

Students' Union administrator loses job in office shuffle

by Philip Preville

In the wake of an internal office reorganization, Students' Union finance manager Ryan Beebe has been released from his position.

The finance manager's job has now been combined with the business manager's position. The SU is now searching for a general manager to handle their affairs.

Beebe, a six-year employee of the Students' Union, was considered for the general manager's position, but rejected. "Ryan did

a tremendous job for us, but we didn't feel that he was the person for the new position," said SU president Paul LaGrange.

Beebe could not be reached for comment.

The decision to release Beebe came after an intensive review and reorganization of the SU's support staff structure. "We wanted to revise the system and try to make it more efficient," LaGrange said.

There was not enough work to justify employing both a full-time

business manager and a finance manager, the executive concluded.

"I can understand the rationale behind the merging of the positions. The business manager's position really isn't a full-time job by itself since each SU business has a competent manager of its own," said former SU president Tim Boston.

Tom Wright, a former SU business manager, agrees with the move. "The business manager's position really was a part-time position."

Wright, who worked with Beebe, said, "Ryan did a wonderful job and was a great right-hand man. I gather the executive felt he couldn't handle the combined position. It's a judgement call on their part, and they'll have to live with the decision."

Beebe was given a "very generous settlement", according to LaGrange. No specific terms of the arrangement were disclosed, but a firm has been hired by the SU to oversee Ryan's transition to a new career.



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Aruna D'Souza jumps for joy at winning the re-count for vp internal.

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providing education through peer educators in their pilot project on AIDS.

Peer educators are themselves students of the University, like Laurel Smith, who are interested in health education.

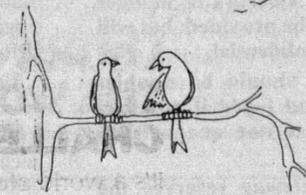
"We're not all nurses," said Smith. "We come from different faculties."

University Health Services "use peer educators because the conventional method (of doctors and counsellors) doesn't work," said Berg. The peer educator's training

consisted of a three day conference with seminars by medical doctors, psychiatrists, AIDS counsellors, and the AIDS network.

"They taught us the psychosocial issues of AIDS, the transmission, the signs and symptoms," Smith explained. "They also taught us presentation skills and how to present safe sex."

The week of March 13 to 19 is AIDS Awareness Week and there will be several informational booths set up in HUB, CAB and SUB.



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Hunter. "The count had been so close that a re-count was a natural reaction."

But the second set of results left members of Bang's slate less than happy.

"I don't see how 30 votes could just turn up on the computer," said Bang's campaign manager Michelle Kitt. "I could understand a change of one or two votes — but not 54," she said.

Kitt said she may file a complaint with the DIE Board after her slate called for a second recount Tuesday.

"There is enough doubt in my mind that there was a discrepancy in other positions," she said.

The second re-count has confirmed D'Souza as the winner with 3,149 votes to 3,093.

Hunter said the difference was the result of exhausted counting officers, the computer system, and ballot scrutineers who might have distracted the counting process.

"Counting by machine or by hand you still have human operators. This proves that humans are not infalible," he said.

"I was concerned enough with the severe fluctuation that I called the Provincial Electoral Operations," said Hunter. He said the government confirmed that electoral mistakes are not uncommon.

Hunter said that numbers varied throughout the election, "but not enough to change the election."

"Even at 30 ballots out, the election was 99.9945 percent accurate," he said. Representative candidate Rob Cole has also filed for a re-count.

D'Souza and the other new executives take office May 1.



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