

Focus on the Future  
University of Saskatchewan Students' Union  
Annual Report 2004-2005





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Welcome



# Our Values

## **Vision**

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

## **Mission**

*The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic and unified leadership. It also serves to protect and maintain the integrity of quality, accessible public education.*

## **Values**

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

# President's Message

Gravin Gardiner  
USSU President



It is with great honour that I present to you the USSU's 11th Annual Report. This year the USSU has been marked by both change and accomplishment. In early May 2004 the Executive Committee set out a list of goals for the year. While many of these goals were daunting, I believe that we have achieved tremendous success.

One of the largest goals of this year's Executive Committee was to increase the USSU's strength as an advocacy organization. With this in mind the USSU struck a committee to review its membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). One of the first recommendations of this committee was to seek prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). While students will decide upon full membership in the CFS in the 2005/06 academic year, the USSU can now say it has fully reviewed the merits of both organizations.

This year the USSU increased the number and effectiveness of its campaigns. Only weeks after the new executive assumed office the USSU put together an effective Federal Election campaign. Our bright green "I pay tuition... and I vote" signs were unavoidable in student-populated areas. Beginning in the fall the USSU, URSU, U of S GSA and CFS embarked on a campaign to lobby the provincial government for a two-year tuition fee freeze and a review of student financial assistance and university funding. The campaign included "Freeze Tuition" buttons, postcards addressed to Premier Calvert and a province wide Day of Action.

The tuition fee freeze campaign was by far the USSU's most remarkable accomplishment this year. The tuition fee freeze will save U of S students over \$3 million dollars in 2005/06 alone! The freeze, along with the provincial Accessibility Review announced at the same time, has proven that the USSU and its provincial partners have been successful in putting post-secondary education on the agenda in this province.

Internally the USSU has also had many exciting accomplishments this year. Realizing that the growing number of international students on campus face unique issues and have in the past received no direct representation on the University Students Council (USC), Council voted to establish a International Student Association Member of Student Council. Also, recognizing that the USSU must do more to institutionalize its advocacy and lobby components a Vice-President External Affairs was added to the Executive Committee after being approved at a Special General Meeting.

At the same Special General Meeting the membership also approved an Executive-sponsored amendment to extend USC meetings over the summer months. This will increase the accountability of the Executive Committee and allow them to get feed-back on projects that need to begin during the summer months.

Malvina Gersher joined the Executive Committee as Vice President: Academic Affairs after the by-election in October and brought with her a passion to increase student participation in University affairs. Acting on this she has set up a network of students across the campus that can be contacted and polled on various issues.

This year was also a year of change for the USSU. We saw the departure of the General Manager, Sandra Duncan and the appointment of Crystel Knihniski as Acting General Manager. We underwent major restructuring including the closure of Copy Central, elimination of the Research and Policy Coordinator and Browsers Site Manager positions, and the amalgamation of the Communications and Development departments. We also divided the Resource Service Manager position to create two new positions within the USSU, the Human Resource Manager position and the Student Services Coordinator. These changes will undoubtedly make the USSU function more effectively far into the future.

Jeff MacDonald  
VP Operations & Finance



Kim Stranden  
VP Student Issues



Malvina Gersher  
VP Academic Affairs





Our bright green "I pay tuition... and I vote" signs were highly visible in student-populated areas, part of efforts to encourage student participation in the electoral process.



# General Manager's Message

Crystal Kihnicki  
Acting General Manager



The faces of the USSU are ever changing and I am pleased to be serving as Acting General Manager since March of this year. Previous to that I was in the position of Controller and have been with the USSU for 6 years in total. This is an organization that I truly love working for. There is continuous change and a very fast pace that makes the USSU a dynamic place to work.

This year was one of transition and change for the organization. One major change has been the University Student Council's decision to close down Copy Central in lower Place Riel. It was a difficult decision but influences like technology changes and fierce competition in this market have slowly had a negative effect on Copy Central. We were sad to see the operation go, however, the decision will allow for long-term sustainability of the USSU.

Our future will be focused on maintaining the quality student services and programs we offer including Browsers Used Book Store, Louis' Bar and Restaurant, Place Riel Information Centre, LGBTA Centre, Women's Centre, Help Centre, Safewalk, Student Crew, the photocopier fleet and the many other services provided throughout Place Riel. A new operation that we will be providing next year is a spin-off of Copy Central, called XL Design and Reproductions. This operation will be providing wide-format banners, color copying and typesetting services, and will be located within Browsers.

We have a broad mandate to provide all of these specialized services and a wonderful staff that are up for any challenge. They are a fantastic group whose skills and abilities are wide ranging.

The student executive for next year include four new members (Brett Campbell-VP Operations & Finance, Evan Cole-VP Academic, Sarah Connor-VP Student Issues and Mike Kowalsky-VP External) along with our returning President Gavin Gardiner. We are looking forward to new initiatives and ideas from our new executive members and are very glad to have Gavin again as President so he can build upon his initiatives from last year and provide enhanced stability to the organization by serving a second term.

Overall, we are looking forward to a new year and new challenges and serving students to the best of our ability!

Initiatives

# The Tuition Freeze Campaign

Since 1991 tuition fees in Saskatchewan have risen by 217%, the second highest increase in the country. It is now more expensive to attend university in Saskatchewan than it is in all but three provinces.

Luckily the U of S Students' Union is fighting to change that. Last year the USSU, U of R Students' Union and U of S Graduate Students' Association, working through the Canadian Federation of Students, lobbied successfully for a tuition fee freeze and a review of post-secondary education. This will save individual students at the University of Saskatchewan as much as \$2,000 this year alone.

