

Library needs

# Bucks for books

by Brian McDonald

A report to the Senate from its Library Committee says "due to inadequate funding and extended cost increase, the libraries have been unable to achieve the collection levels specified in the collection policies."

Dr. Stuart Grossert, chair of the Senate Library Committee, says the report "points out in detail what most people knew all along, that the library was underfunded. It's a general problem throughout the university, and the library has suffered along with other parts of the university."

The report recommends the Killam, Macdonald, Kellogg and Law libraries have a base budget to purchase serials, academic journals published by other universities and subscribed to by the library. The proposed base will be the amount budgeted for 1987/88, with the exception of the Law library, whose base budget will be that of 1985-86, the year before the library's budget was affected by the fire in the Weldon Law building. Both bases (\$1,372,000 and \$317,000 respectively) would be adjusted

each year for inflation and currency fluctuations since many journals are published outside Canada.

A base budget is also recommended to purchase books. Again, for all the libraries except the law library, the recommended base will be the 87-88 budget, along with an additional \$350,000 for a total of \$784,000. Using the same methods as those used for deriving its budget base for buying serials, the Law library book budget base would be \$79,473. The book base for the libraries would also be adjusted for inflation.

In making its report, the library committee realizes the library system is not the only part of the university suffering from lack of funds. "In fact, the library received a special allocation from the administration last year," says Grossert. "But there's a limit to how much they can do."

The report goes on to detail where the money is needed. It lists, for example, the various degrees offered by Dalhousie. "The report in essence says to the Senate, 'This is the money you are going to need to support the programs you desire.'"

The report says another source of financial difficulty is "many new programs have been initiated at Dalhousie during the past decade without adequate funding." This process compounds the problem of underfunding, says Grossert, because if the new programs' costs can't be met, the money has to be redistributed from other programs. "Obviously, this process can't go on indefinitely."

The last two recommendations in the report call for a constant review of collections policies and endorse efforts by Dalhousie librarians to prevent duplication of collections within the local university community.



# Paper shutdown

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A routine boycott of military ads has become one of the unresolved issues in the shutdown and restructuring of the student newspaper at the University of Manitoba.

On October 13, staff of the Manitoban voted 8 to 5 to boycott recruitment ads from the

Department of National Defence, a policy held by at least a dozen other Canadian student papers.

By early December, student council voted to restructure the paper and fire its staff, citing a number of grievances. These included the boycott policy, "dark and depressing" comics, editorial content (use of profanity) and staff structure.

A large majority of former staff members then began a separate underground paper, the Toban Gazette.

Student council president Kevin Jantzen says the Manitoban acted wrongly by making the October boycott effective immediately instead of getting ratification from its publishing board first.

"They broke their own constitution by doing that," said Jantzen.

Donne Flanagan, a former staff member now working for the underground paper, acknowledges the mistake but says the Manitoban corrected it within a few days and ran the remaining ads.

Flanagan and other staff members say the real issue is whether the paper can determine boycotts and other policies without council interference.

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has been placed in a very tough spot. She has been patient and understanding," says Laidlaw.

Shane Feriancek, DSU Treasurer, wants the contract negotiated.

Says Feriancek, "If other societies negotiate the same way as the Law Society did, it sets a bad precedent."

The incident has not been reported at a DSU meeting, although the council approved

He says the restructuring is like the federal government moving to control and censor the CBC or the Globe and Mail.

Janzen says he supports the paper's right to reject ads which are sexist, racist, or homophobic but calls the boycott "in very bad taste" and objects to the loss in ad revenue.

Janzen says recruitment programs can make post-secondary education more accessible by providing a salary to students in exchange for military service after graduation. He also says Canadian troops are peace-keeping forces.

Flanagan disagrees. "It is a big fallacy that Canadian forces in the NATO alliance are for peacekeeping. By that token the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact can argue the same thing," he says.

In addition, Flanagan objects to DND's direct support for the Canadian arms industry, whose components are bought by repressive regimes in the third world. But Janzen feels the connection is weak.

Former staff members further object to DND advertising because the department will not hire gay men and lesbians. Janzen, however, says running the ads is not "directly homophobic".

the \$7500 grant last fall.

"It would have hurt the 465-member Law Society that much more. It's better to get all the smoke cleared and then report it to the council," says Feriancek.

On January 18, the two vacant positions in the LSS executive were filled. Sean Casey is now President and Al Meghji is treasurer. The position of vice-president external, empty since Christmas, was filled by Sarah Harding. All were elected by acclamation.

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