



# Construction Ahead

U of S Students' Union 2002-2003

U of S Students' Union Building

## 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. It also serves to protect the integrity of accessible public education.

## Values

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

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## President



This past year has been very exciting for the USSU – a year of sustainable growth and progress. The USSU Executive successfully implemented a program targeted at heightening student outreach and improving student service. The Executive’s initiatives over the year certainly supported this, and have had a discernible impact on campus. We faced many challenges, but with the support and dedication of all our stakeholders we were in a secure position to overcome any issues that arose.

As President, I feel privileged to have led the USSU through such a vibrant year, and am genuinely excited about the direction in which the organization is moving.

A significant challenge that the USSU faced this year was the continuation of the Memorial Union Building (MUB) renovations. As the project progressed, budgetary challenges arose due to necessary increases in scope. However, the renovations were guided to a successful conclusion fulfilling the initial vision of the project, and providing this historic building with new prominence on campus.

The USSU also undertook a number of new initiatives aimed to connect with and improve the daily lives of students. The most notable of these were the creation of the Campus Food Centre and the development of the Student Rights Handbook. While the implementation of the Food Centre was very successful, the need for such a service on campus is, indeed, extremely disappointing. It is alarming that food banks appear to be the fastest growing service on campuses across Canada, and illustrates the difficulties students face today in attaining an education. The Student Rights Handbook, however, is a guide for students and deals with the issue of academic honesty in a very positive and clear manner.

The USSU was also very successful this past year in advocating on behalf of students, both on campus and within the community. This year marked the creation of the Saskatchewan Students’ Coalition (SSC), a province-wide student lobby group dedicated to lobbying the provincial government. The USSU was a leading force in the group’s formation, which will greatly improve the efficiency of student advocacy. As well, the USSU had the opportunity to send a very positive message to the community

in its rejection of a tobacco company sponsorship deal targeting Louis'. The USSU was publicly recognized for its contribution to the fight against tobacco through this decision by the Canadian Council for Tobacco Control, and was awarded its national Award of Excellence.

Finally, the initiative that will have the greatest impact on the USSU's operations into the future was the successful referendum implementing the Student Infrastructure Fee. Prior to this, the USSU was not in a position to allow for sustainable growth. There simply weren't sufficient resources to enable the necessary development of student space and services that students require. Students recognized this fact, and solidly supported the implementation of this fee dedicated to USSU capital development. Students chose to take responsibility for their space on campus, and voted to establish a sustainable foundation from which future students will benefit.

My term as USSU President has been exceptionally satisfying, predominantly due to those that I've had the opportunity to work with throughout the USSU, the university, and various student groups. It has not been an easy year, however, but the genuine leadership of my fellow Executive helped to ensure the USSU's momentum while establishing a new, sustainable direction. As an organization, we have much to celebrate.

Craig Stehr



**Brenda Jackson**  
VP (Student Issues)



**Blair McDaid**  
VP (Academic Affairs)



**Danphy Wong**  
VP (Operations & Finance)

## General Manager



Building for the future describes the mode of operation within the USSU for the 2002/3 year.

The past year was a very challenging one with the amount of activity devoted to “building” initiatives. This includes the physical building expansion and renovation of the Memorial Union Building and the substantial learning curve associated with opening an essentially new business with the addition of a restaurant, and the resulting financial impact throughout that process. This, combined with a troubled economy negatively impacting our investments, contributed to a sobering financial performance for the 2002/3 fiscal year.

After much planning and consultation, the extensive renovation to the Memorial Union Building began in April of 2002 and continued at a frenetic pace over the summer and early fall. A renovation in excess of \$5M saw a complete demolition, expansion and reconstruction of the lower level and a complete upgrade of all mechanical and electrical systems to the building including the addition of air conditioning and sprinklers to the main and upper levels. In addition, the change from a counter-service, short-order kitchen to a full-service restaurant required a substantially different operational plan for Louis’ from that previously in existence.

Through a challenging eight months of operation from October 2002 when Louis’ reopened to a staged completion with the balance of the MUB renovation over the following three months to the end of our fiscal year in April 2003, we have learned much and are very optimistic heading into the next year. The MUB is once again truly a student center, attracting hundreds of students, staff and faculty every day to its modern décor for a variety of purposes. Such a major undertaking required the considerable efforts of many, including USSU student leaders and staff, University personnel, external consultants and numerous tradespeople who worked tirelessly readying the MUB for a fall opening. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed. I would like to specifically acknowledge the expertise, dedication and constant attention of Saunders Evans Architects and PCL Construction. The results were well worth the numerous efforts that went into turning a vision into reality.

In order to ensure the sustainable management of student buildings, undergraduate students acknowledged that responsibility by voting in favor of introducing a student infrastructure fee of \$5/term/student. This contribution will enable the USSU to continue its work in updating its buildings, bringing them up to current building codes, modernizing the décor to attract students and introducing new services of interest to our membership. I applaud the courage of our student leaders in spearheading such an initiative and the wisdom of our electorate in recognizing the value of implementing a mechanism for renewal.

The 2002/3 year also saw changes internally within the USSU with a staff reorganization that facilitated the hiring of a Resource Services Manager responsible for human resource requirements and for coordinating our peer support and advocacy centers. The introduction of this position will enable a coordinated approach to organizational staff and volunteer orientation, training and administration.

Considerable emphasis continues to be placed on receiving feedback from our members and business patrons. The administration of various surveys and hosting of focus groups throughout the year helps us to stay in touch and modify our activities accordingly. This year we also introduced a “Secret Shopper” program and comment cards within Louis’.

While this was truly a “building” year, in terms of physical, operational and planning activities, I sincerely wish to acknowledge the dedication, enthusiasm, cooperative nature, and healthy outlook of our departing student leaders. In times of challenge you are exposed to the true metal of individuals – I am honored to have worked beside our four executive leaders over the past year: Craig, Brenda, Blair and Danphy. To our staff, thank you for all of your hard work and great spirits. When you combine our student leaders and staff with our membership, it’s easy to see why the University of Saskatchewan is a great place to be!

Leslee Harden

## Memorial Union Building Renovated

Several years of planning by the Students' Union culminated this year with the renovation of the Memorial Union Building.

The MUB opened in 1955 and was the first student building on campus; Place Riel Student Centre was constructed in 1979. The MUB was dedicated to the memory of U of S students killed in World War II.

