

Downsized building for compact site

Final fieldhouse site found

by Mike Walker

The university has changed its mind again about where it wants to build the 1983 World Student Games fieldhouse.

Months of haggling and confusion end Friday when the Board of Governors, is expected to approve a site for the building south of the West Pool and Gymnasium.

The site is too small for the proposed structure, though; the original building will not fit.

"The site... is a smaller size, so we'll have to scale down the building. It'll have a 200 meter track instead of the 300 the other building would have had," university vice-president planning Ron Phillips said Wednesday.

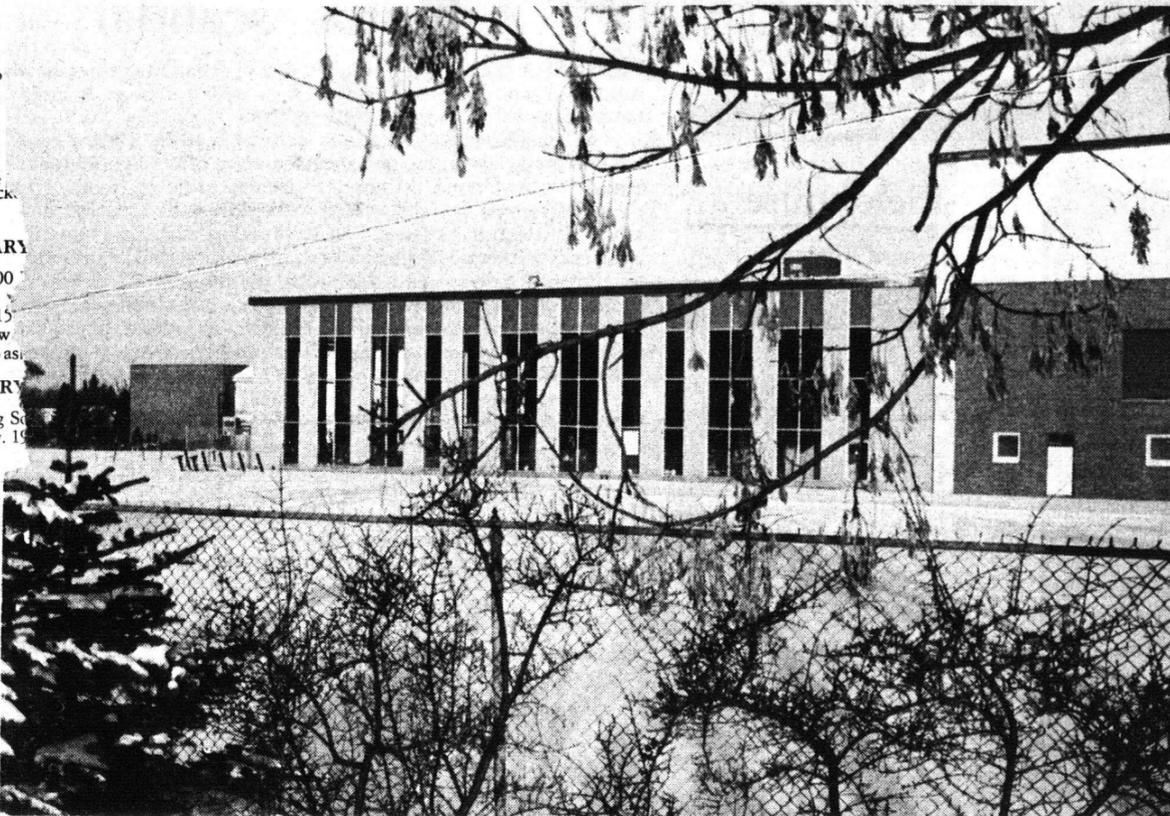
"There are sharper turns at the ends... It isn't as good a track," he said. "It's not quite top-notch."

The university was forced by fierce opposition from neighborhood groups to come up with a proposal for a site away from the perimeter of the campus. The only interior site large enough for the original building, the current Jubilee Auditorium parking lot, was refused the university earlier by its owner (the provincial government). The university asked the government to reconsider, but was turned down again just before Christmas.

"They reaffirmed their original position that the site was not available," Phillips said. "With that knowledge and taking into account the concerns of surrounding communities, we decided to look at other sites."

The soccer field site was considered briefly earlier, but rejected "because it wouldn't accommodate a 300 meter track," Phillips said. "The phys. ed. faculty wasn't prepared to compromise in

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Will try out \$7 more to belong to their student organizations next year.

