

*A Year in Review of 2004/2005*



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*The Students' Union, the University of Lethbridge  
began its' journey in 1967. . .*



*. . . and the building itself opened in 1990.  
Today, 38 years later, we are still operating with a strong  
presence on campus, ensuring each students' voice is heard.*

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BOTTOM ROW (Left to Right): Tyler Tanner, Stephen Higham, Owen Beddoe, Gray McDonald, Nafisa Jadavji, Bobby Balachandran.  
MISSING: Lindsay Hammond, James Samaroden.

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*Loralee Edwards - President*

ULSU

It has been a busy and exhilarating year, and as we are getting ready to wind down and do a Council changeover, it is a time of reflection for me.

We have been very active this year, both socially and politically. We have represented students to the university and governments on monetary issues such as tuition increases, minimum wage, and public transit service. We have improved academic services such as the new online Test Bank and participated in Provincial and Federal student lobby groups.

We have been very active with social issues such as working to create an on-campus food bank, an on-campus daycare, as well as diversity positions on the General Assembly. We have been very supportive of students and special interest groups, providing financial support for student emergencies and club funding which benefits hundreds of students. There are over 40 clubs on campus this year – a new record.

We have also supported many charities over the year, starting off the year by having the largest walking group in the annual Aids Walk this summer.

One of the most exciting things has been the restructuring of the student health plan. In conjunction with the university administration we were able to eliminate the January

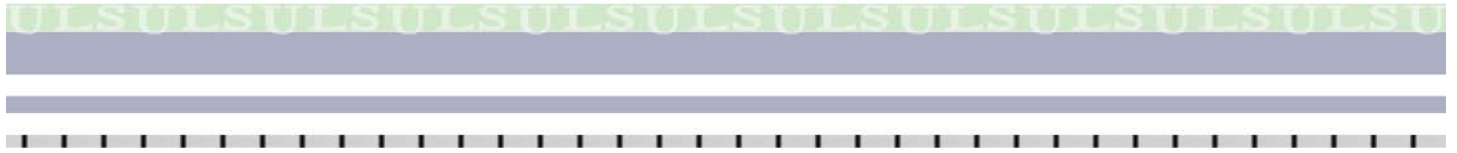
black out period. Also, the new re-insure model will save students tens of thousands of dollars every year. Another project underway is our cultural centre – the couch lounge/art gallery, as it has become known. This project is projected to be completed this summer, and will be a great addition to student culture here at the University of Lethbridge.

One of the things I have really enjoyed was the diversity of our Council, especially within the Executive Council. Of the four executives it was great to see the diversity of faculty – one Management student and three Fine Art students, as well as of gender and sexuality - two women, and a gay man. I think that this combination helped bring unique insights to our decision-making and planning. We were a very strong team of four and looking back on the initiatives we set for ourselves in the summer, it is satisfying to note that we met them all – and it was a long list! This was accomplished through hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

It has been a trip. I really have enjoyed my year as President of the Students' Union. It has been much more than I could have imagined it would have been, and the people I have met along the way have been inspiring.

I would like to publicly thank some of the people I have had the pleasure of working with this past year. First, and

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in particular, I would like to thank the Students' Union staff who are the back bone and institutional memory of our organization. Your support, knowledge and laughter have been invaluable to me. Thank you to the University of Lethbridge administration and staff who have bent over backwards to make things happen for us this year. Thank you especially to Bill Cade and Shirley DeBow for going out of your way many times to make me feel comfortable and welcome.

I would also like to thank the ULSU General Assembly - you have joined many committees, both external and internal and you have stayed committed and active all year, it is amazing what we have accomplished together. Thank you in particular Nafisa Nafijvi for taking over as chair of the *Daycare Action Committee*, you will be brilliant.

Thank you Kelly, Clay and Jason for your dedication and friendship, especially over the summer when we were so new and finding out our jobs together – it really was a manic, magical time. *Written by Loralee Edwards, Fine Arts major - Multimedia/Installation final year of study. Applied to start masters in the fall.*





*Jason Rumer - Vice President Academic*

ULSU

I've said it before and I'll say it again, being Vice-President Academic of the Students' Union has been the best experience of my life. I have enjoyed it immensely and I will miss it very much. Before I began my term I outlined several initiatives that I wanted to accomplish through my position. I am happy to say that thanks to so many people, all of those initiatives have been achieved.

One of my major initiatives was to improve the look, accessibility and services on the SU website. I'm happy to say that with Susan Curtis, we were successful in accomplishing this initiative. The Test Bank is now online and this will give students the ability to access tests from anywhere in the world. This year voting in the SU elections went online, and through this we increased voter turnout by 13%, saved the SU thousands of dollars and increased the rate and accuracy of results dramatically. The SU has a whole new image, ULSU, that can be seen in the renaming of the website URL to [ulsu.ca](http://ulsu.ca) from [uleth.ca/stu](http://uleth.ca/stu). This change alone has attracted far more students to the website and increased usage substantially. Our average monthly usage rate last year was 2000-3000 hits, in March of this year we hit a record of over 110,000 hits on the website.

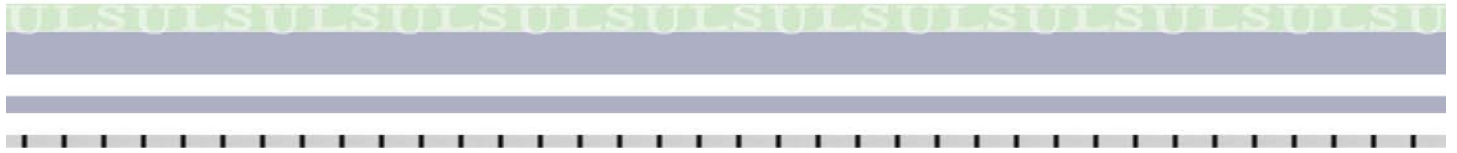
Last year I recognized the need for an on-campus food bank here at the University of Lethbridge. With rising tuition and living costs, the ability to financially manage the costs of post-secondary education becomes difficult for some people. For this reason I am happy to say that the

Students' Union finally has a Food Bank. This was no little task and it took the participation of many people to get it up and running. Many students have already used the Food Bank and I'm sure that it will continue to be a great asset to the U of L. It was a lot of work getting it off of the ground, but well worth it.

This was a landmark year for the Students' Union as we hosted two fantastic speakers, Dr. William Sampson and Dr. Maude Barlow. Both of them gave incredible lectures that attracted a lot of media attention and brought out large audiences. Both speakers were brought in on budget with substantial sponsorship from the University of Lethbridge and other sponsors. With both a provincial and federal election this year, the Students' Union hosted two successful candidates forums, which again attracted media attention and large audiences.

During my election campaign I promised students at the Calgary campus that they would finally get the attention they deserve. For the first time in SU history, the Students' Union cooperatively hired a part-time staff person with the University of Lethbridge for the Calgary campus. This new person will add great value to student life in Calgary by acting as a student support coordinator. The SU added telephone accessibility for our GA meetings allowing the inter-campus reps to join our meetings by calling in during the winter months, which saved the SU money and

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added convenience for inter-campus representatives. I made monthly visits to both campuses and relationships with the campuses have never been better. For the first time, intercampus students have a much better appreciation for the SU and what we do.

Provincially, this could not have been a better year, as we saw the Government make post-secondary education their number one priority. Thanks to the many ideas presented by the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) we saw a funded one-year tuition freeze, an investment of \$4.5 billion into endowments, the planned creation of 60,000 new PSE seats and significant increases to the base operating funding for universities. This is by far the best year to be a student in Alberta and it's only going to get better.