The MUB had begun to show its age, so in the spring of 2002 University Students' Council voted to renovate the MUB using funds from the Students' Union Building Trust Fund. From 1965 to 1985 there was a levy on student fees for the purpose of constructing student space, and these funds have been held in trust for building projects. Place Riel Student Centre and Louis' were originally built using monies from this fund.

Renovations began the day after classes ended on April 10, and included construction of a new outbuilding for updated mechanical, electrical and air-conditioning equipment and installation of fire sprinklers throughout the building. The original Memorial Fireplace, now in Browsers Used Bookstore and Internet Café, was converted to natural gas, and dishwashing equipment was also installed in Browsers.

Louis', the campus bar and restaurant, was completely renovated and expanded to make room for more patrons and greatly enhanced kitchen facilities. This expansion also nearly doubled the area of Louis' deck, a popular summer attraction on-campus.

Louis' opened its doors on October 5, and the remainder of renovations wrapped up in December. The building was officially re-opened on January 10, 2003.



## Students Approve Building Fee

U of S students took an important step towards building new student space when they approved the implementation of a Student Infrastructure Fee during the USSU elections in March 2003.

63% of voters favoured a \$5 per term (\$10 per year for the average student) fee to be used for constructing and sustaining student buildings.

The idea of a student fee for building student space is not a new one. In 1946 students voted to have a \$4 per year fee, and this fee increased over the years until 1986, when students voted to remove the then \$20 fee.

Both student buildings, the Memorial Union Building and Place Riel Student Centre, were built using funds from this student fee. The Memorial Union Building renovations this year were also paid for using funds collected up to 1986.

The first project to be undertaken with the new fee will be an expansion and renovation of Place Riel Student Centre, with planning commencing summer 2003.



## Future of Education Forum

In an attempt to raise awareness of the financial difficulties facing students today and the effects these could have on Saskatchewan, the USSU held a forum to discuss the future of post-secondary education in Saskatchewan on January 13, 2003.

Provincial Minister of Learning Jim Melenchuk, U of S President Peter MacKinnon, USSU President Craig Stehr and U of S Alumni Association President Susan Milburn discussed their visions of the future of education in Saskatchewan. A large number of students, faculty and media representatives turned out to hear what they had to say, and a lively question period followed the forum.

USSU President Stehr focused his comments on the potential results if public support of universities continues to decrease. In 1990, the provincial operating grant covered 78% of the operating costs of the U of S, and student tuition 16%. If current trends continue, the university will receive less than half of its operating revenue from the provincial government within 10 years, and student tuition will contribute more than the provincial government, making the U of S a private university.

University students are facing far greater challenges than those just 10 years ago. We hope this forum helped raise awareness of the impact decreased public support of our universities is having on the accessibility of a quality, public education in Saskatchewan.

Craig Stehr  
USSU President

## USSU Opens Food Centre

The Students' Union and the Saskatoon Foodbank teamed up this year to fight hunger on campus.

Sadly, the high cost of an education has left some students struggling to stay properly nourished. The USSU Food Centre provides emergency food hampers for students in financial need.

Located in Lower Saskatchewan Hall, the USSU Food Centre distributes 3-day emergency food hampers. Hamper request forms are available at numerous locations across campus.

Food Centre organizer Brenda Jackson, USSU VP (Student Issues) wants to see the Food Centre become more than just emergency aid: "The Food Centre should help all students, not just those that are in financial need, eat better."

It is planned for the Food Centre to provide education on low-budget, nutritious meal options. A partnership with the "Good Food Box" organization also provides students with a nutritious food hamper for a nominal charge. The Food Centre and its volunteers will also help coordinate the numerous food bank drives held every year at the U of S.



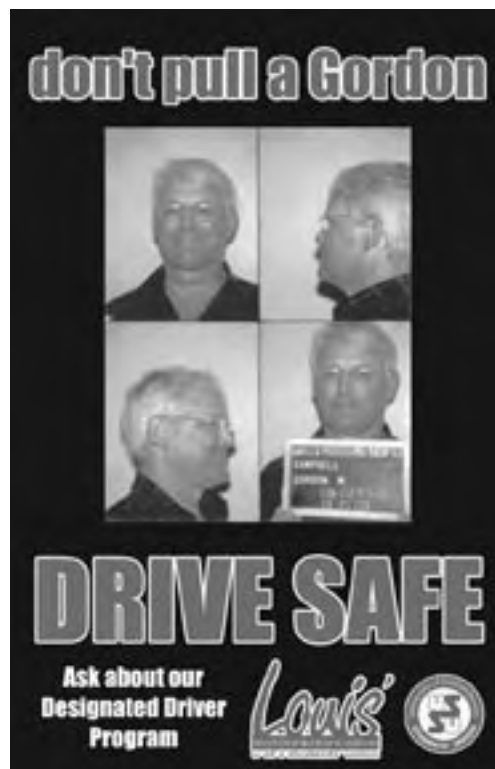
## “Don’t Pull a Gordon” Drunk-Driving Campaign

The USSU was in the national spotlight after its anti-drunk driving campaign was picked up by the media.

The USSU’s “Don’t Pull a Gordon” posters featured BC premier Gordon Campbell’s mug shots from when he was arrested for impaired driving in Hawaii earlier in the year.

The poster was the idea of USSU VP (Academic Affairs) Blair McDaid, and he fielded interviews from across Canada. Copies of the poster were also distributed widely, and several other student organizations began making their own versions of the poster.

The USSU has several programs in place to prevent students from driving impaired after an evening at Louis’. A Designated Driver Program provides free non-alcoholic drinks to designated drivers, and patrons who drove and ended up drinking can get a special permit which allows them to leave their car on-campus overnight without receiving parking tickets. The USSU also works closely with U of S Security Services on the Alcohol Traffic Awareness Program (ATAP).



## USSU Recognized for Stand on Tobacco Sponsorship

The Canadian Council for Tobacco Control recognized the U of S Students' Union for its 2003 Award of Excellence.

The USSU was recognized because of its decision to decline Imperial Tobacco's offer of approximately \$225,000 in event sponsorship. In exchange for the money the Students' Union would have displayed cigarette marketing materials in Louis' at designated events and sold exclusively Imperial Tobacco products.

The USSU's refusal of the funds was placed in opposition to the acceptance of tobacco funding for a business ethics course at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto.

