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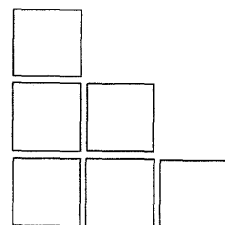
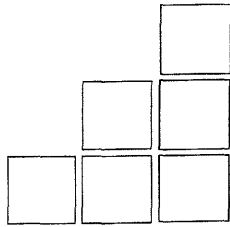


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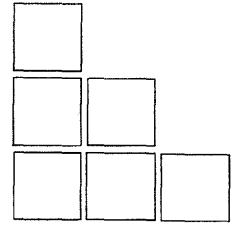
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Dear Members,

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society. We gather here each year to assess the well being, past successes and future prospects of the Society through a review of the fiscal year April 2000 to April 2001. As a non-profit organization, the Society strives for the utmost transparency and accountability to the membership. It is your responsibility as a member to understand the general state and direction of the Society's affairs.

As members we must also keep sight of the mandate and the ultimate goals of the Student Society. The Society's revamped Constitution, approved by the membership in the referendum of March 2001, succinctly summarizes our mandate in five statements:

- a) To represent and advocate for the interests of students at Simon Fraser University.
- b) To coordinate and promote all student activities, of, by, and for the students of Simon Fraser University.
- c) To promote, among other goals democratically determined by the Society, the principles of public, universally accessible, high quality post-secondary education, and of meaningful student participation in all aspects of university governance.
- d) To facilitate collective action by students at Simon Fraser University, within the Province of British Columbia, and elsewhere in support of these principles.
- e) To acquire or hold any lands, buildings, facilities or other assets for the use or benefit of the Society or the Student of Simon Fraser University.

The Simon Fraser Student Society has always thrived on the dedication of its members. We are students who manage to combine the difficult pursuit of post-secondary education with a commitment to making the University a better, more accessible place for students.

The Society has also always placed the strongest emphasis on the hiring and development of an outstanding team of staff members for all areas of the organization. On behalf of our members, the Executive thanks the staff for all the work they've done this past year.

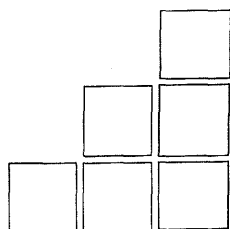
To the credit of all members and staff working over the past number of years, we find ourselves in a healthier, stronger, and more energized position than we've been in for a long time. Our influence and effects on the entire campus community can be far reaching: the time has come to operate at full throttle, on all fronts, towards those goals mandated by in the service of the 20,000 students of this outstanding university.

In solidarity,

The Executive Committee
Simon Fraser Student Society



STUDENTS VOTE AT ONE OF
THE FIRST STUDENT SOCIETY
MEETINGS BACK IN THE 1960'S.



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2000/01 FORUM REPRESENTATIVES

Executive Officers

President

Rob Trost, Sabrina Yeudall

Treasurer

David Crossley

Internal Relations Officer

Kait Cooper

External Relations Officer

Veronica Miralles-Sanchez

University Relations Officer

Ryan Stewart

Graduate Issues Officer

Tim Riordan

Chemistry/Biochemistry

Laura Dyrbye - May 31, 2000

Cognitive Science

Toby Chow - October 13, 2000

Taiya Bartley - January 31, 2001

Communications

Katharine E. Nieman - May 1, 2000

Computing Science

Pit Heng Hui - May 1, 2000

Criminology

Geordie Dent - May 1, 2000

Dance

Walter Kubanek - May 1, 2000

Sarah Scheunhage - September 27, 2000

Economics

Tejpal Swatch - September 27, 2000

Earth Sciences

Britta Jensen - May 1, 2000

Engineering Sciences

William England - May 1, 2000

English

Joel Pomerleau - November 8, 2000

Film

Mac Runyowa - May 1, 2000

French Studies

Heidi Chabot - May 1, 2000

Departmental Representatives

Archeology

Jeremy Muselle - May 1, 2000

Irene Varsakis - October 11, 2000

Biological Sciences

Leon Poznanski - May 1, 2000

Terri Lacourse - November 8, 2000

Business Administration

Allan Spence - May 1, 2000

Bryan Shek Yan To - May 30, 2000

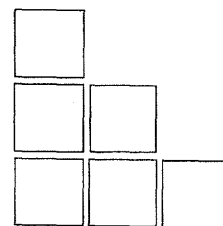
Anthony Tsuen - March 14, 2001

David Yau - May 1, 2000

Jack Chang - February 1, 2001

Christopher Ferronato - February 14, 2001

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Geography

James Fletcher - May 1, 2000
Adam Nott - September 13, 2000
Ann Jackson - February 1, 2001

Gerontology

Georgia Livadiotakis - May 10, 2000

History

Lucy Souca - May 30, 2000

Humanities

Caralyn Tansey - May 1, 2000

Institute of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Darrell Bessette - January 31, 2001

Kinesiology

Steven Yeung - May 1, 2000

Latin American Studies

David Saraceno - May 1, 2000

Management Systems Science

Chris Wang - May 10, 2000

Math and Stats

Sarah Klymson - February 28, 2001

Philosophy

Cameron Lewis - May 1, 2000
Brooke Larsen - February 14, 2001

Political Science

Peter Dempster - May 1, 2000

Psychology

Jonathan Silveira - August 2, 2000

Sociology and Anthropology

Geoffrey Rosen - March 14, 2001

Theatre and Music

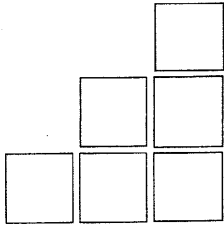
Laura Quigley - October 12, 2000
Aidan Maxted - March 14, 2001

Visual Arts

Heather Murphie - September 13, 2000
Tammara Mayer - March 14, 2001

Women's Studies

Whitney Borowko - May 1, 2000



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting October 26, 2000

Attendance

Forum: Sabrina Yeudall, President; Dave Crossley, Treasurer; Ryan Stewart, University Relations Officer; Kait Cooper, Internal Relations Officer; Veronika Miralles-Sanchez, External Relations Officer; Tim Riordan, Graduate Issues Officer; Jack Chang, Business; Toby Chow, Cognitive Science; Peter Dempster, Political Science; Geordie Dent, Criminology; Laura Dyrbye, Chemistry/Biochemistry; William England, Engineering; Britta Jensen, Earth Sciences; Sarah Klymson, Math and Stats; Terri Lacourse, Biology; Georgia Lividiotakis, Philosophy; Katherine Nieman, Communications; Adam Nott, Geography; Mac Runyowa, Film; David Saraceno, Latin American Studies; Jonathon Silveira, Psychology; Caralyn Tansey, Humanities; David Yau, Business.

