

GOVERNORS TALK BUDGET

Planning of the university's budget has very little to do with the setting of its priorities, members of the Board of Governors were told Friday.

Presenting the board with the budget forecast released in last Thursday's *Gateway*, university president Max Wyman explained that 70 to 80 percent of the budget is already committed before discussions of the coming year's budget begin.

"Last year everybody wanted to get into the budgetary process because they thought that was where planning took place," student rep Frans Slatter remarked.

In fact, however, planning decisions are made at many different levels from the departments to the faculties to GFC to the Board of Governors and finally the Universities Commission.

The question facing board members, Slatter said, was whether they wanted to see the budget set campus priorities or whether they wanted to continue to rely on these other means.

SU backs UAVAC

"I couldn't care less how many get killed! We are all going to die sooner or later anyway."

Thus spoke Saffron Shandro (commerce rep), at Monday's Student Council meeting, on UAVAC's appeal for \$100 to be used to finance a demonstration on Saturday. Gerry Riskin said that whereas UAVAC had appealed to Council previously for funds, they have never been successful in their appeal. Riskin also said that UAVAC was the kind of group for whom the grant fund was established. Council then approved the grant.

Money was also given to the Recreation Students Society, Rehab. Medicine Students Society and the U of A CUSO branch who were given \$468, \$114, \$300 respectively.

petition backs SUB co-op

Members of a group who wish to establish a record co-op in SUB are collecting signatures for a petition protesting the students' council's "abdication of responsibility" to the "best interests of the students and the university community at large" by refusing to support their project.

The proposal was rejected at last Monday's council meeting by a vote of 9 to 8 with two abstentions.

The main objections raised to the scheme were that it would be in

political repression in Argentina

by Lisa Wilson

A state of "escalating repression against political dissidents in Latin America" has led to the formation of a new movement on the U of A campus—the Canadian Committee for Justice for Latin American Political Prisoners.

Citing "thousands of arrests, abductions, tortures, assassinations, a general denial of civil liberties" and the "massacre" of sixteen political prisoners who had surrendered after an escape attempt in August, 1972 as the crimes of Argentina's military regime, C.C.J.L.A.P.P. is sponsoring a cross-Canada speaking tour on the subject "Argentina Today: Political Repression and the Fight against It."

The speaker, Daniel Zadunaisky, a representative of the "Argentine Movement for the Liberation of Political Prisoners in Argentina" recently completed a tour of the U.S., after being "officially detained" for six days upon entering the country. Active in the defense group in Argentina, he will be speaking in Edmonton on January 26th.

B.M. Barker, academic staff association rep on the board, argued strongly for a centralized system for setting priorities.

The decentralized system now in use, in which faculties and departments set their own priorities once they are notified of the total amount from the budget available to them, creates "feudal baronies, each pursuing their own interests at the expense of the institution as a whole," Barker said.

Such a system "promotes internal strife," allows departments to "so arrange priorities as to eliminate the teaching function for research, holidays, or whatever," and "allows administrators to avoid responsibilities in setting priorities," Barker charged.

In his characteristic, barely audible voice, Wyman said that he was in "violent disagreement" with Barker's position.

Wyman maintained that there is no such thing as the priorities of the university. Priorities, he said, are the sum of the priorities of the constituent parts of the university.

In establishing a central authority for setting priorities, the university would be giving "lip service" to a "platitudinous goal," Wyman argued, and the priorities of such a committee would not necessarily be those of the university as a whole.

Designated by the board as a planning session, Friday's meeting also took up the closely related concern of provincial funding of the university.

Wyman explained to board members the implications of the provincial government's decision last fall to eliminate the Universities Commission, and a more recent decision to announce university operating grants two years in advance.

In the past, the operating grant had been made by the government to the commission on a straight per-student basis. The commission would, in turn, allocate the money among the three provincial universities on the basis of a weighted student grant which took into account the fact that some programmes

competition with a firm in HUB which will display records as a side-line, that it would break fire regulations which do not allow the hallways to be blocked and that in the future, the music listening room might rent and sell used records.

Supporters of the project claim that the store would make records available at a price of fifty cents above wholesale cost, a saving of about \$3.00 per record. Citing the successful co-op bookstore in Calgary as a precedent to their plan, the group cautions in a statement prepared last week that "the success of this venture, due to the low prices, depends on free or minimal rentals. . . ."

In its statement, the group argued it would be willing to do "whatever is necessary" to comply with fire regulations. Besides, "This co-op was only concerned to obtain approval in principle from the council. Such approval is, of course, conditional upon approval by the Fire Marshall 1, approval by the Board of Governors, and refusal by the relevant business concerns in HUB. There is good reason to believe that each of these can be obtained."

