

Council approves spending controls

by Peter Michalyshyn
Students' Council passed in principle Tuesday night a 1981/82 final budget that predicts a surplus of over \$150,000 by next March.

Last year's Students' Council approved a break even final budget, but recently-released final audit figures show losses over \$200,000 for 1980/81. In previous years SU final budgets have tended likewise to be optimistic, but in the end, showed losses.

The budget approved Tuesday, however, will buck that trend, according to new SU general manager George Ivanisko.

Ivanisko brings with him a budgeting concept he calls 'expenditure control'. It means that Students' Union departments will have to stay on budgets; expenditures will have to be approved before they are made, and if there is no money in a department's budget account, the expenditure request will be rejected.

Comparing the old SU accounting system to a "Mom's and Dad's bank" that relied on memory and trust, Ivanisko says he will allow a break-in period for business managers and student directors to learn the rules of expenditure control.

However, "The first shock is going to come into the system when they present me a bill and I won't pay it," Ivanisko says.

At Students' Council, some representatives complained they had received the half-inch thick budget the same day as Council.

Among others, engineering rep John Koch said he may as well have stayed home than vote on a budget he hadn't had time to analyze.

SU v.p. finance Elise Gaudet responded saying the administration needed support in principle for the philosophy of the expenditure control budget. Specific changes could be discussed and made at the next Council meeting.

Ivanisko added that the university was pressuring the Students' Union to produce a responsible budget as soon as possible.

"If we can't give them something responsible then they might impose controls that we can't live with," he said.

Council approved an amended 'in principle' motion, 20-0.

The budget did not include either the curling rink operation in SUB or SU Music and Tapes in HUB Mall. The Music Store was axed at the meeting; the curling rink is also closed, but subject to ratification by council.

It was also only a six month budget. From April, the beginning

of the Students' Union fiscal year, to September, the SU operates on a preliminary budget that is prepared and approved by the previous year's Council.

The procedure had been to adjust the preliminary budget in October of the same fiscal year to come up with a final budget.

This year, however, the SU essentially is operating two budgets, one for the slow six months between April and September, and another for the relatively better revenue months of October through March.

Thus, where losses of \$142,-

104 showed from April to September, Ivanisko projects operating profits for the following six months of \$543,626.

"I'm determined to do well in this section" Ivanisko says.

Part of his formula includes trimming away any fat that he says exists in Students' Union operations.

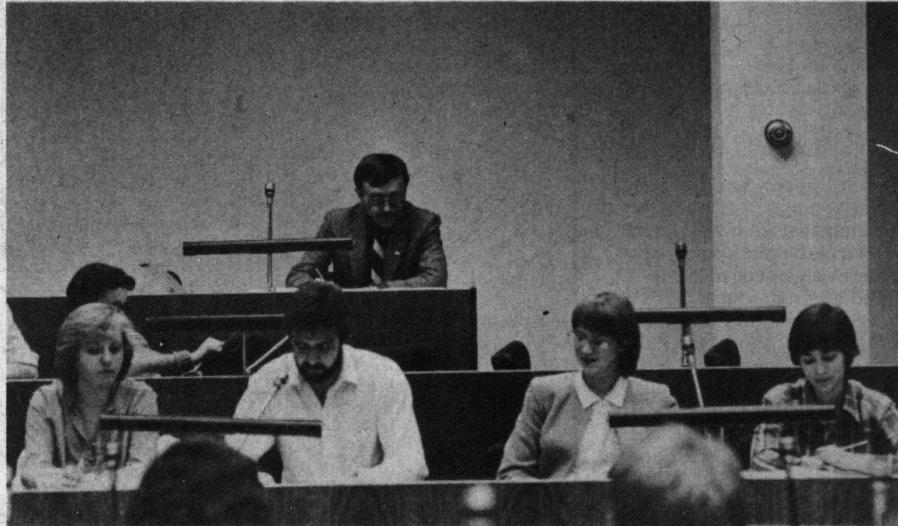
"Some of the managers when I came here said 'My mandate is to break even,'" Ivanisko says.

But "for a manager the prime focus must be to generate profits," Ivanisko says in previous years the SU created incentive plans for managers to meet budgets even if they projected losses. Now he says he is trying to "encourage managers" to do better.

The main purpose of SU businesses in the first place is to generate revenue to support SU services, such as the exam registry, SORSE, or the Gateway. Excepting CJSR campus radio, no SU Services budgets were cutback, according to Gaudet.

With support from Students' Council Ivanisko and Gaudet can now institute the expenditure control system.

Minor budget changes can still be made at Council's next meeting without skewing the new system. In the meantime, Councilors and any interested students will have the opportunity to find exactly what the 1981-82 final budget document means in a special meeting next Tuesday, 5 pm, in SUB 270A.



George Ivanisko watches to make sure the Students' Union doesn't slip up.

photo Dave Chan

Engineer's "Red Lion" shown the door by U of M SU

WINNIPEG (CUP) — For the second time, the engineering paper at the University of Manitoba has been shown the door.