Students At Large: Anna Wex, Paul Parker, Jen Auten.

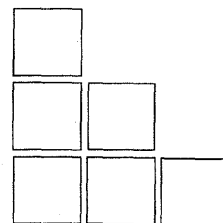
Guests: Charlie Miller, Auditor; Anita Zaenker, CFS BC Chairperson.

Staff: Mike Mancinelli, University Relations Fieldworker, Hattie Aitken, Student Union Organizer, Steven Kammerer, Resource Coordinator (Research and Policy).

1. **Call to Order**
Quorum of 25 was reached at 1:40pm. Yeudall called the meeting to order.
2. **Appointment of the Chair**
M/S/C
To appoint Anita Zaenker as chair of the SFSS 1999 /2000 Annual General Meeting.

Zaenker introduced the SFSS Executive Officers present at the meeting and conducted an overview of Robert's Rules of Order.
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
M/S/C
To adopt the agenda as presented.
4. **Adoption of the Minutes**
M/S/C
To adopt the SFSS Annual General Meeting Minutes of October 30, 1999.
5. **Forum Report**
M/S/C

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To adopt the 1999/2000 SFSS Forum Report as presented.

Yeudall presented the report and highlighted the successes of the year. She was pleased to report that the organization has been making a rapid turnaround in the financial position of its commercial side.

6. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C

To adopt the 1999/2000 Treasurer's Report as presented.

Crossley presented the report. Crossley noted that the Society was just emerging from a tenuous financial position, and that the turnaround must continue. The dispute with the university over operating and maintenance costs is ongoing. There remains losses in the retail services, owing to losses in revenue in the bookstore and copy center, but Food & Beverages is doing dramatically better. The Administration and advocacy areas are staying on good footing.

7. Auditor's Report

M/S/C

To accept the 1999/2000 Auditor's Report as presented.

Miller stated that the statements reflected the financial activity for the 1999/2000 fiscal year. Tompkins, Wozny and Co. uses the same generally accepted accounting principles for non-profit organizations as it does for other sectors.

Total assets of the Society are at \$392,000, the total current liabilities amount to \$598,000, and the net capital deficiency of the Society is \$173,000. This will result in cash flow difficulties after April 2001. Of the original \$3.1 million loan for the Maggie Benston Centre, the Society is still outstanding \$2 million. There was an overall deficit of \$200,000 as of April 2000. When the debt approaches 40% of the income stream, cash flow problems become acute.

8. Appointment of the Auditors

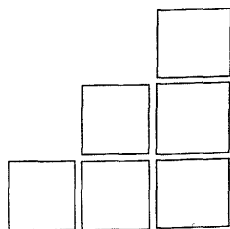
M/S/C

To appoint Tompkins, Wozny and Co. to be the SFSS Auditors for the 2000/2001 fiscal year.

9. Adjournment

M/S/C

To adjourn.



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FORUM DISCUSSES AUTO INSURANCE.



THE FEDERAL ALL CANDIDATES DEBATE.

Campaigns, Government and University Relations, and Community Projects

The Wider Community

Access for All Campaign

The Access for All campaign was a provincially focused campaign of the Canadian Federation of Students, with the goal of building public support for a strong federal role in funding post secondary education. We also sought to raise awareness around the threat to our university system posed by private universities and many models of public-private partnership at work in our public universities. The Society played an active role in educating our membership and building support for the campaign at SFU.

Charter Challenge to Ten-year Ban on Student Loan Bankruptcy

The Society supported the ongoing Charter of Rights and Freedoms challenge to the changes to the Bankruptcy Act which discriminate against students as a group. The campaign goals were to repeal the ten-year ban on student loan bankruptcy and raise awareness in the general public and decision makers as to the need for increased public funding for post secondary education to abate the student debt crisis.

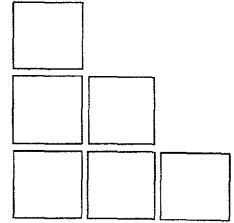
Campaign Against Privatization of Public Auto Insurance

Through the Forum Speaker's Series, a postcard campaign and posters, the Society promoted the campaign to raise awareness around the benefits of the public auto insurance system in BC, and draw attention to the dangers, particularly to the student demographic, posed by efforts from private insurers to dismantle this system.

Federal Election

The Federal Elections of November 2000 provided the Society with the opportunity to put education back onto the agendas of all the major political parties. The Society organized a very successful "All Candidates Forum", held in the Pub, which attracted over 150 people to listen to and question the candidates running for the riding of Burnaby-Douglas. Through radio talk-show call-ins, interviews, and CBC Television forums, representatives of the Society took every opportunity to reach the public with the message of the chronic underfunding of the university system in Canada. The Society provided its membership with analysis of the track record and policies of the five major political parties with respect to post-secondary education and other issues of concern to students. The incumbent MP, Svend Robinson of the New Democratic Party, won the election and the Society has continued to work closely with him to press Ottawa for increased funding to post-secondary education, a system of grants for students, debt relief, and other national issues. Svend Robinson was also apprised of the Society's work on the Burnaby Mountain Development project, and

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agreed to help lobby the City of Burnaby and the University to press for affordable student housing.

