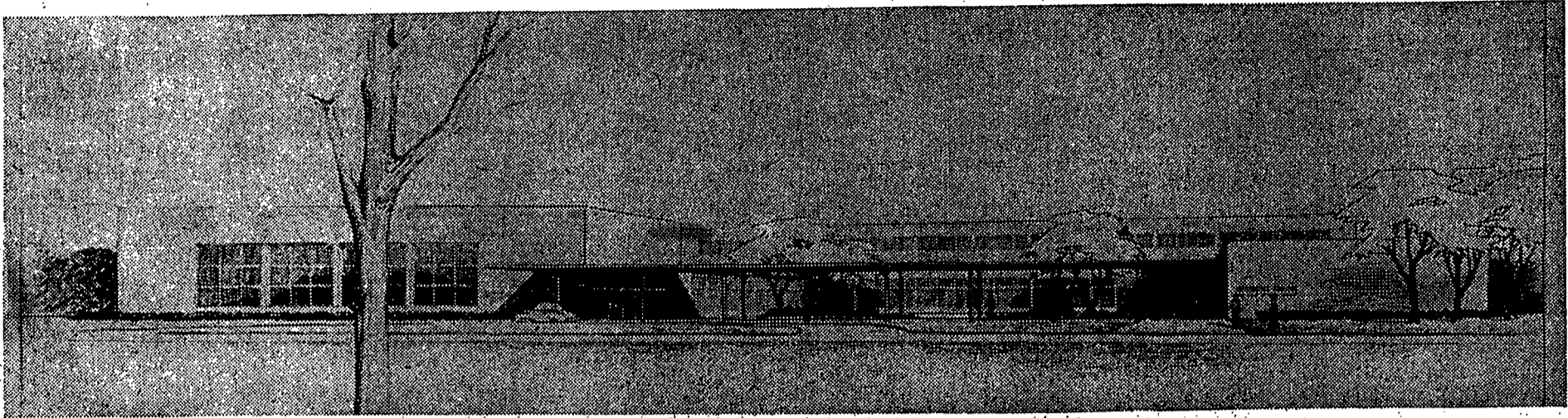


Plans Furthered for \$2-Million Union



HERE'S AN ARTIST'S conception of the \$2,000,000 "first unit" of the College's Student Union building, slated to be in construction tentatively by December 1950. Plans will be up for final approval of the Joint Alumni-Trustee Committee and Board of Trustees on June 10. Meanwhile, All-College Cabinet was asked last night by two members of the undergraduate SU committee to okay a student fee beginning next semester, as a "pointed boost" toward early SU construction.

Visible above, from the street level in front, are the main floor and second floor. Not visible in the drawing are the ground floor and basement. (Details of SU facilities appear elsewhere on this page.)

SU Construction Is Seen Starting by December '50

Ball Room, Lounge Sites Set for SU

Plans for a \$2,000,000 four-floor student social and recreational center to be erected soon on a mid-campus site have been approved by the College's Student Union Building committee, S. K. Hostetter, chairman, disclosed yesterday. On the committee are faculty, administrative officers and students.

He pointed out that how soon the building is erected depends partly on approval of present SU plans by a Joint Trustee-Alumni committee and the Board of Trustees on June 10, and partly on whether a student assessment can be started next fall to help finance the building.

To Start Soon

"Keeping in mind these two provisos," he said, "the outlook is favorable and the SU building should be in construction during the coming school year."

Declining to name a specific site, Mr. Hostetter said it is not definite yet, but he indicated that it will be a location near the center of campus.

Need Assessment

Meanwhile, James MacCallum, chairman of the undergraduate SU committee, declared yesterday that the "time is ripe for a voluntary student assessment to help finance the SU building."

He pointed out that fees are a major means of SU building finance on many campuses, and added that Penn State students have asked the Trustees twice previously (1946 and 1947) for a SU fee as a boost toward the building, but action was deferred.