I can only say, that the success of this year could not have been made possible without the help and dedication of the General Assembly, the Executive Council and the employees of the Students' Union. There is still so much to do, and after many years with the SU it is hard to walk away, but I am confident that next years council will do a wonderful job of carrying on the legacy of the Students' Union.

*Written by Jason Rumer, 4th year B.Sc./B. Mngt - Coop, major in Physics/Accounting.*





*Clay Campbell - Vice President Internal Affairs*

ULSU

This year has been a fun and exciting experience working with the Students' Union. I have certainly learned a lot over the past eleven months, and we have accomplished much.

The first order of business when I started my term was to get cracking on making the biggest and best outdoor beer gardens that the U of L had ever seen. As opposed to housing the welcome back beer gardens in the tennis courts as has been done in the past years, we erected our own fence perimeter, and a large circus tent to accommodate the large numbers we were expecting. Four bands, a belly dancing troupe, and free temporary tattoos were some of the things that the \$2.00 cover allowed attendees to enjoy. The only drawback was that it was cold and windy that night, and it kept people indoors. Overall we had 275 students come and enjoy the night. Also that week we had the annual Welcome Back BBQ that fed over 500 students burgers, pop, and chips. The pop and chips were donated by Coke and Old Dutch respectively. The Week of Welcome wouldn't have been the same without the early morning free pancake breakfast. This event allowed students to come and see the newly renovated Union Bistro and Bar, while dining on pancakes, eggs, bacon, and hashbrowns.

We also unveiled a new Students' Union Website at [www.ulsu.ca](http://www.ulsu.ca), and we gave out over 500 free stress balls to students, advertising the change. Once the week of welcome was completed we moved directly into clubs

Rush Week. This is a week where clubs can show their wares in the Atrium, and set up to recruit new members. At the beginning of the year we had approximately 35 clubs, now at the end of the year we have reached a record breaking 46.

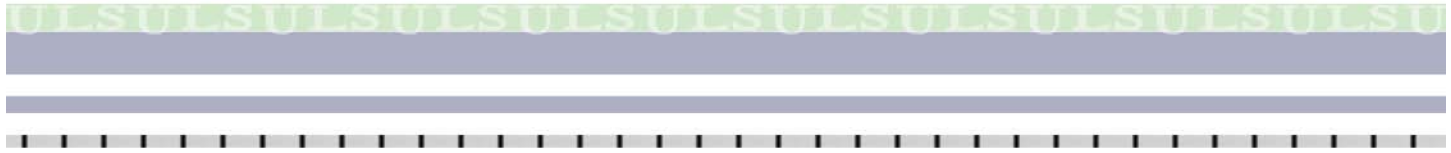
Aside from club involvement, my job revolved around event planning. Some of the events we saw in the first semester were; Warren Miller's 'IMPACT', where we screened his 55th film *Impact* at the Union Bistro and Bar. Almost 100 students enjoyed the loud, visually intense, ski and snowboard movie, some even showed up in costume. Another event was the Stabilo concert. This was a sold out show, and concert goers also enjoyed performances by Strada that evening.

The second semester we attempted clubs Rush Week again, but it turned into clubs' Rush Day or two. We decided as a group that a week was too long in the second semester. The Food Bank that was opened in the first semester was given a contribution by the first annual clubs Food Drive. IVCF returned after one week with the most food items collected by any club at 257 items. Other clubs that took part were Improv Club, Apprenticeship for Humanity, PANiC, Bio-Environmental Club, and a few others (I apologize if I forgot your club).

Another initiative that we did was the 'Mocktail' event done



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in conjunction with AADAC. We set up a bar on level 2 of the SUB, and handed out free mocktails (non-alcoholic drinks). Almost 200 students enjoyed the free beverage called the 'Brooke Shields'.

The event I am most proud of was finished near the end of March at the Union Bistro and Bar. "So You Think You're Funny - Lethbridge 2005", was a search for Lethbridge's best amateur comedians. Over the space of three weeks we had nine comics perform, and the audience picked the top winner each week. The top three contestants, and wild card spot were: Jeremy Furlong, Chad Jassman, Rachel Skinner, and Rob Carlton. The winner who walked away with \$500, and an opening at Yuk Yuk's comedy, was Rob Carlton. Jeremy Furlong won \$250 with second place, and Chad Jassman took \$100 for third.

I attended the CASA conference in Halifax just after Reading Week. CASA, for those of you who don't know, stands for the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations, and is our federal lobby group for post secondary education. This was an interesting conference to attend after the General Assembly had a close vote to continue our membership for another year. I was able to learn a lot about the organization, and came back to Lethbridge with many recommendations for next years Council.

Congratulations to next years Executive Council and

General Assembly, and thank you to this years'. Thank you to the SU Staff who are an integral part of the SU and University. This year would not have been possible without the great contributions of these people. This is my last year at the University of Lethbridge, and I will hopefully be leaving with a B.A. This has certainly been the best year in my five years at the University of Lethbridge, and I will certainly miss you all. *Written by Clay Campbell, B.A in Fine Arts.*





*Kelly Andres - Vice President Administration*



Throughout the beginning of my term I spent time meeting many of the departments and different people who I would be in contact with during the year. The Executive Council outlined its' major goals for the year and I began the plans for the Zoo updates.

I was also involved with hiring employees for numerous positions during the summer months. We recruited and hired a new General Manager, Food and Beverage Manger, Kitchen Catering Coordinator and Communications Coordinator. I was involved with coordinating two new leases in the SU Food Court and numerous other legal proceedings.

I was involved with the annual audit debriefing and negotiations for a different health and dental plan. I freshened the Zoo by renaming it the Union Bistro & Bar, giving it a new aesthetic appearance and the incorporation of a new menu featuring vegetarian, ethnic dishes and "home cooked" meals. In the summer I helped host the Hokkai Gakuen Japanese exchange students for a fun day of golf and go-karts. I was involved with the procurement of new signage for the Union as well as chairing the *SU Design committee* that is spearheading a sofa lounge project.

I met with politicians, investors, lawyers, bankers, individuals and the media to discuss issues relating to the Students' Union. Every two weeks the Executive Council met and made numerous decisions regarding students

and operations. I was involved in New Student Orientation as well as the Students' Union's welcome back BBQ. I participated in a university club Art Auction, International Women's' Day, AIDS walk 2004, and about nine university committees. The year in review for me is a look back at numerous events and learning experiences. This position has allowed me to develop many new skills, meet a lot of great people and learn much about myself. *Written by Kelly Andres - B. A/B. Mgt. Studio Art and Marketing.*





Owen Beddoe - Director/Fine Arts Rep.

ULSU

This was my first term in student politics and I must say it was one of the most educational experiences I have encountered in my post secondary career. It was great to get behind the scenes and get down to the bare bones of operations and the decision making process within this great institution.

I was elected in March of last year as Fine Arts Representative, and in late September I chose to get further involved by taking on the position of Director.

I chose to sit on as many committees as I could possibly commit to, keeping in mind the time commitment of the Executive Council and General Assembly meetings. I was honored to be on *The Ingrid Speaker Distinguished Research Committee*, a committee that chose a worthy faculty member to be the recipient of a prestigious award for outstanding research in their field. *The Senate Volunteer Award Committee*, a committee that chose a very worthy recipient to receive this brand new annual award established by the Senate. *The Proposed Fees and Tuition Committee*, a committee determined to keep tuition reasonable. *Strategic Planning Committee*, a Students' Union initiative that outlined some of the issues the Union and students would be facing in the near future. I was also extremely honored to sit on the *Senate* as a representative of the student population.

