

A Year in Review

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The Students' Union,

The University of Lethbridge

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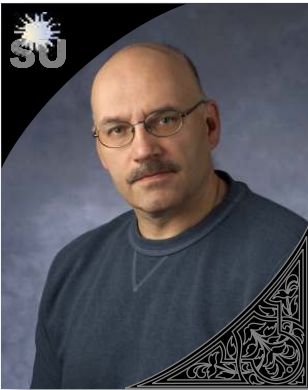
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JULES CORMIER
GENERAL MANAGER

November 2003 - April 2004

Having joined The Students' Union as General Manager in November 2003, I find myself in a unique position. I can look back at the past academic year with an uncompromised view of where The Students' Union has gone.

The General Assembly and Executive Council have taken a proactive approach to the future of The Students' Union by developing Vision and Mission statements that reflects upon The Students' Union commitment to the student community.

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.

The SU has made many changes over the past year. The Zoo Pub lost its ability under University of Lethbridge guidelines to hold its regular Thursday Night Cabarets. The Executive Council worked tirelessly with the University of Lethbridge Administration to have those nights returned to the students. As of February 5, 2004, Thursday nights were back!

New Health Plan strategies have been developed including the addition of a Tuition Protection Plan.

Your Students' Union is laying a foundation of extraordinary service and facilities today for students of tomorrow.

Last but definitely not least, I would like to

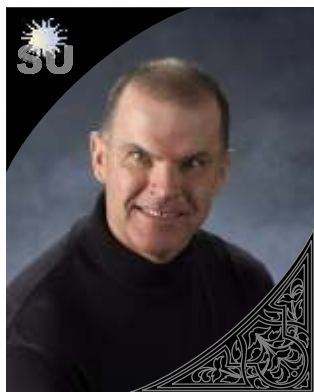


thank the full and part time staff of the SU. If it wasn't for their patience and professionalism, my transition as General Manager would not have been as seamless as it has been. Whether you are a new or returning student, the Students' Union staff is here as a resource for you to use. Remember, each and every staff member is an advocate for the students, student life and the pursuit of education. *Written by Jules Cormier - Students' Union General Manager.*



PAUL DANIELS
PRESIDENT

This year, The Students' Union accomplished a great deal for students at the University of Lethbridge. Although there were challenges throughout the year, we were able to overcome them and serve our students well. There may have been criticisms, but the students should be in awe of what has been achieved this year.



BRIAN MURRAY
CHAIR

It was my pleasure to sit as Chairman of the Student's Union General Assembly. The members of the Assembly are a dedicated group who work hard to govern the student body. We had an interesting number of issues and events that came before the General Assembly. I wish the new members success in the coming year. *Written by Brian Murray, B.A. L.I.B. Partner, North & Company L.td. Barristers & Solicitors.*

Allow me to quickly recap some of the accomplishments of this year's Student Council. New Vision and Mission Statements were created, giving direction to The Students' Union for today and tomorrow. Revisions were made to the Health and Dental plan, (a service widely used by many students), such changes as the addition of the Tuition Protection Program (a benefit available to all students in the plan who are forced to withdraw for serious health reasons). Starting in the fall 2004, periodontal and endodontic work will once again be covered by the dental plan.

Another service by The SU that has been expanded is the number of scholarships being offered. Scholarships help many students cover some of the costs of their education; this year The Students' Union allocated an additional \$5000 towards new scholarships. Also, by working with Coca-cola, we are making an additional



\$30,000 in scholarship funding available to U of L students over the next 10 years. It is important that we help students today, but also pave the road to the future.

The Zoo pub saw many adjustments this year as well. A few of these changes are the return of a weekly Thursday night event and a new non-smoking policy. Although the U of L administration had concerns with the weekly Thursday night event, after months of working pro-actively on the issue, students saw the event return. On another note, the dance floor in The Zoo has been refinished and the carpet has been replaced. Furthermore, this year The Zoo began offering lunch service with a menu and prices better than most of the fast food outlets on campus.

We have also recently developed a SU Student Computer Assistance Program. Beginning in September, we will be giving 20 students a free computer (with software) each semester. This program provides a much needed service, since computers are fast becoming an essential tool for students.

This year, we also saw some development and changes on campus. For example, the creation of a new U of L logo. In the next few years, we will see the construction of the Regional Health and Wellness Centre; an expansion of the current physical education building. The new centre will house a triple gymnasium and a huge fitness centre, as well as many other needed facilities.

Provincial and federal lobby efforts are an important aspect of the representation done by the elected officials of student associations. This year, CAUS, the provincial lobby organization which represents university students, partnered with ACTISEC, a similar organization for colleges and technical institutions. This sort of partnership has never been done



before. The Students' Union played an important role in the creation of this epic partnership. While the Universities Act has been replaced with the Post-Secondary Learning Act, our tuition cap remains; this cap helps to ensure that students have access to an affordable post-secondary education system.

