

Vote yes for SU expansion

It was with some dismay that I read your editorial of March 3rd regarding this Friday's fee referendum. I would like to answer some of your criticisms, at the same time explaining why I consider the fee increase is necessary.

For instance, there is your reference to the 'poor timing' of the referendum. No connection, other than an emotional one, may be made between this issue and the proposed increase in tuition fees. We should not allow the unfortunate acts of the Provincial government and the Board of Governors to financially paralyse the Students' Union. Contrary to your claim that 'very little expansion' has occurred in SUB lately, about \$180,000 was spent on capital last year. I'd like to draw your attention to the Record Store, the new coffee shop, and the CUTS office to name some of the more obvious counter-examples. These have all proven to be very successful ventures, and plans exist for many more improvements in retail and service areas. These plans are at present strapped for lack of funds.

If the referendum is defeated, there will be at most \$50,000 capital available next year, and it is anyone's guess what things will be like in later years. Long range planning must include long range financial planning, and this can not be done without a reasonable assurance that funds will be available. The referendum is intended to provide that assurance.

In the past, as well as in the editorial to which I refer, the *Gateway* has criticized RATT and Fridays. How are any but token improvements to be made if no funds are available to make them? How are foreseeable expenses to be met, or even planned for, if funds are not available? Consider that someday the theatre will need extensive refurbishing. Consider that the elevators in SUB need attention, and that the University can not be relied on for anything short of replacing them when they finally fail entirely. Consider further that the University lease on the 3rd floor of SUB expires in one year, and will not be renewed. The space will then be used for club and student service office space. We will lose

Riel project important

I like your headline on "The Complete Writings of Louis Riel" in the *Gateway* of 13 March, but Typo Gremlin's and other bogeys sure got into the rest of the article.

You rendered the title comically, but correctly it should read *Louis Riel, Ecrits Complets: Edition Critique/Collected Papers of Louis Riel, Critical Edition*.

I am sure the Administrative Office for the Project did not say it was a "publicity project". I expect he did say it was a "publications project". Indeed it is, and a very important one, since it will be the first complete works ever of a Canadian figure.

Finally the project was initiated and helped into being by the Western Canadian Publications Project, not "publicity" project. The WCPP is a President's Committee of this University.

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revenues of some \$30,000 per year for the use of the space, not even counting the cost of the renovations that will be necessary.

At present all of our operating profit is directed into capital, and these profits are just not enough to meet our reasonable requirements, let alone any desired improvement or expansion.

As for the major renovations to the building, such as roofing over the courtyard, alteration to the information desk and the copy center, are these 'luxuries'?

If that is the case the entire Students' Union is a pointless luxury.

Yet the intent of the Students' Union, in its aspect as a service organization, is to provide services to students that the University is unable or unwilling to provide. Providing some decent lounge space, an accessible and inexpensive copy and typing service, and an exam registry seem to be to be worthy endeavours. The referendum is designed to make them possible. Lastly, I would like to address your concern over sureties for the actual use of the money. The referendum itself is explicit. The funds are to be used only for SUB expansion and development. The bylaw creating the SUB Development Fund (Bylaw 700) is even more precise. Funds may only be spent after approval by Council. A standing committee has been established for the administration of these funds.

This is the same committee which drew up the present

development plans, and it is charged with ensuring that the plans are implemented. Further, the bylaw states that no funds may be diverted to other purposes without a referendum to that effect being passed. What further assurances are required? Would engraved bronze tablets be satisfactory?

To conclude, your reservations are not as cogent as you seem to believe. They are in fact unfounded. I urge students to support the referendum.

Steve Cumming
Science Councillor

SUB rental rates wrong

To clarify a comment made by K. Krause in his article "SU Fee Referendum Coming," non-profit social events have never been exempt from Students' Union Building room charges simply because they were non-profit. In fact, the *old* policy was to only charge rental when revenue, not profit, was generated. The revised policy only charges social (i.e. food and beverage) functions due to our increased maintenance costs.

Anyone requiring further detail on SUB rental rates should contact the writer, c/o Room 259 Students' Union Building.

Sharon Bell
Vice-President (Internal Affairs)

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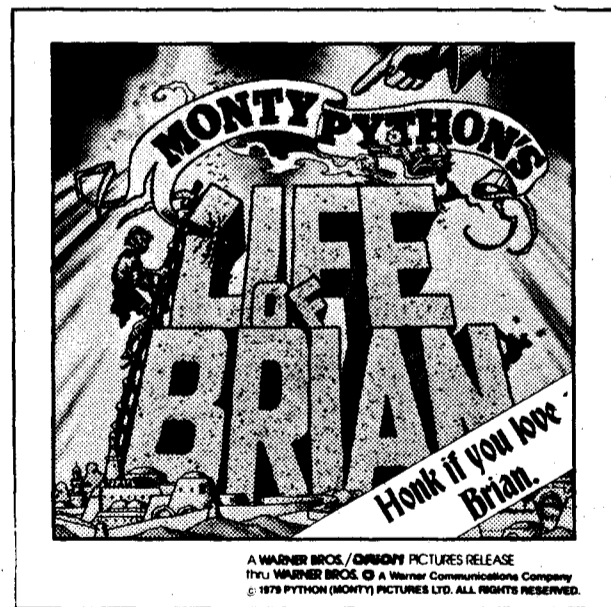
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