

Breakdown of the bucks

by Allison Annesley

Since you have approved a five dollar increase in your Students' Union fees over and above the ten per cent inflationary adjustment that your faculty reps supported in Council, it's about time you were provided with a breakdown of how SU finances were disposed of this year. Here it is, the complete review.

The Art Gallery space was rented to the University for \$67,000 a year, replacing what was a loss of \$66,000. Though they could have approved a student levy last summer to keep the Art Gallery open, Councillors opted not to impose extra fees on absent students.

Attempts to transfer responsibility for the caretaking of SUB to the University were thwarted by CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) National. The grant from the University to cover these costs (which is presently not

covering these costs) is under study. The grant should go up.

Overall staff cuts in facilities were made to save approximately \$75,000 in 83/84. The CUPE settlement this year is an average of six per cent.

Hard liquor and food sales have improved in Dewey's more than in RATT but a major renovation in Dewey's will be required no later than 1985. Management for both bars was combined in one position saving one other salary.

The positions of Entertainment Director and Promotions Manager Theatre have been combined into one position.

Extra space was rented out in SUB this year. This is a breakdown of the revenues:

Art Gallery space...	\$67,000
Bookstore...	84,000
Java Jive...	16,800
Charlie's...	14,400
CUTS expansion...	2,100
PSI Computers...	14,000
Mmmuffins...	15,000
PAIRA...	2,100

Total \$215,400

An earlier disbursement of student fees has saved the SU approximately \$20,000 a year in lost interest but the University continues to charge \$10,000 for collection and \$7,500 for payroll handling charges.

The Gateway is expected to come in \$10,000 over budget, having regained revenue losses from October, 1982.

Management positions in the Games Area and the Information Desk in SUB have been combined to save money, but pinball has not done nearly as well in the Games area as predicted. Positions in both these areas have been made eight month terms and the Games Area will be closed throughout the summer.

The Info Desk was renovated at a cost of \$25,000 with a \$15,000 contribution from Imperial Tobacco. L'Express now has a beer and wine license, having undergone minor renovations. Hours have also been extended to 9 PM.

The SU mortgage payment to the government was deferred from June until November so that payment would coincide with the collection of student fees.

Revenues are down in the record store but profits are up because of staff reductions and inventory control.

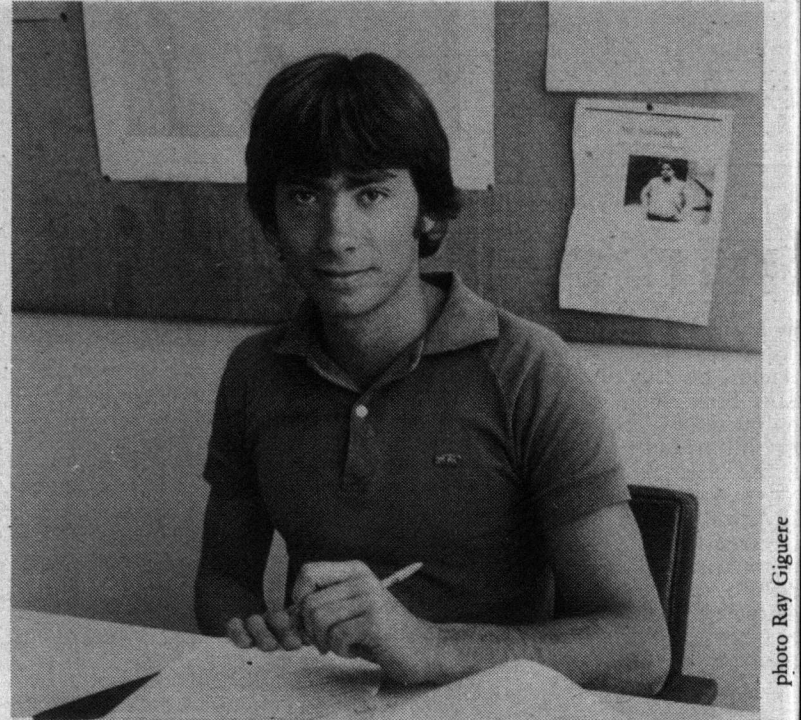


photo Ray Ciguere

VP Finance Roger Merkosky: He signs the checks. Still not a smurf, though.....

It should be noted that the University's Priorities and Planning Committee (PPC) has already recommended to the Board Finance Committee that tuition rise by six per cent next year.

The Students' Union, though, is bound by Council's re-endorsement of a policy demanding a freeze on tuition until a study to determine how financial

barriers affect access to post-secondary education. The meeting will be held in Room 3-15, University Hall.

Included in the non-confidential part of the meeting will be discussions of asbestos testing in Cameron Library, the SU fee increase, and cost recovery for writing competence testing.

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Don't miss this one

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After having spent most of the year attempting to get students excited about the costs of their educations, the Gateway is unable to bring you the final news: next year's tuition.

This is the last edition of the Gateway for this year and the announcement of next year's tuition is not until Friday. Students are encouraged by the Board of governors though to find out for themselves. The Board will decide next year's tuition this Friday at 9:00am in a meeting open to the public.

McGill shakedown

MONTREAL (CUP) — McGill students are being told to pay up before they can receive their Quebec bursary cheques.

McGill University cashiers are withholding the bursary cheques until students pay the balance of their tuition fees on the spot.

"The government sends the cheques to McGill. We're sort of doing the government's work for them," said J. Martin, assistant supervisor of the Cashier's Office. The office took control of the cheques from the Student Aid Office three weeks ago.

Students "are not denied their bursaries if they give us a cheque for their fees," said Martin. There is approximately \$3 million in outstanding tuition fees

owed to McGill, she said. Roger Cutler, president of the Law Student's Association (LSA), was one of the many students denied a bursary cheque because he still owes fees. He questions the legality of McGill's actions.

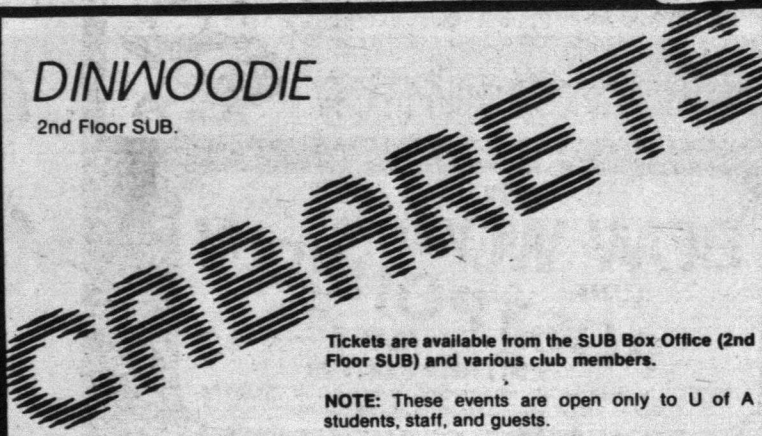
"Whether they (McGill) are a third party beneficiary or not, they have no right to interfere with my contract with the government of Quebec," said Cutler.

But Martin said the way students spend their bursaries is limited by their contract with the government.

"There is a legal document they sign that says that the money is for tuition fees," said Martin. "If they take it for anything else that's not what it was given to them for."

DINWOODIE

2nd Floor SUB.



Tickets are available from the SUB Box Office (2nd Floor SUB) and various club members.

NOTE: These events are open only to U of A students, staff, and guests.

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