

Manitoban goes underground

by Eric Geering
from The Varsity

WINNIPEG — The University of Manitoba's student newspaper, the *Manitoban*, has gone underground after the student council fired its staff and installed a new editor.

The underground paper, now called the *Toban Gazette*, got a unanimous pledge of support and a \$5000 loan from Canadian University Press last week. Its first issue was published January 7th.

CUP, a national cooperative of 49 student newspapers, has offered to provide an independent mediator between the University of Manitoba Students' Union and the former *Manitoban* staff, who were fired by UMSU December 7.

The *Manitoban*, now run by newly-hired Managing Editor Mark Mignacca, will be expelled from CUP unless a settlement is reached by January 15.

But *Manitoban* Publishing Board Chair Bob Ceilen said UMSU will not accept CUP's offer to mediate and will publish the new *Mani-*

toban's first issue on Monday.

"The decisions are made," he said. "We don't see any problem with the direction we're going with."

He said since a new managing editor has already been hired and other editors soon will be, reversing the decision would be unfair.

Ceilen said the *Manitoban* staff were fired because the paper "was not living up to expectations."

"We were constantly being bargained with complaints (about the *Manitoban's* content). If you don't try to alleviate student concerns, you shouldn't be there," he said.

Ceilen also said the new *Manitoban* would work harder at recruiting new student volunteers and be open to more diverse student opinion.

The *Manitoban's* troubles this year started when the staff printed two headlines with the word "fuck", and a series of cartoons many students considered anti-Christian. They subsequently apologized for one of the headlines and decided to improve cartoons by staff vote.

The staff also voted to boycott advertising from the Department of National Defence, which led to accusations that the paper was run by subversives.

Under the new structure the UMSU-appointed managing editor hires the other 14 paid *Manitoban* staff. Mignacca said he had offered positions to some of the fired editors, but had been turned down.

"I got a call last night," former *Manitoban* Sports Editor Brian Hunter said. "I told them right off the bat I would never backstab the staff."

Hunter is taking up his old position on the *Toban Gazette*. "A lot of us could get jobs elsewhere," he said, "but we're fighting for a principle."

Toban Gazette Photo Editor Tim Krochak agreed. "Why are they (USMU) concerned about us instead of worrying about how many classes are being cut?"

CUP funding will allow the *Toban Gazette* to publish once a week for six weeks. After that the paper will be dependent only on advertising.

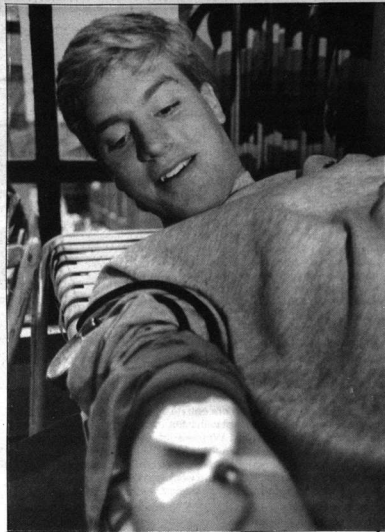


Photo: Bob Garbath

David Seemann demonstrates the difficult art of bleeding.

Rivalries draw blood

by Roberta Franchuk

Over 590 units of blood have been collected so far from the Red Cross Blood Drive on campus, but many more donors are needed if the Society is to meet its goal of 1300 units by Friday.

The University clinics always give a good response, said Ed Skoropad, clinical consultant, "but this year I want more."

The largest amount of blood collected in one University clinic was 1241, in January 1985. Skoropad hopes to exceed that figure with this week's clinic. "I'd like to see 300 students on both Thursday and Friday."

Last year's measles epidemic cut

heavily into the number of donations, said Skoropad. The April 1987 clinic only produced 503 units of blood, compared to 779 units in 1986.

This year the rivalry between the engineers and agriculture students is being fought over blood donations. The 'aggies' have won the challenge for most donations per capita for the past 10 years, but this year things might be different.

"If the sign-up sheets are legit," said Skoropad, "the engineers are ahead by a long shot."

She explained that the faculty sign-up sheets are kept on the honor system — "if you've donated, you sign the book."

U of T big and impersonal

by Michael Bouchard
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Students are declining University of Toronto admission offers because they feel it is too large and impersonal, says a soon-to-be-released survey.

The U of T Planning Office survey asked students who were offered admission to U of T why they chose the university that they did.

Peter Leoney, Director of Academic Statistics and Records, said the response was not unusual.

"Every year the students find the university a large and impersonal place," he said, adding that he agreed with this assessment.

Other factors for not coming to U of T include an overly competitive atmosphere and the difficulty of getting high marks.

This was especially true of students who went to McMaster, Western and York.

A too-competitive atmosphere was listed by 34 per cent of those who went to York, 18 per cent of Western students and 17 per cent of McMaster students. Hard marking was listed by 23 per cent of York students, 9 per cent of students who went to McMaster and 9 per cent for Western.

But of the total number of students who rejected U of T's offer of admission, 53 per cent cited the reputation of a particular program

at another school.

The other university's academic reputation and whether residence was offered were each listed by 9 per cent of students.

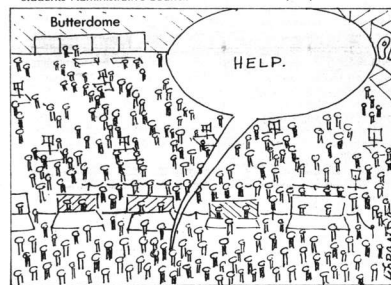
Jeevan Kenth, who conducted the survey for the planning Office, said the reasons students gave were simply conceptions and "feelings students might have about U of T," rather than opinions based in fact.

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External Commissioner Chris Jones agreed.

"I guess everybody has a conception of U of T," he said.

Most students who did come to U of T said they did so because of its academic reputation and proximity to home. Academic reputation was listed by 64 per cent of students who accepted the admission offer and location by 31 per cent.



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