

THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE  
STUDENTS' UNION



A  
YEAR  
IN  
REVIEW

of  
2011 - 2012



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF 2011-2012**

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## Introduction

Welcome to the 2011-2012 ULSU Year in Review. Within these pages you will find an interesting and personal account of the Students' Union initiatives, events, and operations during the year. Our term was incredible, filled with a variety of successes, challenges, and new opportunities. I invite you to join us as we review all that was accomplished.

The Students' Union exists to enhance the quality of education for UofL students both inside and outside the classroom. We do this by representing students on University committees, advocating on their behalf to all levels of government, and providing a wide range of high quality services. This year alone, from Bill Nye and the mobile application, to the Get Out the Vote campaign, to the removal of parental contributions from student loan calculations, to improvements in the Zoo, I believe the Students' Union made significant contributions to the improvement of all aspects of student life at the UofL.

While Executives dedicate their ideas, energy and countless hours of work, the Students' Union would not have been able to accomplish all that it has without the commitment and passion of our staff. Our nine full-time staff members form the backbone of the Students' Union for their unwavering ability to always get the job done. I truly am thankful for the support they gave us throughout the year. I would also be remiss if I did not mention the



Oktoberfest - Zack Moline



Jump the Line - Zack Moline



Taz passes Nordie (the ULSU transition mascot) to Zack at the Changeover Retreat held in Waterton National Park

devotion of our General Assembly members and volunteers. From keeping the Executive accountable to volunteering at ULSU activities, the Students' Union would be a fraction of what it is without these people.

On behalf of our 2011-2012 Executive Council I would like to dedicate our year to the staff, GA members, and volunteers who made it all possible. When reading through the pages of this review, please keep their efforts at the forefront of your mind. *Written by Zack Moline - 4th year Political Science and Economics double major*



## How We Began The Year

The Students' Union Recognition dinner was a wonderful way to celebrate the dedication and hard work of ULSU members as well as a formal way to transition into the new year. President Zack Moline thanked all the outgoing, welcomed the incoming General Assembly members, and expressed his hopes for the ULSU in the upcoming year. The ULSU recognized people throughout campus who have accomplished amazing things by honouring them with awards. The evening consisted of a wonderful dinner and great people in celebration of the past and the future.

Last May the General Assembly gathered in Waterton National Park for our annual Changeover Retreat. Personally, I feel this retreat was the perfect way to become familiar with people who I would be working with. Being a first year student, I really had no idea what to expect in the role as an Arts and Science Rep. The retreat helped me to feel comfortable and because of that, I felt that I would be able to fulfill my role with ease. During the retreat we had break out sessions with the General Assembly and Executive Council to outline our expectations and to set goals for the great things we would be undertaking. Overall, the retreat gave the incoming council a chance to create friendships and learn how the ULSU functions. This transition period went very smoothly and it prepared all members of the General Assembly to take on the tasks that came up throughout the year. *Written by Maxine Saretsky - 2nd year B.Sc. Kinesiology*



**Changeover Retreat - Waterton, AB**  
*Julia Adolf, Andrew Williams*



**Changeover Retreat in Waterton National Park**  
**April 2011**

*Left to Right: Armin Escher, Olanrewaju Paulissen, Eva Gorny, Tanner Watt, Zack Moline, Andrew Williams, Maxine Saretsky, Julia Adolf, Lisa Rodych, Leyland Bradley, Stephanie Kiraly*



**Maxine Saretsky**  
 Arts & Science Rep



# STUDENT COUNCIL & STAFF

## General Assembly of 2011-2012

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Zack Moline  
President



Andrew Williams  
VP Academic



Leyland Bradley  
VP Operations & Finance



Lisa Rodych  
VP Internal Affairs



Armin Escher  
Board of Governors Rep



Julia Adolf  
Arts & Science Rep



Maxine Saretsky  
Arts & Science Rep



Tanner Watt  
Arts & Science Rep



Chris Hollingsworth  
Arts & Science Rep



Paul Klein  
Arts & Science Rep



Cole Schneider  
Arts & Science Rep



Eva Gorny  
Education Rep



Amanda Sequeira  
Fine Arts Rep



Brady Schnell  
Management Rep



Kyle Hammond  
Residence Rep



Olanrewaju Paulissen  
International Rep



Germain Wells  
FNMI Rep



Stephanie Kiraly  
Edmonton Campus Rep



Shahd Mohamad  
Calgary Campus Rep



Bill Chapman  
General Assembly Chair



## Commissioners

Commissioner to the President - Paul Klein  
Commissioner to the VP Academic - Julia Adolf  
Commissioner to the VP Internal - Armin Escher  
Commissioner to the VP Operations & Finance - Tanner Watt



## New Staff

### **Kyle Dodgson - Communications Coordinator**

Born and raised in the interior of British Columbia, Kyle packed his bags and headed east to Lethbridge in 2005 to hit the books at the University of Lethbridge. After completing his BFA in New Media (2008), Kyle worked as a freelance new media artist until he began his Master's of Arts Multidisciplinary at the University of Lethbridge in 2009. After two years of study, Kyle was hired on as the Communications Coordinator at the ULSU while Abby Groenenboom was on maternity leave.

## Permanent Staff

General Manager - *Cheri Pokarney*  
Bookkeeper/Service Centre Manager - *Randy Ockerman*  
Operations Coordinator - *Tracy Merrifield*  
Executive Assistant - *Susan Curtis*  
Administrative Assistant - *Jenna Nahnybida*  
Communications Coordinator - *Kyle Dodgson*  
Health Plan Administrator - *Shelley Tuff*  
The Zoo Manager - *Ben Giesbrecht*  
Kitchen Supervisor - *Gary Ouellette*





## Accountability & Succession

Responsible representation is the name of the game for the ULSU. While advocacy for students is essential, so is staying accountable to students and preparing for the future of the ULSU. Thus, there are many policies and measures in place to ensure that students' money and interests are protected for current and future student bodies. Much of what is done is behind the scenes, but, as will be illustrated, are affective means in staying transparent, responsible, and effective representatives of the student body.

Every year the ULSU puts together numerous internal committees. Each GA member is obligated to sit on at least one committee, and non-elected students who are interested in ULSU student life planning are also welcome to join. Ranging from dealing with upcoming social events, to going through bylaws and policies with a fine-tooth comb, these committees are vital in ensuring that the direction the ULSU is pursuing, is in consolation with a wide range of students from different backgrounds and will have an overall lasting affect on campus.

One committee in particular, the Executive Accountability Committee (EAC), is put together every year to ensure that the ULSU executive members are on the right track. The EAC is responsible for surveying the GA and the ULSU staff with regards to how effective in their job they think the Executive Council are doing. This information is then collected, organized, and presented to the Executive Council. This critical examination of the Executive Council aids in ensuring that each of them are on track with the goals they made at the beginning of the year, notes what they are good at and what they need to improve on, and helps to ensure that there are no issues with how students are being represented.

Even though the EAC deals with the here and now, there

is a fairly large turnover rate of ULSU representatives year after year because each position is only a one year term, and it is important that a mandate is made to direct future councils as well. This is reflected in the ULSU Strategic Plan, which lays out a guide line that aids in the choices that are made by the ULSU each and every day. This plan is also reviewed to keep up with the ever changing student population, and to help guide future councils' decisions.

The decision makers themselves are a means of accountability and succession planning for students and future councils. The greater majority of decisions made by the ULSU must first get GA approval. Here, all elected members get a say in what actions the ULSU takes when it comes to financial decisions, academic pursuits, and student advocacy. Acting as a check and balance, the GA keeps the ULSU accountable and focused on bettering today's students and those of the future.

While only a few examples have been provided, it must be understood that the ULSU is actively thinking about students at all times. In the past year alone, great head-way has been made with the promotion of what actually goes on within student

government, in an attempt to get students involved. As was stated in the opening of this piece, much of what goes on is behind the scenes. By promoting and engaging students in what the ULSU does, it will not only comfort students to know that they are getting the best representation possible, but hopefully get them involved as well. What must always be remembered is that actions today will inevitably affect others in the future.

*Written by Cole Schneider - 5th year Sociology major*



**Arts & Science Rep**  
*Cole Schneider*







## Active ULSU Committee List

1. Fresh Fest Committee
2. Legislative Review Committee
3. Student Engagement Committee
4. Zoo Management Liaison Committee
5. Awards Committee
6. Election Committee
7. Transition Committee
8. Recognition Dinner Committee
9. Hiring Committee
10. Event Planning Committee

## Notable ULSU Committee Activity

### Student Engagement Committee

The Student Engagement Committee (SEC) was struck at the beginning of the year and met approximately every two weeks (or more if needed.) It consisted of the VP Internal, two staff members, several GA members as well as a couple of "students at-large". The purpose of this committee was to plan and organize a variety of events throughout the year under the leadership of Lisa Rodych, the VP Internal. While

our committee took an assistant role in some events, there were other events where we took a much more active planning role. Two such events were the Ugly Sweater Contest at Ender Bender as well as the Meltdown Welcome Back Carnival and cabaret. The Ugly Sweater contest was something we had added to make Ender Bender a little different while still keeping with the essence of such a popular event. Meltdown was a two day event which attempted to appeal to a larger audience by providing a fun, day event (carnival), as well as a more "traditional" cabaret party the next evening. Finally, the SEC also helped in the planning of the post-election results concert featuring The Dudes, as well as Last Class Bash which was held in the Grove. *Written by Armin Escher - 5th Year B. Sc. Geography*



**Ugly Sweater Contest**  
(SEC Committee Initiative)  
*DJ Shad, Zack Moline*



**Meltdown**  
*Cole Schneider*



## ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

### University Affairs

The Students' Union ensures that UofL students are well represented at the tables of the major decision making bodies on campus, from the Board of Governors to the General Faculties Council Curriculum Coordinating Committee; students have a voice.

While 2011-2012 wasn't necessarily a banner year for the University, there were many notable developments which will undoubtedly improve the quality of education and student life on campus. The top achievements which come to my mind are; beginning construction of the new residence building, the creation of the alumni Fiat Lux ring, commencing the planning for a new science building, and approving the creation of an online student portal. *Written by Zack Moline - 4th year Political Science and Economics double major*

### CAUS Involvement

The Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) had an incredible year in 2011-2012, we had numerous lobbying successes and challenges and ran an exciting election campaign. Serving as Chair of CAUS, I put an incredible amount of effort into the organization, and am very proud of the work our team accomplished. Our year began on the right note when we began lobbying the leadership candidates for all parties on the idea of improving Alberta's post-secondary participation rate from last to first. Alison Redford, who was a leadership candidate at the time, latched onto this idea and included our ideas directly in her post-secondary platform (which she announced in the SUB). While she hasn't made a clear commitment to making our participation rate the highest in the nation, she has made efforts to improve participation for rural and aboriginal students and will likely keep this statistic in mind when forming PSE policy in the future. Liberal leader, Raj Sherman, also took hold of this idea, it was a large part of the Liberal campaign narrative: it was a

major piece of the Liberal campaign platform, and was included in Raj's comments during the Leaders Debate.

On the opposite side of things, non-instructional fees, a top priority for us, were easily the most frustrating issue we had to deal with this year. We had been lobbying the Government to regulate non-instructional fees by making it mandatory for any new fee or large increase to existing fees, be approved by student referendum or student council vote. After months of fighting, and coming to what seemed like an agreement with Minister Weadick, he asked each institution to create their own non-instructional fee policy and released a list of "Best Practices" for our institutions to follow. The best practices ignored nearly everything we had discussed prior and simply formalized the status quo in the favour of institutions. While he is no longer Minister, Greg Weadick made it clear that this file was not yet closed, and I am confident that the CAUS 2012-2013 Council will be able to make further progress on this file in a new political climate.

We also lobbied the Government on increasing the level of non-repayable assistance it provides to students through its SFA program. We were asking the Government to invest more in scholarships, loans, bursaries, and debt remission, as opposed to simply relying on student loans. A portion of our specific request was recognized when Advanced Education and Technology announced changes to SFA and simplified the remission system. Additionally, the Government removed parental contributions, part time earnings, and savings, from the student loan assessment and introduced a flat rate contribution of \$1,500. This will give students greater access to student loans, and was a major win for CAUS.

