



**A Year In Review
of 2008/2009**



UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION

ULSU

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2008/2009

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Adam Vossepoel
ULSU President of 2008-2009



We hope that this book will provide you with more insight into the work that the organization does, and ultimately, why it exists.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Welcome to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union annual, "Year in Review". Within these pages, you will find a wealth of information, statistics, and anecdotes about the 2008/2009 ULSU term.

It is difficult to sum up an entire year into a few sparse paragraphs. How can you describe that electric rush when your name is announced at elections; the giddy nervousness of your first "official" meeting; the frustration and disappointment when an event doesn't turn out, or the relief and satisfaction when it does? How can you describe 365 days of living, breathing, and thinking about the ULSU? What does one say when they reflect on one of the most challenging, exhausting, and incredibly rewarding experiences of their lives?

I know that I, and the entire Executive team, can say that we are gratified and humbled.

This year has been a landmark one for the ULSU for many reasons. There were difficulties, and there were kinks, but ultimately it can be summed up in two words: productive and professional. From the organizational changes we experienced, the events we developed, and students we helped, I can confidently say that the 2008/2009 term has left the ULSU in better shape than when we found it. We could not have accomplished any of it without help.

On behalf of the entire Students' Union, we would like to thank anybody and everybody who contributed to the successes of this year— both large and small. Be it council, staff members, volunteers, clubs, committees, professors, university staff, administration, and students. Thank you so very much – without you, the ULSU is nothing. *Written by Adam Vossepoel, President*

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

After a wonderful changeover dinner and awards night, the year kicked off with a retreat where the incoming and outgoing councils headed out to a little resort just outside Lake Louise, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. The emphasis of the weekend was team building, learning about the ULSU, and activities that further bonded the councils.

Throughout our stay we attended sessions and seminars that familiarized ourselves with CASA and CAUS. Discussions ensued about bylaws, policy, and operations of the ULSU. The outgoing council offered their expertise and knowledge about many issues and helped the incoming council form their own goals to carry on the legacy of hard work and dedication exhibited in the past.

After all was said and done, the incoming council was ready and willing to get their feet wet, in what has appeared to be a very successful year for the ULSU. *Written by Joey Baranyay, Management Representative*

JOEY BARANYAY
Management Rep
4th year Bachelor of
Management with a Major
in Finance.



This year began at a little resort just outside Lake Louise, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies.



Adam Vossepoel
President



Jenn Prosser
VP Academic



Brodie Pattenden
VP Administration



Eric Hawthorne
VP Internal Affairs



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Dave Ladner
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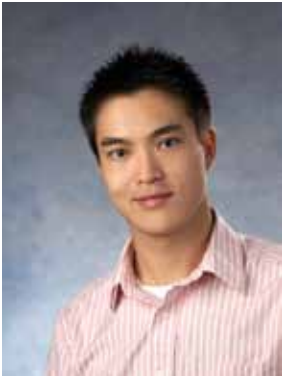


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STUDENT COUNCIL & STAFF



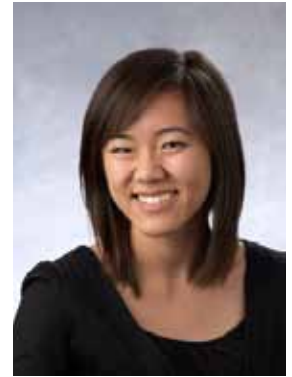
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Kendall Yamagishi
Arts & Science Rep



Raina Schemenauer
Arts & Science Rep



Willis Norrie
Arts & Science Rep



Jeremy Girard
Board of Governors Rep



Myles Bruised Head
First Nations, Métis & Inuit
Rep (May - January)



Bill Chapman - Chair of
the General Assembly

Commissioners

Commissioner to the President - Jason Pan

Commissioner to the VP Academic - Kendall Yamagishi

Commissioner to the VP Internal - Dave Ladner

Commissioner to the VP Administration - Willis Norrie

STUDENT COUNCIL & STAFF

The ULSU is an equal opportunity employer.



The ULSU employs approximately 55 temporary staff members, most of which are students at the University. The positions these students fill are Service Centre clerks, Zoo bartenders, porters, security, and kitchen staff.

PERMANENT STAFF

General Manager
Bookkeeper/Service Centre Manager
Executive Assistant
Operations Coordinator
Administrative Assistant
Health & Dental Plan Administrator
Communications Coordinator
The Zoo Manager
Kitchen Supervisor

Jon Oxley/Cheri Pokarney
Randy Ockerman
Susan Curtis
David Green
Tracy Merrifield
Shelley Tuff
Brianne Rohovie
Ben Giesbrecht
Gary Ouellette

INCOMING AND OUTGOING STAFF

Amongst the hustle and bustle of daily duties the ULSU bid a farewell to Jon Oxley, a stellar individual who is well known throughout the University community. We hired a new General Manager to replace Jon, and opened up a new Kitchen Supervisor position, for which we hired a full-time person to fill:

- Jon Oxley was the ULSU General Manager from the summer of 2004 to the summer of 2008. However, Jon was not a stranger to the ULSU as he had been elected to Student Council for two consecutive years during 1988/89 and 1989/90. Jon has been a noteworthy figure within the history of the ULSU, and contributed countless hours of dedication in making life better not only for students but also staff.
- Cheri Pokarney was hired August 5, 2008 for the position of General Manager, and was by far the best choice among many applicants. Cheri is a great addition to the ULSU team and has already done an exceptional job. We all look forward to working with her in the years to come.
- Gary Ouellette was hired September 15, 2008 for the position of Kitchen Supervisor in The Zoo. Since then, new and returning customers have enjoyed new and improved menu items while dining with their friends and acquaintances. *Written by Susan Curtis, Executive Assistant*

GENERAL MANAGER TRANSITION

After an incredible four years as General Manager for the Students' Union, Jon Oxley tendered his official resignation in May of 2008. Throughout his time as GM, Jon habitually demonstrated his utter dedication to improving the lives of students at the University of Lethbridge.

During his tenure, and due in no small part to his direct efforts, some of the more notable achievements of the ULSU include: moving to a cost effective and high quality self-insured Health and Dental Plan; Health Plan stabilization fund; an increase in tenants in the Food Court; development of the incredibly popular Galileo's Student Lounge and Art Gallery; development of a ULSU website; development of the first ever campus wide Frosh Week; implementation of the Student Pocket Lounge Project, as well as many other projects and initiatives.

Jon was instrumental in helping build the ULSU into an effective organization and his knowledge, skills, and work ethic were difficult to replace. It was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye, but the new Council was confident and excited for what the future held.

With the resignation of Jon Oxley, the ULSU wasted no time in establishing a course of action. The General Manager plays a crucial role within the ULSU acting all at once; as a mentor, project manager, HR expert, and a financial officer. It is the GM and staff members that lend stability to the organization, while Executives come and go.

The General Manager Hiring Committee, composed of outgoing General Manager Jon Oxley, Financial Controller Randy Ockerman, VP Administration Brodie Patenden, and President Adam Vossepoel took all these factors into account in the selection process.

Given the important role of the GM, the ULSU allocated significant resources to the search for the new General Manager. Utilizing print, online, and word of mouth sources, the GM search yielded many high quality candidates. The shortlist process was completed at the end of June.

Continuing from the short list process, in July the committee collected their com-

Jon Oxley
General Manager 2004 - 2008,
Student Council 1988/1989
and 1989/1990.



As an elected member on Student Council during 1988-1990, Jon joined the effort to build the Students' Union Building and implement the Health & Dental Plan.

STUDENT COUNCIL & STAFF

On August 5th, the University of Lethbridge Students' Union officially welcomed its new General Manager, Cheri Pokarney.



Despite the dynamic and challenging environment of the ULSU, Cheri has proven herself to be confident, competent, and incredibly motivated.

ments and came up with final candidates to be interviewed in person. These candidates were given substantial briefing documents with which to prepare. In addition to the ULSU General Manager Hiring Committee, key stakeholders from the University were invited to participate in the hiring process.

After an exhaustive and somewhat trying search, the ULSU was proud to have secured Cheri Pokarney to act as the General Manager. Bringing with her a diverse and rich background, Cheri has proven to be a strong asset for the ULSU, ushering in a fresh perspective and new ideas for the organization.

Ms. Pokarney wasted no time in digging into the "nuts and bolts" of the organization, spending countless hours poring through the extensive and well maintained documents left by the previous GM; learning everything she could about how the ULSU operates. Special recognition is due to every single staff member; Randy, Susan, David, Brianne, Shelley, Tracy, and Ben, for their help and guidance in orienting Cheri to the realities of the ULSU.

Throughout the year, Cheri has brought renewed energy and enthusiasm to the position of General Manager, maintaining strong relations developed by her predecessor, and bringing with her a multitude of ideas that have improved the operations of the Students' Union. The future of the ULSU looks incredibly bright under her leadership and guidance. *Written by Adam Vossepoel - ULSU President*

ZOO BUSINESS REPORT

2008/2009 has been a fantastic year for Zoo operations. The changes made by Council to separate the relationship between council and Zoo management were extremely effective in allowing Zoo management to do their job without interference.

This change was partly responsible for the massive boom in the Zoo profitability of \$20,000 for the year, compared to -\$50,000 from the previous year. Other factors include the increased usage of the Zoo by not only the ULSU, but clubs and external groups as well. There were events of some sort held almost every weekend, with some months seeing 3 or 4 cabarets plus live music.

Over the summer, the Zoo underwent some minor, but important renovations. VP Internal Eric Hawthorne had everything stripped down off the walls, and had the entire place repainted. Following this, Council installed sports jerseys and framed posters of most of the concerts that have been held in the Zoo. VP Academic Jenn Prosser had the Zoo retrofitted to be used as a small venue space that saw many small musical acts throughout the year. The Zoo gained a good reputation as a place for awesome live music and good food.

Council also made sure to introduce new students to the Zoo as early as possible by including it as a major venue for Fresh Fest. The early introduction helped increase general traffic during the lunch and dinner times, as well as establishing the Zoo as a fun and relaxed place to be.

Zoo management also did their part in improving the Zoo. Not only did Flames game nights keep the Zoo hopping, the monthly specials were also incredibly popular. Rib Week was especially notable to draw new people in to mix and mingle with friends. Sold out events such as the Halloween Cab, Ender Bender and the Last Class Bash were huge and very successful events. *Written by Brodie Pattenden - VP Administration*

The Zoo's bottom line was an important focus as Council implemented a new operating procedure.



As always, Ben and his staff provided great service and a comfortable atmosphere.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

2008/2009 was a progressive year for the ULSU in terms of its budget.



Budgetary additions, changes, and recommendations were made for next year.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Travel & Conference grant line was under continuous strain throughout the year as demand for grants proceeded. If not for an injection of \$5,000 from QIP and \$1,341 from the Coke budget line, the ULSU would have been unable to meet the demand of over 50% of the applications. Also, clubs received over 50% of the Travel & Conference Grant funding which made them the largest Travel & Conference Grant recipients.

VP Administration's recommendations for the 2009/2010 Budget:

1. Club Funding/Travel & Conference Grants

- Increase Club Funding budget line from \$7,000 to \$9,000. Maintain current Travel & Conference line at \$5,000.
- All Club Travel & Conference grants should come directly from Club Funding, with Travel & Conference Grant line being used solely for individual and group travel.
- Club Travel & Conference Grants should go through Clubs Council, rather than the Executive Council.

Rationale:

- Clubs currently consume 50 percent of the Travel & Conference budget line.
- Club Travel & Conference Grants are the only club funding that does not come from the Club Funding Line or get approved through Clubs Council.
- If current Club Travel & Conference Grants were reallocated to come from the Club Funding budget line as proposed, this would provide sufficient funding for all club funding requests as well as non-club Travel & Conference Grants.
- Currently the only way Travel & Conference Grants are sustainable is through supplementation from QIP. This recommendation helps address the issue with the finite availability of QIP.

A new budget line was created to reflect the separation between Council and Zoo operations.



When students are elected, it doesn't mean they possess all the hard skills demanded by their positions. The Executive Professional Development line allowed Executive Council members to take professional development classes.

2. Replacement of the Coke Projects Budget Line

- The ULSU should look at the creation of a reserve/miscellaneous budget line to replace the current Coke Projects budget line.

Rationale:

- Currently the Coke Projects budget line is utilized for charity/cause support, misc. projects, covering excess costs from QIP projects, etc. With the current economic conditions, it is not unrealistic to foresee Coke removing this contractual bonus. The removal of this money could be a substantial hit to Council's operational ability.

3. Council Membership and Council Travel Budget Lines

- Revise the Travel External, Travel CAUS, and Travel Per Diem budget lines to just a Council Membership and Council Travel budget line.

Rationale:

- Current structure can make budget lines quite ambiguous or confusing for future budgeting.
- Currently, Council membership fees (specifically CASA & CAUS) are taken out of travel budget lines, making planning for the years travel difficult.
- Occasionally, Council has to use external travel funds for Travel & Conferences that do not involve CASA or CAUS.
- Council travel priorities can change, depending on the external environment. During a provincial or federal election, those respective budget lines are unable to accommodate this under the current structure. With a Travel External budget line, Council is allowed to be more flexible with their external travel needs, while still being able to have a set line for membership fees. *Written by Brodie Pattenden - VP Administration*

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The ULSU is always thinking of ways to improve funding applications.



For a lot of students, approval of this funding is the determining factor for their attendance.