The award was presented to Danphy Wong at the March 27 Saskatchewan meeting of the CCTC. Previous winners include Federal Health Minister Jake Epp, Air Canada, and anti-smoking activist Lynn Van Horne.



## Saskatchewan Student Coalition Formed

In March of 2003 the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union helped to create the Saskatchewan Student Coalition (SSC), a provincial lobby group dedicated to improving conditions for all Saskatchewan students enrolled in Public Post-Secondary Institutions.

The SSC includes student associations from SIAST Kelsey, Woodland, Palliser, and Wascana campuses, as well as the University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan.

Previously, there was limited communication between student groups, even on important student issues. The last major collaboration between student groups was the "Education Matters" campaign of the USSU and the U of R Students' Union during the last provincial election.

The SSC allows students to organise their information and ideas in order to create effective strategies that can be implemented at each institution. The primary goal is to enable student associations to coordinate unique lobbying efforts at each campus to impact the education system from different perspectives and with common objectives. The SSC will enhance students' ability to effectively drive change.

The people of Saskatchewan and our government need to be shown that PSE is a priority. Without PSE graduates it will be impossible for Saskatchewan to improve, or even maintain, our healthcare system or diversify our economy.

Craig Stehr  
USSU President

## Improving Our Services

As part of the Students' Union's efforts to improve the services it offers students, in 2002-2003 the USSU Secret Shopper program was created and numerous surveys gathered valuable information about our services and members.

The Secret Shopper program had "anonymous" students visit our operations and rate the service they received. Over the course of the year the eight Secret Shoppers performed 88 shops.

Staff identified as "Superstars" by the Secret Shoppers received USSU gift certificates. 30 staff members were Superstars, and many of these were Superstars multiple times.

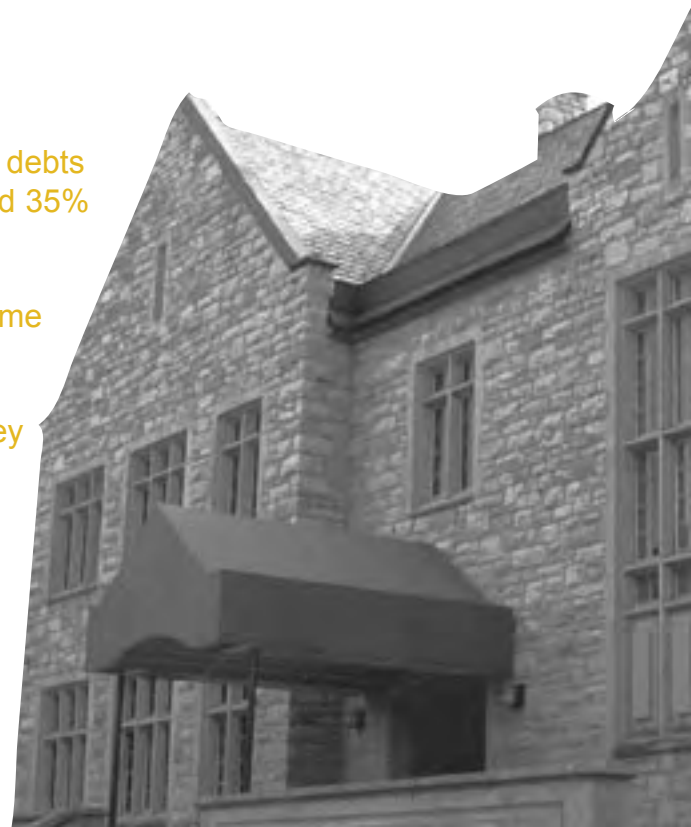
Given the success of this initiative in its first year, the USSU plans to continue the program next year.

In addition to the Secret Shopper program, the USSU Research Department had a busy year finding out more about our members and what they want. Surveys ran over the year include: USSU Awareness Survey, Transportation Survey, Operations Surveys (Print Shop and Browsers), Advertising Survey, Women's Centre Survey, Student Spending Habits Survey and Student Life Survey.

20% of students will graduate with debts between \$15,000 and \$20,000, and 35% will have debt loads over \$25,000.

53% of students work part or full-time while attending university.

USSU Student Life Survey



## Louis' Bar and Restaurant Opens October 5

The past year has been one of the most exciting, and challenging, for Louis' since it first opened in the MUB in 1981.

The summer of 2002 marked another successful season of Beach Volleyball at the Louis' Courts. The Louis' League again ran at full capacity, with games six nights a week. The Courtside Patio was also very busy and provided a place to enjoy a beverage outside while the Louis' deck was closed for renovations.

Construction of the new Louis' began April 10 and continued at a fevered pace throughout the summer. At the same time, Louis' management was preparing for the changeover from a self-serve pub kitchen to a full-service restaurant and hiring the almost 100 student employees needed for the new operation.

Unfortunately, Louis' was not quite ready to go for the first day of classes, and it opened on October 5. The changeover from a pub to a bar and restaurant came as a bit of a shock to long-time Louis' patrons who had grown accustomed to the old Louis', but the diverse menu and reasonable prices quickly made Louis' the most popular lunch spot on-campus.

The renovations also quickly re-established Louis' as the premier live venue in Saskatoon. Bands that played Louis' this year included The New Deal, Fishbone, Holly McNarland, Edwin and the Pressure, Kashmir, Broken Social Scene, Tegan and Sara and Frank Black and the Catholics.

Louis' also ran its biggest promotion ever when it partnered with Saskatoon Hyundai to give away a one year lease of a Hyundai Tiburon and a U of S parking spot. Louis' patrons could enter every Friday night, and the car was given away at an end-of-semester party with The Snitches.

As the year wound down Louis' was looking forward to the last renovations to the deck and the landscaping being finished and planning for their first full year in operation.



## Print Shop Keeps Getting Bigger

As more and more students use the USSU's cross-campus photocopy fleet, the USSU Print Shop is changing its focus from being a copy centre to preparing presentations and other desktop publications.

One of the most popular services at the USSU Print Shop for the past several years has been their plotter, a printer that could feed through rolls of paper up to 36" wide. Given the popularity of this service, the Print Shop purchased a 54" printer this past year. The new printer, in addition to being able to print larger, can also create all-weather banners on vinyl. Print Shop banners are now omnipresent on-campus, and this service has attracted an increasing number of off-campus clients to the Print Shop.

