



New reading area in HUB

Photos by Balan Mathews

HUB to open

The official opening of HUB, the second student-owned building on campus, will be held Thursday. Jim Foster, minister of advanced education, will officiate at the ribbon-cutting ceremony which begins at 2 p.m. Speakers at the opening will include Max Wyman, university president, and Walter Neal, vice-president planning and development. Following the opening, tours of the building will be conducted.

Board seeks new North Garneau proposal

The board of governors Friday asked for a proposal from the campus development committee for the "orderly development" of North Garneau.

at which representatives from the university and North Garneau debated the future of the university-owned land in the North Garneau area.

The proposal, which will be presented to the board Jan. 31, was one of three recommendations from the boards' building committee.

Other recommendations assured North Garneau residents that their homes wouldn't be demolished at least until the board considers the proposal.

The campus development committee has established a sub-committee to work on the proposal.

They followed a public meeting held in early September

Canadians care when land is threatened

By Sheila Thompson

Only a handful of people attended Abraham Rotstein's lecture on Canadian independence in SUB theatre Friday. This was no surprise to the speaker as it was a typical response to this issue.

Rotstein, a founder of the Committee for an Independent Canada, said that nationalism is an issue for Canadians only when territory is involved.

An example of this occurred in 1969 when the U.S. ship Manhattan sailed through Canada's far north. Ontario newspapers ran two and three editorials daily voicing fears for Canadian sovereignty. These same papers, Rotstein said, do not bat an eye over the fact that 70 percent of the industry in southwestern Ontario is American owned.

Rotstein said issues of territory are relative minor. The real threats to Canadian sovereignty lie in cultural and technological dependency on the USA.

He noted legislation has been passed in Prince Edward Island preventing the sale of land to anyone who lives outside the province.

He talked of the surprise voiced by European economists at Canada's definite stand against water export. Here is a renewable resource that just flows into the sea. Economists do not understand why a country that will export anything else would feel strongly on this.

In a quiet, intelligent, logical way Abe Rotstein presented his point of view. He talked of

several things he feels to be significant to the Canadian makeup.

Things like one third of American foreign investment is in Canada. And the Canadian economy isn't diversified as it relies too heavily on the natural resource sector.

Audit committee established

A sub-committee that would look into administrative spending at the U of A was established by the Board of Governors Friday. But at least one board member wasn't satisfied.

The committee would report to the board at least once a year and provide a communications link between the board and the provincial auditor.

Burke Barker, however, was critical of the committee because it would include a member of the administration, Lorne Leitch, vice-president finance and administration. He wanted an independent auditor, like the Auditor General used in the federal government.

Other members of the committee are the chairman, and a non-administrative member of the finance committee, and the vice-president, finance and administration.

"This board is very different in that it has no mechanism to evaluate management," he said. An independent committee

He pointed out that three-fifths of Canadian unions are controlled from the US.

Rotstein also commented that Canada is the only advanced industrial nation that does not have a national news weekly.

Canadians need greater

political consciousness, he said. He sees this as a situation for concern but not despair. Rotstein, a professor of Economics at the University of Toronto, has written a number of books on Canadian nationalism. As well, Rotstein was managing editor of the Canadian Forum magazine for five years.

Rotstein's thesis was that all overt concern for Canadian independence is linked with the issues of territoriality. This is inadequate to confront the major challenge of cultural and technological dependence of Canada on the United States.

Rotstein called the Sixties a radical decade with world wide student upheavals, the rise of Black Power and Women's Liberation and the birth of the Waffle movement. In contrast, the 1970's are conservative. Gains made by activism have eroded and concern has subsided. However, there are possibilities for change in this conservative decade. He pointed to a Gallup Poll in which 48 per cent of those questioned were in favor of tighter control on natural resources.

He said that recent Alberta moves along this line were significant, since they showed that the interests of the Alberta government and oil companies were not the same.

They also showed that old policies can be revised; for example, that royalties can be increased. An expansion of the Alberta corporation into private industry would be for conservative not radical reasons.

"This is not to say the board has no confidence in its managers," said Barker. "It can work as a tool for management too. It's good for all of us to know that we're being watched."

Barker said an independent committee would strengthen the university's side in negotiations when it asks for money from the provincial government. "We could say with real confidence that our house is in order."

Rotstein invited comments and criticisms from the floor. The meeting on the whole, however, was very low key.

Members of the Committee for an Independent Canada were present and announced a forum will be held Nov. 8 in the Jubilee Auditorium. The topic is "The Great Canadian Debate: Energy for Sale?". Tickets will be \$2.

The importance of the CIC is its capacity for major research efforts. The Mackenzie Valley Pipeline is one issue being studied.

The CIC remains outside any particular political party. Rotstein warns the creative energy of the CIC may be shattered on political illusion.

Rotstein is co-editor of a new book called "Getting It Back" which examines issues and alternatives in Canadian nationalism. It will be released within the next six to eight weeks.

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