As for the possible competition with stores in HUB, the statement said that "while it is a student concern that HUB flourish, it is also a concern that the students be provided a service. The co-op could, and would sell records at a price far below that of any concern in HUB. Furthermore, it should be stressed that the business in question is not interested, in the main, in the sale of records."

Record rental at the music listening room is "laudable", the group believes, but it would not be incompatible with the sale of new records. "The two operations, working side by side, could be expected to mutually enhance once another."

Those interested in helping with the protest may contact Peter at 432-4521 or Kate or Wes at 433-3262. Petitions will be placed on bulletin boards throughout the campus and at stations in SUB and CAB during this week. The group needs "a modest array of impassioned souls to relentlessly pursue signatures."

are more costly to provide than others.

This procedure, Wyman said, placed the universities in an "adversary position vis-a-vis the other universities. We had to prove the others were asking for too much."

While the elimination of the commission will mean that the universities will approach the department of advanced education directly, the original grant from the government will now be made on the basis of a weighted scale, making the grants of each university dependent not upon dividing up a total sum, but dependent solely on the numbers and types of students enrolled.

The major issue still to be settled between the universities and the

government is the method by which yearly increases in the per-unit grant are to be determined to take into account inflation and salary increases.

The recent decisions of the department of advanced education have been "extremely acceptable in principle," Wyman said, granting some things the board "has fought for nearly seven years" to achieve.

Concern on the part of a number of board members as to what kind of decision-making body would replace the universities commission led to the formation of a committee to study proposals already made public, as in the Worth Commission report, to inform board members of possible alternatives.

engineers fool the world



Engineering princesses meet with dean of women Isobel Monroe (far left) as part of their week's activities. You'll have to get their names from the posters plastered all over campus.

Watch out for slow-sliding toboggans and fast rolling kegs: this is Engineering Week, the time every year when "engineers fool the world."

On Monday, participants spent the day campaigning in the engineering classrooms and building ice and snow statues. At 4 p.m. in SUB Theatre, skits were presented to the public.

Tuesday is Campus Day. Starting at 10 a.m., various parties will be staging ridiculous pranks and letting everyone know that the engineers are still with us. A rally will be held in CAB at 11:30 a.m.

75 rally for war protest

A spirited rally of about 75 persons demonstrating against the war in Vietnam occurred on Saturday, January 20, Nixon's inauguration day, with the financial support of the students' council. The marchers picketed the Imperial Oil Building, then marched through downtown Edmonton to the Federal Building where the possibility of Canadian peacekeeping forces was protested. The march was part of international protests, including a march of over 100,000 in Washington.

Keynote speakers included John

'U.S. will lose in Vietnam'

"The socialist countries are on the offensive," was the message of a confident Bruce Magnuson, labor secretary of the Communist Party of Canada, who spoke to about thirty people in the Meditation Room Friday.

The organizers of the meeting were somewhat angry when members of the Maoist CPC-(Marxist-Leninist) began selling their newspaper outside the Meditation Room prior to the meeting, but there was no trouble.

Magnuson emphasized that the Americans will not win in Vietnam, and said that he was happy with the government's action in passing a resolution deploring the recent bombing of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, but that he would have liked to see a more strongly worded resolution.

Speaking about the labor movement in

Wednesday will see toboggan races in the quad at noon and boat races at 7 p.m.

At 12:30 on Thursday a keg race will be staged between Tory and Phase I of the Mechanical Engineering building.

Friday will be somewhat quieter with no campaigning, the voting for the princesses and the judging of the ice and snow statues.

The Queen Ball will be held on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Capilano Motor Inn. This is open to anyone and tickets are available at Room 600, Engineering Building. The charge is \$15.00 per couple.

Packer of NDP who said, "we must certainly oppose Canadian troops going to Vietnam." Mary Van Stolk, ecologist and feminist, spoke of the need to continue demonstrations even if a ceasefire is signed saying that the war "is going on to a new and different stage." Henry Malta, U of A Vietnam Action Committee, spoke of the complicate and treacherous role that Canada had played in Vietnam. He warned that without the pressure of international antiwar movement, "Nixon can renew the terror bombing at any time."

Canada, Magnuson says that unity is of great importance. He feels that the recent admission of the Fishermen's union and the Electrical Workers union to the Canadian Labor Congress is a sign that such unity is coming about. However, he thinks that the admissions may have been made possible only through a backroom deal in which the unions agreed to support the conservative ICFTU (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions).

After Magnuson's speech, there was a short question period. Magnuson's main point during this was that it was Communist policy to let the CPC members in each area of Canada protest the Vietnam war in the way they saw fit, and that in Edmonton the party had decided to concentrate on other forms of protest than the Saturday demonstration.