Provincial Election

A provincial election was called right at the end of the 2000/2001 year. Again the Society organized a successful debate in the Pub, this time between candidates for our new riding of Burrquiltam from the provincial New Democrat Party, Green Party, Marijuana Party, and the Progressive Conservative Party. Concerns about the maintenance of the tuition freeze dominated the debate, and the Society focused its attention on eliciting a stance on education from the poll-leading Liberal Party. Immediately after the election results were in, the Society organized a meeting with our new MLA, Harry Bloy of the Liberal Party. The Executive made the Society's position regarding the continuing need for a tuition freeze combined with increased government funding clear to our legislative representative. The Society began organizing an on-campus campaign to encourage students to vote, and make them aware of key post-secondary education issues, and the major parties' positions on them.

"No Means No" Campaign

The national "No Means No" campaign has been one of the most successful awareness raising campaigns ever launch by any organization in Canada. This year the campaign was reinvigorated by a large cheque (literally: the cheque was over a meter long) for \$25,000 from the provincial Ministry of Women's Equality. The minister, along with numerous media outlets, Canadian Federation of Student representatives and student union executives from across the province came to SFU's pub to re-launch the campaign. Despite the successes of the campaign, date and acquaintance rape remains prevalent on campuses across the country.

"Where's the Justice for Aboriginal People?" Campaign

Campaign goals included raising awareness among membership and the public about the roots of the violence, poverty, and discrimination faced by aboriginal peoples in Canada and globally as well as exposing the record and policies of the provincial government on issues relating to aboriginal peoples. The Society's poster and sticker campaign at SFU attained a great deal of recognition. The Society worked with the local First Nations Student Association and representatives to the Aboriginal Caucus of the Canadian Federation of Students to pressure the government to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

Right to Choice Campaign

The Society promoted a campaign to raise awareness amongst the membership on issues around abortion. The campaign's main message was that abortion should be provided free and on demand. This campaign involved several groups on campus including the SFU Women's Centre.



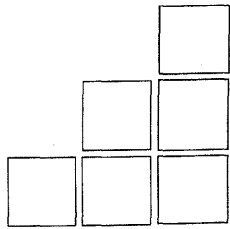
THE PROVINCIAL ALL CANDIDATES DEBATE

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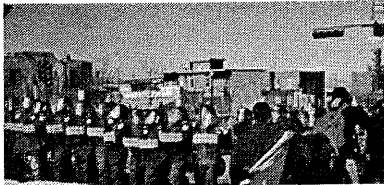
No means **no**. Not now means **no**. I have a boy/girlfriend means **no**. Maybe later means **no**. No thanks means **no**. You're not my type means **no**. \$#@!!! off means **no**. I'd rather be alone right now means **no**. Don't touch me means **no**. I really like you but ... means **no**. Let's just go to sleep means **no**. I'm not sure means **no**. You've/I've been drinking means **no**. Silence means **no**. **no** means **no**.

DATE RAPE ʌdɑːt/ ʌ'ɹɑːpɪn: Not understanding **no**

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RIOT POLICE IN QUEBEC CITY.

Free Trade of the Americas (FTAA) / March at the Arch

As part of the Society's advocacy mandate, to advocate for accessible, public post-secondary education, it has taken an interest in ensuring that the quality, accessibility, and public nature of Canada's post-secondary system is not threatened by multi-lateral trade agreements. In addition the Society takes an active interest in helping to ensure such agreements are open, democratic, and in the best interests of all citizens of all countries involved. Unfortunately, to date there have been significant problems with such agreements. In the Spring of 2001, a summit was hosted by Canada in Quebec City (the Summit of the Americas) to discuss moving forward with a Free trade Area of the Americas. Many social justice groups, trade unions, environmentalists, concerned citizens, and others demonstrated in Quebec to express concern over the direction of the FTAA, and the secretive and undemocratic manner in which it was being developed. Solidarity demonstrations were held around the world, including here in the lower-mainland of BC. The Society helped organize students and others to attend the "March at the Arch" demonstration and gathering, which was held peacefully, with thousands of participants, at the Peace Arch, on the Canada-U.S. border. The issues related to the FTAA, other such agreements, and how they relate to post-secondary education in Canada will continue to be vital into the future.

Canadian Federation of Students Participation

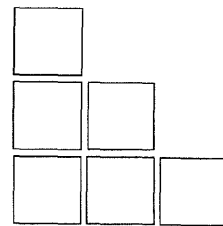
As the largest local of the Canadian Federation of Students in BC, we also played an important roll, through our delegates to the Executive and general meetings of the BC component of the Canadian Federation of Students, in setting the priorities of the Federation, designing campaigns, and bringing them to the local level. The Society sent full delegations to the two national and two provincial General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students held in the 2000-2001 year. The Society also hosted, once again, the yearly Skills Development Workshop of the Canadian Federation of Students, in which the elected representatives of every local in the province come to SFU to train in skills such as organizational development, campaign development, and media relations.

Campus Community

Joint Coordinating Committee

Several new dimensions were added in the relationship between the Student Society and the University last year. The Committee decided the Society would play a participatory role in the Student Leadership Conference, Week of Welcome and Orientation. Some other accomplishments include establishing Terms of reference for the Committee and negotiations with the Peak in order to create a weekly health column. Negotiations for a Student Lounge for the Maggie Benston Centre were initiated with Campus Community Services, with the agreement forwarded to Ron Heath, Dean of Student Services. Garden Plots administration were delegated to Campus Community Services with staffing to be provided by the Society should the University be willing to fund staff time.

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Food Bank

The Food Bank ran well, with the only major concern being that of increased usage. Gift certificates from Safeway were included in the food packages to provide users with access to fresh produce and numerous food drives were successful. The Food bank is now more efficient, manageable, transparent, and accountable due to its revised structure. Donation boxes have been redistributed around campus.

Organic Farmer's Market

The Organic Farmer's Market went ahead last year, located in the parking lot to the West of the West Mall Parkade near residence. After the end of the Market, the Organic Farmer's Market Coordinator asked for a new location, one that provided greater pedestrian volume. A location was negotiated at the end of April between the Student Society and Campus Community Services. The provided location was situated at the West end of Convocation Mall by the pond.

Search Committees

VP Finance and Administration

The University Relations officer represented the Society on the hiring committee. The Committee was still meeting after his term expired.

