

# THE SU DEBT—SPECIAL REPORT

*Ivanisko feels committed*

## Problem solvable

by Wes Oginski

"I want to work with the people on campus," says George Ivanisko, the new business manager for the Students' Union.

"I feel committed and feel it is solvable (the debt problems) within our own ranks," he adds.

Ivanisko has stepped into the portfolio left vacant by the controversial firing of Bert Best and the recent resignation of Glyden Headley.

"I bring to this position education administration and financial administration experience," he says.

Ivanisko spent almost 20 years as an education administrator in five provinces with the public school system. He also spent six years as a national sales manager in Scarborough, Ontario.

"I think that this (combination of experience) is what the job needs."

There are a number of ways the SU could improve, according to Ivanisko.

"I would say it is important to set up a structure in the Students' Union that does not have to rely on personalities," he says.

He refers to possible clashes between elected executive members of the SU and paid senior officials. Problems usually arise when the definition of each official's job is not clearly laid out, and must be interpreted by each succeeding executive.

With a detailed corporate structure, Ivanisko says such problems can be avoided. The problem can also be complicated by a high turn over in the paid personnel. A corporate structure would also avoid problems of the definition of duties with new personnel, says Ivanisko.

He also says that internal changes in the SU are necessary if future problems, like the current debt, are to be avoided.

"They (SU) have to create political continuity," he says.

He explains that political

continuity could be achieved if executive members stayed for more than a one year term. This could create a stability to circumvent the awkward entrance of new inexperienced executives.

"A change must also be made for the service managers to operate in a business sense," he says.

Problems arise in that some of the SU managers must have all decisions ratified by the council or executive. Even small decisions are handled this way. If the SU supports these decisions it creates greater confidence and efficiency.

Another issue the SU must consider is their approach to student services and finances.

"I would recommend that the SU address the debt with a strong fiscal method," he says. "They have to recognize that there is a debt and realize it has to be paid without incurring further debts."

The university must also recognize the SU as a fiscal entity. "They (SU) will have to operate fiscally responsibly. The university must treat them in a fiscal manner."

Ivanisko says a detailed review should be done on all SU services.

"Maybe there are things we are doing that are too costly and there may be things that we aren't doing that we should," he says.

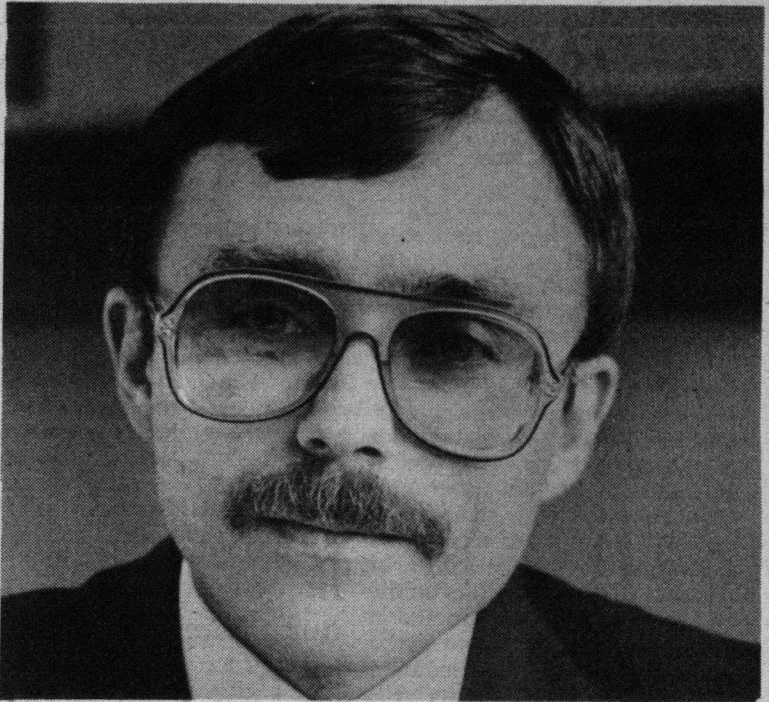
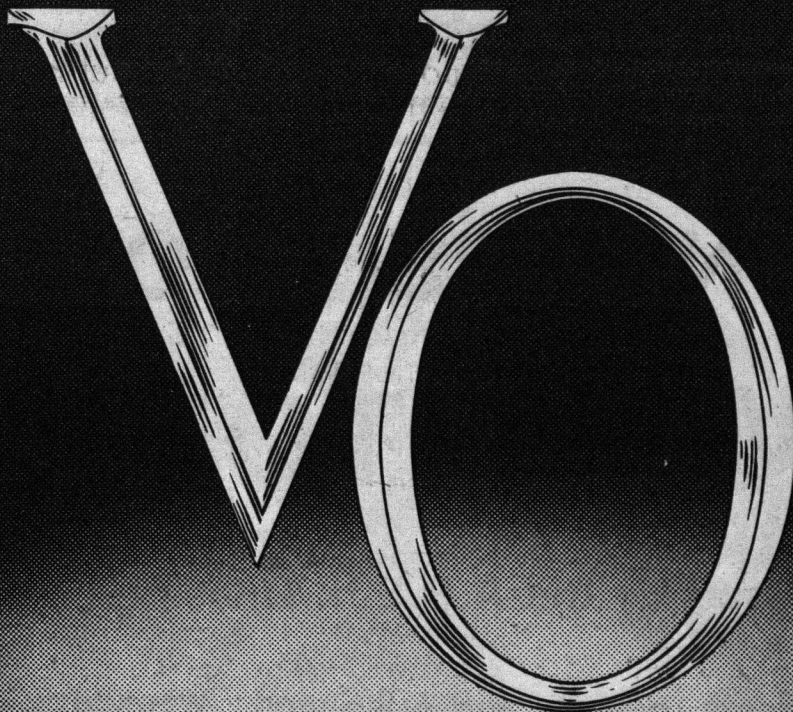


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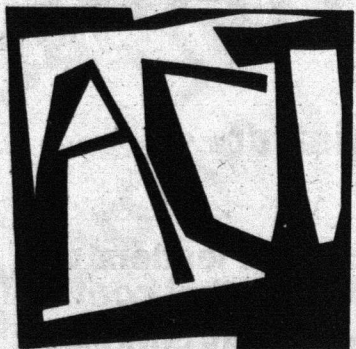
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