

## Council labelled two-ring circus

**News Comment  
by Peter Murphy**

To the innocent bystander the atmosphere at Monday night's students' council meeting

would have seemed a cross between a two-ring circus and a battle between lions and christians.

The unexpected appearance

of a TV camera crew threw the meeting into a frenzy of confused titters. Like a bunch of obedient puppets, council re-thumped their desks in homage to depart-

ing council speaker Deb Cermak, because the camera had not picked it up the first time around.

From that point on, everything else was anticlimac-

tic. Howie Hoggins rode horse "The friends of C dinner" around the ring. Five dollars per couple buys an ring of hearty fellowship. Mayor Cavanagh, Premier Loughheed and Minister of Education Hohol.

According to Hoggins dinner will mean a giant forward to improving the of students in the eyes of who phone in to radio show way to a man's heart is the his stomach, it is often said. The dinner does not promise more than heartburn, it will have been for lack of trying.

The executive's "to do" occupied a major portion of the question period. Thinly disguised administrivia, such as purchase of a plaque for swimming pool, updating filing system and the hiring of personnel for various Student Union projects such as the library, and the newly created Student Advocate position, up half of the lengthy list.

Ken Reynolds, Arts attempted to pin Zoeteman on his philosophy regarding student council and the student body. Zoeteman declined to answer this, citing lack of a restraining factor.

The item which produced the largest amount of tension, involvement and emotion, was the surprise defeat of Gwen Larsson in her bid for the vacant seat on the Phys. Ed rep. on the council. Ed rep. on the council, Larsson, who has not missed a meeting since October, presently serves on various boards and committees. In the election she received one vote to Sue Gibb, a Physics student and total newcomer to the council.

Well-informed sources blame Larsson's support for Zoeteman in the controversy over Corbett Hall playing field parking lot issue as the main reason for her defeat. Several council members were heard to say that they supported Gwen, in supporting Zoeteman's stand on the issue, did not represent her constituents as such should not be seated on the council.

The vote was so close and surprising (12-11), that Zoeteman could not believe it. A revolt was taken with the same result. Zoeteman stunned Grude tongue-tied the council for voting out a "conscientious individual." Zoeteman a subdued council which was to plow through the rest of the seemingly interminable meeting.

### METIS BEEF

Stan Daniels, president of the Metis Association of Alberta, suggested Thursday the provincial government appoint a senior minister to head an expanded native secretariat.

In a prepared statement Daniels said, "if the Conservative government is serious about improving the conditions of native people are forced to live under, a more senior minister must be appointed to head an expanded native secretariat."

Daniels said the Honourable Bob Bogle, Minister of Indian Affairs Portfolio, "does not have the clout with Cabinet to represent our needs."

Daniels said Bogle has other disadvantages which reduce his effectiveness. "First, he is not Native."

"Secondly, he represents southern non-native constituency, while most native people live in the northern half of Alberta. Therefore, he does not have the geographic knowledge or personal experience to deal adequately with our concerns if he is insensitive to our needs. We do not have the option of expressing our displeasure at the ballot box," stated Daniels.

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