VP Research

SFSS President Sabrina Yeudall served on the VP Research Search Committee, which resulted in the re-appointment of Dr. Bruce Clayman.

Community Education Initiative

University 101 was an initiative by the Society and others on campus to create and deliver a unique university education initiative directed at non-traditional students within the community. It was coordinated by a working group of Society representatives, students and faculty. The first 'term' of the Community Education Initiative began during 2000/2001. The Society supported the program by assisting with copying and printing for materials, as well as direct participation by the Internal Relations Officer, Kait Cooper.

UPass

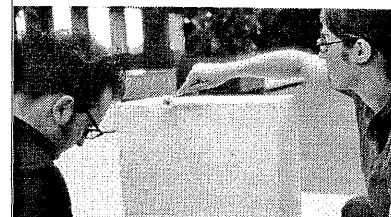
The Society continued, through the UPass Working Group of the Advocacy Committee, to investigate and discuss the possibility of moving forward with some form of universal transit or transportation pass at SFU, similar to ones implemented at other universities in Canada and the US. Discussion began with the Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation (BMCC) regarding the UPass idea and how it may fit into the transportation plans for the new community development being planned by the BMCC.

Burnaby Mountain Development

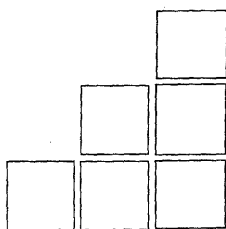
After months of hard work the Burnaby Mountain Development Working Group released a policy paper outline that was accepted by the Board of Directors and became the official Student Society policy on the development. Several key areas were of importance to this document; most notably the need for a more democratic process, assessing environment



THE UNIVERSITY BREAKS GROUND ON THE BURNABY MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT.



FOODBANK ORGANIZERS.



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impact, and the need for increased affordable housing. The policy paper has been well received by the majority of the Burnaby Mountain community. The Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation's response to this paper has been deemed unsatisfactory. The issues of token participation by the community, and the need to incorporate targets for minimal standards of affordable housing, forest protection, and innovative environmental technologies are ongoing. The year ended on a positive note for the Society, as the Board of Governors passed a motion directing the Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation to establish the targets similar to the goals outlined by the Society.

J.S. Woodsworth Chair

Towards the end of the spring of 2001, concerns began to be raised over the process to appoint the new J.S. Woodsworth Chair in the Humanities Department. Claims were being made that the candidate selected overwhelmingly by the Humanities department, Dr. David Noble of York University, was being unduly and improperly hampered by senior administration within the University due to Dr. Noble's controversial stands on some issues, and his activist involvement as a faculty member at York. The Society began examining the situation, which was ongoing at the end of the 2000-2001 year.

New Fee Collection Legislation

The Society successfully negotiated with the University and understanding regarding the new changes to the University Act and Society fee collection. The Society and the University developed a mutual understanding of process and expectations regarding fee collection/remittance.

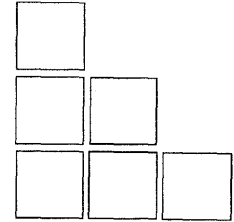
New SFU President

The University Relations Officer welcomed President Michael Stevenson to SFU on behalf of the Student Society and expressed desire to work with him on improving access to high quality, publicly funded post-secondary system of education. The URO expressed disappointment with Stevenson's comments on tuition policy, accessibility, and private involvement in our public institutions and suggested that the Society must remind President Stevenson on every occasion what public education in BC is really about, namely the creation of useful and intelligent citizens for the benefit of democracy, society, and the economy of BC and the entire country.

Harassment Policy Review

In Spring of 2001, the University began putting together a committee with campus community representation for the mandatory review of the University's harassment policy, which had now been in place for two years, following a previous significant revamping of the policy in 1997/98. The Society appointed Carolyn Tansey (Humanities Forum representative, and Treasurer-elect) as its representative on the committee, whose work was to proceed into 2001-2002. The committee's job is to review the policy, receive input from the community, and make recommendations as to how the policy is working, and any changes that may be required.

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United Way Campaign

The Society again participated in the annual fall United Way campaign by sponsoring a United Way Pub Night, from which a portion of all door revenues was donated. President Sabrina Yeudall acted as Society liaison with the United Way campaign.

Terry Fox Day

The Society began discussions with the University and others interested in seeing a more permanent and regular recognition of Terry Fox, arguably SFU's most famous student, at the University. A committee was formed to plan and organize the first annual Terry Fox Day (to be held in 2001), on which University Relations Officer Ryan Stewart participated. In addition, plans were being made to establish a permanent memorial to Terry Fox on campus also.

Israel - Palestine Peace Tour

The Student Society and the Institute for the Humanities presented the "Towards a Just and Viable Peace? A View From the Ground" tour on February 12. There was an excellent turnout and it was a powerful event.

Annual Awards Ceremony

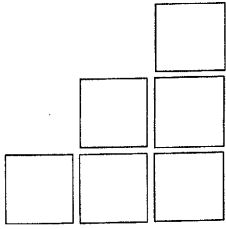
Representatives of the Student Society participated in SFU's annual awards ceremony. Researchers, teachers, athletes, staff, and artists received internal and external rewards. The entire community should be very proud of the excellence we foster and support.

Membership Outreach, Organizing, and Services

Departmental Student Union Organizing 2000-2001

State of the Unions

Last year was a transitional year in which many changes were introduced with the aim of increasing the representational effectiveness of departmental student union structures. Changes in policy and organizing priorities, along with changes to the composition of the Society's Board of Directors to come next year, have all contributed to a greater concentration on departmental issues and advocacy by and for students through their unions. These organizations form the basis of an effective Student Society, and provide avenues for students to get involved with issues that matter to them at the departmental level. The Student Society has supported unions working together with other student and constituency groups to support and advance social and educational interests in the larger community.



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Membership in departmental student unions includes all students enrolled in particular departments or programs, while the graduate caucuses of these unions represent the interests of graduate students in these departments. Each organization operates on an autonomous basis and is provided with independent funding from the Student Society.

