

# Winter Carnival chair outlines week of activity

by C. Ricketts

Is there such a thing as Winter Carnival without snow?

You bet. Winter Carnival chair Neal McCarney and his committee of more than 25 have been planning since mid-October for what may be one of the most ambitious carnivals yet.

This year's festivities have been

called "Eye of the Tiger" because, explains McCarney, the SUB will be the focus of activity on campus, symbolized on the logo as a tiger.

McCarney says he is trying a different approach than in past years by recruiting committee members from residences and major societies. "The feedback has been incredible," he says, and is pleased com-

mittee meetings have been well attended.

Apart from the regular partying, there will be an interdenominational mass, a dance marathon for Ronald McDonald House, and a pancake brunch. There has traditionally been concurrent planning of events with the Super Societies but this year the Community Affairs Secretary also got into the action by adding speaker Thomas Hauser and the Richman-Poorman dinner to the programme.

"Hopefully future councils will see societies get involved, special events should not be run just by council, they are also an opportunity for societies to earn money," says McCarney.

Super Societies chair Winston Brooks, in last minute exasperation says "Dealing with people about Winter Carnival and Super Socie-

ties is more a pain in the ass than it's worth."

"But it's fun as well," he adds quickly.

Brooks is pleased with the number of participants this year, and says it's up to 19 societies compared to 13 last year. Funding and sponsors are solicited separately from the carnival and a \$40 registration fee for participating societies helps to defray costs.

Profit is not the objective of the carnival, says McCarney, although if projected costs and revenues are close, it may finish \$370 in the black. Total costs will be \$18,000, with the Super Sub alone costing close to \$10,200.

Corporate and local businesses sponsoring the carnival have donated money and merchandise or services as prizes and supplies at events. Agreements with each one

have been detailed in contracts to prevent problems which arose during Orientation last year, says Student Union vice president John Russell. "I learned with the Moosehead debacle. This way we should be able to bargain a little harder," he says.

Russell continues the main problem with sponsors for last year's Orientation was a lack of an "on-paper commitment" which meant "every day something new was added."

McCarney hopes "Eye of the Tiger" proves to be a big success. Judging by the crowd who watched the movie "Missing" and listened to speaker Thomas Hauser the chances are pretty good things will go smoothly.

And don't worry about the lack of cold weather if you want to be in the ice sculpture contest — they're bringing in blocks of ice.



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## Native students protest federal cutbacks

REGINA (CUP) — University of Regina native students ended a second occupation of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) office Jan. 19 to protest a cut in Federal Indian education funding.

Native students had occupied the offices for more than 30 hours the previous week to attract attention to a change late in 1982 in DIAND policy.

Previously, DIAND guaranteed funding for tuition fees and other costs to all native students who satisfied regular university enrolment requirements. The new policy in effect now funds only students who have completed grade 12.

This cuts all funding for the 500 students enrolled in the university entrance program, about 80 per cent of the students who attend the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC).

A DIAND representative said the program's funding was cut

because the budget was not large enough to accommodate an increase in the enrolment of native students.

Saskatchewan minister of continuing education Wilkin Claire said he passed the students' concerns on to Ottawa. An Indian students' spokesperson said these kinds of excuses have been put up with for far too long.

Many students in the university entrance program are unable to pay their fees.

Native students are guaranteed funding for education under treaty rights but one student at the sit-in said "as the number of Indian students rises, the government just comes down harder."

The students ended their first occupation Jan. 14 when they were told the government would decide on funding cuts by Jan. 18. They rejected the federal offer and occupied the DIAND offices for another day on Jan. 19.

According to one occupier, "if they get away with this for the federated Indian college, what next?"

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