



A Newsletter of the U of A S.U.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi there. As this is the first of our Newsletters I've decided to give you a short run down of my responsibilities:

- supervise the affairs of the Students' Union at the direction of the Executive Committee;
- ensure that programmes are implemented in accordance with the direction of Students' Council and accepted policy of the Students' Union;
- further and maintain good external relations and representation with student, University, and Government bodies, and the general public;
- provide administrative direction to the General Manager of the Students' Union, at the direction of the Executive Committee;
- represent the interests of students as a member of General Faculty Council;
- represent the interests of students as a member of the Board of Governors;
- serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee;
- serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee;
- serve as a member of the Administration Board;
- serve as an ex-officio member of all Students' Union boards and committees, except the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board;

I am also involved in a number of University boards and committees, which I will cover in the next newsletter.

Most students wonder what the Students' Union is doing for them. Hopefully this monthly newsletter will help to keep you up to date on the events of the students' union and how they affect you.

At the September meeting of General Faculty Council a motion was brought forward moving withdrawal deadlines to five weeks after the start of classes (approximately Oct. 15th for this year), but thanks to the students who attended and the Students' Union we were able to have this motion defeated. Thus you still have until November 20th to withdraw from classes in the first term.

I'm sure that my colleagues will let you know more of the happenings of the Students' Union in their submissions. As the year progresses I will spend more time on the issues coming up.

If you have any questions about the Students' Union or the University please come by the Executive Offices any time. We are located in 256 Students' Union Building.

I wish you all luck on your midterms and hope you had a happy Halloween.

Tim Boston

VICE - PRESIDENTS

The external affairs portfolio of the Students' Union is responsible for student concerns related to organizations outside of the U of A. Essentially, this means that I deal with the Students' Finance Board, the civic, provincial, and federal governments, non-profit organizations, and community groups.

During the past month, my greatest contact with students has stemmed from concerns with student loans. While I am not an expert on Student Finance, I can provide insight and advice on appeals and application procedures. If you are having difficulties with the Students' Finance Board, I may be able to assist. During the second term, the external affairs board will be hosting a student loan seminar. This seminar will provide students with advice on applying for loans for the 1988-89 year.

The external affairs board is mandated to co-ordinate student projects concerning issues of campus which affect the university. This year we have undertaken a study of the food bank program in the University area, and will be hosting forums and speeches in a number of areas. During November, we will co-host a forum entitled *An Expanding U of A, is there a limit?*, an examination of the effects of increased enrollment of students at the U of A.

An important facet of the external portfolio is contact with government and community groups. I try to maintain close contact with as many groups as possible, to ensure that student concerns in areas such as education funding, entrance requirements, and student transportation are expressed.

If you have a concern with an organization off campus (Students' Finance Board, Advanced Education, etc.) which may be able to assist you with, or if you have an idea for a lecture or project which may be of benefit to students, please contact me through the S.U. executive offices.

Paul LaGrance

Hello, and welcome to the Students' Union's various open page. This is our outlet to hopefully tell students directly a little about what it is or our Ebony Tower.

So what does the VP Academic do? Paraphrasing the Students' Union Constitution:

- supervise and administer the Academic Affairs Division of the Students' Union;
- coordinate the activities of and provide direction to the Academic Commissioner;
- oversee the performance of the two Students' Union Ombudsmen;
- prepare academic policy recommendations;
- provide information and assistance to promote, coordinate, and facilitate student involvement in University government;
- represent the students' concerns to the University Administration.

Did you know that a proposal to move course withdrawal deadlines from just after midterms to 25 days into the term was being considered by the University? Due to the effective arguments made by my office, the proposal was defeated.

One big item my office is working on this year is establishing campus-wide instructor course evaluations. A director has been chosen to work with the university to make this program a success.

I hope this gives you a better idea of what my office is about.

Dale Nagel

My job as VP Internal is to run the services and facilities for the Students' Union. In return for this, I receive an office (259A) and a telephone (432-4236) whereby I can be contacted. People often want to contact me, to which I say "fine". People also want to yell at me for various things occurring within SUB, to which I also say "fine".