Finally, in the recommendations we gave to the Government for Budget 2012 we advocated for an increase and stability in the operating grants that the Government provides to our institutions. Sure enough, in the Budget the Government announced a 2% grant





increase for the next three years. This will relieve some of the pressure in the system and make it less likely for our institutions to pursue large tuition or fee increases.

In summary, it was an incredible year both for me personally and for CAUS. We had an excellent team with world class support, had our share of successes and setbacks, and I was honored to work with such an outstanding group. *Written by Zack Moline - 4th year Political Science and Economics double major*

### CAUS Initiative: Get Out The Vote

Faced with a Provincial Election within a year, the Council of Alberta University Students began to plan an election campaign during our first days in office. The result was the Get Out The Vote Campaign: a direct voter contact campaign which had the sole goal of maximizing student voter turnout. Our idea was simple, we got students to pledge to vote and provide us with their contact information and used it to create a database of student voters. Using the database, we contacted all of the students during the campaign and the election to remind them to get out and vote.

After preparing through summer and fall, we had over 10,000 Alberta students pledge to vote by the drop of



#### Get Out the Vote (CAUS Initiative)

*Sean Dupuis, Jenna Nahnybida, Paul Klein, Andrew Williams*

the writ, including 2,000 at the University of Lethbridge. When we released these numbers and launched our campaign in the first days of the Provincial Election we earned an incredible amount of media province wide. The following candidates debate and vote mob earned even more media and continued to reinforce our message to the public and the parties: students were voting in this election. Finally, on election day we set up a call center with a group of excited volunteers and contacted every single UofL student on our list.

Voter turnout increased nearly double in Lethbridge West than it did in bordering ridings; I know GOTV was a large part of that. With the success of this campaign, we've let the Government know that students are engaged and voting. I'm glad to pass this image down to future CAUS councils and have no doubt that they will be able to use it to advance the student agenda. It was an incredible experience to have played a leadership role in Get Out The Vote, and I was ecstatic to have ended our year on such a high note. *Written by Zack Moline - 4th year Political Science and Economics double major*



# ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

## CASA Involvement

The ULSU remained an active member within CASA, (the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations). CASA upheld its mandate to help better post-secondary education for students in Canada.

The ULSU played a large part in the internal organization of CASA this year. Leyland Bradley, VP Operations & Finance, served as Vice Chair for the ad-hoc Member Relations Committee. The Member Relations Committee was relevant in discussing issues pertaining to membership size and growth, the member's feedback on CASA's Strategic Plan, and discussing a new membership website which would help CASA members keep up to date on current issues. The committee stressed the possibility of making the Member Relations Committee a standing committee for the future. This was well received, especially from Home Office as a means to ensure adequate communication between members and staff.

For our advocacy efforts, the ULSU met with many Members of Parliament while at Lobby Conference in Ottawa, Ontario, such as Lethbridge MP Jim Hillyer, Regina MP Tom Lukiwiski, Northwest Territories MP Dennis Bevington, and Southern Interior, British Columbia MP Alex Atamanenko. CASA's most pressing issues for post-secondary students included eliminating the 2 per cent cap on annual funding for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) to allow greater numbers of Aboriginal Canadians the opportunity to succeed in post-secondary, ending the private tax on student textbooks

Parliament Building



CASA Conference

*Rick Casson, Leyland Bradley, Zack Moline, Prime Minister Harper*

(saving students \$30 million a year), allowing multiple-entry visas for international students in Canada and abolishing the \$150 fee for international students to work off campus, and exempting vehicle ownership from the Canadian Student Loans Program (CSLP) as a borrower asset. The issues were well-received from government, with promising strides being taken in a reassessment in both the PSSSP and the CSLP.

The CASA Annual General Meeting was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Internally speaking, the membership agreed to have Zachary Dayler continue on another year in his position as National Director. There was discussion about potentially making tax credit reassessment a lobby prior-



ity for next year which was heavily debated but it may be a definitive lobby issue. There was also discussion about going forward with joining The Right to Research Coalition, an organization dedicated to open access to copyright journals and other academic work to help ensure students have access to adequate resources.

Overall, CASA made strong efforts to build itself internally and accomplish many advocacy initiatives during 2011-2012. *Written by Leyland Bradley - 4th year Sociology major*

## Travel: Conferences, Seminars & Meetings

| TYPE   | DATE           | PLACE          |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| CASA Western Transition                          | May 2011       | Chilliwack, BC |
| CAUS Changeover                                  | May 2011       | Canmore, AB    |
| AMICCUS  | May 2011       | Edmonton, AB   |
| Serving Communities Internship Program           | May 2011       | Edmonton, AB   |
| CASA Policy & Strategy Conference                | June 2011      | Hamilton, ON   |
| COCA   | June 2011      | Whistler, BC   |
| Leaders Hall Conference                          | June 2011      | Calgary, AB    |
| Government Orientation & Alberta Students Summit | August 2011    | Edmonton, AB   |
| CAUS Finance Board Presentation                  | August 2011    | Calgary, AB    |
| Food Expo  | September 2011 | Calgary, AB    |
| CAUS Council Presentations                       | November 2011  | Calgary, AB    |
| CASA Lobby Con                                   | November 2011  | Ottawa, ON     |
| CAUS Meeting                                     | November 2011  | Calgary, AB    |
| Throne Speech & Budget Revealing                 | February 2012  | Edmonton, AB   |
| CASA AGM   | March 2012     | Halifax, NS    |
| Student Finance Board Meeting                    | March 2012     | Edmonton, AB   |





## Club Report

This year there were over 80 ratified clubs, up from around 70 last year. The clubs began activities and membership recruitment early, with approximately 20 ratified clubs attending New Student Orientation. This gave new students a chance to see some of the clubs on campus before classes even started. Next up for clubs was Club Rush Week where they all had the opportunity to set up booths in the University Hall Atrium to recruit new club members.

Once the semester was in full swing, clubs started hosting their many events. Events such as fundraisers, seminars, workshops, lectures, meet and greets, cabarets, pot-lucks, competitions, social gatherings, and more. Clubs hosted a number of annual events, such as EDGE's Jail and Bail, Rotaract's Dinner and Silent Auction, and the JDC West's Chillin' for Charity. Some were held once a semester such as the Object Manipulation Club's cabarets, and some were hosted weekly, such as the Medieval Club's sparring nights, the Yoga Club's free yoga classes, or the Long Board Club's Shred Nights in the Zoo. These are only a few examples of amazing events hosted by clubs. There are so many more events that greatly benefited the student body, Lethbridge community, and international organizations. These could not have been hosted without the outstanding dedication of the club executives and their members.



Theatre Arts Society Christmas Carollers



**Chillin' for Charity**  
*Lisa Rodych, Leyland Bradley,  
 Andrew Williams*

Working with clubs has been one of the highlights of my job this year. There were so many dedicated club members who worked together to make a difference at the University of Lethbridge. Although I cannot mention every club and every event that has been hosted in

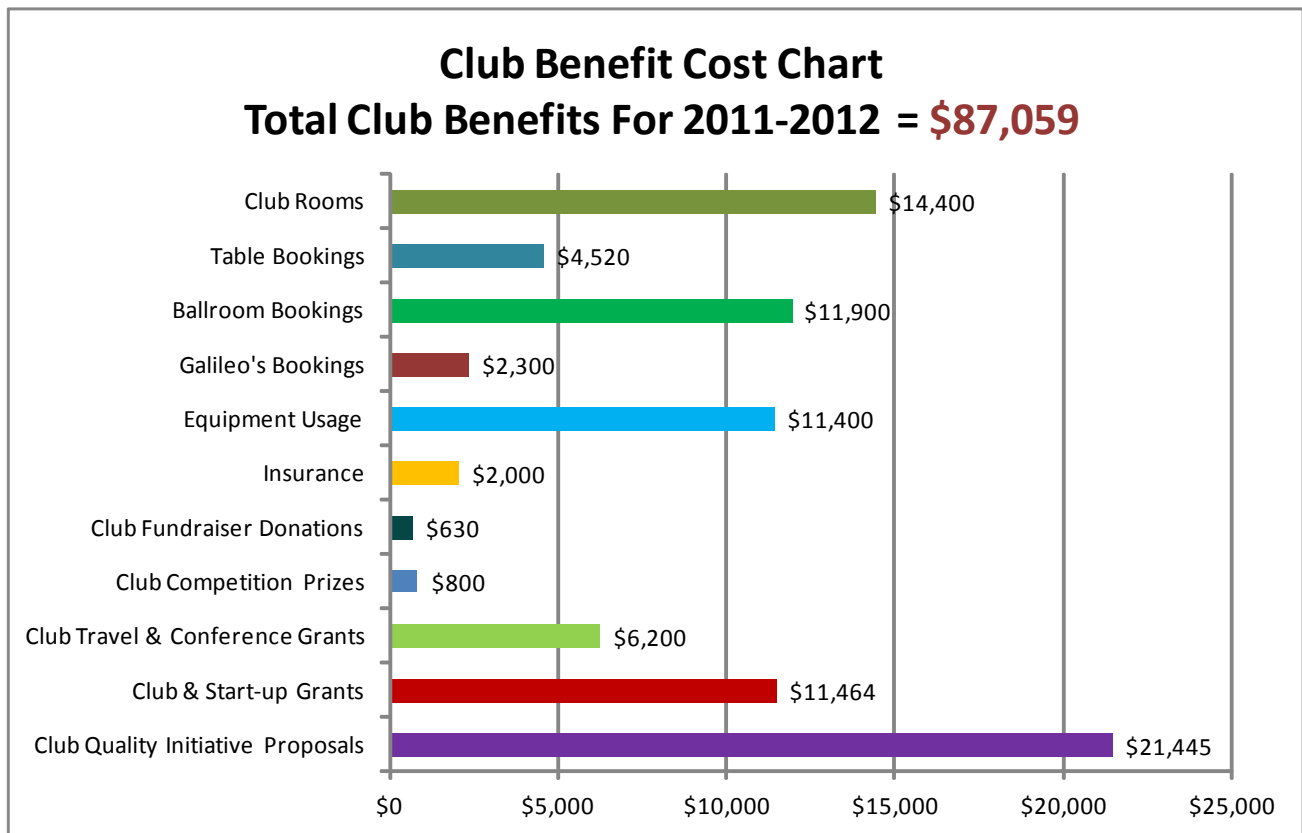
Lethbridge, I would like to sincerely congratulate all club members for the hard work that they have demonstrated this year. You should all be very proud!

With so many clubs doing so many amazing things, it was very difficult to choose just one club to receive the Club of the Year award. However, the committee made their choice and we were proud to congratulate the University of Lethbridge Rotaract Club for winning this prestigious award. *Written by Lisa Rodych - 6th year B.Sc Mathematics and B. Mgt Marketing and Finance major*



## Club Benefits

Throughout the year clubs receive thousands of dollars in monetary funding by way of grants, donations and prizes. There is also a large amount of operational costs that the ULSU absorbs in order for clubs to receive their benefits for free. These benefits amounted to over \$46,000 for such things as club rooms, space bookings, equipment usage, and insurance. In total, club benefits added up to \$87,059 for 2011-2012.



## CLUB AFFAIRS

### Support to Club Initiatives

#### **Jail and Bail - EDGE**

This new club started their first year with a bang by hosting a 'Jail and Bail' event. Students, staff, faculty, community members and the ULSU Executive Council were held 'hostage' in the UHall Atrium. They were released once they had raised enough money by approaching friends and passing students for financial donations. In a single day they raised approximately \$8,000 toward building a school in Afghanistan.

#### **Chillin' for Charity – JDC West**

As a fundraiser for the JDC West Business Competition, the JDC West club hosted their annual Chillin' for Charity event on November 4th. This featured an outdoor pool filled with icy water. JDC West teams consisting of students, faculty, staff, and the ULSU Executive Council all made the plunge into the freezing cold water to help raise money for the United Way of Lethbridge and South Western Alberta.

#### **Dinner and Silent Auction – Rotaract Club**

On February 4th, the ULSU attended Rotaract's 7th annual dinner and Silent Auction. This event was hosted to raise money to build a school in south Sudan. The night was entitled 'Guir ku baai' meaning 'let's build together.' The night raised \$14,500 through ticket sales, silent auction items, 50/50 draws, and financial donations.

