

Garland, Meagher discuss new arena with Council

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Two members of the university administration attended the SRC meeting Monday night to discuss the new arena.

Director of Academic and Campus planning, Eric Garland, and the Executive Assistant to the President, John Meagher were present to give an up to date progress report on the arena.

The arena will be built between the tennis court and Chapman Field. Both Chapman Field and the tennis court are to be left intact.

According to Meagher, the idea of an arena came up when the Fredericton area was amalgamated. The university's use of the Lady Beaverbrook rink would be restricted, due to the increased demands put on its use by the added population of Fredericton. The arena, built by the Beaverbrook Foundation, is controlled by an Arena Committee composed of people from Fredericton and UNB.

After being paid a visit by President John M. Anderson, Sir Max Aitken, chancellor of this university, was enthusiastic.

Then, the idea that the arena should be "multi-purpose" and more than just an ice-rink came up. The general opinion was that it should serve as a rink, a place to hold convocation, a stage, and have meeting halls, as well as other features. Therefore, Meagher emphasized that the building should be called a "university centre", rather than an arena.

Garland then described the building.

He said there would be approximately 4200 fixed seats, with backs and partial arms. The ice surface is to be 85 feet by 200 feet, and can be used as either an ice surface or "multi-purpose floor." The floor could also be used to seat 1500 to 1600 people. There will also be a jogging track around the outside of the ice surface.

The ticket booths will be movable from one part of the building to another.

The concession stands will be at the side and in the middle section of the building.

Parking facilities, for 700 to 1,000 cars, are to be located on the Montgomery Street side of the complex, with the entrance to it off Montgomery St.

However, the main entrance shall be facing the university. This, said Garland, is to facilitate pedestrians.

There will be entrances directly to the lower level, underneath the bleachers. Participants in events will be able to use these entrances, rather than having to go through the main entrance into the lobby

above. There will be washrooms and showers, concessions, skate sharpening booths, changing rooms, an officials room directly off the ice surface, large meeting rooms, and a "stage operational room."

The seats on one side will be able to be hoisted up so the movable stage can be rolled into place. When the stage is out, there will still be a lot of floor space left, which can be used for seating. This will partly make up for the seats lacking on the side where the stage is to be put into place.

At one end of the lower level will be a large work, storage, and service area. This will be large enough for a visiting team's bus to drive in and unload in the event of rain.

Above the seating area will be a glassed in administrative area. This will allow vision of the seats and ice surface. Above that will be a glassed in boardroom or lounge. This should be from 35-40 feet by 60-65 feet, and will be capable of holding from 60 to 120 people, depending on the particular function being held.

Garland said the floor covering for the ice surface will cost between \$50,000 and \$150,000. He added, "when the floor system is in

place, the ice surface is insulated." This means that the building can be kept at a reasonable temperature without the ice melting.

The building will also be well ventilated.

Garland said that, although placing the stage on one side of the arena rather than on the end cuts down on the number of people that can be seated, it also offers better acoustics and vision.

He also stated that other aspects of acoustics were taken into account, such as "baffles" for the ceiling, if necessary.

He said that, although there is no provision for permanent lighting on the stage, there is room to set up the type of lighting needed for particular operations.

An attempt is being made to arrange for broadcasting facilities to overlook both the ice surface and the playing field. This would be on the upper level.

Meagher said the storage, work, and service area should be "in excess of 2,000 feet."

When asked how the size of the arena was determined, Garland said, "this was all dictated by your users committee."

Garland finished the discussion by adding that provisions have been made for both a first aid clinic and for people confined to wheel chairs.

Church in the hotel business

REGINA (CUP) — The Roman Catholic Church needs more than parishioners' donations to build lavish churches and maintain God's employees.

In Regina, the church is not only a slum landlord, but is now in the hotel business.

Our Lady of the Prairies Foundation, one of the many organizations that make up the Roman Catholic Church, holds 24 percent of the shares in Cavalier Enterprises, a company building a major hotel complex in downtown Regina.

Cavalier already owns a hotel in Saskatoon and one in Prince Albert. Neither of them employ union labour. Cavalier's president, Donald Leier, brags that all shareholders of his company are

residents of Saskatchewan.

The University of Saskatchewan (Regina campus) student newspaper, The Carillon, discovered last fall that the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, a Roman Catholic order, owned a slum apartment in Regina.

After The Carillon's story appeared, the apartment's fire alarm, fire door, and wiring were repaired but the building remains a slum.

The Roman Catholic Church owns far more than slums and hotels; it ranks as one of the world's richest corporations. Obviously the Pope doesn't believe that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

IBM makes annual donation

IBM Canada's annual donation of \$1,500 for undergraduate bursaries was presented February 14 to University of New Brunswick President John M. Anderson.

The presentation was made in Fredericton by Van M. Campbell, branch manager of IBM Canada Ltd. Atlantic Provinces, Ronald J.

Scott, account manager in Fredericton, and A. J. LeBlanc, manager for N.B. and P.E.I.

Last year IBM Canada helped more than 200 university students across the country through its bursary and grant-in-aid program. IBM began the program on a national level in 1962 to provide

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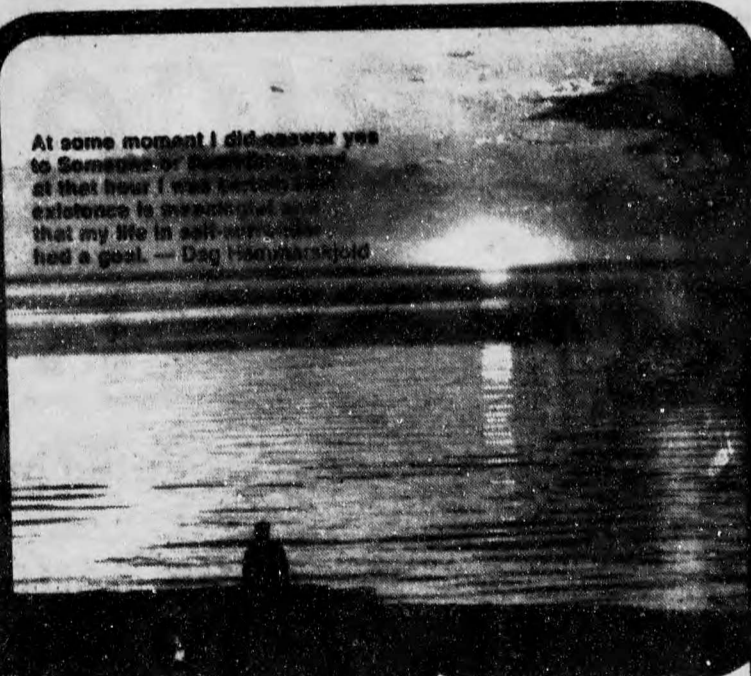
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