

# University of Saskatchewan Students' Union 1999 - 2000 Annual Report



# University of Saskatchewan Students' Union At a Glance



The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is the representative body for all University of Saskatchewan undergraduate students. We are a non-profit corporation governed by a five-member student executive and University Students' Council. Membership in the Students' Union is compulsory for all full-time, part-time and unclassified undergraduate students. As an advocate for student rights, the Students' Union represents student concerns in matters of student loans, tuition, student grievances and other academic issues. The Students' Union is the student voice to the University and all levels of government.

All undergraduate students contribute to the Students' Union through an obligatory fee which is used to fund advocacy and services. For the 1999-2000 academic year, this fee was \$35.53 for full-time students and \$17.77 for part-time, unclassified and off-campus students.

The Students' Union operates many services to enhance student life. They include: the Housing Registry; Student Discount Program; Childcare Centre, Housing Centre, Help Centre; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre; Campus Legal Services; Safewalk and Student Crew; the cross-campus photocopy fleet; and a wide range of entertainment events.

The Students' Union also operates student friendly businesses including the Place Riel Information Centre, Louis' Pub, the Print Shop, Browsers, Place Riel Theatre, and Louis' Beach Volleyball Courts. Not only are these operations staffed by students whenever possible, their mission is to offer students the best quality products at the lowest possible price.

## 1999-2000 USSU Executive Board



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(Student Issues)*



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## **Our Vision**

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union represents and serves the undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through unified, accountable, and responsive leadership.

## **Our Mission**

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is a dynamic and progressive organization committed to meeting the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students through advocacy and services. We strive to lead consultatively and ethically while bolstering the image of our students and University.

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The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously and never confuse motion for action. These two phrases should govern all lobby groups. The Students' Union is no different. Credibility is a trait that is hard to earn but easy to lose. The Students' Union might have ruffled some feathers on its quest to see student life at the University of Saskatchewan improve. However, it was always in the name of respect and progress.



Sean Junor  
USSU President

Beginning with an intense planning retreat in mid June, the USSU Executive set out a dynamic plan to strengthen and diversify the image and mandate of the Students' Union. Through consideration and discussions, an Executive project plan emerged – Breaking New Ground – to serve as a measure against which we, and all students, could follow our collective progress and performance. The result far exceeded expectations.

What transpired was a year of incomparable and, often, difficult change. University Students' Council constructed the Students' Union first comprehensive document on tuition and fees. This document will serve as the barometer for change over the next few years and provide a template to gauge the opinions of all students. The Students' Union, in partnership with the University of Regina Students' Union, embarked on its first province wide lobby campaign titled "Education Matters." This campaign centered on the 1999 provincial election and was highly effective in maintaining the post-secondary education agenda on Saskatchewan voter's priority lists. The Students' Union continued their push for quality, accessible and affordable education all year and was instrumental in suggesting policy initiatives for the 2000 budget.

The Students' Union also enhanced its service offerings. A new partnership between Student Affairs and Services paved the way for the USSU becoming the primary contact for the Safewalk and Student Crew programs. The Place Riel expansion project finally moved from a concept to a plan with some incredible work and planning. In effect, the document you now hold provides a small snapshot of a year of continued growth and effectiveness. However, these pages cannot explain it all.

It will not tell the story of a Students' Union shovelling dirt in Upper Place Riel to raise awareness for post-secondary education; the endless time spent handling student grievances; the groundwork for control of student parking on campus; the work done to revamp the Students' Union Constitution.

It does not touch on the difficulty of saying goodbye to an incredible staff. These people are the real heroes of the organization. As student leaders we come and go but these individuals provide both support and direction that is invaluable.

And, it does not tell the story of five guys, who left the Students' Union and each other with a tremendous sense of accomplishment and memories. Five individuals who may not have always agreed but never lost sight of the end goal – students.

I leave knowing, that right or wrong, there wasn't an issue that didn't get tackled. Never leave stones unturned.

Sean Junor

## President's Message



# General Manager's Message



This past year we were fortunate to have two returning executive members and three new, equally committed and energetic students elected to serve on our Executive Committee. Through the combined effort, guidance and participation of both executive and staff, we accomplished much over the course of the year and can be proud of how far we have come in what seems like 12 very short months.



Leslee Harden  
USSU General Manager

We are continuing on our journey of laying the foundation blocks upon which we build each year. In addition to many goals and objectives that were realized, the past year was also one of introspection while we continued to refine many of our internal processes. The most important of those was the most fundamental – our Constitution. After many hours of deliberation a revamped constitution was brought forward to and adopted by the membership. Our governing document now provides a clear framework for a flexible, dynamic and accountable organization. We also substantially revised our election policy and procedures. The use of technology to replace the manual counting of ballots and the appointment of an external chief returning officer both contributed to expediting the process and enhancing accuracy and integrity.

A major initiative was the creation of a strategic plan. With the assistance of an external facilitator, for the first time in its history the Students' Union engaged in a comprehensive strategic planning process. The result was a document containing a revised vision and mission for the organization, the identification of values that we will uphold in everything that

we do and the creation of high level goals from which all political and operational objectives will flow. This document will be presented to the membership at the next Annual General Meeting.

Much investment went into the completion of Phase II of the Place Riel Expansion Project. What an exciting project to be a part of! The new Student Centre and renovated Place Riel is not only shaping up to be an incredible addition to our beautiful campus, but something that all students can be proud of and value. Working toward consolidating all student services within one Centre is certainly a testament to enhancing the student experience, which, by no accident, is the recommended new vision for the Students' Union – "to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience."

The Students' Union is enhanced by the very special people that believe in who we are, what we do and who choose to be a part of it. A heartfelt thanks to our staff, executive members and volunteers. What hard working, energetic, good-humored and truly enjoyable people you are. Choosing to serve students and to give of yourself to make life on campus more enriching is a truly admirable way to engage your life. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with the many talented people involved with the USSU and look optimistically forward to the next period in our history.

