

NEW SUB GETS APPROVAL



DENTIST'S DELIGHT—This migratory Transylvanian vampire Sunday night prepped for Halloween at a Newman Club party. The two ghouls surrounding "Toothy" are obviously impressed with his flashy frontpiece—even though one used her arm for the impression.

—Photo by Credico

Council Removes \$4 Million Ceiling

Basic facilities for a new students' union building have been approved by Students' Council.

In a five-hour meeting Monday night, council approved all facility recommendations made by its planning commission in a series of unanimous or near-unanimous votes.

The approval followed a report to council by the Students' Union board of inquiry which supported every major aspect of the proposed building.

Council must still approve detailed proposals to be presented during the next month by the planning commission, in time to submit the entire project to the university's board of governors Dec. 4.

According to the planning commission report Monday night, approval by the board of governors will commit the students' union to construction of a building covering "about" 152,000 square feet at a cost of "about" four million dollars.

Total area for the facilities is derived from research to be published as a "final-detailed" proposal in about three weeks.

The building will contain lounges, meeting rooms and offices, food services and catering areas, recreational facilities—including the con-

troversial bowling and curling areas as well as billiards, ping-pong, and quiet games spaces; a meditation area; arts and crafts workshop; a fine arts and music area; publications facilities; a bank and barber shop; the university bookstore; an 800 seat theatre; and alumni, employment service and counselling areas.

Council also was forced to pass a motion lifting a ceiling of four million dollars placed on the project by last year's council, in order to accommodate the planning-commission proposals.

Decision to lift the ceiling came after Secretary-Treasurer Richard Price noted the building's projected cost was \$4,141,546, and came after the proposed facilities had received council approval.

According to Student's Union President Francis Saville, the ceiling was imposed last year when it was thought the union would have to pay for the entire project.

The university administration now plans to finance the bookstore and food services area plus maintenance and utility costs of "non-revenue-producing areas" of the building, says Saville.

Current figures call for a bookstore and food services unit to cover a combined total of 29,500 square feet at a cost of \$630,250.

The rest of the building will be financed by student fees over the next 23 years, in the form of a loan guaranteed by the provincial government.

Andy Brook, SUB planning commission chairman, says exact cost of the building cannot be determined at the present time.

However, he told council members: "I can come before you with only complete confidence."

Frank Noffke, chief planning consultant, said he did not know of "a better planned project."

Ed Monzma, vice-chairman of the planning commission, stressed the review work of the commission as well as that of the board of inquiry. "You have carried out your mandate to examine the project," he told council.

After campaigning on the idea, Saville established the broad of inquiry last spring to investigate complaints expressed in a student petition to council that inadequate information was available on original SUB-expansion proposals.

The board of inquiry report stressed the lack of student interest in the project. Clayton Kobie, board chairman, said few students or councillors showed up at board hearings to express their opinions.

The board report did not recommend a chapel, but approved a meditation area, a "suitably-financed" theatre and the planned recreation facilities on the same basis as the theatre.

After the meeting, Saville told The Gateway, "this is the best possible building for students in this environment."

"As far as I'm concerned there is no longer any ground for student complaint that something is being pushed on them. It's taken three years and I'm sure everyone is glad approval has finally come."

Gateway Hosts Varsity Press At Conference

The Gateway is host for the Western Regional Conference of Canadian University Press today and tomorrow.

Over 40 delegates and observers from nine western universities, technical schools and colleges are attending.

It was to open with an address by Don Smith of The Edmonton Journal today at 2:30 p.m. A banquet at Lister hall, a panel discussion and an editor's meeting follow. Andrew Snaddon, managing editor of The Edmonton Journal will speak at the banquet.

Saturday will be devoted to four seminars covering news writing, editorial writing and make-up. The conference ends with a formal banquet and dance at the Coachman and Macdonald.

CONFERENCE PURPOSE

Purpose of the conference says Bill Winship, Gateway editor, "is to be a business meeting for the various campus newspapers. It is intended to improve communications among them and to give the editors a chance to discuss common problems."

"Another purpose," says Winship, "is to formulate policy for the National CUP Conference."

CUP is a national news and feature service for campus newspapers. Headquarters are in Ottawa.

An Adequate SUB Campus Living Room Focal Area Of Student Life

By Al Bromling

The progress of the new SUB from blueprint to reality will depend to a large extent on the efforts of Marvin Swenson, a newcomer to the U of A.

Mr. Swenson, Students' Union general manager and advisor to Council since Sept. 1, feels the new SUB will be a valuable contribution to campus life.

"An adequate SUB will contribute to the achievement of the over-all objective of university life and the preparation of people for a constructive life in modern society," says Mr. Swenson.

"SUB can be a rallying point for campus unity, a focal area with which each student can identify—the living room of the campus."

"There is something for everyone, food facilities, recreational facilities, rooms for intellectual and social meetings, Fine Arts facilities and space for talk and coffee."

TRAINING AREA

"The importance of competence in interpersonal relations in modern society cannot be denied and

I see the new SUB as a valuable training area by bringing students together.

"On a specialized campus the SUB offers the best centre for inter-faculty interaction—and a chance for the commuter student to become involved in campus life."

As general manager, Mr. Swenson says it is his duty to implement student policy and efficiently administer Students'



MARVIN SWENSON
... big task ahead

Council business. "Thus student goals become my goals," he says.

"However, as Council advisor I will evaluate these goals and counsel the students accordingly."

LIQUOR LAWS

Mr. Swenson comments on the controversial issue of a suggested liquor licence for a public lounge in the new SUB.

"The laws in this province do not permit sale of liquor on campus, if students want this law changed they will have to do it through their legislators," he says.

"At the moment Students' Council is investigating the possibility of obtaining 'banquet licences' which would enable groups to serve liquor on special occasions."

"I would not object personally to a liquor lounge on campus, but this issue should be separated from the SUB project as a whole so progress will not be impeded."

Originally from Montana, Mr. Swenson received his B.Sc. from Montana State College in 1950, later obtaining his M.Ed. from Minnesota State University.

He has experience as assistant director of the Students' Union Building at Washington State University, where he began work on a Ph.D. in higher education.