STUDENT FUNDING FOR MAY 1, 2008 - APRIL 30, 2009 Funding Lines are Replenished May 1st Annually

Total Approved Funding Applications:

NAME	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Travel & Conference Grants	42	\$11,341
Club Matching Grants	32	\$4,177
Club Start-up Grants	10	\$2,000
Emergency Assistance Grants	12	\$4,000
TOTAL	96	\$21,518

Travel & Conference Grant Breakdown:

NAME	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Overseas Applications	3	\$1,200
USA Applications	9	\$5,700
Canadian Applications	30	\$4,441
Individual Applications	30	\$3,877
Student Group Applications	3	\$1,199
Ratified Club Applications	9	\$6,266
Amount Transferred from QIP - Individual Grants		\$5,000

Previous Year's Funding Comparison:

TOTAL APPROVED GRANT APPLICATIONS T & C, Matching, Start-up & Emergency	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
2007-2008	70	\$15,520
2008-2009	96	\$21,518

**ULSU SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARD SUMMARY
FOR MAY 1, 2008 - APRIL 30, 2009**

NAME	NUMBER AWARDED	SINGLE AWARD VALUE	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS			
Community Service Award Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Part-time Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU International Travel Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Coca-Cola Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola North Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
QIP Scholarships	106	\$1,000	\$106,000
BURSARIES			
ULSU Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
ULSU Emergency Bursary	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Placement Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Student Wise Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
QIP Bursaries	104	\$1,000	\$104,000
AWARDS			
Campus Sustainability Recycling Award	9	\$1,000	\$14,000
TOTAL			\$233,000

NOTE: QIP = Quality Initiative Program

Scholarships, bursaries and awards help relieve financial stress for engaging students so they can focus more easily on their studies.



The ULSU recognizes the importance of this line of funding.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Quality Initiative Program was approved in 2005/2006 by the University Administration and began the following year.



Funding provided to the QIP may not be used to supplement the ULSU's operating budget

QUALITY INITIATIVES PROGRAM (QIP)

	Amount Spent
QIP - ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT	
1. Sex, Drugs, Rock'n Roll	\$ 13,050
2. Funk the System	\$ 19,347
QIP - STUDENT COMMON FUND	
1. Student Pocket Lounges - part 2	\$ 90,104
2. Front Desk Renovation	\$ 10,000
QIP - TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	
1. Kin Games	\$ 7,000
2. JDC Week	\$ 7,000
3. Individual Grants	\$ 5,000
QIP - STUDENT EXPERIENCE	
1. Fresh Fest	\$ 50,000
2. Rookie Camp	\$ 25,000
QIP - DISABILITY	
1. Speech Device	\$ 4,500
QIP - FOOD BANK	
1. NASA Food Cupboard	\$ 2,445
2. ULSU Food Bank	\$ 9,222
QIP - SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES	
1. Scholarships	\$106,000
2. Bursaries	\$104,000
TOTAL	\$452,668

The QIP is a proposal based funding system used to benefit and enhance the students' overall experience at the U of L. The U of L allocates 12% of the annual tuition fee increases to the ULSU, to be used to develop quality initiatives. These funds are provided on a continuing basis, with a three year term of notice, should the allocation be discontinued.

EXTERNAL SPONSORSHIP TO THE ULSU

Bursaries/Scholarships/Awards

- University of Lethbridge - QIP
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Campbell and Company
- Bill Chapman
- Coffee Company
- Zoom Media

General Sponsorship

- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Old Dutch

Food Bank Donations

- Anonymous donations
- Buy-Low Foods
- Christmas in the Park
- H & H Smith
- U of L Bookstore
- Graduate Student Association
- Alberta Growers
- Individuals - Students, Faculty, Staff, Community
- Physical Plant
- University of Lethbridge - QIP

Fresh Fest

- Many community and university sponsorships

It is with gratitude that we publicly thank our 2008/2009 sponsors.



The ULSU received sponsorship for a number of activities as well as donations to the ULSU Food Bank.

These resources are greatly appreciated because they help University students continue their education.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The ULSU offers sponsorship to various U of L and community initiatives.



The ULSU finds merit in providing sponsorship to external groups of students or organizations.

SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ULSU

Red Cross Foundation - Chinese Earthquake Relief	\$500
Cross Canada Bike Tour	\$1,500
Sea to Sea Shirts (Cross Canada Bike Tour)	\$200
Theo Tams Event (U of L Initiative - poster printing costs)	\$225
Alumni Association (Hockey game in Calgary)	\$120
Graduate Student Association (Quiz Night)	\$30
Rotaract Dinner & Silent Auction	\$350
Spring for Life (HIV Connections)	\$300
Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition	\$300
Five Days for the Homeless (MSS Initiative)	\$300
Kappa Sigma Head Shave	\$300
John Gill Memorial Scholarship Award Run	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$10,125

HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN

**ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN FOR THE HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN
SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 - AUGUST 31, 2009**

Total Health Plan Enrollment = 3553 --- Total Dental Plan Enrollment = 3553

SEMESTER ADD-ON SUMMARY

HP = Health Plan --- DP = Dental Plan

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Total Add-ons	
HP Family Add-on	59	HP Family Add-on	9	HP Add-on	96
HP Single Add-on	14	HP Single Add-on	14	DP Add-on	97
DP Family Add-on	55	DP Family Add-on	14		
DP Single Add-on	14	DP Single Add-on	14		

CLAIMS

Total Amount of all Health Plan Claims	\$300,384	9,136 claims
Total Amount of Dental Plan Claims	\$258,350	5,322 claims

TOP PRESCRIPTION DRUG CATEGORY

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Oral Contraceptives | 6. Antiviral Agents |
| 2. Antidepressants | 7. Other Contraceptives |
| 3. Acne medication | 8. Proton Pump Inhibitors - Treat Ulcer |
| 4. CNS Stimulant Agent - Treat ADD | 9. Anticonvulsant Agents (seizure disorders) |
| 5. Bronchodilators - Treat Asthma | 10. Anti Inflammatory |

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN

- Our plan now covers glasses or contact lenses, as well as an eye exam, to 80% to a maximum of \$100.00.
- We added the Nuvaring birth control to our drug plan as we found it was becoming a high demand choice.
- We improved our dental plan by bumping it up to the 1997 fee guide plus 27%.
- We began the preliminary work for the online opt-out for next year.



RWAM Insurance Administrators INC.



Accident Coverage underwritten by Co-Operators Life Insurance Co.

Travel Assist serviced & administered by Mondial Assistance

Plan arranged by Campbell & Co. Insurance Consultants Ltd.

STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

Principles of conduct, transparency, and communication were of the utmost importance.



The Student Council is mandated to be accountable to the student body at the U of L.

EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT

The 2008/2009 Executive Council developed eight principles of conduct to govern their year, upon which, their success could be measured by their depth of commitment to these principles. To the unassuming person, it would seem to be a natural occurrence at the ULSU for the Executive Council to be focused, deliberate and in sync with each other. However, it is more the exception than the norm, that four young, eager student leaders with preset ideas, develop and maintain such a smoothly run team. Their determination to work as a team was in fact their foundation of success. With countless hours of planning, goal setting, evaluation and perseverance, they held true to the following eight principles of conduct.

1. Take the position seriously, not yourself.
2. Remember who gave you the position. We are here for students.
3. Decisions made, affect more than just the ULSU.
4. Remember that decisions are not personal.
5. Know your boundaries and respect the boundaries of others.
6. Remember that no single person is the ULSU. It is not the person who looks good or bad, it is the organization.
7. Acknowledge and respect the staff members. They are an incredible resource for success.
8. Never hesitate to ask for help.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The ULSU took a much stronger stance towards upholding their bylaws this year, and in turn this meant expecting more from the General Assembly. Unfortunately, half-way through the year a situation arose with one General Assembly member who routinely failed to attend General Assembly meetings. In total, this member missed four General Assembly meetings, and while one was excused, no information was given about the other three absences. These absences provided grounds for this persons removal from the ULSU General Assembly.

Additionally, several General Assembly members came close to being neglectful of their duties. It was unfortunate that after removing an officer of the ULSU from his official position that the General Assembly might, once again, have to enter into the process of removing another member from office. As the Vice President Internal Affairs, Eric Hawthorne, maintained that a hard line on the importance of attendance and reporting deadlines must be drawn.

Thankfully, the year continued to be successful and productive, and right into the end of the year, all remaining members of the General Assembly maintained acceptable attendance and followed reporting deadlines. *Written by Eric Hawthorne - VP Internal Affairs*

IMPROVING ULSU COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH WEB 2.0 PROGRAMS

Wordpress, Twitter, Facebook, Websites and other web media applications have not only become the chosen news source for the ULSU, but also for a significant number of people in Canada. By using these forms of communication, the ULSU has developed an increase in presence-at-large. Web 2.0 programs allow participants to respond faster on projects. There is a huge amount of media available to both the ULSU Executives as well as many students who have the desire to use these media applications to communicate.

Our on-campus newspaper, The Meliorist, and our on-campus radio station, CKXU offer free printed space and air time in exchange for room rental. "The State of the Union" is an online blog that the ULSU maintains on Wordpress, it also appears as a page in The Meliorist as well as a radio program on CKXU 88.3 FM. We also use free media available to us via independent media sources such as Twitter and Facebook. These forums have been very successful in discussing student issues which help readers to remain informed on post-secondary culture locally, provincially and federally. The blog, "State of the Union", is an informal means of communicating ideas, projects, and Executive priorities to the general public.

External media aside, the ULSU has implemented usage of web 2.0 to project share and improve internal communication. Basecamp, one particular web 2.0-project management program has been used with limited success internally; however, poll programs and survey programs have been proven to be highly effective. This year's student survey was an excellent way to generate feedback and responses to the office of the ULSU. *Written by Jenn Prosser - VP Academic*

Blogs, forums, and online networking spaces have become the chosen forms of media applications for a significant number of Canadians.



Communications through web 2.0 programs was a great way for council and staff to know what projects everyone was working on.

STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

The ULSU Food Bank has become a popular and essential resource for the campus community.



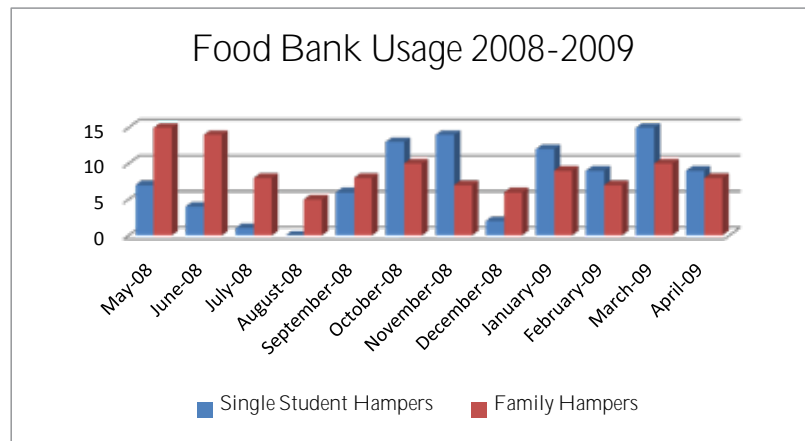
Donations, food drives, club involvement, volunteers, student council, staff, QIP and ULSU funding has created the backbone of success for the ULSU Food Bank!

ULSU FOOD BANK

The ULSU operates a campus food bank that helps approximately 25-30 students every month. This project takes a lot of drive to maintain and falls under the Vice President Internal Affairs portfolio. The year started with an examination into some of the drawbacks of providing a food bank service. A major problem was identified within the operation of the Food Bank and how the food hampers were distributed. While some extensive changes are still to come, a major move occurred by shifting the Food Bank from its past location in the ULSU office, to its new location in room SP157.

The Food Bank conference in Toronto, Ontario on July 18th - 20th was great to attend and to discuss student hunger, food bank management, and hunger problems on a national scale. This conference was an excellent source of information for the remaining transitions that the ULSU Food Bank made in the months ahead.

Throughout the remainder of the year, hampers were given out at an increasing rate and this shed light on some of the problems with the ULSU Food Bank model. The job rests solely on the Vice President Internal Affairs to manage this space and often when time crunches and projects arose through the year, the Food Bank would lag behind. Thankfully, staff and volunteers stepped in to keep things moving and in the end the Food Bank did not see a single pause in service. Thanks to generous amounts of donations from the Library and Curves gym located on Mayor Magrath Drive, the Food Bank ended the year fully stocked and ready for the summer, which is a positive situation to be in. *Written by Eric Hawthorne, VP Academic*



On October 2, 2004 the ULSU General Assembly formally approved the implementation of the ULSU Food Bank.



The Good Food Club program first made its appearance on Campus in early Spring of 2008.

THE GOOD FOOD CLUB

The Good Food Club is a non-profit service provided by the Chinook Health Region designed to reach those who may not be able to access affordable fresh produce. Currently, a monthly service, where orders are placed on the last Thursday of each month and picked up the second Thursday. Produce is acquired through bulk purchases directly from suppliers with a savings of around 30%. Local farmers are accessed first, acquiring as much locally grown seasonal produce as possible.

The Good Food Club is partly supported by the Government of Canada and supported by the Southminster United Church, Flexibility Learning Systems, Family Centre, Interfaith Food Bank, the University of Lethbridge Students' Union, and other community partners and tireless volunteers.