Student Unions have the right and responsibility to elect their own representatives to the Board of Directors through by-elections conducted throughout the year. About one-third of the unions made such appointments last year.

Around 90% of all unions and 88% of all graduate caucuses were active at various times last year. The Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Union and the Statistics Graduate Caucus were formed when these disciplines were separated from the Mathematics program this spring.

This was the first year that departmental student union clubs were no longer part of the student union structure, mainly affecting the way the Business Administration Student Society was organized. It has since grown into a strong and active union, looking after the broad interests of a large student population, and incorporating the views and interests of students in the various academic concentrations in planning its activities.

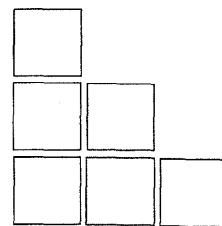
Union Activity and Events

Unions and caucuses held meetings; elected representatives to Forum and Departmental and Faculty committees; participated in external reviews, and hosted special events. Over the year, Society staff and Executive Officers worked to support various unions and caucuses in their dealings with Department or Faculty personnel to ensure that student interests were represented. Lobbying for dedicated student space; supporting initiatives to increase student representation on departmental committees, and assisting with conflict resolution between faculty and unions as well as within unions themselves, constituted the bulk of this work.

\$17,630 in supplementary grant funds was used to support union-sponsored special events, some of which included the following:

- The Engineering Student Society organized and hosted the 12th annual Western Engineering Conference and Competition (WECC) at Harbour Centre. Engineering students from universities across western Canada presented innovative project designs and their research into technology and related social issues.
- The Political Science Student Union organized an interdisciplinary conference on poverty, income disparity and globalization.
- The English Student Union put together Stuffed Dog, a journal of student writing, as well as hosting poetry readings by b.p. nichol and others.
- The French Student Union sponsored an immersion weekend.
- The Psychology Student Association organized its annual seminars on how to get into the honours program; graduate school entrance preparation, and careers

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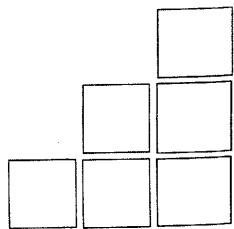
evening.

- The Biology and Microbiology & Biochemistry Graduate Caucuses hosted orientation events that introduced Faculty members and their areas of research to new students.
- Computing Science and Engineering Student Societies hosted Tech Fairs to help students make connections with industry representatives.
- The Kinesiology Student Association feted the graduating class at a special dinner in their honour; offered the campus in-class valentine delivery, and continued to run the biggest clothing sales operations on campus offered by a student group.
- Women's Studies, Latin American Studies, Geography, Resource and Environmental Management, and Political Science student unions provided financial support to such things as the African Film Festival; Mozambique flood relief, and the National Action Committee.
- The Business Administration Student Society revamped its executive structure and enlarged its membership by hosting seminars and special events tailored to the interests of students in accounting, financial investment, marketing and international business.
- The Education Graduate Caucus hosted a six-week seminar series on preparing students for professional academic careers.
- The Dance Student Union hosted workshops on technique, music and related topics.
- The Theatre and Music Student Union supported independent theatrical productions on and off campus in which SFU students participated.
- The Visual Arts Student Union supported and helped organize the fourth year graduate exhibition at the Alexander Street studios.

Staffing and Administrative Changes

Staffing resources were cut from three dedicated employees at 74 hours per week to one Organizer at 35 hours per week. The Organizer assists students with getting unions and caucuses up and running; provides administrative support and funding options; educates union representatives about process and policy; lobbies for union space on campus, and facilitates the election of departmental representatives to Forum.

Graduate student issues are largely channeled through the Graduate Issues Committee and the Graduate Issues and University Relations office, while the day to day organizing and administration support for these organizations is provided by the Student Union Organizer. The Committee for Departmental Student Unions was dissolved, leaving the Finance and Administrative Services and the Constitutional and Policy Review Committees responsible for certain aspects of student union administration. The Student Union Organizer was given increased authority to handle funding requests and internal administrative issues.



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Funding and Policy Changes

Policy changes were developed over the year that then came into effect May 1, 2001, resulting from consultations with student union members, organizing staff, and various Student Society committees dealing with student union business. This resulted in simpler, clearer policy language and increases to guaranteed funding for unions and caucuses. Changes were made to increase the amount of funding available to unions roughly based on enrollment levels, and that distribute the financial administrative support work to three Student Society departments.

Late in the spring semester, core budget allocations became directly available to any union that was active that semester, initiating the beginnings of the new system of student union independence and accountability that formally began May 1, 2001. The full year's core usage for 56 organizations amounted to \$21,200.

\$20,900 in travel and conference support funding was paid out to 245 individuals in proportions roughly approximating enrollment by faculty. \$10,200 went to members of student unions and \$10,700 to graduate caucuses.

New policies and procedures are under review in the 2001-2002 year. The Constitutional and Policy Review Committee welcomes students' input to ensure that our representative structures are working effectively in their best interests.

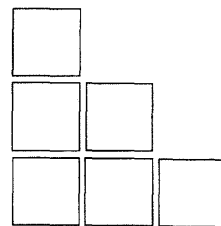
Review and Restructuring of Society RSOAP's

This process began with the complete restructuring of the committees, reducing the number of committees through amalgamation of several committees and elimination of redundant and underutilized committees. The number of committees was reduced by one half, from 18 to 9. The remaining committees were all given new terms of reference and were tailored to reflect the needs of the society. Rules of the Society, as well as the Administrative Policies were reviewed and revamped following the changes to Committees. This process was done over the entire year, and was coordinated by the Constitution and Policy Review Committee (Chair: Tim Riordan, GIO). The RSOAP's were reduced from 120 to 50.

