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the university of saskatchewan students' union

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 four-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 2000-2001 academic year, this fee was \$38.02 for full-time students and \$19.01 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.



our vision

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

our 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.

our 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.

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2000-2001 ussu executive board



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The USSU has evolved through much growth over the last few years. The magnitude and importance of the issues that are faced by the organization and the work that is done reflects this evolution. Throughout this growth and expansion, the USSU has not lost focus on the students. Student friendliness was a major factor in all USSU endeavours in the 2000/2001 year.

The year was initiated by the Executive setting out and following an accountability infrastructure for projects and goals. Through planning retreats, presentations and careful consideration, a detailed project plan was developed. The culmination of this effort was the "Foundation for the Future" document, which was a testimonial to the direction, anticipated progress and accountability of the Executive.

Through the enactment of these projects and goals positive change was created and the USSU was irrevocably moved forward, creating a base from which subsequent Executives may launch.

Many issues were met head-on this year. The Executive and University Students' Council tackled policy on decentralized tuition and "Big Box" retail revenues to complete the set of policy tools contained within the Tuition and Other Fees document of the USSU. Election procedures and policy were revisited and many changes were made, both on a structural and a policy level, to streamline and smooth out the electoral process. A number of fees were critically, yet objectively, examined and the Executive, with feedback from University Students' Council, spoke on the behalf of the student body in the discussions surrounding these fees. Also worth mentioning here is the health and dental plan that was brought forward by the Executive and University Students' Council to the student body. The plan was designed through student input and it was "corrected" to adjust for the problem areas that were identified in the failed 1998/1999 referendum. As a result, a large majority supported the implementation of the plan and it will be in place for the next academic year.

Also this year, the Executive has continued the work on the Place Riel Expansion project in the guise of a sponsorship campaign. Constitutional housekeeping was accomplished at the Annual General Meeting. Many student grievances, academic and not, were dealt with over the year and much advocacy was undertaken to help students defend their rights.

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On the operational front, much exciting advancement has been made in terms of enhancing and diversifying services for students. The two most notable of the many such advancements taking place are the changeover of the photocopier fleet and the move of Browsers to a renovated Upper MUB. The antiquated photocopiers of the USSU were replaced this year for shiny and new digital copiers with more options for the user. Browsers, as approved in the budget, will be moving to Upper MUB in an expanded and enhanced format.

This year and all of the positive change that has come from it would not have been possible without the staff of the USSU. They are dedicated, hard-working in a very dynamic environment and provide so much of the support necessary for the Executive and the organization to function smoothly.

Lastly we have the Executive, four very ambitious and devoted individuals who gave up much time and energy for the student movement. It was a year of toil, dreams and learning and it paid off in the successes that were met and the challenges that were overcome. We depart the Students' Union (well, some of us depart) with a sense of accomplishment and many memories of the year past.

Aaron Dougan USSU President

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Leslee Harden General Manager

A Students' Union is probably one of the most dynamic environments one could be involved with. It is constantly changing to meet the needs of a diverse and evolving membership and each year is enthused with the new ideas, energy and creativity of student leaders and support staff who thrive on alternately keeping and setting the pace. The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is a sterling example of such an environment. As always, we have had an interesting year – at various times, exciting, challenging, insecure and euphoric.

This year we were fortunate in having two returning executive members, which contributed to stability and an opportunity to continue working on longer-term initiatives. Having two new

executive members also provided the organization with our lifeblood of renewal and new ideas.

One of our major highs this year was the decision to implement a health and dental insurance plan for our membership that will take effect this fall. The students voted in favor of the plan through a referendum that was held in the spring and planning is currently underway.

Another major initiative we are working on is a relocation and reconfiguration of our used bookstore. "Browsers" has outgrown its current, hard-to-find location in lower Saskatchewan Hall. In true entreprenurial fashion, University Students' Council voted in favor of reallocating use of the Upper Memorial Union Building, renovating the space and relocating Browsers into it and expanding our product line. The project is an exciting one – we will be moving from a consignment centre currently featuring only used textbooks, novels, CDs and movies to a business that also encompasses an "internet café" approach. We are in discussions with Starbucks to brew their coffee and with other providers to expand our product line to include light lunches, snacks and fair trade offerings. We are also hoping to partner with the U of S Department of Computing Services to provide a bank of computers where students can communicate via e-mail and browse the net while visiting "Browsers."

As part of an ongoing initiative, each of our operations and services completed a department level strategic plan, building upon that in existence at a macro level within the Students' Union. The parameters established and articulated in our Strategic Plan will guide us in developing yearly objectives and assist in our budgetary processes.

