

Start Student Building Next March

Architect Employed To Draft Tentative Blueprints; Will Consult SUB Committee

Estimated Cost Is \$1.5-Million; 60,000 Square Feet Required To Meet Present, Future Student Needs

By PETER SHAPIRO

President Hicks has announced the appointment of an architect for the Dalhousie Student Union Building.

He told an Open House Alumni Dinner that the firm of CD Davison and Company has been hired to draw up the plans.

The architect will consult with the Student Council and Dal Administration to determine the initial requirements for the building and the amount of land needed.

According to a communiqué from the Office of the President, "the Board of Governors has agreed to provide the land and has already started to put together a suitable site, although, if necessary, the University already has sufficient land on which to construct the building."

It now seems likely that the SUB will be started by March, 1966. The building will be planned to accommodate the 6000-7000 students expected by 1975.

It may be constructed in two stages, the first designed for the present, and the second as an addition for the future.

The Council Student Union Building Committee, under Chairman Jim Cowan, estimates the total cost of the SUB at \$1.5 million. The student SUB fund, now at \$150,000 will probably be

contributed to general construction costs.

The \$5000 allotted by Council before Christmas for the hiring of an architect and the investigation of other camps is no longer in effect. It was not used, and was returned to the general SUB fund as soon as Council left office on Monday.

Apparently the Administration feels the trips to other SUB's is still necessary, so the architect may be sent, although Council appropriation for the journey, if forthcoming, will have to be allotted again.

\$25 PER SQUARE FOOT

Eric Jamieson, a member of the old Council and of the SUB Committee told the Gazette that the construction cost of the SUB may run to \$25 per square foot if expenditure for facilities is included. The building will hold an estimated 60,000 square feet of floor space.

The Committee is tabulating the results of a student survey to determine student needs and opinions for the new building. It has classified facilities under three headings: "Non-revenue", "Revenue-Recreational" and "Food and Services".

Included in "Non-revenue" are a General Lounge, a small Theatre, Music Room, Browsing Library, Information Office, and the usual Student Offices, such as those of Gazette, Pharos, Student Council, Publicity, Dal Drama Society and Winter Carnival.

In "Revenue-Recreational" are several suggestions, all slightly athletic, Table Tennis, Squash, Billiards and Darts. Jamieson said that the category had not been given complete study, and more substantial ideas would be brought up later.

In "Food-Services", are the Canteen, Newstand, College Shop, Barber Shop, Bank, and Placement Office.

OPTIONS

Jamieson described several suggestions as "option-Administration", or those that would be the direct concern of the Administration such as cafeteria, faculty room and bank. The others, "Student Option", such as the Student Offices, would be influenced by the suggestions of the SUB Committee.

Although the architect is hired, there is no guarantee that the building will be begun next year, or ever. Jamieson said however that during the past two years, the Board of Governors has come to realize the "necessity" of a Student Union Building.

The plan to borrow \$1 million from a bank by the Student Council

is still under investigation by the banks.

The Administration and Committee are searching for a method of Student Contribution where student funds could be given for SUB for approximately the next 20 years, from the \$10 per student capita now levied.

SINCE 1911

The Student Union Building has been demanded by Dalhousie Students since 1911. Outgoing Council President Peter Herndorf told the outgoing Council present indications are that the SUB "should be finished by the Centennial". "Which one, the first or second?", quipped an outgoing Council member.

L'il Abner Loss May Exceed \$4,000

MacDonald says show Was Society's best

Dal Drama Society President Joe Macdonald told Council Sunday that final expenditure and revenue statements for L'il Abner "will most likely be available by the end of the month".

He said, in a "Report of the President", that "Final figures on the Musical are not as yet complete, but the overall loss appears to be in the region of \$4000."

"However, the show was the best, most professional production the Society has ever done", he explained.

Macdonald said "Romeo and Juliet" and the Hostage were financial as well as artistic successes; the first shows put on by the Society to turn a profit in 15 years."

He mentioned difficulty in finding a "satisfactory relationship" with the English Department in the joint DGDS - English Department production of "Romeo and Juliet".

"I would recommend that if such a venture was proposed again, very serious consideration be given to the whole idea before any agreement is made. Moreover, in such a case, I think it would be essential that explicit areas of authority be worked out ahead of time", said Macdonald.