The Print Shop invested in an industrial hole punch and coil binder to handle the increasingly thick presentations and course reading packages they are asked to produce. They also have begun stocking a wide variety of plastic covers for these bound books.

For the next year the Print Shop plans to increase the number of reading packages it produces and to continue to grow its graphic design and specialty publishing business.



## Browsers Pays Back Over \$300,000

Browsers' first full-year in its new location in the Upper Memorial Union Building was a resounding success, and it is an increasingly popular place for students to pick-up textbooks or just stop in for a coffee.

In 2002-2003 Browsers paid back \$300,000 in consignment textbook sales to students. Any increase in sales at a consignment-based store is directly tied to the number of items consigned, and more and more students are choosing to sell their textbooks at Browsers. Over 15,000 items were consigned at Browsers in the past year, and April saw a large number of books consigned, ensuring that the shelves would be full for September.

Browsers continued to expand its other offerings as well. Ice cream treats were a popular summer item, and Sushi Fridays grew in popularity throughout the year. A wide selection of magazines was added, and when "Titles" bookstore went out of business they consigned over 1500 books at Browsers, greatly diversifying the selection of non-textbooks.

Browsers also saw some improvements as a result of the Memorial Union Building renovations. Air conditioning will make Browsers a more comfortable place to stop-by, and work, in the summer, and the expanded deck is accessible to Browsers patrons. Customer demand led to the installation of a dishwasher to cut down on the amount of paper waste.

The installation of picture hanging hardware allowed Browsers to house several exhibits by photography students as well as several more permanent pieces on loan from the Kenderdine Gallery.

Throughout the year Browsers partnered with several campus groups to host a variety of events. The Sierra Youth Coalition and OXFAM held several awareness days promoting Fair Trade Coffee, and the Women's Centre hosted an International Women's Day Coffeehouse in March. Several hundred books were donated to Engineers Without Borders, and Browsers was the meeting place for the Chess Club and many groups of ESL students.

Next year Browsers hopes to continue to increase the popularity of consigning used textbooks and to host more special events in the evenings and on weekends.

## Women's Centre Presents Vagina Monologues

The Women's Centre started the year quietly because of the ongoing construction in the Memorial Union Building, but made up for it with a strong second semester after construction was complete.

During the MUB renovations the Women's Centre was relocated to Room 118 and access was limited because of the construction. During this time the Centre Director worked with the other USSU Centres to develop a comprehensive volunteer training manual and the first all-volunteer training session in October.

The completion of the MUB renovations in January allowed the Women's Centre to again become an active part of the campus community. It held a number of discussion groups and helped organize Take Back the Night and International Women's Day events.

A partnership with the Graduate Students' Association resulted in the Women's Centre organizing V-Day – a production of the Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues. Three performances of the play were held in STM Auditorium and over \$4700 was raised for the Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre, Tamara's House and Interval House. Based on the success of the event, the Women's Centre plans to produce the play in the upcoming year.



## LGB Centre Changes Name

In order to become more inclusive of transgender students and heterosexual allies, this past year the LGB Centre amended its name and mission. The Centre name was renamed the USSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Centre and the mission statement was changed to: "The USSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Centre seeks to work with people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in an open and progressive environment that advocates, celebrates and affirms sexual and gender diversity."

Projects undertaken by the Centre Director and LGBTQA Volunteers included traveling to Regina for the provincial Pride Parade and a number of social events. Through a partnership with the U of S Department of Discrimination and Harassment a "Sexual Orientation and Discrimination" pamphlet was produced for U of S staff. And all USSU Centres participated in a comprehensive Volunteer Training session in October.

Outreach and advocacy efforts for LGBT students included sensitivity training for Resident Advisors (RAs) in U of S Residences and the development of a reporting system for incidences of harassment in residence. Residence has also committed to attempting to match LGBT and LGBT friendly students. The Centre organized Transgender Awareness Day in November and a lunch with the Campus Chaplains. The Speaker's Bureau also gave five presentations throughout the year.

Three support groups facilitated by volunteers were held during regular session: the LGBT Support and Social Group, the Transgender Support Group and the Bisexuality Support Group. There were also four discussion groups.

Communication efforts included Centre volunteers producing the Campus EnQueerer, an LGBTQA Centre newsletter and an expanded website.

The past year saw a 55% increase in the number of visits to the LGBTQA Centre. A total of 2861 people stopped by the Centre, with numbers increasing as the year went on. The Centre is confident its increasing presence on campus will continue this trend.

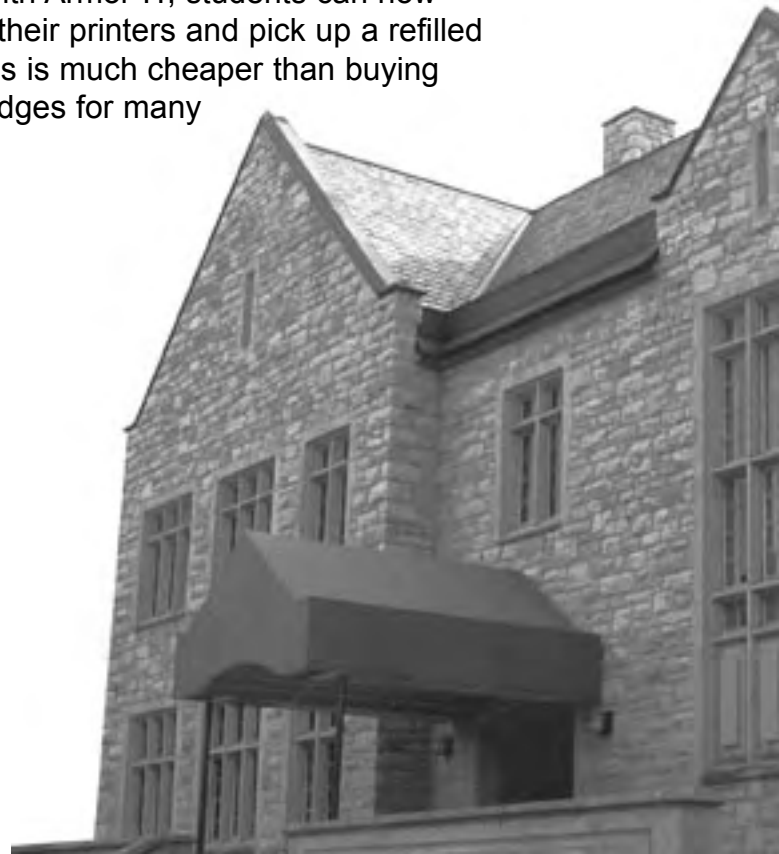
## Information Centre First Stop On Campus

Whether it be for a bus pass or directions, the first stop for many students and visitors to campus is the Information Centre in Upper Place Riel.

