

LAUNCH THE S.U.B.

WHY YOU'RE VOTING AND WHAT YOU'LL GET

DO WE NEED A S.U.B.? DO WE WANT A S.U.B.? CAN WE GET A S.U.B.?
 HERE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS WHY YOU NEED A S.U.B.

1. The present men's residence might be taken over in the near future for other than student activities, regardless of the fact that present student facilities are completely inadequate. However, even if the student body is not deprived of the use of the building, no amount of structural alteration could ever meet the required standards for a Student Union Building.
2. The present canteen and bookstore facilities are inadequate.

A S. U. B. would provide:

- (a) An up-to-date snack-bar with plenty of space and good service
- (b) An adequate, student-operated bookstore selling at student prices

3. For the student body as a whole:

Proper offices and facilities:

- (a) Snack-bar, bookstore and barbershop
- (b) Recreation rooms, i.e., Billiards, ping-pong, music rooms, TV
- (c) Common rooms
- (d) Student offices—modern facilities for student organizations such as Gazette, DAB, NFCUS, etc.
- (e) Adequate office space and meeting rooms for Interfaith organizations
- (f) Only 3 minutes from both Forrest and Studley campi.

4. Other organizations:

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| Auditorium for | (a) Drama | (d) Formals |
| | (b) Debating | (e) Movies, etc. |
| | (c) Meetings | |

5. The Student Union Building would provide a common meeting ground for all students.
6. The Student Union Building would provide a CLEAN, MODERN building for student purposes only, and administered by students. It would be erected with expansion in mind, with an eye to the addition of a swimming pool.

1959-60 A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

After two years of reports, surveys, and investigations, mid-fall, 1959, saw Dalhousie's Student Union Building Committee consolidate itself for a final drive towards the long-awaited referendum. This referendum, whereby the whole student body was to be asked to give final approval for a fund-raising drive, was tentatively set for the middle of the spring term. To obtain campus-wide consideration of the plans, long-term Co-chairmen Murray Fraser and Dave Matheson invited representatives from every student organization to join the Committee, more than twenty offering their assistance.

As every building needs land to be erected on, this was one of the earliest problems which the Committee had to face up to. To this end early October saw a delegation from the Committee go before the Board of Governors with a request for assistance. Results were most gratifying. While not promising financial assistance with the erection of the building itself, the Board nevertheless cheered the hearts of all by guaranteeing the

students a grant of land on University Avenue as soon as they, the students, had demonstrated their ability and willingness to finance the building itself. Turning to the actual financial campaign, the Committee soon determined that the most satisfactory, as well as the most feasible way to get things off the ground would be a student-approved yearly fee. A survey of student fees paid by members of comparably-sized Ca-

nadian universities soon revealed that Dalhousie's, a mere \$16.00 at present, were in the very lowest echelon, probably among the two or three lowest in the country. Encouraged by this revelation, the Committee pushed ahead with renewed enthusiasm. Land and financing having reached a fairly stable point, the Committee's next concern was with the building itself. It was obvious that something concrete would have to

HISTORY OF S. U. B. EVENTS SINCE 1957

- 1957 (March)
 The Student Council set up a three-man committee headed by Dave Matheson to table a report on Student Union Buildings in general.
- 1958 (February)
 The SUB Committee presented a detailed report on all aspects of Student Union Buildings in Canada and in the United States.
- (February)
 The Student Council, working on the recommendations contained in the report, decided to continue the committee with the specific request that the committee study the possibilities of erecting a SUB at Dal.
- The Student Council further agreed that all organizations should be asked to submit their requirements for a S.U.B. The Council established the S.U.B. Fund with an initial grant of \$15,000. Copies of the report and the minutes of the special council meeting were forwarded to the Board of Governors.
- (March)
 The Board replied with its "moral" encouragement.
- 1959 (February)
 The S.U.B. Committee reported that all organizations had submitted their requirements, that these had been tabulated, and that a S.U.B. at Dalhousie could become a reality with student support. A special Student Forum, with more than two hundred students in attendance, discussed the place of a SUB at Dal and unanimously approved in principle the raising of student council fees for this purpose.
- (October)
 The Student Council appointed Dave Matheson and Murray Fraser as Co-Chairmen of the SUB Committee with instructions to take definite steps to make the S.U.B. a reality.
- (November)
 The S.U.B. committee, representing a cross-section of student interests at Dalhousie, started to prepare for the coming referendum. The Board of Governors received a brief on the S.U.B. from the committee. The Board agreed to provide land for the S.U.B. "when the students are ready to build." The architects met with the committee and were asked to prepare preliminary drawings.
- 1960 (January)
 An Advisory Committee, consisting of interested Faculty and Alumni was set up on a permanent basis. The Law Society unanimously passed a motion expressing support for the S.U.B. The Arts and Science Society and the Dental Society did the same.
- Plans were launched for a special issue of the Gazette re the SUB. The Student Council approved the request of the S.U.B. Committee for a campus-wide referendum on the raising of fees to pay for the S.U.B.
- (February)
 A S.U.B. Dance was held. The architects presented the plans to the Financial Committee, which is composed of faculty, Alums and students. The committee devised a plan which could make the S.U.B. a reality in 5 years. The Student Council unanimously accepted the recommendations of the S.U.B. Committee suggesting that the students be asked to contribute \$10.00 more per year for a S.U.B. Fund. The dates of the referendum were confirmed. Plans for a Student Forum were completed. Final publicity plans were discussed.

FEBRUARY 18 and 19 REFERENDUM The End or The Beginning!

be shown to the student body before they could be asked to vote in a referendum. Plans would have to be drawn up.

As a union building can range from a two-room frame structure to a multi-million dollar marvel of chrome and glass, the first task was to get a rough estimation of the type of structure that Dalhousie would require, and what this structure would incorporate. Lengthy and thoughtful discussion by a representative committee eventually decided what would be most practical for our purposes, and an architect was called in to

draw up the all-important set of plans. To aid him in his work he was provided with details of other student union buildings all over the United States and Canada.

With plans on the way, finances and the referendum became the focal points of the Committee's attention. First step here was the setting up of a Financial Advisory Committee. Composed of professors, students, and representatives of the Alumni, the Administration, and local business, this body will guide the raising and spending of

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YOU CAN PLAY YOUR PART BY VOTING FOR THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING FEBRUARY 18 and 19