

THESE ARE THE PLANS — AND HOW WE CAN MAKE THEM MATERIALIZE

WARM MODERN FACILITIES IN PROPOSED S.U.B.

The contemporary architectural style of the proposed Student Union Building was designed to promote an atmosphere for student relaxation, with ample facilities for social and cultural activities and occasional formal affairs.

The flexible design includes three basic centres of student activity: the coffee shop, the auditorium, and the office wing. These are grouped around the lounge and are only a few steps from the main entrance.

Upon entering the S.U.B. the student will receive a view much unlike that of most other Student Union buildings. The strategically placed lounge, with its warm colors and sunken fireplace, should provide a completely relaxing atmosphere conducive to rest and conversation.

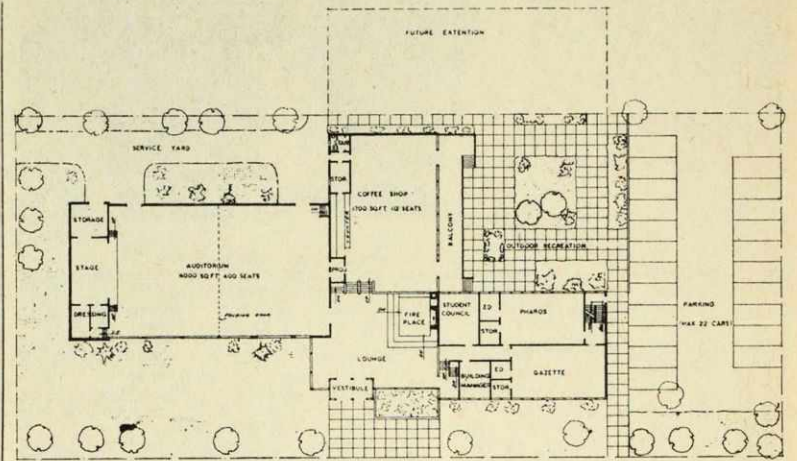
The auditorium, enclosing 400 square feet, can be converted into two large multi-

purpose rooms by means of a folding door. This will undoubtedly provide a sophisticated atmosphere for formals, movies, and debates, and can be used as a lounge, reading room and music room at other times.

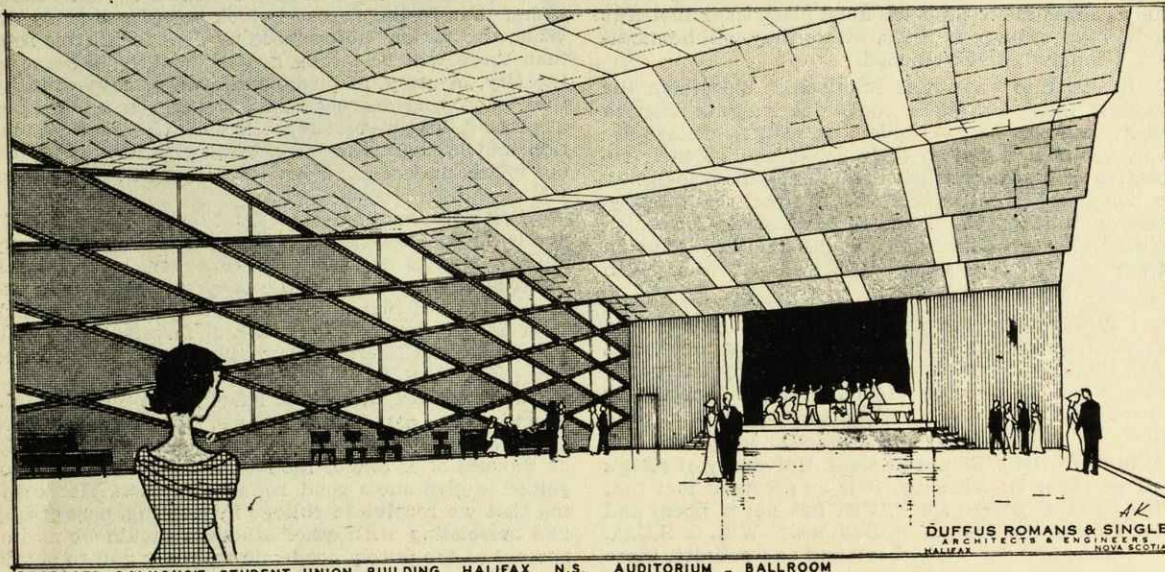
Below the spacious coffee shop there will be recreation rooms where one may play billiards, ping-pong or cards. Coat rooms and washrooms will also be located here.

Below the large Pharos and Gazette offices there will be a barbershop, a student-operated bookstore (reasonable prices), a publicity office and a photography room. The upper level of the office wing will contain offices for campus organizations, and a committee meeting room will be located on the upper level of the office wing.

Provisions has been made for future extension.



First floor plan from a sketch by Duffus, Romans and Single.



PROPOSED DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION BUILDING HALIFAX N.S. AUDITORIUM - BALLROOM

FINANCING THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING

The students in the next two days are being asked to vote for a fee increase of \$10.00 per student in order that the visions of a S.U.B. will turn into a reality. Upon the referendum being passed a S.U.B. will be erected along University Avenue in four to five years' time. This is a guarantee of the S.U.B. Committee and the Students' Council. This S.U.B. will be valued at a half a million dollars.

