

The Old Library-A Great Place for the Student Union



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The transfer of books to the new library was finally completed during the Christmas vacation, and Kelley Memorial Library has remained vacant since then. Many people have been asking the inevitable question, "How is the old library building going to be utilized."

The present plan under consideration is that the Business Administration department will occupy the top two floors, and the bookstore will move into the lower level. An independent architects' design for remodeling with the estimated cost proposal has been submitted for the approval of the Maritime Higher Education Commission.

The architects' estimated cost is over \$800,000 and by the time tenders are made the projected cost will be close to one million dollars. This would be more than twice as much as the original cost of the building and almost one third the cost of the new library. The great expense is because they plan to alter the support system of the whole building. The renovation will

require removing all beams and replacing them with steel supports through the walls and ceiling. The structure of the old library is not suitable for classrooms thus the university feels that these drastic changes are necessary.

Because the cost of renovation is so great, the University is hesitating to proceed with the plans. The University Comptroller, Dennis Clough, feels that the University may be better off building new facilities for Business Administration and leaving the library vacant for awhile.

The best idea, which is supported by many students is turning the building over to the Student Union for our use. The Student Union is presently in many awkward locations throughout the campus. The executive office, the photo club, and the Cadre are located in the basement of Memorial Hall. CIMN and the yearbook are at the end of fourth floor Main building, while the cafeteria and the Panther Lounge are in the barn at the far end of campus.

The campus has been gradually moving away from the barn. We have been left with a building at the wrong end of campus that can't even accommodate the needs of the students. The building the bookstore is now in was once the Student Union's, but because it was too small after amalgamation, the Student Union gave the building to the University when we remodeled the barn. The Student Union has regretted the move from this central location, and has looked forward to moving back to the center of campus.

It is almost certain that the Student Union will soon have a liquor license, and will be running a University Pub. Besides having an awful location, the Panther lounge in the barn has a terrible atmosphere and is too small. The first floor of the old library could easily be turned into a Pub, and it could also accommodate more people.

The move to the old library would allow the Student Union to finally get all our facilities under one roof. By vacating Memorial

Hall, decent residence facilities could finally be built. Students in Memorial Hall have been waiting a long time for the improvements, that haven't been possible because of a lack of space.

It has been taken for granted that it will be at least 10 years before the Student Union will be able to afford a new building. If the Student Union were to move into the old library we could complete all the necessary changes by the time classes begin in September. The economic advantage to both the University and the Student Union is that the building would need no major renovations to accommodate Student Union needs. The Student Union could make all the necessary renovations for less than one tenth of what the University is expecting to pay.

We, the student body have a choice. Do we wait for ten years desperately hoping for a new Student Union building, or do we take the logical step to fulfill Student Union needs within the year.



SUPPORT YOUR MAFIA

I am not a member of the Mafia but I feel that Mr W. MacLauchlan and the Carnival Committee are weaseling out of the situation between our Mafia and the committee, and keeping the prize money. In the last Cadre edition, the UPEI's mafia, claim for

the prize money they deserve was shot down According to Mr. MacLauchlan, who had the initiative to do some research on the definition of a float, came up with the definition which he proposed suitable for the situation. The definition reads as follows: "A float is a platform on wheels or a vehicle with a platform used as a base for a tableau or other exhibit in a procession." I feel that this definition is not suitable. For instance, a floor of a car can be classified as a platform on wheels. Secondly, when you go to register your car or whatever you are driving, you don't go down to the dept. of "motor Platforms", you go to the "Motor Vehicle" division. What I am trying to say is that the word vehicle can be defined as

"an object for movement". My car is an object for movement and so is our Mafias' 36 chevy. Thirdly, the 1936 Chevy is an exhibit in its own class. You can't find too many 1936 chevys floating around. The car's body even though it may have been modified can be called an exhibit. And when Mr MacLauchlan suggested that it was a lot warmer inside the Chevy than for those outside too bad, if the people on the outside haven't enough initiative to enter a float, let them catch cold. Furthermore, the reason for writing is not for the money but for the principle of the whole matter. The rights of the students must be upheld. The Mafia should have received their prize money as soon as they entered, instead of finding

out later of all the technicalities in which Mr MacLauchlan or the Winter Carnival Committee had conjured up as an appropriate definition of a float, considering there was no such fine print found on the entry form.

So when next year's winter carnival comes along be sure that you know what the definition for a float is or you won't receive your prize money.

Larry MacLaren

To the Editor,
I have many passing comments to make on Teddy's Crockett's letter to the editor in last weeks edition First of all Ted, I didn't realize the Cadre had to meet up to your expectations