



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



our Values

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



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our Elected Members



President

Janelle Hutchinson

- official liaison with the University
- chief spokesperson for the Students' Union
- student representative on the Board of Governors
- representative on student loan matters
- liaison with provincial and federal governments and other student associations



VP (Student Issues)

Jennifer Barber

- responsible for all non-academic issues involving students
- liaison with civic government
- transit, parking, housing, computing, security
- equity and disability issues



VP (Academic Affairs)

Jack Wallace

- responsible for all academic issues involving students
- student representative on University Council
- student grievances, academic appeals and curriculum issues



VP (Operations & Finance)

Scott Henderson

- responsible for the Students' Union's annual budget
- monitors the financial activities of all Students' Union operations
- liaison for student groups and campus clubs
- student volunteerism, including the Help Centre, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre, the Women's Centre and Volunteer Centre

our President



During my term as USSU President, many of the issues that

have long concerned our organisation have been resolved. These included a long-awaited Place Riel expansion, a universal bus pass, and a reliable and accessible class-evaluation system. The past year has been one of understanding, compromise, and determination. The USSU executive has led the way, tackling these issues and making significant progress during our term.

Because of our efforts, the MUB has acquired a renewed and revitalised look and function. The completion of the Browsers' relocation to the upper floor of MUB gave students, particularly our under-age members, an improved and vibrant facility. It exemplifies visibly and tangibly the capabilities and accomplishments of our organisation.

Furthermore, our executive spearheaded the Louis' and Place Riel Student Centre renovation and expansion campaign. Completion of the MUB renovations in Fall 2002 and then Place Riel Student Centre in 2003 will improve our ability to shape and enhance the student experience on campus.

These improvements have not been without difficulty. Being a part of the University community entails certain challenges; the primary being the vast number of people involved and the slow decision-making process. This has been particularly frustrating given

that my term with the USSU was only one-year, and my goals large and lofty.

Similar difficulties were encountered in the pursuit of a comprehensive transportation plan, which included a universal bus pass. A significant effort was made to involve stakeholders. Over the past few years discussions have been held on this issue, and beginning early in our term, the City of Saskatoon, the U of S, and the USSU met to discuss possible solutions to parking and transportation problems on and around campus. Finally a plan was developed and went to a student referendum in March 2002.

Although this plan was defeated, it provided an excellent opportunity for students to voice their opinion. As well, this experience should help in future attempts to encourage more efficient and economical modes of campus transportation.

After seven years at the U of S, I feel I have developed a broad student experience. One of the most fascinating things this year has shown me is the view of the University from the administrative perspective. My time on numerous University committees, including the Board of Governors, enabled me to realise the vast complexity of this institution and the necessity of fostering respectful relationships and maintaining a co-operative attitude. I believe it is absolutely vital that the USSU maintain a respectable, knowledgeable, and accountable image, as both an organisation and as campus leaders.

Janelle Hutchinson

our General Manager



Another busy year in the Students' Union!

When this time of reflection comes, it never ceases to amaze me how quickly the year goes by and, again, to realize how much we have accomplished over the past months. We are indeed fortunate to have such a great group of hard-working individuals dedicated enhancing student life for the undergrads at the U of S – my personal thanks go out to each and every one of them!

In the USSU we have a very intensive planning process that begins each year in January for the next academic year and continues until after our new student leaders are elected and have an opportunity to incorporate their vision for the next year. Both students and staff participate in planning sessions that flow from our organizational strategic plan. A comprehensive budget document is passed by University Students' Council, and an executive initiative document is presented to USC. While time-consuming, this process ensures broad participation, the generation of great ideas, well thought-out decisions, solid financial planning and accountability.

Our Centres had a phenomenal year of growth. The Help Centre hosted an inaugural Peer Support Conference that attracted delegates from across Canada. The Volunteer Centre successfully completed its first year after combining the Safewalk and Student Crew programs into a Centre focused on

student volunteerism. After much contemplation, discussion and work by volunteers and members of University Students' Council, the Women's Centre again found its home within the Students' Union.

Our three biggest initiatives during the past year were implementing the new Health and Dental Plan, the new Browsers Used Bookstore and Internet Café and the decision to proceed with a major renovation of the Memorial Union Building. The Health and Dental Plan is functioning very well and high student usage proves it to be a valued service.

Browsers is stunning! Its relocation to the Upper MUB has greatly enhanced the University of Saskatchewan. The renovations restored the original architecture and highlight the memorial fireplace. With used textbooks, novels, CDs and movies, Starbucks coffee, health-conscious food and comfortable seating, Browser has quickly become a favourite campus hang-out. Again I would like to recognize the time and effort of those students and staff who put in countless hours to make Browsers what you see today.

And last, but certainly not least, the rest of the Memorial Union Building story. After much discussion and planning, this coming summer will see a major addition to and renovation of the Memorial Union Building. A new Louis' will emerge with expanded capacity, a full-service kitchen and a private function room. The work continues...

Leslee Harden

our Progress

Memorial Union Building Renovations

When students return to university in the fall of 2002 they will be welcomed by a newly renovated Memorial Union Building, including a new Louis' Restaurant and Bar.

University Students' Council and the U of S Board of Governors approved the expending of \$4.73 million from the Students' Union Building Trust Fund on renovations to the Memorial Union Building (including Louis'). The renovations began as soon as classes ended in April.

