

Spectrum

I again find myself criticizing the efforts of those students planning the proposed SUB Expansion; and for this I apologize, for criticizing always takes less ability than creating; but where a commitment of this size is involved I feel I am not performing a disservice by doing so. I would therefore like to publicize a few facts and raise a few questions about the proposed expansion as it now stands.

According to the second Clarkson, Gordon and Co. financial report it is estimated that the building will cost \$4,167,000 and require repayment totalling \$9,680,000 over a period of thirty-one years. (As opposed to the original proposal of \$8,000,000 over a period of twenty-eight years).

Will not a commitment for so much and for so long a time result in the weakening of student government? It may be thirty-one years before the Students' Union is in a position to involve itself in any other major expenditure. Will not the responsibilities of the student councillors and especially the president become an impossible burden if they expect to oversee the operation of a four million dollar operation which may employ forty to fifty people (not counting janitors) if the bookstore and food services are controlled by Students' Council as is presently proposed?

Students Dependent

Student government would become dependent upon professional managers to a degree entirely different from that which exists today. Students would no longer be gaining experience and maturity by running their own affairs, supposedly one of the basic reasons for the existence of student government.

The financial report also estimates that the amount of Students' Union fees going towards administration costs will have to be increased from five to eight dollars per student per year.

I have been told that some of the suggestions that I made in my earlier article were undesirable

because they would have the Students' Union performing functions that are the duty of the Administration. Yet the present plan asks for centralized control that will have the Students' Union operating the bookstore and food services area, and renting the theatre as lecture space to the Administration.

Unreasonable Suggestion

If the Students' Union does control these areas, is it reasonable to expect that during the first few years the food services and bookstore could earn enough to contribute \$100,000 per year to service the debt charge? This is the amount that the financial report assumes these revenue areas will have to contribute each year from the outset.

In view of the fact that the present bookstore does not have any rent charged against it, the price of books shall apparently have to rise unless the Administration continues to subsidize the bookstore even if it is operated by the students.

In the past it has been stated that the recreational facilities would only be included if they would pay for themselves. The second financial report shows these facilities counting for 35 per cent of the capital cost of the revenue areas.

Recreation Low Income

Yet the revenue sheet shows the recreational facilities contributing only 31 per cent of the revenue that will be required over the 31 years to pay for the revenue areas. Furthermore, for the first 10 years the recreational facilities will contribute an average of only 25 per cent of the annual payments thereby increasing the share of the capital interest that should be charged to them.

I realize that the floor plans as now proposed are still in the illustrative stage but I would nevertheless like to point out a few facts about space usage within the building.

The architect's sketches show

the women's lounge to be only two-thirds the size of the existing Wauneita lounge.

Useless Increase

The area of the new building allotted to student activities and administration is listed by the financial report as 13,000 sq. ft. Is this an adequate increase considering that if the soon to be vacated Faculty lounge were to be converted to student use the existing building could provide a total of 11,000 sq. ft. for this usage?

The detailed proposal lists assembly areas and meeting rooms that would allow 3,250 people to hold meetings at one time. Is this perhaps somewhat excessive or just a side effect of making areas flexible?

The present proposal shows about 25,000 sq. ft. of open space which contributes much to the character of the building. Cannot a beautiful building be conceived that will not require such large amounts of open space that cost almost as much to construct as enclosed space? I am told that it will be a simple matter to enclose much of this space and thus utilize it. Will this not destroy most of the effect that it is the purpose of this open space to create? It seems impractical to design a building around a feature or concept of "openness," much of which is to be destroyed in the future.

Better Alternative

While SUB Expansion as presently proposed is unlikely to actually fail (especially if the existing building, the theatre and more commercial space can be rented), I still feel that better alternatives may exist.

Possibly the Administration and the Students' Union could jointly construct a single building that would house all of the services that are used in common by all of the students. That part of the building built by the Administration could house the bookstore, print shop, food services, students counselling, and the theatre and fine arts area. The Administration would be responsible for operating and paying for these areas. It could use either its own capital or capital raised by the student bond issue.

The Students' Union could build the other part of the building containing its own offices, lounges, NES, a bank, a drug store, (since the Tuck Shop will probably disappear in a few years anyway), a barbershop, a beauty shop, and a campus shop. Curling might still be included since it appears that if taken separately from the other recreational facilities it can pay for itself. This approach might have a number of advantages.

Only Area We Pay For

An area of about 40,000 sq. ft. used for student affairs and lounges and costing about \$1,000,000 (same size and cost as now proposed) would be the only part of the building that would have to be paid for out of student fees.

With the exception of the curling area the Students' Union would only be renting and not operating or managing any part of the revenue producing areas or the theatre. This would greatly reduce administrative costs and eliminate the necessity of increasing student fees.

With any decent degree of co-operation from the Administration the building could still be operated as an integral unit as far as student activities are concerned. Centralized control of the whole building by the Students' Union seems to be an expensive solution to any lack of co-operation that may have occurred in the past.

Gillespie Advocates Expansion Referendum, Criticizes Financial Arrangements.

