration other than "it's too expensive".

If it was done in North Garneau and other, older campus buildings, then it would be done for St. Stephen's College.

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Regulation nets back

I remember this spring when the tennis courts were opened up for the students that a lot of people were complaining about the chicken wire nets that had been strung up instead of the usual fibre nets.

I notice now that these have

been replaced for the Fall Session students with the original regulation fibre nets. It certainly seems odd that the period of heaviest use of the courts, namely the long warm days of summer, would be the time that inferior materials were used, and that now that cold, windy weather is upon us, they break out the goodies for use when few will take advantage of them.

Whoever is in charge of using what materials when on this campus, he or she should certainly reconsider the logic of his or her actions. Maybe the nets on the tennis courts isn't the most major consideration on this campus, but I would feel that at least a few people are wondering what's going on. If we ever get a warm spell before winter, will the nets be again replaced?

Stan Underwood

Open letter to students

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