#### **OUTspoken – PRIDE Centre**

The ULSU was proud to be one of the primary financial sponsors for the PRIDE Centre's third annual OUTspoken event from March 21st to 24th. OUTspoken featured workshops, seminars, speakers, and social events. It was focused on educating students, community members, staff and faculty about the queer community of Lethbridge and Southern Alberta. *Written by Lisa Rodych - 6th year B.Sc Mathematics and B. Mgt Marketing and Finance major*



#### **Relay for Life**

*Olanrewaju Paulissen, Leyland Bradley, Lisa Rodych, Armin Escher, Julia Adolf, Andrew Williams*





Ratified Clubs for 2011-2012

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| 1. Accounting Club - (Lethbridge)                    | 28. French Club                              | 56. Object Manipulation Club            |
| 2. Accounting Club - (Edmonton)                      | 29. Global Drums                             | 57. Organization of Residence Students  |
| 3. AFro Students Association                         | 30. Greek Life Club                          | 58. Pagan Students Association          |
| 4. Agriculture Students Society                      | 31. Headbangers Club                         | 59. Philosophy Club                     |
| 5. Amnesty International                             | 32. Health Sciences Undergrad Assoc          | 60. Pre Med Club                        |
| 6. Anthropology Club                                 | 33. Historical Undergrad Society             | 61. Pre Vet Club                        |
| 7. Archaeology Club                                  | 34. Human Resources Club - (Calgary)         | 62. PRIDE Centre                        |
| 8. Art Society                                       | 35. Improv Club                              | 63. Pronghorn Field Hockey Club         |
| 9. Assoc of Political Science Students               | 36. Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship       | 64. Psychology & Neuroscience Club      |
| 10. Biology & Environmental Science                  | 37. JDC West                                 | 65. Public Health Students' Association |
| 11. Campus Conservative Association                  | 38. KinPhysEd Club                           | 66. Red Cross Club                      |
| 12. Campus Roots Community Garden                    | 39. Latter Day Saints Students' Assoc        | 67. Rooted on Campus                    |
| 13. Canadian Breast Cancer/Youth<br>Advisory Council | 40. League of Gentlemen                      | 68. Rotaract                            |
| 14. Canadian Students for Sensible<br>Drug Policy    | 41. Lethbridge Students for Liberty          | 69. Social Work Students' Association   |
| 15. Chem BioChem                                     | 42. Lethbridge Students for Life             | 70. Sociology Club                      |
| 16. Chess Club                                       | 43. Literature Club                          | 71. Spanish Club                        |
| 17. Climbing Club                                    | 44. Longboard Club                           | 72. Study Club                          |
| 18. Competitive Sport & Learning                     | 45. Management Students Society              | 73. Surf Club                           |
| 19. Computer Club                                    | 46. Management Students Society<br>(Calgary) | 74. Synthetic Biology Club              |
| 20. Crocheting & Knitting Club                       | 47. Mathematics & Physics Club               | 75. Theatre Arts Society                |
| 21. Dance Team                                       | 48. Medieval Club                            | 76. Trolls Rugby                        |
| 22. Economics Students Association                   | 49. Mixed Curling                            | 77. Troyanda Ukranian Cultural Club     |
| 23. EDGE   | 50. Model UN                                 | 78. Ultimate Club                       |
| 24. Education Undergraduate Society                  | 51. Musical Theatre Society                  | 79. University Catholic Community       |
| 25. Electronic Music Club                            | 52. Muslim Students' Association             | 80. University Singers                  |
| 26. Environmental Science                            | 53. Native American Student Society          | 81. Unscripted Theatre Society          |
| 27. Finance Club - (Calgary)                         | 54. New Democrats                            | 82. Wind Orchestra Club                 |
|  | 55. New Media Student Society                | 83. Yoga Club                           |





## Shoe Drive

From January 16th to 20th, the ULSU held a shoe drive on campus organized by two Arts and Science Representatives, Maxine Saretsky and Paul Klein, in conjunction with the Soles4Souls Organization. The drive yielded 194 pairs of wearable shoes; that is, shoes free of any tears or holes. The Soles4Souls Organization will ship the collected shoes to people in need of proper footwear in the global periphery. Abandoned shoes formerly existing in the recesses of student's closets will now be put to good use by those who assuredly have greater need of them than their donators at the University. *Written by Paul Klein - 3rd year B.A. Anthropology major and Philosophy minor*



**Soles4Souls Shoe Drive**  
Paul Klein, Maxine Saretsky

## Tutor Database

In the previous year, the University of Lethbridge has put an emphasis on the importance of recruiting new students as well as retaining current students. A number of issues were identified that affect a students' decision on whether to stay or leave school. As VP Academic, I pushed for another student service which is essential to academic success of many students: Academic assistance through peer tutoring.

Launched in January of 2012, the pilot tutoring program has already become quite successful. While it has only run in Biology, Mathematics, and Academic Writing, student involvement has been impressive and feedback has been largely positive.

In order to truly be a student focused institution, we need to offer assistance to our students in as many ways as possible. One area that has been lacking is that

of academic support. I am very happy to see improvements and hope that this new program will only continue to grow. In March of 2012, the Students' Union General Assembly passed a motion to financially support the program which employs a number of students to the tune of \$5,000 annually.

The program plans on expanding to more programs in the upcoming academic year and will continue to grow and improve our students' academic standing. *Written by Andrew Williams - 5th year B.Sc. Physics major*



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### Video Logs

This year, the ULSU along with assistance from a number of New Media students were able to write and film three short videos and advertisements for services the Students' Union offers such as the Food Bank, Health and Dental plan, and grade appeals. These were completed in mid February and are being saved for release by the next year's council in September to reach new students. *Written by Andrew Williams - 5th year B.Sc. Physics major*

### The Zoo

The Students' Union Pub, The Zoo, experienced many new and exciting changes this year including new couches, dining tables and chairs which updated it with a fresh new look. Additionally, one of our large TV's was upgraded to a flat screen. The menu was freshened up with new items being added alongside the old favourites. We also installed a draft tower adding three new draft beers, making up to six choices in draft available. Our existing draft lines were also upgraded to ensure proper chill and less foam. The Zoo will be open during the 2012 summer months for the first time. Patrons will be able to enjoy their meal indoors as usual; on the patio while basking in the sun, or relaxing in the shade under the new umbrellas. *Written by Tracy Merrifield - Operations Coordinator*

### The Grove

The Grove is the green space located to the east of Markin Hall. The Students' Union holds outdoor events,

such as Fresh Fest, LCB and Oktoberfest in this space, allowing for a larger capacity and a fun festival feel. This year the Grove had its electrical system upgraded to allow for the greater power demands that lighting and bands require. Sporting equipment was also purchased for students to sign out for free to enjoy in the open space and new grass! *Written by Tracy Merrifield - Operations Coordinator*



The Grove during Fresh Fest 2011

### The Students' Union Building

The Students' Union building installed three TV's in key locations highlighting Students' Union activities and events. Be sure to take a moment to keep updated on all the exciting events the ULSU provides throughout the year! *Written by Tracy Merrifield - Operations Coordinator*



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Winning T-Shirt Design  
by Riley Miller

### T-Shirt Contest

As part of the yearly 'swag' order, the Executive Council decided to print formal T-shirts with the official ULSU logo, and informal T-shirts with a student designed logo. Submissions were open for two weeks in September, and a winning design by Riley Miller was selected by online voting. First prize was \$200, second was \$100 and third was \$50. The contest was headed by Leyland Bradley, VP Operations & Finance, who was surprised by students' lack of knowledge of the ULSU. Some submissions even had incorrect acronyms or no reference to the ULSU. The T-shirts were very popular, and were only made available for a limited printing run. The contest was seen to be a success, and a great way to get students more involved with the ULSU operations and its' image.

*Written by Tanner Watt - 2nd year Psychology/Anthropology double major*

### The Note Bank

Beginning in the fall semester of 2011 the Note Bank program began to unfold. Andrew Williams, VP Academic and I started this project to replace the old Test Bank which had become a burden as obtaining exams from professors became increasingly difficult. Students were asked to submit notes in collection boxes, e-mail them to the Note Bank online, or to drop them off at the Students' Union office during the fall semester final exam period. Paper copies were then scanned and uploaded to the Students' Union website under the Note Bank link, making them accessible to all students. Over 80 different sets of notes were submitted covering a wide variety of courses and classes. A collection drive for notes will happen again during the spring semester final exam period to further expand the Note Bank.

The Note Bank project would not have happened without the support from I.T., the ULSU staff, the General Assembly, Andrew Williams and the student body for submitting their notes to make this project possible.

I am very pleased with the outcome of the Note Bank and hope this program will continue to replace the Test Bank in the upcoming years as students continue to submit their notes for all varieties of classes. *Written by Julia Adolph - 4th Year General Sciences major*

### Mobile App

Over the summer, the ULSU worked on its communications strategy in a number of ways. With each year, students become more tech savvy and integrated. One of my initiatives was to develop a mobile application to offer students a new and mobile medium through



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which to access ULSU information. The application was commissioned through CollegeMobile Inc, a company which develops mobile applications for post-secondary institutions.

The mobile application has a number of functions including an event listing, news items, biographies and contact information for all council and staff members, club listings, an interactive campus map, integrated moodle access, and many others.

Since its release for all major platforms in September, the application has been downloaded and installed over 1500 times, reaching roughly 21% of the undergraduate population at the University of Lethbridge. Offering a greater variety of mediums for students to access our information is never a bad thing. This new application will offer future councils the opportunity to interact with students in a way which is becoming increasingly popular. *Written by Andrew Williams - 5th year B.Sc. Physics major*

### Volunteer Core Project

The Volunteer Core was a new initiative created by the 2011-2012 Executive Council. The idea behind the Core was to create a permanent base of volunteers which would not only help the ULSU set up and execute events, but also through their participation, they would feel encouraged to run in the ULSU elections for a position on Council.

This initiative began with the hiring of Mike Solberg as the Volunteer Coordinator in August of 2011. Throughout the year, with Mike's leadership and supervision from the Executive Council, volunteers were recruited to help out with events including Meltdown, Oktoberfest, Humans vs Zombies, Bill Nye, and the Get Out the Vote Campaign. Typical tasks for volunteers included street teaming, event setup, classroom talks, and working event tables.

We had a large contingent of volunteers who were involved throughout the year, and at least three (eight if including current GA members) members ran in the ULSU elections. *Written by Zack Moline - 4th year Political Science and Economics double major*

### Sustainability on Campus

Sustainability on campus from an institutional standpoint took major strides this year. The University's Energy Management and Sustainability Committee was opened up for input from students and faculty alike, making the committee much more representative of the campus community. This year, with increased representation from the different units on campus, the committee began to work towards the creation of a campus wide University Sustainability Plan. This Plan will guide sustainable efforts on campus and provide them with the support needed to grow in the future.

To begin this process, the committee commissioned a working group of applied study students and a sessional faculty member to develop a scoping report of the current status of sustainability on campus. The 100 page report which was completed at the end of the Fall semester provided a thorough overview of sustainability on campus with which to base the development of the University Sustainability Plan. Work has begun by members of the EMSC to develop this Plan which will ultimately be brought forward to the Board of Governors for approval.

This year also saw the expansion of the compost project on campus. Compost bins were brought into Pikani Residence for their personal use. Additionally, our first public compost bins were setup at various locations on campus for the entire campus community to use. *Written by Zack Moline - 4th year Political Science and Economics double major*





## Lethbridge Community Initiatives

### ULSU Community Food Bank Car Wash & BBQ Fundraiser

As part of the Community Food Drive Fundraising contribution for this year, I wanted to host a car wash to raise money for the Students' Union Food Bank. The car wash and BBQ took place August 19 - 20, 2011 at the University Drive Alliance Church parking lot.

Planning for the event initially took place in early July 2011, as we had to secure a location for the car wash. We looked at hosting the event downtown or at a large shopping complex on the Southside, but the cost was too great as we would have had to rent water tankers. After contacting the University Drive Alliance Church, we were lucky to have found a group of people who were willing to take on our project. Once we secured our location, Atco Gas lent us a BBQ, and the number of students offering to give up their Saturday to help volunteer started to pour in. As far as music for the project, I was fortunate to find a few people at CKXU who were willing to help wash cars and flip burgers as long as they had creative freedom to play their selection of music at our makeshift CKXU booth.