The question probing many minds is "How can such a project result from a mere increase of \$10.00 per student per year?"

The tentative cost of the S.U.B. is \$450,000 consisting of:

Architects present estimate	\$317,000
Furniture and fixtures, increased costs, possible discrepancies in estimates	133,000
Total	\$450,000

The summary of the proposed method of financing the S.U.B. is as follows:

- (1) Students' yearly contribution, present funds, and other income from other student projects, 1961-65 \$150,000
 - (2) Mortgage of building projects, 1965 150,000
 - (3) Other sources 150,000
- \$450,000**
- (4) The property upon which the building will be erected will be given to the students by the University who has promised to purchase such land when we are ready to build.

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The fee increase, present funds, and other student projects amounting to \$150,000 is based upon an enrollment ranging from 1600 to 2000 over the next five years, and upon prompt and efficient investment of the funds as they are contributed.

The mortgage on the proposed building can be obtained in the 4th or 5th year by maintaining the fee increase to guarantee payment of the mortgage, thus the erection of the SUB can commence.

Other sources include donations from interested alumni, commitments from those interested in furnishing the rooms, and a request to the University to include the SUB within a campus-wide financial campaign when it commences.

The goal of the SUB committee is first and foremost to erect our SUB in 4 to 5 years time, and at

the same time attempt to alleviate the financial burden on the students as much as possible. Students must realize that we at Dalhousie are in the peculiar position of being unable to have the University itself finance the major portion of such a project. It is our understanding that the University is now in the process of financing and maintaining some of our new buildings, and are committed to erect several other new structures before it can begin to even think of taking over the major financial role of a Dalhousie SUB.

Thus in planning a financial scheme the students must face the issue with full appreciation of this situation and depend upon their representatives and SUB organizers to do their utmost to find ways and means to lessen the burden on the students.

The present students council fee is \$16.00. This is one of the lowest of Canadian Universities of comparable size and situation in relation to allocation of fees and financial policy. A survey recently made indicates that the average students council fee as such is \$25.00. Therefore, in considering an increase of \$10.00 we are not levying a fee over and above what is the general practise.

Detailed information on surveys such as mentioned and financial proposals as set out by the SUB committee and its Advisory Board are available to all students interested.

It is submitted that unless the students themselves lead such a campaign as proposed no one else will be willing to support it. For 30 years Dalhousie students have been appealing for a Dalhousie SUB and have met without success in getting someone to finance it. We have now reached a point achieved by no other Dalhousie SUB campaign. We know exactly what we want, how we can get it, and where it is going to be. Unless this referendum is passed, we might as well face reality and accept the fact that we will not see such a building for at least another 30 years.

TOMORROW IS HERE

Other student bodies have faced the decision Dal students will be making tomorrow and Friday.

They too were asked to approve or quash a fee raise earmarked for the construction of a S.U.B.

They too were deserted campi after the morning classes were over; they too could get little support for student endeavours; they too were known as poor country cousins when it came to entertaining campus visitors — official or unofficial.

These students were also students governed from offices so far-fung, and disorganized that the only effect was to prove again the revised platitude that there is no unity in diversity and squalor.

They realized as individuals that, as well as casting a ballot authorizing or refusing their own expenditure, they were adding their voice to a choir the hymn of which could be happy and harmonious or rough and discordant; their song could be one of future student unity, or a dirge of continuing student disunity and apathy.

These students voted on a fee raise issue, but they also voted to change a deplorable situation.

And change it they did.

On these campi now are Students' Union Buildings symbolizing a new student spirit and unity: all are monuments to the first concerted effort in their own behalf these students ever made; all are the homes of a strong, coordinated student government and a relaxed yet vital student body; all are great vats in which student ferment can flourish—the ferment necessary to dynamic and unified student endeavour.

To the point where the change came, the parallel of these campi with Dal is perfect.

Here we do have disunity: chaotic—because disjoined—student government, a student body each member of which, because he is obliged to plod his own way, is the half-living lie of a student, and student endeavours that are characterized by the support of the living few who participate in them.

Whether Dal students will change all this is now given in a referendum to you, the student, as it was at these other universities.

Will Dal students strike for a student body that lives, or will they, because \$10 is too much for a future, give a twenty-year mandate to the incumbent zombism?

It is the first time in many years that students at Dal have been asked to answer a question of such vital importance to themselves and those who follow.

It is a question which should be answered seriously by all Dal students.

It is a question which can be answered seriously by students who momentarily unfetter their minds from the musty confines of their billfolds.

Accomplishment—

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Union Building funds in the years to come.

Finally, the Publicity Committee was charged with the task of assuring that not a single Dalhousian would be in the dark about S.U.B. plans when referendum day rolled around. It was felt to be of the utmost importance that every student should know just what he was voting for when the time came. This special issue is an example of

these determined attempts at elucidation.

It will be seen, then, that this referendum is not something that has been taken lightly in any sense of the word. When the results come out on Saturday they will mean a Students' Union Building for Dalhousie students in the foreseeable future, or they will mean that three years of solid endeavour will have gone in vain, and that hopes for a building of our own can be waved goodbye for another twenty years. Remember this as you vote.