

"Sound" SU budget: Gillese

The \$3,067,000 Students' Union preliminary budget for 1977-78, which includes placing \$150,000 into reserves and spending nearly \$100,000 on capital expenditures, was brought before Students' Council Monday night for approval.

SU finance vp Eileen Gillese went through the budget before it was unanimously approved by Council.

SU president Len Zoeteman said this was "one of the finest budgets we've ever seen...one that puts us in one of the soundest financial positions we've enjoyed in a long time."

The budget, which includes staff costs which exceed one million dollars for the first time ever, will provide the general financial outlines for next year's Students' Union, although the figures for the budget will be finalized next fall.

Gillese pointed out the budget does not include increases for the SU's 50 full-time CUPE workers and increases in their wages will decrease the amount of money put into reserves. But she also pointed out that at the beginning of the year there was no provision in the budget for reserve monies and that only through tight management had the SU managed to put money into reserves which had been badly depleted by SU expenses for HUB.

The budget is conservative in many ways, and the SU's tight fiscal policies mean no increase in student fees (above a direct 50 cent per capita levy to the Federation of Alberta Students), no increase in cinema prices, and no foreseeable increase in beer prices.

Gillese noted, as she went through the budget, that



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merchandise sales would rise by more than a quarter million dollars to \$1.333 million, due to an increase in SU records and SU arts and crafts sales.

Gillese said the SU Box Office would be moved to the

front of its present location while the record store takes its back half. "This should mean a \$400,000 gross sale in records," she said, "compared with only \$220,000 last year."

Interest income, which because of mismanagement of finances was non-existent two years ago, Gillese noted, will rise to \$24,000 next year.

The normal payment of debt retirement on the SUB mortgage will continue at \$246,000, Gillese said, but the mortgage will not be paid off before 1999.

Services have not been cut back at all, she noted, but have also not required increased subsidy this year. "This is a result of everyone in the organization being money conscious," she said. "Freshman Orientation needs less money than last year because of better management; Gateway is at break-even; elec-

tions and referenda will spend less. "Since 1972 the price of services has been going up and up and up — this is a pretty significant halt to the trend."

RATT will stay open during the summer now, for the first time ever, she said.

Students' Council will get a bit more support over the summer, too, as \$4,200 has been allocated for a summer executive officer to do research for Council and prepare position papers on such things as student finance.

Money has also been provided to install sonic alarms in the SUB arts gallery. "This will hopefully give us a Class B security rating," Gillese said. "We will then better showings and possibly Canada Council grants."

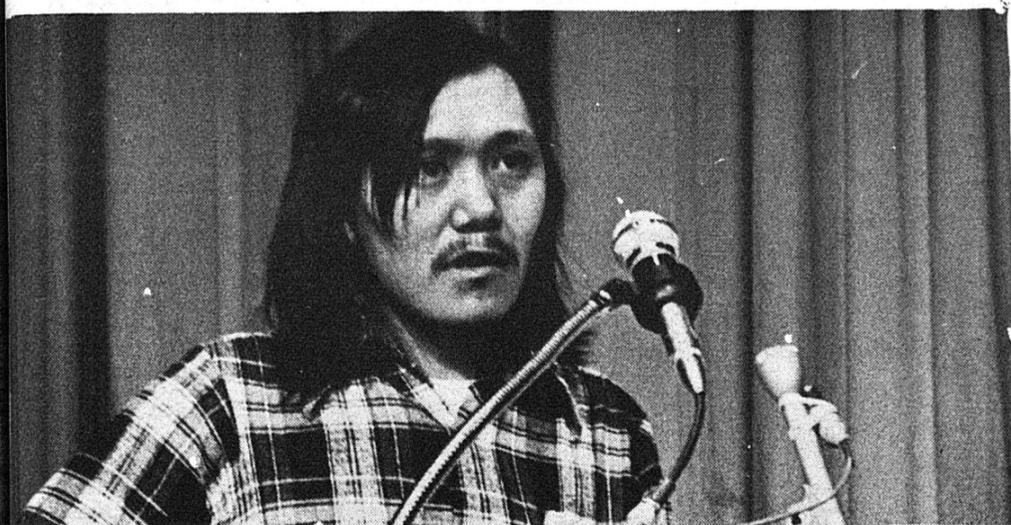
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Mike Mautaritnaaq speaking in SUB Wednesday.

