

# ELECTION SUPPLEMENT



**Wilfrid Laurier University Student Union**

**GENERAL ELECTION**

**Thursday, February 2**



# SPECIAL ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

## Presidential Candidates

Each Presidential and Vice Presidential candidate was given room for a 750 word platform. Following the platform are nine questions asked by the Cord. The following questions were asked of the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates.

1. In light of the recent campus incident involving an intruder in a women's washroom, what specific measures do you think should be taken to ensure the safety of women on campus?
2. Since the Women's Awareness Committee has not been effective, what specific measures can be taken to ensure that women's interests are adequately represented on campus?
3. What is your stand on the practise of charging differential fees to foreign students?
4. What should be the priority of the Entertainment Committee in booking bands for the Turret? To get a cover band weekly or to bring in a big name band that would cost the students more money? If the higher priced bands are brought in should WLUSU subsidize the ticket prices to make the bands more affordable?
5. If elected, what would you do to ensure that new students are aware that a portion of their Student Union fees are refundable?
6. What do you see as the role of the student press?
7. Is the present bus pass an acceptable and adequate deal for students?
8. Do you think it would be beneficial for WLU to rejoin the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)?
9. What are some of the main concerns that are of general importance to students?



Kevin Byers

**Platform**

With an operating budget of over \$400,000 the Wilfrid Laurier University Student Union is an organization whose significance must be taken seriously. Therefore it is essential that the President of WLUSU be viewed in the same manner. Two essential prerequisites for this job are experience and involvement within the student body as well as the Laurier community at large. However, the most important characteristic is the ability to manage and lead effectively. WLUSU's central function revolves around providing services and channeling student input into University decision-making (a component which is often forgotten). The role of the President is to ensure that these services are maintained and reinforced.

In this respect it is the President's job to ensure that the necessary services of a student organization are made available to all. Services that are provided include such functions as student entertainment, legal aid, and campus clubs. The Student Union is also the largest University employer of students. Secondly, the President must be able to facilitate interaction between University officials and Laurier students. The WLUSU President is the official student representative to the University administration.

As a Laurier student I have not only taken the time to represent students as an elected member of both the Board of Directors and the University Senate, but have participated in numerous activities ranging from Head Icebreaker to Tour Co-ordinator for the University Liaison office. As a senior student I have felt the needs and concerns of students at every level.

As a Board Member I was involved with the following: seeking Varsity status for the Rugby Club; Bus Pass negotiations; and the "Sexual Harassment Week." With respect to the Rugby Team, I provided the necessary link between the team and University officials. This is an area which will soon deserve attention as the status of the team will be reviewed following the 1984 season. When this occurs the Student Union should be as supportive of the team as it has been in the past.

The Bus Pass issue is another area which I

am genuinely interested in as I was involved in the initial negotiations which laid the necessary framework for the agreement. However, the success of bus pass sales, twice the number Kitchener Transit estimated, indicates that students deserved a better deal than they are presently receiving. The Student Union should be prepared for serious negotiations in the fall.

Last year the Commissioner of University Affairs, myself and a few other students organized "Sexual Harassment Awareness Week." The success of this, coupled with recent occurrences at the school highlight the need for a Commission of Women's Affairs. This Commission will aid women's fear by establishing an escort service, and provide seminars on self-defense. Since this will be a newly created office much input from the Board and all students must be sought.

Recently, as a Student Senator I responded to Laurier students needs to maintain the present 12 day add period for courses. In October the University Senate chopped the add period from 12 to 5 days, despite the objections of the Student representatives. However, continued lobbying by myself and other Student Senators resulted in the issue being brought back before the Senate. The persistence paid off and the 12 day add period was reinstated.

All these past experiences have taught me that WLUSU can be an effective lobbying force for the students when issues are organized properly and taken through the proper channels. Few thought Laurier would be fielding a Varsity Rugby Team or that bus passes would be available. Yet today both exist. This exemplifies what a student government can and should provide for its members.

Many things remain to be done. The recent surge in Turret attendance points out that Phases 2 & 3 of renovations should follow. However, a study that was undertaken 3 years ago pointed out that the Turret floor is "vibrating to a disturbing degree," thus, indicating the floor is not as structurally safe as one would like to think. This is one area which must be re-examined as it involves the safety of Laurier students.

