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**ELECTION AFTERMATH** Forlorn posters and banners gather on the third floor of SUB. But ballot box season isn't over until councillor elections on 19-20 March.

## COUNCIL FORUM

Written by *Kirsten Goruk*

Students' Council meets every second Tuesday, usually in the Council Chambers in University Hall at 6pm. The next meeting will be held in CEB 3-25 on Tuesday, 25 March, where free food will not be provided for any attendees. Council meetings are open to all students.

### MI CASA ES SU CASA?

At long last, the debate over whether or not the SU should pursue membership with CASA is over. During approval of budget principles for the 2008/09, a motion was made to amend the phrase "support increased advocacy initiatives at the federal level" to instead focus on pursuing full membership within the Canadian Alliance of Student

Associations.

Among those in support of CASA was Business councillor Scott Nicol, who stated his belief that resources will always be put towards federal advocacy, and joining CASA provides the SU with an opportunity to be a part of a bigger process, one that allows universities to unite their concerns instead of acting independently.

Speaking not in formal opposition but in concern of the motion, Arts councillor Al-Amyr Sumar spoke about membership cost versus potential benefits. Joining CASA will set the SU back \$50 000, and Sumar questioned whether, in light of the recent failure to renew the Millennium

Scholarship, CASA membership is the right choice at this time.

Vice-President (Academic) Bobby Samuel questioned why the SU is pursuing a full membership as opposed to the associate, which is half the cost. Vice-President (External) Steven Dollansky replied that with the recent research into the cost-benefit ratio, the SU is eager to become a player at the table and have a vote that counts.

Ultimately the motion passed 22-2, with 2 abstentions.

### QUESTION PERIOD

Dollansky responded to questions about the recent provincial election and

the effectiveness of the Imagine Alberta campaign. He said he felt that the SU has a lot to look forward to in the coming year, including ensuring that campaign promises are fulfilled and strong relationships with the new government are formed. He felt that Imagine Alberta was successful at highlighting PSE issues during the election.

Dollansky went on to say that although voter turnout province-wide was abysmal, the U of A's Riverview riding saw some of the highest. In terms of improvement, he stated that with further cooperation and involvement of Elections Alberta more could be done to reach student voters.

“\$50 000 is no small drop in the bucket—that’s, like, one hundred \$500. Yeah, that’s why I’m in this position: because I do math like that.”

**EAMONN GAMBLE**  
VP (Operations & Finance)

—on crunching the numbers for joining CASA

## STREETERS

Compiled and photographed by Steve Smith and Sam Brooks

As you may be aware, effective 1 July, the University will no longer accept credit card payments for tuition. What do you think about this?



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Business II

"That's bunk."

"We're just going to line up now, and it's just going to be more expensive for them."

"I think I'm okay with that. I pay by bank draft."

"I definitely don't like that. I always pay by Mastercard." [Online or in person?] "In person." [Do you have the bank balance to pay it, or are you actually borrowing the money?] "Oh, I have the balance; I just figure that it builds up credit, so you might as well do it with the credit card."

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