This year our Students' Union has accomplished a great deal with CASA, our federally lobby organization. Back in October, we met with Paul Martin to discuss the future of the post-secondary education offered to Canadians. Subsequently, the Prime Minister's Speech from the Throne noted several planned changes that were almost identical to CASA policy. This year, CASA also assembled a 'Wall of Debt' on Parliament Hill to draw attention to the increasing issue of student debt. The wall represented over 4000 students with a total debt load of \$90 million. In March we submitted a national petition with over 45,000 signatures to parliament calling for changes and improvements to our education system.

Throughout the year, The SU has also worked to maintain and expand many of the services we currently offer our students, such as the test bank, which is always growing to include more classes.

Another example is the grade appeal process, which has been streamlined. Some of the innovative efforts undertaken this year included a contest to find a school anthem. Another initiative was the ground work for a new source of funding offered to clubs to help cover their costs; this year we had the most clubs ever ratified.

Thanks to everyone who helped The Students' Union and the University have a successful year. It has been a very rewarding experience. *Written by Paul Daniels - 4th year Arts & Science, with a Major in Philosophy.*



JERRAD KUBIK
VP ACADEMIC

In serving my second term as Vice President Academic, I was able to concentrate on finishing much of the work I either began last year or finish much of the work that was passed down from my predecessors. While much of the work that the VP Academic, and The Students' Union as a whole, may be considered to be 'behind the scenes', it is work that will have a positive influence on the education students obtain at the University of Lethbridge.

Involvement and visibility have been, and will continue to be, the keys to success for our Students' Union. Through effective communication, interactive events and worthwhile opportunities we were able to open more doors for students to actively participate in their university experience. This University is very much a part of the community, and allowing the community to become a part of this University is an initiative that our Students' Union can work to improve. By holding, sponsoring, and participating in events, both on and off campus, and actively involving our students and the community, we can continue to bridge the gap. And while this increased involvement and visibility may, in turn, generate questions and criticisms regarding the business we conduct, these issues become a means by which our organization is able to grow and improve its accountability and its effectiveness.

I truly believe that the student movement and post-secondary education in Canada are approaching a very important crossroads. Students will soon have the opportunity to be a very influential voice at all levels of government and within Canadian society, and it will be the responsibility of student leaders to ensure that these voices are heard. Not only must post-secondary education remain accessible and affordable to every academically qualified Canadian, but, perhaps more importantly, post-secondary education must not be made into a commodity. Unfortunately, it seems that our provincial government is standing aside as our administrations, with their corporate-dominated boards, begin to move down that dangerous path. As they increasingly equate tuition fees with the "quality" of education offered, and attempt to run our public universities as revenue-maximizing businesses, everyone loses and education becomes more and more an activity for the elite. Students need not be "held hostage" by these "pay for quality"

arguments that, in turn, allow the government to reduce its funding more and more. Post-secondary education is a public responsibility and has to remain that way. The only way for students to combat these threats is to use their influence and their voices in order to make post-secondary education both a public and an election issue. Then, the public can decide the direction, affordability, and accessibility of our education system, and not the board of governors.

I had another great year with The Students' Union, and after three years the Union, the people, and the cause have indeed grown on me. It's hard to drop everything and essentially walk away when there is so much left to do. However, I have faith that my successors will take up the reins and continue to represent the rights of current and future students, and to fight the good fight. *Written by Jerrad Kubik - 4th year student, working toward BA in Religious Studies.*



GORM HANSEN
VP ADMINISTRATION

It is with mixed emotions that I see my second year as VP Administration drawing to a close. I am leaving behind The Students' Union, which has become a part of me, but I will finally be able to concentrate

on my studies as a full-time student next year.

I sat on several committees this year. I was a member of the General Faculties Council, the GFC Library Committee, the Library Fines Appeal Committee, and the University Budget Committee, among others. The GFC Library Committee came up with mission and vision statements, and they extended the library hours for April. As a member of the Library Fines Appeal Committee, we decided whether or not to reduce or waive appealed library fines, and we came up with some much-needed guidelines for future appeal committees. I also chaired the GFC Honorary Degrees Committee.

We had meetings with several members of the University Administration about their decision to shut down our Thursday night Zoo event. Only recently have they decided to let us open up all three ballrooms on Thursday nights. We also decided to amalgamate the positions of Food Manager with Beverage Manager, and the dedicated Connie Rielly fills that position.

The Students' Union did not have a General Manager for two and a half months this year. Paul and I put in a lot of extra hours, and SU staff members shared the burden as well. We were all relieved when we hired our new General Manager, Jules Cormier.

I attended several meetings with our lawyers this year regarding various business legalities. This turned out to be a valuable learning experience for me.