New Constitution and By-Laws

Under the direction of the CPR committee the Society's By-Laws and Constitution were examined and reviewed. After much debate, a new set of By-Laws and Constitution were formed. These new By-Laws and Constitution accomplished several things, including: removing inconsistencies, redundancies and other problems; bringing them into full compliance with the Society's Act, as well as the existing practices of the Society; changing the representative structure to create a smaller and more effective Board of Directors, while re-organizing Forum and adding a seventh executive officer, the Member Services Officer. These new By-Laws and Constitution allow for greater participation of graduate students in the Society, more efficient and effective management of the Society, and the ability of the Society to act on behalf of students in a more representative manner. The new By-Laws and Constitution were adopted in quorate referenda, with 82% in favour.

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Student Handbook

Again this year the Society produced a handbook for the membership. A service provided for free to the membership, the handbook served as an important medium for communicating with the membership, as well as providing a worthwhile service valued by every member. Over 16,000 handbooks were printed and distributed to students. This year, the production was a joint effort between the Society and the Canadian Federation of Students. Although the delivery of the book was late, when it did arrive many students commented on the quality of design and production.

Staff

New CUPE 2396 Collective Agreement

In late fall of 2000, the Society and CUPE 2396 began discussions to re-negotiate the expired collective agreement. These negotiations lasted through to the Spring of 2001, with both parties wishing to make significant changes to the agreement. The new agreement, ratified late in the Spring semester, brings several changes which modernize the agreement, bringing them in line with standard practice, clarify certain issues of contention, and improved some benefits for employees.

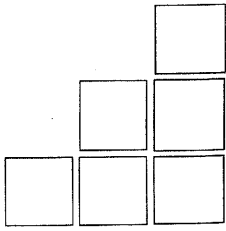
Job Descriptions

Job descriptions were updated and reworked for all the administrative, advocacy and student staff who were part of the CUPE 2396 bargaining unit. The new job descriptions achieved several goals, including to bring them in line with practice, as well as realistic expectations for employees; provide greater detail and specificity; to clarify reporting structures and committee participation for each member of staff. The new job descriptions were completed on time, near the end of April 2001.

Hirings and Transfers

Several staffing changes occurred over the past year. Cailey Crawford departed in April/May 2000 from the resource office; Scott Perchall moved to a new position of RC Communications in Summer of 2000; Michelle Bogdan was transferred to Women's Centre Librarian in Summer of 2000; Adam Nott, Student Union Organizer, departed in Summer of 2000; Steven Kammerer was hired as RC Research and Policy in Fall of 2000. As a result of the end of terms for the positions of Administrative Assistant, Student Union Organizer and Graduate Caucus Organizer as part of the restructuring of the Society. Nicole Mahusier left as a result of this restructuring. In December of 2000 Maria Rastan completed her term and was replaced by Eury Chang, and his term was extended to two years. In Spring of 2001 Steven Kammerer was transferred to University Relations Fieldworker. Mike Mancinelli and Scott Perchall departed in the spring of 2001, and Mark Veerkamp was hired as RC Communications.

Changes in the commercial services of the Society saw Peter Grant, Business Manager,



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undertake the responsibilities of all commercial services, including all retail services. Additionally, John Laurin was promoted from Head Cook to the new position of Food and Beverage Services Food and Catering Manager. These changes occurred in early fall of 2000.

The following were elected in the general election to serve as executive officers: President, Robert Trost; Internal Relations Officer, Kait Cooper; Treasurer, Dave Crossley; External Relations Officer, Veronika Miralles-Sanchez; University Relations Officer, Ryan Stewart; Graduate Issues Officer, Tim Riordan. Robert Trost abandoned his position and was replaced by Sabrina Yeudall in summer of 2000. Sabrina Yeudall and Veronika Miralles-Sanchez resigned in mid-spring, 2001. These positions were not refilled as a result of their late timing.

A Host of Popular Student Services

The Society continued to offer numerous popular services, such as the free legal clinic, the free Canadian Federation of Students' International Student Identity Card, Out on Campus, the Women's Centre, catering services, conference funding, the free phone, Copyright Printshop, Club funding, the Ombuds office, the arcade, Quad Books, the Higher Grounds Cafe, and the Pub.

Graduate Issues

Graduate Issues Committee Retreat and Social

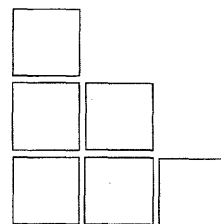
The Graduate Issues Committee organized a very successful retreat. One outcome was a document of recommendations for improving graduate student representation on Student Society and University decision-making bodies, pressing forward on issues around graduate student funding, and student/supervisor roles and responsibilities. The Graduate Issues Officer met regularly with the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Jon Driver, throughout the year to discuss such issues as graduate student representation on departmental committees and proposed renovations to the Grad Lounge.

Grad Lounge Renovations

The Society continued throughout the year to work with the office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, the University's Facilities Management Department, and others, to plan and coordinate the renovation of the Society's Graduate Student Lounge. The lounge renovation is to be funded by funds donated from the Vice-President Academic, and will greatly improve the only social and activity space on campus dedicated to all graduate student members. The plan calls for a new bar, new furniture and décor, and other improvements, that will make the space more enjoyable and inviting, as well as more flexible for graduate student events and activities. The renovations will take place in the Fall of 2001.

Procedural Manual for the Graduate Issues Officer

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The GIO developed a new procedures manual for incoming GIOs. The manual includes: a detailed description of the powers, duties, and obligations of the position and provides guidelines for dealing with the issues and projects generally handled by the Graduate Issues Officer.

SSHRC and NSERC Surplus Funding for Travel Grants

The graduate issues committee pursued the issue of surplus funding from the granting councils with the Dean of Graduate Studies. Surplus NSERC money had been released to the university for use as travel grants for graduate students, and it was expected that SSHRC would likewise allow this practice. However, at the end of the fiscal year 2001 a decision had not yet been made by SSHRC, and the Dean and GIO agreed to continue pressing for the release of the funds.

National Graduate Council

The Graduate Issues Committee did not send a representative to the annual general meeting of the National Graduate Council in Hull, Quebec this year. However, the Resource Coordinator (Research and Policy) attended the meetings and reported back on planned campaigns. Foremost among NGC campaigns for the year were efforts to stop the selling of graduate student theses for profit on-line. The NGC worked closely with the National Library of Canada to end this practice, and to negotiate policies around copyright, royalties, and accessibility of graduate student research. The NGC is lobbying the National Library to develop a website which will provide students access to all theses free of cost.