Leslee M. Harden

## General Manager's Message



# Progress Place Riel Expansion



The Main Entrance of the proposed Place Riel Expansion Project.



The Student Lounge area of the proposed Place Riel Expansion Project.





## Place Riel Expansion Project Moves Closer to Construction

In February of 2000, O&Y Enterprise completed Stage II of the Place Riel Expansion Project – a design study for the new Student Centre, including preliminary sketches and proposed usage.

The Place Riel Building Project received the stamp of approval from students in March of 2000. University Students' Council passed a motion granting permission for the expenditure of money from the Students' Union Capital Trust for the construction and operation of the proposed building. The Students' Union Capital Trust is comprised of money collected through a \$12 student fee levied from 1965 to 1985 for the purpose of building a student centre.

USC's approval of the new building means that the Students' Union can now confirm the University's financial commitment and move to Phase III – attempting to gain government and corporate funding for the project. To assist in the fundraising, the Students' Union has again hired O&Y Enterprise.

The expanded student centre will provide a centralized location for student services, including the USSU offices, the Office of the Registrar and Student Affairs and Services, as well as a student lounge, an aboriginal student centre, a volunteer centre and a student council chamber.

The existing Place Riel Student Centre was built in 1980 and was not designed for the current U of S student population. As part of the expanded centre it will contain retail outlets and new service offerings, such as a pharmacy, a dry cleaning outlet and an increased variety of food operations.

## Place Riel Expansion Progress





## USSU Executive Committee Re-Structured

In 2000-2001 the USSU Executive Committee will be reduced from five members to four through the elimination of the position of Vice President (External Affairs). External Affairs duties will now be split between the President and the Vice Presidents (Student Issues) and (Operations and Finance).

The President will assume responsibility for all national and provincial liaisons including dealing with government and student associations. The Vice President (Student Issues) is the new liaison with civic government and assumes responsibility for all housing, transportation and parking issues. The Vice President (Operations and Finance) will assume responsibility for USSU centres and campus clubs. The motion for this change was passed at the AGM in November.

## USSU Constitution Updated

In an effort to revise the USSU Constitution, which many felt no longer reflected the organization, several major amendments were proposed and presented to University Council.

These amendments address a much different student organization from the one the original Constitution was written for and they will help ensure that the organization remains accountable to the students.

The first change announced was that the bylaws and policies will no longer be included in the constitution, which will make updating those documents more expedient. This amendment was passed at the 1999 Annual General Meeting (AGM). From year to year now there will be minimal changes to actual constitution of the USSU. This change also reduced the constitution from ten pages to three, making for a much easier to use document.

The next proposal was the establishment of a new method for electing student representatives onto University Council. It entailed that elections for all executive and council positions take place at the same time, namely during USSU general elections. This, it was felt, would ensure that University Students' Council was elected as a group, thereby increasing the accountability of the people who have the power of direction over the USSU's activities and budget.

An addendum to this proposal was the stipulation that all representatives be elected from the college, school or group they belong to. As such, there would no longer be representatives from Voyager Place Residents Association or the Indigenous Students' Council. Instead, representatives would be elected for Voyager Place Residence and Self-Identified Aboriginal Students. These two proposals were defeated when voted upon at the AGM. A motion for the continuance of the Indigenous Students' Council seat on council was passed. Due to the elections policy motion being defeated, the USSU reverted to its old election policy in which the USSU runs elections for executive positions only. However, USSU elections will be overseen by an external Chief Returning Officer and computerized ballots will replace hand-counted ones.

Also passed was the amendment that the USSU executive no longer be responsible for interpretations of the constitution. This responsibility is now held by the University Students' Council.

## USSU Constitution Updated Progress





## Planning for the Future

In December of 1999 the Students' Union began the process of redefining the mission, vision and goals of the organization for the next five years through an extensive strategic planning process.

Working with an external facilitator, the USSU executive, members of USSU staff and student representatives spent two days determining the directions the organization should take and the principles which will guide the Students' Union into the future.

This led to the creation of new mission and vision statements and, for the first time, the formal definition of values and high level goals for the Students' Union. These new statements will be submitted for approval at the next Students' Union AGM.

Furthermore, as part of this process the individual responsibilities of USSU executive and the organization as a whole were articulated. Once the strategic plan is adopted by the membership at the 2000 Annual General Meeting, individual departments and executive members representing the student position will use this information to determine mission statements and related high level goals for all Students' Union departments and operations. These will help determine the yearly objectives and budgetary needs of the various areas.

## Proposed Vision, Mission and Values

### Vision

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

### Mission

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic and unified leadership.

### Values

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavours: integrity, mutual respect, teamwork, innovation, trust, professionalism and service.

# Advocacy Education Matters in Provincial Election



As part of the awareness campaign, the Students' Union held a candidates' debate in Place Riel Theatre that was broadcast live on local radio station CJWW.

## Education Matters in Provincial Election

In a joint initiative, the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union and the University of Regina Students' Union held an awareness campaign during the Saskatchewan Provincial Election. Dubbed "Education Matters," the campaign's purpose was to make post-secondary education a priority for the incoming government. It focused on the quality, affordability and accessibility of post-secondary education in Saskatchewan.

With the belief that every academically qualified person should have access to a university education, the Education Matters campaign highlighted indications that the quality of education in Saskatchewan is declining, including crowded classrooms, inadequate computing facilities, crumbling infrastructure and increases in the numbers of sessional lecturers.

Both Students' Unions felt a united front was essential to make post-secondary issues audible over the other lobby efforts being brought forth at election time. Campaign efforts included lawn signs, billboards, t-shirts and posters.