The various services offered by the S.U. are within my portfolio's control. These are the Exam Registry and Typing Services, Housing Registry and Information Services, Student Orientation Services (S.O.R.S.E.), Student Help, S.U. Games, S.U. Records, and our great food services in Dewey's and Express Room at the Top (RATT) and Dewey's Pub are also areas for which I have been given responsibility, as well as the Gateway, CJSR, and SUB Theatre.

I also chair the Building Services Board which decides Dinwiddie Cabarets, entertainment (in Dinwiddie, Beer Gardens, Courts in SUB Theatre, etc.) and guest speakers for the Students' Union Lecture series.

Anyone with any complaints or suggestions should feel free to contact me at the above contact numbers in the Students' Union Building.

Rick Stedman

As VP Finance & Administration, the nature of my position is official watchdog, know-it-all, all business and sound financial matters for the whole S.U. organization pass across my desk for approval. My job is to watch the paper to complain when it looks out of line.

As VP Finance I also sit as chairperson of the Administrative Board. This Board is the main granting mechanism for the S.U. All club grant applications, S.U. capital expenditures and Operational expenses are approved through the Board. Admin. Board decisions are then ratified at Students' Council.

Right now is one of the busiest times of the year for my portfolio. The final budgets for all Students' Union services & Businesses are due this month. They will be presented to the Admin. Board on November 23 & Students' Council on December 8. The Final Budget will be published in a January issue of the Gateway. If you have any questions or concerns, my office is in 256-F SUB.

Steve Turble

COMMISSIONERS

The External portfolio is, by far, the most exciting part of the Students' Union. We deal with the University Administration and the Provincial Government concerning funding, quality education, and the accessibility of education. These exciting topics are dealt with in a body called the Anti-Cutbacks Team, ACTI, chaired by the External Commissioner. This volunteer-based body works to stop funding cutbacks and ensure a high quality of education at the U of A. Some of our upcoming events include a volunteer drive social on Nov. 6 and an education forum on Nov. 18. Please come out and get involved with ACTI! We need your support.

Andrew Fredericks

External Commissioner

You can have some input into food prices on campus. And on-campus housing rents. And who gets a parking stall next year. The decisions are being made now!

My name is Graham Bowers, and I'm your Housing and Transport Commissioner. I am involved in the decision-making process on these issues, and I'd like to hear what you think about housing and food prices and parking allocations.

If you're involved in your residence association and you need any information or assistance, I can help. If you have enough time to write a term paper on the bus every morning, then that bus trip is taking too long. And if ETIS is not providing adequate bus service, then you should tell me about it, so I can work to solve the problem.

And so to summarize, conclude, and generally finish off, I have this summation, conclusion, and general finishing off:

Got a beef about food prices?
Are rent costs going through the roof?
Does Parking Services drive you around the bend?
Has ETIS passed you by?

That's what I'm here for — come talk to me. My office is room 274 SUB, and my office hours are:
Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30-10:30, 12:30-3:00
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-1:30
Fridays 9:30-10:30

You can also phone me at 432-5529 or leave a message at the Executive Offices (432-4236).

K. Graham Bowers

Housing and Transport Commissioner

Good day and welcome to episode one of the untamed hick. In today's episode we will be taking an in-depth look at the strange and mysterious world of the Clubs Commissioner. Our crew of dedicated professionals first caught up with the Clubs Commissioner in his natural habitat (office) at 271 SUB. It is on this location that he was studied. Our crew noticed several interesting things about the Clubs Commissioner while we were on location. In a nutshell, we have gathered that this grateful beast acts in a capacity as a liaison between the hundreds of Students' Union registered clubs and the Students' Union body. It would seem that in fulfilling this mandate, the Clubs Commissioner publishes a Clubs Newsletter each month, informing clubs of important finds. He is also responsible for producing a clubs list to be used by services and students and aid them in contacting these clubs. It was also documented that he attends council meetings, Administration Board meetings, and Building Services Board meetings in his effort to be informed as to Students' Union actions while acting as an information source to them. When called about the article (call 432-4166), the Clubs Commissioner was given an opportunity to comment, and we quote "Blah ack ack." Stay tuned next month for episode two—the mating habits of the Onryz saliva.

