

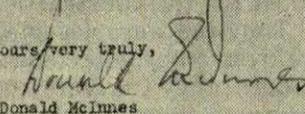
## FULL SUPPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

  
 DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY  
 HALIFAX, N. S.  
 November 27, 1959  
 Dear Mr. Matheson and Mr. Fraser:  
 Re: Student's Union Building

The memorandum prepared by yourselves with respect to the proposed Student's Union building was considered at length at the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Tuesday last. The expression of opinion by members of the Board endorsed the enthusiasm of the Student's Council with respect to a Student's Union building.

The expansion of the University, particularly with relation to the present building program and anticipated additions, places a heavy burden on the University to finance all these projects. Nevertheless, I was asked to convey to the student body, on behalf of the Board, its great interest. The Board considers that it could not at this time acquire property on University Avenue for the purpose of a Student's Union building, that is to say, it would not wish to outlay a substantial sum of money immediately. Nevertheless, should the Student's Council wish to proceed with its plans the University would be willing to acquire land on University Avenue, or some other location, when the Student's Council has sufficient money available. No immediate thought has been given to the site but it would be the intention of the University to acquire property for the aforementioned purposes when it is clear that the Student's Council is able to finance the project. It would have to be understood that all plans would meet with the approval of the University and its Architects.

The Board much appreciates the interest of the student body in these proposals and it wishes to encourage such enthusiasm.

Yours very truly,  
  
 Donald McInnes  
 Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Messrs. D. Matheson and M. Fraser,  
 Co-Chairmen - Student Union Building Committee,  
 Dalhousie University,  
 Halifax, N. S.

DM:1

## CROSS-SECTION OF CAMPUS OPINION HEAVILY FAVOURS S.U.B. BUILDING

**Joan Hennessey Arts 4):** I think that the S.U.B. should be built if it only means getting rid of the canteen and that edifice which houses it. Quite frankly I'm beginning to wonder if even a students' building could raise the apathetic spirit around this campus, but it certainly should be a good start, especially with the new men's residence. I'm certainly going to vote—**YES.**

**Duncan Murray (Pre-med I):** With a university of this size and stature there is no reason why the student body should let it "rest on its laurels". We should take an active part in enlarging it and helping it to keep growing.

**Wilfred Harrison (Arts I):** We require a S.U.B. to fill the roll of a central meeting place for all students, so that something approaching University "spirit" can be aroused; apathy may even be abolished!

Student organizations have a great need to be identified with a permanent location for their headquarters and meetings, a further function that the S.U.B. will fill.

The provision of better eating facilities than those of the present canteen is a final most desirable point.

**Al Marble (Engineering):** When the Law Building is extended it appears that the men's residence of today will be removed from the campus. Since the officers of the various student organizations are housed in the men's residence, steps must be taken to ensure that these organizations obtain a new home. The answer is a Student Building.

**Margaret Doody (Arts):** The organizations on campus have to have some place to meet where the roof doesn't look as if it's going to fall in. Also, you only have to look around our unique canteen to realize the crying need for a decent place to forgather.

**Peter Green (Commerce):** I would vote "yes" for a S.U.B. because at the present time student activities at Dalhousie are at a low ebb and are not well coordinated. A S.U.B. would be more than a building; it would be a centre of co-operation, co-ordination and student life on this campus. Without a S.U.B. student activities will find it extremely hard to survive.

## HERE'S WHAT THE LAWYERS SAY:

**Reg Smith (Law III):** The prime purpose of a university is to foster in its students a curiosity for the things of the mind. A student's intellectual curiosity is piqued by the lectures he receives in the classroom, but it is only brought to fulfillment by discussion and thought. One of the greatest incentives to thought and study is discussion. Students must place their thoughts in the market place of ideas, where they will be modified, tempered, and deepened.

In order to encourage intellectual discussion the students must be given congenial surroundings in which to meet. As it is today, as soon as classes are over, the students close their books and go their respective ways. There is nothing to keep them together; no bond which unites them on the road to learning. They do not have the "close companionship for which youth longs, and that chance of the endless discussion of the themes which are endless, without which youth would seem a waste of time."

**Paul McIntyre (Law III):** A student union helped provide equilibrium in the life of the student, and should be considered as a necessity on any university campus for the purpose of facilitating the necessary extra-curricular activities which ease the pain of tired minds and sublimate the excess energy of others.