The campaign successfully brought attention to the plight of post-secondary education students in the province as well as acting as a catalyst for many discussions between the government and the Students' Unions.

The USSU also took advantage of opportunities after the election to make recommendations to the government regarding money already invested in post-secondary education.

As a result of the campaign, the Saskatchewan government has recognized that students are ready to assist in making the province's post-secondary education system work for every student. This would ensure that any decisions made by government will benefit all students.

The formation of a committee consisting of members from the USSU, University of Regina Students' Union and the government is the next step. This would allow the groups to work together in structuring a new plan for government spending regarding post-secondary students.





## Canadian Alliance of Student Associations “Education Builds a Nation”

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and Student Unions (CASA), representing 18 Students' Unions across Canada including the USSU, launched an awareness campaign that asked the federal government to value post-secondary education and what it brings to Canadian society.

The 1999-2000 CASA National Director was former USSU President Jason Aebig. As the spokesperson for CASA, Aebig traveled across Canada to promote the "Education Builds a Nation" campaign aimed at the federal government. The campaign centered on the core belief that education is the foundation upon which this country is built. As a result of cutbacks quality higher education has been jeopardized, which threatens the future of Canada.

CASA suggested the elimination of the GST on textbooks, increased core funding to universities and colleges, interest relief on student assistance and the elimination of discriminatory inter-provincial tuition fees. CASA also suggested that the federal government reinvest \$4 billion into the Canada Health and Social Transfer.

Aebig deemed the campaign a success as the federal government put issues facing universities on the federal agenda, even though there were no promises made on funding. The key indication of success was the government's acknowledgement that there is a problem and the necessity of working towards a solution.





As part of the “Education Builds a Nation” campaign, a press conference was held at the U of S and members of the USSU symbolically constructed Canada’s future.

# Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

## Advocacy



## Advocacy Residential Parking Permit Program



### Residential Parking Permit Program

The issue of parking became a serious concern for the USSU with the City of Saskatoon's implementation of the Varsity View Residential Parking Permit program in September of 1999.

The program allows those residents who live in the zone between Cumberland and Clarence Avenues and University Drive and Colony Street to buy a \$25 permit to park longer than posted time limits. Time limits in the zone are regulated by the direction of traffic: east-west streets have a one hour limit and north-south avenues have a two hour limit.

The program was first brought to City Council in April 1998. The USSU was present and voiced its opposition to the program. The program would not alleviate the parking shortage for students, staff and visitors of the University campus and Royal University Hospital. These objections were not taken into consideration.

A position paper written by the USSU was circulated. The paper, which discussed the shortcomings of the program and offered solutions to replace it, did not garner a response from the City. Final approval of the program occurred on July 12, 1999. The USSU was present at the meeting and spoke again, highlighting the lack of student involvement in the development of a program that so heavily impacts on student lives.

The USSU also made a presentation to the City Planning and Operations committee in August 1999 voicing the concerns of the students they represent. Committee members agreed that the dilemma students face is one with which to be concerned and that a long-term solution must be found, but the program was still implemented.

## Transit Commissions Reduced

On September 7, 1999, the City of Saskatoon Council passed a resolution decreasing the amount of commission the USSU earns through selling the city's bus passes and tickets.

The Place Riel Information Centre received a three percent commission fee for its sale of the \$150 semester bus passes, monthly passes and tickets until January 1, 2000, when that rate was reduced to two percent. On January 1, 2001 it is planned that rate will be further reduced to one percent.

Over 2,000 semester passes were sold at the Info Centre in 1998. The money earned from the commission is used to pay those who work in the Information Centre. Wages are also payed for through commission earned from the sale of lottery tickets, computer accounts and Select-a-Seat tickets.

The USSU plans to lobby civic government for a re-instatement of the three percent commission, based on the volume of transit passes the Information Centre sells and the fact that a large percentage of bus users are students.

## Transit Commissions Reduced Advocacy





## An Experience in Excellence Awards

Hosting "An Experience in Excellence" for the second year, the USSU paid tribute to those people who better the academic and nonacademic environments of the University of Saskatchewan.

During the reception held April 15 in Place Riel Theatre, teachers, volunteers, and staff were honoured for their contributions to the enhancement of the student experience. Each award recipient received a framed photograph of the University.

The Teaching Excellence Awards have been part of the USSU for the past eight years. They are presented to teachers who show enthusiasm, organization and fairness in evaluation of their classes. These awards were presented to Dr. Brian Ulmer (Medicine), Dr. Tom Steele (Physics), Dr. Stanley Rubin (Medicine), Dr. Peta Bonham-Smith (Biology), Mr. Raymon Montalbetti (Drama), Ms. Colleen Youngs (Native Studies), Mr. Shawn Davison (Kinesiology), Dr. John Sibley (Medicine), Dr. Mel Hosain (Chemical Engineering) and Dr. Scott Napper (Biochemistry).

The Vera Pezer Awards are presented to students who have shown excellence in student volunteering. The awards were presented to: Heather Ross, Campus Groups; Simon Otto, Member of Student Council; and Stephen Avivi, Volunteerism.

The Doug Favell Awards are divided into two categories. One is for a USSU employee who embodies the mission and vision in their everyday work and makes students feel that they are an important part of the university community. This award was presented to Jilaire Soucy, Communications Coordinator. The second award went to Roxanne Vandeven and is presented to a U of S staff member who works toward the betterment of the university community and is friendly, encouraging and knowledgeable.

A display case was installed in the Tunnel between Place Riel and the Arts Building to display the winners' pictures.

## Communicating with our Members

Crucial to the success of the Students' Union events and lobby initiatives is communicating this information to our members and other stakeholders. The Communications Department continues to strive to create new and develop existing channels for communication.