In 2005-2006 the USSU will continue to fight to ensure that an education at the University of Saskatchewan is affordable and accessible to all students. The provincial government will be conducting a review of accessibility and student financial assistance over the next year.

As well, the province will receive millions of new federal dollars dedicated exclusively to post-secondary education. We have reached a crossroads in post-secondary education and it is important now more than ever for students to have their voices heard.

This year we were successful for two reasons. First, the hard work of all the students who helped on the campaign. Every student who wore a button, signed a postcard or came out to a rally was successful in sending a message to the provincial government. Secondly, this year represented unprecedented cooperation among all university student groups in the province through the Canadian Federation of Students. Working together shows that Saskatchewan students can make a difference.

It has been proven that each individual has the power to make education more accessible.

# Victim Advocate

The Victim Advocate and the Community Model of Response to gender related violence (CMR) were highly successful initiatives in 2004-2005. Funded by Status of Women Canada, the Victim Advocate achieved great things and was established as a permanent position with the USSU. This service was operated out of the Women's Centre in the Memorial Union Building this year, but will move to the office next door in the fall of 2005. This move will improve confidentiality and also facilitate referrals between the USSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Centre, the International Students' Lounge and the Victim Advocate. This is also the only program of its kind at a post-secondary institution in Canada.

Continuing in the spirit of leadership and innovation, the Victim Advocate worked closely with stakeholders on campus and in the community to advocate for proactive changes to the institutional response to sexualized violence in 2004-2005. The systemic nature of sexual assault has commanded that these efforts continue on a long-term basis. There is much contention surrounding sexual assault at the University of Saskatchewan stemming from the two highly public assaults that took place in 2003. The USSU has been a forerunner of proactive efforts that address the systemic nature of sexual assault in an extremely politicized climate.

The education and awareness programming for the year was extensive. The Victim Advocate worked with the Women's Centre in organizing the Montreal Massacre Memorial, Take Back the Night and V-Day. We also worked in partnership with Tamara's House, the SSAIC, and the University of Saskatchewan Sexual Assault Awareness Committee for Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Numerous events took place

from March 28th to April 1st. For instance a fundraiser was conducted that highlighted healthy sexuality for survivors and consensual sexual relations. In addition the Victim Advocate made presentations for the International Students' Centre, the Aboriginal Students' Centre, St. Thomas Moore College, at over 20 first-year classes with the Student Health Initiatives Program (SHIP) and the Department of Public Safety & Security, at Parent Orientation 2004 and much, much more.

The Victim Advocate is a service provided by students for students. It is also the only service on campus that deals specifically with sexualized violence. As such, a close professional partnership with the Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre has enabled the USSU to provide 24-hour service for survivors of gender related violence outside the working hours of the Victim Advocate. The Victim Advocate supported individual survivors throughout the year, guiding them through the network of service providers. The Victim Advocate worked towards increasing the confidentiality of survivors, decreasing the number of times that victims must disclose the assault, and ensuring their academic stability. These are positive steps toward empowering survivors of sexual assault at the University of Saskatchewan.

The USSU collected statistics on gender related violence this year. In 2003 the Student Health Needs Assessment Survey found that 8.3% of female students and 1% of male students has experienced some form of gender related violence since starting university. Much like the USSU statistics, these assaults did not necessarily occur on campus and ranged from unwanted kissing or touching to rape (please refer to the chart following for the statistics for 2004-

2005). The USSU also conducted a survey concerning the student awareness of the issues surrounding sexual assault on campus. The findings will be used to better target the public education programming pertaining to sexual assault in the coming year.

Lastly, in order to best advocate for proactive changes at the administrative level a CMR Committee has been established. Representatives from across the campus and the community will come together to improve the response to sexualized violence. Using the Community Response Strategy that was developed by Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan and the existing policies at the University, the Committee will make every effort to address the needs of survivors in developing the response protocol. All of these efforts go toward the ultimate goal of ending gender related violence.

#### **Gender Related Violence - Statistical Summary 2004-2005**

*The following data reflects the information collected by the University of Saskatchewan Student's Union (USSU) regarding reports of sexual assault and gender related violence. This data contains no identified personal or confidential information. Some people chose not to provide any demographic information.*

<b>Type of Contact</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Crisis Call	6	11.5%
In Person	30	57.7%
Support Group Disclosure	3	5.8%
Email	8	15.4%
Third Party	5	9.6%
Total	52	100.0%

<b>Intake organization</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Victim Advocate	33	63.5%
U of S Service	2	3.8%
USSU Service	17	32.7%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	52	100.0%

<b>Type of Incident</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Sexual Assault (acquaintance)	13	17.1%
Sexual Assault (stranger)	2	2.6%
Verbal Abuse	4	5.3%
Domestic Abuse	9	11.8%
Sexual Harassment	11	14.5%
Adult Survivor of		
Child Sexual Abuse	3	3.9%
Physical Assault	3	3.9%
Emotional Abuse	1	1.3%
Date Rape Drugs	4	5.3%
Prank Call	3	3.9%
Stalking	7	9.2%
Ritual Abuse	0	0.0%
Harassment	6	7.9%
Other	10	13.2%
Total	76	100.0%

<b>Services Provided</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Hospital Accompaniment	0	0.0%
Police/Legal		
Accompaniment	0	0.0%
Information/Resources	24	13.0%
Advocacy	16	8.7%
Informal peer support/ listening	25	13.6%
Referrals on and off campus	84	45.7%
YWCA (housing)	5	2.7%
Clothing	0	0.0%
SSAIC Referrals	30	16.3%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	184	100.0%

Services

# Louis' Bar & Restaurant

During the past year Louis' offered increased stability and new opportunities for the recently renovated facility.