One major decision that the General Assembly made this year was to pull out of CAUS, a provincial lobby group. This decision was made on the basis that our concerns were being ignored by that organization.

Jerrad and I also worked together to create more scholarships. When we started at The Students' Union, we offered \$2500 a year in scholarships. At the present we offer \$8000 annually in scholarships and bursaries.

I was also pleased to represent The Students' Union at a handful of functions. I entered the Pronghorns Hockey golf tournament, spoke to the parents and partners at New Student Orientation, and gave out an award at the Juried Arts Exhibition. *Written by Gorm Hansen-4th year Bachelor of Arts/Management with History/Accounting major.*



RYAN LUCAS
DIRECTOR / MANAGEMENT REP.

I could not think of a better way to end off my years at the U of L, than being a part of The Students' Union as a Director and Faculty of Management Representative. Having already completed one year with the SU in 2001/2002, I was able to come into my position with the knowledge and confidence that I would do the job well. At the same time however, I was looking forward to the learning opportunities that this new council would present. This position has provided me with the opportunity to meet and work with some

fantastic individuals. Fortunately, I will be leaving in April with some great friends and priceless experiences.

This year, like any other has been an interesting one and I have appreciated the opportunity to represent Faculty of Management students as well as my fellow Faculty Reps at General Assembly and the Executive Council meetings. Communication is the key to these positions and being in touch with students is crucial to knowing the issues. I made it a point to attend as many functions as possible and volunteer with Students' Union events, such as elections and awareness campaigns that have taken place since September. Being a familiar face on campus is critical, therefore attending these sorts of events has been very important to me. Similarly, I have maintained close ties with the Management Students' Society, which not only has a great relationship with management students but is one of the most active clubs on campus.

This year I had the pleasure of sitting on the Presidential Appointment Review Committee. This was a fantastic experience that allowed me to represent students on an important subject as well as meet a few of the individuals who play such a vital role at the University of Lethbridge. It is comforting to know important processes of this nature that take place are done thoroughly and with great attention to detail.

It has been exciting to see another year come and go with The Students' Union and I am proud of what this organization continues to achieve. I wish the 2004/2005 Council the best of luck and I hope they will appreciate all of the great opportunities that these positions have to offer. *Written by Ryan Lucas - 4th year General Management, with Marketing major.*



GREG IMESON
DIRECTOR / ARTS & SCIENCE REP.

This year marks the end of my four years in student politics. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with all of the office staff, the Executive Council and the General Assembly. This year I was re-elected as Arts & Science Rep in the fall by-election, and chosen to be one of the Directors. There has been some tough challenges, but we worked together to accomplish some great things. I sat on several committees, one of them being the Bill 43 Ad-hock Committee, which was a successful campaign that fought against rising tuition for university students. The Spirit Committee was formed, and worked towards raising money for athletics, and the implementation of a one-time scholarship for the creation of a school anthem. The Health and Dental Committee has worked hard to write a mission statement, and key success factors for the plan. I hope that in the following year the pharmacy will be created to benefit the students, and avoid blackout periods. Lastly I worked towards bringing Campus Connections to the University, which helps people with developmental disabilities audit classes and experience student life. I wish the best for everyone in their future endeavors, and thank you to everyone for allowing me to represent the students and to work with all of you. *Written by Greg Imeson - 4th yr Sociology Major.*



JASON RUMER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REP.

It's hard to imagine that over one year has passed since I was elected as the Board of Governors Representative for the University of Lethbridge. It's interesting to think about how naive I was at that time and how much I have learned in only one year. The Board of Governors is the ruling body on all University matters, and is comprised of 20 members representing faculty, staff, community members and of course students. The board of governors typically meets monthly and covers a broad range of subjects. This year alone the board approved the first stages of the Regional Health and Wellness Centre; this \$20 million facility will contain a triple gymnasium and a climbing wall. The board also approved the new university of Lethbridge logo, an exciting logo that gives the University a modern image.

This year was challenging for university students in Alberta as the province proposed a revised universities act. This new act, called Bill 43, had several major changes to the previous act which were damaging to Alberta's post-secondary students. I had the pleasure of being able to serve as the student representative on the Board of Governors Governance Committee. Working with such inspirational people like Jim Horsman, I

was able to express the concerns that students have with the new Bill. My concerns were addressed and a letter was written to the Minister of Learning listing all of the student concerns. Several major amendments were made to the bill that results in a better future for Alberta students.

I had the distinct pleasure of being able to congratulate graduating U of L students during the June convocation. This experience also provided me with the opportunity to meet many people including:

- Lanny McDonald, Hockey Legend
- Gwyn Morgan, President and CEO, Encana, and
- Don Getty, Former premier of Alberta.

