

Man in Motion slighted in Winnipeg

by Sherri Ritchie

The halls of the University of Manitoba are alive with conflict. The campus newspaper, *The Manitoban*, and its governing board, the Manitoban Operations Committee, have locked horns over the front page photo of the January 22 issue of the paper. The photo is that of Rick Hansen, and the controversy is the result of the caption under the photo: "Hansen, fuck, on the cover again."

Michael Malegun, Administration Archives Editor, explained the situation. "We had run a cover picture of Rick Hansen in the Monday issue. There was a disagreement among the editorial staff whether to run another cover photo on Wednesday. Late that production

night we had a meeting regarding the photo and the vote was to run it."

The three editors deemed responsible for the line are John Enger, Richard Boulet, and Malegun himself. Where Enger actually inserted the caption, Malegun and Boulet were responsible for checking the flats before they went to the printer.

"It's not that we missed it (the caption)," said Malegun, "we just didn't realize the kind of reaction it would get."

"There was a large reaction within two hours of release," said Alan Coutanen, Director of Communications of the U of M Students' Union. "Students gathered in the SU office; advertisers phoned in saying they weren't going to pay,

and one in particular cancelled sponsorship."

Soon after, the MOC held a grievance hearing, where nearly 200 concerned people showed up. The decision the MOC reached was to fire two of the three editors held responsible, and to suspend the other for two weeks without pay.

Later that day the staff of the *Manitoban* held a meeting where they decided the MOC did not have the jurisdiction to fire the staff of the paper, and only the *Manitoban* had the right to discipline its staff. They did not honor the MOC's decision and suspended the three editors in question for two weeks without pay.

Now the question arises, how can such a stalemate occur between

an organization and its governing board? Coutanen explained, "There are definite holes in the bylaws (governing the MOC and the *Manitoban*). It is my belief that the intent of the MOC was always to have that power (to fire). Unfortu-

nately the bylaws do not cover this situation."

Said Malegun, "The MOC's decision will go to UMSU council on Tuesday (Feb. 3). We're trying to lobby members to vote against the decision."

It's nice that there are things in this world that can eat us...



...it keeps us from getting too cocky.
Gary Larson

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PLATO will stay another year, ISG staff to be slashed

by Greg Halinda

The PLATO computer service will educate students for one more year at the U of A. User facilities have chipped in \$270 thousand to keep the system running until March 1988, but most PLATO consulting staff will be laid off for the duration.

No further program development will take place for PLATO, and faculties who didn't contribute to keep PLATO alive will lose the service.

Last week the head of Information Systems, John Tartar, announced PLATO's fate. This was after faculties using PLATO asked for an indication of what they could

supply from their budgets to maintain PLATO.

Previously, these faculties received PLATO time free of charge. PLATO relied on revenues generated by off-campus subscribers like the Edmonton Police Department, to fund it.

These revenues have proven inadequate for five of PLATO's six years of operation so the campus users are being asked to pick up the slack.

Michael Szabo, manager of the Instructional Systems Group, says these users aren't aware they will be without support for the next year.

Szabo expects 15 of his consul-

ants will be laid off soon. The university is still working out the details of this, and Szabo feels most of them will find work in other areas of the university. "...they (administration) are freezing some positions until this clears up," he said.

John Tartar thinks there are enough consultants with PLATO expertise among the user faculties to alleviate the lack of ISG support. "I wouldn't say there will be a drop in technical services," he said.

ISG has only been able to afford minimal support for on-campus users of PLATO for the last couple of years anyway. ISG consultants have been spending the bulk of their time doing contract work for outside (paying) subscribers.

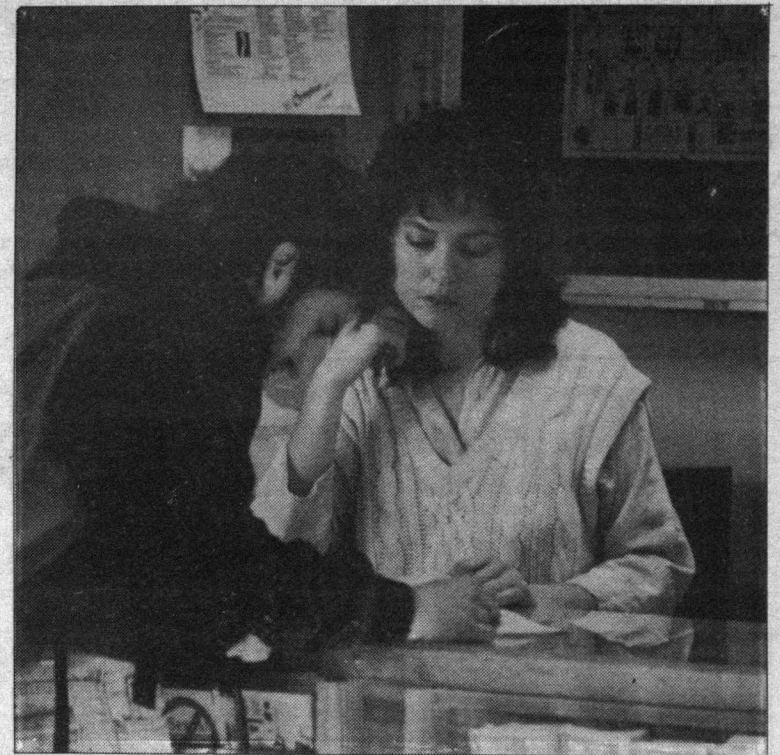
Faculties who want to maintain some degree of computer-assisted instruction in their programs will have to search for a new means of delivery.

lot of work into developing PLATO programs," said Betty Crown from the faculty of Home Economics. "The university is going to have to give us help to change to whatever courseware is needed."

PLATO is currently used by the faculties of Arts, Dentistry, Education, St-Jean, Home Economics, Medicine, Nursing, and Science.

They will look toward microcomputers and computer workstations, which have superceded systems like PLATO. PLATO is now an obsolete technology due to the increasing power and decreasing cost of small computer workstations.

Users with a large investment in PLATO will need help converting to a new environment. "We put a



A day in the life...at SUB info booth.

Ottawa presents: Challenge '87

by Cam McCulloch

Already worried about finding a job this summer to pay for next year's tuition?

Instead of working at Mel's greasy spoon you might want a job that fits into your future career plans.

Well take heart. The federal government is spending \$180 million to help keep Canada's students employed this summer. The program, called Challenge '87, is designed to not merely create summer employment for students, but to give them as much practical experience as possible to prepare them for the job market after graduation.

Challenge '87 will provide \$127 million through the Summer Employment/Experience Development (SEED) program. SEED will emphasize work experience related to students' fields of study and career goals.

As well, it will provide jobs for younger students which give them valuable work experience.

Besides creating jobs, Challenge '87 encourages students to test their entrepreneurial skills in creating their own jobs.

The federal program will provide student business loans allowing students to manage and operate small businesses.

Challenge '87 also includes a Native Internship program which is designed to increase summer employment opportunities for Native Students.

A portion of the \$180 million total budget will be spent on a media campaign aimed at encouraging leading corporations and businesses to hire students for the summer.

As well, unlike the cutbacks in the provincial government, federal departments and agencies are being asked to create career-related summer jobs for students.

Application forms are now available at Canada Employment Centres (420-2207) and will be available soon at the Employment Centre on Campus in SUB (432-4291).



The oft-heard-of yet little seen PLATO terminal.

photo Keith Zukiwski

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