With the implementation of mandatory computer fees the Information Centre expected to see a decrease in traffic, as they were previously the primary broker on campus for computer accounts. However, a variety of new items and the increasing popularity of the bus helped draw almost 81,000 people to the Information Centre.

2002-2003 will be remembered as the year of the “line” at the Information Centre. As both an event ticket and bus pass outlet, there were several days when the delays caused by direct payment resulted in lines stretching into Lower Place Riel. The Elton John concert in the summer of 2002 and bus term pass sales on the first day of classes in September and January were both marked by long, but friendly, lines and the Info Centre staff made sure everyone went away happy. And with the Information Centre becoming a Ticketmaster outlet in November, 2002, there are likely be some long line-ups yet to come.

Another popular service added this year was Inkjet cartridge refilling. Through a partnership with Armor-IT, students can now drop off empty ink cartridges for their printers and pick up a refilled cartridge in a couple of days. This is much cheaper than buying new cartridges and they fill cartridges for many different printers.



## Over 12,000 Visits to Help Centre

Usage of the USSU Help Centre continues to grow. The 2001-2002 record of almost 10,000 visits was easily surpassed by this year's 12,000, and the Centre hopes to reach 15,000 visits in 2004.

The Help Centre partnered with the other USSU Centres to coordinate All Volunteer Training in October of 2002. This was the first time all the Centres had run their training together, and it was both more efficient and encouraged volunteers to participate at more than one Centre. The training was accomplished with the help of a liaison from the U of S Student Counseling Office, who organized workshops on peer support role-playing.

The past fall the Help Centre also teamed up with the Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan to host an information session about this mental illness.

Help Centre volunteers and the director attended the 2nd National Peer Support Conference, held in Edmonton, Alberta. The first conference was organized in 2001 by the USSU Help Centre, so it was encouraging to see that the event has become annual.

In March the Help Centre organized the first Suicide Awareness Week in Saskatoon. During the week there was a movie night, an information session, a survey and information tables in the Arts Tunnel and an Awareness March from City Hall to the U of S campus.

Towards the end of the year the USSU Centres teamed up to start "T-Shirt Tuesday." The first Tuesday of the month volunteers wear their USSU Volunteer T-Shirts to increase awareness of the number of USSU Volunteers and of the Centres. T-Shirt Tuesday is already slated to begin again in September.

## Volunteer Centre Creates Volunteer Transcripts

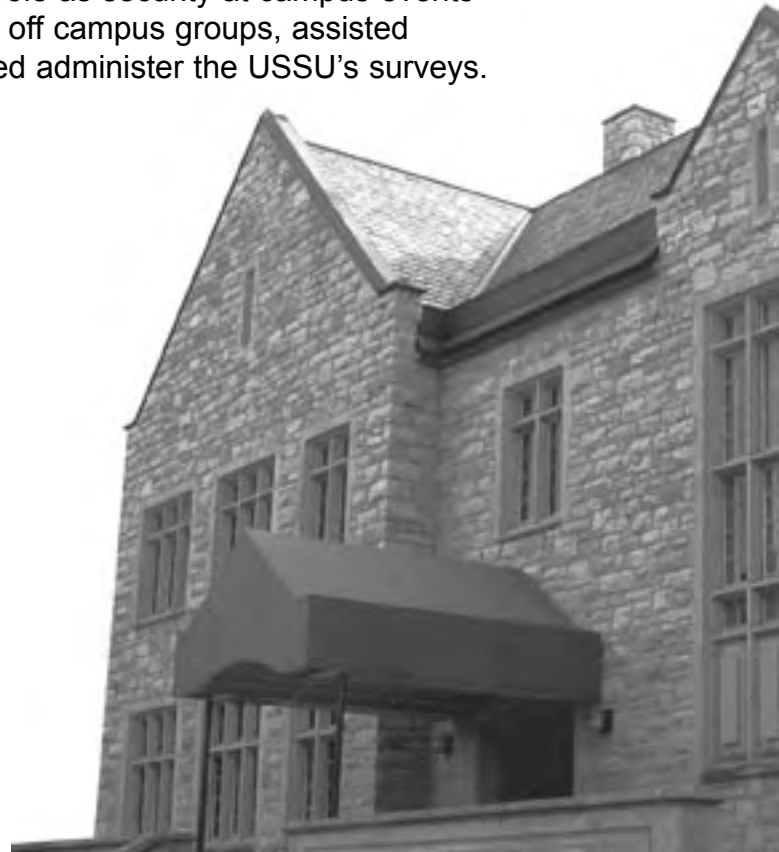
In its second year of operation the USSU Volunteer Centre worked at making sure the hard work of volunteers is recognized and finding new volunteer opportunities for students.

A partnership between the Arts & Science Students' Union, the USSU and the U of S led to the creation of Volunteer Transcripts. At the end of their studies, students will receive their marks and an official Volunteer Transcript documenting their volunteer activities at the U of S. The Volunteer Centre Director is the chair of the Overseeing Committee of this initiative that will help students show potential employers the many skills they gained through volunteering.

The Volunteer Centre had over 75 students volunteering for a number of duties, including staffing the newly created USSU Food Centre. Safewalk alone had over 25 volunteers, who logged 271 Safewalks with students, staff and faculty.

The creation of a Volunteer Opportunity Database this year gives on and off campus organizations another vehicle to advertise their volunteer positions to students.

Student Crew, the USSU's remunerated student work force, branched out from its traditional role as security at campus events and posterred campus for on and off campus groups, assisted during USSU elections and helped administer the USSU's surveys.



## Recognizing Excellence

On March 25 the USSU again recognized excellence at the University of Saskatchewan with the 2003 Experience in Excellence Awards.

The outstanding teachers for the 2002-2003 academic year were: Dr. Julio Torres-Recinos, Dr. Hugo Cota-Sanchez, Dr. Terry Matheson, Dr. Allan T. Dolovich, Dr. Karen Wiebe, Prof. Carolyn Brooks, Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Dr. Silke R. Falkner, Prof. John McCannon and Dr. Robert Kerrich.

