

To The Students Of The Edmonton U of A

It has become apparent to the Students' Council that the present Students' Union Building is rapidly becoming inadequate for the needs of the growing numbers of students enrolled on the Edmonton Campus.

A number of committees have been appointed to study the needs of the student body over the coming years with particular respect to the kind of facilities that a student centre should provide.

These committees have worked very hard and need to arrive at specific decisions in the next few months.

Student government is an important part of the University of Alberta and in order to function properly it must have a centre for its operation.

Although the formal academic programs of students are the most important part of their lives while they are attending University, extra-curricular activities have an important role as well.

NEED CENTRE

They need a centre in which they can base their operations and the addition to the Students' Union Building should provide this.

It is of the utmost importance to plan as carefully as possible, the activities which should be centered in the Students' Union Building, whether they be social clubs, hobby clubs, religious clubs, political societies or commercial services. Particular care should be taken to provide for rooms which can serve a variety of purposes from day to day and week to week.

This is a student project of the greatest importance and I hope all the students on the Edmonton Campus will give it serious thought, discuss it with their fellow students, and pass their views on to the Students' Council.

Walter H. Johns,
President

Why?

Why three more years to wait for a Students' Union Building which does what it's supposed to?

In last year's referendum, many students voted for an immediate \$5 fee increase thinking construction of the new building was ready to begin.

After all, a committee had worked all year, and drawings were on display everywhere—wasn't there a building ready to go up?

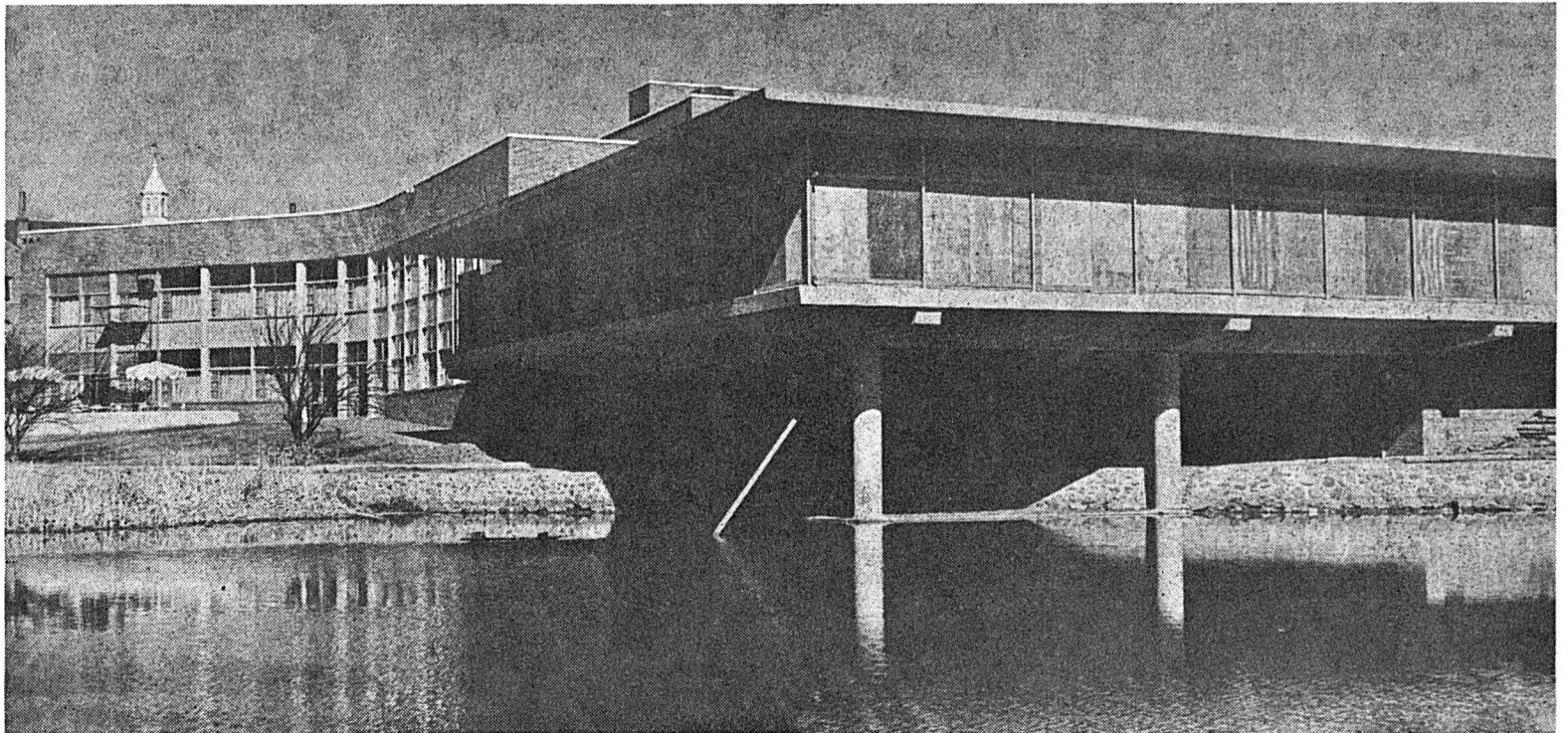
The answer is No, and the reason simply is that like Rome, SUB can't be built in a year—let alone a day.

It will take at least four years altogether—three more years from now—to get the job done the right way. It takes at least one year's intensive work to consider all the details and make the basic plans.

It takes another year to straighten out designs, drawings, and get construction started.