The Students' Union did some great work this year and I was proud that I could be a part of it. When the Board of Governor's voted the tuition raise in December, we responded with an active and extremely successful \$280 Campaign to raise awareness of the decision and our strong stance against it. The Food Bank established itself through hard work and the determination of many members of the assembly. I was honored to campaign door to door collecting food items that would help those students in need of a good meal.

I feel that we had a fantastic and cohesive group in both the General Assembly and the Executive Council. Our assembly remained civil and respectful even amongst the toughest and most difficult decisions throughout the year.

I wish the best of luck to the incoming General Assembly and all the best to the students we serve. *Written by Owen Beddoe, 4th year Fine Arts student.*





*Stephen Higham - Director/Arts & Science Rep.*

ULSU

The 2004/2005 year for the University of Lethbridge Students' Union can be described as nothing short of successful. The organization grew more, accomplished more, and learned more than it maybe ever has. This is due to the hard work and dedication of this year's students and staff, who comprised perhaps the most diverse Council the Students' Union has ever seen.

Specific examples of this growth and accomplishment can be seen with the introduction of the on-campus Food Bank, the commitment to establishing a lounge area in the Students' Union building, efforts to fight tuition increases, the introduction of online voting (which more than doubled our voter turnout), as well as transferring the student Test Bank online, to name only a few initiatives that the SU has undertaken.

Among the accomplishments that I am personally proud of, are first, the great progress made with our Calgary Campus Management Students' Society (CMSS). As the term began, I accompanied VP Academic Jason Rumer to Calgary to have a lunch with some CMSS representatives, who were very dissatisfied (and largely for good reason), with the U of L Students' Union. The problems were addressed, which significantly improved relationships between the two parties and will remain strong in the coming year. In terms of provincial post-secondary issues, this year was a tremendous success. I think it is safe to say that all of our

Council members were very pleased with our provincial lobby group, the Council for Alberta University Students (CAUS). The promotion of student concerns was very well executed, with a play on a familiar sign in Alberta, which read "I Love Alberta Universities". These signs were in great demand, and the majority of the Lethbridge residents who were asked to display them on their lawns were very supportive of students and student issues.

Furthermore, when tuition was raised to the full amount at the U of L, a campaign was organized under the slogan, "What would you do with \$280?" - the \$280 representing the additional per/semester cost to students. The campaign accomplished all objectives that were outlined, and proved to be a very interactive and provocative initiative. I am very proud of my involvement with it, and it was during the organization of the campaigns' rally that I recalled thinking, this is what Students' Unions are really about. I truly think that actions such as our campaign, spread awareness of issues and make opposition known, create substantial results. While I think it would be quite a jump to take very much credit, it was efforts like this across Alberta which in part led to next years tuition freeze.

These initiatives are the ones I felt to be among the most significant. It would be impossible to write down each initiative and each contribution that the Students' Union has





*Nafisa Jadavji - Arts & Science Rep.*



What a busy school year! I can't believe that it is coming to a close! There have been some great initiatives that the General Assembly has implemented this year.

During my term with the Students' Union I was a part of the *Blood Drive Committee, Discipline Committee, General Faculties Council, Arts and Science Council, Student Fee Review Committee, Food Bank Committee* and the *Daycare Action Committee*.

I was very involved with the *Food Bank Committee* this year, as we got the on-campus Food Bank up and running. This required a lot of planning and organization. I arranged a faculty and staff food drive in November, with the help of the *Food Bank Committee*. We also organized a community food drive in December. I have also worked on writing letters to businesses in Lethbridge asking for monetary donations to purchase food vouchers for food parcels, so that students can also have fresh vegetables, fruits and meat. These food items are ones that the current Food Bank does not have capacity to store. I have also been working with Brandy, the Communications Coordinator, to help spread the word that the Food Bank is open for use among the university students. My other duties related to the Food Bank include making sure that there were enough food parcels ready for students to pick up.

In February I got involved with the *Daycare Action*

*Committee*, where I took on the Chair position. This committee will be working on researching and developing a proposal to present to the University to have an on campus daycare. I hope to continue to work with this committee through the summer and into the 2005-2006 academic year.

I have been involved with the Psychology and Neuroscience Department through the Psychology and Neuroscience Club (PANiC), where I held the position of President for this academic year. I have tried to keep students informed about important events and news happening at the Students' Union.

Other miscellaneous activities that I have been involved within the Students' Union include: CASA post card initiative, selling tickets to various Students' Union events (Ender Bender, Tsunami Relief Concert) and the Cervical Health Program Advertising initiative. *Written by Nafisa Jadavji - 3rd Year Arts & Science, Neuroscience major.*





*Tyler Tanner - Arts & Science Rep.*

ULSU

I could write for pages and pages about my experiences with the General Assembly as an Arts and Science Faculty Representative. But rather than bore you with that, this report will be short and simple.

Three specific issues that I took interest in this year, and what I consider to be the high points of this experience, were the creation of an on-campus Food Bank, the review of our CASA membership (our federal lobby organization), and "Campaign 280" (an on campus lobby effort protesting the decision of the U of L Board of Governors decision to increase tuition fees to the maximum).

The Food Bank was up and running within the same semester we started working on it. I'm also proud to say that we are still members of CASA. I fought hard for this because I spent a week in Ottawa attending the annual CASA lobby conference where I determined that this was a worthwhile organization to be members of. I believe that federal representation is very important. And finally, "Campaign 280" was very successful in raising student awareness about the unjustified tuition fee increase.

I believe that you only get out of what you put into something. If you want to get involved in the Students' Union simply for the money, don't do it – it's not worth it. This may sound cheesy but the payout is your experience. This experience has been something that I will cherish for the

rest of my life. I'm not saying that I have a huge passion for student politics; it's the people that I've met and the relationships we've developed that will be remembered. These friendships have come as we've worked together on various projects to benefit students. I put a lot of time and effort into initiatives that I felt were worth pursuing. It was amazing to see these initiatives materialize when just a few dedicated Council members and volunteers got together to make it happen.

One of my favorite quotes is this, "Education is what remains once you forget everything you learned in school." I will definitely remember my time with the Students' Union long after I forget everything I've learned in the classrooms. I highly recommend to any student who is considering getting involved to do so. *Written by Tyler Tanner – 3rd Year Arts & Science, Economics major.*





*Lisa Oskam - Health Sciences Rep.*

ULSU

It is with mixed emotions that I see my term as Health Sciences Representative draw to a close. As a team, we faced many challenges together and I am forever grateful for the friends I've made and experiences I've had. This term, our Students' Union truly enhanced the opportunity for students to actively participate in their university experience through many new initiatives and interactive events. We also developed close ties with our community, faculty and administration.

I have appreciated the opportunity to represent the school of Health Sciences students and to meet most students face-to-face. We maintained close interaction and worked together to address many issues in regards to program, course, practicum, faculty and personal concerns. We also struck up an internal student team that met with the dean monthly to proactively resolve issues. Both students and faculty state that this representation has enhanced their ability to work together.

Within the School of Health Sciences, I have been able to foster student involvement in campus activities. We have had active communication on issues such as class averages on transcripts and funding for the Health and Wellness Centre. We participated in events such as the fundraiser for Tsunami victims, the blood drive and academic speaker series. We held educational seminars on women's health, travel health, harm reduction, mental health, nutrition and

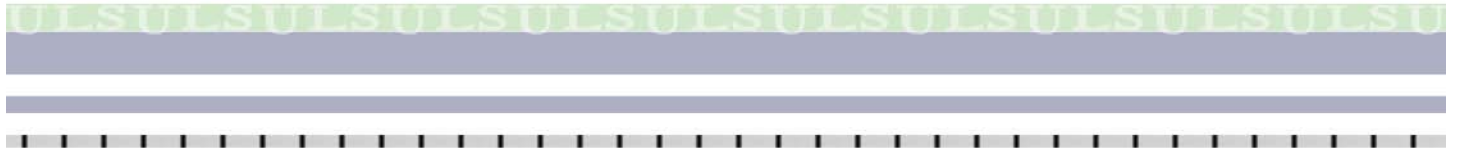
exercise on campus, fundraised \$9,000 for third world relief efforts and were involved in a cervical screening project with the Chinook Health Region. Each of these activities allowed students to make new ties with the wider campus and the community at large.

