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decision to hire George Ivanisko for Business Manager. The motion is made in open session but the discussion of the man's merits are in closed session. So when we discuss the man's references, personal career, salary, that will occur in closed session. We will come out of closed session and then vote whether or not to hire the man.

O: What do you foresee for this year's student?

S: From the Students' Union point of view, we provide a lot of services for the student. Right from records to housing and the exam registry.

In the coming year, the main focus of this Students' Union will be on internal finances, just because we do face such a tenuous situation.

For this year's student, I hope to see a real interest in what is happening with the Students' Union. Last year's general election saw a turn out of about one-third of the student population. It is not great, but it shows a lot better over recent past elections.

I hope that indicates a trend for an increased awareness and desire to become involved in student affairs and politics.

O: Where can the student turn with academic or personal problems?

S: The vice-president Academic, Elizabeth Lunney, is not averse in any way with helping students individually, who are having problems with academics.

However we do have a special position, the Student Advocate, whose primary function is to do just that. He helps students having problems with appeal processes, professors, and that sort of thing. His name is Kelly Holman.

Personal problems take on a different light. Student Help provides students with counselling and generally someone to talk to. For professional counselling, there is Student Counselling Services in Athabasca Hall.

O: Do you have any advice for the first-year student?

S: It is so easy to get caught up in the academic turmoil, especially the young student coming out of high school. They forget there is so much else at this university that is offered to them.

We say so often, "come talk to us. Tell us where you want to become involved in the system." I

encourage the first-year students to get involved. There are inter-collegiate sports, an excellent intramural program even after cutbacks, Fine Art Programs, and more.

I can see no excuse for not getting involved. You are certainly taking a narrow view of university education if you do not.

O: Does the Students' Union plan any major changes this year?

S: This year is going to be a major turning point for the Students' Union. I would like to think that the service we provide to the student will continue to be the same excellent service. Students should be aware that if some drastic changes are not made, the Students' Union of the future may not be as we know it today.

O: What about the Fridays' renovations?

S: Friday's is going to be renamed. There is some renovation but it will not be totally revamped. The new name looks like it is going to be Dewey's. (It is kind of a joke on my great-grandfather.) The new place should be ready September 8.

The ALCB requires certain facilities we do not have now. We

hope to have the full liquor license

operating by Christmas. We will not run a new restaurant from RATT or the bar in HUB. We do have new liquor license and facilities in the theatre. It is doing very well.

The BASS facility is new. We entered into a new agreement this summertime which Student Council accepted almost un-

animously, with Keith Krause, being the only dissenter because, he said "It did not feel right."

we will be providing texts for the Fine Arts students as well as sheet music.

Unhappily, the Music Store is such a marginal operation, if sales do not increase significantly, its life could be in danger.

L'express is doing a booming business. We are thinking about keeping it open late on theatre performances in SUB.

Programming in RATT has changed a little. Our new Entertainment Director, Alex Mac-

interest in politics and administration.

The Students' Union is a big organization. It has the third largest student population in Canada, and one of the most active. We have generally had a major outlook on things. The SU has made some major statements like the march on legislature in 1978.

It is such an exciting organization. There is so much to learn and so much to do. It is a fascinating job.

O: Is there a profile problem in the Students' Union?

S: Definitely. It is strange. So many people do not realize the executive does not go to school. We take one or two classes, but we are full-time paid employees. They do not realize we run a multi-million dollar corporation. They do not realize the political fight the Students' Union takes.

People in government do listen to us about certain issues that do affect the students. Tuition fees did not go up last year. A lot of that was due to student pressure to review the whole tuition policy of the government and in the meantime, freeze tuition.

Our financial recovery program will have some major ramifications not just on campus but in the city. We made the wire-service with our one million dollar debt. So maybe people will be interested on how we get out.

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The outlet is in the Music Store. With the market on campus of 30,000 plus people, it should be one of the best ticket outlets in the city.

A small capital expenditure was made for proper lighting to the Music Listening Area (in SUB) and create a lounge and study area.

