

WORDS FROM THE WISE ...



Fleamarket Anyone?

To The Gazette:

It is becoming pretty apparent that our Student Union is suffering from an entertainment problem. Anyone trying to get into Jazz and Suds after 9:15 p.m. has found it impossible. We had a stack of complaints several inches thick. Almost every one wanted an expansion to Jazz and Suds saying that the 250 people admitted is not representative of the student body especially with a few hundred being turned away.

So we expanded and opened the McInnes Room to accommodate them. But that far from solved the problem.

Letting in 500 does nothing for the other 6,000 students who don't even come to the SUB yet who pay for this building. Expanding Jazz and Suds will not solve our problem.

Keeping this in mind the Triple Room has been opened for low key entertainment. It's not meant to take the overflow from Jazz and Suds or Pub Stop. The programme in this room is designed for those who wish to hear good music and have a drink besides, not vice versa.

It's a place where a guy can take his date and not worry about someone spilling a drink over her dress. It has a coffee house lounge atmosphere and

entertainment will be multicultural. Again, it's not the place for a cheap drink but to enjoy good and varying music.

The Triple Room is a start to solving the entertainment problem but we still have a lot of students who will never use the SUB. We need a more diverse programme. But we want to know where the students interests lie. To this end an interest-finder questionnaire is being planned to be issued to everybody. Such questions could be "Are you intersted in kite flying — a car rally, a flea market, a bowling league, a debating club — having controversial speakers brought in — the possibilities

are endless.

By tallying the results we can determine what activities and programmes to set up. Constructive use of leisure time is important for every individual. We want to know what individuals want. So we're looking for ideas.

Precisely what we want to start with is: (a) Psychology and/or Sociology students to help us set up an appropriate questionnaire, (b) you, the individual students to bring us topics for the questions to be asked, and (c) you, the individual to fill out the questionnaire and hand it in when it is issued.

So come to the Council Office. We are always looking for

better methods for two-way communication between the student government and the students. Maybe this one will work, maybe not. It's worth the try anyway.

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