Through the General Assembly, I had occasion to become politically involved in advocating that post-secondary education remain accessible to all. I attended meetings with CAUS, our provincial lobby group, assisted in the 'Wall of Debt' campaign to send a message to our federal government, and was an active member of the *Student Affairs Committee*, which re-evaluated our membership with CASA our federal lobby organization. I was on the 'Campaign 280' team, which worked hard to raise awareness of tuition increases and showed the Board that we will not ignore this issue. I was on the *Student Fee Review Committee*, but felt our presence was largely undervalued. My recommendations to future Council include: build on CAUS's success, monitor CASA's value as a federal lobby group and work hard to remind the university administration of their obligations.

I was on *General Faculties Committee*, the highest campus body. This familiarized me with the persons and processes involved in administration and helped me understand how students can best relate. Activities in which I was actively involved included the implementation of a diversity policy,



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the revision of our mandate statement and changes to the Health Sciences curriculum.

Being part of the *Food Bank Committee* was one of the most memorable experiences of my term. We were able to stock enough food items to feed thousands of students and also collected money for perishable food item vouchers. Our various food drives were great opportunities to get together and have a great time for a great purpose. We compiled policies that are open and user-friendly, and trust our services will not be abused. It was rewarding to be able to provide tangible support for students during difficult times and provide referrals to resources that allow for their personal and professional growth.

I am on the *Special Needs Advisory Committee*, which made major progress this year. Initially, I strongly advocated for student involvement, so our input is now valued. We created proposals for a disability resource centre and accommodation policy. The Students' Union became a member of NEADS, an organization for post-secondary disability issues, which clarified our duties and keeps us current on relevant developments. I also organized a 'Disability Awareness' event, which involved activities to simulate the disability experience, a wheelchair contest between student and university administration, information distribution and a speaker. Students and faculty noted that the event was effective in promoting a positive and respectful attitude

towards disabled persons in post-secondary education.

Thanks to everyone for allowing me to represent you and thanks to all who helped the Students' Union have a successful year. I wish the incoming Council success as they take up the reigns and continue to represent our students.  
*Written by Elizabeth Oskam - 4th year Bachelor of Health Sciences, with a major in Nursing.*





*Kirsten Bremer - Arts & Science Rep.*

ULSU

As this was my first position on a student government assembly, I learned a great deal about how the University of Lethbridge Students' Union operates. I was elected to the General Assembly during the by-election at the end of September as an Arts and Science Representative. This position has allowed me to not only participate in different Students' Union events but, be well informed about the activities of the University.

During my term as Arts and Science Representative I participated in many different initiatives of the Students' Union. I was in charge of organizing the 'Wall of Debt' campaign that the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) puts on every year. Students signed different faux brick postcards with their amount of debt on the front and a short note to the federal government on the back with regards to his or her debt. This was my first introduction to student lobby associations. Throughout the year the General Assembly discussed the different issues surrounding ULSU's membership in CASA. From these discussions, and my own research, I became knowledgeable about what CASA does for students and why it is important to belong to a student lobby group at the federal level. As there were many debates about whether or not ULSU should remain a member of CASA, I believe the GA made an intelligent decision to renew their membership.

I was also involved in other ULSU initiatives such as the

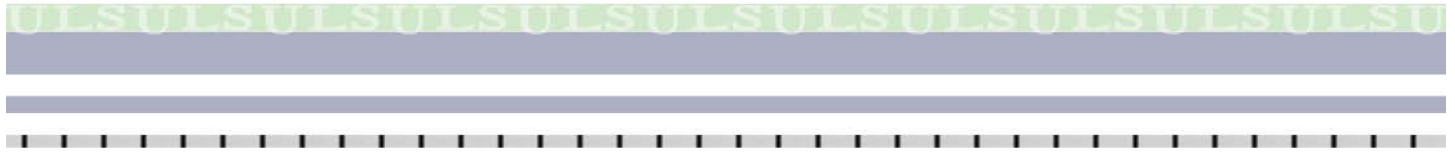
on-campus Food Bank. Residence Representative Lindsay Hammond and I, collected different boxes of food from the faculty food drive. Different faculties at the University of Lethbridge were supportive of the on-campus Food Bank formation, and the shelves were well stocked from donations.

I helped set up different comment boards and signs for 'Campaign 280'. The feed back on these boards definitely showed student concern for tuition increase. Although two hundred and eighty dollars does not sound like much, many students came up with a variety of ways they would rather spend the money.

The Day Care Center initiative was an important issue to me as well. Although only meetings were held to discuss different issues regarding the Day Care Center I hope that next year's Council can look into this further and materialize all the efforts and research put into this initiative.

The Students' Union continuously tries to bring in different guest lectures. One lecture in particular that I attended was given by Maude Barlow. Barlow addressed the growing concerns about water conservation and supply. Barlow's lecture was very informative and interesting. It made me more aware of my use and consumption of water and allowed me to share my new information with others.

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I also attended the Womens' Day celebration that was sponsored by the ULSU. Students from various backgrounds, both scholastically and culturally, spoke about their experiences as women. It was interesting to listen to the diversity in experiences of different women. One particular speaker discussed how her opportunity to major in Women's Studies had a profound impact on her life and how each day she is passionate about a different issue.

I also sat in the atrium and gave people information about different topics during Disability Days. This was particularly interesting because as a non-disabled student, I became aware of many luxuries that I take for granted. I believe this was also true for many other students like myself at the University.

Among other things, I attended a number of meetings this year for both the ULSU, the Arts and Science Council and the General Faculties Council. These different councils have allowed the Students' Union to be vocal in regards to decision making at the University. Discussions at many of the meetings were valuable because diversity in people's opinions was stressed.

I was challenged most this year by understanding exactly what the ULSU does for students. Prior to my position on the GA, I was unaware of how exactly the ULSU was run and what they did with student fees. This opportunity was

a great learning experience and allowed me to share with others what students can do in order to make changes within the University.

I would advise my successor to keep up to date with all the current events at the University and initiate events or campaigns that interest you. *Written by Kirsten Bremer - 5th and final year as a student in Arts and Science with a double major in History and Religious studies.*





*Gray McDonald - Management Rep.*

ULSU

Hello everyone, as many of you know my name is Gray McDonald and I was the Faculty of Management Representative for the Student Union's General Assembly during the 2004/2005 school year. As I suspected when I ran in the September by-elections, the position was very challenging, yet rewarding. This year I was able to do many things I would not have had the chance to do if I was not a member of the General Assembly.

Throughout the year I sat on various committees as a student representative. These committees included the *General Faculty Council*, the *Exam Policy Task Force*, and the *General Faculty Council Liberal Education Committee*. The *General Faculty Council* was possibly the most interesting of the councils. People from every faculty of the University were involved in the meetings and I heard many interesting perspectives on a wide range of topics. My job was to bring the Faculty of Management's students voice into these discussions.

The *General Faculty Council Liberal Education Committee* was also interesting, as there were some amendments to the GLER requirements this year. At the beginning the committee was tentative to allow any changes, but as we learned more, the changes did not seem like they would be a big deal.