The summer months saw the Louis' Beach Volleyball Courts showcased as the premiere venue of its kind in the province. The beach volleyball league was filled to capacity five nights a week (with over 130 teams) and was enhanced by a growing number of schools, campus groups and businesses booking the facility as a summer party destination, where they enjoyed a great volleyball facility as well as food and beverages.

Louis' Deck had its official grand opening in June 2003 and included the completion of a permanent cabana bar. Besides being a popular lunch and after work destination, the deck became both a home to live entertainment on Friday afternoons and evenings as well as a scenic destination for special event booking such as birthdays, anniversaries and weddings.

A revamped menu that changed seasonally provided patrons with a fresh and more diverse lunch option that solidified Louis' as the most popular noon hour destination on campus. Daily lunch and dinner specials offered customers an ever-changing array of options that ranged from regional favorites to the finest in European and Asian cuisine. Evening supper promotions were high-

lighted by the success of the Monday/Tuesday wing night promotion as well as the \$5 burger and beer promotion.

The flexibility of the new Louis' became apparent as it played host to many different events throughout the year. In addition to an already stellar schedule of live concerts that featured local artists as well as large touring acts and speaking engagements, Louis' was the proud host of the USSU Teaching Excellence Awards, the USSU Film Festival, the Come-Out-and-Play United Way Fundraiser, and the CFCR Sideshow of the Stars. Because the USSU no longer controls Place Riel Theatre, Louis' has become the organization's de facto, all purpose venue.

By the end of 2004-2005, Louis' off and on-site catering had become a rousing success. We saw a great increase in our Christmas banquet sales as well as hosting many events and conferences for on-campus groups. The catering menu has opened up many new and promising booking opportunities and, along with the diversity of the building itself, has led to a summer filled with weddings, reunions, graduations and various other special events.

# Copy Central/ XL Design & Reproductions

With a new name, Copy Central set out to inform and educate students and faculty about the services it provided. There was a "Grand Re-Opening" in September 2005 and, with sponsorship from Western Business Machines, Office Depot and Xerox, which was successful in generating attention.

The wide format plotter remained a popular service at Copy Central, and in October 2005, the purchase of a new plotter was approved. The new plotter is faster, and has high quality print capabilities. The new model also allows for wider printing than ever offered before. Now the plotter is capable of reproducing posters up to 60 inches wide, offering more options to our customers.

The end of 2004/2005 saw the closure of Copy Central in Place Riel by a University Students' Council decision. Annual budget numbers revealed a consistent

loss of revenue over the course of five years mainly due to a large increase in personal printing devices. With this change in technology allowing affordable personal printing to be accessed by many home users, it was clear that many of our services were no longer required and that our copier technology could not remain competitively priced.

The upcoming year will bring a more focused approach to our customers who utilize the wide format printing service and color imaging. The new XL Design & Reproductions will continue to grow and expand in the area of wide format imaging, while maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.



# Browsers Used Bookstore & Internet Café

The 2004-2005 school year was the fourth year for us in our Upper MUB location and we finished off the year generating approximately \$80,000 in book sales. This amount helps to offset our operating costs and it shows that Browsers is popular with students who are looking to buy or sell used textbooks.

Browsers continues to promote itself as a wonderful place to be. We have competitive pricing, great food & beverage items and we also serve as a comfortable internet café. To enhance the aesthetic appeal of Browsers, we purchased live and silk greenery this year.

Along with the Starbucks coffee menu items, Browsers fairly-traded options continue to increase in popularity. We were the first outlet on campus to offer fairly traded coffee and have increased our selection of these items to include coffee beans, chocolate and teas. The increase in popularity of fairly traded goods has prompted us to purchase two air pots to enable us to brew larger batches of Fair Trade coffee and provide two flavor options.

A new service is the availability of gift baskets. Browsers staff are always pleased to prepare gift baskets for special occasions or promotions. The baskets are available in various price ranges.

The Browsers facility was promoted as a rental spot in the USSU's Events Brochure which was circulated to local business.

This year Browsers decreased its operating hours on Fridays, closing at 5:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. We are open until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and are closed on weekends. We will continue to review the feasibility of these longer evening hours.

Our new promotion strategy for the coming year will be WELL WORTH THE WALK in an attempt to increase our student, faculty and staff traffic and to encourage more people to check out our operation and see everything it offers.

# Information Centre

Helping over 75,000 customers for the 2004-2005 academic year, the Information Centre continues to be an integral part of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union. The Information Centre, located in upper Place Riel, is a highly utilized service that attracts thousands of customers per year.

The Information Centre made some new additions to its already long list of popular services and products. Telephone cards were expanded in response to the high demand for international calling. Students are quickly responding to

this new service and phone cards are one of the most popular products offered.

The Information Centre is looking forward to offering faxing services and Copy Card sales previously available through Copy Central in the coming year, which will again increase the number of clients we serve.

# LGBTQA Centre

The LGBTQA Centre has had a very active year again. There have been over 5,500 drop-ins at the Memorial Union Building Centre. This has been for a variety of different reasons including:

- Peer support
- Information and resources
- Student advocacy
- Safer sex information (including free condoms, lube, and latex gloves)
- The LGBTQA Centre Library
- A safe and positive space

These are only a few of the services that the centre has offered over the last year.

With over 40 volunteers for the year the LGBTQA Centre has been able to offer outstanding service for everyone accessing its services. The volunteers have been working on a variety of projects to benefit the USSU such as spearheading a resource and referral project, updating the centre library, and researching a variety of issues.

Through events the centre has been able to maintain a large amount of visibility on campus. Some of the highlights of the year have been two successful drag shows at Louis', a coffee house at McNally Robinson, and participating in Breaking the Silence. During Pride week 2004 the Centre arranged for about 20 volunteers to go to Regina and march in the annual Pride Parade, a very rewarding experience for all. Through events the LGBTQA Centre has raised over \$2,000 for various commu-

nity groups this year.