Although fundraising initiatives were not sufficient enough to construct an integrated Student Centre, combining the offices of the Registrar, Student Affairs & Services, the USSU and its services, and a variety of food outlets, we are making significant progress.

Using a trust fund established during the building of the original Place Riel, extensive renovations are being done to existing student space, through a phased process.

These renovations began last year with the relocation of Browsers to the Upper MUB, and, given the success of that project, the USSU is now renovating the remainder of the building.

Proposed changes to the MUB include installing air conditioning to the main and top floors, a fire sprinkler system, a natural gas burner in the fireplace and a dishwasher for Browsers. The mechanical and electrical services also need to be updated in the 50 year old building.

Considerable renovations involve Louis'. By knocking down the wall behind the stage the bar will be expanded considerably. This expansion will increase the bar's capacity and create the space for a full kitchen. Louis' will be able to offer a full restaurant menu and table service. There will also be a partitionable 100 person section that will be bookable for events and meetings.

The Louis' expansion will also increase the size of the deck, a popular summer stop for both students and staff. The deck will be divided in two, with half being licensed and half being usable for Browser's patrons.

The renovations are being done over the summer, with Louis' scheduled to re-open in the Fall of 2002.

our Progress

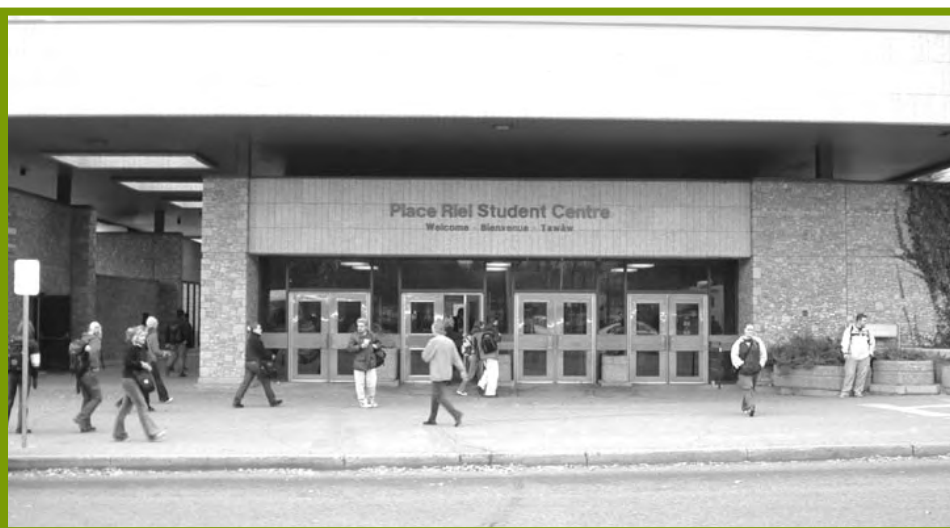
Place Riel Student Centre Expansion

The Memorial Union Building is not the only USSU space to be changed in the next year – in April 2002 University Students' Council approved renovations to the Place Riel Student Centre to improve the student services it can offer.

Plans call for Lower Place Riel to house three more food outlets and an expanded seating area. Several retail outlets will also be added, including a Health & Wellness Centre/Pharmacy. There will be increased space for the U of S Student Affairs and Services office and the Centre Shop.

In Upper Place Riel current plans have the open walkway between the main building and the west loading dock building to be enclosed to create the new USSU office. An area north of the current building will also be enclosed for the addition an Indigenous Students' Centre. As a health and cost-saving measure, the escalators between the levels will be replaced by stairs.

The project will be initiated once the MUB renovations are completed. Tentative completion is scheduled for Fall 2003.



Place Riel Student Centre will have more space for student services with the enclosure of the open walkway on the left.

our Progress

USSU Health and Dental Plan Takes Effect

Among the many new experiences students encountered in the past year, they were the first undergraduate U of S students to be covered by an Extended Health and Dental Plan.

In last spring's USSU elections, 72% of voting students approved adding a Health and Dental Plan and the corresponding fees. Because a student fee was added, the issue had to be sent to referendum as mandated by our constitution.

Studentcare.net/works was selected as the Health and Dental Plan provider, and their plan is specifically tailored for U of S students. They have an office on-campus, under the escalators in Place Riel, to process student claims and hear concerns.

Some highlights of the Extended Health and Dental Plan include:

- 80% coverage of prescription drugs, including birth control.
- \$50 a year for eye exams, and \$75 every 2 years for glasses and contact lenses.
- \$1,000,000 in travel health insurance.
- \$150 for vaccinations every year.
- 70% coverage of basic dental preventative services and fillings.
- 50% coverage of root canals and oral surgery.

All full-time on-campus undergraduate students are automatically enrolled in this plan. Part-time or off-campus students could choose to enroll, as could the families and spouses of students.

Students that already had Extended Health and Dental coverage could opt out of the USSU plan by showing proof of alternate comparable coverage.

our Progress

Growth in Social Activism Apparent at USSU AGM

The ongoing rise in environmental and social activism was very evident at the USSU Annual General Meeting on November 22, 2001. At a highly attended AGM, a number of amendments regarding environmental and social issues were discussed and the mission and values of the USSU were changed.