He complained of lack of facilities, "during the year the Society constantly felt the lack of a theatre with proper rehearsal and backstage facilities on campus. I would urge the Council to continue pressure on the University Administration to undertake construction of a proper, modern theatre in the near future".

"From an organization point of view, the Society functioned well and the only change I would recommend at the present time would be the creation of a second-vice Presidency charged with overall responsibility for Public Relations and Promotion".

Macdonald said "the Society this year instituted a complete system of internal control on expenditures and revenues. This system worked well and demonstrates that the kind of controls envisaged by the proposed Treasury Board will work".

"All in all the Society has had a successful year, with a greatly increased number of participating students, and a larger public audience than has been the case for many years".

Stork Insurance Proposed

WATERLOO (CUP) - Pregnant co-eds may become a source of revenue on the Waterloo campus.

The campus newspaper reports that the Canadian Habitant Life Insurance Company is considering entering the pregnancy insurance business.

"It's not entirely a new thing, you know. Some companies are doing it in the states," a spokesman says.

"We are interested first of all in providing service," he says. The service the company plans to provide is money. The policy holder would receive \$600 if she finds herself with a bundle of joy while at university.

The company, however, would insist on the right to examine each potential policy holder. But "we will make sure we have female doctors available," says the spokesman.

An unidentified Canadian Union of Students official approached the insurance company with the suggestion. He claims that several girls from the Waterloo campus have expressed a need for such a service.

The policy has not yet been finalized by the company, nor ratified by CUS.

No Room In The Inn, Hicks Tells Dal Alumni Banquet

From Gazette Chronicle - Herald Bureau

Dalhousie University president, Dr. Henry D. Hicks, QC, believes no level of government is sufficiently aware of the staggering problems facing Nova Scotia universities due to spiraling enrolments.

He said, for the first time in its history, Dalhousie would be forced this year to refuse admission to qualified students seeking entry to the faculty of arts and science because there was no room for them.

He said the university might also have to revise plans for its \$7,000,000 Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building - designed as Nova Scotia's contribution to Confederation Centennial memorial projects - unless governments at all levels provided adequately for the increasingly urgent needs of expanding universities.

REPORT ATTACKED

Dr. Hicks addressing the semi-annual banquet of Dalhousie Alumni Association, also criticized the University Grants Committee which last week submitted its annual report to the Legislature.

Dr. Hicks said there was not sufficient appreciation on any level of government - federal, provincial or municipal - for the staggering problems faced by universities because of spiraling enrolment statistics.

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Referring to the Atlantic region's pressing need for more medical doctors, President Hicks said that, for lack of sufficient capital grants, Dalhousie might have to reconsider announced plans for construction of the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building.

DISAPPOINTED

Of the grants committee report, Dr. Hicks said: "I was extremely disappointed to find that the committee had com-



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pletely failed to realize the costs of operating a medical school." He said McMaster University last year received \$4.9 million from the government of Ontario, "five times the amount Dalhousie received from Nova Scotia."

Dalhousie's \$16.1 million expansion program, he said, was already out of date. "Facts now available indicate that amount needs to be doubled."

Turning to the municipal level, Dr. Hicks spoke of Halifax City Council. "I don't have much sympathy with the members of

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the civic government who complain about the burden imposed on the city by universities occupying large tracts of non-tax-producing land."

BIG PAYROLL

Dalhousie probably had the largest non-government payroll in the city and was responsible for the spending of about \$6 million annually in Halifax.

"It would cost the city a great deal if Dalhousie did not supply essential services, such as the operation of a hospital and public health clinic.



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Provide Free Tuition For Memorial Freshmen

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (Special) - At least 1,300 freshmen entering Memorial University next autumn will receive the benefit of government-financed tuition, the Newfoundland Government announced last week.

Disclosure of the free first year education for Newfoundland

students was made during provincial finance minister Fred Rowe's budget address in the House of Assembly, here.

UNPRECEDENTED

It was an unprecedented move that marked a new phase of education development in Canada's eastern-most province.

More than 1,300 students will be eligible for free tuition from the Newfoundland government next fall.

The offer is expected to cost the government more than \$200,000 dollars on the basis of \$350 per student. It does not apply to students already covered by some form of bursary or other grant from the government.

RESIDENTS

The offer applies to all persons who are residents of the province and who qualify in the normal way for entrance to University.

Dr. Rowe said, "We will thus, I am happy to say, become the first University in Canada providing free tuition for all first year students". In taking this step, he said, the government was fully aware of the inevitability, before many years, of free tuition for second and third year students as well.