A growing number of University of Saskatchewan students take classes at satellite institutions, such as community colleges in North Battleford, Prince Albert and Muenster, and these students pay the same Students' Union fee as part-time students. To assist these students in taking advantage of USSU services, and to make sure they are aware of the Students' Union's efforts to improve student life, a brochure was sent out to all off-campus students. A toll-free advocacy line was also established to encourage these students to communicate their needs to the USSU. And our website continues to evolve into a valuable information source for all students, whether on-campus or off.

This year also saw the USSU newsletter, *Knodatezt*, redesigned and renamed, *Focus*. The primary function of *Focus* is to communicate Students' Union information and initiatives to stakeholders other than students – university administration, provincial and civic governments, and others. In the future there is also an employee newsletter planned, to ensure that the USSU's growing number of employees are fully aware of the Students' Union's activities.

## Communicating with our Members Initiatives



# Initiatives

## DISorientation: A Graduation Festival



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DISorientation, a five-day graduation festival, was held March 6th through 10th. This event was an opportunity for students to learn more about life after graduation.

The USSU and the University of Saskatchewan Alumni and Development Office worked jointly on the project. The USSU felt it needed a program specifically for upper year students and the Alumni and Development Office wanted to develop a relationship with future alumni.

The event kick-off was a dinner for students and alumni. Dave Rodney, the first Saskatchewan person ever to climb Mount Everest and a U of S graduate, was the guest speaker.

Over the next five days there were sessions on non-traditional job hunting, career skills assessment, starting your own business, student loan payback, taxes, investing, employer expectations, graduate school, Aboriginal awareness and public speaking. Students were encouraged to attend as many sessions as they wanted and prizes were handed out at each sessions.

For a pilot project DISorientation was a great success, and the USSU and Alumni and Development are planning to hold the event again in future years.

## Entertaining our Members

One of the most visible services that the Students' Union provides to its members is a wide range of affordable entertainment options, from Welcome Week activities in the Bowl and bands at Louis' to lectures and film festivals.

In order to better facilitate the organization of events, this year saw the consolidation of Students' Union event planning with Louis' entertainment booking. Greg Hartz, a student assistant manager at Louis', moved to the Students' Union office into the newly formed position of Programmer.

Welcome Week was another great success this year. Students were eased back into the routine of classes by a week of entertainment in the Bowl, including games, bands and the Carless Drive-In. This event continues to grow since its inception six years ago, and is now one of the most visible USSU services. The welcome back activities culminated with Blue Monday, a cabaret featuring *54-40* and *By Divine Right*.

The Students' Union brought over 50 bands to campus during the year, including Edwin and the Mathew Good Band, and expanded the entertainment options with hypnotists and all-ages shows. The year wrapped up with the Violent Femmes at the Centennial Auditorium Hall.

In addition to musical events, the Students' Union also held a number of film festivals at Place Riel Theatre and a very successful lecture series. This year's Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecturer was author Mordecai Richler, and the Eric Mallng Lecturer was David Silverman, former writer and producer of *The Simpsons*.

## Entertaining our Members Initiatives





## Eric Malling Commemorative Lecture

On November 1, 1999 the University of Saskatchewan turned into the great city of Springfield. Place Riel Theatre became Duff Gardens, the infamous beer amusement park of *The Simpsons*.

The 1999 USSU Eric Malling Commemorative Lecture featured David Silverman, former head animator and producer of *The Simpsons*. He is one of the original artists who brought Matt Groening's famous dysfunctional cartoon family to the small screen.

Special episodes of *The Simpsons* were shown before the introduction of Silverman and his insider's view of making the show and of animation in general.

This fascinating behind-the-scenes look at one of the hottest, most creative and technologically driven areas of film-making had rare and unseen *Simpsons* footage and ran later than scheduled.

The evening did not end until Silverman, now a director of feature films for Pixar Entertainment (makers of Disney's *Toy Story*), finished an overhead sketching session. The drawings were then raffled off to members of the audience.



## Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecture

The author of 17 books, including ten novels, several children's books and numerous essays and screenplays, Mordecai Richler is one of Canada's literary elite and was the speaker for the 2000 Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecture.

Richler spoke on "Quebec vs. Canada: A Look at our Divided Nation." The March 9, 2000 event at Place Riel Theatre sold out days in advance.

Premier Roy Romanow introduced Richler, joking that he was glad it was the Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecture, not Memorial. Richler dealt with the sobering issue of Canadian unity with his characteristic dry wit, and his talk was much discussed long after he left Saskatoon.



Mordecai Richler had a busy day in Saskatoon, speaking to many members of the media before delivering his sold-out lecture in Place Riel Theatre.



## Student Parking Survey

In an effort to help determine the parking needs of U of S students, a parking survey was developed and administered by the USSU's newly implemented Research and Policy Coordinator.

The survey, designed to determine what parking problems students are facing and how they feel those problems could be alleviated, had students rate the importance of different parking services, such as electrified stalls or security cameras. The survey also asked students to assess an appropriate fee system for parking services and to highlight other parking alternatives.

Results of the survey indicate the need to concentrate on getting more parking stalls before other amenities (lighting, pavement, etc.). Suggestions arising from the survey include implementing a daily maximum in the pay parking lots, two-hour parking meters, and a multi-level parkade. Students also indicated that they are willing to pay more for parking stalls in student lots.

At a school where there are only 1,623 stalls reserved for 18,000 students, two main ideas resounded throughout the survey and subsequent focus groups. Students want increased parking, perhaps through a parkade, and the elimination of parking restrictions in the Varsity View area. The USSU can now take these statistics to university administration and City Council.

## Special Needs Parking

In an effort to ensure that the students most in need of a parking spot on campus, such as student parents and students who live outside of Saskatoon, receive one, the Students' Union re-vamped its Special Needs Parking Program. As a result, over 100 students in need of parking received a spot.

