

Jason Lucien debuts as Students' Council speaker Tuesday. Lucien replaces Kris Farkas for the remainder of the year. Farkas resigned two weeks ago.

New speaker selected

SU votes to retain SUB policy

by Neal Watson

A heated debate on a motion to delete the SU Building Policy dominated a marathon Students' Council meeting Tuesday night.

The motion, to replace the existing building policy with the Criminal Code of Canada, was defeated, but a proposal to retain the policy with a different enforcement formula was passed.

The SU Building Policy prohibits events or materials to be displayed in SUB which are deemed by a committee to be "sexist, racist or otherwise offensive." The VP Internal has the authority to make this judgement. Following a ruling, appeals may be made to Building Services Board (BSB) and then Students' Council.

VP Internal Gord Stamp moved the motion because he felt BSB's authority to determine the nature of events or materials was censorship.

The new policy, now in effect, is basically the same, but instead of the VP Internal and BSB deciding on the nature of mate-

rial, the VP Internal, one of the ombudspersons and five students selected by the nominating committee and ratified by Students' Council will enforce the policy.

Exception will be made to the policy if faculty associations rent space in SUB. But in this case, the committee will conduct an educational forum within the faculty on the causes of sexism and racism.

"Students are trying to tell us something," said Stamp. "They don't want the SU to be a censorship board."

VP External Paul Alpern agreed: "We should concentrate on those issues we are given the mandate to decide."

"Cannot individuals decide for themselves?" Alpern asked.

But Arts rep. Todd Rutter, who moved the amendment, said the proposal was put forth by a diverse range of students, including medical students and engineering students.

Law student Linda Long made a presentation criticising Stamp's motion, saying that "by abolishing the current policy, you may be infringing the charter rights of women."

Sexist material "interferes with women's equality rights," Long said. "The amendment is an adequate compromise."

Arts rep. Don Miller urged councillors to "consider the Charter of Rights arguments very seriously."

"For too long, this issue has been trivialized," said Miller. "We must make legislation that is in the forefront of our society."

Stamp challenged Miller to bring the issue to a referendum. "You talk democracy, Miller, back it up."

Stamp said yesterday he intends to re-introduce the motion at the next meeting of council.

Council also ratified the Nominating Committee's selection of Jason Lucien as the new speaker for the rest of the 1984-85 year and elected councillors Ken Bosman and Paco Wilson to sit on the Nominating Committee for the remainder of the academic year.

Bosman was also picked to sit on the Bylaws and Constitution Committee.

The fate of the \$500 Students' Council gave to the Unemployment Action Committee (UAC) for Tent City was considered by council.

VP Internal Paul Alpern said he would like to see the money returned.

"We were messed around (by the UAC)," said Alpern.

Alpern moved a motion for the UAC to return the money for Tent City which was passed 16-9, but was defeated because it required a two-thirds majority.

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Unemployment centres out of funds

Alberta UACs to close

by Suzette C. Chan

With little possibility of continued federal funding, Unemployment Action Centres (UACs) across Alberta will wind up operations or close on Nov. 2.

Keith Rimstad, provincial co-ordinator of Alberta's nine UACs says the closure of the centres will leave Alberta's estimated 152,000 unemployed persons without a place to seek counsel and referral.

"There is no centre in Alberta that provides the services we provided," said Rimstad. "Most existing agencies deal with more specialized needs, such as the Food Bank and the numbers of organizations for unemployed youth and older people."

Rimstad said the UACs were created in 1983 when the Alberta Labour Federation resolved to establish a program to assist the unemployed across the province, similar to programs set up in British Columbia.

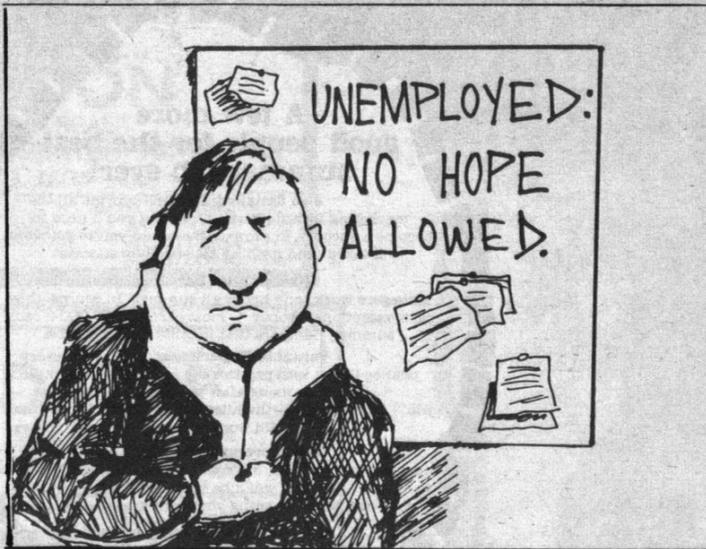
The centres were to provide advocacy and counselling services for the jobless, to make communities aware of the problems the unemployed face and to drum up support for them.

The AFL obtained \$466,000 in federal grants to open 12 UACs in Alberta, with 27 staff members, from July 1983 to July 1984.

Only nine centres opened, in Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Fort MacMurray, Peace River, Hinton, Grande Cache, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. A UAC in Grande Prairie closed during the summer.

The centres have stayed open until now existing on funds that were to be used for three other centres.

When the UACs close, 22 employees will be jobless.



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Although the centres had a short lifespan, Rimstad said he was happy with the accomplishments of the

UACs.

He said the centres have helped about 22,000 Albertans.

Students job-hunting early

by Neal Watson

The Canada Employment Centre is a busy place right now, evidence students are out early searching for jobs.

"Demand is up and we are much busier," says Wendy Caplan, the Manager of the Employment Centre (4th floor SUB).

The annual recruitment drive by major corporations is under way and according to Caplan, indications are firms are "looking for more students."

Various accounting firms are presently recruiting on campus.

The firms are looking for both summer and full-time people.

Caplan said some students have indicated to her more companies are on campus recruiting this year than in previous years.

Although students are optimistic about job prospects, they are also more flexible about the jobs they will take, said Caplan.

"Students are applying for jobs this year, they have never applied for before."

Caplan also emphasized the Employment Centre has an important counselling function as well.

"We've been successful under the circumstances," he said. "The unemployed are much more visible in the community in a number of ways."

He added that the successes of the centres were more apparent in smaller cities and towns because of the lack of other similar support agencies.

Rimstad hopes the closure of the UACs will merely be a hiatus.

"We have applied for more federal funds under the New Employment Expansion and Development (NEED) program," he said.

Rimstad said UACs must continue, especially as an educational agency.

"There is not so much apathy in Alberta as a lack of believing action will lead to a certain goal," he said.

"The unemployed are not unconcerned. They are very concerned about being unemployed, but often they have no sense of what they can do."

"We teach students to find jobs," said Caplan. "Their job-finding skills are not very good."

The Alberta government offers the PEP program which offers students jobs for six months in provincial government departments. The jobs pay \$5.50 an hour and run from Nov. 1 to Mar. 31.

The federal government also offers assistance to unemployed students.

Susan Silverthorn, director of the Alberta Student Finance Board, said

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