This year Dr. David A. Naylor signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the European Space Agency (ESA) which signed him on to a 10 year contract for the SPIRE space mission. This incredible landmark was the first ever Canadian MOU signed with ESA and it happened in Lethbridge. As a Board member I had the pleasure of witnessing this historical event and had the tremendous opportunity to meet with several politicians and ESA officials.

This year alone I had the opportunity to sit on five committees, the GFC Honorary Degree Committee, the Arts and Science Committee on liberal education, Arts and Science Council, SU Constitutional Review Committee and the Board Governance Committee. Each committee provided its own unique challenges and experiences and I have learned so much.

It is always a pleasure to be able to take part in the social elements of the University experience and the Board provided its fair share. Each board meeting was usually accompanied with a dinner or activity. The chance to mingle and socialize with

Many high profile business leaders, faculty and university administrators gives access to large social network that can last for a lifetime.

I am very satisfied with my experiences on the Board of Governors and would encourage anyone to take advantage of this excellent opportunity. *Written by Jason Rumer - 4th year B.Sc/B.Mngt - Coop, Major in Physics/Accounting.*



DAWN SONFLOO
HEALTH SCIENCES REP.

There were many tasks that the Students' Union took on this year. As the Health Sciences representative I sat on various committees. The first committee that I sat on was the Violence Awareness Committee. Our goal within this was to put together a candlelight vigil ceremony that would respect and remember victims of violence. This committee consisted of several Students' Union representatives as well as a number of students from the campus Women's Center. The ceremony was an overall success, and we even had an interest from members of the Lethbridge community who came and joined us. This helped to create public awareness of positive impact that students are able to have on the community.

The other committee that I sat on this year was the Health and Dental Plan Committee. Our goal was to make appropriate changes and clarification to the plans, so that students were aware of what their plans covered and what changes could be made to better fit their needs. This committee is one that will be continuing on throughout the next academic year as well.

Bill 43 was possibly one of the most important topics that the Students' Union was involved in this year. There was a great deal of planning and work done by all of the Students' Union members in efforts to stop Bill 43, and trying to prevent tuition from rising, yet again. This will be a continuing project with the lobby groups that I fully support. The Students' Union members, I believe, have been increasing student's awareness of these issues throughout this semester, and will continue to do so.

It has been a pleasure to be part of The Students' Union, the University of Lethbridge the last two years. Seeing and taking part in the positive changes that have occurred has been a great experience. I would strongly encourage any student to become involved in some form or another with The Students' Union if they are interested in what is happening within their institution. *Written by Dawn Sonfloo - 4th year Bachelor of Health Sciences, Majoring in Addictions Counseling.*



JEN ROGAN
FINE ARTS REP.

This year has been interesting, to say the least... The monthly General Assembly meetings were only the tip of the iceberg. Throughout the year I have been involved with a number of committees, those being:

- General Faculties Committee
- Violence Awareness Committee
- Fee Review Committee
- The Constitutional Review Committee
- The Spirit Committee

September - was when the ball started rolling, and the SU made a very visible presence during the first weeks of welcome back events. I volunteered at the Students' Union BBQ, Sumo-ring, pancake breakfast, beer gardens and sold tickets for the, David Usher concert.

October - the month of Thanksgiving and Turkeys, brought with it snow and midterms. This month I volunteered my time to putting up STOP BILL43 posters and to the Tuition Cap Funeral.

November - was a full month. I was very busy with my committee work, in particular the Violence Awareness Committee and the planning of the Candle Light Vigil. The Constitutional Review Committee also began the daunting task of working through



the entire constitution. November was an exciting month for art on campus. There was a new sculpture erected on campus, 'Book Tower'.

December - was a fast paced month of which I only spent the first eleven days in Lethbridge. During this time I attended to my committee work and participated in The Candlelight Vigil, a somber event which respectfully commemorated Violence Against Women Day by providing both thoughtful reflection and excellent information. Upon leaving Lethbridge I headed up to Edmonton to celebrate the Christmas season.

January - was back to the grind. I volunteered my time to handing out bookmarks for the upcoming SU elections. Through the Spirit Committee I was involved with a great event geared towards promoting school spirit and sports. My contribution to the event was coordinating and participating in a face painting booth set up in the Zoo.

February - brought with it reading break and a fabulous week in the sun. The Constitutional Review Committee continued its momentum throughout February and in addition to the Monday and Wednesday weekly meetings we added the occasional Sunday afternoon marathon meeting to our repertoire.

March - was charged with a variety of issues, many encircling the election.



Throughout the month I attended to all of my committee duties.

April - my last month on council will be occupied with rapping up all committee work, the retreat, the change over dinner, and preparation for graduation. *Written by Jen Rogan - 4th year Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Art.*



GABE HILL
ARTS & SCIENCE REP.

