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centre brief for council.

He added that delaying the decision is just a way of not making one at all, since council's next meeting is the evening before the convention centre plebiscite.

"By referring this motion, you are killing it," said Mason.

Vp finance and administration Willie Gruber said, "We as a council shouldn't worry about this sort of stuff." he said students have an opportunity to express their views by voting, just like everyone else.

The motion was referred; however, council will hold a special meeting next Tuesday evening to consider the question.

Council considered a motion to condemn Judge Dechene's decision, made in response to a petition from defeated provincial NDP candidate Gordon Wright. Moreover, Mason described the judgement, pointing out it states that students must vote in their parents' constituency if they live in residence, which is regarded as being temporary.

He also said a section of the Alberta Elections Act says that a person's residence is where he or she usually sleeps, and suggested that this is inconsistent with the judgement made.

Bhattacharya supported the motion, saying it is unfair only to enumerate students living in high-rise apartments.

Law representative David Sproule said it is not proper to accept Mason's interpretation of the judgement.

Bhattacharya responded by saying the effect of the judgement is to deny students the right to vote in their own constituencies.

"If we're unwilling to stand up for a democratic right for

which many people in the past have died, we shouldn't call ourselves a union," he said.

President Dean Olmstead said he supported the principle of the motion, but said he was unable to decide without having seen the judgement. He therefore moved to table the motion.

The tabling motion carried, with only Bhattacharya among the executive opposed.

Council considered a motion from Tatarchuk to take all votes by a show of hands. This was amended to a roll call vote, and carried. The rest of the business of the meeting therefore proceeded with all votes taken by roll call. This created much complaining from councillors about the lateness of the hour.

Tatarchuk and other supporters of the motion said people can hide behind their voting machines. They said councillors should be accountable to the students they represent and should therefore be prepared to vote publicly.

Council gave \$200 to the Committee in Defense of Soviet and East European Political Prisoners. The group was largely responsible for sending lawyer Gordon Wright to the Charter dissident trials in Prague in October.

Mason objected to the motion, saying there are all kinds of injustices in the world, and we do not solve them by throwing money at them. "What can I say? First hockey teams and now Soviet political prisoners," he said.

Council approved sending five students to the Federation of Students (FAS) conference to take place in Calgary this weekend. The five were selected and approved by roll call vote.

Olmstead asked Tatarchuk, who is proxy for arts rep Alan Fenna, where Fenna was because he has not been present at the last few council meetings. Tatarchuk replied that he was unsure of Fenna's reasons for his absence.

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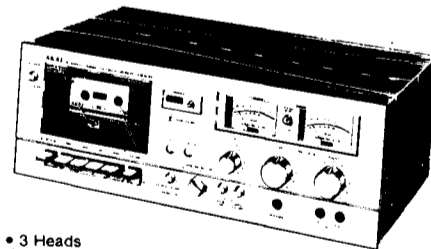
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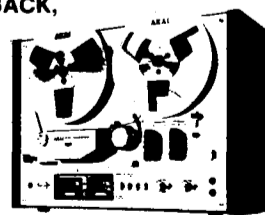
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