All in all the year was excellent and I am glad that I had

a chance to represent my fellow students. I highly recommend that anyone with any interest should become involved in the Students' Union. It is a great way to meet new people and become involved in something that you otherwise probably would not get a chance to do. Thank you everyone for giving me the chance to represent you.

*Written by Gray McDonald - 2nd year Management, with a major in Accounting.*





*Lindsay Hammond - Residence Rep.*

ULSU

Being the Resident Representative for this year has been quite the experience. This position entails a lot more than what most people are aware of. By being elected into this position, I was also elected as the Organization of Resident Students President. This Organization is a team of resident students who work together to plan and participate in many events that are hosted for residents. So far this year we have hosted four cabarets, with one more to come, each having their own distinct theme. We have put on a wide range of events for the residents, beginning with a Halloween Howler bus tour, talent show, Stampeder's football game, Roughnecks lacrosse game, road hockey tournament, two football tournaments, and many more.

On top of planning events for residents we worked as a team to address resident issues that arose, and implemented improvements to make residence a more enjoyable place to live. As being the President of this organization, I chaired weekly council meetings, and it was my job to bring any major resident concerns to the Students' Union; fortunately this year we did not have any major concerns that could not be addressed within our own organization.

I also worked within the Students' Union and aided them with events. I participated by selling tickets, and helped with the pancake breakfast, beer gardens and the Food Bank. The biggest challenge I have had to overcome is communication between coworkers. Not necessarily communica-

tion within the Students' Union, but within the Organization of Resident Students. Whoever is the next Resident Representative for the coming year, my advice to them would be to work hard at building a team and encourage communication between the members of the Organization of Resident Students.

Through the commitment and devotion of the organization, improvements have been made to residence this year. This includes the development a new recycle program, turning a study center in to a gym for resident students, and taking an empty space making it into a new study center.

This position is about working with the Students' Union to make the school a better and more active place to be, and to improve the many different aspects of resident life. This year's outcome I feel that as a team, we have reached the goal of improving the quality of residence. Being in this position teaches teamwork and leadership; two very important attributes to have which will help you further in life.

Being the Resident Representative was an experience that I will take with me later on in life, and a position I would enjoy doing again. *Written by Lindsay Hammond - 3rd year Bachelor of Arts and Science with an English major.*



*What do these Council members have to say? . . .*

**Stephen Higham**

Q: *“What challenged you the most during your term?”*

A: I think the greatest challenge for me was getting past the idea that administrators and professors, with whom I sat on committees, were looking down on me as “only a student.” I was (and still am) very intimidated when in a room with top-level administrators and respected professors, and felt that my comments and questions would seem silly or ignorant. As a student rep, I did not want to come across as looking foolish, thus making all students look foolish, and because of this fear, I would seldom raise my hand with questions or comments. The irony is, that sitting silently without contributing looks worse than someone who is making their voice heard. Plus, simply sitting quietly at a meeting does a disservice to students and does not properly represent them. It was coming to this realization and getting past the intimidating environment that I found to be the greatest challenge.

Q *“What advise do you have for your successor?”*

A: For a future director I would advise that they work very hard to get to know as many people on Council; as well as the staff members of the Students’ Union. Building solid relationships with the people you will be working with is the most important thing that you can do. It makes it far easier for people to approach you, far easier for you to get involved with different initiatives, and far easier for you to get input, advice and help from the Executive Council and the General Assembly.

**Lisa Oskam**

Q: *“What challenged you the most during your term?”*

A: Ensuring that students realize the Students’ Union works to promote their interests, and encouraging students to become involved in our activities.

Q *“What advise do you have for your successor?”*

A: Work as a team. You can’t do it alone!





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**Tyler Tanner**

Q: *“What challenged you the most during your term?”*

A: Balancing school, work, family, and being on Council was probably the greatest challenge. Sometimes it's hard to justify spending a lot of time trying to materialize an initiative when you're only making \$50 a month as a Faculty Rep.

Q: *“What advise do you have for your successor?”*

A: Focus on two or three initiatives that you support and give them your all. You will accomplish a lot more that way than if you do just a little bit of work on a lot of different issues.

**Nafisa Jadavji**

Q: *“What challenged you the most during your term?”*

A: My biggest challenge was that I wasn't exactly sure what I was suppose to do when I started in May 2004, but after talking to some of the Executive Council members, my direction was much clearer.

Q: *“What advise do you have for your successor?”*

A: I leave my successor the knowledge that working as a team is important, more is always accomplished and it is also a lot of fun! So get everyone involved, because it's not a one man show – we're all a team working towards one goal!

**Gray McDonald**

Q: *“What challenged you the most during your term?”*

A: The hardest thing for me to do was to get going on initiatives, there are no guidelines explaining what to do, but once I got the hang of what I wanted to do, everything became much easier.

Q: *“What advise do you have for your successor?”*

A: I highly recommend that whoever the Faculty of Management Rep. is, that person should communicate with the Management students quickly into their term and find a key issue or initiative to tackle. If you get this, your experience will be much better and you will have a clear role.



# Who is missing?

As student representatives, the General Assembly operates as a team to ensure success throughout the year, each member contributing their time and expertise to the cause. The following are those General Assembly members who were unable to hand in their report but have contributed to the achievements of the Students' Union during the 2004/2005 academic year.



*David Green*  
General Assembly Chair  
Board of Governors Representative



*Gajendra Balachandran*  
Arts & Science Representative



*James Samaroden*  
Edmonton Campus Representative



# CAUS - CASA



The first Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) meeting took place in May where eager executives from each of the four Alberta universities came together in Sundre Alberta to plan for the upcoming year. At this meeting, CAUS decided collectively that we were going to work hard to make Alberta's post-secondary education system the best in the world. We have strived for the goal all year and in the process have seen some very exciting changes to the advanced education system.

In August 2004, CAUS made a presentation to the *Standing Policy Committee – Learning and Employment*. This government committee made up of Ministers and MLA's is responsible for making the important changes to the PSE system. CAUS emphasized the importance for an affordable, high quality system and offered recommendations for a tuition freeze, a \$1 billion post-secondary endowment and major reforms to the current student loan system. CAUS presented to the Student Finance Board twice; once in October, and again in January, emphasizing the need for dramatic student loan reform.

With the Provincial election in November, CAUS was poised to make post-secondary education an election issue, and was successful. Taking full advantage of the media, CAUS, working closely with other PSE lobby groups, was able to produce high-quality television and radio ads, run a successful poster and flyer campaign and build an informative website. Every college and university across Alberta hosted candidate forums bringing forward the issues and prompted discussion on the current state of the PSE system in Alberta.

In December 2004, Premier Ralph Klein announced that post-secondary education was to be his governments' top priority. A short time later in January 2005, newly elected Advanced Education Minister David Hancock wanted to meet with all post-secondary stakeholders and CAUS was at the table. With constant dialogue and discussion, CAUS was able to bring forward many proposals and ideas that have shaped government policy and decision-making.

In the 2005 throne speech it was announced that the province of Alberta will be paying the bill on next years tuition increase, dedicating \$4.5 billion in endowment funds and creating 60,000 new post-secondary seats by the year 2020. This news ensures Albertans that they will continue to have an outstanding system of advanced education for years to come, providing opportunities to those that choose to pursue this choice.

The Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA) ran several campaigns. The first was the federal election campaign in which CASA launched a new website, produced lawn signs as well as posters and flyers. CASA also ran a wall of debt campaign in which they had students from across the country put their debt on a post card and they build a large wall on Parliament Hill. CASA chose a new National Director this year replacing James Kusie; I wish James the best of luck in his future endeavors.