Overall, we raised \$350 over the two-day period with all proceeds contributed to the ULSU Food Bank. It was a lot of fun, and the feedback I received from the volunteers was positive. I would greatly encourage the Students' Union to host another car wash as a means of raising money for the ULSU Food Bank. *Written by Leyland Bradley - 4th year Sociology major*



**Project Paintbrush**

*Zack Moline, Leyland Bradley, Lisa Rodych, Andrew Williams*

## Project Paintbrush

On August 16th, 2011, the Students' Union Executive Council did their part to help the local community via volunteering time for Project Paintbrush; a local organization that helps physically or financially disadvantaged individuals with the maintenance of their home exterior or fence. Project Paintbrush is volunteer-run with the help of corporate businesses, other local organizations, and individuals from the community. Project Paintbrush works to ensure that homeowners are able to live in their homes for longer periods of time, as well as alleviate the stress of maintaining the exterior of their house.

The experience was highly rewarding. It was an honor to help serve this fantastic organization. *Written by Leyland Bradley - 4th year Sociology major*



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## Event List of 2011-2012



Small Town DJs

- Club Rush Week - *September 2011*
- T-Shirt Design Contest - *September 2011*
- ULSU By-election - *September 2011*
- UPass Referendum - *September 2011*
- Open Mic Night in the Zoo - *September 2011 to March 2012*
- Oktoberfest - *October 2011*
- Flames Games - *October 2011 to April 2012*
- Lost & Found Sale - *October 2011*
- Humans vs. Zombies - *October 2011*
- Trick or Eat Food Drive - *October 2011*
- Halloween Cabaret - *October 2011*
- Volunteer Fair - *October 2011*
- Campus Food Drive - *November 2011*
- Imaginus Poster Sale - *November 2011 & January 2012*
- Ender Bender Cabaret - *December 2011*
- Club Rush Week - *January 2011*
- Bill Nye the Science Guy & the Chem Guys - *January 2012*
- Meltdown - *January 2012*
- ULSU Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive - *January 2012*
- Karaoke in the Zoo - *February 2012 to April 2012*
- ULSU General Election - *February to March 2012*
- Calgary Campus Gym Pass Referendum - *March 2012*
- Students Speaker Challenge - *February 2012*
- ULSU/EUS Clothing Drive and Sale - *February 2012*
- Dirty Bingo in the Zoo - *February & March 2012*
- Sexual Awareness Week - *February 2012*
- Volunteer Tax Program - *March & April 2012*
- The Last Lecture - *April 2012*
- Teaching Excellence Awards - *April 2012*
- Last Class Bash - *April 2012*
- ULSU Recognition Dinner - *April 2012*
- Piggy Bank Donation Drive for the Food Bank - *April 2012*
- Jump the Line - *June 2011*
- Hokkai Gakuen Exchange Dinner - *August 2011*
- ULSU Car Wash - *August 2011*
- Project Paint Brush - *August 2011*
- Fresh Fest - *September 2011*



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## Campus Community Initiatives

### Jump the Line

Jump the Line took place in June giving new students a chance to literally jump many of the lines that they would need to wait in during the September rush. They were able to tour residence, get ID cards, listen to speakers, reserve textbooks, meet all the departments on campus, including the ULSU, and even meet some of the many clubs.

### ULSU NSO Booth Fair

New Student Orientation (NSO) was held in September 2011 and again in January 2012. The event provided new students with much of the information they needed about the U of L. The orientation ended with a booth fair where the ULSU presented information about the many services available to students, and actively engaged new students by answering their questions.

### Convocation Ceremony

Convocation took place June 2nd and 3rd with over 1000 new graduates and their families in attendance during the course of four ceremonies. It was a tremendous event which celebrated the success of all graduates.

### Volunteer Fair

The ULSU hosted the annual Volunteer Fair on November 1, 2011. Local organizations set up booths and encouraged students to take on various volunteer positions to help enrich the Lethbridge community. *Written by Lisa Rodych - 6th B.Sc Mathematics and B. Mgt Marketing and Finance major*



**Jump the Line**

*Andrew Williams, Leyland Bradley, Lisa Rodych*



**New Student Orientation**

*Leyland Bradley, Lisa Rodych, Andrew Williams, Zack Moline*





## Notable ULSU Social Events

### Sexual Awareness

The 2012 sexual health campaign focused on the "ULSU Loves You" theme, and advocated that students get tested for STI's at the campus Health Centre. Branded condoms and a themed "Dirty Bingo" night at the Zoo helped to raise awareness among the student body. *Written by Tanner Watt - 2nd year of a Psychology/Anthropology double major*

### Humans vs Zombies

Humans vs Zombies (HvZ) was back with a bang in October. This was the third time the game was hosted on campus, and it had a record number of over 300 participants. HvZ was a campus wide game of tag where humans fight for survival against the growing zombie horde while trying to complete daily missions around campus. This year a computer program was used so students could easily track tags and see which of their comrades had been turned into zombies.

### Meltdown

Meltdown was held January 19th and 20th as a welcome to the University for new students and a welcome back for returning students. This event had two parts, the Meltdown Carnival and the Meltdown Cabaret. The Carnival was hosted in The Zoo ballrooms, complete with music, basketball, floor hockey, N64 video games, other challenges, and of course, prizes! The cabaret was held in The Zoo, with the BassWorks DJ's playing music to keep the crowd dancing.

### The Dudes

ULSU election results were announced on March 9th in The Zoo. The results were followed by a free concert

open to all students. The Bradford Whites and Lustre Creame enthusiastically opened for one of Lethbridge's favourite bands, The Dudes! The Zoo filled up very quickly and everyone had a blast dancing to the amazing music.

### Karaoke Nights

In January the ULSU started weekly Karaoke on Tuesday nights in The Zoo, making this the one and only west side venue in Lethbridge to host Karaoke. Karaoke nights were very well received, and The Zoo was packed every Tuesday night with students eager to sing and cheer on their peers.

### Open Mic Nights

Continuing from last year's success, Open Mic Nights were hosted monthly in The Zoo. The Zoo quickly filled up every Open Mic Night with performers and audience members. This event gave students a chance to showcase their talents and entertain their peers through song, musical instruments, comedy routines, poetry readings, and more! *Written by Lisa Rodych - 6th B.Sc Mathematics and B. Mgt Marketing and Finance major*

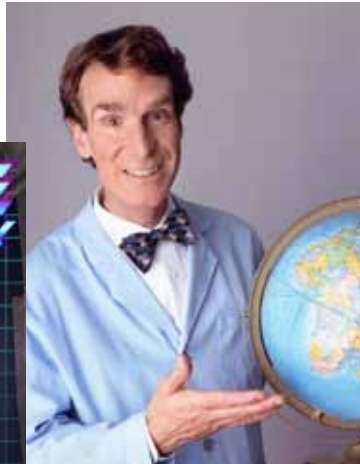
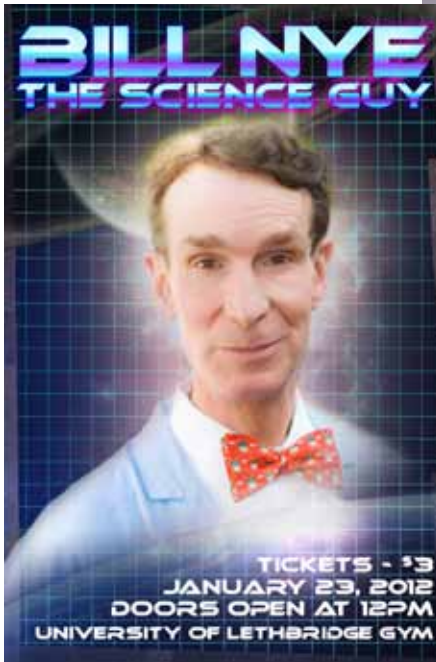


The Dudes



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Notable ULSU Academic Events



Bill Nye

#### **Bill Nye**

On January 23, 2012, the ULSU presented Bill Nye "The Science Guy", an educator, comedian, television

host, actor, mechanical engineer, and scientist. Tickets were sold for \$3 to students and community members with all proceeds going to the ULSU Food Bank. With almost 2400 people in attendance, The Chem Guys, the Universities own Wayne Lippa and John Eng, opened the show with explosive entertainment to an enthusiastic crowd. Bill Nye followed with a presentation of topics on global warming, pollution, and the green movement. He then took questions from the audience and held a book signing where roughly 300 lucky students got to meet, shake hands with, and get an autograph from The Science Guy himself. This event was one of the most successful academic events in ULSU history and will be

remembered by the University and surrounding community for quite some time. *Written by Julia Adolf - 4th Year General Sciences major*

#### **Student Speaker Challenge**

The 2012 Student Speaker Challenge, hosted annually by SACPA, LPIRG and the ULSU, got underway on January 24th where eight students competed in a series of one on one speech competitions about a particular question. "Is there a systemic crisis in the world? If so, how can it be resolved?" was the topic. Sea Marsland, a Social Study major, placed first in the competition and Michael Orr, a Political Science major, placed second. The other competitors were Stephen Graham, Leslie Mahoney, Kylie Kettles, Madison Webber, Martin

Heavy-Head, and Danika Jorgenson-McGuire. *Written by Julia Adolf - 4th Year General Sciences major*

#### **The Last Lecture**

On April 4th, 2012, the ULSU continued a growing tradition by hosting the fifth annual Last Lecture series in the University Theatre. The Last Lecture is an event that allows distinguished and popular U of L professors the opportunity to deliver a hypothetical "Last Lecture" about life, love, success and basic knowledge they feel everyone should know. The event featured professors Ardis Anderson - Philosophy, and Bente Hansen - Music. Bente spoke about the three P's: partying, perspective, and patience, and performed a musical piece on the piano for the audience. Ardis then delivered a philosophical presentation on how one should go about using, spreading, and teaching ones wisdom to others. The Last Lecture ended with the presentation of the ULSU Teaching Excellence Award to Shawn Buble of the Archeology department, nominated and selected by students. *Written by Julia Adolf - 4th Year General Sciences major*



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## Bill Nye Event

Armin Escher, Chris Hollingsworth, Bill Nye, Joel Pendergast, Mike Solberg, Katherine Taylor



## Bill Nye Event

Bill Nye book signing



Bill Nye  
The  
Science Guy!

## Bill Nye Event

Lisa Rodych, Zack Moline, Bill Nye, Andrew Williams, Leyland Bradley



## Bill Nye Event

The Chem Guys





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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Fresh Fest

Participants felt that Fresh Fest 2011 was a great introduction to the University of Lethbridge. It was a three day event from Thursday, September 8th to Saturday, September 10th. The event opened with the Fresh and Breezy Luau, that was held just west of University Hall. The event was co-hosted with the Organization of Residence Students (O.R.S.) and featured a variety of fun activities including a giant slip and slide, a bouncy castle and an obstacle course. There was also a live DJ and food was offered to participants. Following the Luau students enjoyed an outdoor screening of Bridesmaids just north of parking lot E. There were a variety of ice-breaker games for participants before the movie started, popcorn, cotton candy and pizza were also available. On Friday the Lemon Cabaret was held with support from Molson. Molson offered participants the option of having one free Coors Light or food item. Molson also provided a large amount of lighting and decorations for the party. This, in conjunction with the DJ's from Bassworks provided a great atmosphere.

The final event of Fresh Fest was the Fresh U Jamboree. This event was an 8 hour long concert that featured headlining bands including Ill Scarlett, United Synergy Seeker and Smalltown DJ's. Fesh U Jamboree was open to all students which provided a greater atmosphere and wider audience. The final act of the Jamboree wrapped up at midnight.

Following Fresh Fest, the Fresh Fest Committee received very positive feedback from attendees about the events and overall experience. *Written by Chris Hollingsworth - 4th year Bachelor of Arts and Science, Major in Political Science and Computer Science*





## Arts & Science Rep Report

The Faculty of Arts and Science is the largest faculty at the University of Lethbridge, and as such, has six Students' Union General Assembly representatives. As the spokesperson responsible for articulating the roles played and contributions made by this year's Arts and Science Reps, I will assuredly unintentionally omit portions of my counterpart's insight and awareness, but will attempt nonetheless to accomplish due diligence in my portrayal of the position and of our efforts this year.