The University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) Council voted overwhelmingly in favor of a motion at its October 27 meeting to cease printing the Engineering Society's *Red Lion*.

The *Red Lion* has been published for many years, but no one has taken public responsibility for its contents. Last year, UMSU vice president Linda Ilczuk threatened to sue the *Red Lion* for libel for material it printed about her.

Council voted in January to cease printing the *Red Lion*, but reversed its decision September

29 after the Engineering Society promised to take full responsibility for its contents. Council was later informed that UMSU would be legally responsible as publisher for the paper's contents.

The first of three issues of the *Red Lion* planned for 1981-82 was distributed October 19. It was checked three times by lawyers for libel, but the paper was still greeted with hostility by many on campus.

UMSU president Tim Rigby said the main reasons for the motion were to protect UMSU against a libel suit and because of obscenity in the first issue.

"I don't find it falls within my expectation of what Mr. Tatarchuk, *Red Lion* editor, promised," said Rigby. "I don't

find references to statutory rape of 12 year old girls funny, and I don't find cartoons of people copulating funny."

"They (the Engineering Society) have disclaimed responsibility for its printing, even though they said they would be solely, legally responsible," said Bob Martin, Council rep from the Graduate Students' Association.

He was referring to the disclaimer in the first issue, "University of Manitoba Engineering Society denies any responsibility for the content of the *Red Lion*."

Tatarchuk was not at the meeting, but said the next day he plans to reverse the decision at a special general meeting of UMSU. Decisions at a special general

meeting are binding on UMSU if the quorum of 250 students is reached. At the annual general meeting of UMSU held October 28, about 250 of the 300 students presents were from Engineering, and Tatarchuk urged them to come out to the special general meeting to vote on the *Red Lion*. Quorum at annual general meetings is 1000.

DOGNUTS

by K. Bushing

"Supreme Sports" — it was the decision of the century, and the Canadian media lived up to their reputation for excellence once again. So did the rest of our institutions. With breathless, unless you include snoring, anticipation we awaited the BIG MOMENT. First the starting line-up, with zoom-8n closeups and color commentary as each of the justices entered. As each one was identified as offense or defense the cameras cut to views of the Federal or Provincial cheering sections. Assured that the Big plays wouldn't be until after halftime we were given a reprisal of the first half. Federal QB P.E. Trudeau managed to pick up Joe Who's fumble and carry the constitutional ball almost all down the field past the eyes of unsuspecting, or uncaring, Canadians making political yards in the East. Then an attempted end run to Buckingham Palace which the massed Conservative Line managed to knock out to the hands of receiver Jean Chretien. Then the interception by Provincial Fullback Pete Lougheed for six quick points. A Separation play for Quebec and conversion of Allan Blakeney put the provinces ahead with eight. after the play—% € "€+%" *o []o *+e o€@[#?] [# %"€%o e[] %o€ What a moment of history! What Drama! What Sound? We are whisked back to the colour commentators, who know as much as we do about the decision,

then to players from each side who know even less. Then... and update on the Prime Minister's sleeping habits and the comments of several South Korean politicians on the instant replay. Back again to Canada where a Scots expert (no, they couldn't get Jackie Stewart) explained the call to us colonials. Then, for some Canadian content - Jack Webster asking questions and ignoring answers from Joey Smallwood and someone else. Then a final cut to Pierre's sleeping arrangements and back to the stands, where the decision is now known.

The ball goes to the Provinces, but the Feds get the field.

So, we can now quietly retire to the locker rooms, where coaches for both sides claim victory and have endless reruns. Oct 5 was an historic day, as the Supreme Court and the CBC affirmed Canada's National Sport, Political Football.

According to the Ukrainian Studies Dept., there are over 14 million people employed in the USSR whose jobs fulfill no useful purpose. I had no idea their Post Office was so large. Have you noticed that we went back to the old format of the Gateway? We were informed that letting Commerce students get to the Sports page and suede jacket ads without

coming across the editorials and columns was denying them an essential part of their Uni education. How else would they learn about what is important on campus, like Communism in East Germany, and the Fig Newton crisis of Northern Libya? Vancouver

The big news in Lotusland is the sudden appearance of Pierre Trudeau at secret talks with Bill Bennett. Prime Minister Trudeau, who was supposed to be in Australia for the Monday Supreme Court decision on the Canadian Constitution, is rumoured to have made a Separate Peace with BC. In return for West Coast support if the new bill fails, BC is rumoured to get its own Ontario-style veto, and the right to fly the Union Jack over Victoria. Trudeau was typically enigmatic when interviewed. "I simply explained (shrug) to ah, Bill, that I got to choose most of the Judges on the court, and there's only one from the West, and, I,uh, promoted Justice Laskin over him, so why should I sell your timber?"

The premier absolutely denied any private deal. "I couldn't sell out the West. I'm not the type to sell people in the back, heck, I don't even own a Conservative membership. Besides, look. I have had the Secretary of Media Image and Whitewash take anything sharp out of my office. That's why I look like I haven't shaved. Trust me." Mr. Bennett then left to look

continued next week

