

The Gateway



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Business students win

by **L. Robertson**

The judging is over at the 1988 Inter-Collegiate Business Competition, and once again the University of Alberta has performed well.

Queen's University in Kingston celebrated the tenth anniversary of the annual event by hosting teams of business students from across the country in a competition designed to test both practical skills and creativity.

The four-day schedule, Jan. 14 to

17, encompassed final judging for the six events of the competition: Business Policy, Labour Arbitration, Accounting, Marketing, Debating, and The Business Game.

The Faculty of Business at the U of A sent four teams to the competition, qualifying in all areas except Marketing and Business Policy.

Alberta tied for first with the University of Calgary in the Labour Arbitration competition. Labour Arbitration representatives for the U of A were James Baird and Todd Reed. Also attending the competition for the U of A were: Accounting — Don Sager, Malcolm Jones; Debating — Randy Otto, Eugene Czuczman; Business Game — Nyles Shaven, Jeff Thronson, and Sergio Valacco.

Although the competition was fierce and demanding, the schedule allowed time for social events. As ICBC chairman David Prowten observed, "The competition is not only an opportunity to test one's skills against Canada's future executives, but also to share ideas and create lasting friendships."

The U of A students took full advantage of the extracurricular events, to become known as "the party university."

"We kept an open room, so to speak," said Accounting representative Malcolm Jones. "Despite arriving almost a day late (due to flight rescheduling), we had a lot of fun."

Other universities competing in the competition this year included Carleton, Lakehead, McGill, Memorial, Mt. Allison, New Brunswick, Queen's, Regina, Ryerson, Saskatchewan, Windsor, and UBC.



The new old Arts Building — after renovations, better than 1914.

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SU budget picture brighter

by **Roberta Franchuk**

The Students' Union is in a "great financial position, and it's getting better all the time," said VP Finance Steve Twible.

The 1987/88 operating budget for the Students' Union was passed by Students' Council on Dec. 8. It showed an operational surplus for the year of \$21,491.

This money will join the \$1.6 million the SU already has invested in savings accounts, investment certificates, and bonds. Other assets include the equity in the Students' Union Building and in the various types of equipment and inventory owned by the SU.

"We're in a position now to do things we couldn't think of doing three years ago," Twible said. "We can spend money on 'frills,' like the info booths."

The total operating revenue for the SU is over 5.3 million dollars. This includes student fees, rent from SU businesses, and revenue from alcohol, food and ticket sales. Much of this money is being put back into services, said Twible, including Student Help, Student Orientation Services, the Gateway and Information Services. Money for renovations to L'Express and for the opening of Dewey's Deli was also provided.

Profits were up at most Students' Union businesses. However, SU Records made just over \$6000, less than half of what it brought in last year. Dewey's made the same amount of money as last year, said Twible, mainly because the Deli is still ironing out its start-up problems.

Business is up in RATT, partly because of the presence of a Capella Pizza which keeps the dinner-time crowd, but mostly, said Twible, because of a large increase in the number of patrons.

These patrons, however, seem to be drinking less than in past years. "Volume is up, but consumption (per person) is down," noted Twible.

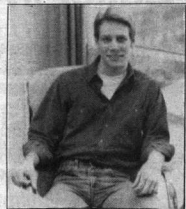
Less money is being distributed by Students' Council as grants to clubs and organizations both on and off campus. Grants by such funding boards as the Administration Board and the Eugene Brody Board are also down, noted Twible.

"Administration Board budgeted for \$51,000 (as grant funding), but we couldn't give it away," he said. "Either the clubs are becoming more financially responsible... or people just don't know the money is there." The final grant budget for Admin. Board is just over \$37,000.

One of the largest grants the SU made was for \$56,000 to the University's Career and Placement Services (CAPS) to help finance their resume and job search workshops. By April, the number of people taking the workshops will have doubled from last year due to the expanded pro-

gram, said Twible.

The SU's investments are less of a worry, now that the bond fund has been sold. The \$650,000 that had been invested in London Life Mutual Bonds at \$77 per share was partially recovered when on January 14 the fund was sold at \$75.50 per share, for a loss of about \$24,000. Council had been hoping that the fund would reach the break even point, but after several months of waiting decided to pull the money out and invest it in a more secure area. The money is now in government security bills, said Twible.



VP Finance Steve Twible

photo Brian Gardner

while the Students' Union investigates the rates of interest on various types of investments.

The SU's financial picture on the whole is brighter this year than it has been in a long time, says Twible. "Six years ago we were one million dollars in the hole. The government stepped in and told the University that if we didn't stop we'd have to go into receivership."

New accounting procedures to keep more accurate track of where money was actually going, new business management, and tighter administration costs helped to bring the budget into line. Now, said Twible, "it's time to start looking into the future."

Access to power must be confined to men who are not in love with it.
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New course drop policy

by **Boris Zvonkovic**

Students should take note of a new University policy that allows them to "re-register no more than once, without their Faculty's permission, in a course that they have previously failed or withdrawn from."

This new policy was passed by the Executive Committee of the General Faculties Council, the highest academic governing body at the

University, at a meeting on Oct. 19, 1987 and takes effect immediately.

The recommendation to institute the new policy came from the Registrar's Advisory Committee shortly after another recommendation, to move up the withdrawal date, was defeated in Sept., 1987.

The new policy, as Brian Silzer, U of A Registrar explains, "is an attempt to address abuses of withdrawal privileges. There are a considerable

number of students repeating courses on an extensive basis, resulting in unequal competition between students in individual courses, as well as making access to courses difficult."

Under this new policy, when a student has withdrawn from, or failed a particular course twice, they have "exhausted their attempts" at gaining credit for that course. They may be permitted, through the telephone registration system, to register in the same course a third time, but on review of the student's record at a later date, they will not receive credit for this course. As Silzer states, "it is each student's responsibility to be aware of University policy and to keep track of their individual record with an annual review."

This policy, as with most University regulations, does take special or extenuating circumstances into account, and the final decision as to whether a student can take a course over a third time rests with the Dean of the Faculty.

Dale Nagel, S.U. VP Academic, who sits on GFC, stated this new policy "is still not really screwing students because they still have that one chance to retake a course."



The scramble to drop a course — now you only get two chances.

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