

## 500 PROTEST FEE HIKE

### Committee Plans More Protests

A committee of senior residence students organized Tuesday's demonstration at the Administration Building.

Group spokesmen report they are planning "definite further action" against the 20 per cent rise in rents to be paid in the new residences next fall.

They are threatening to employ "all measures at their disposal both on and off campus" in order to satisfy their cause.

Administration spokesmen have indicated that residence charges are "generally lower than the cost of board and room in private homes and apartments, and the student has the advantage of being on campus, close to library, study and recreational facilities."

Incomplete (and therefore, inconclusive) surveys of off-campus accommodation indicate that residence charges are somewhat higher than present rates in the Garneau district.

Members of the committee say the new fee structure "concerns all members of the student body since rates off-campus will inevitably rise next year."

The independent group intends to bring pressure against the Provincial Government, which, they charge, has "precipitated the whole crisis" by its "decision to withhold funds for residence building."

Director of Housing, G. M. Tauzer, says, "Students should be willing to pay the cost of living in the new residences . . ."

"The buildings," said a spokesman, "are being privately-financed at commercial interest rates with the Provincial Government backing the loan."

The group feels that University President Dr. Walter H. Johns described the structures accurately by calling them "bare concrete block with plywood furniture in rooms of minimal size" in a statement printed in *The Edmonton Journal* Nov. 2.

President Johns' statement went on to say: "Students' double rooms are smaller than any others being built today in Canadian universities and are far below American standards."

Who is responsible for the fee increase?

"The present situation is the result of the University's buckling under in the face of provincial authority," charged the students' committee.

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"POLICE ARRIVE ON SCENE"  
(quote from Branny Schepanovich)



"SING A SONG OF SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE"

### Confusion Chaos

## Administration Torpedoes SUB Expansion

By Elwood Johnson  
Council Reporter

SUB Expansion plans went aground on January 15. They were revamped and brought forward again by the Campus Planning Committee on January 22.

The new SUB will be located west of the Administration Building and north of the present SUB. Students' Council approved the site change after deciding it presented no new serious problems.

Both vehicular and pedestrian traffic converge on the new site. In addition no structural changes appear to be required. The Clarkson-Gordon financial analysis then retains its validity.

With the new site bus service

could easily be supplied outside the main entrance. Pedestrian traffic would be channeled through the main court of the building.

#### IMPROVED PARKING

Parking would be greatly improved with the provision of space for 250 cars. This area would be used for further expansion of SUB facilities when deemed necessary.

The Campus Planning Committee gave formal approval to the new site and building on Tuesday. The preliminary proposal was then to go before the Board of Governors.

There were a few problems entailed in the change of the new

SUB site, however.

New soil surveys will cost the Students' Union about \$1,200. Consultant's and architects' fees will probably raise the added expenditure to \$5,000.

However Cragg stated the money could probably be recouped. Due to the slope of land on the new site better access would be available to the banking facilities. Students' Union could then ask a higher rental fee.

The old site, south of the present SUB, was originally frozen for SUB expansion in 1949. Now the land will apparently be reserved for expansion of the school of physical education.

### Students Petition President

By Don Sellar and  
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Five hundred indignant student demonstrators paid a visit to President Johns Tuesday at noon.

He was out.

A spokesman for the demonstrators presented a petition to Provost A. A. Ryan, who was substituting for the President.

The demonstration was organized by senior residents protesting the 20 per cent fee increase planned for the new \$7 million residence complex.

#### SINGING CROWD

Packing the front steps of the Administration Building, the demonstrators raised their placards at 1 p.m. and began to sing and chant.

"We shall overcome . . . We want lower rents . . . We cannot pay . . . We shall overcome," they sang.

Placards rose above the heads of the protesting students:

"For Sale: 1,218 White Elephants, \$720 per year."

"Is University a Preserve for the Rich?"

"Never have so many paid so much for so little."

#### POLICE CHEERED

As police arrived in three cars at 1:10 p.m., spirited cheering burst from the swelling crowd.

Spectators standing in front of the steps joined the demonstrators in chants:

"Lower the rents . . . Lower the rents . . . Johns is out to lunch . . . Johns is out to lunch."

"Why must we pay? . . . It seems we have no say." The students sang out louder than before.

#### MANIFESTO PRESENTED

Skip Hills, ed 3, entered the building at 1:20 to deliver the petition signed by hundreds of students. The typewritten document, now immortalized as "the Assiniboia Manifesto," protests the 20 per cent fee hike.

When Hills arrived on the 3rd floor, he found the President's door locked. The crowd behind him on the steps poured into the building, still waving their banners and singing.

"We want Johns . . . We want Johns" came the chants.

"Too Damn Hi" charged a banner fashioned from a bedsheet.

At 1:35 the President's door opened and Provost Ryan appeared.

#### NO MUD-SLINGING

Hills told Ryan that the demonstration was not "an attempt to blacken the name of the administration," but a method of "bringing attention" to the students' complaints. He handed the petition to Ryan, asking that he refer it to the Board of Governors for their "fullest consideration."

Hills also expressed the hope that further demonstrations will be unnecessary.

Ryan addressed the packed rotunda from the President's doorstep, inviting the students "to go through the usual democratic process" to gain their ends.

The remaining onlookers applauded briefly and quietly returned to their classes.