Two motions were passed at Tuesday's council meeting requesting that referenda be held in conjunction with the Students' general elections in February. The first motion, along with the Federation of

Ferrington. "What's included is what our membership requested at the fall conference."

The money would be used to hire extra staff persons, bringing the total up to five from three and a half. Also, FAS would pay the expenses for establishing a standing committee to meet regularly to discuss women's issues and plan lobbying campaigns.

cern about how the money was to be used.

"My suggestion is that the debt be paid off before we go on expanding services," said Arts rep Randy Dawson.

Theoretically, \$2 of the proposed increase will be earmarked for "the further development of our student-run service areas." The other \$3 would go into a reserve fund to be used "on projects approved by Students' Council."

"We'll have increasing difficulty in maintaining our level of services without the additional fees," said vp internal Jan Byer. "1980-81 has been very much of a 'No' year for services."

Vp finance Pat Haws also offered justification for the capital reserve fund, saying, "sooner or later, things will need replacing or upgrading."

Councillors were still not altogether satisfied though.

"I'm worried people may think we're trying to push through something that was rejected last year," said Science rep Paul Cumming. Cumming was referring to the \$7 fee referendum that was rejected by students last spring.

But the executive had an answer for him too.

"Since our last major increase was in 1974, you're looking at about a three percent per year increase," said Haws.

The motion to hold the referendum was carried 25 to 3.

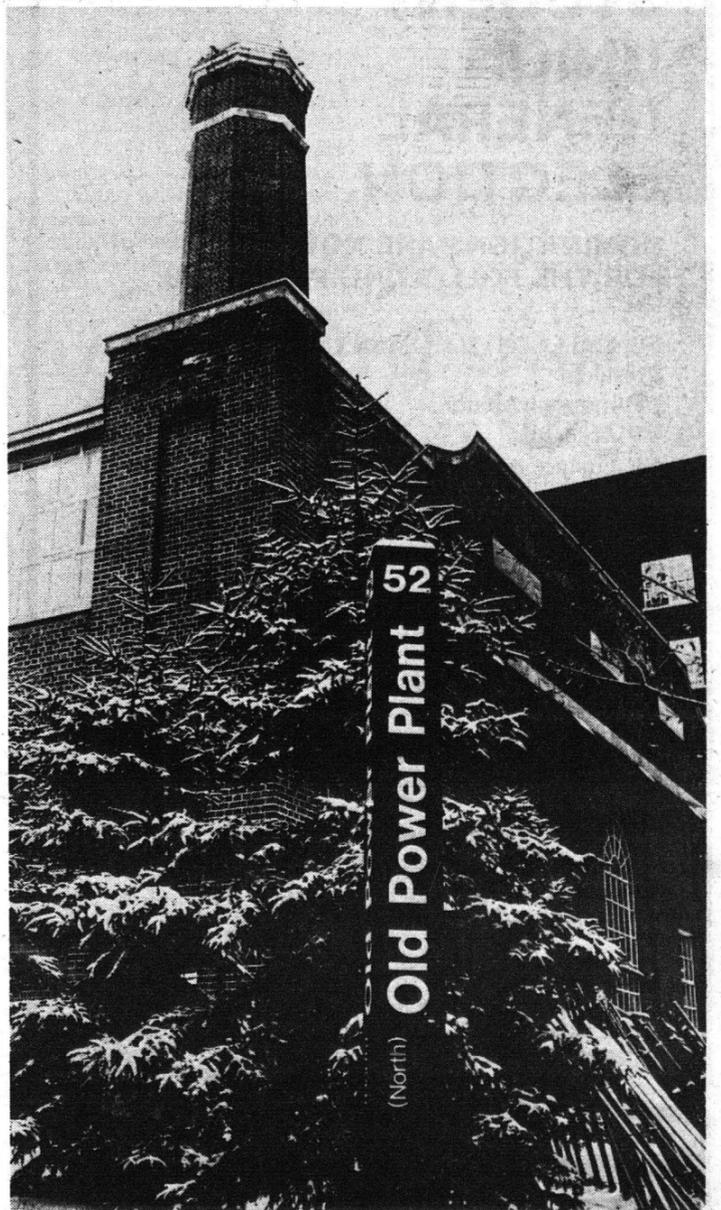


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But the decision to hold a referendum was not without opposition. VP finance Pat Haws expressed concern that this referendum could adversely affect the chances of passing the SU fee increase referendum.

As well, the wording of the motion involved council support of the expansion plans.

No such dissent was present, however, when councillors voted on the referendum to raise

Students' Union fees. Instead some councillors expressed con-