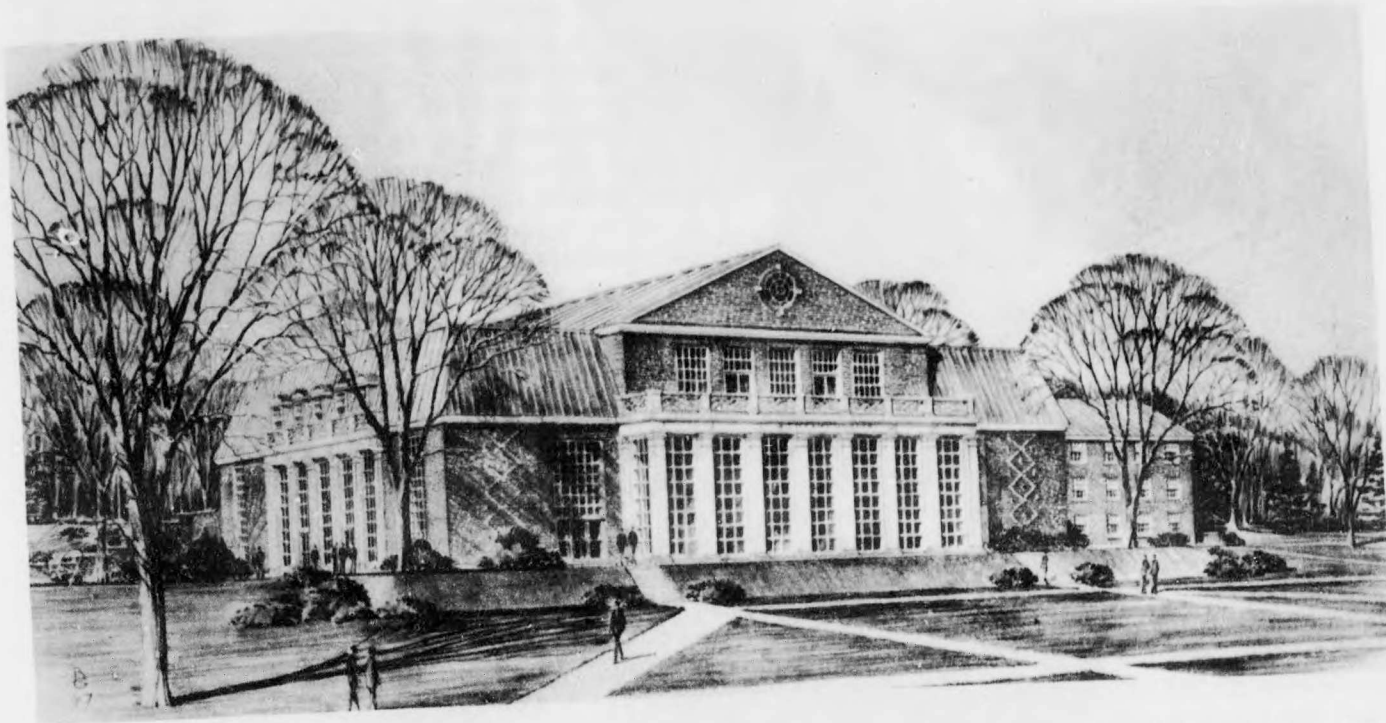


## The New Student Union Building



**THE UNB-STU-TC STUDENT UNION BUILDING** is at last becoming a concrete reality. After more than three years of research, planning, and negotiations, the SUB committee has seen the birth of the tri-campus student centre through its most difficult labours. By January of 1969, if the latest construction deadline goes according to plan, the students of the University of New Brunswick, St. Thomas University and Teachers' College, will have a common gathering place in the center of an expanded, and still expanding, campus.

Students of UNB contributed ten dollars each per year during 1963, 1964 and 1965, and since last fall fifteen dollars each per year. This year UNB students alone are giving more than \$52,000 towards the financing of the two-million-dollar project. Altogether, UNB, St. Thomas and Teachers' College students will be paying for half the estimated cost of the building over a fifteen year period.

The other half of the cost is being financed by the University of New Brunswick through an agreement which is being worked out between the SUB committee and UNB president Colin B. Mackay, chairman of the UNB senate. Originally the intent of the SUB committee had been to have the administrations of the three educational institutions provide matching grants to the student levies. However, in 1966 the Department of Education, through which Teachers' College is financed, turned down the SUB committee petition. Since then, President Mackay has made it apparent that the senate of UNB will assume sole responsibility for providing the matching grants on behalf of the three administrations. At present the exact financial arrangements are still being negotiated — but the present chairman of the SUB committee states that loans will

probably be made through the Bank of Montreal by the university, with the students acting as guarantors. There are as yet no written contractual agreements between the students and administration on the financing of the SUB.

Currently under review is the problem of division of authority in the management of the new SUB once it is finished. The university, besides being a fiscal partner, will be providing all maintenance and services for the building. The precise relationships between student-controlled and administration-controlled SUB management has yet to be defined, although shortly, a guideline will be released by the SUB committee through which it will work, in deciding this issue with the university.

However, the real problems of bringing SUB into existence are past and accomplished. The idea of a new student centre at UNB began in 1963 under Sandy LeBlanc, then SRC president. He and Richard Oland, who became the SUB committee's first chairman, initiated the idea of the SUB. In the spring of 1963, the SRC passed a resolution to create an annual student levy of ten dollars per individual, for a fund for enlarging present campus student facilities, or building new ones.

A SUB committee, to gather information and present suggestions, was formed in the spring of 1964. In the course of the next year and a half, first St. Thomas University, and then Teachers' College students, agreed to participate in financing the new SUB. Thus SUB, which first started out as a relatively modest \$400,000 structure, grew to become a projected \$1,200,000 investment by the fall of 1965.

In the spring of 1966, the SUB committee assumed a definite structure to oversee actual building