Students, Staff, Faculty and Community members are all welcome to place orders at the Students' Union office, SU180, where the food boxes are also delivered. Two sizes of food boxes can be chosen from, a \$10.00 box and a \$15.00 box. Both boxes contain the same produce but the \$15.00 box has more per weight with an extra bonus surprise!

This year around 400 boxes were purchased by students, faculty and the community. Of those boxes approximately half were purchased by students. *Written by Tracy Merrifield - Administrative Assistant*

STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

2008/2009 was the busiest year for club business that has been seen in a long time, but it was also one of the most exciting times as well.



Largely because of the increased attention to detail of the Vice President Internal Eric Hawthorne, the number of clubs sky rocketed to an all time high of fifty-eight.

RATIFIED CLUBS

The ULSU took a serious and much more committed look at their clubs this year. Annually, upwards of forty different groups ratify with the ULSU in order to host exciting events, provide services to students, and raise awareness for issues.

The year began with the ULSU extending a new service to all clubs – as a ratified club with the ULSU you receive a free bank account with the Bank of Montreal. This service helped protect all the clubs who took advantage of it from unwanted service charges to their funds, it also gave additional long term security to all club funds in general. If a club should go through a rough time where they cannot acquire enough members to ratify, under the ULSU club banking system, their funds would not disappear – instead the club funds would be protected for three years if that club should decide to reassemble. If a sufficient period of time has passed, then any unused club funds would be returned to the ULSU for all clubs to access. This exciting system was just the first step that the ULSU took towards taking better care of the clubs on campus.

The renovations to Level 0 of the Students' Union Building were completed over the summer of the 2008 and led to the opening of five brand new club rooms. These spaces were used by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the Muslim Students' Association, the International Students' Association, and the U of L Rotaract club. There are four rooms that will be awarded annually to clubs on campus, and one large multipurpose room for all clubs to use. The Multipurpose room includes small locker storage for clubs who were not awarded a specific room.

With increased amounts of services and professionalism on the side of the ULSU, came the expectation that clubs would "up their game" as well. Unfortunately, this was a bit of a shock to the club community at first since many clubs had become used to the previous treatment they had received from the ULSU (no accountability and no concern for club affairs). Regardless, this change pushed clubs to improve and ultimately, the club community became a stronger group because of the pressure of improvement. Hopefully future generations of the ULSU Executive will continue this trend of strong accountability towards clubs. *Written by Eric Hawthorne, VP Internal*

LIST OF RATIFIED CLUBS FOR 2008/2009

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| 1 Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship | 30 Musical Theatre Society |
| 2 Agriculture Students Society | 31 Muslim Students Association |
| 3 Amnesty International | 32 National Association of Teacher Singers |
| 4 Anthropology Club | 33 Native American Students Association |
| 5 Association of Political Science Students | 34 Organization of Residence Students |
| 6 Campus Roots Community Garden | 35 Philosophy Club |
| 7 Campus Conservative Association | 36 Pre Med Club |
| 8 Cheerleading Club | 37 Psych & Neuroscience (PANiC) |
| 9 Chemistry Biochemistry Club | 38 Social Mathematicians |
| 10 Education Undergraduate Society | 39 Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights |
| 11 English Students' Society of Lethbridge | 40 Student Social Work Society (SSWS) |
| 12 Food and Beverage Club | 41 Synthetic Biology of Lethbridge |
| 13 Geography Club | 42 Theatre Arts Society |
| 14 Gay & Lesbian Integrity Association | 43 Trolls Rubgy |
| 15 Global Drums Club | 44 Ultimate Club |
| 16 Greek Life Club | 45 U of L Art Society |
| 17 Headbangers Club | 46 U of L Catholic Community |
| 18 Heads of Hip Hop | 47 U of L Chess Club |
| 19 Health Sciences Undergraduate Assoc. | 48 U of L Climbing Club |
| 20 Hope Student Ministries | 49 U of L Film Club |
| 21 Improv Club | 50 U of L Liberal Association |
| 22 International Student Association | 51 U of L Medieval Club |
| 23 Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) | 52 U of L Mixed Curling Club |
| 24 Japanese Anime & Manga Society | 53 U of L Outdoors Student Club |
| 25 KinPhyEd | 54 U of L Rotaract Club |
| 26 Latter-Day Saints Student Association | 55 U of L Salsa Dance Club |
| 27 Lethbridge Students for Life | 56 U of L Speech & Debate Society |
| 28 Management Student Society (MSS) | 57 U of L Students Historical Society |
| 29 Model United Nations (UN) | 58 U of L Surf Club |

■ New Clubs

■ Returning Clubs

Clubs encompass a majority of the student population.



Club membership ranges anywhere from fifteen to hundreds. Joining a club is by far one of the best ways on campus to meet new people.

STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

RAINA SCHEMENAUER **Arts & Science Rep**

5th year Bachelor of Science,
Kinesiology



Eight internal committees were struck, which provided the means to keep initiatives organized, on track, and accountable.

ACTIVE PLANNING COMMITTEES

Executive Performance Review Committee

This committee was created to evaluate the performance and actions of the ULSU Executive Council members. Internally and externally evaluating the Executive ensures accountability to the students and effective performance of the ULSU as an organization. The committee facilitated a questionnaire that was completed by General Assembly members, ULSU staff, and members of the student community that regularly interact with the Executive such as, the Meliorist, CKXU, student employees and volunteers.

Constitutional Review Committee

This committee was formed to review the ULSU constitution, identify areas that needed adjustment, and suggest alterations to be voted on by the General Assembly. A large scale review of the constitution was last conducted by the 2006/2007 council. Changes to policies and bylaws were made but there were still areas that needed modifications, and some changes created an unnecessary doubling of information. The committee met to identify problems in the constitution policies and bylaws. Changes were not presented or voted on by the General Assembly this year, but the issues were recorded, and arrangements were made to pass on this information to the incoming council. By providing this review, the new council will already have a starting place to work from. The incoming council can now look at the areas identified and create appropriate changes to be voted on by the General Assembly.

Strategic Planning Committee

This committee was responsible for reviewing current and future business ventures of the ULSU. Recommendations from the review were provided to the General Assembly to encourage long-term sustainability.

Zoo Liaison Committee

This committee's function was to create a bridge between students and Zoo management to relay concerns and recommendations. This committee was important because the ULSU stepped back from the daily operations of the Zoo, allowing the Zoo manager more autonomy in managing the restaurant and bar. This decision, along with the committee maintaining discussion and awareness, proved very successful for the Zoo this year.

Fresh Fest Committee

The Fresh Fest Committee was responsible for the planning and execution of Fresh Fest. This committee included both paid and volunteer members committed to creating a successful and enjoyable experience for new and returning students. Although the committee took on a new and unknown challenge in producing Fresh Fest, it proved to be a success that can continue to be improved upon in future years.

General Assembly Transition Committee

This committee was created to help ease the transition of the new incoming General Assembly members by providing important information on procedures and issues involved in the ULSU. A presentation was given at the changeover retreat and arrangements were made to provide the information to new representatives who may be elected in the by-elections in September. The information was well received by the incoming council members and the committee members. Outgoing council members were able to address many questions or concerns of the incoming members.

While this committee focused on General Assembly members, it is important to note that Executive Council members each spent time with their successor to pass on important information and tips. Full time ULSU staff members also aid in the transitioning of the ULSU councils from year to year.

ULSU Awards Committees

There were various committees struck to receive and review nominations submitted by students, staff and General Assembly members for the various ULSU awards. These committees also selected which of the nominated individuals would receive the awards.

Change Over Reception Committee

This committee was responsible for the organization and execution of the annual Change Over Reception. The event gave guests the opportunity to say goodbye to the outgoing General Assembly and to welcome the incoming General Assembly. Award winners and other guests throughout the University community were invited to attend the event. *Written by Raina Schemenauer, Arts & Science Representative*

This was the first year for the General Assembly Transition Committee and the second year for the Executive Accountability Committee.



The Fresh Fest Committee had it's third year running, whereas others have been struck on an annual basis.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ten Second Epic
September 6th at the
Fresh U-Jamboree 2008!



New and returning students
enjoyed the entertainment at
the Fresh U-Jamboree!

EVENT NAME	TYPE	PLACE	DATE	COST
Fresh Fest	ULSU	Campus wide	Sept 4-6	\$25
Fresh U-Jamboree - Hedley with special guest Ten Second Epic, Michael Bernard Fitzgerald, Vacation on Mars, Sleeping with Tuesday, Dan Mangan, Hot Little Rocket, Mahoney	Council Cabaret	Far West Parking Lot	Sept 6	\$25
ULSU Forum	Council	Atrium	Sept 16	Free
Sloan	Council Cabaret	The Zoo	Sept 22	\$15-\$20
Housing Awareness	Awareness	Atrium	Oct 2	Free
Who's Who in the Zoo	Council Cabaret	The Zoo	Oct 2	Free or Donation
Federal Election Forum	Political	Atrium	Oct 7	Free
Federal Election Results Party	Political	The Zoo	Oct 14	Free
Fee Referendum Vote	ULSU	Online	Oct 20-22	Free
Imaginus Print Show	ULSU	Atrium	Oct 30-31	Purchases
Halloween Party	Zoo Cabaret	The Zoo	Oct 31	\$5-\$7
Food Bank Drive	ULSU	ULSU	Nov 7	Donations
Funk the System	Awareness	Campus Wide	Nov 17-21	Free
Funk the System speaker - Mike Hudema	Awareness	Galileo's	Nov 18	Free
Funk the System speakers - Avi Lewis & Michelle Landsberg	Awareness	PE261	Nov 20	Free
Funk the System Concert The Creationists & Endangered Ape	Awareness	The Zoo	Nov 21	\$5-\$7
ULSU Forum	Council	Atrium	Nov 25	Free
Test Bank Drive	ULSU	ULSU	Nov 25-28	Donations
Ender Bender	Zoo Cabaret	The Zoo	Dec 4	Free
Welcome Back Bash	Zoo Cabaret	The Zoo	Jan 8	Free

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

EVENT NAME	TYPE	PLACE	DATE	COST
ULSU Forum	Council	Far West Parking	Jan 8	Free
deJourdan's Grad Photos	ULSU	Atrium	Jan 26-Feb 13	Purchases
Imaginus Print Show	ULSU	Atrium	Feb 2-3	Purchases
Sex, Drugs, Rock'n Roll	Awareness	Atrium	Feb 9-12	Free
Sex, Drugs, Rock'n Roll Speaker - Dan Savage	Awareness	PE250	Feb 9	Free
Sex, Drugs, Rock'n Roll Movie Screening - Rust Never Sleeps	Awareness	L1060	Feb 10	Free
Sex, Drugs, Rock'n Roll Speaker - Jim Hilsenteger	Awareness	Atrium	Feb 11	Free
Sex, Drugs, Rock'n Roll Concert Chad VanGaal, Michael Bernard Fitzgerald, Calm as a Coma	Awareness	ULSU Ballrooms	Feb 12	\$10-\$12
ULSU Elections - Campaigning	Political	Campus Wide	Feb 21-Mar 2	Free
ULSU Elections - Town Hall	Political	Atrium	Feb 25	Free
ULSU Elections - Executive Debate	Political	Atrium	Feb 26	Free
ULSU Elections - Voting	Political	Online	Mar 3-5	Free
ULSU Election Results Party	Political	The Zoo	Mar 5	Free
St. Patrick's Day Party	Zoo Cabaret	The Zoo	Mar 17	Free
Concert B.A. Johnston with special guests Endangered Ape	Council Cabaret	ULSU Ballrooms	Mar 18	\$10
ULSU Forum	Council	Atrium	Mar 24	Free
Last Lecture	Academic	PE264	Mar 25	Free
Student Speaker's Challenge	Academic	Campus Wide	Feb 10-Mar 31	Free
John Gill Memorial Run	ULSU	U of L Track	Apr 2	Free
Changeover Reception	ULSU	Galt Museum	Apr 16	Invite only
Last Class Bash	Zoo Cabaret	The Zoo	Apr 17	Free

Sleeping with Tuesday
September 6th at the
Fresh U-Jamboree 2008!



The 2nd annual
Fresh U-Jamboree!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Second annual Rookie Camp!



The purpose of Rookie Camp is to let loose, meet new people and of course, to step outside of your comfort bubble.

ROOKIE CAMP

When you first hear of Rookie Camp your initial reaction is, "what club is that for?" Yet many students don't realize that this camp was started two years ago by the Students' Union in order to help students fuse into university social life. I was at the initial Rookie Camp with a whopping 10 people or so. It was a cold, miserable weekend that in the end made every single person who attended more comfortable with each other as well as themselves. The small group allowed us to bond on a level rarely seen at University. I learned that it doesn't matter whether you have a small group of 10 or a larger group of 40, Rookie Camp just has that way of bringing everyone closer together. Rookie Camp can be seen as a social weekend, but it's also about self discovery and being accepted no matter where you're from or what your ethnic background is.

Rookie Camp 2008 was a mind blowing experience compared to the previous year. The weather was absolutely gorgeous and there were four times as many "rookies" ready to rock and eager to get to the camp. The bus rides are not your typical high school bus rides as the songs and competitions on the bus start immediately and the rookies and leaders get everyone amped for the entire trip.

Since Rookie Camp 2008 had a larger turnout than the previous year we came up with musical chairs in order to split the camp into two teams. This year the teams were "Team Walri" (with a cheer along the lines of The Beatles, I am a Walrus) and "Team Rookie Camp Mounting Police," (R.C.M.P). Throughout the entire weekend there were competitions between the two teams and the first night it was raining like a monsoon in East Asia, so naturally, we all ran and jumped in the lake! We had a buddy system with glow sticks and only the leaders knew where the lake actually was, which led to the rookies building teams of people and helping each other, even with blue lips and shivering bodies. This was all within the first day.