Faculty representatives and GA members are in a unique position to interact with the student body, the university, and the Students' Union. Most Arts and Science Reps are also full-time students, and as such are familiar with the rigors of everyday student life. While fulfilling their academic duties, Arts and Science Reps also provided insight into the inner workings and processes of the Students' Union, as well as the University at large. This serves to familiarize Arts and Science Reps with the bureaucratic process, and to realize the role they can play within an institutional framework. As both students and student representatives, Arts and Science Reps form an important part of the bridge between the student body and the Students' Union. By virtue of this positional simultaneity, Arts and Science Reps have the opportunity to identify ways by which they can use their position as student representatives to improve post-secondary life or mend existing shortcomings that may hamper students. In order to balance these roles and use them in a dialectical manner to contribute effectively to students' post-

secondary plight, Arts and Science Reps need to stay motivated, engaged, and vigilant throughout the year. That being said, I've been deeply impressed with the efforts of Julia Adolf, Maxine Saretsky, Tanner Watt, Chris Hollingsworth, and Cole Schneider this year, and I hope I've fulfilled my duties with similar dedication and prowess. Arts and Science Reps are required to sit on Students' Union and University committees, attend and be critically engaged with issues at hand in GA meetings, volunteer for events, and assist wherever needed. Arts and Science Reps have the opportunity to be nominated and elected as Commissioners to the Students' Union Executive Council. This year, three Arts and Science Reps served as Commissioners for the executive team. Arts and Science Reps also have the opportunity to use ULSU resources for independent initiatives of value or benefit to the student body. Presented on the following page will be a brief overview of some of the ways in which this year's Arts and Science Representatives have contributed to U of L students, the Students' Union, our university, and our community.



Arts & Science Rep  
*Paul Klein*



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS

This year's Fresh Fest was once again a resounding success. Arts and Science Reps were actively involved with several different aspects of Fresh Fest volunteerism, including but not limited to event set up and take down, event facilitation, street teaming, setting up and distributing Fresh Fest packages, and selling tickets. In order for events to be organized, coordinated, and executed smoothly, in addition to the tireless efforts of our executive team – typically the VP Internal for non-academic events – Arts and Science Reps play an important role. Arts and Science Reps have been involved in several facets of the planning and execution of events like Humans versus Zombies, Oktoberfest, Ender Bender, Karaoke nights, and our academic event of the year—Bill Nye the Science Guy! Arts and Science Reps who are commissioners to executive positions have – often with the help of other Arts and Science Reps and members of the GA – collaborated with their executives to achieve a number of ends, including dealings with student advocacy groups CASA and CAUS, assisting with the Get Out The Vote campaign, organizing a food drive and sexual health campaign, aiding in establishing a student note bank, in addition to working on other issues and initiatives.

As mentioned, Arts and Science Reps sit on several committees in the ULSU as well as the University. Arts and Science Reps were involved with the Executive Review Committee this year, which reviews the performance of the ULSU executive team, identifying strengths and weaknesses and offering constructive criticism. The University is required to consult with students about proposed an-

nual fee increases. The Fee Review Committee meeting was well attended by Arts and Science Reps and members of the ULSU, who thoroughly reviewed proposed fee increases and made sure students' interests were well-represented through questions, critique, and debate.

*Written by Paul Klein - 3rd year B.A. Anthropology major and Philosophy minor*



**Paul Klein**  
Arts & Science Rep





## Management Rep Report

The Faculty of Management announced some exciting news this year for both prospective and current students. For the first time ever students can now apply for direct entry into the Faculty in their first or second years of study. This change provides more students with access to such things as CO-OP work placements, International study placements, and approximately \$400,000 in scholarships - incentives that were previously available to experienced students only. Further to this development the Faculty has also introduced two new combined degrees where students can earn a Bachelor in Health Sciences – Public Health, or Fine Arts – New Media on top of their Bachelor of Management degree, and in just 5 years of full-time study. Two degrees with only one more year of school – sign me up!

The Management Students Society (MSS) has also had a strong year holding events and fundraisers such as the Business on the Fairway Golf Tournament, the Etiquette Dinner, the Powder Burn Ski Trip, 5 Days For the Homeless, and many more. Whether it's on the golf course, over a superb meal, or even on the ski slopes of Montana, MSS continues to build strong community within the Faculty providing real opportunities to connect students with business leaders of today. If you're interested in building

career skills, promoting volunteerism, and strengthening community within the Faculty of Management, MSS is probably for you.

This year the JDC West Business competition was held in Edmonton and attended by more than 50 students from the U of L Management Faculty. Our delegates rocked the team's orange colors at the 3-day event where they



University of Lethbridge JDC Team

competed in academics, debate, athletics, and social events. Locally the U of L JDC West team also raised more than \$23,000 for United Way at their annual Chillin' for Charity fundraiser where participants leaped into freezing water to support the United Way (and provide some great entertainment for passers by). With nearly 600 students and 11 of Western Canada's top universities participating in JDC West, it is a phenomenal opportunity to connect with

students, leaders, and to not only build your skills but also your network.

That about wraps it up as far as highlights go but trust me when I say words just don't do justice to the experiences, education, and opportunities that are had through the Faculty of Management, its clubs, and more importantly its students. *Written by Brady Schnell - 3rd Year B. Mgt. Finance major*



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS

## Education Rep Report

The Faculty of Education continues to provide the highest quality of education for the up-and-coming teachers at the University of Lethbridge. Not only is the program competitive, but it also offers an exceptional amount of practicum time, allowing students to improve their skills in and out of the classroom.

The Education Undergraduate Society (EUS) is a student group comprised of Education students, working together on common initiatives and goals. Students are provided with opportunities for professional development, tutoring, volunteering, and conference/workshop attendance. In October, the EUS held its 4th Annual Anti-Bullying and Cyberbullying Awareness Week. Four sessions were available over the course of the week, and it was, as always, a huge success. The fall semester also held the annual Bust-the-Backpack campaign, which put PSI students in a healthy competition against their respective sections, collecting school supplies and funds. Collectively, 46 backpacks were filled with supplies to be donated to schools across Southern Alberta. This almost doubles the number raised last year! Across both semesters, a variety of Professional Development sessions were offered on topics ranging from using SmartBoards in the classroom, to teaching abroad. These were also well attended.

On January 18th, the U of L held its annual Teacher Job Fair, where students who were completing their degree could begin their search for employment. Over 40 school boards and other educational organizations came to the University, with some even conducting



2012 Clothing Drive

interviews on campus. This job fair is one of the reasons that the Faculty of Education can boast a 97% employment rate for the graduates of the B.Ed. program. The University was also home to the annual South Western

Alberta Teachers' Convention Association (SWATCA). During Reading Week, over 2000 educators, and over 200 education students in PSII took part in a huge assortment of professional development and personal development sessions. The keynote speaker was Rick Hansen, a paraplegic who began the Man in Motion tour, crossing Canada and 33 other countries in a wheelchair to raise money and awareness for spinal cord injury research.

Finally, the ULSU paired with the EUS to hold a fundraiser in support of PSII student scholarships. Throughout February, clothing bins were set up around campus for students and staff to drop off gently used clothing donations. After collecting over 500 articles of clothing, a used clothing sale was hosted on February 28th and 29th in the Students' Union ballrooms. We raised \$300 to put towards this scholarship fund, continuing our support of education students.



This year has been an incredible one, and for me it has been both an honour and a thrill, to serve as the Faculty of Education Representative on the General Assembly. Thank you to those involved in the ULSU for their ongoing support and friendship. I wish everyone a wonderful year to come! *Written by Eva Gorny - 5th year Biology/ Science Education*

## Fine Arts Rep Report

This year proved to be quite eventful in terms of the Fine Arts side of the Students' Union. Never missing a GA meeting, I worked in cooperation or individually to attest to the needs of the Fine Arts student body, as well as the entirety of the campus. Starting off the year with a string of ULSU wall murals and various poster work (all volunteer orientated), I brought forth a strong presence of the Fine Arts to various Students' Union events. Murals for Fresh Fest 2011 and Oktoberfest were completed, as well as various posters requested by clubs on campus. I also made a priority of remaining in close contact with the various Fine Arts clubs on campus to ensure every variety of Fine Arts students were aware of their representation. I contacted the U of L Art Society, the Improv Club, the Musical Theatre Society, the Theatre Arts Society, and the New Media Students' Society. Through this contact I was able to ensure that the Fine Arts clubs on campus recognized their representative, maintained a supportive and approachable relationship, encouraged them to remain active and use the Students' Union resources as much as possible.

I also took on various Fine Arts group's initiatives and



**Fresh Fest 2011**

*Left to Right: Erin Luchia, Amanda Sequeira, Adam Long, Jaren Baranyay, Mike Collin, Leyland Bradley*

figured out ways to better their results through the Students' Union. For example, in October/November of 2011 I obtained some much-needed funds for the student run Niche Gallery through the Students' Union special funding. This contribution has been quite significant to the success of the Niche Gallery, and has thus prompted more exhibitions from students which has ultimately garnered a higher level of creative success amongst the faculty's body. Further attributions from my term have resulted in student art works being displayed in Galileo's, as well as raising funds for the end of the year student run Open House. This was a great success as student art, media, performances, and videos were displayed in an open gallery set up within the faculty itself. *Written by Amanda Sequeira - 3rd year B.Ed Art/Education major, Math minor.*



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## Residence Rep Report

This year has been my second in the position of Residence Rep and another amazing experience for the residence community. It was our third year running the Rez Wars competition and it is clear that these events have become entrenched into the community. People are coming out to these events at odd times and are still there dressed to the nines and cheering on their fellow competitors. Starting with our annual Tug-of-War and ending on March 31 with the Video Competition, this has been the best-attended and most spirited year to date!

In addition to the Rez events there were a few things going on around the university that had an impact on our community; it had been a little over ten years since there had been new beds added to Rez, and this year we saw a new addition to the D and E sections of 4th floor University Hall. Also in the fall we saw the ground breaking for the new building in Aperture Park. It was amazing to see the student, staff and administration support for a facility that is without a doubt going to give future students the experience of a lifetime.

Another highlight of the year was the updating of our legislation. There had been issues with graduate students voting for an undergraduate position. So with plenty of stakeholder consultation a solution was reached that would keep ORS ties with the Students' Union, keep undergraduate students voting for their representative, and allow graduate students to maintain representation in their community.

Outside of Rez Wars, our events saw a return to the classics! We had strong attendance with our Flames game and ski trip to Castle Mountain as well as our November formal cabaret. Even the floor and the section events have been highly successful this year; the corn maze, bowling, floor movie nights, mini golfing and

watching Flames games in the Zoo have continued to draw the attention of residents both young and old. Our cabarets had a slight change this year that have led to an increase in interest. We have sourced out DJ's for the events from our own community and gave them the opportunity to use their talents and showcase both the unique opportunities within Rez and the skillsets of the people who live here. *Written by Kyle Hammond, - 5th year Sociology major*

## Board of Governors Rep Report

The Board of Governors is one of two governing bodies of the University of Lethbridge. The General Faculties Council (GFC) deals with all academic issues and the board deals with all financial and administrative issues of the university.

The board consists of three students, as well as faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the public. The students on the board are the Graduate Student Association President, the ULSU President, as well as one more undergraduate student elected at large. While the students are noticeably the youngest in the room, the board does a great job making everyone in the room feel equal and it is always appreciated to know that your opinions matter in such an important way.

Two very important issues which have been discussed at the Board this year have been mandatory non-instructional fee regulation as well as the "Tuition Letter". The Minister of Advanced Education had asked all universities in Alberta to submit a proposal for dealing with the implementation of new, as well as the increase of current fees universities charge. The University of Lethbridge responded with a policy which outlines a consultation process with students for these fees. However, we are of the belief that consultation only is not enough and are advocat-



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ing, and will continue to advocate for students to have a larger say over this matter. Whether it is a plebiscite or a student council vote, students should have more say.

The "Tuition Letter" was a letter submitted to the provincial government by the university administration asking for tuition to be increased 2% above CPI for the next four years. We are opposed to this as it would place an extra burden on students. While 2% does not sound like much, it would mean that within 5 years, each U of L student would be paying around \$500 more per year which definitely adds up. We are of the opinion that the University and the government should stick to its own rules and not allow tuition to increase by more than CPI. Such increases above and beyond the current cap would only set a precedent and place us on a slippery slope of ever increasing tuition costs.

Every year there are many motions passed but there have been a few that very much stand out. One of the decisions made by the board this year was to approve the construction of the new Aperture Park Phase 3 residences which will give space to over 250 more students on campus. The Board approved funding for the residences over the summer and I was able to attend the ground breaking ceremony along with VP Academic, Andrew Williams, and ORS President, Kyle Hammond.