The Music Store is an interesting case this year, because

Donald, is trying a different program this year. You will probably see less louder rock bands, and more jazz, blues, bluegrass, and even folk music.

O: Why did you run for the presidency of the Students' Union?

S: I have always been involved. I was a chairman in residence and I sat on Students' Council. So I have always had an

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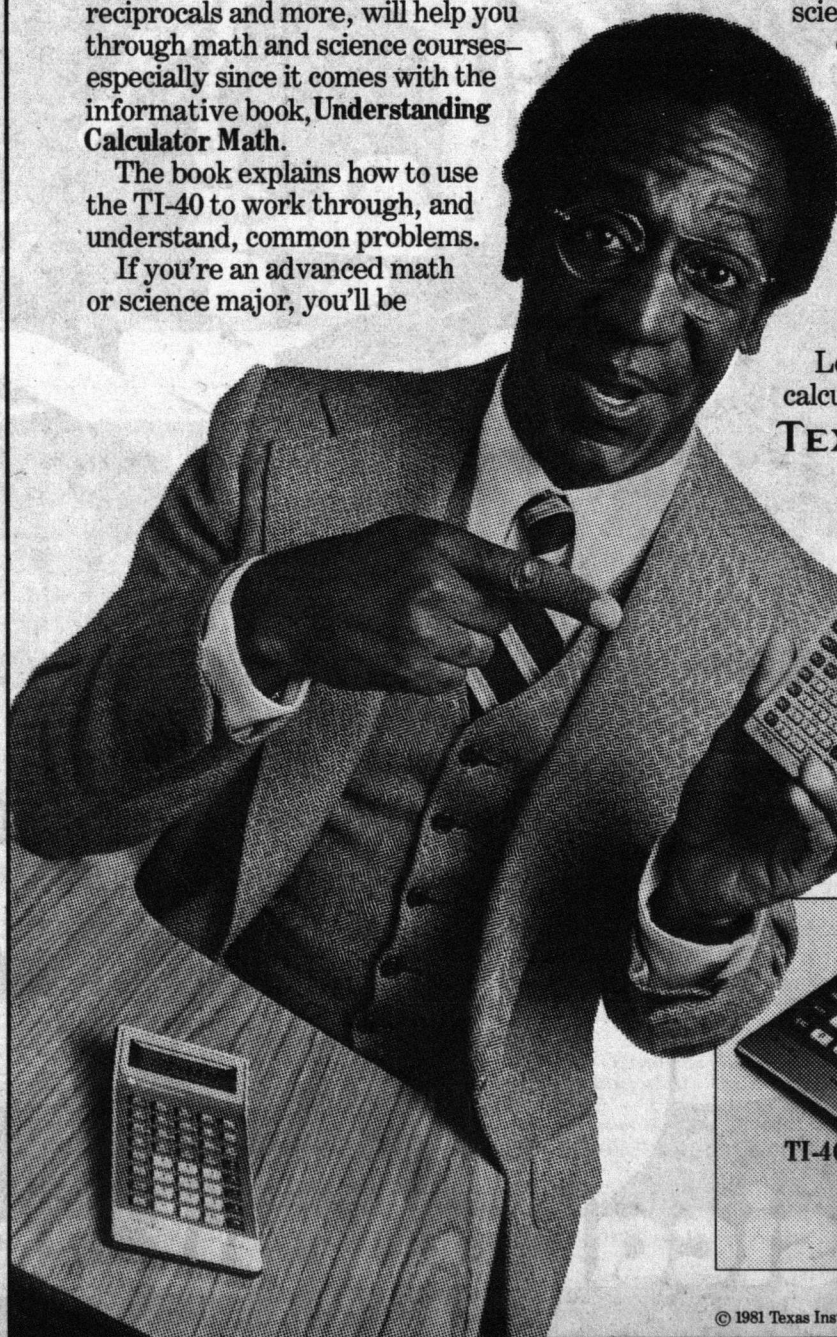
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