As an Arts and Science student Representative, I've found the 2003/2004 school year to have been an interesting one for the Students' Union. At the start of the year I actively participated in the campaign against Alberta's Bill 43, the infamous Bill that aimed to deregulate tuition prices. The campaign was mildly successful insofar as we did raise student awareness and interest in provincial politics for at least a short period of time. Throughout my opportunity to work on this project I came to realize that organizations like CAUS and CASA were invaluable in furthering our goals, maximizing what influence we may have at the provincial and federal levels. The Bill 43 Campaign was a major feature of the pre-Spring Semester SU "scene". However it was not the only matter being addressed by the Students' Union. I also looked into the

Matter of a 'majors on degrees' concern that I found to be a question on the minds of a few students. Those few students were rightfully curious as to why the U of L didn't print declared majors on their degrees, an activity which was common practice at other universities. It was determined that the resistance the university felt to this practice was based on philosophical principles what the university stood for as an institution which provided a broader Liberal Education, without the same degree of specialization in only one discipline. Furthermore, and to wit, arguments had been made that the degrees obtained at this institution are valuable precisely because of this, and printing majors might pigeonhole graduates into a narrower field of subjects.

Post Christmas Students' Union activity was far more subdued for me, mostly due to a vastly increased 5-course load semester. However I did maintain my commitments by attending the regular General Assembly meetings, as well as the Arts and Science Executive Council. While the A&S Council generally doesn't deal with matters that affect students in many patently measurable ways it was still a worthwhile experience. Student representation on this committee is essential at least insofar as it clearly demonstrates that students have a right to not only be aware of all aspects of University Governance, but to have the opportunity to actively participate.

In closing I'd like to wish the incoming Students' Union Council members the best of luck in the new school year. I'm sure that 2004 - 2005 will be an equally rewarding experience for the newly elected members of next years Students Union as this year was for me and my colleagues. *Written by Gabe Hill - 4th year Arts & Science with major in Philosophy.*



KEVIN DEAUST
ARTS & SCIENCE REP.

A few months in review... I joined The Students' Union General Assembly as an Arts and Sciences Representative following the by-elections that were held back in January. Although I have only been involved with the Students' Union for the last few months, I have found it to be a very rewarding opportunity. Looking back, I do wish that I had involved myself with the Students' Union much sooner. Involvement within student politics has opened my eyes to many of the internal functions within the University and the Students' Union that is taken for granted by the average student, myself included. The time alone that is vested into the advocacy of student issues in association with organizations such as CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students) and CASA (The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations) has a direct impact upon students in general and is often overlooked. I hope that future Student Councils recognize the importance of these organizations and the roles that they play in advocating student issues.

While on the Student's Union, I had the opportunity to attend the 12th annual International dinner hosted by the International Centre for Students. The dinner that was served was excellent and

the presentation that followed was very profound in its delivery. This presentation was given by Craig Kielburger, an internationally recognized children's rights advocate and Nobel Prize nominee. It was impressive to see someone that was about my age that has made such a tremendous contribution in worldly affairs so as to warrant a nomination for the Nobel Prize (made me feel a little insignificant)! Kudos to the International Centre for Students for putting on such a great event! On to other things, the Student's Union was able to regain the Thursday Zoo nights. Having been able to enjoy more than my fair share of Thursday nights at the Zoo, I am glad to see that our future students will have the same opportunity. The Zoo is a great place. The food is excellent and is just an elevator ride away. It's a great place to unwind following a GA meeting and has also hosted some excellent concerts this year. I was recently able to see Captain Tractor and was quite happy that I decided to.

At this point, I would like to wish the new Students' Council all the best for the upcoming academic year. I am certain that it will prove to be a rewarding experience that you will look back to for years to come.
Written by Kevin Deaust - 4th year Arts & Science, with Major in Social Science.



MISSING GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

The following are those General Assembly members who were unable to hand in their report but have contributed to the success of The Students' Union initiatives during the 2003/2004 academic year.



MARK TYMCHYTKA
VP INTERNAL



DARREN THRESHER
EDUCATION REP



KELLI McALLISTER
ARTS & SCIENCE REP



SANDY SEKHON
ARTS & SCIENCE REP



JENNIFER JOHNSON
EDMONTON CAMPUS REP



MATT SLETTO
ARTS & SCIENCE REP



MEAGHAN FARQUHARSON
RESIDENCE REP



CANDACE RUNDRELL
CALGARY CAMPUS
REP



STUDENT LOBBY EFFORTS CASA AND CAUS

Paul Martin, in taking up his position as the new Prime Minister, set out three major Canadian priorities that would have to be addressed by the federal government and, finally, education was included along with health care and the environment. This is a sign that education, specifically post-secondary education, is becoming more and more a public issue of great importance, and where effective provincial and federal lobbying will become of the utmost importance in effecting positive, constructive change to the current system. Both the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) on the federal front, and the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) on the provincial front, remain two organizations that will provide our Students' Union with the most effective organizational memberships. Over the past year we have begun to see the efforts of these lobby organizations finally translated into government legislation and budgets. However, we have also seen the need for these organizations to grow and become more effective in order to combat situations similar to that of Bill 43. Federal and

provincial affiliation is very important in ensuring that University of Lethbridge students have an active voice at both tables, and it is the responsibility of student leaders to ensure that these organizations are being accountable and effective. Involvement in these groups is vital, and will remain a priority for our Students' Union. *Written by Jerrad Kubik, VP Academic.*