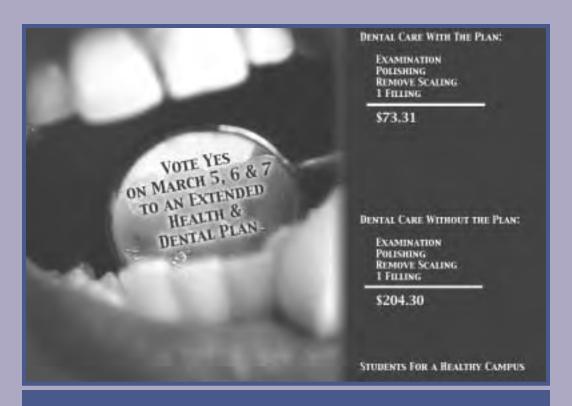
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One of our challenges this year has been with the building sponsorship initiative. Last spring we contracted O&Y Enterprises to engage the business community with the goal of raising sufficient funds through branding opportunities. Our goal was to secure enough sponsorship to enable construction of a new Student Union Building that would allow for the consolidation of student services on our campus. Though the work will continue over the summer, we are facing some major roadblocks. Sadly, we anticipate having to rethink the building program and consider alternative options.

In closing, I would like to extend my appreciation to the wonderful staff of the USSU for their hard work, dedication and professionalism. While we benefit from the energy and vitality of our student leaders, our organization could never prosper and grow without the stability, knowledge and effort of a great number of people that support, assist, lead, follow and incorporate the ideals of the Students' Union into their workday and their life. Thank you to all for continuing to make the USSU a place to be proud of.

Leslee Harden General Manager



An extensive awareness campaign publicizing the benefits of an extended health and dental plan resulted in 73% of voting students approving the plan.

students vote in extended health and dental plan

On March 5th, 6th and 7th, University of Saskatchewan students voted in favour of an extended health and dental care plan.

The USSU unsuccessfully sent a health plan to referendum in 1999, and from that learned what students want, and don't want, in a health plan. Subsequently, working with a committee composed of stakeholders, mostly from the medical colleges, dentistry and Student Health, the USSU developed a plan better suited to the needs of U of S students.

After an extensive study, Studentcare.net/works was chosen as the plan brokerage firm. They currently administer health plans for over 152,000 Canadian students, including UBC, Queen's, McGill and Brandon.

University Students' Council, which is made up of student representatives from all colleges, approved the plan in the Fall of 2000 and sent it to referendum the following spring so all students could decide whether the plan is right for the University of Saskatchewan.

The premiums for the proposed extended health and dental plan are \$5.75 a month for the health portion (\$69 annually) and \$8.50 a month for the dental (\$102 annually). The fee will be assessed with other student fees at the beginning of the year.

Students who currently are covered by other extended health plans (including their parents' or spouse's) have two options: opt out of the student plan or combine the plans for maximum coverage. For those opting out, they can choose to opt out of just one or both parts of the plan.

Under the extended health care plan, prescription drugs are covered at 80%. There is \$50 allotted for eye exams every year, and \$75 every two years for glasses or contact lenses. Ambulance services, crutches and semi-private hospital rooms are all covered. And if a health problem is keeping a student from school for an extended period of time, the plan will pay up to \$300 toward tutors. Students travelling receive up to \$1,000,000 in health coverage and up to \$150 for inoculations and vaccinations (this also applies to shots for medical/veterinary students).

The dental plan is not a managed plan – students can use whatever dentist they choose. Preventative services, such as check-ups and cleaning, are covered at 70%. Also covered at this rate are fillings and the removal of impacted teeth. Major procedures like oral surgery and root canals are covered at 50%, to a maximum of \$750 per year.

Over 73% of voting students were in favour of the plan, and it will be implemented beginning in September of 2001.

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ussu building project enters fundraising phase

The past year has been an extremely exciting time for the USSU's Student Centre Building Project. The project received approval from the University Board of Governors in May of 2000 and Phase III, a corporate fundraising drive, began with a press conference in June.

Under the University of Saskatchewan's First and Best Campaign various corporations have already donated toward a new student centre or toward programs to be included in that new student centre. Former students of the University also donated to the project through a dedicated student fee contribution that was collected between 1965 and 1985.

The idea of an expansion to the Place Riel Student Centre has long been a goal of the Students' Union. Since 1985, student fee contributions have been kept in trust to be used for the expansion of the existingl facilities. In 1996 the Students' Union, through University Students' Council, formed the Place Riel Expansion Committee. The committee was made up of stakeholders from the campus community whose purpose was to determine the wants and needs of an expansion. Following this needs analysis, O&Y Enterprise, a national real-estate services company, was hired to examine the feasibility of expanding Place Riel. After serious investigation and the formulation of a business plan, the expansion proved feasible. Since then, the Students' Union has continued to work with stakeholders to refine components of the building project.

Envisioned as a one-stop service centre for students, the Student Centre Building Project is designed to provide a comfortable and convenient location for various student services and student-centered businesses. Students would be able to do everything from paying tuition to accessing housing information in one centralized location, further enhancing student life on campus.

Highlights of expansion include student lounge space, space for various clubs, associations and groups to plan and promote events and activities, a multi-purpose facility to host University related events, an Aboriginal student space, a Security and Parking Kiosk, a multi-faith chapel, and a student council chamber. The building is also designed to include the USSU Office, as well as University departments such as the Office of the Registrar and Student Affairs and Services. The new Student Centre Building would be connected to the existing Place Riel Student Centre, which would be renovated to offer more retail options for students, such as a diversified and expanded food court with special attention to healthier food choices, and additional services such as a pharmacy, a convenience store and a dry cleaner.

