Money guru Gail Vaz-Oxlade tackles students’ financial woes

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Gail Vaz-Oxlade has never once made a mistake with her money — or at least that’s the impression the audience got during her sold-out talk, “Money Truths Nobody Else Will Tell You,” on Monday evening.

“Truly, I never did,” she said. “I just kept a budget from the very first job I ever had. I wrote down every penny that I made, because I made so little that the only way that I could make it to the end was to actually track it all — so I just did the right things.”

Vaz-Oxlade, the author of the newly released Money Rules and the host of two television shows on Slice, launched a torrent of curse-laden financial advice upon U of A students in the hopes of reaching a younger audience who, she says, remain oblivious to her message despite her ongoing attempts at blogging.

“What I said to my publicist at HarperCollins was that when I go on book tour for (Money Rules), I want you to make it available to universities and colleges, because this is where it starts,” she said.

“It doesn’t matter how much money you make; it’s how much money you keep. You are at the beginning of your lives, and so I want to make sure you know that there are resources available to you so that you can make the right decisions.”

Student life

SU submits claim for judicial ruling on Lister policy changes

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The Students’ Union officially filed a judicial review against the University of Alberta Friday afternoon to appeal changes made to Lister Hall over the summer.

Six months have passed since the university announced unilateral changes to the student residence, and the window for this particular legal action was set to close Sunday, prompting the SU to execute a plan that had been bungled around since the beginning of the dispute.

“From the very beginning, we’ve wanted to work with the (university) to find the best solution. The manner in which this all came about, obviously, is not optimal — and going to judicial review is not the best solution, either — but at this point we just wanted to make sure we keep all our options open,” said Students’ Union Vice-President (Student Life) Saadiq Sumar.

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Legal action is the latest in a long line of attempts by the SU to get the university to back down from its decision to implement changes, which included changes to the staffing structure and alcohol policy.

“Most of our conversations have petered out and no compromise is in sight, according to Sumar.

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“Saadiq Sumar and the other Students’ Union executives hope the judicial review rules against the University’s changes to Lister Hall’s policy.”

“TALK MONEY COME ON, COME ON

I absolutely loathe the gym and pool in January...too many fucking resolution people in the way. Just give up now and get outta my way!”

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