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**THE TENDER TRAP**—Unhappiness is opening tendered bids for construction of a university students' union building. The grimacing group (from left to right) are: Charles V. Heim, co-ordinator of capital works; M. R. Berretti and George A. Jellinek of the architectural firm Richards, Berretti and Jellinek; John M. Whidden, Bursar; and Hon. F. J. Colborne, minister of public works.

## Set-backs old-hat for SUB

Students were warned of increasing SUB costs.

One month ago, Andy Brook, SUB planning commission chairman, told the students' union the price of their new building would increase considerably.

At the time Brook said construction costs in Edmonton had risen 20 per cent during September.

This increase was largely due to a building boom in Western Canada, he said.

The project, including furnishings, was budgeted at more than \$4 million last fall.

The lowest tender received Nov. 3 was \$5,395,000 for construction costs alone. The cost of furnishings might be expected to increase the cost to more than \$6 million.

### SUB HISTORY

The present SUB was built in 1950 at the end of a post-war enrolment boom which caused the campus to swell with the addition of returning officers.

The early fifties saw little growth or activity and the SUB was not used to capacity.

Then the post-war population explosion showed itself in a rapid increase in enrolment in the sixties, making SUB inadequate for campus needs.

SUB expansion has been an issue on campus since 1961, the year a Committee on Students' Union Building Expansion was appointed. In 1962-63 a committee of coun-

cil chaired by Iain Macdonald was established to prepare a detailed proposal for expansion. Frank Noffke was retained as general consultant for the project.

The committee's preliminary proposal was approved in principle by the students' council and council retained the firms of Richards-Berretti-Jellinek and Clarkson-Gordon as architects and financial consultants respectively.

The project, which has been approved in a four-to-one favorable vote in referendum, was then prepared in detail by the student planners and consultants.

### THREE-STORY STRUCTURE

At this time the project involved a three-storey structure to be built on the site of the students' union parking lot, south of the present SUB.

The project was approved in principle by the Board of Governors, Feb. 19, 1964 and was returned to student planners for study and redesign.

The Board at this time also decided to have the location changed to build the new SUB on the area between the armed services building and the administration building.

The change in site of the building was caused by the administration's decision to include a bookstore in the new SUB—formerly the site between the administration building and the armed services build-

ing had been reserved for a proposed bookstore.

The students and consultants felt the change of site made a revision necessary and the Students' Union Planning Commission went back to the drawing board.

### DISSATISFACTION

Meanwhile, student dissatisfaction was becoming evident and the newly-elected students' council established a board of inquiry to investigate the project and assess student opinion of the project.

There was no great student interest for or against the proposal and planners continued project revisions.

During the summer of 1964, the students' union hired Marvin Swenson to act as professional adviser to the student government and general manager of the students' union.

J. Andrew Brook was appointed chairman of SUPC for the 1964-65 term and the commission began detailed reports.

The revised detailed proposal, which the student planners and consultants prepared for the building, was approved by students' council Dec. 1.

The Board of Governors approved the design concept and the facilities list Dec. 4.

The University Capital Development Committee approved the financial aspects of the SUB project Dec. 14.

# SUB estimates prove too low

*Building boom contributes to unexpected increase*

By LORRAINE MINICH

Tenders received for the new SUB are \$2,500,000 more than what was expected.

The cost of the building was originally estimated at \$3,150,000. Three weeks ago this estimate was revised to \$3,900,000.

But when tenders came in, bids were much higher than expected. They were: Alta-West Construction, \$5,700,000; Foundation Company of Canada, 5,495,000; Laing Construction Company, \$5,446,000; and Poole Construction Company, \$5,395,000.

Only minor changes in the new building are expected.

An emergency meeting of the students' council was held Nov. 3. Not all members were present, but the project was discussed fully.

According to Andy Brook, students' union planning commission chairman, the Board of Governors expected a price increase up to half a million dollars.

Richard Price, students' union president, attributed the cost increase to the rising cost of construction and the demand situation in Edmonton at the present time.

"We couldn't have hit the economy at a worse time," he said.

### THREE ALTERNATIVES

At the Wednesday meeting, Brook outlined the following three alternatives for handling the situation:

- Accept the lowest bid as it stands; this would entail raising an additional \$2.5 million. The students' union would be responsible for \$1.7 million.

- Start again and completely redesign the building to be a smaller and less expensive complex. This has several disadvantages in that the three to six month delay involved would mean tendering at the worst time of the year; and the building is needed by 1967.

- Reduce costs as far as possible without redesigning and raise the money to make up the difference.

Council passed the following recommendation: "That the students' union planning commission investigate ways of cutting the costs of the building as far as possible without substantially hurting the quality, function, and appearance of the building and once this has been done, that various ways of raising the financial deficiency be investigated."

### TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

This recommendation was presented in a brief to the Board of Governors at their meeting in Calgary.

The Board agreed basically to the proposal to trim costs and go ahead with the building.

The project will be referred to the capital development commission for further study. A group of administrative officials and representatives of the provincial government are members of the commission.

"Things look better now; I'm optimistic that a workable solution will soon develop," said Price.

## Teach-ins banned at King's

HALIFAX (CUP) — The president of the University of King's College proclaimed a ban on teach-ins at his campus Oct. 21.

In a statement issued to Halifax newspapers, Dr. H. D. Smith said, "There will be no further teach-ins on the premises of King's College pending further study of the purposes of such gatherings."

The move followed a teach-in on higher education at which university officials were hissed several times when they expressed disagreement with the idea of free tuition.

In connection with the University of Toronto teach-in Oct. 9, which was piped into the King's College auditorium, Dr. Smith said he was "unhappy about a certain element, sometimes pseudo-intellectual, whose main purpose seems to be to conduct a vindictive and vituperative attack on the United States and her foreign policy."

"I'm critical of students, and any professors who may join them, who seek to destroy goodwill with our neighbours to the south," he said.

"The only responsibility evident among these agitators is to be against everything that suggests the status quo in our governments and in our society," said Dr. Smith.

Robbie Shaw, students' union president at Dalhousie University, said Smith might have been apprehensive about alienating American contributors to King's. Dalhousie University issues degrees for King's.

Joseph Williams, Dalhousie CUS chairman, said Dr. Smith is "showing the same intolerance that he accuses the left-wing of having."

For a mess of pottage he is willing to surrender free speech and academic freedom."

King's students' council president, John Cleveland, presented a motion condemning the ban and calling for an immediate retraction.

Dr. Henry Hicks, president of Dalhousie University and a former premier of Nova Scotia, said he is "generally opposed" to the move.

"Even if I felt more strongly opposed to the views expressed in recent teach-ins than Dr. Smith, I don't feel that banning or curbing them is realistic," he said.