"Environmental responsibility" and "social justice" were added to the USSU values, and the sentence "It serves to protect the integrity of accessible public education" was added to the mission statement.

Also proposed were the addition of

a fourth vice-president, VP (Social Issues and Environmental Sustainability) and various amendments concerning participation in civil issues. These motions were defeated after much debate.

It was encouraging to see students becoming more involved in their Students' Union and in the political life of the campus, and, if the increase in voter turnout during USSU elections is any indication, this trend is continuing.

University Council Endorses Course Evaluations

A long-term project of the USSU VP (Academic Affairs) was endorsed by University Council in March of 2002, and soon every student at the U of S will have the opportunity to evaluate their classes.

For the past four years, Jack Wallace and, before him, Scott Blythe have pushed hard for the implementation of campus-wide course evaluations. With the endorsement of University Council, these course evaluations can now be developed and implemented.

Under the endorsed structure, individual departments can develop their own evaluations to accurately assess the unique aspects of their program, but all evaluations must comply with the principles outlined in the endorsed proposal.

One of the major principles that all evaluations must comply with is that the results must be accessible to students.

our Progress

Women's Centre Re-joins Students' Union

In September University Students' Council voted overwhelmingly in favour of re-integrating the Women's Centre into the Students' Union.

The Women's Centre left the USSU in 1999. At the time, the Women's Centre wanted to pursue a collective style of administration and deal with issues that did not fall under the USSU's post-secondary education based mandate.

In the years since it left the USSU, the Women's Centre saw a decrease in its operational funding until it could no longer offer the services it deemed necessary. Rejoining the Students' Union alleviated these funding problems and

made the Women's Centre more accountable to the students it serves.

After re-joining the Students' Union the Women's Centre held a number of events, including a December 6th Memorial and an International Women's Day Coffeehouse.

It also published a monthly newsletter and facilitated a number of discussion and support groups, including the Abortion Support Group, Adoption Support Group, Survivors of Abuse Support Group, Body Image Discussion Group, Parent's Group and Men's Group.

USSU Opens Volunteer Centre

Many students are interested in volunteering, and volunteer organizations are constantly on the lookout for new volunteers. The new USSU Volunteer Centre works to connect students with these volunteer opportunities.

The Volunteer Centre opened its doors in the fall of 2001 and quickly had many volunteer opportunities for students. Off campus groups such as Volunteer Saskatoon, the YMCA and numerous charities and non-profit organizations worked with the centre to solicit help with projects in and around Saskatoon. And many students volunteered on-campus with the USSU to help us provide our student services.

The Volunteer Centre also offers the USSU's Safewalk program. Sunday through Thursday nights during the school year, volunteers accompany students, staff and faculty to their cars, homes or to any destination on campus or the university area.

Another opportunity the Centre offers is USSU Student Crew. This is an honorarium based program which provides security at campus events, bookstore staff in September and other assistance for non-volunteer based organizations.

our Initiatives

Students Vote No to Transit Pass

In one of the most publicized student issues of recent years, U of S undergraduate students defeated a referendum to add a \$109 mandatory transit fee (U-Pass) to their tuition fees. 62% of voters felt the plan was not right for the U of S.

In order to find solutions to student transportation problems, in the fall of 2001 the USSU created a transportation committee composed of representatives from the university, the city and the Students' Union.

Jennifer Barber, USSU VP (Student Issues), along with the USSU General Manager and Researcher were on the committee with City Councilor Rik Steernberg and two representatives of Saskatoon Transit. Two people from U of S Facilities Management, including the Sustainable Development

Coordinator, and a representative from U of S Security Services rounded out the committee.

The first outcome of this committee was a student transportation survey, the results of which led to the development of the U-Pass proposal and corresponding student referendum.

The U-Pass, if passed, would have seen Saskatoon Transit add 6 buses to the current fleet serving the university and extend hours at night and during exams. In total, bus service to the U of S would have increased 6700 hours per year.

However, with a 15% tuition increase last year, and a similar increase proposed for this year, students were unwilling to add another student fee and voted down the plan.

our Initiatives

USSU Moves to Online Voting

In a very successful attempt to increase voter turnout during USSU elections, the Students' Union introduced online voting.

The USSU partnered with the Arts & Science Computer Lab to develop a voting process based around the U of S Network Services ID (NSID). Every student is automatically assigned an NSID when they register, which is their access code for computer lab accounts.

On the first day of elections every student with an active NSID received an e-mail containing a link to the voting site. Students could either click the link and vote

from the computer they were currently at or, if they did not feel like using a lab computer to vote, use one of the USSU voting stations.

Over 80% of voters did not use a voting station, and 35% of students voted from a computer off-campus.

This convenience combined with the contentious nature of the Transit Plan increased voter turnout to 30% from the 13% who voted in the previous year's election. Based on this success, the elections will be held on-line in future years and the number of voting stations will be reduced.

Freebox Encourages Reusing and Recycling

The concept of the USSU Freebox is simple – students put in what they don't need and take out what they need. USSU VP (Student Issues) Jennifer Barber installed the Freebox by the USSU Help Centre in the Tunnel to encourage students to reuse and recycle.

Built and painted by school children from the Community

Co-op, the big, green box was tough to miss, and throughout the year a wide variety of items came and went, including clothing, kitchen appliances and books.