The Dr. Vera Pezer Awards for Student Enhancement recognize students who improve the lives of their peers. The winners this year were: Member of Students' Council, Vishal Avinashi (Medicine); USSU Centres, Tammy Goertzen; and Campus Groups, Binendra Shakya.

The Doug Favell Memorial Staff Spirit Awards went to Matt Lambe (U of S Security Services) and Scott Cavanagh (USSU Louis').

The USSU LGBTQA Centre Doug Wilson Award went to members of the 1975 committee to defend Doug Wilson. The USSU Women's Centre Award recognized the founders of the Women and Gender Studies Department, and the USSU Help Centre Award went to Evelyn Smith (Emergency/Government Loans Office).



## Lectures Entertain, Inform and Challenge

### **John Ralston Saul Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecture**

The U of S Students' Union was proud to bring John Ralston Saul to the U of S on March 18 for this year's USSU Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecture.

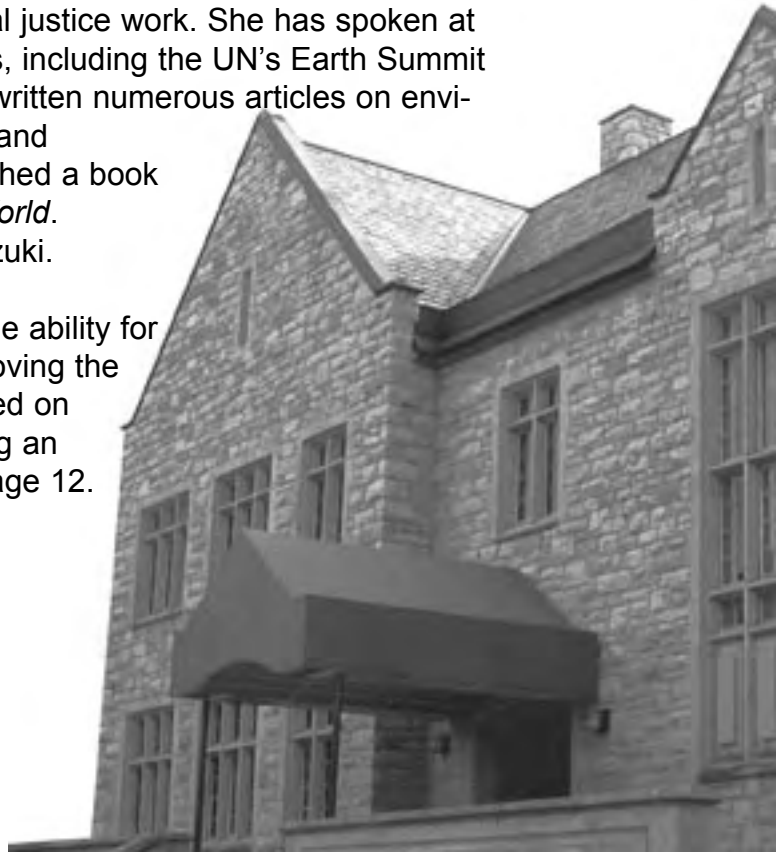
Place Riel Theatre was filled to hear author and critic Saul deliver a fascinating talk. Acknowledged as one of the top thinkers in the world by the *Utne Reader*, best-selling author and critic John Ralston Saul's books deal with society's elitist attitudes and the power of language. His works include *Reflections of a Siamese Twin: Canada at the End of the Twentieth Century*, *Voltaire's Bastards*, *The Birds of Prey* and *The Doubter's Companion*.

### **Severn Cullis-Suzuki Eric Malling Commemorative Lecture**

This year's Eric Malling Commemorative Lecture was given on January 22 by environmentalist Severn Cullis-Suzuki.

Severn Cullis-Suzuki is a committed and outspoken activist dedicated to environmental and social justice work. She has spoken at numerous high-level conferences, including the UN's Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. She has also written numerous articles on environmental issues for magazines and newspapers, and has also published a book with Doubleday called *Tell the World*. She is the daughter of David Suzuki.

Cullis-Suzuki's talk focused on the ability for individuals to take action in improving the world around them and was based on her own experiences of becoming an environmental spokesperson at age 12.



## Entertaining Our Members

It was another great year of entertaining our members.

A little cold weather didn't slow down Welcome Week in September. Bands, beer gardens, wrestling, the Carless Drive-In and good times filled the Bowl for the first days of school, and Blue Monday had the highest attendance in years. Bif Naked and Theory of a Deadman drew over 1500 people to Prairieland Park to kick off the school year.

The delay in the opening of Louis' put a slight damper on fall events, but by year's end the Students' Union had hosted many fantastic acts in the campus bar. The New Deal, Fishbone, Holly McNarland, Edwin and the Pressure, Kashmir, Broken Social Scene, and Tegan and Sara are just a few of the bands that stopped in. The year finished in spectacular fashion with a sold-out show by indie rock legends Frank Black and the Catholics.

The USSU also hosted a number of events off-campus. Ron Sexsmith and guitarist Robert Michaels performed at the Broadway Theatre and Treble Charger played at Prairieland Park.

The 2nd Annual Frost Week was held at the start of January, and great weather contributed to many shinny, soccer and tug-o-war teams enjoying the Bowl and a little friendly competition.

Now in its 2nd year, Think n' Drink is a partnership between the USSU and Student Health that encourages awareness about alcohol consumption. The USSU Centres, Campus Security and other groups provide the information, and brewers and distillers provide free samples of their products. Over 300 students attended the event in Place Riel Theatre, and the 3rd Think n' Drink is already in the works.

## Childcare Centre Celebrates 10th Birthday

The USSU Childcare Centre celebrated 10 years of helping undergraduate students and their children this past year. An anniversary party was held in September and there was an open house for all Centre alumni and former staff.

The Centre hired a Child Development Coordinator to help work with children who have diverse needs. She works with the staff, parents and children to help the children function in the daycare setting, and she works closely with the government's Speech and Language and Child and Youth consultants, who are available to the Centre twice a month.

A longtime problem concerning parking for parents picking up and dropping off their children was solved through the implementation of parking permits for the 30 minute loading zone.

