

Machiavellians have often wished...

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...that Machiavelli hadn't talked so much.

Dismissal not completely settled

Students mum on Ivanisko's firing

by Wes Oginski

Students' Council met for five hours in closed session Tuesday night to discuss the dismissal of Students' Union business manager George Ivanisko.

Council almost unanimously supported the executive recommendation that he (Ivanisko) should no longer remain a part of the organization. However, the problem is not completely settled. Some question exists as to whether or not Ivanisko should have an opportunity to resign, and of legal

consequences of firing the general manager.

The motion was proposed to Council that they ratify the Executive Committee's decision to terminate the employment of probationary employee, George Ivanisko.

This was amended during the evening to offer Ivanisko 24 hours to resign. If he did not resign, he would be considered fired. Council supported the amended motion 27 for, one against, one abstention.

Ivanisko was not available for comment about his dismissal.

He was hired in September to replace Bert Best, the previous general manager who was fired by the SU last year.

Soper says that Council "deliberated and examined the facts for about five hours."

"The primary reason (the closed session lasted so long) is that Mr. Ivanisko spoke for close to two hours," he adds.

Reasons for Ivanisko's release are unclear. Soper refused to comment, saying that those reasons composed the bulk of the confidential meeting. He did say to the Gateway that there was some question of abuse of power.

"(He was) extending beyond reasonable bounds (of his position)," Soper says.

"He (Ivanisko) certainly wouldn't want the reference I would give him," Soper told the Gateway.

Ivanisko distributed information to Council member's on concerns he felt were important. He recommended a Business Manager be given more "opportunity to manage business areas on the day to day basis." This was a major point of conflict with the executive.

business manager's duties will be taken over by a business management committee. Tom Wright, SU ad manager, will assume general manager duties in the interim. The committee will be composed of Soper, Elise Gaudet (v.p. finance and admin.), Brian Bechtel (v.p. internal) and Stan Parks (facilities manager).

"The set-up will be very

informal," says Wright. "I will be there to handle any day-to-day problems (in the business areas). Major decisions are to be handled by a business committee. It will meet twice a week."

Neither Soper nor Wright believe that Ivanisko's release will have a major effect on the everyday operation of the SU.

A search for a new manager

can not begin until Council meets to set guidelines. A special meeting will be held next Tuesday.

Soper says that it will be recommended that Peat Marwick, a consulting firm, study the entire SU operation and perform a job search for the business manager position. He would not release a cost estimation for the study.

G.M. lasted four months

George Ivanisko was hired as SU business manager in September of 1981.

A selection committee found that he was the best suited for the job. The committee included Phil Soper (SU President), Tom Wright (SU ad manager), Elise Gaudet (v.p. finance and administration), and Brian Bechtel (v.p. internal).

Ivanisko has a bachelor's degree in education from the University of British Columbia and a master's degree from Western Washington University, specializing in business management.

His previous job experience includes:

- * less than eight months, as assistant superintendent of business administration with the school division of the County of Strathcona;
- * two years in a school division of Lanley, B.C. as a supervisor;
- * several years as a national sales manager with McGraw-Hill Ryerson, a book publishing company.

Nine academic positions to be cut

Govt. strangulation again

by Greg Harris

"It threatens the quality of education - there is no doubt about it."

This was a comment from university Vice-president Academic George Baldwin on the present system of provincial government funding.

Nine academic staff positions will have to be cut as a result of last year's budget shortfall of \$1.7 million.

"It's the result of two separate government policies: the practice of under-funding, and the fact that they fund special programs," says Baldwin.

He says if the basic block grant from the government falls short, then the university has to cut into the faculties of Arts, Science, Education, and others.

There have been fifty to sixty academic positions cut from these areas in the last four years, but "almost the same number has come in through new programs," he says.

"We have almost the same number of professors, but in different places.

"Education has taken the most cuts, but on the other hand they have had a drop in enrollment which gave us an easier discriminator," he says.

Baldwin cites Computer Engineering as one area that greatly benefited from the special programs.

However, he says that Arts, Science, and Education have received "very little benefit from the new programs," and that the university's "number one" priority is to protect the core studies of

these faculties.