The next day of Rookie Camp the teams went on a hayride which took them all across the boundaries of the camp. It was your typical hayride with cheers and jeers as the teams passed each other. The teams took turns while going on the "Giant Swing" which required fellow team members to pull you up 50 ft in the air strapped to a harness and some ropes. Everyone was highly encouraged to do this because you have to pull the lever that will drop you and allow you to feel the G forces pulling at your body. It's an exhilarating experience whether you're a rookie or not. For the rest of the day there were random activities that teams participated in, some people played board games, some played tag, and some played blind man's bluff. At one point we took out a huge 12 person canoe and people started marauding us with kayaks and splashing us. This day was a great experience for everyone and it was capped off with a camp fire and songs.

Overall this weekend taught each person something about themselves. It connected them with others, and for some, it created friendships that will last forever. Rookie Camp was a huge success, which has a large support base for a January Rookie Camp that continues this rivalry of teams, but also building of self confidence and a sense of belonging that may be lacking at the University level. *Written by Kyle Shaw - Arts & Science Representative*

CHILLIN' FOR CHARITY

JDC West put on a wonderful event that raised almost \$13,000.00 for the United Way! As a U of L club (ratified under MSS) this is the kind of event that gets the ULSU excited about clubs and the effort they put in during the 2008/2009 year. Featuring a large swimming pool filled with ice cold water, this event had teams of people raise money so their donators could witness them jumping into the pool.

WHOOOP-UP DAYS PARADE

Whoop-Up Days Parade is a local event that draws out the entire city to celebrate. This year some of the ULSU Executive joined in the parade. Vice President Internal Affairs, Eric Hawthorne had the honor of taking on the role of Luxie, the U of L mascot, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He had a great time running along the parade route waving to the crowds, giving out lots of hugs, and riding in the very stylish U of L parade car.

WHO'S WHO IN THE ZOO

An idea was proposed in the summer months of planning for the ULSU to host cabaret events on the first Thursday of each month. This was proposed because several of these dates would already be used by the ULSU for other events like Fresh Fest and Ender Bender. The first incarnation of this idea was Who's Who in the Zoo, which was supposed to be an animal themed costume party. While a few people did show up in the Zoo to have a good time, due to poor planning and advertising this event was a complete flop. As a result, future events like Who's Who in the Zoo were cut from the list of events.

Chillin' for Charity!



A small hot tub waited for the teams as they left the icy waters, and many teams including the ULSU Executive were grateful it was there.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Fresh Fest, being hugely successful, was the name given to the week of welcome activities and events at the University of Lethbridge.



Without a doubt this initiative should be the main priority of the USLU during June - September.

FRESH FEST

Fresh Fest was the product of several individuals with a vision; the entire Executive, as well as prominent current and former students. Together this team set out to create something truly unique in Lethbridge. They wanted to make the biggest and best event that university students had ever attended, and for the most part they were successful.

Fresh Fest featured four main events: Fresh Flix, Fresh Factor, How Fresh is Your Talent?, and Fresh U-Jamboree. Fresh Flix was an outdoor movie night, Fresh Factor was a set-up of activity stations around campus, How Fresh is Your Talent was a talent show in the Zoo, and Fresh U-Jamboree was a huge outdoor concert. Each of these events had a coordinator draft up plans and ideas, as well as implement the actual events. Together with a host of volunteers and an army of "Freshies" (Fresh Fest participants) the campus was taken over for three days with the uproar of Fresh Fest.

The Fresh Flix feature was "Ironman" and was shown on a grassy hill just in front of the First Choice Savings Centre – it was a huge spectacle and a great way to kick-off Fresh Fest. Fresh Factor called upon the club community to build and host ten different activity stations around the campus while the teams of "Freshies" ran around completing goofy tasks like racing on mini bicycles, battling each other in bouncy jousting, and tying five team members together and racing on an obstacle course. How Fresh is Your Talent? asked the "Freshies" to come together as a team and show off their skills and talents for a night of excitement and celebration in the Zoo. Fresh U-Jamboree was the crowning day of Fresh Fest, featuring 8 different bands from across Canada including Hedley, to put on the largest outdoor concert in Lethbridge.

Fresh Fest was hugely successful and should be carried on into the future as the major reoccurring event to kick-off the school year. *Written by Eric Hawthorne, VP Internal*

SACPA ON CAMPUS

SACPA on Campus is a organized group of affiliated and interested parties who want to improve the conditions of our university community and the conditions of the relationship between the University and the City of Lethbridge-at-large. The Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs (SACPA), Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group (LPIRG), and the ULSU all have representatives which serve to meet these ends through consensus based decisions and actions such as speak-

ers, rallies, or other community-involved events. This year was the inaugural year of this organization. Several events were held by SACPA on Campus that focused primarily on achieving SACPA's mandate in a framework that appealed to students. Several speakers were brought in at no cost, and the traditional lunch time format was altered to work better for the students. The new format was much more time effective and included a brief break to grab snacks, chat, and then a question and answer period.

The primary event hosted by the University of Lethbridge entitled "Changing the World: Student Speakers Challenge" saw collaboration from many facets of the University including administration.

The event was very successful as we had a large number of applicants and fantastic speeches about social change. The final round of the Speakers Challenge, where the remaining two candidates competed to win the top prize, was well attended. Held in Anderson Hall, there were approximately 100-150 spectators, which included members from the community and the University. Members of the local media also attended the event with representation from the Calgary Herald and Shaw TV.

Written by Jenn Prosser - VP Academic

POLITICAL ACTION WEEK - FUNK THE SYSTEM

This event was meant to inform the public on the importance of action. The ULSU planned two speaker nights, collaborated with LPIRG to do an activist workshop, and hosted a night to celebrate politically motivated, independent music, in collaboration with CKXU. The events were met with mixed success but all speakers were excellent and provided the attendees with thought provoking statements, as well as encouragement to get involved within different sectors of our society.

The events were as follows:

- **Mike Hudema**
Mike Hudema spoke on climate, energy, and he discussed the role of direct action in creating social change.
- **Avi Lewis and Michelle Landsberg**
Lewis and Landsberg spoke about how journalism is working with Canada's current political system.
- **"The Creationists" and "Treeline"**

The ULSU revived the Political Action Week with "Funk the System".



In Hudema's spare time he co-hosts CJSR's alternative news program "Rise Up: Radio Free Edmonton" and co-wrote the book entitled "An Action a Day Keeps Global Capitalism Away".

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Michael Bernard Fitzgerald performed during Political Awareness Week.



Political Awareness Week was funded in part by the Quality Initiative Program and internal ULSU project funds.

This was a musical extravaganza where students came to the Zoo to celebrate some good 'ole Canadian music from some of our local, home grown independent artists. By supporting local artists students funk'd the system. With increasing cuts to arts funding, independent bands who choose to stay independent are getting the shaft. Rock and Roll is about music, not commercials, not the industry, and not the government.

Along with the events held, the ULSU also ran a week long ribbon and information campaign. Volunteers and ULSU members operated an information and advocacy table to promote involvement in different causes. Advocacy, Independent Media, Arts, and Minority Rights were all promoted with examples of involvement. Information pamphlets on local and international avenues were given out. A ribbon campaign drew visible attention to the week, and to the principle of "Funking the System".

Over all, the week was successful; the events brought many different on-campus organizations together, which created a stronger and more active university community.

SEX, DRUGS, ROCK N' ROLL

This action week was geared more to recognizing that the university experience goes much beyond academic servitude. With so many misconceptions about sexual rights and health, drug abuse issues and romanticized rock and roll lifestyles, issues crop up in all young peoples lives that need to be open for discussion. As our society changes and policies progress or regress, young and educated minds are going to be the ones that carry the most influence in the future. Open and frank discussion about drug policy in Canada will be what is needed to reflect new societal values. Sexual health and sexual diversification are still taboo to many and uncomfortable for most.

"Sex, Drugs, Rock n' Roll" featured:

- **Dan Savage presents "Savage Love Live"**
This was a hilarious event as Savage did his very best "Savage Love Live" and kept the audience rolling with laughter with his frank, open and honest comments as he gave advice to the audiences on sex, love and relationship questions.
- **The ULSU and ULFC presents a screening of "Rust Never Sleeps"**
This was a concert experience of Neil Young and Crazy Horse. It was the best time guests had, while watching a concert on classroom screen.

- **Jim Hilsenteger**

Hilsenteger spoke on “The Unintended Consequences of the War on Drugs”, which is highly publicized and highly taxed. Are we really getting what we pay for? Hilsenteger asked that very question in his explorations through the legality of drug use and the huge industry behind it. Following the presentation was an open forum for all who wanted to participate to discuss drug use in our society and what it means. This was an opportunity for students and community members alike to come out and participate.

- **Chad VanGalen, Michael Bernard Fitzgerald and Calm asa Coma!**

Students threw on their favorite cardigan, huge scarf and skinny jeans to finger point dance all night long!

- **Tunnel of Love in the U-Hall Atrium**

This was a week long information display full of good, honest, sex information to keep students happy and healthy. *Written by Jenn Prosser - VP Academic*

THE LAST LECTURE

In 2007-2008, the ULSU asked three well-renowned U of L professors; “What would you tell people if you gave your Last Lecture?” The chosen lecturers were Kevin McGough, Dan Kazikoff, and Andrew Hakin. All three gave impassioned speeches and began a strong, annual ULSU Speaker Series.

In 2008-2009, the series continued, with three new speakers selected by the student body: Craig Milner, Robin Bright, and Kris Kukucha presented their words of wisdom and advice to a packed lecture hall.

Though the topics may vary, the Last Lecture fulfills a very crucial need. It allows students to understand that their professor is like them: that they have thoughts, feelings, fears, and dreams. It ultimately humanizes and strengthens the relationship that many students have with their professors.

The Last Lecture is relatively new on the scene, but already it has proven itself to be a worthy event that is much loved by students, and an honor for the chosen professors. *Written by Adam Vossepoel - ULSU President*

Chad VanGalen performed during Political Awareness Week.



Sex, Drugs, Rock n’ Roll was a kickin’-smash-good-time-bear-hug of a week. A giant high five to all who came out to the events and checked out the ULSU Tunnel of Love.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

This year saw the first installment of the ULSU public forums.



The Executive Council would like to see more students show interest in the public forums.

PUBLIC FORUMS

Public forums were informal town hall meetings held twice a semester which allowed the ULSU Executive to provide frequent status and project updates, reviews of past events, or address current issues facing the student body. Following this, the microphone would open up to the audience, allowing students and faculty at large to ask questions to the Executive Council.

The forums held two main purposes. First, it was to open another channel of dialogue with the student body. A common complaint received is that after elections, the Executive disappear and are never seen again by the student body. By having frequent public appearances with an open mic atmosphere, the Executive hoped to address this issue. Secondly, the forums provided an informal means of accountability of the ULSU Executive.

- Unfortunately, the forums were frequently plagued by minimal attendance, and a general lack of interest. The Executive felt that this could be attributed to a general feeling of disinterest regarding the forums from a student perspective, as well as poor marketing. *Written by Brodie Pattenden - VP Administration*

HOUSING HORROR FORUM

The ULSU and CAUS both identified on-campus and off-campus housing as a significant issue for our students. The loss of both affordable and quality housing options in all three major Alberta cities made the issue pressing in the 2008-2009 year. The ULSU sits on the City of Lethbridge "Social Housing in Action Committee". They worked with the administration and CAUS to lobby the 'decision makers' of our community to bring housing as a forefront issue for students.

Both the University of Calgary and the University of Lethbridge have approximately 7-8 percent of their student population living on-campus and the University of Alberta has approximately 10-11 percent of their student population on-campus. In 2007-2008, statistics put the vacancy rate at 1.4 percent and in 2008-2009 it fell to .9 percent. These rates posed a significant challenge for students to both change attitudes about Lethbridge's housing problems as well as change the very situation itself. With four hundred rental units converted into condos in 2008, Lethbridge saw a significant shortage of affordable housing that was close to campus. Housing was a significant issue throughout the year and as such, we worked through several means to address this problem by finding affordable solutions and resources for students.

Lack of available, affordable and quality places to rent are the top three student housing issues. Some of their other challenges include: suitable lease options, lack of access to public transportation, and funding restrictions.

In addition to the "Open Up" campaign, the ULSU also ran a photo contest to encourage students to send in visible depictions of their "housing horrors". The photo submission opportunity ran for about a month and the ULSU received many submissions from students who all had "horror stories" to share. Besides the photo submissions, the ULSU Executive also had the opportunity to engage students in discussion about housing and found a surprising amount of tenuous or unorthodox living situations. Poor quality of accommodations were the most common complaints. These were commonly seen as leaks, holes in walls, and limited access to temperature control and amenities (washing machine, hot water, etc.). The culminating of this campaign was the ULSU sponsored "Housing Awareness Day" which featured a mock house (constructed entirely of PVC pipe, cardboard, and duct tape) in the U-Hall Atrium which had pictures of "Housing Horrors" posted on the inside and outside. Information on affordable housing was also available at the site.