RATIFIED CLUBS

Ratified clubs encompass a large portion of the University of Lethbridge student population. The 2003/2004 year was an amazing time with a record high of thirty seven ratified clubs. They were exceptionally active, enthusiastic and outgoing, along with a great turnout at the monthly Club Council meetings. The Students' Union takes great pride in working with them and assisting them in any way possible.

2003/2004 ratified clubs were as follows
(In order of Ratification):

1. Organization of Residence Students
2. Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship
3. Anthropology Club
4. Sociology Club
5. Geography Club
6. U of L Catholic Community
7. Religious Studies Club
8. Theatre Arts Club
9. Chem/Biochem Club
10. The Art Society
11. Latter-Day Saints Student Assoc.
12. The Philosophy Club
13. Education Undergraduate Society
14. Poli -Sci Association

15. International Student Assoc.
16. Japanese Anime Manga Society
17. The Ultimate Frisbee Club
18. Gay & Lesbian Integrity Assoc.
19. U of L Edmonton Campus Acct Club
20. The Agricultural Student Society
21. The Best Buddies Club
22. Psychology and Neuroscience I Club
23. Trolls Rugby
24. Calgary Campus MSS
25. Native American Student Association
26. Management Student Society
27. Computer Interest Association
28. Mixed Curling Club
29. The Dragon Club
30. Student Humanitarian Organization of Calgary
31. French Language & Culture Club
32. The Social Work Student Society
33. The Pre-Vet Club
34. Model UN
35. Biology Environmental Science
36. U of L Archaeology Club
37. Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship

Success to The Students' Union means the event is safe, enjoyable, affordable, relaxed, and maybe even informative for it's student body. This year's preparations were exceptionally time consuming as The Students' Union was under heavy restrictions from the University of Lethbridge Administration. However, with a dedicated team we were still able to provide the students with a variety of social options to help them unwind from their heavy academic schedule. We look forward to 2004/2005, and hope to offer the students an even greater year of events.



The annual "Week of Welcome" activities were, once again, The Students' Union avenue to bring students together in celebration of a new academic year. The wide variety of events which take place throughout the year go through a careful selection process involving the Executive Council members, the Zoo Manager as well as the General Manager. The goal is to ensure a well balanced list of not only fun, but academically based events as well. The staff at the Students' Union work long hours attending to even the smallest details to make each function a success.

The following are a list of events for the 2003/2004 year:

Speakers / Initiatives

Lloyd Axworthy

Empowerment 2004 - *Violence awareness*

Bill 43 Awareness Campaign - *Funeral for tuition cap*

Candlelight Vigil

Student Spirit Night

Wall of Debt

National Petition

Test Bank Drive

BBQ's, SU Pancake Breakfast

Theme Weeks

Week of Welcome

Club Rush Week

Mardi Gras Week

SU Election Information Week

Students' Union General Elections

Theme Nights in the Zoo
Greek Games Clubs Night
Name that Tune
Jeopardy
It's Cooler to Win Cash Night
Ladies Night
Temporary Tattoo Night

Cabarets in the Zoo
Welcome back Cab
Halloween Cab
Ender Bender Cab
Valentine's Cab
Mardi Gras Cab
Last Class Bash

Club Cabs in the Zoo
Residence Cab
Computer Interest Group Cab
The Gay and Lesbian Integrity
Association Cab
Agapalooza Cab - (Aggies Club)

Live Bands
Orchid Ensemble
David Usher
Captain Tractor
Deep Fine Grind
Black Jack Blue
Arrogant Worms

Ballroom Rental Events
Christmas Parties
Weddings
Conferences
Blue and Gold



HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN

The Health and Dental Plan office has been a great place to work during the 2003/2004 school year! Our insurance, through R.W.A.M. Insurance Administrators Inc. has operated very well and we have been

Able to offer a good plan with very reasonable premiums to the students. It seems that the "bumps" we encountered in the past have been smoothed to the extent that we have been able to stabilize our coverage. This has allowed us to be in a "pro-active" state when it comes to predicting next years renewal rates. This is partly due to the cutting back of the dental plan that we did in 2002. Scaling back our coverage allowed us to steady the amount of claims being submitted by the students and it also ensured that we were not getting ourselves in a position where we would need to increase premiums the next year to maintain similar coverage. This year, we will be able to increase the dental coverage being offered to the students, while maintaining the same premiums charged.