As well, in February of 2005 the director and 3 volunteers attended the Western Regional LGBTQIA College Conference in Davis, California. This conference has approximately 800 people in attendance and offers sessions on topics ranging from gay-straight alliances to fund-raising methods. The conference was a great opportunity to network and develop skills.

The Centre also successfully maintained its regular programming. The Speakers Bureau presented to hundreds of students throughout the year. Drop-in nights were well attended, providing games, movies, and entertainment at a time of day when people would be more comfortable accessing the Centre. The Centre was regularly present in the Arts Tunnel, handing out general information as well as celebrating awareness days such as Transgender Awareness Day and Coming-Out Day.

The greatest accomplishment of the year was the work on Positive Space, a joint initiative of the LGBTQA Centre, Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Services, and the Provosts Advisory Committee on LGBT issues. The Positive Space program is a university-wide initiative to reduce the impact of homophobia and heterosexism on campus. By creating a resource network and identifying LGBT positive people and spaces we can work proactively to better the lives of all members within the greater university community. Look for more to come from this great project.

# Women's Centre

The Women's Centre had a busy year working to increase visibility for programs and initiatives that have been implemented by the Centre in the last few years. The volunteer base, which expanded from 25 volunteers in 2003-2004 to 45 in the past year, have been very active in promoting the Centre and increasing awareness about issues affecting women on campus. In addition to organizing annual events, the volunteers also worked to ensure that regular activities were facilitated within the Centre.

The Centre was very fortunate this year to house the new position of the Victim Advocate, funded by Status of Women Canada. This position not only expanded the services offered from the Women's Centre by addressing the specific needs of victims of gender related violence and sexual assault but also brought increased awareness of these issues to the campus community.

The Victim Advocate, the Women's Centre Director and members from the Coalition Against Sexual Assault worked closely on planning an event on December 6th, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. In addition to a memorial march across campus, there was an on-campus presentation by a woman known internationally as Jane Doe. Jane Doe changed Canadian law by suing the Toronto city police for the mis-handling of her rape case. This event was very successful, with over 300 people in attendance for Jane Doe's presentation in the Law Building and over 100 people in attendance for a community discussion and memorial ceremony at the Indian and Métis Friendship Centre.

The Women's Centre, in partnership with the Graduate Students' Association, also produced Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues in February. As part of the international V-Day campaign,

the Saskatoon production raised over \$10,000 with all proceeds going to two local beneficiaries, the YWCA and Infinity House, and an international group working with women in Iraq. The Monologues sold out both nights at the Broadway Theater and were performed for two very enthusiastic and receptive crowds. In addition to the production of the Monologues, the V-Day campaign also included Vulvapalooza, a two-week awareness event, which fostered relationships between the Women's Centre and ten other women-focused community organizations.

Other Centre activities have included the revival of weekly discussion groups on the topics of parenting and body image concerns as well as regular meetings of groups discussing abortion and adoption issues. Monthly social events included potlucks and feminist film nights, and regular workshops were organized around topics of importance to women. Three of the most successful workshops focused on techniques for women's alternative health and healing, societal conceptions of menstruation, and a knitting seminar. Our director also met with other women-focused city organizations regularly to ensure that the Women's Centre was involved in a network of like-minded organizations. The resulting partnerships gave us the opportunity to work with a number of groups for events such as the annual Take Back the Night March in September and a coffeehouse for International Women's Day and the Day of Elimination of Racism in March. Also, there was ample opportunity for centre volunteers to engage in workshops and training sessions facilitated by other organizations, in particular by the Sexual Assault and Information Centre, Planned Parenthood and Tamara's House.

Montreal Massacre - Dec. 6, 1989: remember and work for change

## the story of Jane Doe



Safe at home in bed.



Eating grass with the police



How to survive a rape trial



The only ending so far



Jane Doe: a match for the cops

The woman who changed Canadian law by suing the police for mishandling her rape case.

"the politics of rape"

**Dec. 6, 2004**  
**12:30 - 1:30 pm**  
**U of S Law Library**

other Dec. 6 Memorial Events

Dec. 3 - Noon hour vigil. Contact the Campus Chaplains

Dec. 6 - Breakfast at the Quality Inn.

Contact SWCC

Dec. 6 - Evening Event - community vigil, interactive theatre and social.  
Contact 966-4980

# THE STORY OF JANE DOE



co-sponsored by the USSU Women's Centre, Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, U of S College of Law, CUPE 1975, U of S Law Students' Association, Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society, Status of Women (Saskatchewan), U of S Women and Gender Studies Collective. Graphics taken from *The Story of Jane Doe* (Artist Shary Boyle). Used with permission.

# Help Centre

The USSU Help Centre is located in the tunnel connecting the Arts Building to Place Riel. We can be found right next to the arcade and Extreme Pita. The Help Centre provides both general help and peer support, as well as a free phone, newspaper, condoms, candy and the use of office equipment among other valuable services.

We have approximately 45 volunteers who are trained in many different areas. Our front line volunteers are trained in customer service, student loans issues, and how to access information for the students who visit us. Our peer supporters are trained in suicide intervention, pregnancy crisis and sexual assault response, training that occurs both during the year and at the beginning of the year at our annual Volunteer Orientation. The orientation provides training to volunteers at all the USSU centres. Due to the wide variety of training we offer, our volunteers are able to provide extensive help to the clients who access our services.

Between April 2004 and April 2005 we served approximately 10,000 students.