Many U of S students volunteered at the Centre this year. Students from the Kelsey SIAST Early Childhood Education Program also did placements at the Centre.

Special thanks goes out to the Knights of Columbus, who donated \$500 to the Centre to help purchase a new computer and printer.



## **Auditors' Report to the Members on the Summarized Financial Statements**

The accompanying summarized financial statements of financial position and statement of operations are derived from the complete financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan students' Union as at April 30, 2003 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report date June 13, 2003. 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 aspects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

KPMG<sub>LLP</sub>  
Chartered Accountants  
Saskatoon, Canada  
June 13, 2003

## Summarized Statement of Financial Position

April 30, 2003, with comparative figures for 2002

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Cash		
Investments, at cost	\$ 502,293	\$ 352,699
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	933,677	1,112,263
Due from Students' Union Building Trust Fund	195,231	221,770
Inventories	–	368,387
Capital assets, net of accumulated amortization	83,844	42,817
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>6,236,181</u>	<u>1,889,169</u>
	<b>\$7,951,226</b>	<b>\$3,987,105</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and deferred revenue		
Payable to the University of Saskatchewan	\$ 660,475	\$ 695,681
Deferred trust fund contributions	295,970	378,305
Obligations under capital lease	5,432,208	781,561
	<u>110,889</u>	<u>156,077</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	6,499,542	2,011,624
Unrestricted surplus		
Equity in capital assets	758,600	1,023,950
	<u>693,084</u>	<u>951,531</u>
Commitments	1,451,684	1,975,481
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	-	-
	<b>\$7,951,226</b>	<b>\$3,987,105</b>



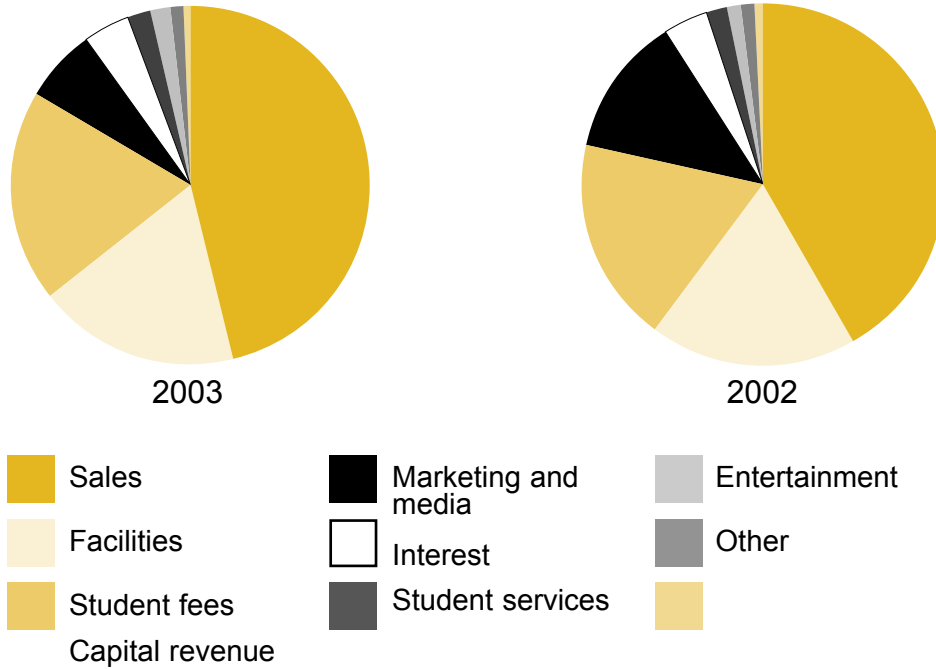
# Summarized Statement of Operations

Year ended April 30, 2003, with comparative figures for 2002

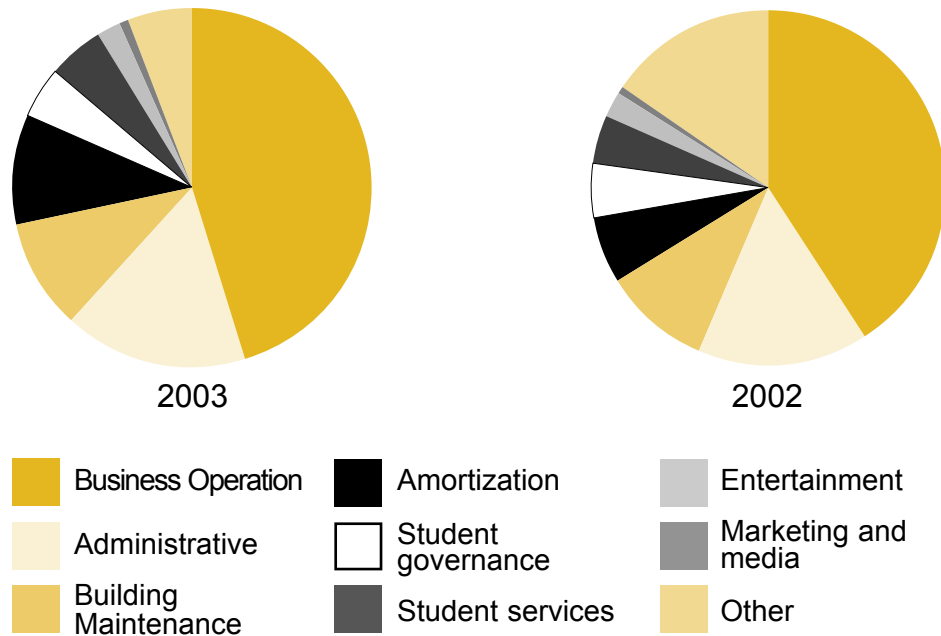
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Sales	\$1,711,544	\$1,518,621
Facilities	674,309	672,709
Student fees	709,307	666,836
Deferred Trust Fund Contribution	244,553	453,671
Marketing and media	156,155	145,494
Interest	76,941	67,358
Student services	67,237	44,960
Entertainment	43,477	44,108
Other	<u>23,601</u>	<u>27,523</u>
	3,707,124	3,641,280
<b>Expenses</b>		
Business operation	1,913,384	1,647,301
Administrative	698,872	626,564
Building maintenance	420,212	394,619
Amortization	419,012	244,019
Student governance	195,938	199,200
Student services	212,668	177,494
Entertainment	90,832	94,168
Marketing and media	<u>34,278</u>	<u>26,330</u>
	3,985,196	3,409,695
Earnings (loss) before the undernoted	(278,072)	231,585
<b>Other expenses</b>		
Write-down of building development costs	-	421,277
Write-down of long-term investments	148,632	-
Loss on disposal of long-term investments	75,246	-
Loss on disposal of capital assets	<u>21,847</u>	<u>199,594</u>
	245,725	620,871
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$(523,797)	\$(389,286)

A full version of the financial statements will be made available at the office of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union.