Other important decisions made this year were the hiring of our new Registrar, Don Hunt, the new Associate VP of Students, Judith Lapadat, as well as Sharon Sproule, the new legal counsel to the University.

Finally, something that may not directly affect the student population but has a large effect on how the Board works is the current search for a new Chair of the Board of Governors. The current Board Chair, Bob Turner will be

leaving us in September 2012. The Chair is crucial when it comes to the efficiency of meetings, facilitating discussion outside of meetings regarding the University of Lethbridge, as well as a very public figure of the University to the government and the general public.

It has been a pleasure working with both the Students' Union and the Board over the past year. While it may be a very intimidating position, it is well worth it both personally for the student board member, but more importantly for the student body as a whole to have a voice in the decision making process of the University of Lethbridge.

*Written by Armin Escher - 5th Year B.Sc. Geography*



### Board of Governors

Front Row (L-R): James Berezan, Gordon Jong, Mike Mahon, Robert Turner, Kevin Nugent, Patrick Forrest

Middle Row (L-R): Laurel Corbiere, Janice Varzari, Marilyn Smith, Elizabeth Karbashewski, Armin Escher, Doug McArthur, Jodie Black, Kathleen Willms, Kathy Lewis, Heidi MacDonald

Back Row (L-R): Blaine Kunz, Paul Walz, Nancy Walker, Chris Horbachewski, Zack Moline, Tim Waters, Dan Weeks, Bob Boudreau, Andrew Hakin, Richard Westlund

Missing: Bryson Brown, Evelyn Goodstriker, Shirley McClellan



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## Edmonton Campus Report

### Welcome Back Cookies and Coffee

At the beginning of the year we held a welcome back event for students and supplied them with cookies and coffee to keep up their energy for classes as it is sometimes tough getting used to being back in school.

### Guest Speakers

We had multiple guest speakers on campus this year to promote different career paths for students. We had representatives from all three accounting designations as well as a representative from Deloitte. They were on hand to not only answer students questions, but also to promote different fields.

### Volunteer Tax Clinic

This year we held the second annual volunteer tax clinic on the Edmonton Campus. We had 20 volunteers from the campus who graciously donated their time in order to complete student and community members tax returns.

### ULSU Elections Event

We held an event on campus during elections to promote awareness and to encourage students to become interested in running for the Edmonton Campus Rep position. Refreshments and snacks were provided and it was a nice informal way to increase the awareness of the Students' Union. *Written by Stephanie Kiraly - 4th year Bachelor of Management Accounting major*

## Calgary Campus Report

The 2011-2012 school year was very eventful for the Calgary Campus. It marked the first full year since the Calgary Campus moved downtown to share facilities with Bow Valley College. The majority of the classes are now located close to one another helping to facilitate a better sense of community. We also welcomed our new director, Ronald Sept, who has been extremely supportive of all the Students' Union and club initiatives over the past year. The Calgary office Administrative Assistants and student advisors played a key role in the success of the Students' Union this year. They went above and beyond to accommodate and help the Students' Union in every way possible and as a student body we would like to extend our gratitude to office staff.

The relationship between the Calgary and Lethbridge campuses flourished this year and the ULSU Executive Council attended Calgary's New Student Orientation. The ULSU also funded the Online Textbook Exchange, a student to student online marketplace for selling used books that was launched to help the satellite campuses. An exciting partnership with the YWCA was forged this year, and a YWCA gym membership referendum was passed giving Calgary students the opportunity to have full access to their gym for a \$5/per semester fee increase.

One of the most prevalent changes that occurred on campus was the addition of three new Calgary clubs: The Management Students' Society – Calgary, The University of Lethbridge Human Resources Club, and the University of Lethbridge Finance Club. The presence of these clubs and the efforts of their executive teams were a huge added value to the students in Calgary. These clubs put forth a lot of hard work to organize both academic and social events that were well received by their peers. The



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**Calgary Campus - Human Resources Club**

*Andal, Lana Culic, Shahd Mohamad, Radha Kuehn, Mark Matias, Svetlana Adaikin, Breanne Temoshawsky*

clubs faced and overcame a lot of challenges this year with trying to book event space and not having access to a dedicated area on campus to hold group meetings.

Over the past year the Calgary Campus has made a lot of improvements but the parking situation downtown and lack of a U-pass has still remained an issue. Effort was put forth to partner with Bow Valley College to collectively apply for a transit pass, but was rejected by the City of Calgary. Despite this setback the positive changes this year have been extremely memorable. It has been a great pleasure to serve as the 2011-2012 Calgary Campus Representative. I would like to thank the Executive Team, General Assembly and most importantly the Calgary campus students for all your support – This year would not have been nearly as successful as it was without you!  
*Written by Shahd Mohamad – 4th Year General Management major*

## **Calgary Club Events**

- Clubs Rush Week – Nov 21 – 26, 2011 and January 16 - 21, 2012
- Fall Social Mixer – December 17, 2011
- Jump Start your HR Career Event – January 21, 2012
- Roynat Capital Speaker Event - February 16, 2012
- CFA Speaker Event - February 27, 2012
- How to be an HR Professional - March 1, 2012
- Bridgewater Treasurer Speaker Event - March 8, 2012
- Finance & Accounting Recruitment Event - March 31, 2012
- Dance Craze Fundraiser - April 7, 2012
- Spring Social Mixer – April 27, 2012



**Calgary Campus - Finance Club**

*Will Howitt, Jason Jacobs, event speaker - Sacha Alimchandani Associate Director at Roynat Capital, Lyubomir Nikolov, Abraham Rahim, Aamna Zia*





### **John Brocklesby Students' Union Award of Excellence**

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Shahd Mohamad - Calgary  
Campus Rep*

This award was presented to the General Assembly member who has made the most significant contribution to the Students' Union, students, and the University community.

Shahd has amazed everyone this year through her efforts and dedication. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that Calgary campus students and their needs were represented and considered by the GA. Students on the satellite campuses do not usually have a large sense of community, and even with significant barriers, Shahd has achieved so much this year. She was instrumental in starting up three clubs on the Calgary campus, which previously did not have any. The clubs have significantly helped to foster community spirit among the students. These students also have no physical bookstore, or a notice board to post listings to sell or purchase text books. Seeing this problem, Shahd worked with the Executive Council and Tangle Media to create an online textbook exchange for our website which is also available for Edmonton and Lethbridge campus students. Calgary campus was also lacking gym facilities for students, so Shahd worked with the local YWCA, her campus director, and the Executive Council to host a referendum for an extremely affordable and practical gym membership option for students.

### **Bill Chapman Students' Union Certificate of Distinction**

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Emma Ladouceur*

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge student who has shown the most innovation in the area(s) of student affairs, wellness, or another notable field over the past year.

Emma seems to be a magnet for non-profit organizations, as she is a leader of many of them on campus, and has been a strong leader since her first year here. She has shown immense dedication in every project that she helped with, bettering the University, Lethbridge community, and beyond. She was a part of the Campus Women's Centre Collective, assisting with their operations to create a safe space for students, faculty, and staff, and she was very involved in their International Women's Day activities. She was also the president of the ULSU PRIDE Center. Emma and her team hosted their third annual OUTspoken event, which she led with dedication and enthusiasm, pouring in countless hours to ensure the event was a success. She was also on the Board of Directors of LPIRG. Her ideas and dedication to the group have been called invaluable, and she will be continuing this role next year as well. She has also demonstrated her leadership and dedication in the Lethbridge community, serving on the Lethbridge Young Advisory Council. Emma is smart, passionate, kind, and always doing her best to speak out for what she believes in.

### **Employee of the Year**

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Tracy Merrifield - Operations  
Coordinator*

This annual award was presented to the Students' Union





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employee who has made the most outstanding contributions to our organization over the past year, and best displays the values of the Students' Union.

As a former student of the University of Lethbridge, Tracy was very familiar with the University when she started working for the Students' Union as a clerk in Rockerman's Service Centre in 2004. She was then hired on as the Administrative Assistant in 2007, and was promoted to her current role as Operations Coordinator in 2010. She has been extremely helpful to the Executive Council by answering numerous questions and offering very valuable advice. Tracy also provides exceptional customer service to both external and internal customers by spending countless hours helping them with their event bookings. This can be somewhat difficult at times, as the ballrooms book up very quickly, and often clubs do not know exactly what their event will entail at the time of booking. Tracy has been highly instrumental to the success of club events by not only explaining to them about the Students' Union and the University's event policies, but also by giving them helpful advice along the way. When sitting in meetings or discussing just about anything with Tracy, it is evident that she truly cares about the goals and purpose of the Students' Union.

### Student Employee of the Year Award

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Jesse Gamble - Zoo Bartender*

This award was presented to the Students' Union student employee who demonstrated the most exceptional contribution to our organization over the past year.

Jesse has worked as a bartender in the Zoo for the past few years. He has been described as dedicated, trustwor-

thy and accommodating. When on shift, Jesse is always welcoming, and committed to providing quality service, whether he is working a regular night shift or a cabaret. He has an amazing work ethic, and helps his co-workers as much as he can on busy nights. He is always willing to work late to accommodate students and ensure everything gets cleaned up for the next day, and is willing to come in on his day off to cover shifts, which is greatly appreciated. Off shift, Jesse is always there to lend a helping hand if the staff needs help or the ballrooms need setting up. He always comes into work with a smile on his face, is beloved by many customers, and truly loves his job. Jesse is a model employee, and we are so lucky to have him as a bartender.

### Helping Hand Award

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Aaron Trozzo - CKXU Station Manager*

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge employee who has made the most significant and lasting contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union and its members over the past academic year.

Aaron has been instrumental for the success of many ULSU events this year. He has spent a lot of time lending his expertise to Council on such topics as dealing with bands and the technical side of live music. Prior to the concert that the ULSU hosted in March, he educated the ULSU on what to expect before and during the show. He has also helped the ULSU with the newest event this year, Dirty Bingo. Aaron enthusiastically agreed to help out as the host, and his presence made the event extremely enjoyable for all. He has always been very friendly, supportive and helpful to everyone in the ULSU office.



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### Outstanding Dedication Award

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Tom Doyle - I.T. Enterprise Systems & Robin Bright - Education Faculty*

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge employee in special recognition for outstanding dedication to the students of the University of Lethbridge.

Typically there is only one recipient of each of the ULSU awards, but Tom Doyle and Robin Bright have both put in a considerable amount of time and effort for the "Supporting our Students" program, of which they are co-chairs. The program raised money from University of Lethbridge staff and faculty members for the purpose of providing more scholarships and bursaries to students at the University of Lethbridge. Tom and Robin have made a significant effort in the past year to increase both awareness of the program, as well as its sources of funding. As one of the primary barriers for students in Alberta is the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education, this program is of extreme importance and is greatly appreciated by those affected. The program is a prime example of the dedication that staff and faculty at the U of L have to the students. The University and its students have benefited greatly from having two enthusiastic and hard working individuals heading up this program and ensuring that it is able to support as many students as possible.

### Continued Support Award

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Toby Clark - Risk & Safety Services*

This award was presented to the University employee for continued support to the Students' Union of the University of Lethbridge.

Toby works very closely with the ULSU, specifically with clubs. She strives to help all clubs know the liability that they are incurring when hosting an event, and works with them to ensure their events work by considering any risk issues that may arise. She is the person who creates all of the waivers for both ULSU and club events. With over 80 clubs on campus, you can imagine that is something that keeps her very busy on top of all of her other responsibilities. She often receives emails from clubs just a few hours prior to their event, and she still finds the time to ensure that they have waivers and understand the risks involved with their events. She strives to make it to every Clubs Council meeting, so that she is aware of what clubs are doing. On top of this, Toby chairs numerous university committees, and sits on even more, she is always thinking of what is best for the students on campus.

### Student of the Year Award

*2010-2011 Award Winner: Eva Gorny - Education Representative*

This award was presented to the student who embodied leadership, commitment, and contributed to the betterment of U of L students; this may have been exemplified by involvement in clubs, non-profit &/or student organizations, community, and volunteerism.

