



ARCHITECT'S PRELIMINARY SKETCH OF THE NEW STUDENTS' UNION BUILDING

## Freedom Of Ideas Professors Right Says Dr. Johns

"I believe in it," Dr. Walter H. Johns, president of the university said Tuesday.

"It", in this case, is academic freedom.

"There is no question that each professor has the right to his own view," said the university president.

"Freedom of speech is a basic freedom."

With these comments, Dr. Johns ended the administration's silence over the controversies initiated this fall by university employees Prof. Robin Mathews and Dr. M. R. Lupul, associate professor of educational foundations.

Dr. Lupul recently attacked the Manning government's policy of financial support to junior colleges, charging, the main goal of religious colleges is "to inoculate the young with their own particular brand of dogma and doctrine."

### DISAGREES

Dr. Johns says he disagrees with Dr. Lupul's stand.

"I feel that he has missed the point. The colleges receive support to take on a responsibility and offer courses, not to propagate their views."

The climate present in religious colleges is different, said Dr. Johns, but there "is no adverse effect" on the students who later come to university.

Prof. Mathews branded the province of Alberta as the most corrupt in Canada and sharply criticized the Manning government for what he termed the "virtual disenfranchisement of a huge segment of the voting population."

### CLARIFICATION SOUGHT

With regard to Prof. Mathews, Dr. Johns says he would like to see a clarification of the English lecturer's views.

"For one thing, I would like to know how he would operate our system of representation," said the president.

Dr. Johns commented on the question of whether a university staff member's right to speak out is affected by the fact that U of A is a public institution.

"There would be no difference if the university were backed by private citizens and corporations. Professors would still have the right to present their views," he said.

"There is no question that the professors have the right to their views, only I hope they are presented with tact and in the bounds of good taste."

## U of A Offers To Redesign New Stadium

U of A has offered to reduce the size of its proposed sports stadium, following objections from Windsor Park residents.

The change in plans would allow for a tree barrier which would conceal the stadium from Windsor Park homes.

The stadium size would be reduced to 2,000 seats from the original 2,900 seats.

J. R. B. Jones, director of campus development, said:

"The stadium is needed. We are trying to build one that will satisfy the university and be as acceptable as possible to Windsor Park residents."

Percy Davies, counsel for the Windsor Park property owners' committee, says his group has made no decision as yet on the proposal.

Earlier, the committee recommended the university farm as a more suitable site for the stadium.

## New Design Clears Final Student Hurdle Plans Breeze Past Council - Decision From Board Today

The \$4 million students' union building project goes to the Board of Governors today for approval.

A design concept featuring a three-level structure around a central courtyard and an eight-storey tower was approved at Monday's council meeting with 16 votes for and one abstention.

The building, designed by Richards, Beretti and Jellinek, advertises functional use of space and a "new look" in campus architecture.

Architects say they have taken special care to create a building which will not clash with the administration and armed services buildings which will be adjacent.

Detailed building proposals presented at Monday's meeting were favorably received by most council members.

"We placed our trust in the architect's ability and I think we can be pleased with the fine building they have created," said Vice-President Marilou Wells.

"We were originally skeptical about the concept of a tower in the complex, but we are now convinced the tower design is far superior to adding another floor, which would have aesthetic and functional drawbacks," said Andy Brook, SUPC chairman.

### ONLY CRITICISM

Councillor Kirk Miller, who abstained from voting on the building proposal, offered the only criticism made at the meeting.

"I am not convinced the vertical structure is better than the horizontal plan and I feel the services should be on a single floor rather than six," he told council.

Miller says he feels the tower structure would limit student interaction in the new building and fail to perform its social function.

"The whole idea is to mix and relate people in a SUB and this tower concept would restrict interaction to the area in front of the elevators," he said.

At the meeting, the architects pointed out the tower design would increase useable space by one-third, by eliminating halls and other dead space.

"Traffic patterns in the building will be arranged to facilitate interaction and the tower will be more of a service area than a student meeting area," said Brook.

Brook outlined the basic features which are designed to attract students into "the life of the campus":

- a main service core including snack bar and cafeteria;
- a student activities area for social, recreational and intellectual interaction among students;
- a theatre and art appreciation area;
- a courtyard which he called "the focal area of campus life";
- a tower which he termed a "functional area for student services";
- and a skywalk across 89 Ave. designed to create an efficient traffic flow.



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