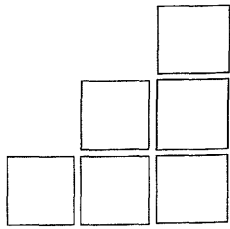
Out On Campus Report

As a department of the SFSS, Out On Campus provides a unique service to the campus community. Out On Campus (and more specifically, the Out On Campus lounge) acts as a campus space where it is safe to express various sexual orientations (the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered community). While these communities are the primary focus of Out On Campus, this department is not exclusive to individuals that fall into these categories. There is now a growing diversity of students and allies that participate in Out On Campus events, helping endorse the inclusive nature of Out On Campus's goals. The overall theme of Out On Campus is still; however, to create a forum where issues pertaining to sexuality can be discussed.

One of the major changes to Out On Campus during the year was the increase of paid hours for the office coordinator (Jen Bradd). The hours have increased to ten hours per week (as opposed to five) and as a result of this increase, a visible improvement to the organization of the space has been observed. While the space had been open consistently only a few hours per day in the 1999-2000 year, the space has been open for at least six hours per day in the 2000-2001 year. This increase is not only due to the increase in the hours of the coordinator, but also in the ability of the coordinator to mobilize volunteers and increase outside awareness of the space. Several hours of the week when Out On Campus is open are now done by the work of volunteers. Having the space open is impor-



OUT ON CAMPUS RAISES PROFILE IN THE
MAIN MALL.



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tant for the resources (e.g. library and bulletin board postings) to be accessible to anyone who may be interested in issues surrounding sexuality as well as for potential new members. With the coordinator more able to devote time to Out On Campus, there has also been an increase in activity of the volunteers that is not only social in nature. Part of this was also due to the office coordinator providing volunteers with the resources and training necessary to plan and hold events on and off campus.

Out On Campus held several events in the 2000-2001 year that focused on promoting awareness and education for the SFU community. In the fall, the open house for Out On Campus was held in the convocation mall. This event also included as mass coming out that was open to everyone, providing people with the idea of the experience of coming out (this was not restricted to the subject of sexuality). The event was also supported by CJSF, providing music for the day, which helped draw people into the event. The open house also re-established Out On Campus's presence on campus and since it was held in the convocation mall, many people on campus that may have been unwilling to enter the Out On Campus space could participate more freely. Another event that occurred during the open house was the Queer Ally Project, which promotes the understanding of queer issues amongst all people.

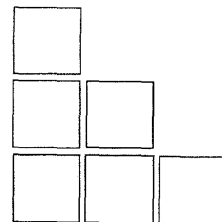
Another event that included the Queer Ally Project was Queer Awareness Week in the spring of 2001. This event was a week in length and included various informational workshops, including the Queer Ally Project. Other forums of education were two speakers from Latin America, sharing their experiences as queers elsewhere in the world. There was also a display in the convocation mall showing the levels of legal queer acceptance around the world. Another promotion of Out On Campus's presence at SFU was through advertising in a publication of Xtra West.

In conclusion, Out On Campus has been successful in establishing a presence in the SFU community. Through the continuing efforts of the office coordinator and volunteers, there is now a space and community where there is no discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Women's Centre Report

The Women's Centre Health Information Project continued providing women info on a myriad of health issues. Our monthly Health Question and Answer sessions, supported by Health, Career and Counseling as well as Women's Studies, provided an opportunity for women to ask pressing health questions in an anonymous format (question box in the lounge). This has meant important health information is getting to women who need it. Additional health information boards cover such issues as STI's (sexually transmitted infections), depression, body image, reproductive issues and more. Approximately 2400 women each semester go through the Women's Centre Lounge. It is our experience that many of these women are getting health information they would not get if not for the Health Information Project. We continue to be indebted to our Health Information Volunteer Lisa

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Matthews who spends countless hours working up creative, relevant and interactive displays!

Other efforts throughout the year included collective and lounge user education on transgenderism/transsexualism, Dec 6th (National Day of Action to End Violence Against Women) Vigil and Lantern Procession, and a Women Speak Event for March 8th (International Women's Day), which included 2 hours of continuous female voice in Convocation Mall as women read personal and other writings relevant to women's lives. Other outreach included co-sponsored events with Rotunda groups such as SFPing and Out On Campus. Our library continues to grow with the efforts of our Library volunteer committee in concert with our Librarian, Michelle Bogdan. Our campus and off-campus community resources continue to be updated facilitating access for women and men on many issues including, but not limited to, domestic violence, relationships, self-help, health etc.

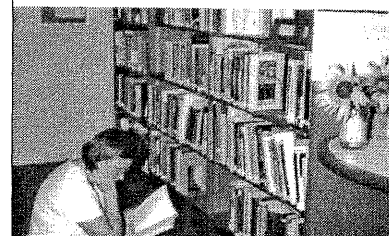
The Women's Centre continues its work for the full participation of women in society, to end all forms of oppression and to provide access to women-centered resources.

Ombuds Office Restructuring

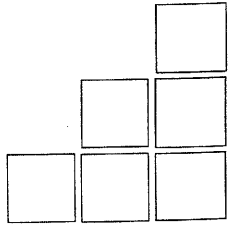
As part of the policy review/restructuring, policies related to the Ombuds office were also updated through a process involving consultation between the Constitution and Policy Review Committee and the Ombuds office. The result was a revamping of the Ombuds Coordinating committee as the Ombudsperson (appointed) selection committee; and the Ombudsperson (appointed)(formerly Ombudsperson Student) is now a two year term to ensure greater stability and continuity. In addition, the office was clearly designated "the Simon Fraser Student Society Ombuds Office" to ensure that the community, and in particular the Society's members are aware that this vital, and well used advocacy service is provided by the Society, and not the University or any other external entity. In addition, the policies ensure that the office is effective and accountable to the Society and its clients, while being clearly separate from the political processes/management of the Society.