Igloo image denounced

by Don McIntosh

"We are not simply a small, smiling people who live in igloos, carve expensive soapstone sculptures and weave colorful tapestries," said a representative of Canada's Inuit people at a SUB theatre forum Wednesday.

Mike Mautaritnaaq, speaking at a Native Land Claims Week session for Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, said he felt southern Canadians have no real conception of his people.

"Development is inevitable,"

Mautaritnaaq said. "We don't wish to return to igloos and dogsleds, no more than you would want to return to the horse and buggy or the outhouse."

He warned, however, extreme caution must be exercised in development, saying that many Inuit still rely heavily on nourishment harvested from the sea and land. Plans to transport oil from the high Arctic by huge tankers could severely damage the sensitive environment, he said, adding any development in

the Arctic must be decided by his people.

Like the Indian Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories, Mautaritnaaq said, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC) has recently become aware they have no control over "the invasion of trespassers, like oil and mining companies, entering the north."

He said since the ITC was formed in 1971, the government has been unable to act on his people's recommendations because of restrictions on the scope of federal authority on drilling rights and related matters. Mautaritnaaq noted some progress is being made with Warren Almand, the minister of northern development.

George Barnaby, a member of the NWT Indian Brotherhood and another speaker at the forum, stressed development was occurring throughout the Territories, not only in the MacKenzie Valley or the Beaufort Sea, so the land claims issue is more far-reaching than most people realize.

He cited developments in Fort Resolution and Good Hope, where Indian fishermen are facing severe hardships, because industrial waste is polluting rivers and lakes. In Good Hope, the people have been forbidden to drink water from nearby streams, while only four years ago the same stream supplied drinking water to the entire community.

Council would not approve or the way the money was being spent.

The committee spent a small amount of money publicizing an information/picket line on Feb. 24 at the Legislature which developed into a 200-person protest.

The committee has also planned a march and rally at the Legislature for the afternoon of Monday, April 4.

Nick Cooke, Equal Access co-ordinator on campus, argued before Council that it would be "undemocratic and bureaucratic" for Council to put

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Pres. draft advises GFC slice

by Brian Bergman

Streamlining the General Faculties Council (GFC) — a decision-making body considered too cumbersome to perform efficiently — is the intent of several recommendations contained in a report on GFC presented Monday to Students' Council by Students' Union president Len Zoeteman.

The report, presented as a "draft for discussion," claims that GFC in its present form is "too large and too time-consuming," and that "lucid, incisive discussion is difficult to achieve in an unwieldy group of up to 134 people."

Garneau housing complaint

Some tenants of the North Garneau Housing Community are complaining the administration of the area is post-poning a meeting of the community's executive committee where tenant grievances are to be discussed.

Residents of a house in the area, who asked to remain unidentified, say they are being displaced from their house so renovations can be made, but haven't been given the new accommodations promised them.

"The administrators make promises at meetings to put people off, but never follow through on them," the residents claim.

Bert Madill, manager of the community, said Wednesday a meeting scheduled for last week was postponed because Ernie Shedd of the planning and development department, which

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Due to its size and present structure, the report maintains that GFC has spent too much time on the decision-making process and has consequently had to delegate much of its decision-making power. This has led to frustration on the part of its members, evident in a high rate of absenteeism.

The recommendations are part one of a larger report of U of A president Harry Gunning's "Committee On University Legislation," of which Zoeteman is a member.

As outlined in the report, the guiding principles for reform will be economy and efficiency. At the same time, the report maintains the democratic nature of the Council should not be tampered with and any streamlining to be done must be consistent with adequate representation of academic staff and students.

Recommendations include that GFC should be replaced by "The University Council," a body consisting of 13 voting administrators, 14 staff and 11 elected students. Also included are the president of the SU and the president of the Graduate Students' Association. Every faculty would have at least one academic representative.

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Council halts money for Access campaign

Students' Council Monday night voted against a proposal to allow the Alberta Committee for Equal Access to Education the balance of the \$500 committed earlier in the year for a campaign against differential tuition fees.

The Equal Access committee was formed to oppose differential tuition fees for foreign students. Council voted in November to give the committee \$500 to help inform the public about the issue, and to protest the government's move.

But last week the SU executive shut off the committee's remaining funds for the year — about \$300 — on the grounds that