*Written by Jason Rumer, VP Academic.*

# Events



## **Welcome Back Events**

New Student Orientation was a flurry of activity with students having a chance to meet, mingle and participate in events. The week began with a Welcome Back BBQ consisting of free hamburgers, chips, and pop that fed over 500 students. The next day, a free pancake breakfast complete with eggs and bacon, provided students with full stomachs to start their morning. The week of welcome rounded up with a Hawaiian Luau and outdoor beer gardens. While the large tent did not supply much shelter from the wind and cold, 275 students were entertained by belly dancers and the vocal stylings of The Minimals, The Turncoats, and Rivergrass. Free temporary tattoos were also offered by Jaded Body Art.

## **Federal Election All Candidates Forum**

With the federal election in mid-summer and most students busy working, it was difficult to raise awareness of the issues facing post-secondary students. This is why the Students' Union hosted an all candidates forum at the University of Lethbridge to provide information on where each party stands. Party candidates were present from the NDP, Liberal, Conservative, Green and Christian Heritage Parties.

## **Edmonton Campus Pizza Night**

This event was coordinated in order to provide the students at the Edmonton campus the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other, as well as to promote the health and wellness survey being conducted on the Edmonton Campus. The point of the survey was to determine if students on the campus are interested in having subsidized access to the Grant McEwan athletic facilities. The event was a great success attracting many students who all had a very good time.

## **William Sampson - Speaker**

Falsely accused and sentenced to death in Saudi Arabia, William Sampson shared his inspiring story of determination, human potential, and the value of the emotional essentials in life. The government of Saudi Arabia claimed he was a terrorist guilty of killing another Westerner in a turf war over illegal alcohol. With no proof of other than a coerced confession, Canadian William Sampson was sentenced to having his head cut off in public. Sampson generated a large of audience of over 500 people to hear him speak as well as media attention on a province wide scale.

## **Maude Barlow - Speaker**

Maude Barlow, an activist, author and policy critic spoke to students and community members about International Trade and the Water Files. An outspoken crusader for Canadian sovereignty and citizen's rights, Barlow canvassed strongly against the commodification of water. She is the Volunteer Chairperson for the Council of Canadian, a non-profit, non-partisan organization of over 100,000 Canadians, as well as Director with "The International Forum on Globalization" and co-founder of the Blue Planet Project.

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### **Warren Miller - Extreme Snow Boarding**

Warren Miller's 55th Extreme sports movie "*Impact*" was an easy low cost fun event to do. Tickets were sold at the Service Centre and Alpenland to approximately 100 students. The movie was shown on a big screen in the SU ballroom where some students even showed up in costume to watch the film.

### **Students Union Food Bank Drive**

In order to stock the shelves of the newly created on-campus Students' Union Food Bank, University of Lethbridge students took to the streets and went door to door in Lethbridge to collect food items. Dozens of students came out to participate and the event was a great success.

### **Scary Movie Night**

Those who love horror films were in for a treat for Scary Movie Night. The event was held a couple of days prior to Halloween, the film *The Amityville Horror*, was shown accompanied by lots of popcorn and special drinks.

### **Faculty Food Drive Challenge**

For the month of November a challenge was issued to the Faculty and Staff at the U of L to determine which department could collect the most food items for the newly created on-campus Food Bank. The department that collected the most food items was entitled to a \$100 gift certificate redeemable at the Union Bistro and Bar. In the end it was the Arts and Science Advising office that won by collecting over 284 food items.

### **Canadian Blood Services 5th Annual University-College Challenge**

The University of Lethbridge students, staff, and faculty members maintained their winning streak against Lethbridge Community College in the 2004 Canadian Blood Services Challenge. Beating LCC with almost double the amount of donations, U of L won the challenge with just under 150 units of blood donated. The winning school received a free concert by the Bamboo Guppies, which was redeemed at the Tsunami Benefit Concert.

### **Provincial Elections Debate**

To help students decide who to vote for in the 2004 Provincial Election, the Students' Union held a debate featuring Lethbridge West political candidates. The primary discussion was focused on educational issues. Candidates from the Alberta Alliance, Green, Liberal, NDP, Progressive Conservative, and Social Credit were all in attendance.

# Events



## **Mocktail Event**

The Students' Union in conjunction with AADAC encouraged students to lower their consumption of alcoholic beverages and to drink responsibly. On December 2nd, the Students' Union gave away complimentary mocktails on the second floor of the Students' Union Building to several hundred students. The aim of the event was to present students with non-alcoholic beverage options and to encourage moderate consumption of alcohol.

## **Stabilo - Ender Bender Cab**

This all day event started at noon with the Stabilo concert later that night. With the help of Rock 106 as a co-sponsor, the event was sold out with over 500 people in attendance. Strada, the opening band from Calgary, got a huge response from the fans with their lively stage presence and rock tunes. Stabilo was also well received by the fans and stated that U of L was the best place they played on their tour.

## **John Gleu 3 - Ender Bender Cab**

The Ender Bender cab started at noon with dayside entertainment provided by DJ Steve, DJ Papercut and a performance by band John Gleu 3. Unfortunately, the stage that John Gleu 3 played on was set up for the Stabilo performance later that night and was situated on the far end of the ballroom providing too much of a gap between the band and the audience. Nevertheless, students enjoyed the music and celebrated the end of the semester.

## **New Years Eve Tour Package**

A voucher for a 'Bust Loose Holiday' trip to Penticton, B. C. for the 'New Year's Eve Snow Ball' event, December 30, 2004 - January 3, 2005 was the grand prize given out during the Ender Bender. The package included transportation, accommodation, shuttle service to the mountain, a New Year's Eve party and miscellaneous other events.

## **Turncoates - Welcome Back Cab**

This event was successful considering only two days of advertising took place since classes only started two days prior and perhaps not all students were back from Christmas holidays. The Turncoates entertained a crowd of 100 people, playing various cover songs and songs from their album. Drink and pizza specials were also available.

## **Rock for Relief**

On January 27th, a Tsunami Benefit Concert was held at The Union Bistro & Bar with all proceeds going towards the Red Cross. Entry for 'Rock for Relief' was a donation at the door, which helped raise \$500. This event was made possible through donations from the Graduate Students' Association, University of Lethbridge President's Office, Theatre Box Office, and the Meliorist. The evening concert consisted of three local acts: 2 Cubic Feet, The Bamboo Guppies, and The Ascetics who donated their services and put on an amazing show.

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### **Jason, That Funny Magic Guy**

Co-sponsored by Ice Taps & Grills, The Union Bistro & Bar presented Jason- That Funny Magic Guy for a one-hour stage performance. The all ages show attracted approximately 100 people from the community and the University.

### **Campaign 2005 - What would you do with \$280 Bucks?**

University of Lethbridge students fought back against the recent tuition increase imposed by the University Board of Governors. This was done by implementing the week long movement called Campaign 280. The aim of the event was to draw attention to the increase and put pressure on the University Board to reverse their decision. Campaign 280 was made up of three components: a rally in the Atrium, a petition and a fake cash giveaway. Bulletin boards were set up around the campus where students could express their opinions regarding the tuition increase - this was a great success.

### **So you think you're funny - Lethbridge 2005**

This was a search to find Lethbridge's funniest amateur comedian. The competition was open to anyone over the age of 18 in the Lethbridge area. There was no application fee and each week three comedians took the stage in hopes of winning by audience vote to make it to the finals. A panel of judges rated the final top three comedians and one wild card, chosen from a previous round. The winner was Rob Carlton who walked away with \$500 prize money and a chance to open for Yuk Yuk's comedy at the Blarney Stone. Jeremy Furlong won \$250 in second place and Chad Jassman took \$100 for third. This was a great event which attracted a full house every night.