Several Maritime University Presidents voiced reservations Monday night over Newfoundland's radical new plan that will see students through their freshman university year free of charge.

Dr. Harry D. Smith, president of the University of King's College said in an interview, "We have problems to overcome before we can provide free education. We are looking for provincial grants. We need more massive aid from all levels of government."

Dr. Smith said, "I do not agree with the government paying for the first university year; that is the screening year. The other years are more important. It would be nice to have university education free through to graduation but that won't be for another 100 years."

Very Rev. C. J. Fischer, president of Saint Mary's University, said, "I am not convinced the government should bear the whole cost of university education. Students should have some stake in their own education. I wouldn't be in favor of the government taking the whole weight."

Dr. Laurence Cragg, president of Mount Allison University said "it is both good and inevitable that government should accept more of the financial responsibility of education, and the student has earned the right to have a chance at a university education even if he cannot afford it."

But he said that government support of students should accompany raises in tuition fees, "or else the plan is of no use to the university."

NATIONAL PROBLEM

Dr. Hicks expressed the hope that the citizens of Canada could unite, forgetting provincial sensitivities, in support of any federal government striving to meet the needs of hard-pressed educational institutions.

"I would hope that it is possible to solve the problem on a truly national scale, in such a way as to aid universities in the wealthy central provinces as well as those elsewhere.

"I am confident that we will catch up again with those other universities who got ahead of us because they have received proportionately larger shares of public revenue."

Campus Welcomes 7,000 During Two-Day Open House



Open House Beckons Smokers

A Medicine Demonstrator triumphantly displays a human lung at Open House last week. The black object beneath the lung is another lung, a lung suffering from the effects of smoking. The Medicine Section of Open House also boasted a human head, and a human torso. It was well attended.

The Dalhousie University Open House far exceeded everyone's expectations, according to Khoo Teng Lek, Manager of the Open House. The Senate and the Student Council both unanimously passed votes of commendation to Khoo Teng Lek and his Committee for their "outstanding and highly successful work" on the Open House.

Khoo reported that over 5600 people registered during the two days of Open House. "Counting high school students, approximately 7000 people visited the campus during the Open House", he said.

Among the more popular exhibits were those in the Forrest Building, including displays on human anatomy and Embryology. The demonstrations staged by the Psychology and Physics Departments were also well attended.

The Open House was a success mainly because it attracted such large numbers of people, but also because of the enthusiasm shown by the large number of students and Faculty members taking part, Khoo explained. "The quality and originality of the displays are to be commended", he said.

Khoo reported that the Committee had stayed within its budget, according to the figures which have been submitted thus far. He suggested that the next year's Open House Committee be furnished with an office in which to work.

Several letters of congratulations have been received from various sources, and all showing enthusiastic response in favor of the Open House, Khoo added.

Khoo refused to take all the praise, or blame, himself. "There were many who worked to make Open House what it was - an occasion when congratulations and praise for Dalhousie flowed freely".

"Though there must have been over six hundred altogether who did their bit, I should like to express my thanks to each one. And it was just because it was such a huge effort that the contribution of each individual was so indispensable", said Khoo.

Atlantic Region May Secede

Withdrawal of the five Atlantic Region university newspapers from Canadian University Press is conceivable.

A three-member commission, including the region's president Nigel Martin, president-elect David Day and Dalhousie Gazette Feature's Editor Michael Walton, have been mandated to investigate the advantages of continued membership in the national student newspaper organization, CUP.

The Brunswickian, student weekly of the University of New Brunswick reported in its Feb. 26 edition that the withdrawal of St. Francis Xavier from Canadian University Press a year ago "may be the trend in the local University newspaper scene."

Gazette Editor Michel Guite was reported by the Brunswickian

as finding the values of membership in C. U. P. unclear. "We want to find out what we can get out of the organization before we make any rash decisions."

Mr. Guite said later: "We are not trying to find excuses to stay out . . . rather we are trying to find reasons for staying in."

The editors of the University of New Brunswick Newspaper said in Fredericton last week that "CUP acts as a binding force within the nation, but since the French papers withdrew this function has deteriorated. It is still the best source of inter-campus communication, however, and it wouldn't be good to break off for that reason."

The commission's report will be made public before the Atlantic regional conference holds formal talks in Halifax.