

University centre will not be a 'jock palace'

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There seems to be some concern these days over the new Aitken University Center. This structure will be a new multi-purpose arena complex located just behind Marshall D'Avery Hall (Teacher's College). The problem is that some people are worried that the whole complex may just become another "jock palace".

The whole thing began when the Beaverbrook Foundation offered the university 2.5 million dollars to build the complex. A committee, the Users Committee was formed to discuss what should go into this complex. Their recommendations were:

1. arena built over Chapman Field.
2. efficient use of space.
3. seating for about 3500 people.
4. two varsity changing rooms

with proper storage facilities.

5. portable stage.
6. Concourse to double as a running track and access pathway to seats.
7. Equipment storage areas for intramural equipment.
8. Provision for covering ice.

The committee then sent off its ideas to the firm of Murray and Murray, architects and dissolved itself in July. However, after this it was discovered that the arena would now cost \$3 million dollars instead of the original 2.5 million. It was necessary to revamp the plans for the whole thing.

The only members of the committee left around were Eric Garland and John Meagher. These gentlemen proposed that the whole building be subcontracted out to save money. It would be broken down into the following: excav-

ation, the shell, the athletic parts and then the non-athletic aspects of the arena.

A number of people are concerned about this way of doing things. One of these is Chris Gilliss, SRC Comptroller. He said he thought the whole thing was done "Ass-backward, that you designed the building then found out what it cost. That it was impossible to try and beat inflation these days."

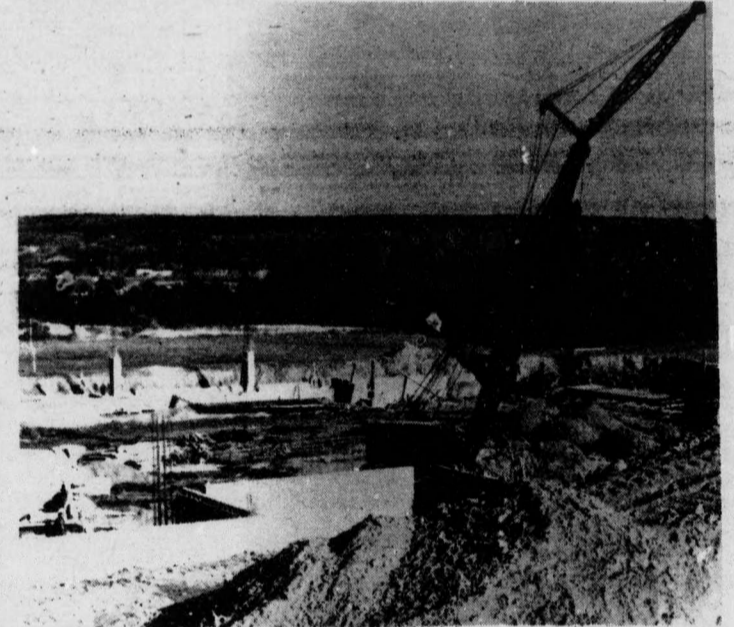
Gilliss said he was afraid that the athletic aspects of the complex would take priority over the non-athletic functions to the point of there not being enough money left over for them. He said that the press box had been eliminated and that a club planned for the arena would be left unfinished. He expressed concern that this club might become a private club if some group decided to finish it off.

The Brunswickan also talked to S.R.C. President, Peter Galoska, about the new center. He too expressed concern over the building. He also said that there were two committees to look into the matter.

The first was formed this summer when Galoska wrote University President John Anderson about the matter. The committee that evolved was on an ad hoc basis. It consists of the SRC president, SAA president and three members of the Users Committee, this together with Professor Garland and Professor Meagher will discuss proposed cuts in the complex.

The second committee, is of a more permanent nature. It is the Aitken University Centre Advisory Council. This committee will be as the name suggests an advisory counsel with representatives from the students, athletics, faculty, etc. on it. At present there are fifteen members on the committee, the SRC president, two SRC members and the SAA president. It is hoped that this will expand to nineteen with the addition of two SAA representatives.

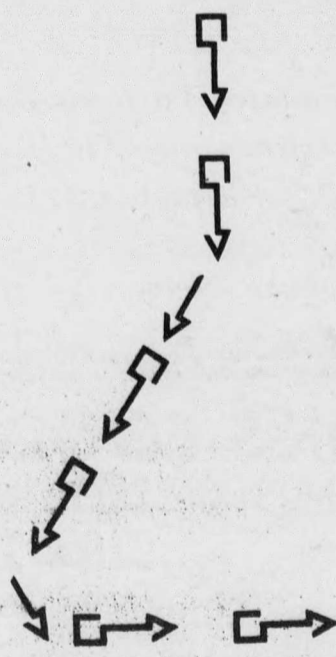
As Galoska explained, these committees will insure that there is a complex which is indeed multi-purpose for all.



It appears that many people on campus are worried the Aitken University Center will be just another "jock palace".

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