As students moved out in April the Freebox was loaded to capacity and now awaits the return of students in the fall.

our Initiatives

Students Get a Chance to Talkback

As part of a year-long effort to increase student input into our services, the USSU installed Talkback Boxes across campus. And over the course of the year, hundreds of students used the boxes to suggest changes they would like to see at their Students' Union operations and services.

Suggestions were collected from the boxes weekly, and the comments given to the relevant USSU executive or site manager. Their responses to comments and suggestions were published on the USSU website. Additionally, if students wanted an

immediate response to their comments, they could put their name and phone number on the Talkback card and someone from the USSU would contact them.

Comments ranged from menu and music suggestions at Browsers and Louis' to concerns about student fees, political representation and environmentalism. The overall usage of the Talkback boxes was encouraging and the USSU plans to continue this initiative in future years.

Research and Surveys

The USSU Researcher and Policy Coordinator had a busy year of finding out what Students' Union members like, and don't like, at the U of S.

The Entertainment, Survival Calendar and Operations Surveys will help the Students' Union refine the services it offers students. For example, results from the Louis' survey were instrumental in the renovation plans to this operation including an expanded kitchen and dance floor.

The first outcome of the USSU transportation committee was a

Student Transportation Survey. Among other things, this survey determined the bus was the most popular method for coming to campus and that the most desired transportation improvement was lower bus fares. These results led to Transit Plan referendum.

In April the USSU facilitated a general Student Life Survey. This survey asked questions on such diverse topics as student debt, post-graduation plans, housing and general university environment. The USSU plans to use results from this survey in future lobby efforts.

our Initiatives

USSU Increases Support for Students with Grievances

In June of 2001 the USSU opened the Academic Advocacy Office to better meet the needs of students with academic grievances.

Employing two part-time students as Academic Advocacy Officers, the office helped students with academic grievances get them heard in a timely and professional manner.

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

In 2000-2001 Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs), and a single Academic Affairs Officer helped over 180 students with their academic grievances. The number of grievances resulted in the Vice-President (Academic Affairs) spending all his time assisting with grievances and having little time to work on other initiatives.

Opening the Academic Advocacy Office freed up the VP (Academic) to work on other initiatives to improve academic life at the University of Saskatchewan, such as course evaluations, and to work toward finding proactive solutions for areas of repeated grievances.

The Academic Advocacy Office also compiled academic rules and regulations from all colleges in order to work toward consistency across campus and to attempt to raise awareness of student rights and responsibilities.

A student representative was added to the Bylaws Committee of University Council. This is the body that decides whether or not a student receives an appeal.

The Academic Advocacy Office also hosted a grievance workshop in the fall for faculty and students to learn more about the grievance process.

our Initiatives

USSU Partners with Alumni & Development to Enhance Student Life

The Students' Union partnered with the U of S Alumni & Development Department to host two conferences focused on providing students with life skills that they may not learn in the classroom.

The Advantage Student Leadership Conference in September was a free one day leadership workshop hosted in conjunction with Student Affairs & Services. Depending on their interests, students could learn practical leadership skills, leadership theory or general professional development skills. The success of this conference has led to the development of a year-long leadership course that will be piloted in 2002-2003.

DISOrientation, a graduation festival, is focused on helping students prepare for life after graduation. Held in the last week of January, DISOrientation featured sessions on job hunting, taxes, investing, student loans and other post-graduate skills. This event saw a 60% gain in attendance this year and is now an established part of the academic year.

Through their partnership the USSU and Alumni & Development are working to improve the lives of students both while they're in school and after they graduate.

our Initiatives

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and Student Unions (CASA) represents over 300,000 Post-Secondary Students at 23 universities and colleges across Canada. The U of S Students' Union was one of the founding members in 1995.

On March 20, 2002 CASA held a press conference on Parliament Hill to lobby for changes to the Canadian Student Loans Program, and Janelle Hutchinson, USSU President, was there representing the Prairie Region.

As part of the press conference, CASA assembled a 24 by 36 foot map of Canada covered in 50,000 student thumbprints. U of S students added their thumbprints to the banner during CASA Awareness Week in January.

After the press conference and for the rest of the week, Hutchinson and her CASA colleagues met with over 65 Members of Parliament, including HRDC Minister Jane Stewart, Deputy Finance Minister Kevin Lynch and PC Leader Joe Clark, to lobby for changes to the loans program.

CASA is lobbying for major changes to the Canadian Student Loans Program including adjusting standards for parental contribution, increasing loan maximums (haven't changed since 1995), and increasing the amount students can earn during the school year without it counting against their student loan.



CASA representatives from across Canada braved a late snow storm to lobby Ottawa for changes to the Student Loans Program.

our Services

Browsers Used Bookstore Moves and Expands



One of the most exciting changes at the USSU this past year was the relocation of Browsers Used Bookstore to the Upper Memorial Union Building (above Louis').

Browsers was first started five years ago as a location for students to consign their textbooks. Over the years, consignment expanded to include novels, cds and movies, and the space in Lower Saskatchewan Hall could no longer contain the growing inventory.

The Upper Memorial Union Building (above Louis') was chosen as the new location, and during the summer extensive renovations were carried out to convert the space from a rental hall to retail space.

Along with expanded consignment sales, the new Browsers offers specialty coffees and teas, including Starbucks, light lunches and deserts, and a comfortable seating area centered around the original war memorial fireplace.