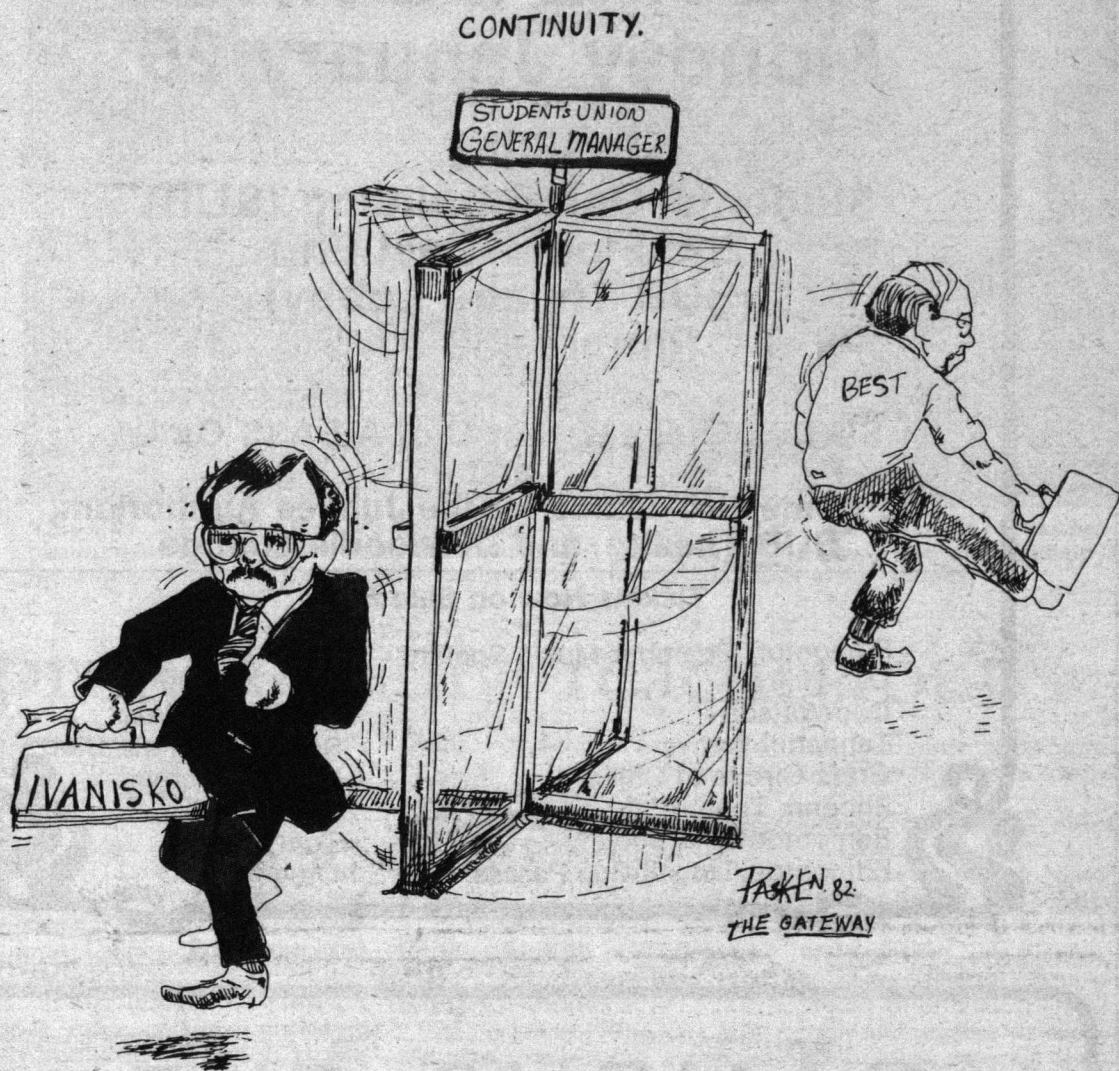
"It's a desperately difficult thing to do when we don't control the source of our funding.

"This is the only province that has extra specific funds for special programs...to that extent we have reduced autonomy," says Baldwin.

Baldwin says that it would be inappropriate for him to state where the nine staff cuts will be, although he has notified the Deans of the target faculties.

"So far the positions are frozen and not yet deleted, pending the government grant which could bail us out of our deficit."

"We're ever hopeful that the (provincial) budget this year will meet inflationary needs so that there won't be further need for retrenchment," concludes Baldwin.



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