The ultimate fundraising goal for Phase III is \$20 million, and the current plan could have seen construction begin after \$14 million. At the time this report was published these goals have not yet been met, and the Students' Union is currently investigating other funding options and possible changes to the building to facilitate construction of the Student Centre in the future.

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The expanded Place Riel Student Centre is envisoned as a centre for student services and an impressive gateway to the university.

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ussu hires development coordinator

In an effort to procure additional sponsorship for USSU events and to increase awareness of Students' Union services to both the on and off-campus communities, the USSU created the new position of Development Coordinator in the Spring of 2000.

The cost of Students' Union services such as Welcome Week, the lecture series and the Survival Calendar continues to rise. At the same time there are many "student-friendly" businesses that continually strive to make students aware of the services they offer. The Development Coordinator works to offset the Students' Union services by receiving sponsorship money from organizations and businesses in exchange for advertising opportunities on-campus.

In the first year of the position, the Development Coordinator significantly increased Survival Calendar advertisement sales and Welcome Week sponsorship. The Development Coordinator is also in charge of table rentals in the Tunnel, banner space in Upper Place Riel, and other advertising options in the Student Centre, and awareness of these options continues to grow both on and off campus.

To increase the appeal of the Students' Union to potential sponsors, the Development Coordinator has been working toward the registration of the USSU as a charity, which will allow sponsors of the Students' Union to receive a charitable giving tax receipt on targeted monies donated.

new vision, mission and values adopted

At the Students' Union Annual General Meeting in November, new mission and vision statements for the USSU were adopted. Also adopted were, for the first time, values that will guide the Students' Union in all that it does.

The new mission, vision and values were developed through strategic planning meetings held in 1999, where 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.

Once the strategic plan was adopted by the membership at the 2000 Annual General Meeting, individual departments and executive members representing the student position used this information to determine mission statements and related high level goals for all Students' Union departments and operations. These helped, and will continue to help, determine yearly objectives and budgetary needs.

student needs key issue in saskatoon civic election

The USSU used the Saskatoon Civic Election in October as an opportunity to make Saskatoon residents and potential counselors aware of the contributions U of S students make to the local economy and the challenges facing students living in Saskatoon.

An economic impact study done in 2000 by the University of Saskatchewan showed that U of S students directly contribute \$157.4 million per year to Saskatoon's economy. For comparison's sake, the City of Saskatoon's annual budget for 1999-2000 was \$157.9 million.

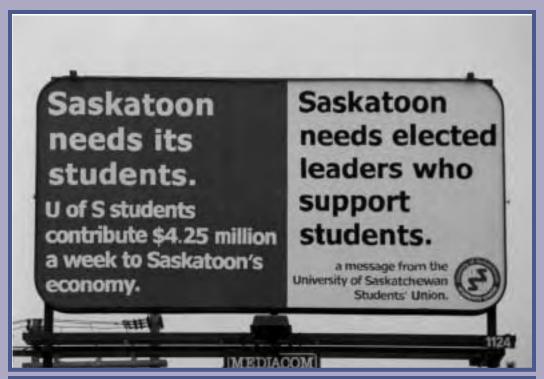
Despite the contributions students make to Saskatoon, their needs have been largely ignored by city council, especially in the areas of parking, transit and housing. The implementation of the Varsity View Parking Area, a move that severely limited parking around the University, was carried out with minimal consultation with students, and student concerns fell on deaf ears.

U of S students make up a large percentage of transit users and students have extremely low income levels, yet they are expected to pay adult fare. The city sells a "Semester Pass" to supposedly offset the cost of transportation for students, but this pass only saves students money if they buy it right at the beginning of the semester and ride the bus regularly during the final month when classes are out and exams are on. As a result this pass is not of significant benefit to the majority of students.

The apartment vacancy rate in Saskatoon is less than 1%, so finding a place to live is a huge challenge for U of S Students. City tax breaks for those building condos or converting apartments into condos make it unattractive for developers to construct new apartments. With almost 10,000 students moving to Saskatoon every fall, affordable housing is a necessity.

The Students' Union made these and others concerns visible to Saskatoon residents during the election through an awareness campaign. Billboards, bus signs, newspaper advertising, a press conference and an on-campus candidates' debate and polling station ensured that student needs became an issue during the election.

Overall the campaign did much to raise the awareness of the worth of the student community to Saskatoon and to the special needs of this group.



Billboards and signs on the back of buses during the Saskatoon Civic Election made sure potential city councilors were aware of the needs of a significant percentage of their constituents.

advocacy

ussu brings federal electoral candidates to campus

In an attempt to make candidates in the November 2000 federal election aware of the challenges facing post-secondary education students, the USSU held a debate and reception for students to meet and talk with the candidates.

All candidates from Saskatoon and area were invited to give a short presentation on their election platform at the debate in Lower Place Riel. After the presentations the floor was opened up to questions from the large audience of students. The debate was moderated by a faculty member from Political Studies.

Candidates were also invited to a reception with students at the U of S Faculty Club. This provided an excellent opportunity for candidates to meet and discuss issues with students on a one-to-one basis. The overwhelming consensus from the many students in attendance was that meeting the candidates allowed them to make a more informed decision in the election, and the candidates were extremely grateful for the opportunity to meet with students and hear their concerns first-hand.

canadian alliance of student associations

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) represents over 300,000 Post-Secondary Students at 18 universities and colleges across Canada, including the U of S. As part of CASA's mandate to represent student concerns at the federal level, CASA held a national awareness campaign focused on the fact that Canada's most precious resource, young minds, are being wasted.