The students were accessing our entire range of services throughout the year. The Help Centre was a visible presence at Orientation and in the bowl during Welcome Week and made presentations at Experience US and U Life 101. Finally, the Help Centre increased awareness of our peer support services by hosting Suicide Awareness Week which included hand-outs in the Arts Tunnel and a Suicide Talk with Dave Biblow.

The past year has been a great one for the Help Centre. Student walk-ins for peer counseling are constantly increasing as the Help Centre becomes more well known across campus. Volunteer participation was also incredible. We have a base of very loyal, dedicated volunteers who have been with the Help Centre for many years and make volunteering a very positive experience for new volunteers who are joining the Help Centre team.

# Volunteer Centre

This year has seen the Volunteer Centre enhance its programming immensely. The improvement of current programs such as Student Crew and Safewalk have provided for a successful year and the re-evaluation of the direction of the Volunteer Centre.

Student Crew has flourished this past year, soaring above forecast. This group of students could be seen at events, doing security in various buildings, poster-ing, collecting money from Student Information Terminals, providing night parking enforcement and a variety of other places. In 2005-2006 this program will be enhanced even more.

Safewalk had over 35 volunteers, who logged over 350 Safewalks for students, staff and faculty. Safewalk is a service that greatly contributes to the personal safety of students. Efforts to promote Safewalk to the University as a distinct USSU service were increased in 2004-2005. In 2005-2006 this program will provide more comprehensive training for volunteers and more inventive ways to attract clients.

The partnership between the Saskatoon Food Bank and the USSU Food Centre has been strengthened this year. Usage of the Food Centre has increased, with over 225 hampers handed out since the inception of the centre in 2002-2003. A Food Centre attendant was hired to increase the awareness of the Food Centre to the student population, and provide quality, dignified service to those accessing the centre. For the second year in a row, the Food and Volunteer Centres ran a highly successful Trick-or-Eat program to benefit the Saskatoon Food Bank. Through a tremendous effort of student volunteers, we were able to surpass our impressive total of food collected from last year.

This year, the Volunteer Centre continued to provide the Good Food Box program to students. Run through the Child Hunger and Education Program (CHEP), Good Food Boxes bring quality, affordable fruits and vegetables to students. This group has proved to be the largest order on campus, and has ordered over 400 boxes in the past year.

The Volunteer postings board had over 75 listings augmented by 45 Saskatoon Health Region postings and approximately 20 Volunteer Saskatoon postings. The volunteer opportunities binder allows students to research an organization before volunteering with them, or establish a connection with an organization who may not have a formal volunteer posting out.

After four successful years of existence, the focus of the Volunteer Centre has become clearer. The programs flourishing the most have come to the forefront. The Volunteer Centre closed its doors on April 29, 2005. The Safewalk and Student Crew programs will be moved to the USSU Main Office to provide a more focused effort on enhancing these programs. A Safewalk and Student Crew Director has been hired. This will benefit students through increased job opportunities, better service, and a more concerted effort to provide the necessary programming. The University community will benefit from better service through the Student Crew program, and increased availability of Safewalk.

The components of the Volunteer Centre that have not moved to the main office will be dispersed to other USSU services. Volunteer postings will enhance the options open to students accessing the Help Centre. Trick or Eat and the Good Food Boxes will fit with the increasing programming offered by the Food Centre.

# Events



# Entertaining Our Members

This year was another fantastic one for USSU events. It all kicked off with Welcome Week, held in the first week of September. The cold weather didn't stop thousands of students from entering the bowl to eat, drink, play games and check out a variety of bands and DJ's. The week culminated with Swollen Members rocking the Louis' stage.

Louis' once again showed why it is considered one of the top live music venues in Western Canada, hosting some of the top touring entertainment from across Canada and abroad. Highlights included: Sam Roberts, Alexisonfire, K-OS, Tegan & Sara, Hot Hot Heat and Death From Above 1979, just to name a few.

In addition, a commitment was made to showcase Saskatoon's ever-growing local musical talent base. Louis' hosted the X-Jam Battle of the Bands competition, which featured over 60 bands from the Saskatoon area playing over nine evenings from January to April. The event was a huge success, with over 3,500 people attending the shows. The event will be held at Louis' again beginning in January 2006.

The USSU continued to bring in an assortment of speakers that would both educate and entertain students. This year Sue Johanson, George Stroumbouloupoulos, and the Boys of Degrassi graced our campus, much to the delight of those in attendance.

The USSU also held the fifth installment of the USSU Independent Film Festival, staged at Louis' in March. The festival continued to grow in stature with a variety of shorts and features submitted. The event will look to grow even further in the upcoming year with an early call for submissions and new categories.



12. General/ATA  
13. P. R. J. Center  
14. GDP



**KOS**

**Sunday, October 24**

Doors @ 8p.m. • Licensed/All Ages

Tickets \$19  
available at the Plaza  
Photo ID required for

**HOTHOTHEAT**  
*with special guests*

**THE FUTUREHEADS**  
LOUIS XIV



**Live at Louis' Friday, April 15**

*eat drink & dance live*  
U of S Students Union  
**on the U of S Campus**

**tickets \$20 adv/\$22 day of**  
**Licensed / All Ages**  
available at the Plaza 3rd floor Kiosk,  
Louis' and all U of S Plaza locations.  
\*There is no pre-ordered section. Please do not show up!

**an evening with**  
**George Stroumboulopoulos**



**Saturday, Sept. 11**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**Louis'**  
*eat drink & dance live*  
U of S Students Union  
tickets available at The  
Plaza 3rd floor Kiosk, Louis' and all U of S Plaza locations.  
**Licensed/All Ages**

**\$8**

# Experience in Excellence Awards



*Peter Prebble presents Melissa Cotton and Lyndon MacNeill with Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership Awards*

On March 29 the USSU again recognized excellence at the University of Saskatchewan with the 2005 Experience in Excellence Awards. The intent of the Experience in Excellence Awards is to show the Students' Union's appreciation for those individuals who strive to enhance the student experience at the University of Saskatchewan. These individuals show us that one person can make a difference and bolster the image of our students and our University, now and into the future.