John Murphy

Clubs Commissioner

The question most commonly asked of me is where is the Exam Registry. The Exam Registry has moved from the second floor of SUB to the main floor of SUB, right across from the TRAVEL CUTS office. A close second is what does the Board of Governors do. I will try to explain briefly what the functions of the Board of Governors (B. of G.) are and what my role is on the Board.

The B. of G. was established by an act of Legislation called the University's Act. This act gives the B. of G. the general power to create regulations, as it sees fit, for the proper control and management of the University's land, buildings and resources. In making these policies, the Board is to show a commitment to the academic, financial, and social well-being of the University (specifically), and for advanced education (generally). Issues that will be discussed at the Board include new program initiatives, the University Budget Policy and actual budget, non-academic student fees, parking fees, and tuition fees.

The Board is composed of representatives from the community that the University serves: the public, the University administration, the alumni, the students, the Senate, and the Academic Staff. Most of the Board's members are appointed by an order-in-council (i.e. the Provincial Cabinet), with the exception of the President and Chancellor.

My role, as your representative, is to represent the interests of undergraduate students at the Board that is, when presented issues that will affect the student body. I am to articulate the concerns of students in regard to the effect the policy will have on us. As a practice, I try to present some viable alternatives if the issue at hand will have negative effects on students.

My office is located at 244 SUB and you can call me at 432-2537. If you have any concerns, please contact me.

David Oginski

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CJSR

CJSR - What's It All About?
CJSR - a campus-community radio station serving both the University of Alberta and the Edmonton area at 88.5 on the FM Dial and at 104.7 on the AM. We play alternative music and much more!

You want a forum for your views, come see us in Rm. 244 SUB.

Of course, we don't exactly exist on nothing. The Students' Union and the Board of Governors chip in lots but CJSR has to chip in for its fuel too!

So every year we have an On-Air Fund-Drive to help support ourselves.

Housing Registry

The Housing Registry is a student service aimed at aiding students find adequate and affordable accommodations. To this end, the Housing Registry provides a list of available accommodations and updates this listing weekly. We carry lists of Houses, Apartments, Basement Suites, and Rooms.

In addition to this, we act as a general clearinghouse of housing information — everything from how to look to what your rights as a tenant are. If you have a question or concern, come see us. We'll help.

The Housing Registry - Rm 143 SUB - Hours Posted.

Information Service

Awgh! What do I do now?
If you don't know where to go or what to do come visit. Buster Friendly, or any one of our helpful staff, at our booths in SUB, HUB, CAB and Faculte St. Jean. We can provide you with information on the University, the Students' Union, the city, entertainment, and just about anything else. And if you need tickets to Rocky Horror, or any other S.U. event, we can sell you some.

Don't be shy. We're here to help.
Hours: CAB, SUB, HUB 9-5 M-F, 11-3 Sat.
Faculte - hours posted.

Telephone Devices for the Deaf are also available for use at HUB & SUB locations.

Student Help

Are things getting you down?
Need someone to talk to?

Student Help is a volunteer organization providing informal, confidential service.

Since 1969, it has been an open, friendly place to come in and talk, and offers an information and crisis intervention service. Student Help's basic approach to dealing with problems is to help students explore alternatives and arrive at their own solutions on anything from academic worries to extreme personal stress.

Student Help is a student organization of the students for the students. Problems dealt with are often those which volunteers have experienced themselves. When you come to Help you are dealing with equals, who as volunteers are showing they care.

Open Weekdays 8 am-11 pm
Open Weekends 5 pm-11 pm
Located in room 250 SUB. Telephone number is 432-4266.

Ombuds Service

Need Help? Consult the Ombudsman.

If you require information or assistance or appealing a grade, academic decision, or admission decision

if you feel that you have been unfairly treated or discriminated against by a University or Students Union employee.

If you require information on the writing competence test or assistance in preparing a W.C.T. petition.

If you are unsure about which University policies, procedures, or regulations apply to you situation.

If you want advice on any other University-related matter.

The ombudsmen are Shannon Wilson (M W 1-4) 8-11 and Dale Jacobs (M W 10-12, T R 2-4). They are located in Room 278 SUB and the 24 hour telephone number is 432-4689. If you are unable to meet during these times, please leave a message to set a convenient time.