

Hired help for the new Student Centre

A new Operation Manager requires reorganization of executive

By SARAH MURPHY

Time to change the linen. The Student Union will soon hire an Operations manager.

The Operations Manager will primarily be responsible for management of the campus bar service, staff supervision, providing training, conducting meetings, event coordination, liquor purchases, and any other duties as required.

"That person will be looking after the bar," says Pauline Tran, Vice President Internal. "There will be no need for a bar manager. The Operations manager will replace the present Vice President Operations, attending conferences and making and maintaining contacts [for bookings for bands]."

Tran insists that hiring an Operations Manager is in the best interests of the students. In the past, the Vice President of Operations has done her or his best to ensure good entertainment on campus, but this is often made difficult due to the short work term.

"Every year when a new person comes in, it's hard to bargain with [bands'] agents. It's only after Christmas that they [VPO] really get into the job, and then it's over," says Tran. The new manager would "ensure continuity," and could keep contacts for the following year.

Big acts, such as Big Sugar and the Watchmen, are what a number students want. They're not concerned about how the Student Union lures them here.

"We don't care who does the job [getting good entertainment on campus]," says one student. "We just want the job done. As long as our student fees don't go up and we are not asked for money at the door, we'll probably not notice the difference."

The arrival of the Op-

erations Manager will require a change in the VPO's duties VPO, and ultimately will result in some reshuffling of the SU executive.

The VPO will take over the maintenance of sub-organizations on campus. Vice President Internal will be renamed "Vice President Communications," and the position

of Vice President External will be eliminated. Lose ends will be tied up and any unassigned duties will be added to the President's agenda.

"Next year will be a year of transition," Tran says. "VPO will work with the Operations Manager, ensuring proper manage-

ment of the Barn."

Kyle Hann will fulfill the duties of VPO for the last year before being replaced by the full-time manager the following year. This will ensure a proper carry over of tasks once the new Student Union Centre is completed.

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Do you have your PIN yet?

By MARY ACORN

You may or may not have noticed the signs around campus that are stressing the importance of knowing your PIN. This is something that you should take note of because it's going to change a lot of things about the whole school process.

All students received their PIN back around January, but a lot of people disregarded it. Each PIN is used in combination with each student number on the UPEI website.

Once you tap in your PIN and student number the fun begins. Well, it's not "yahoo" fun, more like "neat" fun. Students have the option to view their marks from last semester or their personal exam schedule or to register for the summer semester and a

bunch of other things.

One of the neatest options is to view your degree audit report. This lets you know if you're on track for attaining your degree. It shows what courses you have that will go towards your degree and what courses are left to take. It also shows the courses that you've taken that won't go towards your degree.

The degree audit report also comes in handy if you're thinking about switching degrees. This helps you see how the courses you've previously taken will count towards the new degree and how much further you have to go.

The biggest impact that this is going to have is on the registration process. You can say goodbye to those long lineups outside the sports centre for pre-registration and registration.

Now you can sit in the comfort of your own home or computer lab and register in your p.j.s if you wish.

Okay, there's a little more to it than that, but not much more. It breaks down like this. Fourth year students are the only ones who get to pre-register on the first day of pre-registration. The second day, pre-registration is open to third and fourth year students and so on.

People can still pre-register in person at the register's office. The office and the on-line registration process both start at the same time.

These changes are going to cut down on a lot of running around done by students and staff of the registrar's office. The time saved by staff will be put towards dealing with other exceptions that students

face.

The staff of the registrars office are really excited about these changes. Marion Hannaford describes the new process as being more "student directed" and now "the control is in the hands of the students."

It's really important that students know of these changes because it affects them. Marks aren't going to be sent out in the mail anymore unless arrangements are made by the student.

So if you're waiting for your marks in the mail, you'll be waiting quite a while.

If you don't know your PIN yet, you can get it from the registrar's office or from the library. You will need your student card to get your PIN.

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