## **Teaching Excellence Awards**

An excellent teacher not only gives access to knowledge, but also provides the tools with which to turn that knowledge into wisdom. Students evaluate teachers in a number of ways, including enthusiasm, organization, and fairness of evaluation. These factors lead to a classroom environment where students feel free to explore, critique, grow, and

become leaders. The teachers recognized for the 2004-2005 academic year were: Dr. Chris Clark (WCVM Large Animal Medicine), Dr. Cindy Shmon (WCVM SACS), Dr. Vikram Misra (WCVM Virology), Dr. Patricia Dowling (WCVM Pharmacology), Dr. Edwin Ralph (ED-CUR), Prof. Yin Liu (English), Prof. Eric Howe (Economics), Prof. Raymon Montalbetti (Drama), Dr. Robert Lindsay (Native Studies), and Prof. Ron Wheeler (Political Studies).

## **Certificates of Appreciation for Teaching Excellence**

This certificate is to recognize those teachers who have achieved teaching excellence in courses with a reduced class size. These teachers embody the characteristics needed to facilitate a dynamic learning environment. Certificates of Appreciation for Teaching Excellence were presented to Dr. John Pomeroy (Geography), and Prof. Kathleen Goodall (Psychology).

### **Achievement of Teaching Excellence Award**

Receiving the right type of support is imperative when trying to create a positive learning environment. A department that consistently produces excellent teachers succeeds in fostering an exciting and vibrant educational atmosphere. This year the Department of English was recognized for consistent teaching excellence with the Achievement of Teaching Excellence (1995-2005) award.

### **Vera Pezer Awards for Student Enhancement**

The University of Saskatchewan experience has a broader scope than a classroom. To be involved means to add to ourselves, our personal portfolios, and to make a difference in some way. These students give their time and energy to ensure that the many non-academic facets of our collective experience are enhanced. Volunteers are leaders that make much of what we do possible and, without them, student life would be greatly diminished. The winners this year were: Beverly Wudel (Member of Student Council), Adam Day (USSU Centres), Crystal Clarke (Volunteerism), and Students Opposed to Liberal Arts Decline (Campus Group).

### **Doug Favell Staff Spirit Award**

There are many non-academic staff members that are responsible for enhancing the student experience. These people are the administrative and professional teams that greet us, and provide us with a smile, information, and expertise from year to year. The spirit that these people bring to their work improves our campus. The Doug Favell Memorial Staff Spirit Awards went to Mario Carmona (USSU Staff Member) and Jack Mason (U of S Staff Member).

### **LGBTQ Centre Doug Wilson Award, Help Centre Award and Women's Centre Award**

Among the University of Saskatchewan faculty, staff, students and alumni there are those who show leadership and courage in advancing the quality of life for those experiencing outstanding struggles. These struggles may involve, but are not limited to, sexual orientation, gender, ancestry, ability, poverty and/or violence. 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 Gerald Schiltroth and Kimberley Dublanica, the USSU Women's Centre Award to Rachel Clare, and the USSU Help Centre Award to Megan Buydens.

### **Walter Murray Leadership Award**

There are those students who achieve more than most believe capable of one individual, thus enhancing the student experience for all that follow. In doing so they challenge the University of Saskatchewan and create a more positive environment for all. This year the Walter Murray Leadership award was presented to Normal Cable.

### **Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership Award**

As a part of the centennial celebration plan and the Premier's Voluntary Sector Initiative, the Province of Saskatchewan established the Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership Award to recognize volunteers. This special award will be provided to volunteers within the qualified provincial-level, non-governmental organizations. Recognized for their efforts this year were Melissa Cotton and Lyndon MacNeill.

Financial

# Auditor's Report

## **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and statement of operations are derived from the complete financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union as at April 30, 2005 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated June 15, 2005. 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 the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

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



Chartered Accountants

Saskatoon, Canada  
June 15, 2005

# Assets & Liabilities

## UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

April 30, 2005, with comparative figures for 2004

	2005	2004
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 135,179	\$ 504,809
Investments, at cost	1,822,092	1,208,669
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	162,695	152,770
Inventories	75,126	77,742
Property and equipment, net of accumulated amortization	5,628,213	6,113,600
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,823,305</b>	<b>\$ 8,057,590</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and deferred revenue	\$ 915,674	\$ 845,167
Payable to the University of Saskatchewan	234,865	352,340
Deferred trust fund contributions	5,199,626	5,205,693
Obligations under capital lease	144,223	189,047
	6,494,388	6,592,247
<b>Net assets</b>		
Unrestricted surplus	1,044,553	746,483
Equity in property and equipment	284,364	718,860
	1,328,917	1,465,343
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,823,305</b>	<b>\$ 8,057,590</b>

See accompanying note to financial statements.



