



"I HAVE A VISION"—The Friendly Giant, Mr. Richards, (who is also known as "The Master Builder") overlooks his model of his design for the New SUB. Student council members were awe-struck for the first time in their respectful lives when they saw where four and a half million dollars would go. The model will be on display in SUB all day Tuesday and will be presented to council tonight.

Photo by Heinz Moller

SUB Plans Presented To Council

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SUB Expansion Reporter

Sunday afternoon, hopes were raised to new heights that the new Students' Union Building may at last become a reality.

At the Corona Hotel, Iain MacDonald and the planning consultants presented the completed proposal to members of Students' Council and the university administration.

The proposal, which is the result of two years of detailed planning and analysis, offered a complete picture of the new centre for student activity.

For the first time in two years members of council had the opportunity to express any doubts or concerns which they may have harbored about the project.

FOUR FACTORS

MacDonald introduced the proposal to the seminar members, some of whom were unfamiliar with the proceedings to date. In stressing the need for a new building he suggested four factors had to be considered in arriving at facilities and design:

•The sheer size of the university campus made the existing building inadequate.

•The fact that half the population are commuters means the university is a "nine to five" institution.

One must recognize that lectures are important but that "intellectualism derives from what the student wishes to place between lectures."

•The presence of students from rural and urban areas means that the interests of both must be given consideration where these interests differ.

•The existence of campus insularity resulting from the relatively narrow lines of communications must be corrected.

CENTRAL POINT

The new building would permit some degree of campus centralization. It would bring people together for whatever purpose they may wish in an atmosphere conducive to relaxation.

In commenting on the proposal, Frank Noffke, planning consultant, said, "it is the best and most complete proposal I have seen. The Planning Commission deserves a great deal of credit."

Noffke stated that if he had any criticism it would be that "the commission has been too facility conscious and not program conscious to maximum extent desirable."

FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE

Doug McTavish presented the report of Clarkson, Gordon & Co. on the financial feasibility of the building. In their report the consultants assumed that the revenue-producing facilities would meet their own capital costs and operating expenses. These comprise about half of the four million dollar costs of the building.

This means that the Students' Union must finance about two million dollars of the capital costs from student fees. The report suggests that is quite feasible in view of the present fee structure.

Following the presentation of the financial report which has been uppermost in most students' minds, Mr. Richards, the architect of the proposed building, outlined his design philosophy. He and other members of the Planning Commission entertained questions relating to facilities and general design.

STRIKING BEAUTY

The members of the seminar were awe-struck by the aesthetic beauty of the exterior design and the practicality of the interior design of the model which has been prepared. It showed that the architect understands the needs of the students and the university in having a building which is both exciting and functional.

The detailed proposal was presented to an open meeting of Students' Council Monday night. It is hoped that council can approve in principle the proposal as it now stands.

Chemistry Apparatus Explodes, Student Charges Labs Unsafe

A third-year science student was threatened with explosion last week when he suggested to his colleagues that the laboratories were unsafe.

Brian Flewwelling made the statements after two students were sprayed with hot chemical when an apparatus blew up. These two students were directed to the safety showers at the end of the lab and when the chain was pulled, nothing happened.

They were then treated with tap water from an adjacent sink. Fortunately, their injuries were not serious.

INVESTIGATION DEMANDED

The chemistry department was informed immediately and was asked by twenty students to investigate the safety equipment of the labs.

It was then noted by Flewwelling, that the fire extinguisher in this lab had not been checked since August of 1960 and that there were no first-aid kits or first-aid personnel on the floor.

When Flewwelling informed the other students of the situation he was threatened with explosion from the course by Dr. R. K. Brown, who is in charge of the organic chemistry labs on the second floor of the Chem Building.

ONE QUARTER SAFE

After further investigation, Flewwelling reported that only three out of the dozen or more showers that were checked were turned on.

Dr. Brown said that "the labs are perfectly safe," and the experiments were designed in such a way that serious accidents were practically impossible. "In the twenty years that I have been here, we have never had to use the showers," he added.

Dr. Brown also said that the sinks are usually handier and that the showers provide too much of a temptation to the students. The showers release 25 or 30 gallons of water no matter how little you want, he added.

STICKY FINGERS

The reason for no first-aid kits, according to Dr. Davies, was that the band-aids kept disappearing.

Flewwelling said, "How can two sets of apparatus blow up within one hour in labs that are perfectly safe? Also, anytime that acids are boiled in test tubes, there is an element of danger. Whenever a danger exists, and means are available to reduce it, they should be used."

"In my discussion with Dr. Brown, he said there was one exception in which the showers were needed, but the temptation of the students to release them was too great and it led to a lot of mess and bother.

WORTHWHILE BOTHER

"The way I see it, is that if the floors had to be mopped up every day for 100 years before they were needed, the price paid would be a bargain like the A & N never offered," Flewwelling commented.

Another student added that if a person was sprayed with hot acid, as has happened, the sinks prove very inadequate for these purposes. Only the showers would suffice.

During a lecture the following day, Dr. Brown was heard to say that the department was very concerned about the safety in the labs but they do not want people messing around labs and disturbing students.

Catholics Approve

Contraceptives Recommended

Should contraceptives be used as a public health measure, much like vaccination?

This idea could become fact, if the government were to accept the recommendations of an assembly which met in Virginia recently. The assembly, composed of both Catholics and non-Catholics, made two major proposals according to a Journal report:

•That contraceptives should be made available to both married and unmarried persons on request.

•That this should be done at public expense.

The Gateway collected some comments on the assembly's proposals.

Professor A. P. Jacoby of the sociology department, while expressing sympathy for the motives that prompted the recommendations, pointed out a difficulty involved in using public funds to carry out birth control measures, since these are against the moral scruples of a large proportion of the public.

Apology
Demanded
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