

EXPANSION

No

can add the human touch that is not found in the present building. As previously mentioned the expansion, I feel, will secure us a PUB. If students on campus know they are in favor of the PUB in this referendum, applied with the lobbying program the union is carrying out, the way should be clear for the necessary legalities to be completed. It's been suggested in some quarters that students should have to pay for SUB facilities, that it is the university's provincial government's responsibility to finance our needs. But any realistic appraisal of the situation shows that neither of these two bodies has the money available to do so. Students should also realize that their union is more responsive to their needs than the university administration which would run the SUB facilities if it paid the cost. By the time the expansion is completed in 1971 the campus will have increased by almost 1000 students. Your "yes" vote on Jan. 23 will insure a worthwhile SUB to meet your needs.

by Bill Bradley Arts rep

Although I see need in many areas of SUB expansion, I personally do not favor the referendum asking the students' approval to implement the planned SUB expansion scheme. I commend the SUB expansion commission and student council for carrying out the architectural and financial feasibility studies they have undertaken. I see two basic reasons for not supporting the proposed expansion:

Educational aims

I believe that the student union's first aim should be that of striving to improve the kind and quality of education in our university, and secondly, to undertake a large educational program bringing to students many of the important affairs and problems of our world.

Increasing trend

I think the increasing trend of students wishing to manage and

operate food and retail services is dangerous to our primary aims. New services are very costly to construct, requiring time and experienced administrators to operate them efficiently. As a result, much of the student union's efforts become channelled into business affairs, detracting from our main concerns. I find it hilarious that student council tries to legislate new efficiencies in any financial matter that comes up. The student union already lacks a sense of direction, purpose, and commitment towards achieving its primary objectives.

University's responsibility

Thus, I maintain that the provision of basic services—such as food, recreational or caretaking, etc., should remain under the responsibility of the university and administration. In the past the university has failed to provide the necessary functions. Extensive food facil-

ities are now under construction and others soon to start. I believe strongly that needed retail services should remain on the periphery of the campus—yet well linked to it. I hoped the Diamond-Myers plan would encourage this.

Meeting place

In short, I think the Students' Union Building should be a meeting place for students to sit and converse—not a shopping mall or food centre or recreational building. I would like to see separate adequate food and recreation buildings on campus, financed by the university and managed by professional administrators. The Students' Union could be a building with lounge space, to serve as many students per square foot as possible. It should have space for cultural and educative programs and forums.

Proposed SUB

In the new proposed SUB over 20,000 square feet are planned for commercial services, necessary to partly finance the project. With this in mind, I would not want to pay \$3. I would rather see these services

on the edge of the campus, in a centre.

One extra block

For I would gladly walk one block extra to satisfy my retail needs and save \$3 a year. When you sit on council and waste hours arguing building, management and finance policies—you soon learn that it is one big pain in the ass.

Times of inflation

SUB expansion is conditional to a 30-year loan from the provincial government. If I were in the legislature today, I would not support this loan request. In times of inflation and economic stress, the government is urging restraint. Also, I believe 2½ million could be better used to benefit those people in greater need in Alberta.

Let union wait

It is very easy and nice to say \$3 per year is very little, and SUB expansion a good thing, but let's not be naive and selfish at the same time. Let the student union wait until it has more bucks in its pockets. After all, we can't have everything!

Union poll



They should, that's all."
Mrs. Mary-Jane Fisk
bookstore clerk



"It depends on the cost and who's going to pay it."
Sylvia Stanley
rec admin 4



"I suppose it's a good idea as long as, after a period of time, they drop the three dollar fee increase."
C. B. Sherman
eng 2



"I'm all for the expansion. I think we definitely need more space in this building."
Kerry Dawson
rec admin 4



"From what I've read about it I think it's a good deal. Three dollars for \$2,000,000 worth of expansion is a good deal."
Garry Phillips
comm 2

—Dave Hebditch photos

In an opinion poll conducted by The Gateway, the following results were obtained to the question: "Do you think students will vote 'yes' or 'no' in the upcoming referendum on SUB expansion?"

