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...and I don't like what I know.  
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*Exec. to quit if Council balks*

## SU Manager bites the dust

by Peter Michalyszyn

Students' Union General Manager George Ivanisko has been fired by SU President Phil Soper and his executive.

Tonight, Students' Council will be asked to ratify Ivanisko's dismissal. Soper says his executive's resignation is on the line if Council fails to approve the following motion: "MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the Executive Committee's decision to terminate the employment of probationary employee George Ivanisko."

Ivanisko would not comment until after tonight's meeting at in Council chambers debate over the firing will be held in closed session.

Soper said only of the firing that the executive felt it was acting in the best interests of both the Students' Union and Ivanisko.

Speculation is rampant that the executive and several senior SU managers had irreconcilable differences with Ivanisko, and that internal problems would eventually have caused some action.

Having consulted lawyers, the executive does not anticipate legal complications. Ivanisko was hired September 8, 1981, and was only four months into a six month probationary period. He demanded his paycheck yesterday before leaving the Students' Union offices. Soper says the general manager was paid a "substantial" salary.

Ivanisko is the second Students' Union general manager to be fired by students in a year. Last March, Nolan Astley and his executive recommended to Council that the contract of Bert Best not be ratified. Council approved and Best was dismissed, but he has

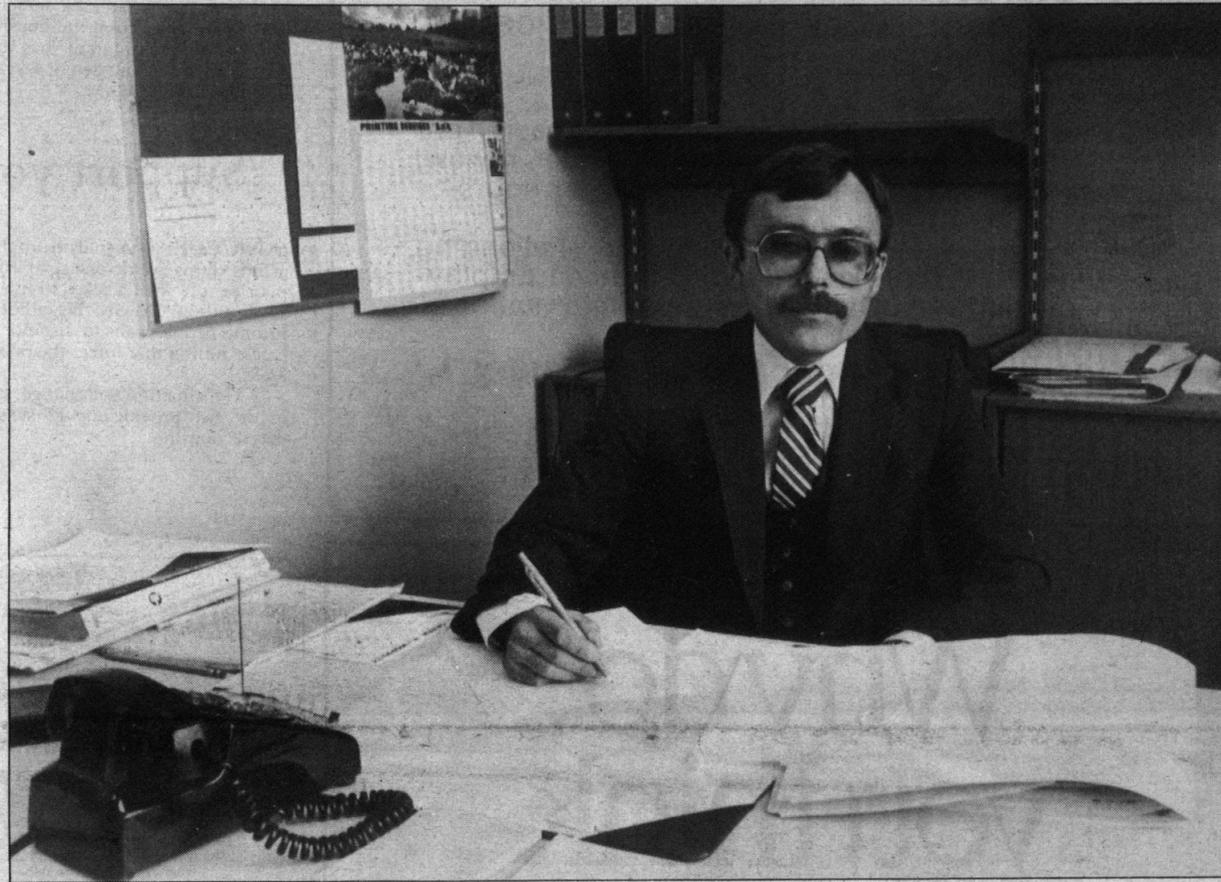


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SU general manager George Ivanisko left his office yesterday with what could be his final paycheck. He will plead his case against

since launched legal action against the Students' Union.

The university, which has bankrolled the Students' Union through its million dollar debt, has no official stand on Ivanisko's

firing. However, Dave Norwood from the office of vice-president finance and administration says he is wary of anything that could set back financial recovery of the student-run organization.

dismissal at Students' Council tonight. Student reps will be asked to fire the second SU general manager in less than one year.

The SU books show a surplus of some \$300,000 to date. However, after April and into the slow summer months the debt is likely to build up.

In the meantime, the

Students' Union will be without a general manager. Ivanisko's duties will be assumed by SU V.P. Finance and Administration Elise Gaudet, Phil Soper, and senior managers in the SU organization.

## Canadian professors in short supply

**TORONTO (CUP)** — Shortages of qualified Canadian professors in some disciplines have forced employment and immigration minister Lloyd Axworthy to reconsider his Canadians-first hiring rule for university teaching posts.

A study released recently by Statistics Canada points to shortages of PhDs, in some areas, that have left universities no choice but to hire outside the country.