Students applying for Special Needs Parking now fill out a questionnaire, the results of which are used to numerically rank applicants based on need. This ensures the students who most need a parking spot receive one. The previous system worked largely on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Of course, there are still many students who need a parking spot who do not receive one. To help meet their need, the Students' Union worked with U of S Parking to develop a Student Parking Waiting List.

Students who do not receive a parking spot through the parking sale or USSU Special Needs Parking Program can place their names on the Parking Waiting List in case a spot frees up during the year. Students who qualified for Special Needs Parking but did not receive a spot are placed first on the list.

The Student Parking Waiting List enabled an additional 50 students to find parking during its first year in operation.

## Special Needs Parking Initiatives





## Browsers Adds CDs, New Inventory System

The USSU's used book store, Browsers, took advantage of several opportunities to expand its services and customer base this year.

During the summer, Browsers added the consignment of used CDs to its roster of services. Sales of CDs grew consistently every month, which can be attributed to the fact that the maximum price at which Browsers sells used single discs is \$10. However, many CDs in the store can be as low as \$3. This additional service has increased traffic to the store, making it hard to keep the shelves stocked.

Computerizing the consignment process is the other major enhancement that occurred at Browsers. In a joint project between the USSU and the University of Alberta, a program based on each student's identification number allows consignees to check the status of their texts, CDs and novels. Cheques are also issued through this system.

This technological advance also allowed for a new point-of-sale program that included a scanner, making it possible to input the university bookstore's current text list and decrease the amount of time customers spend in line.

## Louis' - Not Just Bands

Louis' has long been the campus hangout and one of the best venues to check out live music in Saskatoon. In 1999-2000 the bar expanded its entertainment options to better meet the needs of the Students' Union's diverse membership.

Louis' Courtside, the volleyball courts beside the Saskatoon Fieldhouse, had another year at maximum capacity – over 90 teams of six competed. To make life at the courts more comfortable, the bathrooms were renovated and patio heaters were added. After game entertainment was also improved with the addition of new speakers and heaters to the Louis' deck.

Inside entertainment was not neglected; a new projection television and the NTN trivia system on televisions throughout the bar provide a welcome study break for many students.

Louis' has an excellent relationship with its suppliers, and breweries provided a number of prizes for Louis' patrons. A new partnership developing is with Saskatoon schools, who for the first time began holding alcohol-free "After-Grads" at Louis' in the Spring of 2000.

**Louis' Pub and Beach Volleyball  
Services**





## Print Shop

The USSU Print Shop in Lower Place Riel strives to provide students with competitively priced services in a convenient location, and students have responded in ever-increasing numbers.

In order to handle this increased traffic flow, the Print Shop was renovated this year. Improvements include a more customer friendly front counter, a large price board and a reconfigured back area to make space for new equipment and an increased number of employees.

One of the most popular services of the Print Shop is the exam file, where students drop off old exams and other students can purchase copies of them. In past years the exams were simply kept on paper and students paid to photocopy them. This year the exams were scanned in and the students purchase a print-out of the exam. This has not only improved the turn-around time – the print quality of the exams has increased.

## Over 3 Million Photocopies Made

USSU Photocopy Services continues to be one of the most used Students' Union services, with over 3 million copies being made during the 1999-2000 academic year.

In order to decrease the downtime caused by machines in need of repair, college offices were trained in basic maintenance and repairs.

To further improve the service, the USSU has begun negotiations with suppliers for equipment and service upgrades and plan on replacing the copiers for the 2000-2001 school year.

## Help Centre and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre

The USSU Help Centre and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre continue to be a strong part of the services that the Students' Union provides to its members.

To more closely integrate the centres with the USSU, this year the Centre Directors became members of the Students' Union staff. This move will increase communication between the centres and USSU staff and will make the Centres more accountable for their services and programs.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre had another busy year. Highlights include holding the only bisexuality discussion group in Saskatoon, assisting in the College of Education's "Breaking the Silence" conference, and a masquerade party in November. The LGB Centre also held its annual Doug Wilson Awards. This year's winner was Don Cochrane from the College of Education, and the keynote speaker was Jeff Keller.

The USSU Help Centre trained its volunteers in a number of tasks useful to peer counselling, such as suicide intervention and sexual assault intervention. This made the volunteers much better qualified for the peer counselling which is an important part of the Centre. The Help Centre also held an awareness event at Louis' to help publicize the services the Centre offers. In November the Centre Director and several volunteers travelled to Edmonton to see how the University of Alberta Help Centre operates and to share strategies and programs.





## Housing Centre Helps 3500 Students Find a Place to Live

Saskatoon's apartment vacancy rate of less than 1% continues to make finding housing a challenge for U of S students. The Students' Union Housing Centre and Registry makes the search a little easier by providing students with the information they should know before renting and a list of vacancies.

The Housing Centre is a free service that operates during the summer and provides city maps, lists of available rental accommodation, renter's guides, and copies of the Residential Tenancies Act. The Centre is staffed by students who have experience in searching for student housing.

In the first two years that the Students' Union has operated the Housing Centre it has helped over 3500 students find a place to live. This success has also led to more landlords listing their properties in the USSU Housing Registry, which is updated every week and is available at various USSU operations and on the USSU website.

## Childcare Centre

As an increasing number of parents choose to attend university, affordable and accessible daycare is becoming another service crucial to the Students' Union's membership.

The USSU Childcare Centre in the R.J.D. Williams building operated at full capacity throughout the year. This large and bright facility, with its extensive range of activities and outdoor play area, is fully equipped to care for infants to school-age children, and operates in partnership with Brunskill School to offer a Kindergarten program.