The "Hostage Brain" tour stopped at the U of S in October. At a press conference the "Hostage Brain" was wheeled in on a stretcher by medical students and its condition announced as "Critical." In the words of Mark Kissel, National Director of CASA, "In a country where the minds of our young people should be free to lead us forward into the future, these minds are being held hostage by a lack of funding from the federal government."

CASA had identified three areas where a lack of government funding to PSE has jeopardized the future of Canada and its young people. The Canadian government spends over \$300 CDN less per student than the American government. The result is that the cost of an education is out of reach for many, and the average debt load of a graduate is \$19,000. PSE institutions are crumbling from a lack of infrastructure funding; the estimated cost of deferred maintenance at Canadian universities and colleges is over \$3.6 billion. The lack of funding is also making it increasingly difficult for institutions to attract and retain faculty.

As part of this campaign, students were encouraged to send postcards to their MP asking for increased funding to PSE. Over 500 postcards were collected at the U of S.

ussu recovers lost transit commissions

A sign of improving relations between the USSU and Saskatoon City Council was City Council's decision to let the Place Riel Information Centre continue to collect a three percent commission on transit passes sold.

In September of 1999, City Council passed a resolution that they would be reducing the commission vendors earn on the sale of Saskatoon Transit 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 that rate was scheduled to be further reduced to one percent.

USSU Executive members lobbied City Council and, based on the large number of passes sold at the Information Centre and the fact that students make up a large percentage of transit users, City Council revised their plan.

Under the new commission plan, businesses which sell over \$300,000 in transit passes (the Information Centre is currently the only one in Saskatoon) receive a three percent commission, retroactive to January 1, 2000.

The Students' Union is hopeful that its relationship with the City of Saskatoon will continue to develop, and the two groups will be able to work together to improve the lives of students living in our city.

member of student council orientation

In an effort to improve lines of communication between the Students' Union and members of University Students' Council (MSCs), the USSU held its first ever MSC Orientation in September of 2000.

MSCs are elected by their colleges to University Students' Council (USC) in the Spring of the previous academic year and serve for one year. When council begins in the Fall, MSCs face a steep learning curve as they become familiar with the USSU and their role within it. This has led in the past to some uncertainty as to the roles and responsibilities of the MSC and a lack of affinity between some MSCs and the USSU.

The MSC Orientation consisted of a day long session which covered such topics as what is the role of an MSC and USC, issues currently facing the USSU, and a tour of the Students' Union, its services and operations. It was followed by supper at Louis' and a beach volleyball game.

The MSC Orientation is now going to be an annual event, as it proved to be an effective means of bringing councilors up-to-speed on the USSU and helping them to feel a part of the organization.

academic grievance awareness campaign

In order to make students more aware of their academic rights and responsibilities, Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs) conducted a grievance awareness campaign and appointed an Academic Affairs Officer to help deal with student grievances.

Academic grievances can range from grade appeals and accusations of academic dishonesty to discrimination and sexual misconduct in the academic environment. And the number of student grievances is growing.

"The increase in student grievances lately isn't because professors are suddenly becoming worse, "explains Wallace, "but because more students are becoming aware of their options. Students are also expecting more in academic areas because of increased tuition costs."

This increase in traffic has resulted in the Vice-President (Academic Affairs) spending all his time assisting with grievances and having little time to work on other initiatives. Hiring the Academic Affairs Officer freed up the VP (Academic) to work on other initiatives to improve academic life at the University of Saskatchewan and to work toward finding proactive solutions for areas of repeated grievances.

One of these initiatives was the Academic Grievance Workshop held in November at Place Riel Theatre. Wallace and members of university administration spoke to an audience of faculty and students about the rights and responsibilities of students and the proper process for dealing with academic grievances.

The VP (Academic) and the Academic Affairs Officer handled 180 student grievances between them and the hiring of a second Academic affairs Officer is planned for next year.



The "dog poster" was one of the more talked about awareness campaigns ran by the USSU this year, and it did much to increase the visibility of the Academic Affairs Officer.



Dr. Ben Rosser from the College of Physiotherapy and Dr. Karen chad from the College of Kinesiology were two of the recipients of the USSU Teaching Excellence Awards for 2001-2002.

ussu awards excellence on campus

The USSU "An Experience in Excellence" awards recognize those people who better the academic and nonacademic environments of the undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan.

At the award ceremony held March 29 in Marquis Hall, teachers, volunteers, and staff were honoured for their contributions to the enhancement of the student experience. Award recipients received a framed photograph of the University and have their picture on display in the Tunnel.

The Students' Union has awarded the Teaching Excellence Awards for the past nine years. They are presented to teachers who show enthusiasm, organization and fairness in evaluation of their classes. This year the awards were presented to: Dr. Ben Rosser, College of Physiotherapy; Dr. Karen Chad, College of Kinesiology; Prof. Laura Klassen, College of Physical Therapy; Prof. Pamela Haig Bartley, College of Arts & Science; Dr. Len Gusthart, College of Education; Prof. Mark Burgess, College of Arts & Science; Prof. Ellen Black, College of Arts & Science; Prof. Marj Benson, College of Law; Prof. Leslie McBain, College of Arts & Science; and Dr. Diana Relke, College of Arts & Science.