A partnership between Browsers and U of S Information Technology Services resulted in 10 free internet terminals for Browsers patrons to use while enjoying their coffee.

Browsers re-opened in late August and immediately became a popular on-campus hangout. Book consignments and sales have increased markedly with the more prominent location, with the store paying back over \$240,000 to students.

Acoustic performances, poetry slams, sushi karaoke nights and other alternative entertainment options were held in the evenings to complement the live entertainment offered downstairs in Louis'.

In 2002-2003 Browsers will be offering alternative magazines and newspapers, and will take advantage of the new kitchen at Louis' to expand their lunch offerings.

our Services

Louis' Prepares for New Era of Campus Entertainment

Louis', the campus pub, had another busy year of providing students a place to relax between and after classes. And with extensive renovations being done in the summer of 2002, Louis' will continue to be a popular hangout for years to come.

Louis' upheld its reputation as one of the best places to see live music in Saskatoon with great shows from Hawksley Workman, Econoline Crush, Moses Mayes, Pocket Dwellers, Jimmy Rankin, Serial Joe and others. Local bands, including the Mother Culture, Inshaalha, Leonard, The Riverboys and Sturgis Trash, rocked Louis' every Saturday night.

Louis' partnered with college societies to help them raise money through the Louis' Club Card. Members of the societies were

given cards, and for each item they purchased, Louis' gave their college society one dollar to be used towards graduation and other events. This promotion caught on as the school year progressed, and a similar partnership is planned for next year.

The year ended strong with Louis' Last Stand on April 9th. In the days leading up to the last day at the old Louis', students could buy the old furniture and have one last drink in the original Louis'. The place was packed until closing on the 9th, and renovations began the next morning.

Anticipation is already high for the new Louis', and the next year promises to be one of the most exciting since Louis' first opened in 1980.

our Services

Print Shop Grows to Meet Student Printing Needs

The USSU Print Shop in Lower Place Riel continued to expand its service offerings and attracted new customers through a wide variety of promotions.

As desktop publishing becomes increasingly accessible, students are creating more and more complex reports and presentations, and the Print Shop is helping them to realize their creative goals. The Print Shop added a new high-resolution colour copier/printer and a new coil-binding machine to make the production of a professional report an affordable option for students.

The wide-format printer that the Print Shop added in 2000 continues to be one of the Print Shop's busiest services. Students and faculty from across campus use the 36" wide printer to create presentations, displays and artwork.

In December the "Beat the Winter Blues" contest gave all students who used the Exam File a chance to win a great prize package. On Valentine's Day students could use the Print Shop's colour banner printer to create a giant message of love, and one lucky student won a romantic package featuring dinner and a hotel room. These promotions were very successful and are now scheduled to be annual events.

For next year the Print Shop is investigating producing course packages for faculty and is developing a website listing their services and prices, with the eventual goal of being able to sell exam files and handle print jobs via the Internet.

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Ian Wright Gives Malling Lecture

Ian Wright, host of the television travel show *Pilot Guides* (formerly *The Lonely Planet*), returned to campus on Wednesday, March 20, to give his second USSU Eric Malling Lecture.

Wright's Malling Lecture in 2001 sold out, and when the USSU heard he would again be touring Western Canada, there was no doubt who this year's Malling Lecturer would be. And Place Riel Theatre was again filled to hear Wright talk about his travels.

Every week Wright leads millions of viewers through a tour of one of the 45 countries he has visited and introduces viewers to the people that live there. It isn't all fun and adventure though. Wright occasionally questions drawing more visitors to underdeveloped countries and states he feels "like a bit of a colonial."



In the end though, he feels that raising awareness of other peoples is worth the risk. "At the end of the day there's a common sense of humour that everyone can relate to. Everyone loves a fart joke."

The USSU Malling Lecture is named after U of S Alumni and host of *W5* Eric Malling, and brings pop-culture speakers to the U of S. Former speakers include Ernie Coombs (*Mr. Dressup*), *Simpson's* writer David Silverman and the Smoking Man from *The X-Files*, William B. Davies.

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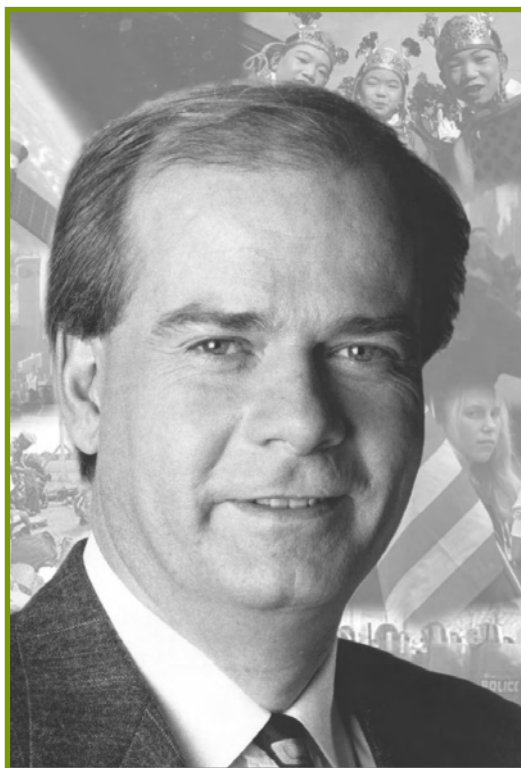
Peter Mansbridge Delivers Romanow Lecture

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union was proud to bring CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge to campus for this year's USSU Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecture.