## Revenue



## Expenses



# Student Fees

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

Students' Union Fee		\$ 41.92
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Athletic Fee	\$ 43.72	
Recreation Fee	\$ 18.44	
Sheaf Fee	\$ 5.51	
Student Services Fee	\$ 30.00	
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	\$ .80	
Health & Dental Plan	\$178.64	
		<u>\$277.11</u>
<b>Total Student Fees</b>		<b>\$319.03</b>

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

Students' Union Fee		\$ 20.96
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Athletic Fee	\$ 21.86	
Recreation Fee	\$ 9.22	
Sheaf Fee	\$ 2.76	
Student Services Fee	\$ 30.00	
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	\$ .80	
		<u>\$ 64.64</u>
<b>Total Student Fees</b>		<b>\$ 85.60</b>

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

Students' Union Fee		\$ 20.96
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Student Services Fee		<u>\$ 15.00</u>
<b>Total Student Fees</b>		<b>\$ 35.96</b>



## **University Students' Council**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Leslee Harden, USSU General  
Manager  
Angela Erickson, Recording  
Secretary

## **USC Councilors**

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Nutrition  
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## **Executive Committee**

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Manager

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## **Appointments Board**

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Craig Stehr, Chair, President  
Samara Worth, Education

## **Elections Board**

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Researcher  
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Large  
Bonita Matushewski, Assistant  
Chief Returning Officer  
David Smith, Chief Returning  
Officer  
Maureen Torie, Student-at-  
Large

# People

## **Operations & Finance Board**

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Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
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Leslee Harden, USSU General  
Manager

## **Student Issues Board**

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Large  
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(Academic Affairs)

## **Board of College Presidents**

Jordan Anderson, Arts &  
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Nutrition  
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Nutrition  
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Therapy  
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Holly Zulyniak, Medicine

## **USSU Administrative Staff**

Jon Bath, Communications  
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Meshon Cantrill, Communications  
Assistant  
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Policy Coordinator  
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Secretary  
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Coordinator  
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Manager  
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Amanda Mitchell, Accounting  
Assistant  
Peggy Pfeil, Accounting  
Assistant  
Freda Salikin, Facilities &  
Operations Manager

Jackie Swinnerton, Resource  
Services Manager  
Kiley Quick, Receptionist  
Jackson Wiebe, Programmer  
Assistant

## **USSU Operations Staff**

Avril Arthur, Print Shop Graphic  
Designer  
Pam Barker, Print Shop Site  
Manager  
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Mario Carmona, Custodial  
Supervisor  
Lisa Cavanagh, Louis' Waitress  
Mario Cortes, Custodian  
Hernan del Rio, Custodian  
Len Derksen, Copy Centre  
Attendant  
Danielle DeRoo, Louis' Cook  
Nino Diaz, Custodian  
George Foufas, Louis' Site  
Manager  
Robert Gould, Custodian  
Karissa Hanson, Print Shop  
Operations Clerk  
Tricia Haugen, Louis' Waitress  
Eliot Lang, Louis' Cook  
Stefanie Livingston, Information  
Centre Supervisor  
Tai Mach, Louis' Cook  
Kevin Munro, Louis' Cook  
Catherine West, Browsers' Site  
Manager

## **USSU Services Staff**

Maria Alexopoulos, Women's

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Colleen Gerling, Childcare  
Centre Director  
Jeff Jackson, Volunteer Centre  
Director  
Tracy Lavery, Academic  
Advocacy Officer  
Everisto Mupanguri, Academic  
Advocacy Officer  
Genevieve Prevost, Help  
Centre Director  
Ryan Whyley, LGBTA Centre  
Director

## **Campus Societies**

Aboriginal Business Students'  
Society  
African Students' Association  
Agriculture Students' Association  
AIESEC  
Arts & Science Students' Union  
Association of Student  
Musicians  
Baptist Student Ministries  
BOCP  
Campus Crusade for Christ and  
Athletes in Action  
Canadian Alliance Association  
(U of S)  
Catholic Christian Outreach  
Chemical Engineering Students'  
Society  
Chinese Students' Association  
Chinese Students' and  
Scholars' Association  
Circle K (U of S)  
Club Red and Black  
Computer Science Students'  
Society  
Debate Society (U of S)

# People

Education Students' Society  
Environmental Studies  
Students' Association  
Eritrean Students' Association  
Frontier College Students' for  
Literacy  
Gamers Club (U of S)  
General Surgery Undergraduate  
Society  
Global Friends  
Golden Key International  
Honour Society  
Habitat for Humanity  
History Undergraduate  
Students' Association  
Institute of Electrical and  
Electronics Engineers  
Indigenous Students' Council  
Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship  
International Studies Students'  
Association  
Jewish Students' Association  
Kinesiology Students' Society  
Korean Students' Association  
(U of S)  
Law Students' Association  
Lutheran Student Movement  
Malaysian Students' Association  
Mango and Anime Students'  
Society  
Microbiology and Immunology  
Students' Association  
Muslim Students' Association  
New Covenant Bible Fellowship  
Newman Centre  
Ore Gange  
Oxfam  
Physical Therapy Students'  
Society  
Planning Students' Association  
Political Studies and Public  
Admin Student Society  
Pre-Dentistry (U of S)  
Pyrotechnic Enthusiasts Club  
Saskatchewan 4-H Alumni  
Saskatchewan Dental Students'  
Society  
Saskatchewan Pharmacy &  
Nutrition Students' Society  
Saskatoon Engineering  
Students' Society  
Saskatoon Islami Students'  
Association  
Saskatoon Nursing Students'  
Society  
Sheptytsky Institute  
Sierra Youth Coalition  
Student Medical Society  
Thai Students' Association in  
Saskatoon  
The Population  
U of S Drama Club  
U of S Fencing Club  
U of S Psychology Students'  
Society  
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