The Vera Pezer Awards are presented to students who have shown excellence in student volunteering. The awards were presented to: Member of Student Council, Shannon Whyley (VPRA); Campus Clubs, Kerri Klein (Sierra Youth); College Societies, Jason Williams (Pharmacy); and Voluneerism, Farrah Mateen.

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 Michelle Tarasoff, Confidential Secretary. The second award is presented to a U of S staff member who works toward the betterment of the university community and is friendly, encouraging and knowledgeable. This was presented to Larry Chow (U of S Food Services).

initiatives

disorientation 2001

The USSU and the University of Saskatchewan Alumni and Development Office again partnered to host DISorientation, a five-day graduation festival, from January 29th to February 2nd.

First held last year, DISorientation consists of a wide range of free information sessions for graduating students, with topics ranging from job hunting to student loan payback.

The event kicked off with a dinner and opportunity for students and alumni to meet. Ben Voss, a recent U of S graduate and successful entrepreneur in the biotech industry, 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 session.

DISorientation was another success this year, with attendance up across the board, and it is now planned to be an annual event.

ussu launches new fleet of digital copiers

The USSU's cross-campus photocopier service is one of the Students' Union's most visible services, and on September 5, 2000, the USSU proudly rolled out its new fleet of Konica digital copiers and a new system of copy cards.

The new copiers hold more paper, are more reliable and provide better quality copies than the previous machines. They were selected from a wide range of similar copiers through student and staff focus groups to ensure people were comfortable using the machines.

Along with the new copiers, the USSU switched over to a new system of copy cards – debit-style cards that store pre-purchased copies. With the new cards people can add copies to their cards at any of the coin-operated copiers or card vending machines. This eliminates the hassle of having to buy a new card every time one runs out of copies and reduces the wastage of old cards.

In order to introduce the new system, the USSU held a month-long changeover campaign where people could exchange their old copy cards for the new ones. As part of this campaign, over 10,000 free copies were awarded to people who exchanged their cards.



Great weather and a wide range of activities combined to make the 2000 USSU Wlecome Week the best attended Welcome Week ever.

students' union hosts wide range of events

Every year one of the most popular and visible services the Students' Union provides its members is entertainment, ranging from bands at Louis' and other venues to Welcome Week, film festivals and lectures.

The high-quality of USSU events was recognized this year when Greg Hartz, USSU Programmer, was nominated for the 2000 Prairie Music Award for Booking Agent of the Year. The identification of Hartz as one of the premiere events planners in Western Canada is an indication of the professionalism of Students' Union's events.

Students are eased back into university life by the USSU's Welcome Week. During the first week of classes there was a BBQ and beer garden in the Bowl every day at lunch and a wide range of games, including tricycle olympics, BMX and skateboard demonstrations and hacky-sack and yo-yo competitions.

On the first Thursday approximately 1000 students watched *Animal House* and *The Matrix* in the Bowl on giant video screens, and on Friday Superbowl VII featured Captain Tractor, the New Meanies and a host of local bands. Blue Monday featured Edwin and Zuckerbaby. Overall, great events and beautiful weather combined to make this the best attended Welcome Week ever.

Throughout the rest of the year the Students' Union brought over 50 bands to campus, including Three Doors Down, Hawksley Workman, Treble Charger, Ron Sexsmith and punk legends, The Misfits. Ian Wright was this year's Eric Malling Lecturer, and Jeffrey Simpson gave the Roy Romanow lecture. The USSU also held a number of film festivals at Place Riel Theatre which featured newer movies, cult classics and favourite Christmas cartoons.

With its wide range of entertainment options, the Students' Union is working hard to make sure that all students can enjoy an occasional break from their studies.

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jeffrey simpson gives romanow lecture

The 2001 Students' Union Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecturer was Jeffrey Simpson, and he spoke about "Star Spangled Canadians" – the emigration of Canadians to the United States.

Simpson has been the national affairs columnist for The Globe and Mail since 1984. He has won the Governor-General's award for non-fiction book writing, the National Magazine Award for political writing, the National Newspaper Award for column-writing and the Hyman Solomon Award for excellence in public policy journalism.

Simpson's latest book and source of the lecture, *Star Spangled Canadians*, examines the history of Canadian emigration to the United States and, thanks to 450 personal interviews, the actual reasons why Canadians make the move south.

"It's the word opportunity," Simpson stated, "and that can mean a lot of different things, from bigger research grants to a bigger playing field to a larger audience." And as Simpson's lecture showed, Canadians have flourished in the "big leagues" of the United States. After the lecture, Simpson answered the audiences' many questions on this contentious topic.

This was the fourth University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecture. Previous speakers were David Suzuki, Frank Ogden and Mordecai Richler. The series was named after 1961-62 Students' Union President and former Saskatchewan Premier, Roy Romanow.

malling lecture Features world traveller

Ian Wright, host of the travel television show *The Lonely Planet*, was this year's USSU Eric Malling Lecturer on February 12, 2001. The theme of his sold-out talk was "Don't Hate Me Just Because I have the Best Job in the World."

