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## SU Records scratched

by Jeff Cowley

SU Records will be sold, Students' Council decided Tuesday.

Considered a "failed business operation" by many Students' Union executives, the popular HUB Mall record store's profits have been sliding in recent years.

The shop's lease in the mall is also due to expire. Mall developers plan to move SU Records to another location to make room for a student lounge, said SU president Paul LaGrange.

"We have to look to the long term investment possibilities," said SU VP External David Tupper. "If we elect to wait to sell, students' money will go down the tubes."

According to SU figures, one-time million-dollar record sales have nose-dived to the point where the store is operating on a deficit. "Gross sales have been going down almost \$10,000 a year for the last three or four years," said former VP Finance Steve Twible. SU Records lost close to \$7,000 last year.

"The record store is a retail operation. It is consistent with our philosophy to see that our retail operations make money," said Tupper.

"We had been kicking around the idea of selling off SU Records for about three years," said

Twible, adding that "having the lease expire tipped the scales."

With the mall renovations, the SU executive are faced with the gamble of moving to another, possibly smaller, location which would "jeopardize the format of the store," said SU VP Finance Chris Welsh. "There is the potential for HUB management to put us in a place where we would have 65 percent less space — we would have to cut off a lot of what SU Records sell."

According to Welsh, the SU would also have to put up an estimated \$30,000 to pay for renovations in accord with a new lease agreement and with HUB Mall's new "dress code". Renovations require tenants to conform with HUB's aesthetic standards.

During the heated debate over the future of SU Records, council members discussed alternatives to selling the store, such as dropping the HUB lease and moving the store to another location on campus.

Other members argued that the SU should hold on to the lease and devote the space to student service operations such as an exam registry or a book exchange.

Selling the store is "a grave error — not only for the city in large, but for the university community," said Taras Ostashevsky,



Taras Ostashevsky, manager of SU Records, wants to preserve the uniqueness of the University record store. Students' Council has put the store up for sale.

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who has managed SU Records, for six years.

"They are going to lose the uniqueness of the University record store by selling it off to a store that is only interested in selling top 40."

According to Ostashevsky, commercial companies such as Discus Records have already approached the SU.

SU Records has been on the U of A campus for 15 years.

## Scroll rolling from Lethbridge

by Jo Ann Hill

The Scroll Campaign, a new program to inform the public about problems caused by cut-backs in education funding, was officially kicked-off in Lethbridge last week, and is making its way to Calgary and Edmonton.

According to David Tupper, SU VP External, "Lethbridge has had the scroll for one week and has received quite a positive response." He added, "the cam-

paign has generated lots of enthusiasm. During this first week they have received 1100 signatures, which is 50 percent of their student population."

The campaign will kick off in Calgary on Tuesday with a press conference.

Tupper also noted, "Calgary hopes to have at least a third of their student population sign the petition."

The scroll does not reach Ed-

monton until October 17.

The U of A organizers are in the process of taking applications for the 41 paid positions available. "If you don't know the issues, don't worry," said Sherri Ritchie, Scroll Campaign Coordinator, adding, "we are just looking for concerned people who care." There will also be a training session for the hired staff on October 11.

Ritchie plans to have tables set up in HUB, SUB, and CAB. "Hopefully we will have two people per table discussing the issues with students and non-students. We also hope to hit a large percentage of the classrooms during the first 10 minutes of classtime," said Ritchie.

The response from many U of A departments has been "very positive," said Ritchie. "It is very encouraging."

Ritchie also reported that \$2.3-million had been given to the University, but it did not help very much. "All that money did was cover part of the deficit... conditions haven't changed on campus," she said, adding "it is the same for Lethbridge and Calgary."

The scroll will be at the U of A for two weeks and then it will be presented to the Minister of Advanced Education.



Zelda the transvestite plants a wet one on Dave Tupper, VP External, who celebrated his twentieth birthday at council Tuesday.

Rob Galbraith

## Food price reforms

by Gateway staff

After negotiating with University housing residents and Students' Union last week, Housing and Food Services will be decreasing some food prices in University cafeterias.

Hot breakfasts will also be reinstalled in Lister cafeteria. Following budget restrictions, breakfasts were dropped from Lister's menu earlier this fall.

The food price reforms drew mixed reactions from student resident associations.

"We are pleased that Housing and Foods are doing something about the problem, but we are not totally satisfied," said Larry Anderson, director of the Pembina Hall Student Association.

Although a specific price decrease policy has not been settled on yet, Housing and Food director David Bruch said, "many of the food prices will definitely be decreased." Bruch is scheduled to meet with Lister and Pembina residents this week to negotiate the decreases.

According to Bruch, Housing and Food reversed their position on the price increase because of "adverse student reactions".

Housing and Food Services raised food prices on campus cafeterias in August. The price jump triggered protests from Lister and Pembina Hall residents, who rely primarily on Housing and Food cafeterias for meals.

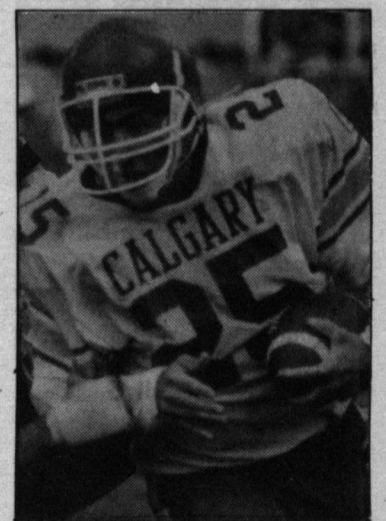
Residents circulated petitions to protest the food increases. A postcard campaign complaining to President Horowitz was initiated this week by Students' Union.

In response, Housing and Food Services, who feel a "prime mandate to serve students," will defin-

itely lower prices, said Bruch.

Important nutritional items such as milk, bread and main entrees, are included in the food price reform, said Aruna D'Souza, SU housing and transport commissioner.

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