The ULSU also hosted an open housing forum which had speakers from the University of Lethbridge (President Bill Cade and Vice President Administration and Finance Nancy Walker), the City of Lethbridge (Diane Randell), Lethbridge Liberal MLA (Bridget Pastoor), the University of Lethbridge Students' Union President (Adam Vossepoel), and a representative from Social Housing in Action (Gary Bower). The panel of guests all worked within organizations that dealt with housing issues which assisted clients and members in finding solutions to their housing challenges. The forum went well: there were approximately 50-100 students who stopped to listen to the information and ask questions. Many good questions were asked about quality residence spaces and the mandatory food plan.

A big thank you goes out to the members of the University of Lethbridge Administration for participating in this forum, as well as all individuals who attended. *Written by Jenn Prosser - VP Academic*

This event received a significant amount of media attention. Stories ran on local television, in local print media, and were noted by other organizations throughout Alberta.



One tactic used to put housing issues in the public eye was a semester long campaign. CAUS ran a campaign that encouraged students to write about their PSE challenges. In Lethbridge, the issue revolved around housing.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

The Students' Union has grown, always adapting to the incredibly dynamic and rewarding environment that is the University of Lethbridge.



During the last twenty years, the needs of our students have changed, but our logo has not. Until now.

LOGO REDESIGN

After 20 years of using the same logo, the ULSU finally undertook a redesign, to better represent the identity of the organization. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was developed to solicit logo designs.

The process lasted for the better part of June, with consultations with staff, stakeholder groups, professional designers, and of course, students. The ULSU Executive Assistant, Susan Curtis, is ultimately responsible for the final design of the new logo. Much credit is due to Susan for her input.

From the Logo Justification:

- The ULSU is not a department of the University. We are an organization that directly represents the needs of students at the University of Lethbridge. We feel that the logo epitomizes our purpose.
- The sun motif reflects our relation to the U of L community, while still highlighting that we are a distinct entity from the University.
- The circle represents our dedication to developing programs and services that complete your experience while working towards your undergraduate degree at the U of L.
- Finally, our acronym, ULSU, is displayed prominently to remind all those who look upon it that ultimately the reason we exist is to serve the students at the University of Lethbridge.

The ULSU is very proud to be a part of your experience at the University of Lethbridge. Look for this logo around campus; it will touch everything that we do and many aspects of your life here.

Recognition of the new logo proved to be quite successful throughout the year, and its rigorous use has certainly helped the ULSU re-establish its presence on campus. *Written by Adam Vossepoel - ULSU President*

U-WALL

Installed in 2007, the U-Wall was intended to be a place where students could express themselves through spontaneous, graffiti-style artwork. Express themselves they did! The U-Wall was a controversial installation, and issues surrounding it mounted in 2008-2009.

In addition to crude obscenities and mindless vandalism, there was a highlight: during the fee referendum, a concerned citizen vandalized an art installation with their thoughts: "Vote No in the referendum or the ULSU will build another useless wall!!" Apparently, their irony detector was malfunctioning at the time.

However, as the year progressed the U-Wall became more renowned and utilized. Its popularity reaches its epitome during convocation, with hundreds of students climbing and posing beside a message of congratulations.

Although initially maligned, the U-Wall has done what it was intended to do, engage students on the U of L campus, by providing an outlet for public expression. It is certain that with time, it will become an integral part of the campus environment and part of what makes the University of Lethbridge experience unique. *Written by Adam Vossepoel - ULSU President*

CANADIAN POST SECONDARY SA/SU SURVEY

Frustrated with the lack of a single point information source about Canadian student unions and associations, the ULSU President took it upon himself to gather this data in January of 2009.

After creating a survey via Survey Monkey, the President solicited responses regarding the operational practices from every president of the numerous post-secondary student associations in the country.

Participation was slightly lower than anticipated; with 28 schools of various sizes providing information about their organizations. However, it did yield some significant and useful data. This information was compiled into a report and distributed to the associations that participated.

It is hoped that this survey will become an annual practice; shedding light on the similarities between student associations, following their growth and progress, as well as providing a resource for further development of each organization. *Written by Adam Vossepoel - ULSU President*

The U-wall was developed so that students can keep their finger on the 'pulse' of the campus.



Whether it is promoting events, satirizing political events, mimicking favorite artists, or creating amazing original graffiti, the U-Wall can be your canvas.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

With the Campus Daycare facility due to open in the Winter of 2010, the Facility has certainly meant much effort for many involved, including the ULSU.



Aided by contributions from the undergraduates, the Faculty Association, and graduate students, the Board of Governors granted approval for a daycare in June 2008.

DAYCARE

A five year process finally saw its well deserved conclusion. In 2009, the University finally turned the sod for the Campus Daycare.

The Daycare Action Committee was formed in 2004, with the first meeting held in the ULSU Council Chambers. From that point it was a steady flow of advocacy work and negotiation, with many members of the Administration quite cold to the idea. In 2007, the ULSU and the students "put their money where their mouth was" and ran a referendum to contribute to the construction of the daycare.

The process has been long and arduous, with many difficulties arising along the way. However, perseverance, which had been a hallmark of the Daycare Action Committee, has paid off. Having daycare on campus will strengthen the U of L community for years to come. *Written by Adam Vossepoel - ULSU President*

ULSU STUDENT SURVEY

One of the common misconceptions of the ULSU Executive and General Assembly members is that they are always up-to-date with the images and perceptions of the student body. This is not always the case, and during the second semester the Executive Council decided to address this. The Executive compiled a comprehensive survey, covering many of the facets of ULSU operations.

The survey went out, with entrants being given the opportunity to win an iPod Touch or one of three gift certificates. Skepticisms were high regarding participation, but no one could have guessed the tremendous success in terms of participant levels. All said and done, over 1,000 students participated in the survey. One of the largest findings, and probably the most useful aspect of the survey, was that many participants had no idea about a majority of the ULSU's work and services. It was frequently commented that the participants had never heard of the service in question or really even what the ULSU did for them. However, this meant that, through participation in the survey, the ULSU had found another communication channel to reach out to the student body.

The future Executive should consider doing another version of this survey, not just for the gathering of data, but also as an incredible useful marketing tool. *Written by Brodie Pattenden - VP Administration*

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The objectives of the Executive Council review were to ensure Executive Council members were accountable for their decisions and actions, to provide a venue for staff and members of the Students' Union to provide anonymous feedback, and to make members of Executive Council more effective in their respective roles.

The general response was very positive with the majority of students being satisfied or very satisfied with the performance of the Executive Council. If anything, a closer look at the written responses reveals that the Executive may be workaholics and slaves to the organization. Despite this they all performed admirably and maintained a high level of involvement in their perspective roles.

This year saw possibly the highest response rate of a ULSU Executive Survey with 39 responses submitted. Respondents appear to either have a good understanding of the ULSU and the Executive Council, or nearly no knowledge of the ULSU. Those with a working knowledge of the ULSU demonstrated their understanding with insightful feedback and constructive comments. In contrast, respondents without ULSU experience complained about not being informed. The response rate for the survey was initially very good with 100 percent of the respondents completing the first 7 questions. However, after over a hundred questions, the response rate dropped by over 30% with only 26 respondents completing the survey.

In summary, the Executive Council performance review was a great success with relatively high participation and overall positive results for each Executive Council member. *Written by Willis Norrie - Arts & Science Representative*

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

The Campus Roots Cooperative

In February 2009 the ULSU helped the Campus Roots Garden Collective kick start construction for a Campus Community Garden with up to \$17,000 from Student Commons Fund, Quality Initiatives Proposal (QIP) funding. This garden was the result of many semesters of hard work, lobbying, and research from a group of students, staff, and faculty who cooperated to start a garden on campus.

Project Director, Kyle Robinson and the rest of the Campus Roots Garden Collective have made every effort to ensure that the garden is as environmentally sustainable and beneficial as possible. Some of the garden's features include:

To assess student opinions concerning the Executive Council, a 127 question survey was conducted online.



One comment that came up repeatedly was that this year's Executive Council managed to stick together and stay on friendly terms with each other despite stress, hardship and pressure.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

The General Assembly enthusiastically anticipates growth in environmental initiatives from future councils.



The University of Lethbridge Students' Union has laid the groundwork to become a more environmentally conscious organization. This year's council supported a variety of initiatives, both large and small, to improve the environment.

1. Pesticide and fertilizer-free crops
2. Wind and/or solar powered greenhouse
3. Compost
4. Storage shed constructed from reclaimed materials

This garden will be an excellent source of local produce and a great opportunity for members of the University of Lethbridge community and area to learn about environmentally friendly gardening practices.

Recycling

An inventory of paper recycling receptacles was taken on campus in the Fall 2008 semester. It was found that although there were plenty of receptacles, they were not placed in locations which were visible or accessible to students. Further, they were arranged in an inefficient manner, as sets of receptacles were often clumped together or hidden. Receptacles were noticeably scarce in locations where students frequented the most, such as the sixth floor of University Hall and the Library.

A meeting was held with Judy Jaeger, Head of Caretaking Services to discuss a variety of suggestions as to how the paper recycling receptacles could be rearranged to better convenience students. Only two of the suggestions were enacted: a new receptacle was purchased for the Coulee Junction seating area and a new receptacle was added to the "C" section on the sixth level of University Hall. When questioned as to why only a limited number of the suggestions had been followed through, Ms. Jaeger responded that Caretaking Services was worried that the recycling receptacles would be used as garbage receptacles in many of the suggested locations.

Future Projects

In the ULSU Election speeches held in the Spring semester of 2009, a variety of candidates expressed interest in pursuing "green" or environmentally-conscious initiatives in the 2009/2010 year. Initiatives such as a reusable coffee cup program and implementation of alternative power sources were suggested. The current council has been told by Ms. Jaeger that it would be possible to set up a compost receptacle in the ULSU Food Court as long as the ULSU could run an education program to ensure that students do not use the receptacle as a garbage disposal. It may also be possible to deposit the food scraps in the compost pile of the Campus Community Garden when it has been completed. There is also potential for collaboration with a student who is hoping to initiate a campus-wide compost advocacy committee in summer 2009.

Written By Kendall Yamagishi - Arts and Science Representative

STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON U OF L COMMITTEES

Two primary responsibilities of the VP Academic are serving on committees as the student representative, and filling the remaining student spots. There are approximately 53 University committees that require a student representative, and that number fluctuates depending on how often, or if the committee sits.

A significant part of our relationship with the University is good communication. This is evident as the University of Lethbridge actively engages the ULSU to consult with student representatives on a regular basis. The University implemented significant changes in many areas which required a lot of work from its' committee members. An example of this was how hard the General Liberal Education Requirement Committee worked to revise the GLER structure. Fairness was an important component of the model, which will serve all faculties and fulfill the University's mandate to be a Liberal Education University. The model was presented to the General Assembly and created a clear understanding of the potential changes.

There are numerous Arts and Science committees that were active throughout the year. Many changes were proposed in curriculum coordination.

The General Faculty Committee's (GFC) Curriculum Coordinating Committee (CCC) completed the task of submitting changes before the calendar deadline and all faculties worked hard to improve the CCC proposals.

There was movement across several committees this year in regards to possible changes of the Course Evaluation system. Currently it is failing in its purpose. Many students do not understand why they are filling these out or how to properly fill them out. There is confusion on whether you are evaluating the professor or the course, what is done with the evaluation remarks, and if students are protected.

On other committees, the Dean of Arts and Science as well as the Dean of Health Sciences were both under review. There were two student representatives from outside the General Assembly who sat on these committees. There were two Administrative faculty searches happening in 2008/2009, Dean of Education and Vice President Research. The Dean of Education search was not successful in finding a suitable replacement for the magnanimous Dean Jane O'Dea. The Vice President Research Committee found an excellent person to assume the role once Dr. Dennis Fitzpatrick leaves. The President of the University, and the Board of Governors chose to hire Dr. Dan Weeks as the University of Lethbridge VP Research. He has an interesting few years ahead of him and his background indicates he will be a good person for the changing the dynamics of research in Alberta and Canada. *Written by*

Jenn Prosser - VP Academic

The ULSU VP Academic puts a lot of time into University committee work.



Sub-committees provide information to larger committees.

ADVOCACY

Grade appeals can be complicated but often are not.



Often grade appeal issues or situations are quickly solved by open communication with the instructor and/or the chair of the department.

ULSU ALUMNI CONTACT INITIATIVE

The Students' Union annual changeover is an event where the torch is passed from the outgoing council to the incoming council. Welcoming and transitioning the new council has a tremendous metaphorical and knowledge-based value.

The word 'transition' has the connotation of wiping the slate clean and starting new; that is definitely not the case with the Students' Union. A skyscraper can only be built by adding to what was laid down previously – if the present team removed the past progress made, then their work would not make the tower higher.

Having previous council members pass on wisdom and knowledge to new councils, helps them build a sound structure while avoiding mistakes. That is the point of keeping in touch with old alumni. Bonnie Androkovich Farries was the past President of the ULSU in 1999-2000, and she shared a lot of her wisdom with the old and new council alike at the annual Change Over Reception; many jokes and anecdotes shared with the audience gave much anxiety and relief as they heard what she had to say.