After that, it takes at least another year for contractors to complete the building, for engineers to get it working, for decorators to make it look attractive, for a staff to get chairs into place for opening ceremonies. The essential point is: the job is underway, the organization is working, and the overall year's project has been organized into its component parts. Individual projects all work towards the final detailed plan, and co-ordination is guaranteed through the central committees.

PAGES 7 AND 8 PREPARED
BY SUB EXPANSION
COMMITTEE



LAKEDWELLER'S DELIGHT—One way of making a building part of the scenery is to stick it in the middle of it. Planners extended the Jot Travis Union at Reno's University of Nevada out over the campus lake, settled stilts into the lake bottom to support the cafeteria wing. For the students, you don't have to look too far for a place to clear those dirty dishes . . .

Bigger, Better, Braver SUB

This is a report to the students of the University of Alberta at Edmonton.

Through the co-operation of The Gateway, we are able to bring you the articles printed on this and the following page, updating you on progress towards a new Bigger, Braver, Better SUB.

What does the report say?

It says that a group of about 40 students is working towards preparing a detailed plan of what the new building will be and do.

It says that the Students' Council Committee on Students' Union Building Expansion has been organized. It tells you what these 40 people are doing to keep the expansion project moving. It explains why certain steps are being taken and why others aren't.

We reprint here verbatim a statement adopted by the Expansion committee which defines the role of the coming Students' Union Building for this campus.

* * *

ROLE OF THE STUDENTS' UNION BUILDING

1. The Students' Union Building is the community centre of the university, for all the members of the campus family—students, faculty, administration, alumni and guests. It is not just a building; it is also an organization and a program. Together these three elements represent a well-considered plan for the community life of the university.

2. As the living room or hearthstone of the university, the Students' Union Building provides for the services, conveniences and amenities the members of the campus family need in their daily life here, and for getting to know and understand one another through informal association outside the classroom.

3. The Students' Union Building is an extension of the educational program of the university.

It serves as a laboratory of citizenship, training students in social responsibility and for leadership in our democracy.

It provides facilities for cultural, recreational and social expression, aiming at making free-time activity complementary to formal educational studies.

It encourages self-initiated and self-directed activities, giving maximum opportunity for self-realization and for growth in individual competence and effectiveness.

Its goal is the development of persons as well as intellects.

4. The Students' Union Building serves as a unifying force to the life of the campus, cultivating enduring regard for loyalty to the university. It is owned and as far as possible directed and operated by students. Its underlying philosophy is two-fold: first, that students must learn to meet and respond to the challenges of responsibility and authority; and second, that the follies of today become tomorrow's wisdom.

Campus Grows, Union Changes, Council Plans

The SUB Expansion Committee is one of more than ten policy committees appointed by Students' Council for the betterment of student life on campus.

What is Council policy, and how do SUB Expansion and the other committees fit into an overall program for student affairs?

Under President Dave Jenkins, the 1962-63 Council is committed to a policy of (1) increasing participation and spirit in student affairs, and (2) advancing as far as possible on a program of building for the future.

How is this being done?

The first statement, referring to participation and spirit, is being implemented through a basic philosophy that if students want to do something, it's Council's job to try to help them do it.

It's not Council's job to try to talk students into doing things they don't want to do.

OFFERS SUPPORT

The Students' Council, a campus-wide co-ordinating group, can offer material, financial and administrative support for student-initiated projects. On a campus the size of ours, with an enrolment of some 7,500 students, there are always some grass-roots worthy causes needing support.

In the few weeks of this term, for instance, Council has backed and promoted two major innovations.

Under vice-president Anne Dodds, a new Student Volunteer Service organized a 1,000-student manpower pool to canvass the toughest section of the annual United Community Fund drive downtown.

Under Co-ordinator John Burns, a new "Football Weekend" including football game, dances, parade and parties, was run as a successful pilot project. Further new ideas are hoped to increase campus support for basketball and hockey games.

In addition, a \$200 grant has been approved towards organization of a students' Art Club; Male Chorus has been admitted to this year's budget after a successful first year and may well be a new Students' Union Club by Christmas; and a defunct Ballet Club has been reorganized.

COMMITTEES PLAN

The second aspect of policy—planning considerations for the future—involves the bulk of Council's committees this year.

SUB Expansion is one of these. Reorganization of Students' Union is another, as is Student Volunteer Service. The newly-formed Eskimo and Indian Affairs Committee was formed after lengthy debate of racial discrimination issues at a recent meeting.

Other committees study Students' Union bylaws, campus parking problems, and such problems as post-Christmas exams, feeding lunch to 7,500 students, campus signboards, high school extension, international exchange scholarships, and graduate student relationships.

The Students' Council Committee on SUB Expansion plans for adequate serving of future needs recreationally, extracurricularly and culturally.

LOOKS BEYOND 1980.

It looks ahead to the 1980's, when some 17,500 students are expected to be enrolled at this University. What needs will these students have which a new SUB can serve? It will survey existing needs, study trends and make predictions. From this planning will come working drawings eventually, and ultimately the new building—perhaps within three years.

In the meantime other committees study other important areas of student life, and ask the question: what must be done now to guarantee a minimum of problems for future student bodies?

From year to year, Councils continue to face these two basic questions: what do we do for this year, and what do we do for the future? The way the questions are answered depends first on Council's attitude to the climate of student affairs, and second, on its sense of responsibility to the future.

The answers themselves—and their validity as far as future as well as present students are concerned—depends simply on the amount and quality of work that students are willing to put into them.