Mansbridge has spent his entire career in broadcasting with the CBC, from an inauspicious beginning in radio in Churchill, Manitoba to his current role as CBC news anchor and one of the most recognizable media personalities in Canada. He was originally scheduled to speak at the U of S in October, but events surrounding September 11th resulted in the lecture being postponed until January 21, 2002.

His insider's look at the news industry was fascinating, especially given the recent media coverage of September 11 and the ensuing war in Afghanistan. After the lecture Mansbridge fielded a wide variety of questions from the audience.

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



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Entertaining Our Members

The Students' Union secured its position as one of the top event promoters in Saskatoon with another year of great entertainment for our members.

The year started out with another great Welcome Week. Cooler temperatures didn't stop thousands of students from coming out to the Bowl to enjoy professional wrestling, great bands, the BBQ and beer gardens and skateboard and BMX demonstrations. Blue Monday, the annual welcome back concert, featured David Usher.

The USSU partnered with Huskie Athletics to have The Headstones perform after the homecoming football game. The USSU also partnered with Prairieland Park to bring several bands to Saskatoon that were too large to play Louis' – Finger 11, Bif Naked and a year-end show with Big Sugar and John Ford.

At Louis' the Students' Union presented at least one, and often two, shows per week. Some of the most

talked about shows were Hawksley Workman, Moses Mayes and Pocket Dwellers, Econoline Crush, and the Mother Culture. For those students who don't like live music, the USSU also brought comedians, hypnotists, slam poets and freak shows to Louis'.

A very successful new USSU event was the two Independent Film Festivals at Place Riel Theatre. These evenings featured short films made by students (over 20 each night!) and were very well attended. The audience favourites won audio-visual equipment. Participants were also urged to work on new material over the summer, as there will be similar events next year.

This year the USSU also introduced Frost Week, in partnership with Campus Rec, to welcome students back in January. Events included shinny and snow soccer tournaments and a college tug-o-war. Participants expressed their enjoyment in these events, and the USSU plans on making Frost Week an annual event.

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Help Centre Hosts Peer Support Conference

On February 15th, 16th & 17th, 2002, the USSU Help Centre hosted the first ever national conference on University Peer Support Programs.

The conference provided an opportunity for peer supporters from across Canada to learn from fellow students who are working to enhance their campus, specifically from those with invaluable experience in peer support in a college setting.

Sessions at the conference addressed both the coordinators and volunteers of peer support programs with intriguing speakers and topics. Issues included com-

munication and motivation skills, role-playing and team building activities, compassion fatigue and other current peer support issues.

All delegates agreed the conference was extremely useful, and discussion has already begun as to which school will host it next year.

Usage of the USSU Help Centre continues to grow. Last year saw a 15% increase in visits to the Centre, with almost 10,000 student visits. To handle this increase the numbers of volunteers is also on the rise. 55 students volunteered there last year, compared with 40 the year before.

USSU Childcare Centre at Full Capacity

The USSU Childcare Centre in the RJD Williams Building on Cumberland celebrated another year of operating at full-capacity.

The Centre, which operates primarily for the children of undergraduate students, saw an increase in its government funding this past year, which allowed for several new programs.

Two consultants visited the Centre monthly to assist the children: a Speech and Language pathologist

and one from Child and Youth Services.

Childcare Centre Director Colleen Gerling's hard work was recognized when she was nominated for a Preschool Foundation Educator of the Year Award.

Gerling, along with her staff and volunteers, provide the children of students with quality daycare close to their classes, which eases the strain of being both a parent and a student.

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Recognizing Excellence at the U of S

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union again recognized those people who perform outstanding work at the U of S to improve student life at the 2002 USSU An Experience in Excellence Awards.

The outstanding teachers for the 2001-2002 academic year were: Dr. John C. Courtney, Political Studies; Prof. Doug Degenstein, Engineering Physics; Dr. Harry Deneer, Microbiology & Immunology; Dr. Lorin Elias, Psychology; Dr. Theresa Zolner, Psychology; Dr. Leon Wagner, Civil Engineering; Professor Ayten Archer, Commerce; John Thompson, Sociology; John Porter, Classics/History; and Prof. Joy St. John, Women & Gender Studies.

The Dr. Vera Pezer Awards for Student Enhancement recognize students who improve the lives of their peers. The winners were: Member of Students' Council, Maureen Torrie (Engineering); USSU Centres, Genevieve Prevost; and Volunteerism, Shannon Persicke.

The Doug Favell Memorial Staff Spirit Awards went to Susan Bens (U of S Student Affairs and Services) and Chris Gran (USSU Browsers Used Bookstore). The Walter Murray Leadership Award was given to Trent Lengyel.

This past year three new awards were presented in recognition of University of Saskatchewan faculty, staff, students or alumni who have shown leadership and courage in advancing the quality of life for those experiencing outstanding struggles. These struggles may involve, but are not limited to, gender, sexual orientation, aboriginal, visible minority, ability, poverty and/or violence issues. In doing so, these individuals have contributed to the continuing effort for the achievement of social justice.

The USSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre Doug Wilson Award went to Megan Morman, the USSU Women's Centre Award to Candace Northey, and the USSU Help Centre Award to Amanda Roth.

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LGB Centre Opens Speaker's Bureau

The USSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre helped spread positive awareness of LGB issues with the formation of a Speaker's Bureau this year.

Persons from the Centre gave presentations on LGB issues to several classes at the University of Saskatchewan, students and staff at Nutana Collegiate, and administrators and staff at Bishop Mahoney High School.

These sessions dealt with a variety of topics, including homophobia and "Coming Out," and were enriched by the presenters' personal experiences. Word of the presentations spread, and the LGB Speakers' Bureau looks to be busy next year.

One of the most valued services the LGB Centre provides is support groups. Three support groups met regularly last year: Children of LGBT

Parents, the Trans Support Group and the Bi Support Group. These groups provide a safe and confidential environment for LGB persons to share experiences and discuss common concerns.

Throughout the year, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre held a number of events, including fashion shows, a retirement party for Neil Richards, a long-time campus LGBT activist, and volunteer socials.

There were also numerous discussion groups with themes ranging from healthy sexuality to becoming a heterosexual ally.

As the year wound down, the Centre began to discuss a name change to reflect the diversity of those using the Centre. Beginning in the fall of 2002, the Centre will be known as the USSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Centre.



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Auditor's Report to the Members

We have audited the balance sheet of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union as at April 30, 2002 and the statements of operations, unrestricted surplus, equity in capital assets and building development costs and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Students' Union's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the USSU as at April 30, 2002 and the result of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG_{LLP}
Chartered Accountants
Saskatoon, Canada
June 13, 2002

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Condensed Balance Sheet

Year ended April 30, 2002, with comparative figures for 2001

	2002	2001
Assets		
Cash	352,699	153,163
Investments, at cost	1,112,263	1,189,209
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	221,770	152,102
Due from Students' Union Building Trust Fund	368,387	73,882
Inventories	42,817	77,324
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,889,169</u>	<u>1,894,679</u>
Total Assets	3,987,105	3,540,359
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and deferred revenue	695,681	282,997
Payable to the University of Saskatchewan	378,305	171,028
Deferred trust fund contributions	781,561	525,128
Capital Lease	<u>156,077</u>	<u>196,439</u>
	1,315,943	892,595
Net Assets		
Unrestricted surplus	242,389	666,527
Equity in capital assets	<u>1,733,092</u>	<u>1,698,240</u>
	1,975,481	2,364,767
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	3,987,105	3,540,359

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Statement of Operations

Year ended April 30, 2002, with comparative figures for 2001

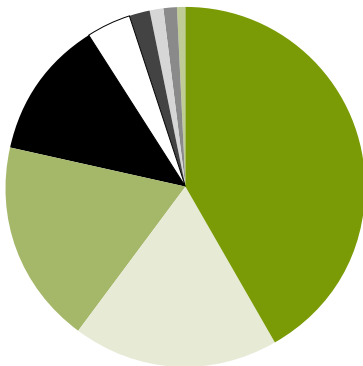
	2002	2001
Revenue		
Sales	1,518,621	1,454,995
Facilities	672,712	635,756
Student fees	666,836	623,402
Capital revenue	453,671	17,811
Marketing and media	145,494	92,967
Interest	67,358	108,572
Student services	44,957	73,232
Entertainment	44,108	72,893
Other	<u>27,523</u>	<u>22,303</u>
	3,641,280	3,101,931
Expenses		
Business operation	1,645,476	1,452,422
Administrative	628,389	585,206
Building maintenance	394,619	333,329
Amortization	244,019	225,863
Student governance	199,200	180,912
Student services	177,494	167,731
Entertainment	94,168	130,860
Marketing and media	<u>26,330</u>	<u>23,179</u>
	3,409,695	3,099,502
Earnings before the undernoted	231,585	2,429
Other expenses		
Write-down of building development costs	421,277	-
Loss on disposal of capital assets	<u>199,594</u>	<u>9,226</u>
	620, 871	9,226
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(389,286)	(6,797)

During the year, \$421,277 of building development costs were written off as a result of discontinuing the plan to build a new student centre building. A corresponding amount of \$421,277 was transferred from the deferred trust fund contributions on the balance sheet to capital revenue in the statement of operations.

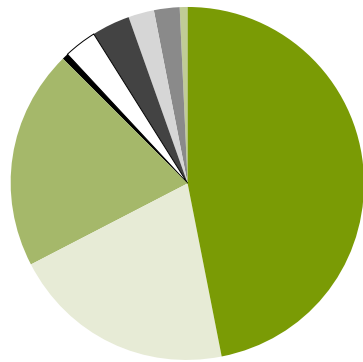


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Revenue



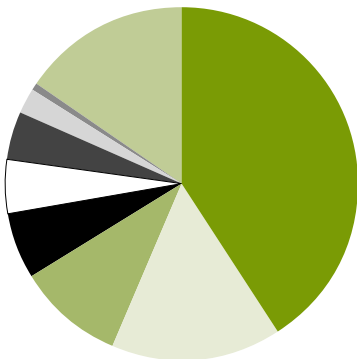
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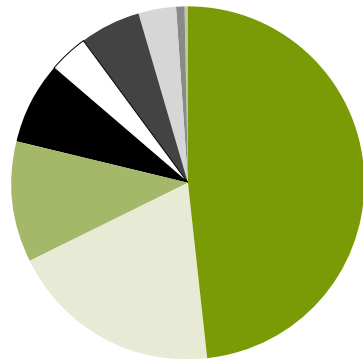
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| Sales | Capital revenue | Student services |
| Facilities | Marketing and media | Entertainment |
| Student fees | Interest | Other |