According to the report, 84 per cent of university teaching appointments in the last five years went to Canadians, or long-time residents. But the statistic doesn't highlight the lack of qualified Canadian professors in management studies, computer science, engineering and fine arts.

The minister has already freed business schools from the requirement that all Canadian applicants must be rejected before foreign academics are considered, and Axworthy is considering exempting nursing, computer science, engineering and other faculties as well.

"Finding Canadians jobs is not the most important thing

about a university," said a petition circulated by professors at the University of British Columbia, this fall. The petition attacked the Axworthy policy and demanded it be retracted.

At the University of Toronto, vice-president and provost David Strangway announced this fall that the university would defy the regulations.

The Stats Can report says that 74 per cent of all professors were either Canadian citizens or landed immigrants in 1977-78. Since the great majority of new appointments have gone to Canadians, the total percentage of Canadian professors is rising.

Axworthy's office would not comment on the need for the regulations when the Canadianization of university profs is proceeding at a significant rate, according to Stats Can figures.

Richard Bellaire, researcher with the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), said Canada's shortage of sufficient PhDs in some disciplines is "obviously a question of financing."

He said Canadian universities will need more funding and more modern equipment to attract qualified people away from industry and into the classrooms. He also said universities will have to meet the standards of research done in other countries in order to retain qualified Canadian academics.

"Our general policy is that Canadians should be given first priority," said Bellaire. But until Ottawa backs up its commitment to the hiring of Canadians with the necessary funds, he said, such

policies will be difficult to follow.

Axworthy's rules place Canadian universities at a "severe disadvantage" in competitive bidding for foreign profs, said Bellaire. The new rules introduce an unusually long lag time in foreign hiring, meaning professors outside the country usually have other job offers by the time Canadian institutions can get around to officially offering a post internationally.

"This whole thing is really unjust to young people," said Robin Matthews, a Carleton University professor who was active against the Americanization of universities in the early 1970s.

"How long will Canada keep saying 'We don't produce business managers?'" asked Matthews, commenting on the fact that Canada produces only 10 PhDs in management studies each year. He demanded that less be spent on fighter planes and more on the education of Canadian youth.

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