### **Calgary Campus Student Appreciation Day**

The event was held on the Calgary campus to both promote the upcoming Students' Union election, as well to appreciate our fine students on the Calgary campus. Free pizza and pop was given away as well as many prizes. In total, ten in-class presentations were given to students providing information about the Student's Union Health and Dental Plan, the elections and our lobby successes.

### **Test Bank Drive**

The Students' Union has old tests, assignments, and exams that you can look through and photocopy, or to access on-line. The Test Bank can be used as a study aid to help students find out what professors tests are like as well as what type of questions are to be expected. The varieties of exams on hand are determined by what is donated by students. So to gather more resources, the Students' Union held a test bank drive to increase their inventory. For each test submitted, one ballot was given to enter in a draw to win a U of L Hoodie. *Written by Brandy Wenger, Communications Coordinator.*

# Clubs



Clubs are an integral part of university life and encompass a large portion of the student population. We had an amazing turnout of 46 ratified clubs during the 2004/2005 academic year, one of which was on the Calgary Campus.

The Students' Union takes pride in helping Clubs advance their efforts by making available start-up grants, matching grants, free table rental, and club room usage, along with other benefits such as the opportunity to hold events in the 3rd level ballrooms. This has been a great year and we look forward to 2005/2006.

Ratified clubs for the 2004/2005 academic year were as follows (in alphabetical order):

1. Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship
2. Agricultural Student Society
3. Amnesty International
4. Apprenticeship for Humanity
5. Archeology Club
6. Bangladesh Student Association
7. Best Buddies Club
8. Biology Environmental Science
9. Calgary Management Students Society
10. Climbing Club
11. Community of Discovering Islam
12. Economic Club
13. Education Undergraduate Society
14. French Club
15. Geography Club
16. Hillel Club
17. Hip Hop Club
18. Improv Club
19. International Students' Society
20. Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship
21. Japanese Animation Society
22. Latter Day Saints Students' Association
23. Law Club
24. Lethbridge Cricket Club
25. Management Student Society
26. Mixed Curling Club
27. Model UN
28. Native American Student Association
29. Nerdcore (New Media Club)
30. Organization of Residence Students
31. Pan Africa Students' Association
32. Philosophy Club
33. Political Science Association
34. Pre Vet Club
35. Programming Contest Club
36. Psychology and Neuroscience (PANiC)
37. Social Work Student Society
38. Society for Creative Anachronism
39. Students' Society for Religious Studies
40. Surf Club
41. Theatre Arts Society
42. Trolls Rugby
43. Ultimate Frisbee Club
44. U of L Arts Society
45. U of L Anthropology Club
46. U of L Catholic Community

# Humanitarian Interventions

Every year the Students' Union not only works within, but also outside of its' borders to help those in need. 2004/2005 was the first year in University of Lethbridge history to have an on-campus Food Bank implemented. This service is available to any and all students at the University of Lethbridge. We understand that sometimes money is tight, and a little help can go a long way. With an easy, and non-intense screening process, all a student needs to do is stop by the Students' Union office, present a student ID card, and they will receive a food bag. So far in four months of operation, we have helped almost 60 students. Thank you to all those who donated to the Food Bank, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Throughout the year, the Students' Union gives out a large number of Travel and Conference grants to students who need financial assistance to attend conferences. During 2004/2005 we gave out over 20 Travel and Conference grants to help students attend conferences across North America, and Europe. We also gave out approximately 15 Emergency Student Assistance grants, which go to students who are in extreme need, and have exhausted all other avenues of assistance.

In addition to the Travel and Conference grants, the Students' Union gives out 15 - \$500 bursaries/scholarships ranging from financial need to academic eligibility. These are awarded to students on an annual basis and some are sponsored by the Coca Cola Company.

A number of people from the SU took part in the annual Le-

thbridge AIDS walk around Henderson Lake, donating \$250 to AIDS research.

No one can forget the terrible Tsunami tragedy that occurred on December 26, 2004. Thousands and thousands of people were affected by this terrible disaster, and the entire world stepped up to help. The Students' Union and The Bistro and Bar put on a Tsunami Relief concert with a number of performances, the headliner being Three Cubic Feet. Along with the help of all the businesses found on the level 2 food court, the Students' Union initiated a Red Cross Donation Box campaign. The money raised by these donations would be matched by the Students' Union, and given to the Red Cross to help aid those affected by the Tsunami.

The Students' Union has and will continue to try and help those in need whenever it is possible. *Written by Clay Campbell - Vice President Internal Affairs.*



# New Staff



*Jon Oxley*  
General Manager

I have a history with the University of Lethbridge stretching back to 1974, when my parents forced me to join them in a viewing of Arthur Ericksen's coulee masterpiece. An ill-advised election victory brought me to Student Council not once, but twice in 1988 and 1989, where I joined in the effort to build the Students' Union Building and implement the Health & Dental Plan...at the same time (it was intense). In 1999, after 10 years of working and managing "this and that", I was drafted for employment in the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery.

I have been General Manager of the Students' Union since the summer of 2004. The best part about his position is working with a lot of great Students' Union and University of Lethbridge folk who moderate their professionalism with humour and compassion.

My personal management philosophy is inspired by *The Rubaiya'at of Omar Khayyam*, and by interaction with students and the many cool ideas they generate. I hope one day to kayak most of the Queen Charlotte Islands and cycle all of the Kettle Valley Railway. I live in a century old house with my wife, two kids, three cats, a bird, a rabbit, a fish and a free-range gecko.

*Written by Jon Oxley.*



*Ben Giesbrecht*  
Food & Beverage  
Manager

My name is Ben Giesbrecht. I work as the Food and Beverage Manager for the Students Union Bistro and Bar. The experience I have had working with students has been very rewarding, as they have tried to make the Union Bistro and Bar their place to eat and meet friends.

The opportunity of working with Student Council was new to me and quite enlightening. As new ideas and policies come into place, working at the Students' Union with students, the future holds excitement and motivation. I look forward to the upcoming year.

*Written by Ben Giesbrecht.*



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*Pamela MacLeod*  
Kitchen & Catering  
Coordinator

Hello, my name is Pamela MacLeod. I manage the Kitchen and the Catering for the Students' Union Union Bistro and Bar. The most rewarding part of my job is working with all my staff, as they originate from all parts of the world. Everyone that comes to experience our menu, including a variety of lunch specials, will be not only be enjoying the flavors of Canada, but also from around the world.

The meat we use is, top grade Alberta Beef, Alberta Buffalo, and everthing including the bread is "HOMEMADE"! There is also a good selection of vegetarian items on the menu. Please come and enjoy, have fun, and "EAT". *Written by Pamela Maclead.*



*Brandy Wenger*  
Communications  
Coordinator

I was hired August of 2004 as the Communications Coordinator. Focusing on event planning, media relations, and public relations I was in charge of organizing events for the Students' Union and The Union Bistro & Bar.

Before I formally began with The Students' Union, I previously worked in communications for The City of Calgary, the Olympic Oval, and Fort Calgary. I graduated from the University of Calgary with a degree in Communications as well as possessing a diploma in Journalism Arts from SAIT.