WUSC Student Refugee Funding

The Society has provided support and funding throughout the years to assist the World University Services Canada (WUSC) student refugee program, which allows student refugees to come to Canada to study. The Society's funding has always been limited by its budgetary constraints, and has therefore not always been as high as would be liked. The WUSC club on campus organized a petition to have a referendum question put to the membership in the Spring of 2001, asking for an increase of \$0.50 per full time student per semester to the Student Activity Fee which would be dedicated towards funding the student refugee program. The petition was successful, the question went to referendum, and the question passed successfully. The new fee and funding will commence with the Fall 2001 semester.



WOMEN'S CENTRE LIBRARY.



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NICE CAKES!



CLUBS DAYS TABLE.

Freedom Square Concert

The concert was held on September 2, 2000, featuring Wide Mouth Mason, Jet Set Satellite and J. Englishman, as well as an outdoor beverage garden. The event went off well without any problems and a good time was had by all, though the attendance was less than was hoped for.

Week of Welcome

The Society put on a variety of activities, such as the Pancake Breakfast in which blueberry pancakes were served free to hundreds of appreciative members; and Clubs Days on September 12-14 where dozens of Society supported student clubs, from social and academic

Treasurer's Report

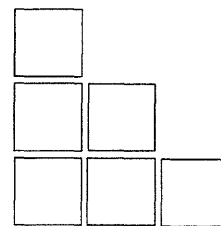
May 2000 - April 2001

It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to oversee the financial matters of the Student Society, report to Forum, and to the membership (through this report at the Annual General Meeting). This Treasurer happy to report that the Society has received an unqualified audit yet again this year. This means that the accounting practices and internal financial controls of the Society are sound and appropriate, and meet the standards set out under the Society Act, and generally accepted accounting principles. Our membership dues continue to provide regular, steady revenues for the Society, and cover the expenses of our non-commercial operations. Additionally, several financial concerns of the society which were outlined in the treasurer's previous report have been addressed, and the Society enjoyed an unprecedented improvement in its financial status.

New Budgeting Procedures

As part of the new Administrative Policies, in conjunction with the Spring 2001 budgeting process, we accomplished several new and effective changes. All departments, including Food and Beverages and the Retail Services are now included in the budget. This ensures that the entire Society's budget is not only balanced, but that it also maintains an operating contingency and a mandated surplus. The operating surplus was introduced to maintain a built in expenditure cushion, and the mandated surplus was included to pay down the deficit in membership equity. New financial guidelines were implemented to ensure accurate and regular exchanges in information in respect to the financial situation of the Society between the staff, management and elected officials.

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New Banking Arrangements

Following the departure of the Bank of Nova Scotia from campus the Society negotiated new banking arrangements for all its funds and activities with Van City, resulting in reduced banking costs for the Society.

Member's Equity

This Treasurer proudly presents a annual surplus of \$95,845, well above budget estimations. This turnaround can be attributed to a variety of factors, which will be outlined below.

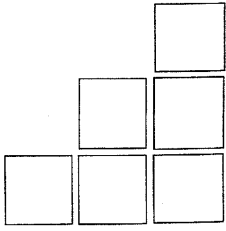
Although we continue to have a member's equity deficit, our equity position has improved dramatically over the past twelve months. Our total net assets (member's equity) this year is a deficit of \$108 909, reduced by the significant surplus this year. This Treasurer is excited to report that member's equity will be returned to a surplus over the next two or three years if the current trends in our operation continue.

Mortgage / Building Fund

The Society continues to pay down the mortgage on the Society's portion of the construction costs of building the Maggie Benston Student Services Building. The fund is funded by a separate membership levy, which is paying out around \$500,000 per year. The fund is administered separately and does not impact our operational Budgets or cash-flow. The mortgage of the Society should be paid off within two years (by conservative estimates). The membership levy will continue being collected after the mortgage is paid and placed into a separate account reserved for future building expenditures. This decision was approved in the referendum of March 2001. These funds are part of a larger plan for future student space on campus, or perhaps within the Burnaby Mountain Development. The continuance of this fund will provide the basis for renovations throughout our operation, and will further reduce the operation costs of the society.

Operating Budget

In the 2000-2001 fiscal year, fee revenues were slightly over budget. Most administrative and advocacy departments were on budget, while some were significantly below budget. As a whole, the non-Food and Beverage Services Department achieved a significant surplus, which greatly contributed to the surplus of the Society. Net revenues for the Society were slightly under budget due to the fact that we did not expect a delay in revenue generated from our commercial tenants. However these funds will be noted in the next annual statements, and will likely create a surplus in that particular area.



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A FEW HOURS ON CAMPUS.

Service Areas

The Society's retail areas have shown significant improvements. The combined operations. The retail services improved by nearly \$60,000 over the past year, above all expectations. Although there was some decline this year, the text book buy-back program and used text sales continue to be a popular, convenient, and profitable portion of the operations. With continued efforts by the staff and executive, the retail services should continue on this upward trend in the future.

Food and Beverage Services

The Society operates a Food and Beverage Services operation that includes the Highland Pub, Higher Grounds coffee bar, and Atrium catering services. The Food and Beverage Services has greatly improved its standing, improving by \$139,136. This turnaround can be attributed to several changes within the Food and Beverage Services structure and operations, as well as the efforts by the management and staff. The effects of long-term changes made several years previous including the re-organization of management and day to day operations of the Food and Beverage Services are coming to fruition, and have impacted positively on the operations. The Food & Beverage Services are now in a position to run largely on a break-even basis and with the steady improvements should be making a surplus within the next year or two. It is also worth noting that the Food and Beverage Services now operate on a stand-alone basis, and their financial viability is independent of the Society.

With the continued efforts of all persons involved in the financial upkeep of the Society, we can look forward to long-term financial stability and achievement for the Society. It is with a great deal of pride that I am able to present this report at this time, signifying a new and bright financial future for the society.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Financial coordinators and auditing team for producing an accurate, concise, and timely set of statements. I thank them for their hard work and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Caralyn Tansey
Treasurer,
Simon Fraser Student Society