Expenses



2002



2001

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| Business Operation | Amortization | Entertainment |
| Administrative | Student governance | Marketing and media |
| Building Maintenance | Student services | Other |

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Student Fee Breakdown

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

Students' Union Fee		\$ 39.92
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Athletic Fee	\$ 59.47	
Sheaf Fee	\$ 5.51	
Student Services Fee	\$ 30.00	
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	\$.80	
USSU Health Insurance	\$ 69.00	
USSU Dental Insurance	\$102.00	
		<u>\$266.78</u>
Total Student Fees		\$306.70

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

Students' Union Fee		\$ 39.92
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Athletic Fee	\$ 19.96	
Sheaf Fee	\$ 2.76	
Student Services Fee	\$ 30.00	
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	\$.80	
		<u>\$ 63.29</u>
Total Student Fees		\$ 83.25

Off-Campus, Televised, Independent and Extension Students

Students' Union Fee		\$ 19.01
Student Approved Dedicated Fees:		
Student Services Fee		<u>\$ 15.00</u>
Total Student Fees		\$ 34.01

our People

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Committees of Council

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Jack Wallace

Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluations
Jack Wallace

Budget Committee
Scott Henderson

Bylaws Committee
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Capital Planning Committee
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Classroom Enhancement Committee
Janelle Hutchinson

Instructional Development Committee
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Planning Committee
Jack Wallace

Scholarships, Bursaries and Loans Committee
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Tara Faris, Development Coordinator
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Peggy Pfeil, Administrative Assistant
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Michelle Tarasoff, Confidential Secretary
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Melanie Zaitsoff, Operations Manager



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Pam Barker, Print Shop Site Manager
Len Derksen, Copi Centre Attendant
Rob Fyke, Louis' Site Manager
Karissa Hanson, Print Shop Operations Clerk
Stefanie Livingston, Information Centre Supervisor
Catherine West, Browsers' Site Manager

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Tasha Elliot, Help Centre Director
Greg Florizone, Academic Advocacy Officer
Colleen Gerling, Childcare Centre Director
Jeff Jackson, Volunteer Centre Director
Ryan Whyley, LGB Centre Director

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Campus Societies

Aboriginal Business Students' Society
African Students' Association
Agriculture Students' Association - ASA
AIESEC Saskatoon
Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club
APALA
Arts and Science Students' Union - ASSU
Association of Student Musicians - ASM
Baptist Student Ministries - BSM
Biology Club
Campus Crusade for Christ - CCC
AIA
Canadian Alliance Association (U of S)
Catholic Christian Outreach - CCO
Chemical Engineering Students' Society - CHESS
Chemistry Students' Society - CSS
Chinese Students and Scholars Association - CSSA
Chinese Students' Association - CSA
Christian Radio Saskatoon
Circle K (U of S)
College of Law Follies Association
Computer Science Students' Society - CSSS
Dance Movement (U of S)
Debate Society (U of S) - USDBS
Drama Club
Education Students Society - ESS
Environmental Studies Student Association - ESSA
Eritrean Students Association - ESA
Frontier College Students for Literacy
Gamer's Club (U of S)
Global Friends
Golden Key International Honor Society
Habitat for Humanity
History Undergraduate Students Association - HUSA
Indigenous Students' Council - ISC
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship - IVCF
International Studies Students Association - ISSA
Kinesiology Students' Society - KSS
Korean Students' Association (U of S)
Law Students' Association - LSA
Lutheran Student Movement
Malaysian Students' Association - MASA
Microbiology Students' Association (U of S)
Muslim Students' Association - MSA
Ore Gange
Oxfam
Philosophy Club (U of S)
Physical Therapy Students' Society - PTSS
Physics Students' Society - PSS
Planning Students' Association - PSA
Political Studies and Public Admin Student Society - PASS
Practical Arts Student Society
Pre-Dentistry Club (U of S)
Pre-Vet Club (U of S)
Psychology Students Society (U of S) - USPSS
Pyrotechnic Enthusiasts' Club
Religious Studies Students Union - RSSU
Sameul Chinese Christian Fellowship
Saskatchewan 4-H Alumni
Saskatchewan Party Student Society
Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Students' Society - SPNSS
Saskatchewan Vocational Agriculture Association
Saskatoon Commerce Students' Society - SCSS
Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society - SESS
Saskatoon Nursing Students' Society - SNSS
Sierra Youth Coalition - SYC
Sikh Students' Society



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Society for Creative Anachronism -
SCA
Society of Christian Engineers - SCE
Sociology Students' Association
Student Dental Society - SDS
Student Medical Society - SMS
Students Against Drinking and
Driving (U of S)
Taiwanese Student Association -
TSA
Thai Students Association in
Saskatoon -TSASK
Voyageur Place Residence
Association - VPRA
Western Canadian Veterinary
Students Association - WCVSA
Womens Rugby Football Club -
KATS
World University Service of Canada
- WUSC