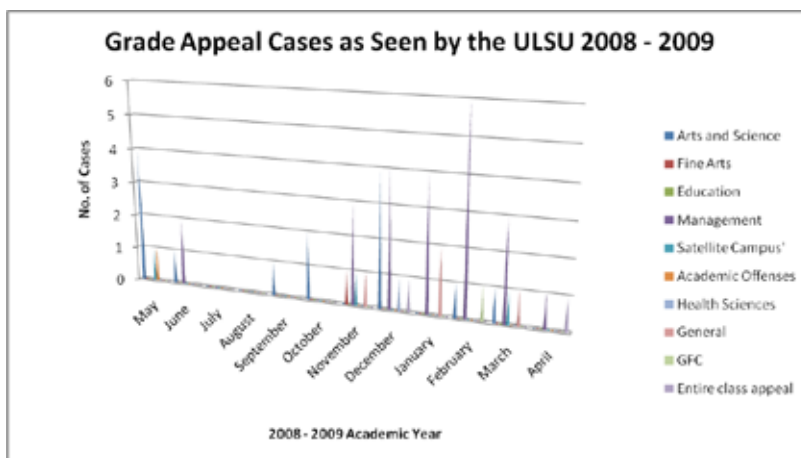
As the Students' Union progresses, keeping in touch with old alumni becomes increasingly important and having our friends in mind at our alma mater will inspire us to accomplish great things. *Written by Jason Pan Arts & Science Representative*

GRADE APPEALS AND STUDENT RIGHTS ADVOCACY

The Vice President Academic's role with the ULSU Executive is first and foremost the go-to person for student rights information, and help with navigating the extensive and sometimes complicated University of Lethbridge calendar; which contains all policies and by-laws governing the University of Lethbridge. This is primarily done by advising students on matters of academic and non-academic conduct, particularly with grade appeals and faculty liaison work. The rights a student has during their education are straightforward but the parameters of what constitutes a grade appeal are more nuanced and it is the VP Academic's responsibilities to ensure those parameters are clearly communicated, along with the solutions available to the student.

Due to some of the standing issues with Arts and Science advising, Dr. Monk, the Associate Dean of Arts & Science, and I worked closely together to monitor progress and to ensure students' needs are being met. There was a noticeable improvement in the advising office this year, with nearly twice the amount of students gaining access to advisors. The change in structure from primarily appointment based to that of drop-in, resulted in fewer missed appointments and more flexible time to spend on issues. Less than 10 percent of the students who visit the ULSU's VP Academics office are dealing with the faculty of Fine Arts and Education. The Management faculty saw a significant increase in student advising. The ULSU and the Management faculty worked together to modify the role the ULSU VP Academic played in the grade appeal process, and increased the level of communication so concerns were addressed quickly. This conserved resources and allowed students to deal with issues immediately so they could resume their academic careers.

This year, there were 13 official grade appeals submitted, these grade appeals all met with either the faculty committee or a higher University body. However, there were many other grade appeals held outside of my office. It should be noted that there were a great number of ad hoc concerns brought to me by students that did not proceed past a discussion with their professor. These included such things as clarification of language or a question that they did not understand. *Written by Jenn Prosser - VP Academic*



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Often the VP Academic will work with the Associate Dean of the respective faculty to ensure the grade appeal process is going smoothly, and to ensure that communication between the student and the administration is clear.

ADVOCACY

ULSU's work with CAUS this year was active and very successful.



The leadership roles taken were strong and the entire Executive showed a commitment to this provincial organization unseen in earlier years. Our role in CAUS has been strengthened by this and the level of interest and quality of membership will serve positively in the years to come.

COUNCIL OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (CAUS)

This year the University of Lethbridge Students' Union Executive decided the Vice President Academic would take a very active role in CAUS, pursue leadership within the organization, and amplify CAUS' presence on our campus. This, like everything else, was met with mixed results. The leadership aspect was successfully attained and I was elected to serve as Vice Chair of CAUS, a position held 2 years previously by a ULSU Executive.

CAUS identified three priorities for the year: On Campus Housing, Municipal Property Taxes, and Tuition. These issues directly affected students on the University of Lethbridge campus and reflected internal goals within ULSU Executive.

Residence spaces and municipal property taxes were both concerns taken up by the ULSU Executive. We lobbied these issues by meeting with the Lethbridge municipality and administration, and the provincial government. Seldom success in large-scale change is seen in one year but from the work done this year, there was a good chance that the University will be increasing the number of beds available for on-campus residence. The ULSU started and still is working with the municipal council to relieve the property taxes levied on residence spaces. This is quite the success and proves the long-term value of consistent and quality lobbying on all four levels.

As for tuition, CAUS had two firm proposals: a fully funded role back on the base tuition fee, and a continued promise to keep tuition increases tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) so that no university in Alberta can raise tuition by any more than CPI for that year. This request seemed reasonable and likely to succeed in the beginning of our term, but as the world wide economic fail ensued, it was quickly understood that a fully funded rollback would be met with limited appreciation, something confirmed during our 2009 lobby conference.

During the provincial budget and several times mentioned in meetings and in response to questions asked in the Legislature Question Period, Minister Horner did promise to continue to tie tuition increase to CPI despite pressure from University administration to lift that tie. The next step for CAUS will be to lobby for this to be included in legislation so it has a binding affect and would be harder to overturn.

CAUS did not run any direct political campaigns this year, as it was not an election year. Instead, the main efforts went toward communication on the respective three campuses. This communication plan was crafted by Cheri Konsmo, the CAUS summer Research and Communications Assistant and was met with mixed results. CAUS and Effect, a newsletter meant for those who were connected with PSE

issues, but not intimately involved was well written and well received. The “Open Up!” contest held to solicit student responses describing their university experiences was a complete failure. Students are no longer interested in engaging this way and the disconnect from CAUS on all of the campuses is a difficult and possibly unnecessary barrier to overcome.

Our sister organization, Alberta College Technical Institute Student Executive Council (ACTISEC), now Alberta Student Executive Council (ASEC), had made some changes to their structure in response to the Roles and Mandates Framework laid out by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology. These changes made their membership potential much more broad and were meant to address the imminent move of Mount Royal and Grant MacEwan to “University” status, recognizing the ability to grant degrees alongside diplomas. Our relationship with ASEC is friendly and we hope to continue working together as a strong representation of the student movement in Alberta. *Written by Jenn Prosser - VP Academic*

CANADIAN ALLIANCE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CASA)

The 2008/2009 Executive Council continued its growing trend of dedication to federal lobbying with CASA. VP Administration Brodie Pattenden held the position of Regional Coordinator – Canada West, he worked closely with board members and head office staff throughout the year. As this was a newly formed position, Brodie helped frame a job description, while establishing the RC’s unique role within the CASA framework.

ULSU Executive Council members attended four major conferences: the Western Transition in Canmore, Policy & Strategy in Halifax, the CASA Board Retreat (of which only Brodie attended) in Ottawa, and the Lobby Con/AGM in Ottawa which is affectionately called Combi-Con).

The ULSU President Elect for the 2009/2010 year, Jeremy Girard attended the Combi-Con Conference, with Adam Vossepoel and Brodie Pattenden, to give him a strong introduction to the organization. During that week CASA members met with over 160 Members of Parliament, Senators, and key staff members. They also met with the heads of all five major political parties, including the Prime Minister, which was an organizational first. Brodie also was called to a private meeting with head staff at Elections Canada, in order to discuss the future of student involvement in voting. *Written by Brodie Pattenden - VP Administration*

Brodie played an important role during the federal election in developing promotional and informational materials for the organizations members.



At Combi-Con, CASA elected a new National Director, Arati Sharma, the organizations first female ND.

ADVOCACY

With an annual turnover, training is required on all levels of leadership, which include student related provincial issues.



One of two federal lobby groups representing student issues to the federal government, CASA is dedicated to four policy principles with regards to post secondary education in Canada: Accessibility, Affordability, Quality, and Innovation.

CONFERENCES

TYPE	DATE	PLACE
CAUS Transition	May 2008	Canmore, AB
AMICCUS	May 2008	Lake Louise, AB
COCA	May 2008	Ottawa, ON
Executive Planning Sessions	Regularly	Lethbridge, AB
CASA Policy & Strategy Conference	June 2008	Halifax, NS
CAUS AGM	June 2008	Edmonton, AB
U of L BoG Retreat	June 2008	Cypress Hills, AB
CAUS Board Retreat	July 2008	Ottawa, ON
CAUS Audit	July 2008	Calgary, AB
Executive Council Retreat	August 2008	Blairmore, AB
CASA Lobby Con	February 2009	Ottawa, ON
CASA Combi Con	March 2009	Ottawa, ON
AMICCUS	April 2009	Charlottetown, PEI
CAUS PIA Conference	April 2009	Edmonton, AB

Executive Council members attend many conferences and retreats on a regular basis for learning, lobbying, representing, planning, and team building purposes. These activities are a very important and necessary part of their portfolio. However, the AMICCUS conference is one that is specifically designed for General Managers.

NOTABLE CONFERENCE

Hosted by Saint Mary's University Student Association, the Policy and Strategy Conference brought together delegates from member schools across the country to determine the annual priorities of CASA.

This conference was notable for several reasons. The Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC), Honorable Monte Solberg, arranged to meet with CASA to discuss the Canada Student Grant Program, as well as the Repayment Assistance Plan.

Barbara Glover, Director of the Canada Student Loan Program, described the finer details of the programs and asked for assistance and input from CASA. The Honorable Mike Savage, HRSDC critic, also spoke to CASA and offered words of encouragement for the work that the organization does. *Written by Adam Vossepoel, President*

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES ON CAMPUS

The ULSU began working with the on-campus fraternity and sorority, in order for them to be officially recognized and gain access to the wide variety of services that the University and Students' Union has to offer. The meetings began within the first month of the term.

Despite months of work, and innumerable consultations, the groups were unable to find a resolution that was satisfactory for both groups. Several suggestions were proposed, such as the incorporation of the fraternity and sorority under the Societies Act of Alberta, however, the international bylaws that govern these organizations make this action difficult.

In spite of these challenges, the ULSU will continue to work towards recognizing these valuable organizations that add value to student life at the University of Lethbridge.

U-PASS

Lethbridge Transit and the ULSU had several dealings throughout the year. The Graduate Student Association formally began their U-Pass, prompting a renewed interest in the program from undergraduate students.

In 2005-2006, the ULSU held a referendum for a U-Pass which was defeated. One of the strongest arguments, aside from cost, was the lack of service, or highly inconvenient operations of LA Transit. The city heard these complaints, and in 2008-2009 began the expansion of their transit services. The ULSU had kind words for service improvements, particularly the 15 minute shuttle, and expanded hours on weekends.

In spite of this, the ULSU chose not to pursue a U-Pass in the 2008-2009 year, leaving it to future councils to debate the merits of such a system in Lethbridge.

LUX RING

Inspired by the X-Ring at St. Francis Xavier in Nova Scotia, the ULSU began the casual development of a school ring for the University of Lethbridge. Dubbed the Lux Ring, from the University's motto, Fiat Lux (Let there be Light), it would feature a golden sun set in a simple silver ring, and would be presented to every University of Lethbridge student upon graduation.

U-Passes allow universities to preserve green space rather than investing in unnecessary and unsightly parking spaces.



U-Passes across Canada have been proven to reduce traffic congestion, reduce transportation costs for students, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase mobility for a large segment of the population.

CONTINUED PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

The committee essentially limited the power the Executive Council had in regards to Zoo Operations.



In 2008-2009, the Executive was essentially a third party group to the Zoo; their only interaction with Zoo management was through council sponsored events, or as patrons.

The ULSU is still in the development process of this initiative, and is seeking funding for the provision of these rings. For further information, contact the Students' Union President at su.president@uleth.ca.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

One of the greatest challenges that the ULSU faces is with Executive Council members lacking the appropriate skills with which to complete or manage their projects. In an effort to alleviate this, the Executive undertook the process of professional development. This process included attending professional development seminars, as well as monthly group exercises in order to make the Executive Council more effective and responsive managers.

This process extended to the training of the incoming Council as well. Throughout the month of April, the Executive-elect were trained by the outgoing Executive, covering all topics related to ULSU operations, initiatives, and governance, as well as personal advice and tips for project management and stress reduction. *Written by Adam Vossepoel - President*

ZOO MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

In an effort to maintain the separation between Executive members and the managers of the Zoo, while still allowing for accountability, the Zoo Management Liaison Committee held its first meeting. Composed of the VP Administration, General Manager, Operations Coordinator, Bookkeeper, and Pub Manager, the committee allowed recommendations to be made between the Executive and management. It also provided an avenue for closer discussion between the two parties. The committee, however, is not a voting one. The managers are given authority to accept or reject any proposals by the Executives, based on the operational objectives of the Zoo.

The effort to develop this separation proved incredibly successful. The Zoo, for the first time in many years, recorded a profit from operations of more than \$20k. The Zoo Management Liaison Committee was able to establish clear lines of accountability and communication, and the result speaks for itself. It is hoped that future Councils will continue with this structure, and finally put to rest the challenges associated with Executive and Zoo relations. *Written by Adam Vossepoel - President*

DAVE LADNER - Residence Rep
 4th Year Fine Arts
 New Media Major

RESIDENCE REPORT

This year residence had an exciting and overall successful year. We had a team of 28 staff on the ORS council, including three Business Team members and for the second year in a row we were under the supervision of Terri Thomas.

Highlights of our year included an incredibly successful first semester in relation to event attendance and respect for the residence buildings. However, this started to steadily decrease as the year went on with multiple incidents of broken windows, inappropriate writing on the hallway walls, and light fixtures being torn down.

In terms of challenges, the biggest one that residence always faces is dealing with first year students. Other challenges include proper promotion and success of events. As mentioned above, we had several problems this year with vandalism and reckless behavior. Further, the second semester was a grim one for attendance at ORS events, specifically our monthly cabarets hosted at The Zoo. This is a common trend every year for residence students to slowly lose interest in events.

