



NEW STUDENTS' UNION BUILDING  
 . . . construction costs increase

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## SUB's Price Apt To Rise

### City Construction Boom May Cause Cost Increase

Rising construction costs may boost the price of U of A's new students' union building project by nearly \$500,000, students' council was told Monday night.

Construction costs during the past month have increased about 20 per cent, SUB planning commission chairman Andy Brook told council members in a progress report.

Tenders on the building, originally budgeted for \$3.14 million, will close Nov. 3, and students' union planning commission officials say they do not expect any bids to come in under this figure.

The project, including furnishings, was budgeted at more than \$4 million last fall, when students' council lifted the original \$4 million ceiling.

Increased costs could be met, suggested Brook, by extending the repayment period on loans from 19 to 31 years.

"This could get us \$1.5 million more," the chairman said. Such a step, he added, would not be "unorthodox".

"We still have untapped borrowing power."

Rising construction costs in Edmonton have been attributed to a labor shortage caused by a current building boom, plus rising wages.

Brook said a further increase in the price of construction materials is expected here next spring.

The original SUB budget still includes about \$325,000 as a "cushion," he explained.

"Tenders for bank rental space gave \$200,000 more revenue than was expected," said Brook.

"We also don't have to pay excise tax on building materials, which should amount to a saving of about \$120,000."

Students' union president Richard Price told council there is a "50-50 chance" that the building can come under the federal government's winter works program this year.

If this happens, said Price, the union will save \$200,000 over the two winters when construction will be underway.

Completion date for the project is still not final, but Brook said it is still hoped the project can be finished by March, 1967.

"Although the contract has no deadline and penalty clause," he said, "the contractor will profit by finishing as soon as possible."

Tenders for the SUB building project will close Nov. 3, with the university board of governors basing the final decision as to who will build the structure on a students' union recommendation.

## Student Runs For Parliament



BILL STOCKS  
 . . . aspiring MP

A 23-year-old graduate student of U of A is planning to run in the Nov. 8 federal election as an independent candidate.

William B. Stocks is planning to run in Edmonton-Strathcona on a ticket of "vocalized open-mindedness."

Sources close to Mr. Stocks say he may promote the updating of many laws pertaining to divorce, birth control and abortions.

He is also advocating the re-writing of Canada's Election Act to allow all students of voting age to place their votes in their campus areas.

Tuition fees will be abolished, Stocks says, and the voting age will be lowered to 18. Church taxation, as an additional source of revenue, is also part of his platform.

At press time Tuesday, Stocks had yet to raise the \$200 necessary to register as a candidate.

He and his campaign workers were soliciting funds from students interested in supporting a student voice in federal government.

## On National Student Day

# Higher Education Teach-In Comes To Edmonton Oct. 27

By DAVID DAHL

A teach-in on the cost of higher education is planned for downtown Edmonton as part of National Student Day Oct. 27.

The Political Science club will sponsor the teach-in to encourage students and public to involve

themselves in discussion of the problems of financing university education.

The teach-in will be in conjunction with a student drive to obtain \$1,500 in dimes to illustrate the cost of a student's education for one year.

The discussions will focus on the

principle of universal accessibility to higher education which has been endorsed by the Canadian Union of Students and the local students' union.

The concept of universal accessibility affirms the right of each person to have access to higher education, with ability as the only determinant.

National Student Day has been set aside by CUS to publicize financial barriers to higher education in Canada and to focus attention on the students' battle to abolish tuition fees.

Richard Price, students' union president, says plans for National Student Day in Edmonton are developing well.

"The mayor has expressed an interest in the event and we are confident the students and public will support our efforts on National Student Day," he said.

The National Student Day teach-in was first sponsored by the Law School Forum, but the Forum withdrew since it wished to remain impartial on the issue of abolition of tuition fees.

"The Forum fears sponsoring the teach-in will imply support for the principle of universal accessibility—although the purpose of the teach-in is to present both perspectives on the issue," says Price.

## Students Hold Blitz Day In Aid Of United Fund

U of A students this week began working on the fourth annual Blitz Day canvass, part of Greater Edmonton's \$1,247,160 United Community Fund Drive.

Blitz Day, the day in which university students canvass some of Edmonton's smaller businesses—whose donations are often even smaller than their size—this year is Oct. 21.

"Blitz Day involves the entire university campus," says Maureen Stuart, this year's Blitz Day chairman, "and we need the student body's support and interest to make it a success."

Thursday, John Barry, general campaign chairman for the United Fund and Leo LeClerc, notori-

ous Edmonton personality and billed as a "long-time friend" of the U of A students, spoke to campus club executives who will lead canvassing teams on Blitz Day.

The United Fund's target this year represents an increase of \$47,308 over last year and campaign workers say they need every cent if they are to support the services of 45 health, welfare and youth service organizations in the city.