# Revenues & Expenses

## UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

### Summarized Statement of Operations

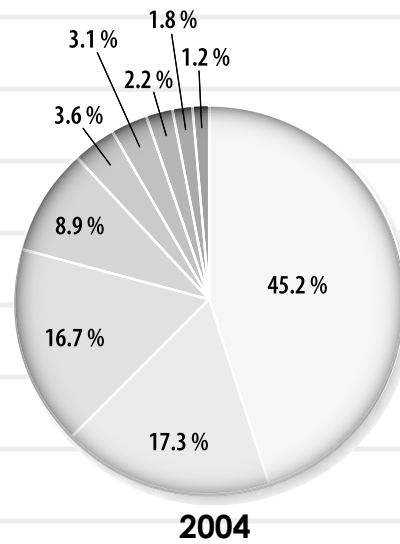
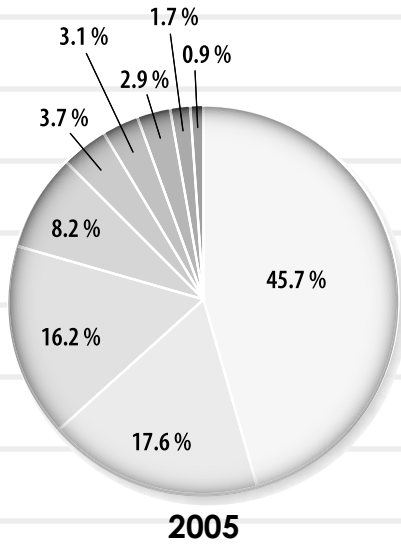
Year ended April 30, 2005, with comparative figures for 2004

	2005	2004
Revenue:		
Sales	\$ 1,932,056	\$ 1,919,685
Student fees	742,952	736,316
Facilities	685,470	708,125
Deferred trust fund contributions	347,101	379,876
Marketing and media	156,924	153,489
Student services	129,987	129,909
Entertainment	122,547	94,534
Interest	70,570	74,061
Other	36,993	50,777
	4,224,600	4,246,772
Expenses:		
Business operations	1,895,601	1,874,088
Administrative	753,091	662,378
Amortization	524,206	555,451
Building maintenance	492,178	540,505
Student services	262,718	245,184
Student governance	210,387	234,396
Entertainment	141,364	111,791
Marketing and media	38,772	36,948
	4,318,317	4,260,741
Loss before the undernoted	(93,717)	(13,969)
Other income (expense):		
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	(48,277)	(3,957)
Gain on disposal of long-term investments	5,568	31,585
	(42,709)	27,628
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ (136,426)	\$ 13,659

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

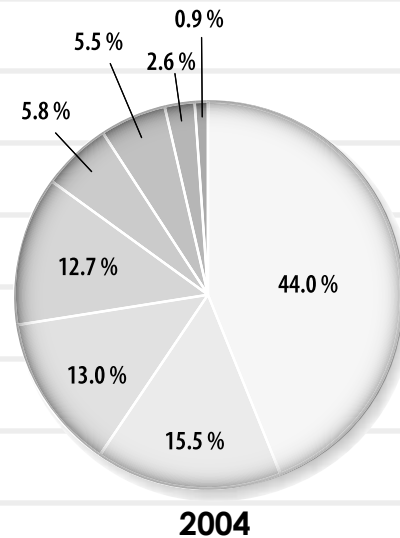
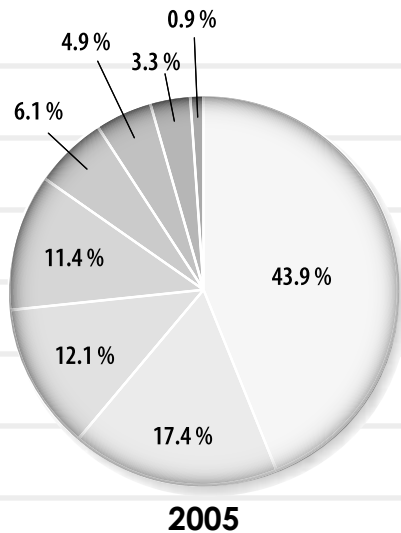
# Financial Graphs

## Revenue



Sales - 45.7% / 45.2%	Deferred Trust Fund Contributions - 8.2% / 8.9%	Entertainment - 2.9% / 2.2%
Student Fees - 17.6% / 17.3%	Marketing and Media - 3.7% / 3.6%	Interest - 1.7% / 1.8%
Facilities - 16.2% / 16.7%	Student Services - 3.1% / 3.1%	Other - 0.9% / 1.2%

## Expenses



Business Operations - 43.9% / 44.0%	Building Maintenance - 11.4% / 12.7%	Entertainment - 3.3% / 2.6%
Administrative - 17.4% / 15.5%	Student Services - 6.1% / 5.8%	Marketing and Media - 0.9% / 0.9%
Amortization - 12.1% / 13.0%	Student Governance - 4.9% / 5.5%	

# Student Fees

## Full-Time On Campus Undergraduate Students

Students' Union	\$48.54
Athletic Fee	\$50.62
Recreation Fee	\$46.66
Sheaf Fee	\$6.10
Student Services Fee	\$30.00
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	\$3.00
Health and Dental Plan	\$253.15
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$10.00

## Part-Time On Campus Undergraduate Students

Students' Union	\$24.26
Athletic Fee	\$25.30
Recreation Fee	\$23.32
Sheaf Fee	\$3.06
Student Services Fee	\$30.00
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	\$3.00
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$5.00

## Off-Campus and Audit Only Students

Students' Union	\$24.26
Student Services Fee	\$15.00
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$5.00

People

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## Operations

### Browsers

*Memorial Union Building*  
966-6901 – Browsers

966-6903 – Browsers Supervisor  
(Tara Mupanguri)

### Copy Central (Photocopier Fleet)

*Murray Library*  
966-6999 – Copy Desk  
(Len Derksen)

### Information Centre

*Place Riel Student Centre, Rm. 78*  
966-6988 – Info Centre Supervisor  
(Stefanie Livingston)

### Louis' - Memorial Union Building

966-7000 – Louis'  
966-7001 – Louis' Ass't Manager - Nights  
(Scott Cavanagh)  
966-7002 – Louis' Site Manager  
(George Foufas)  
966-7003 – Louis' Kitchen Manager  
(Norman Parchman)  
966-6963 – Louis' Events & Programming Manager  
(Jason Kovitch)

