

And SUB grows on, trying to fit YOU



THIS IS THE WAY IT IS

"Claustrophobogenetic." A word? Perhaps not. But it more than adequately describes the atmosphere of the Students' Union building this year, as enrollment has surpassed the 18,000 students which the building was designed to accommodate. Projected enrollment figures put 30,000 students on campus by 1975.

Crowding is experienced everywhere—in the Snack Bar, where it is necessary to line up at 10:00 a.m. for a cup of coffee; in the meeting rooms, which have been booked well in advance; and in the lounges—you have seen the Theatre Lobby.

Not all of the congestion is visible to the general student body. Gateway, Photodirectorate, CKSR, and the theatre all require more area.

To cope with the situation, three alternatives were considered: to construct another Students' Union building east of the Tuck Shop, to build a satellite which would be connected to the present structure, or to add to the existing SUB. The latter possibility seemed most feasible for cost reasons. Since May, Laura Scott's SUB Expansion Commission has been researching and planning the addition.

It will consist of two floors and a basement, a total of 85,300 square feet, constructed along the south wall of the existing building. Eighty-ninth Avenue will be blocked and become an enclosed pedestrian mall, along which commercial services and a sack lunch/lounge area will be installed.

The addition has been designed by the building's original architect, H. J. Richards, M.R.I.A.C., and is closely related to Diamond and Myer's Long Range Development Plan. It provides a pedestrian linkage system to connect the parking lot and the Phys Ed complex.

Students' Council accepted the draft proposal for the expansion on September 29.

Besides commercial facilities, several other new features will be implemented. A 12,800 square foot ballroom will be located on the second floor. It will provide an area for large assemblies, thus freeing Dinwoodie from the constant need to rearrange furniture, and relieving pressure from the theatre's schedule. The long-awaited, controversial pub

will be owned and operated by the Students' Union.

Sack lunchers will be provided with a 3,000 square foot area which will have vended services, a small hot servery, and can be used as a lounge/meeting place.

The growth of Students' Council and the increased desire for student participation at Council meetings has led to the need for larger Council chambers and a spectators' gallery. The room will also accommodate debates, small forums, and meetings.

Because of the high demand for meeting space, this requirement will be given top priority when extra footage in the addition and renovated SUB is assigned.

The most dramatic renovation will be the enclosure of the courtyard to provide an interior garden lounge. This will eliminate a back-front orientation of the building, to be replaced by a structure focusing on the courtyard as the center of student activity. Second story windows will be removed to provide a three-sided gallery overlooking the site.

Other renovations will give the building more lounges, a formal north entrance, a friendlier, more cheerful Dinwoodie, and other features which are presently lacking. CKSR and the theatre will gain space when Gateway is relocated in the addition.

P. S. Ross and Partners, a financial consulting firm, has been hired

to study the financial feasibility of the two million dollar addition. When their report is finished by the end of October, concrete decisions can be made concerning the proposed expansion.

Whatever the conclusions reached, SUB will be enlarged by 1971, giving students a building which will, hopefully, be more functional and less crowded.

Do you have any suggestions for the present building or for the proposed expansion? If so, drop them into the SUB Expansion suggestion box at the information desk, or come up to Room 248 SUB, and tell us about them.

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