Every week Wright leads millions of viewers through a tour of one of the 40 countries he has visited and introduces viewers to the people that live there. Wright, a 34 year-old Englishman, holds what many people consider to be the world's best job, and he realizes just how lucky he is.

"It's outrageous," he said. "If some lunatic is going to go on paying for it, I'll keep doing it. I'm surprised they haven't caught me out yet."

During his lecture Wright talked of how he got hired for his dream job and of the many experiences he has had while travelling. At the same time he showed slides which often had little to do with what he was talking about, but were always amusing. After his talk Wright answered questions from the audience.

The USSU Malling Lecture is named after U of S alumni and host of CTV's W5 Eric Malling and brings pop-culture speakers to the U of S.

over 6600 students use the help centre

The USSU Help Centre in the Tunnel between Place Riel and Arts had another busy year of offering a wide range of training programs and peer support options.

Between September 1, 2000 and April 30, 2001 the Help Centre served 6656 students. The services used ranged from general requests for information to confidential peer counselling.

Part of the success of the Help Centre this year was undoubtedly due to providing the over 2500 first year students who attended Orientation 2000 with information about the Help Centre. First year can be a very difficult time for many students and the Help Centre can ease the transition to a new environment through peer counselling. Volunteering there is also a great way to meet new people.

Almost 40 people volunteer at the Help Centre on a regular basis, and these volunteers are well-trained for the challenges they face. Volunteers are trained in Suicide Intervention and Sexual Assault Intervention.

A new initiative for the Help Centre this year was a Sexual Assault Awareness campaign. This program had volunteers go into every college and set-up free professional training sessions to promote safety and facilitate discussion about violence on campus.

The Help Centre also provides a wide variety of information about university services, University Calendars, a free phone, STD information and free condoms.

lesbian, gay, bisexual centre increases on campus presence

The goal for the USSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre this past year was to raise awareness of the service to students and staff at the U of S, and the Centre accomplished this goal through some extremely successful events and a campus-wide education initiative.

The LGB Centre held a number of successful events and programs this year. Passion Fruit, a coffee house-style, variety night featured bands, drag performances, poetry and other entertainment. The Centre also held a number of discussion groups, and the Bisexuality Support Group. The LGB Centre was also a partner in the World's AIDS Day Film Festival at Place Riel Theatre and the College of Education's "Breaking the Silence" conference.

The Doug Wilson Awards, celebrating the achievement and contributions of gays and lesbians at the U of S, continue to grow in prominence, and the LGB Centre is playing an increasing role in hosting these awards, along with GLUS (Gays and Lesbians at the U of S). This year's winner was of special importance to the LGB Centre, as it was Alona Leverick, co-founder of the LGB Centre. Next year, the LGB Centre will be taking over the administration of these awards, and hopes to see their success continue.

Beginning in the Spring of 2001, the LGB Centre Director and volunteers began classroom presentations across campus to help make students, and staff, aware of the services offered by the LGB Centre.

louis' expands its entertainment options

Louis', the campus pub, continues to be a popular place for students to hang out between classes, grab a bite to eat, or check out a great band.

The summer of 2000 marked another successful season of beach volleyball. Over 1500 people competed in the Louis' league, which ran from May through August. May and June were also a busy time for aftergrad parties – often a Grade Eight aftergrad would run until midnight and a Grade Twelve Party would start at 12:30 am.

To increase the number of drink options available, Louis' expanded the back bar this year to a full cocktail bar. The kitchen also increased the number of appetizers available and extended their hours until midnight.

Louis' again proved it is the premiere live venue in Saskatoon – among the bands who played there this year were Three Doors Down, Treble Charger, Limblifter, The Headstones, Hawksley Workman and The Herbalizer. All-ages shows continue to be a strong draw for the next generation of U of S students, and hypnotists and comedy nights are increasing in popularity.

Another popular entertainment option introduced this year was "Survivor Night." After the popular television show on Thursday nights, teams competed in trivia challenges to win weekly prizes and a chance at the grand prize - a houseboat trip for the entire team. This proved to be very popular, with Thursday nights becoming the busiest of the week.

Promotions such as "Survivor Night" were made possible through Louis' excellent relationship with its suppliers. Various breweries and distilleries provided many prizes throughout the year, including snowboards, jackets, stereos and a trip to Mexico.

Future plans for Louis' include a needs analysis to determine the feasibility of moving or renovating the bar, along with updates to the liquor inventory control system. Louis' is also going to be working closer with college events planners to make sure student groups are aware of all Louis' has to offer.

browsers pays back over \$180,000 to students

Browsers, the USSU Used Book Store, is rapidly becoming the place on campus to buy and sell textbooks, and with an increasing variety of items for sale and a forthcoming move, this success is sure to continue.

During the 2000-2001 academic year, Browsers paid back over \$180,000 in commissions to students. Textbooks continue to be the biggest sellers at Browsers, but CD sales are increasing and movies were added to the inventory this year.

