

Stamp suggests rebate

# SU surplus expected

by Gilbert Bouchard and Suzette C. Chan

The Students' Union may record a surplus this year and VP Internal Gord Stamp is supporting a plan to give students a rebate on SU fees.

At an SU Executive meeting Tuesday, a report showing a surplus of \$127,843 was discussed.

The report was prepared by SU Business Manager Tom Wright and SU Finance Manager Ryan Beebe at the request of the Executive.

"They asked us to prepare a report based on our preliminary budget," says Beebe. "They wanted to know how much a possible surplus would be, if we could cut back (the SU fee), and how much we could cut back without going back into the red."

Beebe says the last time the SU did not show a loss was in 1979. The debt crisis reached its peak in 1982, when the SU ran up a debt of \$300,000.

Although the surplus is just speculation, Beebe says: "Barring unforeseen circumstances, I think it's highly likely."

By "unforeseen circumstances", Beebe meant "huge legal battles, or, for example the theatre lost \$150,000 against a \$20,000 budget."

He says the SU will have a better idea of how realistic the projection is by December or January when the budget is finalized.

But VP Internal Gord Stamp wants to promise a rebate to students now.

"I'm totally against waiting," he

said. Stamp wants Students' Council to approve immediately a \$5 cut in next year's SU fee. The fee this year was \$55.55.

Other Executive members disagree.

"At this time, it would be totally irresponsible to reduce the fees," said SU President Floyd Hodgins.

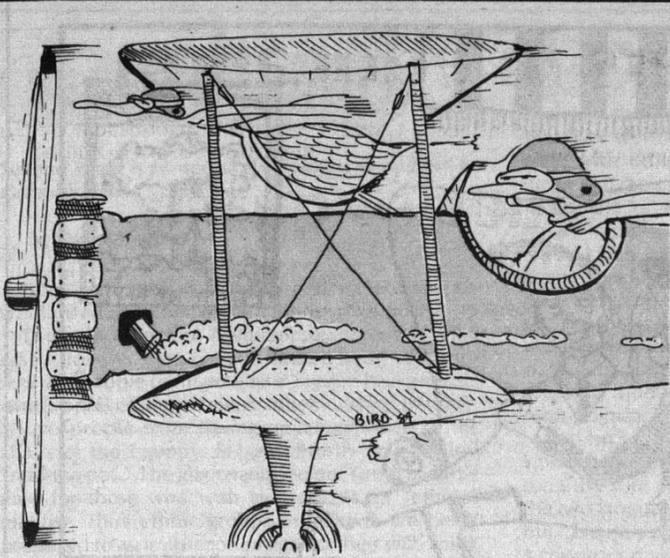
VP External Paul Alpern said, "I can't make a decision now, but I think we should wait until March (the end of the current fiscal year)."

VP Finance Christine Ens agrees with Beebe's suggestion to hold off until "we know we have money in

the bank."

Beebe says the SU needs the money to maintain itself over the summer months. He says the SU has always had to borrow money from the University between May and October, when little revenue from fees or business come in.

He also said the SU is behind on its payments to the SUB building reserve. The SU is required by its constitution to set aside \$150,000 each year for the reserve. Beebe says "I can't remember the last time we've put money in the reserve."



## Club off the ground

by Neal Watson

The University Flying Club may have the bargain of the year with their ground school offer for students.

Ed Cremer, the President of the Flying Club, says his club is offering a ground school course intended for the person who has never had an opportunity to pursue flying. "The course is very good as an introduction to flying," said Cremer.

The course runs throughout the school year and costs students \$35. Cremer said similar courses off campus would cost over \$200.

The course has been approved by the Ministry of Transport and is a good first step toward obtaining a

flying license.

Included in the Flying Club's program for the year are tours of the control towers and radar facilities at the international airport, guest speakers from the world of aviation "fly-ins" to Jasper and the Cold Lake airstrip. The Jasper excursion is tentatively set for the week-end of October 27-28.

Cremer added the fly-ins are a good opportunity for members to become acquainted with flying and practice newly-attained navigation skills.

The Flying Club's first meeting of the year — and registration for the ground school course — is Thursday, October 4 at 7:30 pm in room 269 CAB.

## Yard Apes



by Hans Beckers

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