Eva seems to be everywhere, helping with everything, and always with a smile on her face. She has been extremely active in the University community for the past five years, and the dedication she has shown during this time has been a reflection of her commitment to her community, her school, and her love of giving back. Eva is a member of the GA, and is involved with a considerable number of ULSU Clubs and non-profit groups. On the GA, she sat on a number of committees, one of which she



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co-chaired, she organized the Education Undergraduate Students' Society's clothing drive this year, and she volunteered for a lot of ULSU events. She was an executive member of the Rotaract Club, investing countless hours working on projects and events. Those two roles take up a considerable amount of time, and yet Eva still finds time to work on other projects. For the past two years she has organized the Relay for Life at the University, raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society. This year, she was asked to present a TED talk here in Lethbridge, presenting on Youth Engagement in Social Action, something in which she truly is an expert. She really has been an inspiration to all of those around her, which was crucial for an event organizer. She easily passes on her enthusiasm and dedication to everyone that she works with, bringing out their best qualities.

### Club of the Year Award

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Rotaract*

This award was presented to the Students' Union ratified



#### Recognition Dinner - Executive Council and Rotaract Club

*Front Row (L-R): Ayra Kelly, Leyland Bradley, Eva Gorny*

*Back Row (L-R): Zack Moline, Andrew Williams, Samantha Gilbert, Lisa Rodych, Cory Farrell, Brittany Kiefer*

club that demonstrated the most outstanding effort and dedication in its endeavors over the past year.

The Rotaract Club and their members have been very active on campus, and in the Lethbridge community. Their motto "service before self" is truly evident in all the work that they do, including volunteering their time, and hosting fundraisers for charitable organizations. Just this year, they have raised money for Hungry for the Home, Polio Plus, the Boys and Girls Club's Anti-Bullying Campaign, Oxfam Canada, the Southwest Alberta Community Loan Fund, and their annual Dinner and Silent Auction raised \$15,000 to build a school in South Sudan. They also actively collaborated on projects with other clubs, and worked with the Students' Union initiatives such as 'Trick or Eat' and the Get Out the Vote Campaign.

### Volunteer Award

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Shuna Talbot*

The volunteer of the year award was a new award this year. It will be an annual award presented to the most dedicated and enthusiastic student volunteer, specifically for Students' Union events and initiatives.

The ULSU relies very heavily on volunteers, to man booths, set up for events, help with promotions and much more. This year, the ULSU created the Volunteer Core. This was overseen by our Volunteer Coordinator, who recruited volunteers over the school year and coordinated them for events with the help of the Executive Council. There was so much we could not have achieved without the dedication and enthusiasm of these volunteers. Throughout the year Shuna was an extremely active and reliable volunteer who seemed to be at every single event, helping out with a smile on her face, arriving before the event started to help with set up, and



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staying well after the event ended to ensure everything was cleaned up. She always promptly responded to the volunteer core emails, offering help in any way she could. Shuna has also responded to last minute requests for volunteers, quickly making time in her schedule to ensure the ULSU events were the best they could be. She helped with Fresh Fest, Meltdown, Bill Nye the Science Guy, Get Out the Vote, Humans vs Zombies, Oktoberfest, Open Mic Night, and the Student Speaker Challenge, to name a few, and was a great addition to the ULSU's Student Engagement Committee.

### Legacy Award

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Zack Moline - ULSU President*

The Legacy Award was presented to the President of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union. It symbolizes the hard work put in by the outgoing council, under the guidance of the President.

Zack has put in a considerable amount of time with the ULSU. In his second year at the University, he ran for a GA position and was elected as an Arts and Science Representative. In his next year, he again ran for this position, and also became Commissioner to the President, learning a lot about what to expect in the following year. This year, he was elected President and was very strong in this role. He's not done yet, next year he will again serve on the GA, this time as the Board of Governor's Representative. During his term as president, he was elected as the Chair of the Council of Alberta University Students' (CAUS). Zack has been extremely dedicated, professional and hard working in this position, as is evidenced by over 1,000 students pledging to vote in the 2012 provincial election through CAUS's Get Out to Vote Campaign. He has dedicated himself to many other beneficial projects

this year, and has spent countless hours ensuring that students have their voices heard.

### Teaching Excellence Award

*2011-2012 Award Winner: Shawn Bubel - Geography Department*

The ULSU created this award in 2011 to formally recognize and honour teaching excellence at the University of Lethbridge. This was a student run and driven teaching award. Only undergraduate students were eligible to nominate instructors, and the committee that decided the award was composed solely of undergraduate students.

The award was presented to Shawn Bubel of the Geography department at The Last Lecture. While noted as a professor who pushes her students very hard academically, she ensures that she is always available to assist them and truly goes above and beyond to ensure her students' success.

### Laurence Decore Awards

*2011-2012 Award Winners: Jaren Baranyay, Danika Jorgensen-McGuire, Kaitlyn Lowe, Amy Tarnowski, Katherine Taylor, Madison Webber.*

These awards were established in 2001 by the Government of Alberta, in honor of the Provincial Liberal leader, Laurence Decore. This scholarship recognizes post-secondary students who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership in student clubs, student government, college/university life, and community involvement.





## Quality Initiatives Program (QIP)



The Quality Initiatives Program is a proposal based funding system used to fund academic and student experience enhancing initiatives. QIP money is allocated from annual tuition fee increases at a total of 12%. These funds are made available on a continuing basis with a three year term of notice should the allocation be terminated. A new QIP Policy has been put in place to help ensure QIP monies are fairly distributed among the Students' Unions' own initiatives, campus groups, clubs, and any continuing proposals. *Written by Leyland Bradley - 4th year Sociology major*

| QIP EXPENDITURES FOR 2011-2012 | AMOUNT           |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Scholarships                   | \$210,000        |
| Research Grants                | \$ 80,000        |
| Fresh Fest                     | \$ 45,000        |
| Food Cupboard                  | \$ 2,445         |
| Rookie Camp                    | \$ 10,618        |
| The Grove                      | \$ 13,188        |
| CKXU                           | \$ 12,938        |
| Graduate Student Association   | \$ 32,900        |
| Bill Nye                       | \$ 29,635        |
| Meltdown                       | \$ 7,872         |
| OUTspoken                      | \$ 7,500         |
| Model UN Grant                 | \$ 3,000         |
| Last Clash Bash                | \$ 12,166        |
| Kin Games                      | \$ 3,140         |
| Leadership Conference          | \$ 3,345         |
| Global Drums                   | \$ 3,358         |
| Mobile App                     | \$ 12,100        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$489,205</b> |



# FINANCIAL MATTERS

## Student Funding for May, 2011 - April 30, 2012



| NAME                        | NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS | AMOUNT GRANTED  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Travel & Conference Grants  | 26                              | \$9,617         |
| Club & Start-up Grants      | 59                              | \$11,464        |
| Emergency Assistance Grants | 7                               | \$3,480         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>92</b>                       | <b>\$24,561</b> |

### Previous Year's Funding Comparison:

| TOTAL APPROVED GRANT APPLICATIONS<br>T & C, Matching, Start-up,<br>& Emergency | NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS | AMOUNT GRANTED |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 2007-2008  | 70                              | \$15,520       |
| 2008-2009  | 96                              | \$21,518       |
| 2009-2010  | 48                              | \$16,583       |
| 2010-2011  | 62                              | \$23,071       |
| 2011-2012  | 92                              | \$24,561       |



Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards  
 Summary for May 2, 2011 - April 30, 2012

| NAME                                  | NUMBER AWARDED | SINGLE AWARD VALUE | TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>                   |                |                    |                      |
| Community Service Award Scholarship   | 1              | \$500              | \$500                |
| ULSU Part-time Scholarship            | 1              | \$500              | \$500                |
| ULSU International Travel Scholarship | 1              | \$500              | \$500                |
| ULSU Scholarship                      | 1              | \$500              | \$500                |
| ULSU Coca-Cola Scholarships           | 2              | \$500              | \$1,000              |
| ULSU Coca-Cola North Scholarships     | 2              | \$500              | \$1,000              |
| QIP Scholarships                      | 106            | \$1,000            | \$106,000            |
| <b>BURSARIES</b>                      |                |                    |                      |
| ULSU Bursary                          | 3              | \$500              | \$1,500              |
| ULSU Emergency Bursary                | 1              | \$500              | \$500                |
| ULSU Placement Bursary                | 2              | \$500              | \$1,000              |
| ULSU Coca-Cola Bursary                | 2              | \$500              | \$1,000              |
| Student Wise Bursary                  | 2              | \$500              | \$1,000              |
| Mr. Cash Bursary                      | 3              | \$500              | \$1,500              |
| QIP Bursaries                         | 104            | \$1,000            | \$104,000            |
| <b>AWARDS</b>                         |                |                    |                      |
| Campus Sustainability Recycling Award | 9              | \$1,000            | \$ 9,000             |
| Emerging Teacher's Award              | 1              | \$500              | \$500                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          |                |                    | <b>\$230,000</b>     |



NOTE: QIP = Quality Initiatives Program



## FINANCIAL MATTERS

### External Sponsorship to the ULSU

#### Bursaries/Scholarships/Awards

- University of Lethbridge - QIP
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- C & C Insurance Consultants
- Bill Chapman
- Mr. Cash
- U of L Security (lost & found sale)

#### General Sponsorship

- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Zoom Media
- West Jet
- Molson
- Big Rock

#### Food Bank Donations

- Alumni Association
- Coalhurst High School
- Nancy Packman
- Courtney Atchinson
- Kappa Sigma
- Registrar's Office
- Jim Gunter
- U of L Art Gallery
- Jason & Tracy Baker
- Ted Likoski
- Don Chandler
- 6th Brownie Troop
- Randy Kobeht
- Health Sciences
- Facilities
- CAUBO
- Bridget Pastoor

- Pre-Med Club
- U of L Security
- Theatre Arts
- Kathryn Lewis
- HH Smith
- Caretaking
- Jennifer Mather
- Spirit In Motion
- Bill Nye Ticket Sales
- Jesse Gamble
- U of L Bookstore
- Anonymous
- Individuals - Students, Faculty, Staff, & Community
- University of Lethbridge - QIP

#### Fresh Fest

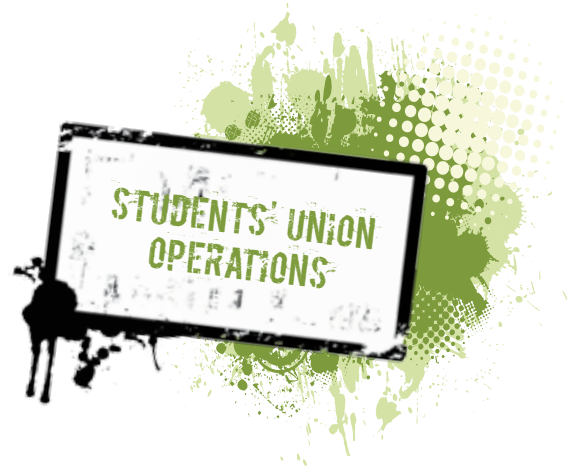
- Please see the Fresh Frest report for a full list of sponsors

### Sponsorship From the ULSU

- U of L Library Stress Free Zone
- Five Days for the Homeless
- International Christmas Dinner
- Niche Gallery - Independent student run locker gallery
- Boys & Girls Club - Anti Bullying
- "Adopt a Horns" Program
- Volunteer Fair
- Edmonton Campus Graduation
- NASA Food Cupboard
- Relay for Life
- John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament
- Chancellor's Dinner
- Rotaract Dinner & Silent Auction







## Health & Dental Plan

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2011  
to AUGUST 31, 2012**

Total Health Plan Enrollment = **3906**  
Total Dental Plan Enrollment = **3925**

Total Health Plan Family Add on = **72**  
Total Dental Plan Family Add on = **70**



## Claims Paid

|   | HEALTH PLAN | DENTAL PLAN |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Paid Claims   | 3,954       | 2,576       |
| Dollar Value  | \$164,643   | \$132,938   |
| Dental plan coverage has increased to the standard fee guide plus 35% |             |             |

Health & Dental Plan underwritten by RWAM  
Prescription plan underwritten by Greenshields  
Accident Coverage underwritten by Chartis  
Travel Assist serviced & administered by Mondial  
Plan arranged by C & C Insurance



RWAM Insurance  
Administrators INC.