On top of this, towards the end of the second semester an executive decision was made to dismiss our Communications Manager (the promoter and designer of our posters/tickets/events) due to inappropriate behavior and actions built up throughout the year.

On a positive note, a large amount of funding for newer recreational spaces on campus, including an outdoor beach volleyball court, was secured this year with funding from the QIP Student Initiatives. Construction is set to begin early in the summer of 2009. Residence was also fitted with a new study designated area in University Hall that was painted and properly furnished to provide an adequate environment for residence students to complete academic work. *Written by Dave Ladner*

- Residence Representative



My position was fairly accurate to what I had expected it to be in terms of workload and time commitment. On the other hand, the position far exceeded my expectations of opportunity and involvement. I enjoyed being involved with the ULSU.

REPORTS

JEREMY GIRARD
Board of Governors Rep
4th Year Neuroscience major



I achieved what I had expected, which was to learn more about how the University operates, and participate in many key decisions shaping how the University will approach the future. This was by far one of the most growth-inducing experiences that I have taken part in. I gained an appreciation for exactly how hard the UofL Administration works, and how valuable the ULSU is as an organization to the community.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT

A Unique Position

The Board of Governors (BoG) Representative on the Students' Union sits in a unique position. By being elected to the Board of Governors of the University of Lethbridge, this person is given a non-voting member status on the Students' Union by virtue of their position on the Board. Board members are appointed for three year terms, however, the BoG Representative is elected annually. Typically, Board members are recruited and appointed from very distinguished and accomplished backgrounds, often with public or private institution Board experience. However, the student representative often comes with little or no experience, as with Jeremy Girard, current Board of Governors representative, whose experience before being elected to the Board was sitting on the General Assembly of the Students' Union, although that experience cannot be underestimated. Running for the position two years in a row, Jeremy Girard feels as though the 2nd year was by far the more effectual year for him. This example shows how important continuity in Board of Governors Representatives is, that one year is not enough to become the most effectual member possible, and for students, running more than one year in a row is a strongly recommended idea.

Current Debate

In the upcoming year, the BoG Representative position may be changed in the Students' Union bylaws to incorporate recently debated positions. On one hand, the BoG Representative should not be a voting member of the ULSU, because they are elected to the Board of Governors, not the Students' Union, and they act as more of a liaison position, informing the ULSU General Assembly what the Board is up to, and taking into account the General Assembly's opinion when approaching Board decisions. On the other hand, the position is much the same as the ORS Representative on the General Assembly, which is a voting position. The ORS rep is elected by residence students to be their president, and get a seat on the General Assembly by virtue of their position, much the same as the BoG rep being elected by students to be a member of the Board, and getting a seat on the General Assembly by virtue of their position. So, if the BoG rep should not have a vote, perhaps the ORS rep should not have a vote. This debate continues and if ended in a consensus, there will be amendments to the bylaws, perhaps changing more than one position.

A Bright Future

Certainly, 2008/2009 was a very exciting year for the Board of Governors. The

University saw the release of our five year, 2009-2013, Strategic Plan, the opening of the Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building in November, an internationally leading Centre for multi-disciplinary water and environmental research, the continued work on the Markin Hall building for Health Sciences and Management, and the continued work on the \$12.5 million project building the Sport Field Complex and Stadium. Further, April 2009 saw the ground-breaking for the Daycare Centre, designed to provide 51 spaces for children of faculty, students, and staff, an initiative pushed by the Daycare Action Committee, largely organized by undergraduate students. The Board of Governors feels this University delivers an extraordinary experience to students, and strives to make sure that experience is given to as many students as possible, in the most relevant ways. *Written by Jeremy Girard - Board of Governors Representative*

EDUCATION REPORT

The 2008/2009 school year was an exciting and busy year for education students. The Faculty of Education started this year off with a bang as the Education Undergraduate Society hosted the first annual Anti-Bullying Week on campus. This was a four day event that was open to students from all faculties, as well as the public. The EUS invited three speakers from the Alberta Teachers' Association to give presentations on bullying-related topics. This week brought recognition to both the Faculty of Education and the University of Lethbridge, which was achieved in part by funding provided by the Students' Union.

Education students were also afforded more opportunities to develop professionally through events such as the Teacher Job Fair and the South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention that were held on campus. These events were important to education students because they allowed networking opportunities with professionals that prepared them for life outside of university.

Overall, Education students seem to be satisfied with their program, the University, and the Students' Union. The unique nature of the education program, however, does not always afford education students with as many opportunities to become involved with campus life. Education students spend a large part of their professional semesters away from campus teaching in classrooms. PSIII students, in fact, spend their entire semester off-campus. These issues make it imperative for future education representatives to continue to increase communication between the Students' Union and education students, ensuring that their relationship continues to grow. *Written by Karen Davis - Education Representative*

KAREN DAVIS - Education Rep
5th year BFA/Bed, art major and social studies minor.



Being the Education Rep was a lot more challenging than I thought it would be. To be the sole voice for so many students is a huge responsibility, one that I do not think can be fully understood until you are in that position.

REPORTS

IOULIA DEVENNEY
Health Sciences Rep
4th Year Bachelor of Nursing



I may not have personally influenced the way things are run at the University, but being involved with different committees and events has influenced my education and perspectives along the way. It has prepared me to go out into the world with an open mind and willingness to get involved and make a difference in my own experiences and professional growth.

HEALTH SCIENCES REPORT

Hello to all of the University of Lethbridge faculties and students! 2008/2009 has been my second year on the ULSU General Assembly as a School of Health Sciences representative. This year was my last at the University as I have completed a Bachelor of Nursing degree. It was definitely easier to be on the General Assembly the second time around, as I was familiar with the processes, meetings and committees.

This year there was another milestone in the School of Health Sciences (in addition to the funding announcement of Markin Hall last year), the General Faculties Council approved a new name for the School of Health Sciences in October, 2008, the Faculty of Health Sciences. It is a significant step in the development of any faculty as it indicates a great deal of growth and development. It was definitely an honour and a privilege to be able to witness such an event and hear the discussion around the boardroom table, an experience that not everybody can have during their life as a student.

I have also enjoyed attending the faculty council meeting each month and learning some of the 'behind the scenes' planning of programs and curriculums. It was fascinating to discover that any feedback instructors receive from students is brought up in the meetings, and from there, they worked on a solution to improve things relating to the classroom or practicum areas.

I wish more students would have an interest in the faculty and University processes. They would most likely change their ways of looking at post-secondary education and what it takes to have a curriculum and to run a university. University life is a complex web of interactions between students, professors and instructors, as well as interactions between departments, committees and other organizational groups. Even though it may be a hierarchical system with rules and regulations, its focus is definitely to provide the best experience for students throughout their time at the University!

If you are a student reading this, I would strongly encourage you to get involved with your faculty or the Students' Union! It will improve your university experience and give you a different perspective on classroom education.

All the best to everybody in the upcoming year of studies and good luck in all of your endeavours! *Written by Ioulia Devenney, Health Sciences Rep*

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPORT

This year was quite interesting to be a Canadian student representing the International population, having spent time abroad as an international student I was able to assist them through my own experience and knowledge of Canada. A few things that stuck out this year involved the pilot program that assisted new International students to integrate themselves into Canadian society, and more importantly into the University of Lethbridge community. However, it is not clear whether this will be back in the future .

The International Student Association, which is a social club for International and Canadian students to grow and develop friendships, was able to get a club room after the renovations were completed. This room gave them a place on campus to hang-out, hold meetings and other small gatherings.

It was great to see that people are becoming more aware of this position. The speech given by Fwanyanga Mate, the 2009/2010 International Student Representative candidate in the General Election was well received and very inspirational. As a Canadian, I strongly agree with giving International students a voice, because as our globe builds more relationships across cultures I have no doubt that the University of Lethbridge will join in, and along with them the Students' Union.

This position taught me to look at the big picture while making decisions, and how to be a voice for International students at the General Assembly meetings. Coming into this position through a by-election made it hard for me to get into the groove as quick as other students, although I found a strong bond with International students from the start. I was not able to talk to as many students as I would have liked to, although showing my presence at orientation events for International Management students in January was just one example of how I reached out to students.

There was a drop in the amount of international students this past year to roughly 7 percent. However, I look forward to this position becoming better known by international students so they feel they have a voice and someone to represent them, as well for Canadian students to see the strong international influence at the University of Lethbridge. *Written by Lee Ann Schneider, International Student Representative*

LEE ANN SCHNEIDER
International Student Rep
 Bachelor of Arts, Graduate –
 French/Spanish with a minor
 in Linguistics.



I look back and see a successful year of growth and discovery within the international community on campus, and I hope it can continue to head in a great direction.

REPORTS

BRETT STEPHENSON
Fine Arts Rep

3rd year Urban and Regional
Studies



Being Fine Arts Rep offered me great opportunities. However, I regret not being more involved as it really does change who you are, and to some extent it has. So in some respect the position was what I expected.

FINE ARTS REPORT

The most important thing for any General Assembly representative and I say this to future Fine Arts representatives as well, is to get involved in more ways than through the ULSU itself. The 2008-2009 year has seen many accomplishments and successes for the University and for the Students' Union itself. Fine Arts students all have a reason to be proud of their accomplishments this year, as it encompasses students who partake in art, music, new media, and dramatic arts.

The year began with a new Dean of Fine Arts, Dr. Desmond Rochfort, a man who has travelled quite extensively and created many mural paintings, specifically displayed in Mexico. Rochfort is one of two people outside of Mexico who will get to be part of the cultural festivities of the 100th anniversary of the Mexican Revolution in Mexico City during 2010. Rochfort is a man that will serve as Dean with great distinction, as he is very approachable to all of his Fine Arts students, and never hesitates to answer any of their questions.

One thing that is important to note for future ULSU General Assembly members, is that Fine Arts students are very proud of what they do, and it is important as a University to celebrate their creations. Therefore, it is easy to suggest that the University and the ULSU should take advantage of their abilities and skills. Far too often the bigger faculties such as Management or Arts & Science dominate at the U of L. It would be good if more art was showcased at public events, or greater interaction and attendance at shows such as the BFG. This is a concern of the faculty and the students enrolled within that faculty.

My hope for the Fine Arts faculty and its students is for greater involvement of the student body. It is unfortunate that only one person ran for the position in the recent election and was acclaimed. The previous year, no one ran for the position in the General Election and no one from the faculty ran in the by-election. This is an issue that needs to be addressed at a university level, as it could extend to non involvement at a community level once they graduate.

If you participate in activities external to the ULSU, you will experience greater interaction with other students. This is an important way for reps to interact with students and to fulfill their mandate. A Fine Arts rep should be involved in Fine Arts related clubs because it's not only a way to represent the faculty, but it also shows that the ULSU supports them. By coming together for a united purpose such as lobbying, it builds a positive relationship between the rep and the students, and that in itself makes the ULSU more approachable. *Written by Brett Stephenson - Fine Arts Representative*

CALGARY CAMPUS

The 2008/2009 year was an exciting year for many students. As the Calgary Campus geared up its 12th year of operation at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology [SAIT] campus. The student body here is always a varied bunch from the more experienced to the young and new coming out of college.

The year kicked off with a welcome reception attended by Adam Vossepoel with greetings and goodies from main campus. The reception was attended by a number of students who were eager to begin the year and in some cases their final. The Calgary campus ULSU in partnership with ChristmasFuture [CF] worked together to influence North Americans to redirect some of the trillion dollars they spend during the holiday season to Change For Children. Change for Children is a Post-Hurricane School Construction project in Comitancillo, Guatemala. We ran the dollar drive and our affectionately called Bedazzle the Tree campaign with the help of numerous volunteers. We thank those volunteers for their contributions and hard work.

Determining what students need and require was a major exploration in 2009. Some continuing issues carried forward from years past, such as the U-Pass, meeting spaces on campus, and the relationship with main campus. The Calgary campus rents space from SAIT which translates to students often being crunched for space and student resources. The University's strategic plan and its intentions for Calgary look to be positive and help is on the way.

The Calgary campus is defined largely as a commuter campus – students come to school do the work and go home. There isn't much of a collective school spirit like the main campus possesses. This is likely because of the demographic difference and orientation of the Calgary campus. However, still throughout the year it was apparent our students are passionate and have school culture of their own.

The greatest issue felt through this campus is the attachment to main campus. Some of those issues were dealt with, however much work is yet to be done. Moving forward, I would recommend the incoming Calgary Campus Rep make an effort to garner a greater relationship with the main campus. Students often assume that their Students' Union fees are going toward funding initiatives on the main campus instead of seeking Calgary Campus interests, however this is not true. *Written by Ahmed Rammay - Calgary Campus Representative*

AHMED RAMMAY
Calgary Campus Rep
 Final Year - General Management, with Corporate Social Responsibility minor



When I was elected, I didn't know what to expect or where this experience would take me. My time as the ULSU Calgary Campus Rep, and the growth I experienced, will carry forward with me throughout my development as a person. I thank the Calgary campus for their support.

REPORTS

ANTHONY FALLS
Edmonton Campus Rep
3rd year Management, Major in
Human Resources



I learned very quickly that the Edmonton campus student population is a very close-knit group and very much like a small, friendly community. Most students are employed during the day and attend class at night so they can upgrade and finish their degree.