**Innis Christie, Senior Student, University of King's College (Law I):** Although it is an accepted fact that King's has a college spirit, that has never been, and would never be known at Dalhousie. With a S.U.B., as a focal point for student interest and activity, there would grow up on the Dalhousie campus something of the same feeling that makes life at the senior university such a fine experience.

**Cameron Smith (Law III):** The greatest contribution the building could make is in the realm of the intangible. I trust the building would provide a centre for student activity and leisure, where students would have a better opportunity to associate with one another, and to discover interests within the university rather than feeling forced to look outside, as many do. When the student union building does fulfill this role, then there will be strong nourishment for a sense of identity, of unity, of pride, and even of responsibility that to varying degrees I find lacking on the campus at present. The pivotal sense is essential for the creation and maintenance of a leading university; without it the students as a whole will never realize their full potential.

**Brian Flemming (Law I):** The proposed S.U.B., according to the Gazette, has been the object of many student leaders at Dalhousie. However, I don't think plans have ever reached the stage at which they are now. I think alumni of this university would look back with deep regret for their lack of foresight and willingness to sacrifice for future students if they turned down the S.U.B. this week.

**Gary Homer (Law III):** I feel that a S.U.B. should be an integral part of any campus. It is the place where student activity is co-ordinated and centered. It should be thought of as one of the many factors which go together to give one a good, round education. The training that we receive in college in meeting, conversing, and associating with other students should be as important as the purely academic training; and to obtain one at the expense of the other results on a one-sided outlook on life. This failure can be resolved by the addition on the campus of a Students' Union Building.

## MEDS OPINIONS—

Student Union Buildings are essential for the promotion and preservation of the student way of life on any campus. A greater need at Dal is obvious, due to the small number living in residence. Ask any student in graduate studies coming from a college where such a building was prominent on their former campus and they will tell you, a SUB is badly needed here.

**Floyd MacDonald, Med III.**

I am behind the SUB 100%, especially from our positions as medical students, as we lack recreation and canteen facilities at Forrest campus. Furthermore, the SUB would be the unifying force between Forrest and Studley campi, which is a desirable thing.

**Dale Dauphinee, Med I.**

Now at last that students of Dalhousie have a "cause" to agitate for, an opposition to buck, and something worthwhile that can be gained—if not for us—then perhaps for our grandchildren (we should live so long)—then it becomes apparent to me at least that our way is obvious—to vote PRO/SUB.

**Vivian Boniuk, Med I.**

There once was a fellow named Vince—  
 SUBconsciously tried to convince  
 From a bank to solicit  
 He surmised they wouldn't miss it  
 No word has been heard on it since.  
 (Alcatraz '73)

Why a SUB?

1 A central meeting place for the students—

This will help to—

(a) Improve the spirit of the student body:

1 By increasing the chances of the students of meeting one another.

2 By giving the students a place to gather so as to be able to generate spirit.

(b) Improve the educational opportunities for the students by giving them a chance to meet and talk with and partake in activities with members of faculties other than their own.

2 It will allow the Athletic dept to make more use of the facilities in the gym.

**Alan Kaplan, Med II.**

## TELEGRAMS

Best wishes on successful outcome to referendum. McGill students united on stand for their new union. Hope Dalhousie will lead the way. Value unquestionable.

**Ray Heenan,  
 Vice-President and  
 Past President, McGill.**

On behalf of the Student Union at Acadia, may I wish you every success in student referendum on Feb. 18 and 19. Union Building at Acadia is an integral part of the life of our students in fact it is the centre of campus life. I feel that Dalhousie campus would be greatly enriched by the addition of a student SUB Building. It would help provide the foundations upon which to build a greater spirit and in-

creased daily intercourse between students. Finally a Union Building would be a legacy from present students both to the university and to succeeding student bodies and an achievement of which you could be justly proud.

**Charles N. Armstrong,  
 Pres. Students Union,  
 Acadia University.**

Wish you the best of luck in important student project.

**Ted Bowell, President,  
 UNB Student Council.**

Best of luck on referendum, SUB essential on every campus.

**Paul McGrattan,  
 Pres. Students Council,  
 St. F.X.**



**PROF. E. C. HARRIS**  
 Financial Adviser



**M. FRASER AND D. MATHESON**  
 Co-Chairmen of SUB Committee

## REFERENDUM

**WHERE— CLASSROOM**  
**WHEN— ★ THURSDAY and FRIDAY**  
**HOW— SECRET BALLOT**

**★IF YOU ARE NOT IN CLASSES ON THESE DATES YOU WILL BE CALLED FOR YOUR VOTE.**