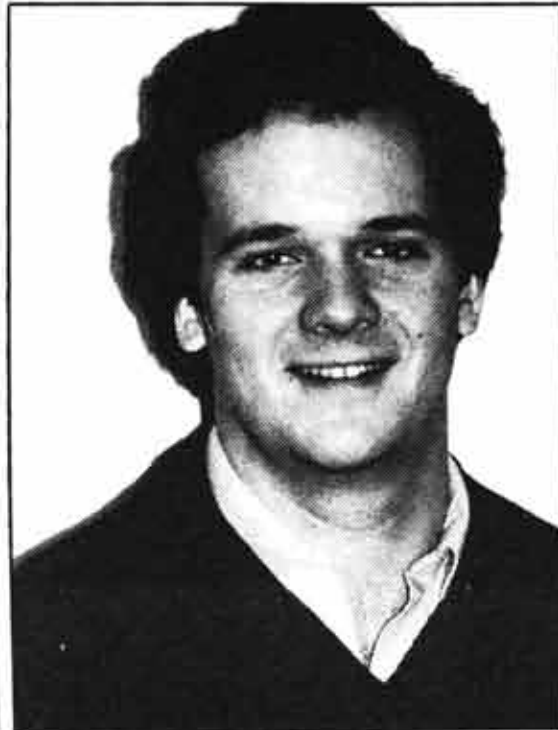
The T.V. Lounge as it exists today is not one of the more attractive areas of the Student Union Building. Perhaps it is time this area should see some renovations.

The intersection at Hazel and University, used by many students, is not safe. A traffic count was taken last year and was slightly lower than the government's criteria for traffic lights. Regardless of the established criteria we all know that something must be done and that we cannot wait for a serious accident to occur.

The Entertainment Committee should be restructured to allow for more participation from all students. A representative from each year and faculty would provide the means for greater feedback.

Briefly, two other areas which also must be stressed are the Meal Plan and the Development Fund. I believe that meal tickets are a viable alternative. The recent referendum involving the Development Fund was handled superbly. However, for those not wishing to contribute it must be made clear that a refund is available.

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Kevin Dryden

**Platform**

The Office of President of the Student Union is not one which is open to inexperience. It is a complex office which requires a great deal of knowledge and efficiency. I feel that my past two years as Director of Student Activities has given me the opportunity to attain the level of knowledge needed to take over this office.

Getting involved in Wilfrid Laurier University early is a definite requirement for this office. There are a lot of things going on and the job cannot be done by an inexperienced person.

I became involved with Wilfrid Laurier University in my first year at Laurier in the capacity of Director of Oktoberfest, Homecoming, Boar's Head Dinner and Winter Carnival to name a few. In dealing with these events for the past two years I have been able to work closely with the full-time staff at Wilfrid Laurier University and also with two administrations.

From this time of year until the summer I was involved extensively in budgeting for these events. Having supervised them for two years I have established a great deal of contacts which will help me in the Office of President. Having to learn how to use these contacts is a time-consuming task which a new president does not need, for he will be busy enough in the first few months.

As I reflect on my past two years as Director of Student Activities I see many good results which myself and the Student Union Executives have implemented. I was very involved in the updating of the Turret, from last year when we put in a new bar system, to this year when I presented a plan to the Board of Directors for videos and other atmospheric changes aimed at the updating of the Turret.

I was also the initiator of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Wilf's which has been a success for the past two years and is planned again for this year.

Apart from those activities involving the Student Union I have had input into the selection process of the Vice-President Academic for the University.

Before I begin to talk about some issues I feel strongly about, I would like to point something out. With the exception of the past

two years the entire Executive of the Student Union has changed at this time of year. As a result many of the projects which had been started by the old administration have been delayed in the changeover with the new administration. I have been keeping up with the projects of this nature and if elected will see that this delay does not happen this year.

The biggest thing I want to keep up on is the renovation of the Turret. Up to now I have started the first of a three-part plan which is scheduled to last for the next three years. The Turret is a very important part of the Student Union. It must be closely watched to make sure it provides the right atmosphere to keep it filled as it has been all of this term.

The best example of an issue lost in the changeover is the Rape Awareness Center. This was first introduced two years ago at the end of Steve Patten's term of office. With the recent incidents concerning the washrooms at the school this is a project I will not lose in the changeover. It can be worked in conjunction with the Office of the Commissioner, as are Bacchus and Legal Services. An escort service could be started also to walk women home late at night.

