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It was another case of the opening-day jitters for the defending national collegiate champion University of Alberta Golden Bears. As 7,000 fans looked on in disbelief, the University of Saskatchewan Huskies stunned the Bears 22-18. This was a repeat of last year's loss against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs. See page 7 for story.
photo by Sandy Campbell

CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED

The University of Alberta is asking the provincial government for \$61 million over the next five years for capital projects. The budget was approved by the Board of Governors at a meeting Friday.

Included in the budget are funds for construction of an Agriculture, Business Administration and Commerce Buildings, a food services centre and other projects.

The budget provided for \$13.5 million in 1974-75; \$15.4 million in 1975-76; \$12.35 million in 1976-77; and \$10.75 million in 1977-78 and 1978-79. This is a far cry from the \$20 million a year received during the hey days of construction in the late 1960's.

In his presentation of the budget, William Neal, vice-president planning and development, told the board methods now used to determine funds for space requirements, renovations and equipment are inadequate and should be changed.

Neal also welcomed the idea of a five-year budget, with the first three years firm.

But he warned that inflation and other factors must be considered. With the cost of construction increasing 8 to 9 per cent a year and costs of equipment and furnishings increasing steadily, the \$11 million allocated in 1973-74 might become \$15 million in 1978-79.

The budget was based on an enrolment of about 20,000 by 1980.

However, student enrolment is irrelevant in certain cases, said Neal, and the freeze in government spending on planning has left the university short of some facilities. Neal suggested a government study into the situation.

If the board decides to renovate Pembina, Assiniboia and Athabasca Halls, \$3 million will be set aside. Renovation of the first two will involve complete gutting and rebuilding while Pembina will require extensive renovation although its frame is basically sound.

Funds have also been set aside for landscaping, reconstruction of roads and lanes and development of North Garneau.

About \$4.7 million will be allocated for equipment and furnishing for 1974-75, not including an upgrading and replacement program for major computing equipment. Estimates for that program weren't included in the budget because of uncertainty in the results of a government study on computer facilities in Alberta.

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REPORT rapped at Garneau meet

The University of Alberta administration report on the future of North Garneau was attacked from all sides at a public meeting Thursday in University Hall.

All but one of 13 briefs presented at the meeting opposed the report, released in July by William Neal, vice-president planning and development.

The report urged further demolition of housing between 112th and 111th Streets and north of 87th Avenue and that space be reserved for future academic buildings.

A community park and recreational facilities between 110th and 111th Streets was also recommended.

Recommendations of the report were criticized because they differed from those made by the senate task force into the future of North Garneau.

Rita Calhoun, a member of the task force, presented the most effective brief. Mrs. Calhoun said the body was "bewildered" by several aspects of the report - its shaky financial analysis, its lack of public input and compromise between preservation and demolition.

The meeting, attended by more than 100 people, strongly backed the task force recommendations, which included the establishment of an advisory committee - with members from the university and North Garneau residents - to make policies on development of the community as an academic village. In the meantime, a ban on demolition was demanded.

Controversy started by the report was compounded when houses along 87th Avenue and

112th Street were torn down in late August.

Several called this an "act of bad faith" that the university acted before the public meeting. However, Dora McCulloch, who chaired the meeting, said it was decided two years ago by the board of governors the houses would be demolished when no longer needed for academic purposes. Facilities in these houses have been moved into new buildings on campus.

Mrs. McCulloch had opened the meeting by making it clear that the board hadn't made a decision in lieu of more public input.

Her remarks were followed by several briefs, one backed by 90 people, from residents of North Garneau.

David Nock, a grad student in sociology, said many universities have recognized students aren't satisfied with high-rise apartment living and prefer to create their own community. North Garneau, he said is a distinctive community that provides an atmosphere which makes breaking family ties much easier. He criticized Neal's plan because it was too concerned with economics.

Challenging the report's contention that rents couldn't meet the costs of renovation and maintenance, Craig Elder "found it amazing the university would want to destroy its only source of revenue in the area." Elder proposed longer leases so both the university and residents would be responsible for maintenance. He also questioned the need for recreational facilities in the area, when Mayfair and Kinsmen Parks are barely a mile away.

That fear was put to rest by Brian Erickson, representative on the campus development sub-committee on recreational planning. He said that while the

university is woefully short of ice rinks, playing fields and other facilities, North Garneau wasn't needed to solve the problem.

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Extended deadline for SU budget

A proposal to extend the deadline for submitting the students' union budget for council approval will be made at the next council meeting.

Gary Croxton, executive vice-president, wants the deadline extended to Nov. 26 from Oct. 31 to give organizations funded by the SU more time to evaluate their programs and recommend changes in the preliminary budget. It is hoped this would make the budget more accurate.

Under the present system, the outgoing council draws up a budget in March based on priorities established during their year in office.

It gives the new councillors four months to examine the preliminary budget and make changes if it doesn't agree with their policies or account for developments during the summer.

If the proposal is approved, organizations would submit budget changes by Nov. 16 instead of in October.

"Myself, I'll still have the same amount of time to draw up the final budget," said Charlie Hall, vice-president finance and administration.

"The executive is concerned about services offered by the SU. It will give us some feedback from these groups to see if they want changes."

"The way it stands now, its too early. We want a more accurate final budget," said Charlie Hall, vice-president finance and administration.

Hall gave two examples - RATT and the record co-op - where changes in preliminary budget estimates may occur.

Hall said it won't mean groups will receive more money but the budget will be more accurate.

"Without the final budget, if the projects weren't correct, the net figure could cut drastically into resources if there was overspending."

The students' union is budgeted for \$1,171,370, based on projected enrolment of 25,570. This figure includes full-time, part-time, spring and summer, grad students, and those in the professions.

A slight decrease in enrolment is expected this fall.

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