## Full-Time Undergraduate Students (registered in 18 or more credit units)

Students' Union Fee		\$ 35.53
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Athletic Fee	\$ 53.64	
Sheaf Fee	\$ 5.25	
Student Services Fee	\$ 30.00	
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	\$ 0.80	
		<u>\$ 89.99</u>
<b>Total Student Fees</b>		<b>\$125.52</b>

## Part-Time Undergraduate Students (registered in less than 18 credit units)

Students' Union Fee		\$ 17.77
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Athletic Fee	\$ 26.97	
Sheaf Fee	\$ 2.63	
Student Services Fee	\$ 30.00	
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	\$ 0.80	
		<u>\$ 60.40</u>
<b>Total Student Fees</b>		<b>\$ 78.17</b>

## Off-Campus, Televised, Independent and Extension Students

Students' Union Fee		\$ 17.77
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Student Services Fee		<u>\$ 15.00</u>
<b>Total Student Fees</b>		<b>\$ 32.77</b>



## Condensed Balance Sheet

April 30, 2000, with comparative figures for 1999

	2000	1999
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	409,676	352,432
Investments, at cost	957,506	957,506
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	353,345	298,882
Inventories	75,775	71,549
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,511,467</u>	<u>1,090,862</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,307,769</b>	<b>2,771,231</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and deferred revenue	296,946	299,526
Payable to the University of Saskatchewan	170,202	204,325
Deferred trust fund contributions	<u>469,057</u>	<u>111,321</u>
	936,205	615,172
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted surplus	860,097	1,065,197
Equity in capital assets	<u>1,511,467</u>	<u>1,090,862</u>
	2,371,564	2,156,059
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>3,307,769</b>	<b>2,771,231</b>



## Statement of Operations

Year ended April 30, 2000, with comparative figures for 1999

	2000	1999
Sales	1,421,911	1,438,344
Cost of goods sold	<u>729,759</u>	<u>757,299</u>
Gross margin	692,152	681,045
Other revenue	<u>1,676,905</u>	<u>1,682,000</u>
	<b>2,369,057</b>	<b>2,363,045</b>
Expenses		
Administrative expenses	91,112	113,028
Utilities	110,295	115,837
Repairs and maintenance	138,673	127,846
Amortization	184,821	182,708
Events and student services	204,961	213,021
Other	208,703	181,436
Salaries and wages	<u>1,214,987</u>	<u>1,282,103</u>
	<b>2,153,552</b>	<b>2,215,979</b>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<b>215,505</b>	<b>147,066</b>

## Condensed Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended April 30, 2000, with comparative figures for 1999

	2000	1999
Excess of revenue over expenses	215,505	147,066
Items not involving cash	170,451	154,878
Changes in noncash operating working capital	(103,286)	(178,468)
Building development costs	(380,000)	-
Deferred trust fund contribution	380,000	71,200
Capital purchases	(225,426)	(231,819)
Net investments	<u>-</u>	<u>124,254</u>
Increase in cash	57,244	87,111
Cash, beginning of year	<u>352,432</u>	<u>265,321</u>
Cash, end of year	409,676	352,432

# Condensed Statement of Operations

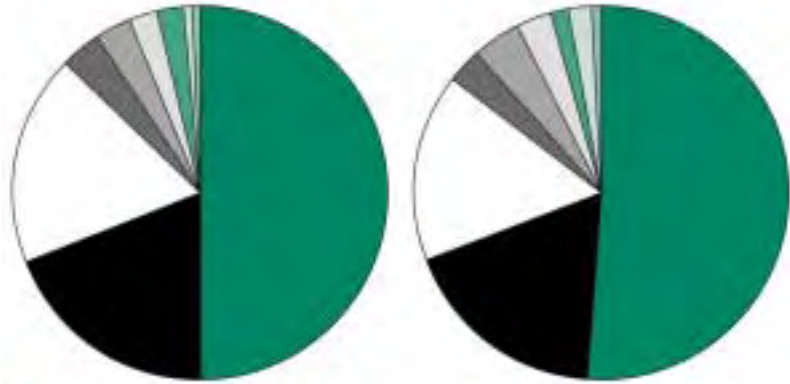
## Financials



# Financials Sources and Application of Funds

1999-2000 Sources of Funds

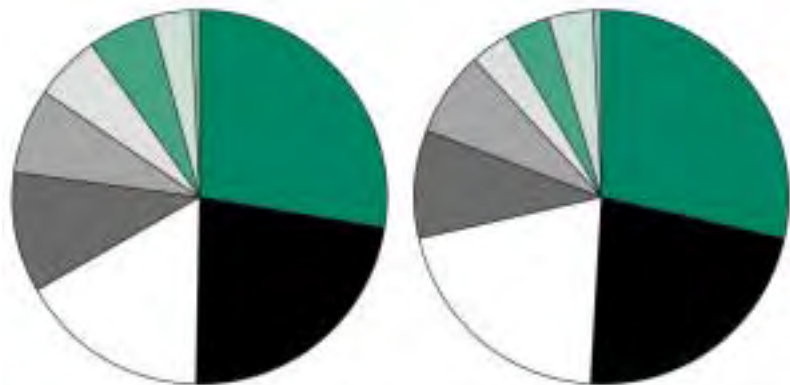
1998-1999 Sources of Funds



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|---|---|--|
| <span style="color: green;">■</span> Business Revenue     | <span style="color: grey;">■</span> Marketing and Media Revenue | <span style="color: teal;">■</span> Student Services Revenue |
| <span style="color: black;">■</span> Facilities Revenue   | <span style="color: lightgrey;">■</span> Interest Income        | <span style="color: lightteal;">■</span> Other Revenue       |
| <span style="color: white;">■</span> Students' Union Fees | <span style="color: lightgrey;">■</span> Entertainment Revenue  | <span style="color: teal;">■</span> Capital Fund Transfers   |

