

Social Club expansions explained

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A two hundred and fifty thousand dollar plan to expand the College Hill Social Club has been announced by Board Chairman James Haley.

At a press conference earlier this week Haley and Social Club Manager Rick Cuthbertson outlined plans to move the club from its present

location in the basement of the Student Union Building to a new location on the third floor of the SUB adjacent to the ballroom.

The proposal, prepared by a Sussex architectural firm, has now been forwarded to the SUB board of directors and the Saint Thomas and UNB Students Representative Councils for their active consideration.

The new 250 seat facility would double the space currently occupied by the club, Haley said. The club intends to pay for the expansion and the renovations to the SUB entirely from club funds, but Haley emphasized the expansion is dependent on renovations now being proposed for the SUB.

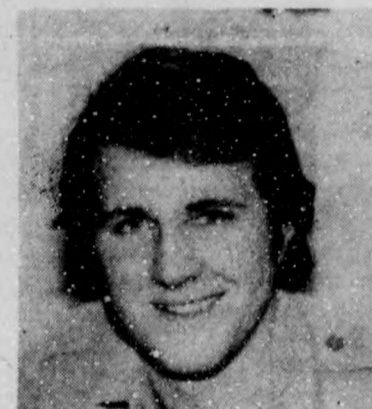
The Social Club would occupy space on the third floor now occupied by the Woodshed, hallway, stage area and storage rooms that encircle the ballroom. "We intend to demolish the stage area of the ballroom and replace it with a

bar area, and increased seating. A new portable stage will be purchased for the ballroom," Haley said.

The Social Club's expansion plans will not affect the SUB ballroom's floor space and a portable stage will be available for concerts and other events when required.

In addition to increased seating, the Social Club will feature a quiet lounge, T.V. room, and increased office and storage space.

The financial report for last year indicates that the club realized a profit of \$25,000 on total sales of \$358,000. Club



James Haley

Manager Rick Cuthbertson said wages totalling \$79,000 were paid last year. In addition the Social Club has an ongoing commitment to the Woodshed and provides funds for PALE and student scholarships at UNB and Saint Thomas.

Haley said a special meeting of Social Club members will be held April 1 in room 103 of the SUB. Constitutional changes and a change to the club's letters of patent are the special matters on the agenda. The annual general meeting of the Social Club, with the election of a board of directors, is scheduled to take place later in April, Haley said.

Text of report on SUB renovations

The joint UNB/STU S.R.C. Committee looking into S.U.B. Renovations was set up to tackle the issue of whether or not the Student Union Building was in need of renovations.

The first priority of the committee was to read and review submissions received from all interested groups on campus. Secondly the committee looked into needs and requests as presented by the S.U.B. Board of Directors.

The committee reviewed all the material and discussed some of the issues which dominate any possible renovations. Therefore, the committee agreed to make a list of priorities which they saw as being needed in any renovations plan.

One of the major obstacles to any renovation plan is cost, and while students no longer have to pay the \$15.00 S.U.B. levy, this committee realizes that this has placed a heavy burden upon the operation of the building and a dim future is foreseen without the much needed levy.

In 1966, a \$15.00 levy was agreed upon by the students of that time to fund the construction of the building. In 1982, sixteen years later the building has paid off its mortgage but is in need of some sort of renovations which will alleviate the problems faced because of changing needs of its users. Obviously, the \$15.00 of today cannot buy as much as it would in 1966.

Therefore this committee unanimously agrees that the Student Union Building is in need of renovations and we feel that steps should be taken to ensure that renovations are made. The S.U.B. levy should be taken to ensure that renovations are made. The S.U.B. levy should be reinstated in order to cover these costs. The amount shall be determined by council after full consideration.

We also recommend that a referendum be held to decide the fate of the S.U.B. levy and that during this referendum the students are to be asked to contribute the monies in the trust fund to be applied towards the cost of renovating the building. Further, we recommend that a committee be struck comprised of the two S.R.C. lawyers from U.N.B. and S.T.U., the S.U.B. lawyer, and the University lawyer to ensure the wording is legal in every sense and that the councils of both Unions must agree to the wording.

The following list are priority areas considered by this committee as important in any renovations plan:

- 1) That the plumbing, heating, lighting, and washroom facilities be upgraded and improved.
- 2) Expansion of the Social Club either to the second floor or construction laterally whichever the council sees as best.
- 3) Better utilization of the second floor space.
- 4) Better utilization of the Blue Lounge area.
- 5) T.V./Games Room separate from Lounge.
- 6) Remove partitions and add fixed furniture to lounge.
- 7) Better acoustics in the ballroom.
- 8) Rearrangement of media space between STU/UNB.
- 9) Reduction of UNB SRC President's office to accommodate a joint STU/UNB SRC Conference Room.
- 10) Consideration for Union Office space there is a need for expansion.

We therefore recommend the above and that both councils carefully consider, so a referendum can be held by the end of the month.

SRC accepts report

In other SRC business, the Winter Carnival financial report was accepted. It shows a final deficit of \$728.04, however this will be reduced after tax refunds come in. One of the main causes of loss was the lack of liquor sales.

Ten student councillors were seated at the meeting. These were Brent Blizzard, Mary Strickland, Katy Boyle, Marijke Blok, David Reckziegel, David

Barrett, Terry Laurence, Don Higgins, Elizabeth Lynch and Hope Nagle. All were elected or acclaimed in the recent SRC elections.

Two announcements made, were the attendance of Barry Thompson at next week's SRC meeting to present the "Guide to Student Services"; and the fact that the student council would like to add a free phone in the SUB lobby.

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Caribbean Circle pays tribute to prime minister

On Saturday 6th March, 1982 students and members of The Caribbean Circle of UNB pay tribute to the late Dr. Eric Eustace Williams at their ninth annual Caribbean Nite celebrations in the SUB Ballroom. The cultural show and dance is dedicated to Dr. Williams in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Caribbean, his country, Trinidad and Tobago, and the significant work done with respect to Third World development and awareness of their history. Died on the 27th March, 1981 at the age of 69 years, Dr. Williams was then Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago for an unprecedented twenty five years until his death.

Considered by many to be the Caribbean's godfather, Dr. Williams was educated at Queen's Royal College in Trinidad and at Oxford University where he graduated in 1935 First in the First Class in the B.A. examination and in 1938 with the Doctor of Philosophy degree. He served for many years as Professor of Political and Social Science at Howard University, Washington D.C. and with the Caribbean Commission. He is recognized as the authority on West Indian History and



Dr. Eric Williams

celebrated the independence to which he led his country in August 1962 against colonial British rule, by writing History of the people of Trinidad and Tobago - one of his many

books. On behalf of the "Circle" I invite you to join us in this cultural experience which would be well worth your time off on Saturday evening.