We are also adding an exciting feature to our Health Plan Coverage. All Full-time students will be covered under the "Tuition Protection" program. This program will allow those students who must withdraw for serious medical reasons, up to a \$10,000 benefit to help offset the cost of lost tuition and medical expenses.

I feel that our Health and Dental Plan is moving in a favorable direction, and I am thankful to Jules Cormier, our General Manager for seeing the concerns at hand and taking the initiative needed to address these issues. Also, thank-you to all the office staff who pitch in during opt-out time and who assist me in educating the students about their insurance coverage. Your support is greatly appreciated!
*Written by Kathy Broadhead,
The Students' Union Health and Dental
Plan Administrator.*



During the month of April, The Students' Union holds their Changeover Reception and Awards ceremony. This event gives the Staff, Council and invited U of L guests and opportunity to say farewell to the outgoing Council and to welcome in the new Council. April 2004 was The Students' Union third annual awards ceremony.

Helping Hand Award

This award is to be given to a University of Lethbridge faculty or staff employee who has made the most significant and lasting contribution to the Students' Union and its members over the past year. As far as we are all concerned (and I'm sure everyone will agree), this year's recipient is long overdue of this award as she has consistently made students and the University of Lethbridge rank at the top of her priority list. She has dedicated a great deal of quality time to the University of Lethbridge Counseling Service and Recruitment office. Many students can most likely remember when this individual made presentations throughout the community about the University of Lethbridge and became a very familiar face from that time forward.

Awarded to: Barbara Williams - Coordinator of Counseling Services

Club of the Year

It is with great pleasure to announce this year's Club of the Year. All of us have seen first hand the outstanding job that this club and its Executive has done for students throughout the past year. This particular

Club has held numerous successful events, has been highly visible on campus and has shown a dedication that has gone far beyond the efforts of previous years. We can all be proud of attaching The Students' Union and the University of Lethbridge name to this club, as it has been very active and has established valuable partnerships and an excellent reputation throughout the community. The entire Executive has shown exceptional contribution and devotion to the club and are each responsible for the club's success over the past year. The Students' Union club of the year for 2003/2004 is the Management Students' Society.

Awarded to: Management Students' Society

Bill Chapman Certificate of Distinction

This annual award is presented to the University of Lethbridge student or group of students who has shown the most innovation in the areas of student affairs and wellness over the past year. This year we have chosen six recipients who have all been heavily involved with the student life and alcohol study. Lead by Steve Ferzacca (Associate Professor of Anthropology) this team of students has conducted community research to identify and analyze the behavior and attitudes of University of Lethbridge students (and staff) on issues relating to substance abuse, and in particular - alcohol consumption. Their research will contribute to the understanding of the nature of alcohol abuse in the community as well as provide educational opportunities for students. The team is in the final phase of the project, finishing off the qualitative data and upon the project's completion, the report will be published.

Awarded to: Paul Armstrong, Leanne Warrenchuk, Lindsay Scott, Colleen Furlong, Janis Tanner and Jocelyn Hardie.

Employee of the Year

Many of us may take for granted the valuable role that The Students' Union Employees play in our organization if it wasn't for these hardworking individuals, our job on The Students' Union would be a lot harder. I know that many of us have certainly appreciated all of their help over the past couple of years. This year we would like to announce Carrie Quinn, our Communications Coordinator, as the 2003/2004 Students' Union Employee of the Year. I was on Council when Carrie was hired and from that point on Carrie has done an outstanding job for the Students' Union. Her dedication, countless contributions, professionalism, talent and amazing attitude make her an obvious choice for this particular award. Unfortunately, Carrie will be leaving us this summer and although she will be dearly missed around the office, we wish her the best of luck in all of her overseas and future endeavors.

*Awarded to: Carrie Quinn
- Communications Coordinato*

Student Employee of the Year

This award is presented to the student employee of The Student's Union that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to their position. Fellow co-workers have described this year's recipient as a great worker who is always willing to take on extra duties. He has gone above and beyond his duties as a bartender, and has taken on roles of security, porter, and has trained other porters this year. If you're up at the Zoo, this individual always has a story to tell, and it's for all of these reasons that Brad Fortier is this year's recipient.

*Awarded to: Brad Fortier - Zoo
Bartender*

John Brocklesby Students' Council Award of Excellence

This award is presented to a member of Council who has displayed the greatest commitment to the university and student life. This individual has served as a student Rep for two years, and is always willing to help out whenever possible. She always has a big smile on her face, and most importantly she is my daughter's skating coach. This year's award is presented to Dawn Sonfloo for her incredible commitment to The Students' Union.