1999-2000 Application of Funds

1998-1999 Application of Funds



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|--|---|--|
| <span style="color: green;">■</span> Goods for Resale            | <span style="color: grey;">■</span> Building Maintenance Expenses | <span style="color: teal;">■</span> Entertainment Operating Expenses |
| <span style="color: black;">■</span> Business Operating Expenses | <span style="color: lightgrey;">■</span> Depreciation             | <span style="color: lightteal;">■</span> Student Services            |
| <span style="color: white;">■</span> Administrative Expenses     | <span style="color: lightgrey;">■</span> Student Governance       | <span style="color: teal;">■</span> Marketing and Media Expenses     |



## Auditor's Report to the Members

The accompanying condensed balance sheets and condensed statement of operations and cash flows are derived from the complete financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union for the year ended April 30, 2000 on which we expressed an opinion in our report dated June 27, 2000. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with criteria described in the Guideline referred to above. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

These condensed financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. For more information on the USSU's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

KPMG LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
June 27, 2000

# Auditor's Report to the Members Financials





## University Students' Council

Brendan Pyle, *Chair*  
Michelle Tarasoff, *Secretary*

### Councillors

Annette Auger, *Kinesiology*  
Clayton Berry, *St. Thomas More*  
Jana Lee Cherneski, *St. Thomas More*

Tadd Cherry, *Medicine*  
Calving Clements, *Pharmacy & Nutrition*

Alex Cruder, *Commerce*  
Trent Evanisky, *Arts & Science*  
Paul Frank, *Law*  
Dan Hewson, *VPRA*

Nadine Koch, *Engineering*  
Namarta Kochar, *Arts & Science*  
Jody Marshak, *Physical Therapy*  
Denis Mercier, *Agriculture*

Tiffany Munro, *Nursing*  
Simon Otto, *WCVM*  
Megan Patterson, *Commerce*

Mel Popp, *Engineering*  
Jenn Stock, *Education*  
Steven Swan, *ISC*  
Heather Wright, *Education*  
Thomas Yu, *Dentistry*

### Students' Union Executive

Sean Junor, *President*  
Rob Huck, *VP (External Affairs)*  
Aaron Dougan, *VP (Student Issues)*

Scott Henderson, *VP (Operations & Finance)*

Scott Blythe, *VP (Academic Affairs)*

## University Students' Council Standing Boards

### Academic Affairs Board

Scott Blythe, *Chair, VP*  
*(Academic Affairs)*

Jana Lee Cherneski, *Councillor, STM*

Dan Hewson, *Councillor, VPRA*  
Rob Huck, *Vice-Chair, VP*  
*(External Affairs)*

Denis Mercier, *Councillor, Agriculture*

Heather Ross, *Student-at-Large*  
Shefalee Shukla, *Student-at-Large*  
Erin Stang, *Student-at-Large*

### Appointments Board

Jana Lee Cherneski, *Councillor, STM*

Paul Frank, *Councillor, Law*  
Dan Hewson, *Councillor, VPRA*  
Sean Junor, *Chair, President*  
Mel Popp, *Councillor, Engineering*

### Elections Board

Tadd Cherry, *Councillor, Medicine*

Aaron Dougan, *Vice-Chair, VP*  
*(Student Issues)*

Kari Marken, *Assistant Chief Returning Officer*

Rochelle Maslin, *Recording Secretary*

Simon Otto, *Councillor, WCVM*  
Megan Patterson, *Councillor, Commerce*

Mel Popp, *Councillor,*

### *Engineering*

James Sproule, *Chair, External  
Chief Returning Officer*  
Greg Yelland, *USSU Researcher  
& Policy Coordinator*

### **External Affairs Board**

Annette Auger, *Councillor,  
Kinesiology*  
Stephen Avivi, *Student-at-Large*  
Scott Blythe, *Vice-Chair, VP  
(Academic Affairs)*  
Alex Cruder, *Councillor,  
Commerce*  
Drew Hitchcock, *Student-at-  
Large*  
Rob Huck, *Chair, VP (External  
Affairs)*  
Farrah Mateen, *Student-at-Large*  
Megan Patterson, *Councillor,  
Commerce*

### **Operations and Finance Board**

Aaron Dougan, *Vice-Chair, VP  
(Student Issues)*  
Trent Evanisky, *Councillor, Arts  
& Science*  
Scott Henderson, *Chair, (VP  
Operations & Finance)*  
Christa Kidd, *Student-at-Large*  
Nadine Koch, *Councillor,  
Engineering*  
Dave Misra, *Student-at-Large*  
Steven Swan, *Councillor, ISC*  
Karen Woodward, *Student-at-  
Large*

### **Student Issues Board**

Clayton Berry, *Councillor, STM*  
Aaron Dougan, *Chair, VP  
(Student Issues)*  
Scott Henderson, *Vice-Chair,  
VP (Operations & Finance)*  
Nadine Koch, *Councillor,  
Engineering*  
Farrah Mateen, *Student-at-Large*  
Craig Stehr, *Student-at-Large*  
Shannon Whyley, *Student-at-  
Large*  
Thomas Yu, *Councillor, Dentistry*

### **Board of College Presidents**

Dave Chow, *Law*  
Scott Blythe, *VP  
(Academic Affairs)*  
Aaron Dougan, *VP (Student  
Issues)*  
Crystal Douglas, *Kinesiology*  
Christine Hansen, *St. Thomas  
More*  
Scott Henderson, *VP  
(Operations & Finance)*  
Danielle Hicks, *Medicine*  
Jason Howorko, *Chairperson*  
Rob Huck, *VP (External Affairs)*  
Sean Junor, *President*  
Lecia Kalyn, *Physical Therapy*  
Anjani Koneru, *Dentistry*  
Trevor Koot, *Campus Rec*  
Christina Kuz, *Commerce*  
Jenn Lawrence, *Pharmacy &  
Nutrition*  
Jen Long, *Physical Therapy*  
Jean Lundquist, *Agriculture*