## Room Booking Summary

| ROOM             | ULSU & U of L BOOKINGS | CLUB BOOKINGS | EXTERNAL BOOKINGS | TOTAL BOOKINGS |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Galileo's        | 35                     | 46            | 1                 | 82             |
| Ballrooms        | 117                    | 238           | 17                | 372            |
| Council Chambers | 54                     | 7             | 3                 | 64             |
| Table Space      | 43                     | 113           | 100               | 256            |

## ULSU Food Court Tenants

- The Coffee Company
- Juice Fare
- Tivoli
- Hiroba
- Subway
- Icy's
- Red Fort Cafe
- U of L Bookstore
- Rockerman's Service Centre



# STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

## ULSU Food Bank

The ULSU Food Bank has been an important resource this year for many students and their families. Our food bank was designed to help students struggling to make ends meet. University can be a challenge and many students are learning how to “make due” for the first time ever.

Thanks to a very successful club driven, Trick-or-Eat food drive, the Food Bank received an abundance of donations. Clubs competed in a friendly competition to see who could collect the most non-perishable food. It was a close competition with the Rooted on Campus club coming in first place, Pride second place, and the Edge Club third place. Thanks to all the clubs that participated and to the ULSU staff who helped sort, organize, and shelve the mountain of food that was collected.

A special thanks goes out this year to Don Hunt and the Registrar’s Office staff for their very generous peanut butter and jam donations. The Food Bank is always in need of breakfast foods and Don Hunt agreed to run a “PB and J” collection through the Registrar’s Office. The Registrar’s Office collected 66 jars of Jam and 56 containers of peanut butter, a wonderful addition to the food hampers for our students.

We would also like to send a big thank you to the Caretaking department for their donation of breakfast foods before Christmas. It was very thoughtful and generous of them to think of the students and the ULSU Food Bank at such a busy and costly time of year.

A heartfelt thank you to Spirit in Motion Yoga Studio. Spirit in Motion runs a Saturday morning community yoga class throughout the year with donations collected

to help various charities. This January and February they were generous enough to think of the ULSU Food Bank. Through the Saturday yoga classes \$775.25 was raised. This money will be used to purchase in demand food supplies and some \$25 gift cards for hampers.

This year to make the packaging of hampers easier and to show off a little Students’ Union spirit we purchased 600 reusable shopping bags.

As always the Food Bank garners great support from some very thoughtful people and we would like to say thank you to all the clubs, departments, students, and community members who donated and volunteered with the Food Bank this year. *Written by Shelley Tuff - Health & Dental Plan Administrator*



**Food Bank Donation from the Spirit in Motion Community Yoga**  
*Shelley Tuff, Jane Senda*



**Registrars Office - Peanut Butter Donation**

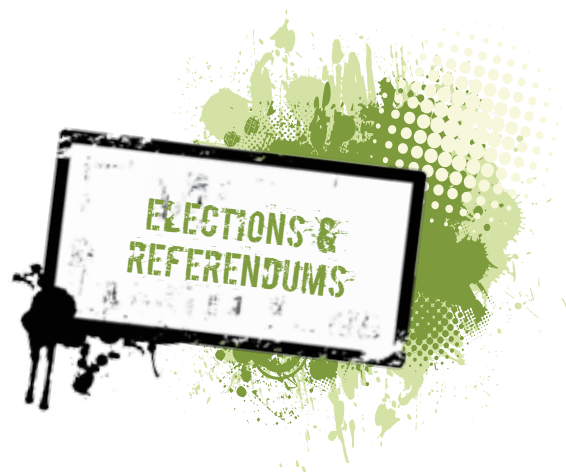
## ULSU Food Bank Statistics

| # OF FAMILY HAMPERS GIVEN OUT | # OF SINGLE HAMPERS GIVEN OUT |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 80                            | 154                           |

Food Bank cash donations = \$12,912

Thanks to all our donors! Your generosity is very much appreciated by everyone!  
*(please see the sponsorship donation list on page 46)*





## Upass Referendum

### QUESTION #1 - UPASS

*"Do you support the adoption of a universal bus pass with an opt-out for students residing outside of the service area as well as for students doing practicum work outside of Lethbridge for more than three quarters of the semester, at a price of \$77.50 per semester for a one year trial period, and agree to send it to a future referendum for approval in February 2013 should this referendum be successful?"*

**RESULTS (referendum was defeated):**

**NO votes: 1863 votes - 64.58%**  
 YES votes: 1022 vote - 35.42%

The proposal for another Upass referendum came after 77% of survey respondents told the ULSU to look into the UPass; indicating that students were becoming concerned with the rising costs of transportation.



**Town Hall - UPass Q & A**  
 Zack Moline & Lethbridge Transit Representative

Over the summer and into the fall, a group of students including ULSU President Zack Moline met up with Lethbridge Transit and negotiated a universal bus pass to be presented to the student body in a referendum.

On September 21, 2011 the Students' Union General

Assembly voted to send a new universal bus pass (Upass) question to referendum. With 42.32% of the student body voting in the referendum, the motion was defeated.

The defeated 2011 Upass proposal included two major additions since the last referendum in 2006. Firstly, students on practicum outside of Lethbridge, living outside the service area or taking distance learning courses would have been eligible to opt-out of the program. Secondly, if the proposal had been approved, it would have been subject to a one year term, then return to referendum in February 2013 for permanent approval.

Lethbridge Transit and the Students' Union agreed to continue to meet regularly to ensure that students are able to get the most from Lethbridge's mass transit system.



# ELECTIONS & REFERENDUMS

## Calgary Campus Gym Pass (Fee Increase) Referendum

### QUESTION #2 CALGARY CAMPUS GYM PASS (FEE INCREASE)

*"Do you authorize the University of Lethbridge Students' Union to increase student fees on the Calgary Campus by \$5.00 per semester to cover a gym pass at the YWCA and allow the ULSU and YWCA to revisit and increase the fee every two years if needed, so long as it does not exceed Consumer Price Index (CPI)?"*

*The pass would give unrestricted access to the YWCA facilities for all undergraduate students registered in one or more courses at the Calgary campus. To use the pass students would additionally be required a onetime purchase of a \$5 YWCA ID card. An opt-out will be available for students with limiting physical disabilities."*

**RESULTS** (referendum was successful):

**YES votes: 95**  
NO votes: 37

Shahd Mohamad, our Calgary Campus Rep worked with the YWCA to create a mutually beneficial proposal that would allow all Calgary campus students access to a YWCA unrestricted membership. The referendum was presented to students because these students do not have access to a gym or workout facility. A YWCA gym membership for students currently costs \$35 per month for individuals who possess a student ID card.

The successful referendum question was presented to students during the ULSU General Elections on March 7 to March 9, 2012. The fee increase will only affect the Calgary Campus students, therefore only Calgary Campus students were eligible to vote. The Board of Governors will be addressing the referendum results in December 2012 and if they approve it, the fee increase will then enter into force in September 2013.

## ULSU General Election

The ULSU General Election process began February 6, 2012 and ended on March 9, 2012. The total voter turnout was 18%, with the Residence students having the highest participation at 46%.



**Town Hall Speeches**  
Candidates for the Incoming Council



# ELECTIONS & REFERENDUMS

## Incoming Council Members for 2012-2013

### Executive Council

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| President               | Armin Escher  |
| VP Academic             | Julia Adolf   |
| VP Operations & Finance | Brady Schnell |
| VP Internal Affairs     | Shuna Talbot  |

### General Assembly

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Arts & Science Reps               | Victoria Wells<br>James Forbes<br>Katie Kalmar<br>Maxine Saretsky<br>Sean Glydon<br>Chris Hollingsworth |
| Residence Rep                     | Jesse Mullett   |
| International Rep                 | Felipe Ferreira   |
| Board of Governors Rep            | Zack Moline   |
| Calgary Campus Rep                | Danielle Bernier  |
| Management Rep                    | Michael Kawchuk   |
| First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Rep | Abby Morningbull  |
| Edmonton Campus Rep               | No candidate  |
| Fine Arts Rep                     | No candidate  |
| Education Rep                     | No candidate  |
| Health Science Rep                | No candidate  |



**Incoming Executive Council**

*Top Row (L-R): Armin Escher, Brady Schnell, Julia Adolf, Shuna Talbot*

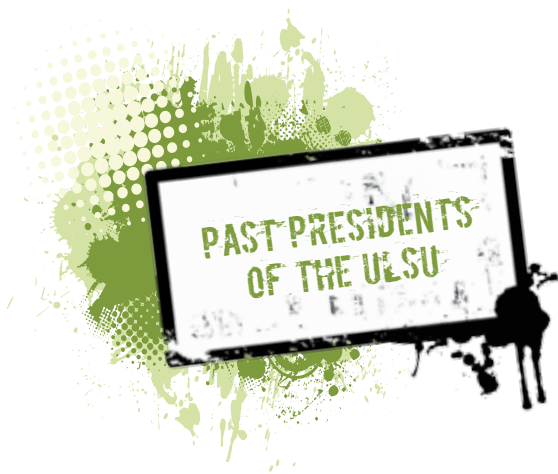
**Outgoing Executive Council**

*Bottom Row (L-R): Zack Moline, Leyland Bradley, Andrew Williams, Lisa Rodych*

## Fall 2012 By-election:

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Edmonton Campus Rep | Vacant |
| Fine Arts Rep       | Vacant |
| Education Rep       | Vacant |
| Health Science Rep  | Vacant |





The University of Lethbridge Students' Union has completed 46 years of student council representation. With each passing council, students have enjoyed incredible benefits that range from a serious nature through student advocacy, representation, academic events, funding and services, to social engagements such as Fresh Fest, concerts, Zoo parties, campus wide games and club activities. As the Students' Union itself has grown to what it is today, it has not come without growing pains. It has taken tremendous dedication on both the student council and staff working together to enhance the students' University experience.

The following is a list of past Students' Union Presidents since the beginning of the Students' Union at the University of Lethbridge.

|           |                    |           |                 |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 2011/2012 | Zack Moline        | 1988/1989 | Jon Oxley       |
| 2010/2011 | Taz Kassam         | 1987/1988 | Jason Slemko    |
| 2009/2010 | Jeremy Girard      | 1986/1987 | Dan Laplante    |
| 2008/2009 | Adam Vossepoel     | 1985/1986 | Aaron Engen     |
| 2007/2008 | Kelly Kennedy      | 1984/1985 | Tracy Hembroff  |
| 2006/2007 | Dustin Fuller      | 1983/1984 | Mike McPhail    |
| 2005/2006 | Tyler Tanner       | 1984      | Larry Glazer    |
| 2004/2005 | Loralee Edwards    | 1982/1983 | Chuck Cosgrove  |
| 2003/2004 | Paul Daniels       | 1981/1982 | Barry Weintraub |
| 2002/2003 | Melanee Thomas     | 1980/1981 | Rudy Peters     |
| 2001/2002 | Matthew McHugh     | 1979/1980 | Alan Murray     |
| 2000/2001 | Dezmond Belzeck    | 1978/1979 | Pat Dortch      |
| 1999/2000 | Bonnie Androkovich | 1977/1978 | Howard Reid     |
| 1998/1999 | Ryan Dunford       | 1976/1977 | Wayne MacKay    |
| 1997/1998 | Jon Wescott        | 1975/1976 | Lee Ens         |
| 1996/1997 | Jason Shriner      | 1974/1975 | Darryl Ross     |
| 1995/1996 | Arthur Wong        | 1973/1974 | Khym Goslin     |
| 1994/1995 | Humberto Aspillaga | 1972/1973 | Jesse Snow      |
| 1993/1994 | Poul Mark          | 1971/1972 | Ken Runge       |
| 1992/1993 | Justin Penny       | 1970/1971 | Robin Dann      |
| 1991/1992 | David Legg         | 1969/1970 | Lamont Nielson  |
| 1990/1991 | Terry Whitehead    | 1968/1969 | Richard Wutzke  |
| 1989/1990 | Jon Oxley          | 1967/1968 | John Brocklesby |



### **VISION**

The Students' Union, the University of Lethbridge will deliver extraordinary service, facilities, programs and opportunities that exceed the expectations of our students. The Students' Union will be recognized locally, provincially and nationally as a dynamic and innovative leader in the Canadian University Community.

### **MISSION**

The mission of The Students' Union is to provide our students, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni a portal to the unique University of Lethbridge experience. The Students' Union compliments the academic programs and enhances the overall educational experience and quality of campus life for students and other members of the U of L family.

As the heart of the student community, we are committed to student success by delivering a diverse program of cultural, educational, social and recreational services. We strive to surpass the needs of our multi-cultural student community, create a positive learning experience, and maintain a healthy balance between academic and leisure activities.



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