The biggest news for Browsers this year was the announcement that Browsers would be moving from its difficult-to-find location in Lower Saskatchewan Hall to the upper floor in the Memorial Union Building (above Louis'). This space will be going through extensive renovations during the early summer, and the new Browsers is scheduled to open August 1, 2001. In addition to consignment sales, the larger space will allow for a comfortable seating area, specialty tea and coffee sales, healthy lunch options and free internet terminals.

housing centre helps students find a place to live

With the apartment vacancy rate in Saskatoon continuing to remain below 1%, the USSU Housing Centre is increasingly important to students finding a place to live.

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.

This year the Centre helped almost 2000 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 year-round at various USSU operations and on the USSU website.

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print shop continues to grow

The USSU Print Shop continues to expand its service options, and during the 2000-2001 academic year added staff and renovated its space to better handle increased customer traffic.

The most visible service the Print Shop added this year was a large-format color printer. This printer can produce full-color banners 3 feet wide and up to 200 feet long at a very reasonable price. An automatic coil-binder was also purchased to shorten turn-around time for binding jobs. These services have proven to be extremely popular with campus clubs and university departments, and have brought many new customers from both on and off campus to the Print Shop.

To better serve this increased customer base, the Print Shop added a full-time Operations Clerk, bringing the full-time staff to three (Assistant Manager, Graphic Designer and Operations Clerk). The Print Shop also employed a number of part-time student workers throughout the year.

The increase in staff and addition of the large printer led to a renovation of the Print Shop's space. A highly visible area near the counter was created for the large-format printer to increase awareness of this service, and several new counters were installed in the rear of the shop to provide more space for collating large printing jobs.

communicating to our members

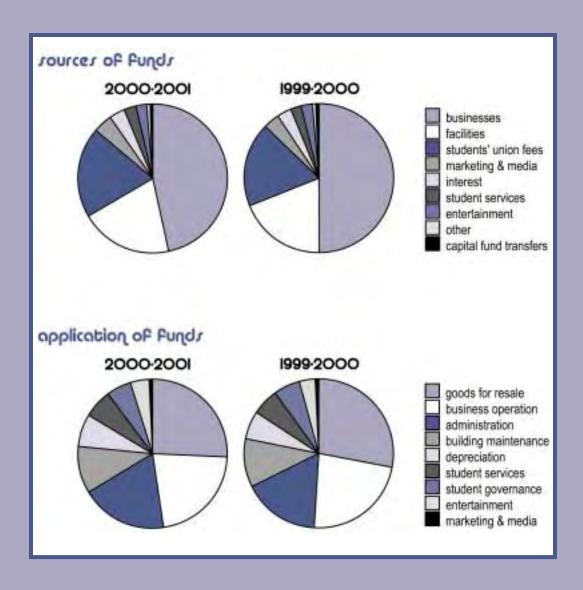
With the USSU's new vision of becoming "the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience," the Communications Department is playing an increasing role in all facets of the organization to ensure the Students' Union's efforts are recognized.

The Communications Department has always worked with the Students' Union executive on awareness campaigns focused on student needs and with the Programmer to advertise Students' Union events. However, working with the operations to create cohesive and strategic marketing plans was added to the department's responsibilities this year. This move will allow for more coordinated marketing among the Students' Union operations to ensure a consistent message is being sent forth by all parts of the USSU.

To assist with the increased workload, a Communications Intern from Mount Royal College was employed from September to December. The extra help was extremely useful in accomplishing all the tasks required of the Communications Coordinator, and the hiring of a permanent Communications Assistant is planned for 2001-2002.

The Students' Union also purchased a mobile corporate display this year, and used it at numerous events, including Orientation 2000, Contact 2000 and the Campus Employment Fair. The display was staffed by executive members, and was an effective means of both distributing information about the Students' Union and introducing the executive members.

Internally, the USSU staff newsletter *The Inner Workings* was created this year and featured articles written by various staff members. It has proven to be a popular means of disseminating information among the staff and for presenting humorous facts and experiences.



auditor's report to the members

The accompanying condensed balance sheet and condensed statements 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, 2001 on which we expressed an opinion in our report dated July 9, 2001. 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
July 9, 2001

student fee breakdown

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

Students' Union Fee \$ 38.02

Student Approved Dedicated Fees:

Athletic Fee \$ 56.64 Sheaf Fee \$ 5.25 Student Services Fee \$ 30.00

World University Service

\$ 0.80 of Canada (WUSC)

\$ 92.69

\$ 61.75

Total Student Fees \$130.71

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

Students' Union Fee \$ 19.01

Student Approved Dedicated Fees:

Athletic Fee \$ 28.32 Sheaf Fee \$ 2.63 \$ 30.00 Student Services Fee World University Service

\$ 0.80 of Canada (WUSC)

Total Student Fees \$80.76

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

Students' Union Fee \$ 19.01

Student Approved Dedicated Fees:

Student Services Fee \$ 15.00

Total Student Fees \$ 34.01

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condensed balance sheet

Year ended April 30, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	2001	2000
Assets		
Cash	153,163	409,676
Investments, at cost	1,189,209	957,506
Accounts receivable		
and prepaid expenses	343,015	353,345
Inventories	77,324	75,775
Capital assets,		
net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,894,679</u>	<u>1,511,467</u>
Total Assets	3,657,390	3,307,769
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and deferred revenue	282,997	296,946
Payable to the University		
of Saskatchewan	288,059	170,202
Deferred trust fund contributions	525,128	469,057
Capital Lease	<u>196,439</u>	
	1,292,623	936,205
Net Assets		
Unrestricted surplus	666,527	860,097
Equity in capital assets	<u>1,698,240</u>	<u>1,511,467</u>
	2,364,767	2,371,564
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	3,657,390	3,307,769

condensed statement of operations

Year ended April 30, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	2001	2000
Sales	1,364,573	1,421,911
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>769,792</u>	729,759
Gross Margin	594,781	692,152
Other Revenue	<u>1,737,358</u>	<u>1,676,905</u>
	2,332,139	2,369,057
Expenses		
Administrative expenses	115,616	91,112
Utilities	112,467	110,295
Repairs and maintenance	112,484	138,673
Amortization	225,863	184,821
Events and student services	208,661	204,961
Other	215,602	208,703
Salaries and wages	<u>1,348,243</u>	<u>1,214,987</u>
	2,338,936	2,153,552
Excess of revenues over expenses	(6,797)	215,505

condensed statement of cash flows

Year ended April 30, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	2001	2000
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(6,797)	215,505
Items not involving cash	207,972	170,451
Changes in noncash operating working capital	112,689	(103,286)
Long term debt on photocopier lease	196,439	-
Capital purchases	(544,419)	(225,426)
Building development costs	(73,882)	(380,000)
Deferred trust fund contribution	73,882	380,000
Net investments	(222,397)	
Increase/(decrease) in cash	(256,513)	57,244
Cash, beginning of year	<u>409,676</u>	<u>352,432</u>
Cash, end of year	153,163	409,676

University Students' Council

Paul Frank, Chair, Michelle Tarasoff, Secretary

Councilors

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Executive Committee

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Cathy Dlugan, Development Coordinator
Leslee Harden, General Manager
Greg Hartz, Programmer
Crystel Knihniski, Accountant
Peggy Pfeil, Administrative Assistant
Freda Salikin, Facilities and Support Services
Manager

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Don Smith, Assistant Food & Beverage Manager

Catherine West, Browsers Assistant Manager

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Anthony Sack, Engineering
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Capital Planning Petre Kotev

Instructional Development Trent Evanisky

Information and Technology Tyson Pederson

International Activities Brock Kruger

Library Committee Jason Perepelkin

Research Farrah Mateen

Scholarships and Awards Prasanna Ranganathan

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Campus Clubs

African Studens' Association Agriculture Students Association Alpine Ski & Snowboard Club Amnesty International

APALA

Arts and Science Students' Union Association of Student Musicians

Baptist Student Ministries

Best Buddies Canada - U of S Chapter

Campus Association for Baha'i Studies

Campus Crusade for Christ / Athletes in Action

Campus Legal Services

Canadian Institute for International Affairs Chemical Engineering Students' Society

Chemistry Students' Society Chinese Students Association

Chinese Students' & Scholars' Association

College of Law Follies Association Inc Computer Science Student Society

Drama Club

Economics Students Society Education Students' Society

Environmental Studies Students Association

Frontier College Students for Literacy

Gays & Lesbians at the U of S (GLUS)

Global Friends

Golden Key National Honor Society

Great Northern Concrete Race Team

Health Everywhere

History Undergraduate Students Association (HUSA)

Indigineous Student Council

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

(IEEE)

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship

International Studies Students Association

Jewish Students Association

KATS Rugby Football Club

Kinesiology Students' Society

Law Student Association

Lutheran Student Movement

Malaysian Student Association

Marketing Students' Society

Men Against Sexual Aggression

Microbiology and Immunology Students'

Association

Muslim Students' Association

Newman Centre

Nursing Students' Society

Ore Gangue

Oxfam

Paleobiology Students' Society

Physical Therapy Student Society

Physics Students Society

Planning Students Association

Political Students Public Administration Student

Society

Pre-Dentistry Club

Religious Studies Students' Union

Saskatchewan 4-H Alumni

Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition

Students' Society (SPNSS)

Saskatchewan Student Dental Society

Saskatchewan Vocational Agricultural

Association

Saskatoon Commerce Students' Society

Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society

Saskatoon Food Network

Sierra Youth Coalition

Society for Creative Anachronism

Society of Christian Engineers

Spectrum 2001

St. Thomas More Students' Union

Student Medical Society

Taiwanese Student Association

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people

Thai Student Association in Saskatoon

(TSASK)

The Population

U of S Accounting Club

U of S Biotech Club

U of S Campus Liberals

U of S Chapter of Catholic Christian Outreach

Canada

U of S Circle K Club

U of S Dance Sport Club

U of S Debate Society

U of S Fencing Club

U of S Gamer's Club

U of S Huskie Cheerleading Team

U of S Juggling Club

U of S Korean Students' Association

U of S New Democrats

U of S Philosophy Club

U of S Power Dance Club

U of S Psychology Students' Society

U of S Women's Centre

Voyageur Place Residence Association

Western Canadian Veterinary Students

Association

World University Services Canada (WUSC)