### XL Design & Reproductions

*Memorial Union Building, inside Browsers*  
966-6976 – Graphic Artist  
(Avril Arthur)

## Centres

### Food Centre

*Lower Saskatchewan Hall, Rm. 72*  
966-1792 – Food Centre Attendant  
(Lauren Faris)

### Help Centre

*Arts Tunnel, Rm. 27*  
966-6982 – Help Centre Director  
(Jessie Buydens)

### LGBTQ Centre

*Memorial Union Building, Rm. 104*  
966-6615 – LGBTQ Centre Director  
(Nicole White)

### Safewalk/Student Crew Administration

*Place Riel Student Centre, Rm. 65*  
966-2240 – Safewalk/Student Crew Director  
(Melissa Cotton)

### Women's Centre

*Memorial Union Building, Rm. 118*  
966-2984 – Victim Advocate  
(Allyson Clarke)  
966-6980 – Women's Centre Director  
(Jennifer Kim)

## USSU Administration

### USSU Main Office

*Place Riel Student Centre, Rm. 65*  
966-2510 – Academic Affairs Officer  
(Chris Phillips)  
966-6971 – Accounting Assistant  
(Amanda Mitchell)  
966-6594 – Accounting Assistant  
(Peggy Pfeil)  
966-6966 – Communications & Development  
Coordinator  
(Tara Faris)  
966-6974 – Comm. Coordinator Assistant  
(Meshon Cantrill)  
966-6991 – Confidential Secretary  
(Kendra Wilkie)  
966-6989 – Facilities & Operations Manager  
(Freda Salikin)  
966-6969 – General Manager - Acting  
(Crystel Knihniski)  
966-6972 – Human Resources Manager  
(Jackie Swinnerton)  
966-6962 – Receptionist  
(Lyndon MacNeill)  
966-6973 – Student Services Coordinator  
(Amy Yeager)

### 2005/06 Executive Council

*Place Riel Student Centre, Rm. 65*  
966-6965 – President  
(Gavin Gardiner)  
966-6967 – VP Op/Fin  
(Brett Campbell)  
966-6968 – VP Academic Affairs  
(Evan Cole)  
966-6985 – VP External Affairs  
(Michael Kowalsky)  
966-6970 – VP Student Issues Rm.  
(Sarah Connor)

# 2004-2005 Student Groups and Committees

## University Students' Council

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Crystel Knihniski, General Manager (Acting)  
Angela Erickson, Recording Secretary

## USC Councillors

Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Rick Bowes, Education  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Darcy Diachinsky, Indigenous Students' Council  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine  
Jessica Heath, WCV  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Katie Kirkness, VPRA  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matt Leisle, Arts & Science  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition

## Executive Committee

Gavin Gardiner, USSU President  
Malvina Gersher, USSU VP (Academic Affairs)  
Jeff MacDonald, USSU VP (Op/Fin)  
Kim Stranden, USSU VP (Student Issues)

## USSU Boards and Committees

### Academic Affairs Board

Evan Cole, SAL  
Andrea Sewe, SAL  
Paul LaPointe, SAL  
Bev Wudel, MSC Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Val Quinten, MSC Law

## Operations and Finance Board

Steve Dribnenki, SAL  
John Tzupa, SAL  
Jennifer Lewis, SAL  
Marlaina Hauser, MSC Commerce  
Dustin Bartsch, MSC Commerce

## Student Issues Board

Tyler McReary, SAL  
Blair Wooff, SAL  
Tracey Mitchell, SAL  
Katie Kirkness, MSC VPRA  
Matt Galbraith, MSC Engineering  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, MSC STM

## Elections Board

Will Robbins, SAL  
Catherine Ulmer, SAL  
Jessica Heath, MSC WCV

## Health and Dental Committee

Kevin Mills, SAL  
Bobby Birdi, MSC Dentistry  
Philip Brost, MSC Medicine

## Environmental Responsibility Committee

Jay Zakalvzny, SAL  
Crystal Clarke, SAL  
Nick Ansaldo, MSC STM

## External Affairs Board

Thomas Linner, SAL  
Leigh-Ann Gates, SAL  
Mike Butter, SAL  
Mike Kowalski, MSC Arts & Science  
Matt Leisle, MSC Arts & Science  
Nick Ansaldo, MSC STM

## Appointments Board

Gavin Gardiner  
Jessica Heath (MSC)  
Matthew Leisle (MSC)  
Katie Kirkness (MSC)  
Melanie Funk (MSC)

## Campus Societies

Wilson Acton, Agriculture Students' Association  
Matt Leisle, Arts and Science Students' Union  
Kurtis Muench, Saskatoon Commerce Students' Society  
Regan Kurz, Student Dental Society  
Lonnie Mercredi, Education Students' Society  
Jack Mason (Chair), Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society  
Krissa McKay, Indigenous Students' Council  
Jared Devers, Kinesiology Students' Society  
Reche McKeague, Law Students Association  
Sean Coquet, Student Medical Society  
Sarah Gill, Nursing Students Society  
Brooke Simpkins, Pharmacy & Nutrition Students' Society  
Patrick Zachar, Pharmacy & Nutrition Students' Society  
Megan Nargang, Physical Therapy Students' Society  
Michelle Kadash, Physical Therapy Students' Society  
Ashley Smith, St. Thomas More Students' Union  
Vacant, VPRA  
Egan Brockhoff, W.C.V.M. Students' Society  
Adam Day, Men's Recreation Board  
Alison Krupp, Women's Recreation Board  
Adam Thachuk, Board Vice Chair





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