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## Taking Care of Business

by Maureen Bourke

The Business Building, promised since the mid 1960's, will finally be completed in May 1984.

"Originally the building was to have been completed sometime during the mid 1970's to accommodate enrollment increases," said Associate Dean of the MBA program, Peter Winters.

The project was shelved because funding to the U of A was cut by the new Progressive Conservative Government. The provincial government at that time cited the release of a study

predicting a decrease in student enrollment during the 70's and levelling off during the 80's as reasons for the delay.

The original building concept called for overpasses to be built connecting Old Arts and the north end of HUB to the new building. Members of the Arts Faculty, concerned that the overpass to Old Arts would detract from the building's character, successfully lobbied against the proposal.

The building will now have an overpass to the North end of HUB and a four story glass galleria similar to the one in Rutherford

Library, connecting it on two levels with Tory.

In the past, students in wheelchairs had only one access to Tory. The new building will be wheelchair accessible at its southern exit as well as through both ends of the galleria.

In addition to ramps that connect the galleria with the basement and first floor of Tory, the first floor of the new building will have a reading room and a student common room.

There will be a patio on the second floor, hopefully with a student seating area.

## Nova Scotia leaders frustrated

HALIFAX (CUP) — Student leaders in this province are frustrated with their national student organization.

For the last two years, they have tried to make the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) more responsive to their needs, but according to Peter Kavanagh, executive officer of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS), they sense no-one is listening.

"Participation in CFS depends on how schools interact," says Kavanagh. "If Nova Scotia's schools can't interact, then there won't be a Nova Scotia presence in CFS."

Roger Lewis, student union president at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, says

that his school "will probably pull out of CFS this April." Lewis says NSCAD may reconsider its position if CFS shows more flexibility at its upcoming November conference.

"I think we're dealing with mindless bureaucrats," he says. "We're frustrated. We don't feel like we're getting anything."

Atul Sharma, SUNS chair, says that the future of CFS in Nova Scotia will be decided at Dalhousie University. If Dalhousie pulls out, the three remaining CFS members in the province will follow, he says.

"We do need people at the federal level addressing the problems of Nova Scotia students," he said. "I don't think

CFS is adequately doing that."

Both Kavanagh and Sharma are against a pull-out referendum and are determined to continue the fight to change the organization from within.

Complaints about CFS are common here. Some say the organization is undemocratic, too bureaucratic, and unresponsive to change from the membership. Others claim the organization is dominated by unelected staff

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## SU Council static

by Mark Roppel

Some things never change, especially when it comes to Students' Council.

Two motions intended to alter procedure in the council chambers were defeated at Tuesday's meeting.

The more important of the motions would have given speaking privileges to any student who wished to attend a council meeting: "Be it resolved that full speaking privileges, subject to Robert's Rules of Order, be extended to all students during Students' Council meetings."

Originally, the motion had been presented by Siobhan Avery, but since she is no longer a member of council, Peter Block spoke for the motion.

"I don't see any problem with too many people coming here," said Block. "I think that would be a blessing more than a problem."

"I'd like to see the representative system of democracy restored," said Paul Alpern in opposition to the bill.

Ann McGrath disagreed: "I think this is one of the few universities in Canada where the members of the organization don't have the ability to express their opinions about specific issues... in the universities where I've been where it is the right of every student to come and speak, there has never been a serious problem with people coming in and speaking."

Robert Greenhill said that if a student wanted to speak at a meeting, all he had to do was go and see a member of the executive, the Business Manager or one of the faculty representatives.

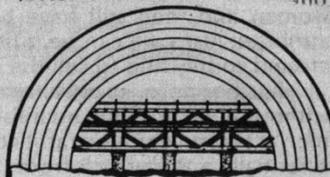
In the end more people agreed with Paul and Robert than with Peter and Ann and the motion was defeated 19 to 6.

The other motion was an attempt to replace the secret and anonymous system of electronic voting with a public and open show of hands.

Some thought it was impractical to expect the speaker to be able to count over thirty hands, others thought it would make councillors more accountable to students, but most thought it a waste of time. The motion was

defeated 18 to 7.

And of course no Students' Council meeting would be complete without spending any money. The new grill in L'Express will cost \$5000; CJSR gets \$8000.



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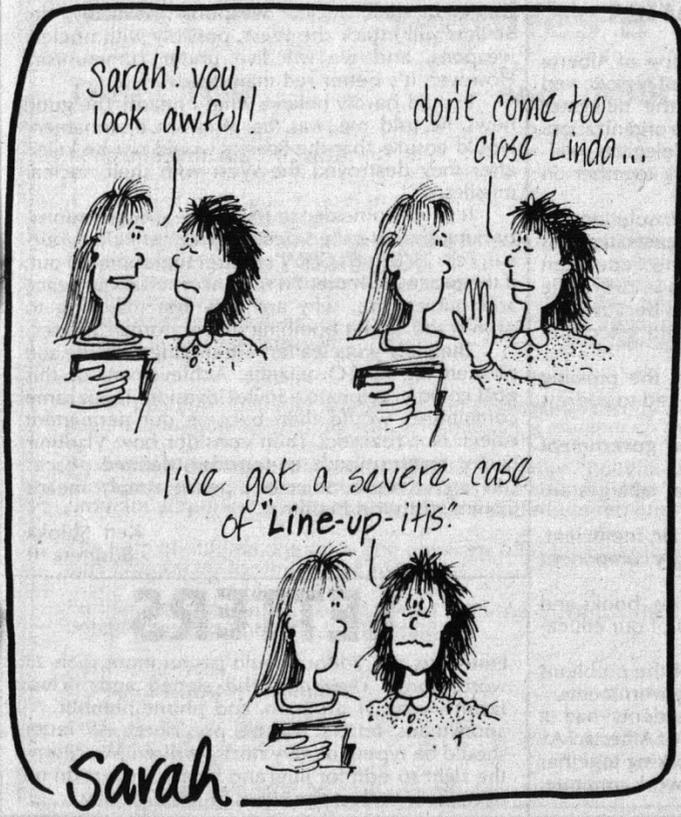
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