

# Newsletter debuts

by Neal Watson

The SU newsletter is coming your way.

Students' Council voted last night to allocate \$2,000 to publish five issues of a newsletter starting this month.

Five thousand copies of the newsletter will be published by the executive committee of council November, January, February, March and April.

"The newsletter will be a bridge between the student executive and the student body," said VP External Paul Alpern.

The newsletter will promote students' union services and communicate the activities of the SU, said Alpern.

Several councillors objected to the proposal on the basis the newsletter would be a personal forum for the executive members.

"My concern is how objective would these reports be," said Arts rep. Todd Rutter.

Science rep. Brinton McLaughlan requested council "get a look at the newsletter before it goes out."

"It could really be abused," said McLaughlan. "It could be used for Executive's personal opinions."

But Alpern objected: "It won't be propaganda. It won't be a forum for the expression of individual executive's point of view."

"The issue is communication. I can't see how councillors are opposed to communication."

Council also moved to direct SU Business Manager Tom Wright to investigate a proposal to consider locating an A&W food outlet in SUB.

Arts councillor Rob Lunney asked if the university would allow SUB to compete with the Subway food

outlet.

Responding, Wright said: "I don't think it's fair of them (the university) to say we can't rent out to other merchants."

Housing and Transport Commissioner Grant Borbridge supported the proposal. "I personally would welcome anyone that would force

better food prices from food services."

Council also passed a motion to remove the BASS ticket outlet from the second floor location in SUB to the building's main floor.

Five hundred dollars was also allocated to be sent to OXFAM to assist in the Ethiopian relief efforts.

## Gauntlet attacked

**CALGARY (CUP)** —The Gauntlet, the University of Calgary's student newspaper, is facing a petition bid to have student council manage the newspaper's finances.

The petition to hold a referendum on assigning "financial and administrative responsibility of the Gauntlet Publications society (GPS) to the Students' Union to ensure fiscal management," was started by Deirdre Wall, GFS board member and SU programs vice-president, and Don Kozak, SU external commissioner.

Wall started the petition because the GPS would not allow the publications board to discuss putting Gauntlet finances under council control. The petition will perhaps force the issue, she said.

But Gauntlet staff members are not worried about the move.

"We're confident of our support on campus," said Stephen Downes, Gauntlet co-editor. "For the moment all we're going to do is cover it (the campaign) as a news story, but we're more than ready to fight a referendum if we have to."

The Gauntlet requested October 23 that Wall resign from the GPS board, after passing a motion of

non-confidence against her.

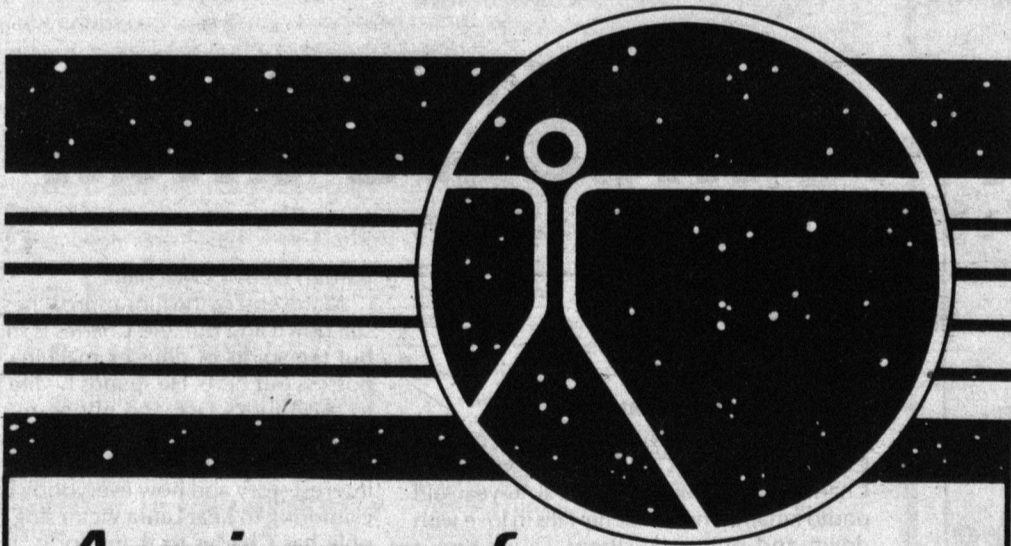
Wall says she favours SU management of Gauntlet finances, but not SU control of the paper.

"Although the SU doesn't particularly want to control Gauntlet money, it would benefit the paper," she said.

"There's absolutely no proof that it (council control) would benefit the paper," Downes said. "The SU has seen the collapse of a number of its businesses recently. On the other hand the Gauntlet has been autonomous for six years now and we haven't collapsed. We had a deficit situation and we've recovered from it. We've taken steps to indicate that we're financially responsible."

Downes feels relations between the paper and council are "better this year although we've run quite a few stories critical of their budget. The libel suit had strained relations somewhat."

Last year's SU president Dave Singleton sued The Gauntlet for libel over an article and graphic printed last October. The Gauntlet settled for a \$2,000 out-of-court payment.



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