EDMONTON CAMPUS

The 2008/2009 year has been a very exciting and busy time on Edmonton Campus. I spent much of October meeting students and staff on campus. There were a few concerns over the proposal to raise ULSU fees, however, most students were surprised to learn about the services that are offered at the Edmonton Campus.

In November, I had the opportunity to go to Lethbridge and personally meet the Executive Council and General Assembly members. At the end of November, our campus held a stress reliever event where we had free pizza and refreshments. In addition, prizes were awarded to a few lucky students. It was a tremendous success and was a great opportunity for students to ask questions about the ULSU.

Edmonton Campus gave back to their community in December as the student population collected and donated new toys for 630 CHED Santa's Anonymous. Many children received toys at Christmas thanks to the charity and the generous donations by our students and staff.

I had the privilege of attending the Edmonton Campus staff appreciation dinner in January. Students often praise their instructors on their personal interaction with them in the class, and their passion and dedication to teaching. Our campus also benefits tremendously from the hard work of our director, Naomi Beke and her administrative staff who have assisted the Students' Union in a variety of tasks this year.

We hosted an MLA Mixer event in February which brought in two MLA's and the Director of Caucus. The event was a great opportunity for students to interact, network and learn about youth opportunities in government. The new Edmonton Alumni Association helped to co-organize the event.

In March, the unveiling of the University of Lethbridge Strategic Plan was in Edmonton. The next four years will be an exciting time for the University of Lethbridge and especially for Edmonton Campus. Starting next year students will have the option of completing all 4 years in Edmonton for a Management degree.

Towards the end of March, a bigger stress reliever event was organized and the attendance was fantastic. Again, free pizza, beverages and desserts were offered where students interacted with one another and with their ULSU Rep.

During my term I also had the opportunity to sit and represent students during two grade appeals. It is great to learn how the process worked and that there are steps in place for students to have a say in their final grades.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to represent the ULSU on the Edmonton Campus!

Written by Anthony Falls - Edmonton Campus Representative

WAS YOUR POSITION MORE OR LESS WHAT YOU EXPECTED IT TO BE?**KENDALL YAMAGISHI - Arts & Science Rep**

4th year Bachelor of Arts – Political Science

My position as an Arts and Science Representative was what I expected it to be. I believe that it is important for anyone who is running for any elected Students' Union position to research the position before they run. This will ensure that it is something that they believe they can truly commit to, and excel at. This year I have been fortunate enough to have the support of the Executive members of the Students' Union who have allowed me to pursue my own projects which I campaigned on. I would like to thank everyone on the Students' Union Executive and General Assembly for being a great team to work with this year. *Written by Kendall Yamagishi - Arts & Science Representative*

RAINA SCHEMENAUER - Arts & Science Rep

5th year Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology

My position was more than I expected it to be. As I had already served one year as an Arts and Science Representative I thought I knew what to expect and that my second year would be fairly similar to my first year. However, I continued to learn more about the ULSU and student governance and was pleased to grow from experiences shared with new, outspoken members of the General Assembly. I was also excited to be involved with some of the new initiatives put forward this year that I think will lay the groundwork for even more success with future Councils. *Written by Raina Schemenauer - Arts & Science Representative*

WILLIS NORRIE - Arts & Science Rep

4th year Psychology

The ULSU has many roles and responsibilities to fill while providing services for students. Trying to make informed decisions while standing up for the issues and understanding the students is more complicated than I thought. My last year on council has left me feeling that I am just scratching the surface of what is possible with the ULSU. *Written by Willis Norrie - Arts & Science Representative*

RAINA SCHEMENAUER**Arts & Science Rep**5th year Bachelor of Science,
Kinesiology

I was excited to be involved with some of the new initiatives put forward this year that will lay the groundwork for even more success in future Councils.

STUDENTS' UNION AWARDS

Laurence Decore Awards were established in 2001 by the Government of Alberta, in honor of the Liberal Provincial leader Laurence Decore.



The Laurence Decore award recognizes post-secondary students who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership in student clubs, student government, college & university life, and community involvement.

THE STUDENTS' UNION CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

Awarded to: Gay & Lesbian Integrity Association

STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

Awarded to: Urvil Thakor

STUDENTS' UNION LEGACY AWARD

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

Awarded to: Adam Vossepoel, ULSU President

OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or employee in special recognition for outstanding dedication to the students of the University of Lethbridge.

Awarded to: Calvin Toth - Audio Visual Production

CONTINUED SUPPORT AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a University or community member for continued support to the Students' Union of the University of Lethbridge.

Awarded to: Rita Law - Director, Governance to the President

LAURENCE DECORE AWARDS

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| 1. Joseph Baranyay | 3. Jeffrey Henry | 5. Robert Rolfe |
| 2. Jaren Baranyay | 4. Allan Hall | 6. Michael C. Petrinchuk |

STUDENTS' UNION AWARDS

JOHN BROCKLESBY STUDENTS' UNION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

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

Awarded to: Kendall Yamagishi - Arts & Science Representative

BILL CHAPMAN STUDENTS' UNION CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION

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

Awarded to: Eric Hawthorne - VP Internal & Srecko Ponjavic

STUDENTS' UNION HELPING HAND AWARD

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

Awarded to: Toby Clark - Risk Analyst, Risk and Safety Services

STUDENTS' UNION EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union employee who has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution and ethics to our Students' Union over the past year.

Awarded to: Shelley Tuff, Health & Dental Plan Administrator

STUDENTS' UNION STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union student employee who has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution and ethics to the Students' Union over the past year. This full-time student personified the values of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union in all his/her endeavours.

Awarded to: Sara Kafashan - Service Centre Clerk

In addition to the Laurence Decore awards, there are ten annual ULSU awards.



The ULSU awards are carefully selected by a committee from nomination submissions.

ELECTIONS & REFERENDUM

A federal election was held during October. The ULSU prepared for it by helping students engage in the political process.



To cap off the elections, the ULSU held an "Election Results" party in the Zoo. The place was packed with students eager to see the real-time results on the big screen, much to the dismay of the Flames hockey fans.

FEDERAL ELECTION

The ULSU hosted an All Candidates Debate and Forum in the Atrium. All five political parties that ran in the Lethbridge riding attended. Candidates were asked three pre-determined questions after which the microphone was turned over to the audience to ask questions. The event ran for over an hour where there was no shortage of questions asked by the hundreds in attendance. Opportunities were given to all the candidates to talk to campus media.

Secondly, the ULSU prepared an Election Centre on the ULSU website. This included a digital copy of Party Platforms – The Coles Notes Version, a document prepared by Brodie Pattenden, summarizing the platforms of all the major political parties into one easy to read document. The Centre also featured voter information regarding polling locations, important dates, as well as a guide on how University of Lethbridge students could vote.

Third, on Election Day the ULSU rented two "Vote Vans" and shuttled students who didn't have access to transportation to their respective polling stations. While not incredibly utilized, the students who did use the service were incredibly grateful.

Written by Brodie Pattenden - VP Administration

ULSU FEE REFERENDUM

The ULSU had not increased its fees since 1989. Since then, it was only through strict financial management, and increasing enrolment that growth of the organization had been possible. However, the post secondary education system is experiencing a drastic change in Alberta.

In addition to decreasing enrollment, the Alberta government introduced a document, "Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Alberta's Publically Funded Advanced Education System". This document defined the roles that each post secondary institution in the province must fulfill. In it, there are two very important changes that directly affect undergraduate enrolment at the University of Lethbridge, and therefore, the ULSU. The first is redefining the University as a comprehensive research institute. With this comes a greater focus on the research aspects of University, shifting it away from undergraduate instruction. The second is the ability for institutes such as Mount Royal College and Grant MacEwan College to grant baccalaureate degrees. This directly affects the University of Lethbridge enrolment.

During the past 20 year period, the fees that the ULSU collected were not tied to inflation, while expenses have been.

This referendum will not have a drastic effect in the next three to five years. The proposed increase, \$2.45/semester increase for operations, will only begin to address the issues of forgone funding. However, allowing all fees to be tied to inflation would have had a very significant effect in the future. *Written by Adam Vassepoel - President*

The questions listed below were brought to the students at the University of Lethbridge to be voted on, between October 20-23, 2008:

QUESTION

Effective September 2009, do you, authorize the University of Lethbridge Students' Union to implement an increase in the annual fees it collects for operations, to result in the following change:

Full Time Students:

From: \$42.54/year (\$21.27/semester)

To: \$47.44/year (\$23.72/semester)

Part Time Students:

From: \$20.86/year (\$10.43/semester)

To: \$23.08/year (\$11.54/semester)

RESULTS: YES votes: 901 - 58.93%, NO votes: 628 - 41.07%

AND;

Do you further authorize the University of Lethbridge Students' Union to subsequently tie the annual student fees it collects on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for the Province of Alberta, as determined by Statistics Canada, using 2008 as the base year for calculation, in order to account for annual inflation?

RESULTS: YES votes: 743 - 48.82%, NO votes: 779 - 51.18%

REFERENDUM RESULTS

The referendum was partially successful, with the one-time increase being approved, and the inflation clause being defeated. While this was seen as a failure in the eyes of many, the one-time increase will allow the ULSU to continue with its mandate, and lack of automatic inflation increases requiring the ULSU to be more strictly accountable and responsive to the needs of the student body.

The decision to move forward with a fee referendum was not an easy one. However, an important factor in making the choice was about the sustainability of the ULSU.



The ULSU also came under severe criticism from students questioning the value of the organization, often quite harshly, sapping the morale of the Executive Council.

ELECTIONS & REFERENDUM

The incoming Executive Council members are positioning themselves to catch the ULSU mascot - Nordie!



From the date of the election results announcement until May 1st, the incoming council have been eagerly awaiting to begin their term of office.

ULSU ELECTION

This year's elections had a voter turnout of 21 percent, with six out of eleven positions uncontested. Originally four unfilled positions (Education Rep, Health Sciences Rep, Calgary Campus Rep, and Edmonton Campus Rep) were going to by-election in the fall, however, the Fine Arts and the First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Representative dropped out which opened the fall by-election up to six vacant positions.

INCOMING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Executive Council

President
Vice President Academic
Vice President Administration
Vice President Internal Affairs

Jeremy Girard
Alex Massé
Allan Hall
Cole Lehto

General Assembly

Arts and Sciences Representatives

Eric Hawthorne
Zack Moline
Cayley Rauw
Justine Foy
Alecia Fraser
Willis Norrie

Management Representative
Residence Representative
International Representative
Board of Governors Representative

Tyrell DaSilva
Michael Persinger
Fwanyanga Mate
Jenn Prosser

Fall 2008 By-election

First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Representative
Education Representative
Fine Arts Representative
Edmonton Campus Representative
Calgary Campus Representative
Health Science Representative

Avi Scheibner
Sara Ritchie
Atallia Burke
Chris Mottershead
Jared Byrne
Vacant

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

First of all, I want to thank each and every one of you – the Executive and the General Assembly for making this a positive and rewarding year.

Over a year ago I met Jenn Prosser at the Red Dog Diner downtown. While munching on hot dogs we learned of our appreciation for politics and particularly the U of L Students' Union. The next person I met was Brett Stephenson. We were acquainted through like-minded political lines. Brett was another one of those people like me – consumed with politics. During one of our conversations Brett learned about my previous experience with the ULSU. He felt I could fill the position of Chair of the General Assembly that would soon be required. Within weeks I received a call from President Adam Vossepoel. Adam invited me to consider taking the role of Chair for the coming school year. I felt this was a great opportunity to connect with my "Alma Mater", and re-engage with the Students' Union.

As I look back over the past year, the experience has been rewarding for me as well. I found each and every board member to be mature, genuine, and responsible. At the first meeting I laid out a few ground rules. Everyone has respected and followed each of the rules with diligence and with courtesy. Furthermore, it promoted a real sense of focus and appreciation for the boardroom environment.

The experiences of dealing with issues both large and small have taught us all that working together will ultimately offer positive results. The General Assembly's work ethic was very strong; they always looked "outside the box" and looked for innovative solutions to problems. Communication skills and transparency was manifested consistently. Everyone acted professionally and was dedicated to the tasks. They treated their delegations and each other with great respect. Ultimately, Eric, Brodie, Jenn and Adam never wavered from their goals to be transparent, visionary, and creative. They were all confident about the decisions made. Everyone shared a true appreciation for each other and for staff!

The Executive, General Assembly, and staff have all have made everyone feel most welcome, including me. The meetings were fun! Every board member has felt that their time and input was valued. Their efforts were worth it all. Considering the time commitment involved, I did not hear any disappointments, or regrets. In fact I sensed that everyone was satisfied with their participation and overall performance. After the last meeting there were those who wished they could experience being on the General Assembly for another year!

In conclusion, I thank each and every one of you for your hard work and diligence. Lastly I congratulate all those who have put your names on a ballot to be elected or re-elected to the General Assembly. To President-elect Jeremy Girard, you will do very well. With your experience, your Executive and General Assembly will certainly appreciate you and stand behind your leadership! *Written by Bill Chapman, General Assembly Chair*

From the moment I stepped into the "Boardroom" I sensed a real sense of professionalism and cooperation.



Every meeting seemed to guarantee that attitude and conduct. I want to thank President Adam Vossepoel for giving me the privilege to be the Chair. It was a real honor.

PAST PRESIDENTS

ADAM VOSSEPOEL

President of 2008/2009

5th year Bachelor of Science,
Agricultural Biotechnology with
concentration in business



"We would not have accomplished very much without working together as a team".

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.

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

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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