Andrea Mortin, *Pharmacy & Nutrition*

John Pantazopolous, *VPRA*

Mel Popp, *Campus Rec*

Heather Ross, *Engineering*

Andrew Sneddon, *Education*

Sarah Sundquist, *Nursing*

Peggy Welter, *Arts & Science*

Trent Wannekamp, *WCVM*

## University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

### Administrative Staff

Leslee Harden, *General Manager*

Greg Hartz, *Programmer*

Crystel Knihniski, *Accountant*

Cherolyn Owens, *Administrative Assistant*

Peggy Pfiel, *Clerical Assistant*

Freda Salikin, *Facilities &*

*Support Services Manager*

Carl Schlosser, *Food & Beverage*

*Manager*

Jilaire Soucy, *Communications*

*Director*

Michelle Tarasoff, *Confidential*

*Secretary*

Greg Yelland, *Researcher &*

*Policy Coordinator*

Melanie Zaitsoff, *Operations*

*Manager*

### Operations and Services Staff

Avril Arthur, *Print Shop*

*Graphic Artist*

Laurent Bartleman, *Campus*

*Legal Services Director*

Jeff Deagle, *Campus Legal*

*Services Director*

Leonard Derkson, *Copi Centre*

*Attendant*

Colleen Gerling, *Childcare*

*Centre Director*

Fern Haggin, *Student Affairs*

*Officer*

Jill Hubbard, *Help Centre*

*Director*

Leanne May, *Childcare Centre*

*Assistant Director*

Megan Morman, *Lesbian, Gay,*

*Bisexual Centre Director*

Sharon Odnokon, *Assistant Food*

*& Beverage Manager*

Greg Silver, *Print Shop Assistant*

*Manager*

Dave Stevenson, *Information*

*Centre Supervisor*

Catherine West, *Browsers*

*Assistant Manager*





**Student Representatives on  
Non-USC Boards and  
Committees**

**Academic Code of Conduct  
Committee**  
Scott Blythe

**Academic Programs  
Committee of Council**  
Scott Blythe

**Audio Visual Committee of  
Council**  
Dave Misra

**Board of Governors**  
Sean Junor

**Budget Committee of Council**  
Scott Henderson

**Capital Planning Committee**  
Scott Henderson

**Enhancement Committee of  
Council**  
Sean Junor  
Scott Henderson

**Extension and Public Services  
Committee of Council**  
Craig Stehr

**Fees Authority**  
Sean Junor

**General Academic Assembly**  
Scott Blythe

**Information Technology  
Committee**  
Aaron Dougan

**Instructional Development  
Committee**  
Scott Blythe

**International Activities  
Committee of Council**  
Chad Munchinsky

**Parking Committee**  
Aaron Dougan

**Library Committee**  
Stephen Avivi

**Planning Committee of Council**  
Sean Junor

**President's Advisory  
Committee on the Status of  
Women**  
Christina Kuz

**President Student Fund**  
Scott Henderson

**Research Committee of  
Council**  
Dave Stearn

**Our People**





## University Council

Tadd Cherry, Medicine  
Calvin Clements, Pharmacy  
and Nutrition  
Kris Dahl, Commerce  
Hollie Fischer, Physical  
Therapy  
Dan Fullerton, Engineering  
Jay Lalach, Law  
Dennis Mercier, Agriculture  
Simon Otto, WCVM  
Shane Pinder, Graduate  
Studies  
Todd Schweitzer, Education  
Jenny Thorpe, Kinesiology  
Jodi Waldbauer, Nursing  
Peggy Welter, Arts & Science  
Thomas Yu, Dentistry

## Student Organizations

A TV Show on Campus  
African Students Association  
Alpine Ski and Snowboard  
Club  
Amnesty International, Group  
119  
A.P.A.L.A.  
Baptist Student Ministries  
Biology Club  
Campus Association for Baha'i  
Studies  
Campus Crusade for Christ  
Campus World Order  
Canadian Chemical  
Engineering  
Conferece  
Catholic Christian Outreach  
Chemical Engineering Student  
Society  
Chemistry Students' Society  
Chinese Students and Scholars  
Association  
Chinese Students' Association  
Computer Science Students'  
Society  
Drama Club  
Economics Students' Society  
Environmental Studies  
Students' Association  
Frontier College Students for  
Literacy  
Finance Students' Society  
Gays and Lesbians at the U of S  
Global Friends  
Golden Key National Honor  
Society  
GNTCR Team

## Campus Clubs and

IEEE Student Branch	U of S Debate Club
Indian Teacher Education Program	U of S Fencing Club
International Studies Students' Association	U of S Gamers Club
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship	U of S Horticulture Club
Jewish Students' Association	U of S Juggling Club
Latter-Day Saints Student Association	U of S Korean Students' Association
Legal Follies Organization	U of S New Democrats
Malaysian Student Society	U of S Psychology Students' Society
Marketing Students' Society	U of S Reform Party Campus Club
Muslim Student Association	U of S SADD
Newman Centre	U of S Women's Centre
Ore Gange Geological Society	U of S Yan Xin Qigong Club
Pakistan Student Association	Vietnamese Students' Society
Paleobiology Students' Society	WUSC
Physics Students Society	
Planning Students' Association	
Practical Arts Student Society	
Public Administration Student Society	
Russian Studies Association	
Saskatchewan 4-H Alumni	
Saskatchewan Party Campus Club	
Save the Children Canada – U of S Branch	
SAE Air Cargo Group	
SAE Formula Student Chapter	
Sikh Students Society	
Society of Christian Engineers	
Taiwanese Student Association	
The Population	
UNICEF Students' Association	
U of S Accounting Club	
U of S Campus Liberals	
U of S Circle K Club	
U of S Dancesport Club Inc.	

Our People

