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A MEETING OF THE GROUP—The three people who will be most directly concerned with the completion of the new SUB met on a very cold day last week. J. Marsh (left), Inspector for the Public Works Department, watches as Ray Thompson (centre), Poole Project Superintendent sights in a line. Looking on is Ed Monsma, new chairman of the SUB Planning Commission.

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Monsma appointed chairman of SU planning commission

The students' union building project will move toward completion under the supervision of a new student planner.

Ed Monsma, sci 3, has been appointed chairman of the students' union planning commission, succeeding Andy Brook who took over in 1964 and guided substantial revisions of the project before tendering in November.

Monsma will be responsible for insuring the building is constructed according to plans and he will initiate several new projects connected with the SUB.

One important new project will be the raising of money by fund-drives to re-insert such things as the outside mural, a permanent painting collection, and sculpture. These parts of the structure were deleted earlier to cut costs when building tenders were higher than expected.

Monsma is planning a public-relations campaign to inform possible contributors about the history, facilities, and needs of the building. An information brochure will be published for mailing purposes to supplement personal contacts and appeals.

Other areas of commission responsibility include purchase of special equipment, selection of furniture, extent of students' union control of non-students' union areas, new relationships between the program board and the policy of operations board, and the compiling of a comprehensive SUB history.

STUDENT CONTROL

Referring to the student role in the building, Monsma said, "I am keen on students maintaining con-

trol with the help of experts over the building they initiated, on seeing that everything planned for from the student point of view is being built in. The students' role in the building must be realized to full potential."

Monsma does not anticipate any changes in basic design such as the ones necessary when tenders were too high but we have to be ready for such changes, he said.

Now, 50 per cent of excavation

is completed on the building and 25 percent of the pilings are in place. Some concrete footings are positioned and according to project supervisor, Ray Thompson, the piling will be completed by early March. Progress is generally satisfactory, he says.

Work on the project has been slowed to some extent because of the extremely cold weather lately but will continue if it gets no colder.

Social change must precede universal education - Riddell

Social change is essential before universal education in Canada is possible, John Riddell told U of A students Thursday.

The left-wing editor of "Young Socialist Forum" discussed John Porter's "Vertical Mosaic" with students. Riddell claims Porter's book reveals a few company directors form an elite in Canadian economy.

This unequal concentration of wealth and economic power in Canada leads to a vast inequality of opportunities. The elite group has much greater opportunities for attending university than lower socio-economic classes, Riddell claims.

Riddell claims the political elite is dependent upon the economic elite. He pointed out the continual juggling of positions between the members of the economic and political elites.

The economy is run entirely by

the profit motives therefore the working class gains very little by increasing economic wealth of Canada, he says.

"There is monstrous dictatorship of the owners over the workers in the economy," says Riddell. He emphasizes the need for social action and reform.

Riddell claims unions are the arenas where necessary radicalization will take place. He says that student radicalization should coincide with the transformation of trade unions into active groups.

Riddell stressed that radicalism begins in trade unions and other organizations to integrate the working people into the movement. The working class feels powerless therefore it needs instruction and leadership to express its demands.

Once the people of the lower socio-economic class become aware of their social position there will be a radical movement and change, he said.

Lack of space hurts library

Needed additions to Cameron delayed at least two years

By RALPH MELNYCHUK

Urgently required expansion of Cameron Library will be delayed at least two years, says Chief Librarian Mr. Bruce Peel. Dairy Science labs now located in the North and South Labs cannot be vacated until the first building of the new engineering complex is ready for occupancy, he said.

Two proposed wings to Cameron Library which would double the present capacity would be built on the sites now occupied by the North and South Labs.

"As of April 1 the library will be entering the emergency phase spacewise," said Mr. Peel.

Asked about the possibility of additional study space in the libraries, Mr. Peel indicated the problem would get worse before it got better.

"Sure students are having a rough time, but so is my staff. I am expecting from 30 to 40 additions to the staff after April 1. Where would you put them?" he asked The Gateway's reporter.

He said he hoped the east entrance and the periodical storage room could be converted to provide adequate office space for this year.

RAPID EXPANSION

The situation is aggravated by the rapid rate at which we are expanding our collection, he said.

"Approximately 75,000 volumes and 25,000 documents will be added to the system this year," he said. "This figure will probably jump to 110,000 volumes next year."

One floor of Cameron Library will hold approximately 100,000 volumes, he said.

Mr. Peel hinted that indecision regarding the development of graduate programs and the status of the university at Calgary were significant factors in determining the present size of Cameron Library.

"The year plans were finalized for the library we bought 15,000 volumes. We decided that purchases would eventually level off at a maximum of 50,000 volumes per year. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that in the year we moved in we bought 49,000 volumes."

Cameron Library was opened in the fall of 1963.

"We had always planned to add the wings to Cameron, but we never dreamed we would need them so soon," he said.

The only substantial addition to the library system this year will be another floor on the education library, he said.

"It may be necessary in the near future to re-introduce the system of closed stacks on a limited scale," he said.

Before Cameron was built most of the books were at Rutherford in closed stacks.

Mr. Peel blamed the present system of allocating funds for the inadequate collection in the Undergraduate Library. Many departments are not ordering books for this library, he said.

Federal aid essential to research

A substantial increase in federal grants for medical research is essential before future medical services in Canada are suitable to the needs of society, according to a recent medical report.

The 73-page report was presented to Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp and Health Minister Allan MacEachen by a group representing medical scientists and educators across Canada.

The group is concerned because the federal government gave only \$25 million in grants—\$4 million less than expected.

This discourages the creation of an environment for medical research favorable enough to lure researchers back from the United States and to keep them in Canada.

The attraction of undergraduates to medical research as a career is removed by the present unfavorable conditions, the report stated.

To create a favorable environment by 1969-70, the report estimates \$150 million will be required for new research space and equipment. More than \$100 million per year will be required for operating expenses in 1969-70, and a minimum of \$80 million per year will be needed in grants.

U of A's biochemistry department is an example of future expansion plans that will depend on government aid.

Professor J. S. Colter, head of biochemistry, projects that by 1973-74 his staff will increase by two and one-half, and additional floor space needed will triple the area of his department.

His department has required an electron microscope which is crucial for work with viruses, and has not the funds to obtain it.

Prof. Colter gave this as an example of how inadequate funds can impose difficulties on medical science research. He said such equipment is costly (electron microscope: \$50,000) and the price can be expected to rise.

He emphasized that new medical developments, such as open heart surgery, must come from research, and the health of many future Canadians may depend on whether or not the federal government decides to give medical research the financial shot in the arm it needs.