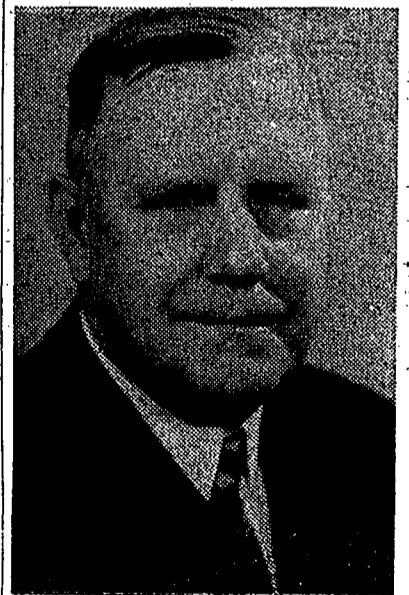
"If the present All-College Cabinet passes the fee for next fall," he declared, "it should serve to virtually assure that we'll have a much-needed Student Union building in construction during the coming school year."

The fee would be used for construction and maintenance of the SU building, according to Hostetter, MacCallum and Thomas Morgan, Collegian ex-editor, last night asked Cabinet—as a climax to a 13-year student "fight" for a SU building—to approve a SU fee and make known that approval to the Joint Alumni-Trustee committee in June.

Financing the SU is called one of the major problems now confronting the College, since extensive SU planning—directed by

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Deike Cites SU Outlook



Mr. George H. Deike, called "one of the foremost Trustees in the history of the College," expressed trust "that something definite" on a Student Union building can be accomplished "in the very near future," in a recent letter to Thomas Morgan, Collegian ex-editor and student member of the College's SU committee.

Mr. Deike declared, in part: "I must confess that I have been deeply interested in this matter for a period of several years, both as a member of the Board of Trustees and as an alumnus of the College. The need for a Student Union building is well recognized and I trust that something definite can be accomplished in the very near future. . . . We are all vitally interested in this subject."

'Log' of the Union

By TOM MORGAN

Follow progress of the 13-year "fight" for a Student Union Building at Penn State by examining this log of SU highlights:

1937—Agitation began in the Collegian for a SU building similar to those cropping up on other campuses. Collegian staffers have been among the student ring-leaders in the SU drive, according to Mr. George Donovan, manager of associated student activities and student union.

January 1939—Eighty-nine per cent of Penn State students want a SU building, a cross-section survey of 800 students revealed. Eighty-four per cent of all those contacted in the survey said they would be willing to pay a fee each semester toward a SU.

February 1939—Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, associate professor of psychology (now a full professor) pointed out that many coeds are having to "pass up the future-greats in the engineering field" because of lack of a SU building as a social center. He said a SU would bring about more friendly relationships between male and female students.

December 1939—Collegian want-ad: "Wanted—a hundred thousand bucks from some wealthy alumnus to start the ball rolling on a much-needed SU building."

1940—Adam Smyser, Collegian editor, exhorted action: " . . . Can't we rest just a minute, catch our breath, fill out this vast, hollow shell we call a college with more of the real stuff of life? . . . Why can't the College help the situation by providing a Student Union building? . . . If not the College, what about the students themselves or the alumni?"

MAY 1942—"S.S. Dry Dock," campus non-profit night club begun by Donovan in the Old Main basement, celebrated its third and best year. Modest forerunner of the SU building as a social center, the "Dry Dock" offered an entire evening of fun for less than a buck. A 50-cent cover charge entitled a couple to a table, dancing to recordings and a floor show of professional caliber. Sandwiches—student made—cost a dime. Extra "take" above expenses for the evening was returned to the students in the form of door prizes.

March 1946—Campus-wide student interest and drive toward a SU reached probably its highest pinnacle to date, led by Lawrence Foster, Collegian staffer, and others. About 2,700 students

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A ballroom about half the floor area of Rec Hall, plus extensive coffee shop, soda bar and dining room facilities, lounges and other features will highlight the \$2,000,000 "first unit" of the Student Union building.

According to tentative present plans, released yesterday, by Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of business and finance, future additions to the "first unit" will be made as funds are available. The building will have four floors.

Following are descriptions of each floor in the "first unit," as outlined in the up-to-date plans revised from tentative plans reported last January in the Collegian:

Basement Floor

Control area for all utilities in the building, such as electricity and heat; Unexcavated areas.

Ground Floor

(This floor will be below the street level in the front, but will be level with the ground in the rear.)

Kitchen, serving several areas on this floor; (Continued on page fourteen)