Varsity Voices

True Thoughts

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my pleasure at the gentlemanly way The Gateway staff responded to my tongue in cheek attack on their editorial staff. I assure one and all that there was no malice aforethought and that it was all conceived in the spirit of fun. For those who took the attack to be a vehement attack on the political views of The Gateway staff I would assure them that to the best of my knowledge The Gateway has never at any time shown political bias towards myself or any other campus political leader.

Again I would express my gratitude to those members of the staff that some of the student

body considered to be under personal attack, and commend them on a job well done in covering the campus elections.

Yours truly,
Gordon Young

Disgusted

To The Editor:

It would do your newspaper an immense good if you dropped the sickly spatterings of one Adam Campbell. This mixed up little boy has no indication of knowing what "life" is. Yet he is ready to solve all of man's moral problems. Perhaps if he sat down and listened to Mr. McDowall, he'd learn that life is not all sex.

Disgusted

Richard McDowall's Musings



One can have quite a time rummaging around exploring alleys and backyards as the melting snow uncovers what is underneath. The places to have a good laugh while kicking the snow and overturning boards are in the small towns that surround our cities. What I mean by laughing is that one has lots of freedom and doesn't have to worry about the law, etc.

Well, last weekend I found myself examining the open lots of such a small town. Quite a place. As I wandered up one street I spied an old junk of a car sitting half buried under a snow bank behind a garage. Upon examining it I found it to be of '29 vintage and as I stepped inside to explore further a couple of kids appeared from behind the snow bank and exclaimed—"Are you going to buy this old car Mister?" I explained that I was not in the car buying mood but that I was interested in finding out more about their town, and if they liked they could show me around.

They did! I had quite a time keeping up to them, and I think I saw everything from the curling rink to a broken-down old hideout in an old barn. I learned that Mrs. Smith has a mean dog and that Mr. Dunwell is 97 years old! I overturned old tractor wheels, tried to untangle telephone wire, and ended up in their park pushing them on swings while their feet dragged in the snow.

What was the most enjoyable part of my hour-long jaunt was the zest and vitality these kids showed and the fun they were having dragging me—a complete stranger—around through the alleys and side-streets of their town.

What the hell

by Jon Whyte

May the gods curdle your blood, dwellers of the stupid land!
A thousand inanities in your ascending the pyramid
Request an end to our institution. (understand?),
Guarantee an ossified Model Parliament, and spread fear amid
A Students' Council petrified by status seekers.
Reply? You can't because your height is dizziness.
Ever shall the days of old be remembered when the
True end of the institution was learning and fun,
—not business.

My view of the situation is becoming more bitter.
Own up to the fact and you'd have to agree—
Neatest words are oft turned away by action; and an
Angel can become a devil too, you see.

Keep your brown nose to the grindstone, your
Overwhelming shoulder to the wheel, your ear to the ground,
Perennially your head in the clouds, your roots in the grass;
And you will find the posture will not make YOU sore.
Love of an Irishman, the position is real. The sound
Abides of politics. Beware! O uncommitted mass.

Personally I desire to see a new student centre built, but the form that the project takes, especially the financial arrangements, is of the utmost importance and I do not believe that the present proposal is by any means the best attainable. I therefore suggest

that the situation has reached the point where a referendum would be most desirable; unless of course—in the minds of the student planners—the matter is in substance closed.

Bob Gillespie
Law 2

Adam Campbell



Short and Sour

The "Sex-love" dichotomy is a difficult idea to get across, especially to females. The typical reaction to the sex, (apart from the love relationship) is the idea of promiscuity.

The maxim of our single males seems to be: Sex is sex and love is love; and "ne'er the twain shall meet." This motto is strictly adhered to through most of the "oat sowing" period, during which time males triumphantly delight in the physical and egoistical pleasures afforded by sexual indulgence.

With the advent of love, however, he is thrust into a state of overwhelming perplexity. His desire is rampant but his conscience will not allow him to degrade his sweetheart—he loves her. His only salvation lies in that eighth wonder of the world—that twenty minute ceremony which miraculously washes away a lifetime of inhibitions. (Ahh! the divine laxative!)

Females are ostensibly of different psychological and sensual makeup; for due to some functional inadequacy (excluding those persons who are inherently evil) they find that physically pleasurable sex is impossible outside the love relationship. Most women, in fact, feel that sex and love are inseparable and not infrequently confuse the two. As a result, a lady never initiates the "sex act" before she has convinced both herself and her mate that the sole motivating factor is love. (One needs to keep the act sacred.)

This situation, it seems, is peculiar mostly to civilized cultures. For in the course of my licentious enquiries I have discovered another (pagan) view on the matter, which is supposedly prevalent among primitive people. These people, (SNAMUH) regard sex not as the essence of love, but as just another pleasurable experience shared by lovers. They recognize sexual activity for purely physical pleasure. However the combination of the physical and emotional qualification derived through this emotional medium is regarded as the ultimate in human relationships.

For these people, that intangible web of human emotion that survives long after the sex drive has withered—that emotional bond they call love—is left. (Sure glad I'm civilized.)