This past year has been very rewarding but unfortunately I will be moving back to Calgary. I wish the Students' Union all the best in the upcoming year. *Written by Brandy Wenger.*

*Kathy Klvacek*  
Health & Dental  
Plan Administrator

As of March 2005 you will be in contact with me as the Health and Dental Administrator for the Students' Union, the University of Lethbridge. I am Mexican-Canadian, and since coming to Canada few years ago; I seemed to have a link with U of L. My first contact was when I took the ESL program, then I enrolled in Management for a second degree, and now, I am working in coordination with this institution. If you have inquires about the Health or Dental Plan, I hope that I can be of help to you. *Written by Kathy Klvacek.*

# Health & Dental Plan

The Health and Dental Plan office has been a busy place during 2004-2005. With over 3500 students covered by the insurance plan offered by the Students' Union, we have kept active ensuring that all students on the plan were able to access the benefits they are paying for. We are still insured by RWAM Insurance Administrators Inc., and our insurance broker continues to be Jeff Ische of Campbell and Company. Our goal over three years ago was to create a health and dental plan for the students of the University of Lethbridge that was stable and allowed us to continue improving benefits without raising premiums. This year, we are able to greatly improve our dental plan without students seeing any increase in cost. We worked hard to educate students about the "little known" benefits offered to them such as travel insurance, family add-on insurance, etc., that we know will make their lives better. We also continued to provide students the opportunity to opt-out if they had insurance coverage through other means so that they weren't paying fees they didn't need to pay.

The biggest change in our office this year was the addition of Kathy Klvacek in early March. She is replacing myself as the Health and Dental Plan Administrator while I am on maternity leave. She has taken the busy pace of the office "head on" and is doing a great job helping the students. Many thanks to the office staff at the Students' Union who pitch in and help students during the busy opt-out periods as well as the help you provide on a daily basis. Your support is so appreciated! I look forward to seeing the many positive changes that I am sure will come about during the next couple of years. *Written by Kathy Broadhead.*



# Alcohol Awareness

The *Alcohol Awareness Committee* (AAC) furthered partnerships between students, staff, faculties and departments to promote a healthy community. The goal was to assist in promoting the general health and well being of University of Lethbridge students by increasing their awareness of the effects of alcohol consumption. We encourage customers who choose to drink, to drink responsibly.

This past year, the AAC has engaged in several initiatives to educate students and the community on alcohol issues. On March 1st, the committee in conjunction with the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), hosted a variety of 'Alcohol Awareness' activities. Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational and interactive games, such as "Toss Your Cookies" that simulated the effects of alcohol impairment on coordination, as well as tested their knowledge on alcohol trivia. Also, a wrecked car was placed in front of the University Library entrance to remind people of the importance of seatbelt use and the risks of drinking and driving.

A new website was also launched that contains a significant amount of information on the effects of alcohol consumption on health, academics, budgets and much more. The website, <http://www.uleth.ca/alcohol> also offers interesting sections on truths vs. myths, the risks associated with drinking alcohol, as well as how to get help. A bit of fun can be had too, with games, recipes, and a 'cost of drinking' calculator.

The AAC has also produced an easy-to-read blood-alcohol calculator and fact sheet, which will be available to students

at the Health Centre, the Students' Union office and other locations on campus.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the results of a research project initiated by the AAC were released to the public. The research was conducted in 2003 – 2004 by students working with researchers from the department of Anthropology, Sociology and the School of Health Science. Led by Anthropology researcher Dr. Steve Ferzacca, the study examined the attitudes and behaviours of University of Lethbridge students – and local drinking establishments – to alcohol use.

*Written by Brandy Wenger, Communication Coordinator.*



# Awards



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

Awarded to Jason Rumer

Honorable Mention to Elizabeth Oskam

This is a prestigious award presented to the member of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union General Assembly who has made the most significant contribution to the Students' Union Council, the students of the University of Lethbridge, and the University of Lethbridge community.

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

Awarded to Students for Tobacco Reduction (Phil Ney and Jamie Huckabay)

Honorable mention to Jasmine Garret, David Pockock, and MJ Wolf Child

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

## **The Students' Union Helping Hand Award:**

Awarded to Tanys Darbyson

Honorable Mention to Edward Pollard

This is an annual award presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or staff employee that has made the most significant and lasting contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union and their members over the past academic year.

## **The Students' Union Employee of the Year Award:**

Awarded to Colleen Van Raalte

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union employee who has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution and ethics to our organization over the past year. Colleen personifies the values of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union in all her endeavors.

## **The Students' Union Student Employee of the Year Award:**

Awarded to Jay Amaralikit

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union student employee who has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution and ethics to our organization over the past year. Jay personifies the values of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union in all his endeavors and is enrolled as a full-time student at the University of Lethbridge.

## **The Students' Union Club of the Year Award:**

Awarded to the Psychology and Neuroscience Club

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union ratified club that has demonstrated the most outstanding effort and dedication in its endeavors over the past year.

## **The Students' Union Legacy Award:**

Awarded to Lorelee Edwards

This is an annual award will be presented to the Students' Union President at the close of his/her term pending successful completion.

# Past Presidents



Being a Students' Union 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.

2004/2005 Loralee Edwards  
 2003/2004 Paul Daniels  
 2002/2003 Melanee Thomas  
 2001/2002 Matthew McHugh  
 2000/2001 Dezmond Belzeck  
 1999/2000 Bonnie Androkovich  
 1998/1999 Ryan Dunford  
 1997/1998 Jon Westcott  
 1996/1997 Jason Shriner  
 1995/1996 Arthur Wong  
 1994/1995 Humberto Aspillaga  
 1993/1994 Poul Mark  
 1992/1993 Justin Penny  
 1991/1992 David Legg  
 1990/1991 Terry Whitehead  
 1989/1990 Jon Oxley  
 1988/1989 Jon Oxley  
 1987/1988 Jason Slemko  
 1986/1987 Dan Laplante  
 1985/1986 Aaron Engen  
 1984/1985 Tracy Hembroff  
 1983/1984 Mike McPhail  
 1984 Larry Glazer  
 1982/1983 Chuck Cosgrove  
 1981/1982 Barry Weintraub  
 1980/1981 Rudy Peters

1979/1980 Alan Murray  
 1978/1979 Pat Dortch  
 1977/1978 Howard Reid  
 1976/1977 Wayne MacKay  
 1975/1976 Lee Ens  
 1974/1975 Darryl Ross  
 1973/1974 Khym Goslin  
 1972/1973 Jesse Snow  
 1971/1972 Ken Runge  
 1970/1971 Robin Dann  
 1969/1970 Lamont Nielson  
 1968/1969 Richard Wutzke  
 1967/1968 John Brocklesby



# Incoming Council



E-voting was attempted for the first time this year and there was an amazing 22% voter turnout. This is a positive number compared to previous years of 7% - 10% of the student population. The promotion of E-voting was a triumph, using almost every available resource across the University of Lethbridge campus. Promotions ranged from computer screen savers, mass emails to the student body, posters, wide screen TV video, and CRO reminders in front of class.

Ed Pollard and Jeff King were the brains and braun behind the development of the on-line voting system. There were no mishaps, miscounts or any type of technological barrier that the Information Technology team could not overcome. A special thanks goes out to the IT team, we couldn't have done it without them.

Incoming Students' Union Council for 2005/2006:

President  
[Tyler Tanner](#)

VP Academic  
[Dustin Fuller](#)

VP Internal Affairs  
[Andrew Lunn](#)

VP Administration  
[Jason Blades](#)

Directors  
[Stephen Higham](#)  
[JJ Machalski](#)

Faculty of Arts & Science Reps  
[Stephen Higham](#)  
[Kent Betts](#)  
[Talis Jacobsen](#)  
[Nic Barker](#)  
[Nafisa Jadavji](#)

Faculty of Management Rep  
[JJ Machalski](#)

Faculty of Fine Arts Rep  
[Ben Hart](#)

Residence Rep  
[Grant Paul](#)

Calgary Campus Rep  
[Mark Hudson](#)

The following vacant positions will be made available for the student body to run in the September 2005 By-election:

- 1 Arts and Science Rep
- 1 Education Rep
- 1 Health Sciences Rep
- 1 Board of Governors Rep
- 1 Edmonton Campus Rep



**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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