*Awarded to: Dawn Sonfloo - Health
Sciences Representative*

Legacy Award

This award is presented to the outgoing President in recognition for his hard work and commitment to The Students' Union and University life. Paul Daniels has proven to be a leader in our community, and has worked diligently to fight for the rights of students, and to promote The Student's Union.

*Awarded to: Paul Daniels, The
Students' Union President.*





NEW SU BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Students' Union has an endowment fund set up to help students financially achieve their academic goals. In addition to the four current bursaries, The Students' Union has now made available two more bursaries and five scholarships.

Students' Union Bursary - (3) \$500.00

Available to students enrolled in a degree program at the University of Lethbridge. Candidates must have successfully completed a minimum of eight graded semester courses in the previous Fall and Spring semesters at the University of Lethbridge. Two candidates must be entering the 3rd or 4th year of their program.

Students' Union part-time Scholarship (1) \$500.00

Available to a student enrolled in a degree program at the University of Lethbridge and has taken less than eight graded semester courses in the previous Fall and Spring Semester.

Students' Union International Travel Scholarship - (1) \$500.00

Available to a student enrolled in a degree program at the University of Lethbridge who has completed at least one full-time study-term semester at the University of Lethbridge. This award is for a student who will be traveling internationally in the upcoming academic year for full-time credits towards their degree program.

Students' Union Scholarship

(1) \$500.00

Available to students enrolled in a degree

program at the University of Lethbridge. The candidate must have successfully completed a minimum of eight graded semester courses in the previous Fall and Spring semesters at the University of Lethbridge, and be entering the 3rd or 4th year of their program.

Students' Union Coca-Cola Bursary (2) \$500.00

Available to students enrolled in a degree program at the University of Lethbridge. Candidates must have successfully completed a minimum of eight graded semester courses in the previous Fall and Spring semesters.

The Students' Union Coca-Cola Scholarship - (2) \$500.00

Available to students enrolled in a degree program at the University of Lethbridge. Candidates must have successfully completed a minimum of eight graded semester courses in the previous Fall and Spring semesters.

Students' Union Cola-Cola North Scholarship - (2) \$500.00

Available to students enrolled in a degree program at the University of Lethbridge and taking their program at the Edmonton or Calgary Campus. Candidates must have successfully completed a minimum of six graded semester courses in the previous Fall and Spring semesters at the University of Lethbridge.



PAST PRESIDENTS

This year marks Paul Daniels as the thirty seventh president of The Students' Union. Being a president requires a lot of time, energy and dedication to student issues at

the University of Lethbridge. With determination and long hours put into the betterment of student life, each passing Students' Union Council leaves a legacy of resolutions unique to their own particular term in office.

The following is a list of past Students' Union Presidents, each of whom has devoted their term to address student issues throughout campus.

- Paul Daniels
- Melanee Thomas
- Matthew McHugh
- Dezmond Belzeck
- Bonnie Androkovich
- Ryan Dunford
- Jon Westcott
- Jason Shriner
- Arthur Wong
- Humberto Aspillaga
- Poul Mark
- Justin Penny
- David Legg
- Terry Whitehead
- Jon Oxley
- Jason Slemko
- Dan Laplante
- Aaron Engen
- Tracy Hembroff
- Larry Glazer
- Mike McPhail
- Chuck Cosgrove
- Barry Weintraub
- Rudy Peters
- Alan Murray
- Pat Dortch
- Howard Reid
- Wayne MacKay
- Lee Ens
- Darryl Ross
- Khym Goslin
- Jesse Snow
- Ken Runge
- Robin Dann
- Lamont Nielson
- Richard Wutzke
- John Brocklesby

STUDENTS' UNION COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2004/2005



Elections this spring were held February 23, 2004 to March 11, 2004. Even though voting turnout was up from last year, there are still some vacant positions which will require a by-election in the fall.

Scheduling a debate during the week of campaigning was something new this year which offered a lot of participation and interest from the student body.

- President*
Loralee Edwards
- Vice President Academic*
Jason Rumer
- Vice President Internal Affairs*
Clayton Campbell
- Vice President Administration*
Kelly Andres
- Fine Arts Representative*
Owen Beddoe
- Residence Representative*
Lindsay Hammond
- Edmonton Campus Representative*
James Samaroden
- Arts and Science Representatives*
Nafisa Jadavji
Bryce Steeves
Erin Williscroft
- 3 positions vacant - Fall by-election
Education Representative
- Position vacant , Fall by-election
Management Representative
- Position vacant , Fall by-election
Health Sciences Representative
- Position vacant , Fall by-election
Calgary Campus Representative
- Position vacant - Fall by-election
Board of Governors Representative
- Position vacant - Fall by-election





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