



A beautiful day and a great start to the football season. The Golden Bears beat the Manitoba Bisons 26-14 Saturday in their first home game of the season. See page 20 for details.

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SU adopts Vietnamese family

by Portia Priegert

The Students' Union campaign to raise money to adopt a Indo-Chinese boat family gets underway this week.

And if all goes well, Tema Frank, SU vp external and campaign organizer, hopes the family will be here in early 1980.

The student council motion to sponsor a four-member Vietnamese family passed 10-2, with one abstention at the August 28 meeting after some debate, asks for student contributions and specifies that the SU will match all donations dollar-for-dollar.

The SU will also grant any funds in excess of this amount to meet its financial obligations to the family — an obligation which could run as high as \$10,000, according to Canadian immigration officials.

That means that if students donate \$2,000, the SU will add another \$2,000 and then at least \$6,000 more — a total of \$8,000

in all.

But Frank says the SU will have no difficulty in providing this money and says that the amount needed may be lower than \$10,000 if the family becomes self-sufficient in less than a year.

She says she thinks that student support will be good and she doesn't think the SU will have to reconsider the motion. "It's very possible that we will raise \$5,000," she adds. "I've already had numerous people express interest in helping out."

The boat people issue was first raised at the August 14 meeting of Student Council in response to a letter from last year's vp external Steve Kushner. Kushner urged council to take "appropriate and sympathetic action" towards the adoption of a Vietnamese family.

The family the SU adopts will not be counted in the Canadian immigration quota of 50,000 people. The number of refugees admitted into Canada is

thus being increased.

The original August 14 motion, which was not passed, called for the SU to completely fund the family.

According to Frank, the motion was rejected because of concerns over the amount of money the SU would use and the lack of direct student involvement which could lead to a negative feeling in the student body.

VP academic Chanchal Bhattacharya, who abstained on the final motion, says that other objections included the desirability of spending the

money on better services for students and the questionable moral value of adopting a family.

Brian Mason, science proxy for Steve Cumming and vocal objector to the motion, says the SU is jumping on the bandwagon by adopting a boat family. He says it would be far more effective to take a position on the issue and pressure the American and Canadian governments or to educate students about the problem.

Frank, however, disagrees. She says her prime motivation in adopting the boat family was "hearing about people dying and

knowing there was something concrete I could do."

She also thinks it will help improve relations with the public because "many people think all students care about is themselves."

"We will receive some flak from various people on campus, but the general reaction has been favorable," she says.

The signing of the legally binding adoption papers will be delayed until more is known about the success of the fund-raising campaign, which ends December 31.

Finance vp resigns

by Lucinda Chodan

"This letter is intended to be accepted as formal notice of resignation from my position as Vice-President (Finance and Administration) of the Students' Union."

With these words, Kyle Peterson left student council July 3.

His resignation followed more than a month of controversy, which culminated in a student council expression of non-confidence in him June 26.

Peterson had violated the SU constitution, which specifies that members of student council executive "shall work full-time for the Students' Union during the summer of (their) summer." Peterson was employed full-time as a systems engineer with IBM and maintained SU office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Kyle Peterson

He had also announced his intention to be absent from his office for three weeks in August.

The conflict began in mid-May, when SU president Dean Olmstead informed Peterson that he was constitutionally required to work full-time as a member of the SU executive.

The storm broke in early June.

Student councillor Steve Cumming announced that he would institute non-confidence proceedings if Peterson did not resign from one of his jobs. Peterson responded that he was unable to live on the vice-president's salary of \$450 per month and would continue to draw his \$800 per month salary at IBM.

He also indicated he would introduce a motion to student

It's tough at the top

You're feeling really sorry for yourself right now, aren't you? You've stood in line-ups for registration, are about to spend hours and dollars in the bookstore, and all your profs have assigned 973 pages for tomorrow.

Well, your problems are nothing when compared to the dilemma Students' Union president Dean Olmstead faces in the next few days. You see, the new university president, Myer Horowitz, will be installed at a

ceremony Thursday evening, and naturally Olmstead will be expected to represent the students there.

However, the unfortunate president (SU president, that is) has tickets for the ABBA concert that evening.

The decision has proven too much for Olmstead, who has been bedridden since Dr. Horowitz's invitation arrived. He is sitting up now, and it is expected that he will be taking a little nourishment any day now.

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