Being on the Executive this year has given me the chance to closely monitor the K-W Bus Pass situation. There was a lot of work put into this by out students as well as the city. Their estimate of 400 for the three schools in Waterloo was incredibly low as we have sold 700 amongst Laurier, University of Waterloo and Conestoga College. At the present time there is a study being done by fourth-year students which will help our negotiations next year. I support a continued Bus Pass and if there are more people interested I would like to work on getting an even lower price for the four-month pass.

I think that the carry-over I can bring to the Office of President will provide for a great year. However, one thing I would like to do is open up more opportunities for first- and second-year students within the Student Union. I have started this year by suggesting the expansion of the promotion department. Right now we have two very enthusiastic young ladies working with us and I am sure there are many more prospective workers out there.

At the present time first-year students cannot get involved until February. I would like to get them first thing in September and utilize their fresh ideas early.

I feel that my past experience within the Student Union gives me the best qualifications for the Office of President. If elected I intend to use these qualifications to the advantage of the students of Laurier to give them their best year yet.

I would encourage everyone to get out and vote, but find out about those running, for there are a lot of good candidates running this year. To all, good luck!

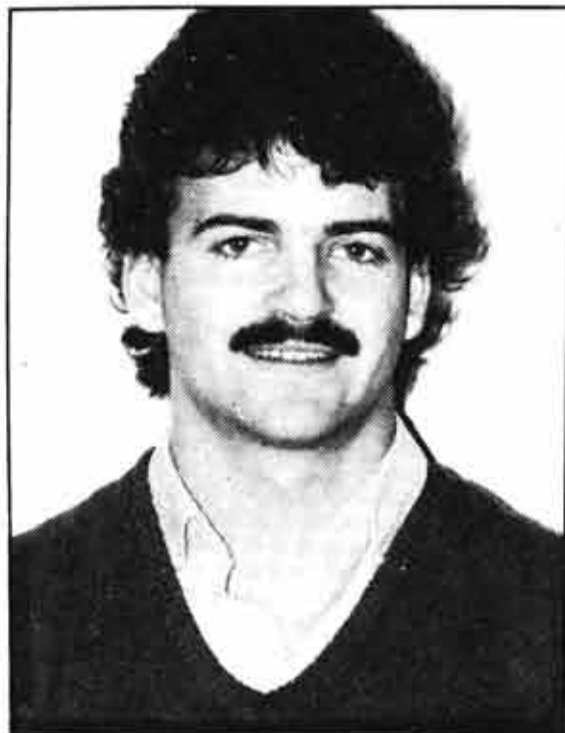
In my past 3 years as an elected student representative I have taken student concerns through the proper channels. I have enjoyed representing you and would be pleased to continue to be your representative. YOUR vote on February 2 will assure you of my continued dedication.

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## Vice-Presidential Candidates



**Gord Annear**

### Platform

I am a third year business student running for the position of Vice-President. Since my first year at Wilfrid Laurier I have been participating actively in school politics.

In first year, I was a House Council representative at C.H. Little House. In second year, I was elected President of Little House where my duties included organizing meetings, events, and fund-raising activities as well as deciding how our capital surplus could best be spent. As a president of one of the residences, I was a member of the Inter-Residence Council where I was charged with organizing the I.R.C. Formal. Other functions of this council included solving relevant problems of the students in residence and planning events in which to bring these students closer together. In February of last year, I was elected to the Board of Directors where I have been playing an active role in all meetings. As a business director, I was elected to the building and entertainment committees. The building committee marketed the Turret to include a satellite dish, video screen, shooters, choice of beer and a popcorn machine. The entertainment committee was also involved in the changes to the pub but encompassed other areas such as bands and movies. I was on the Yes Campaign committee this year and played an active role in its success. I believe my experience to date has given me the necessary background in planning, organizing, delegating and interacting, all of which are essential elements for a Vice-President.

Before I relate some of my ideas for the coming year, I would like to make a statement about the issue of having a full-time editor. It is my opinion that the calibre of the *Cord Weekly* has increased significantly, especially in the early September issues, since the hiring of the full-time editor. I further understand that this change has lightened the load for the rest of the *Cord* employees and increased the efficiency of the production process.

One of the problems on campus this year is that of girls fearing for their safety when walking alone. I believe that a Women's Awareness Committee should be formed to delve into this frightening situation. Another idea might be to hire student security to work in conjunction with the school security in correcting this problem. The wage of a student security force is a small price to pay for some peace of mind.

Another problem experienced by many students each year is that of finding off-campus housing within a reasonable distance of the university. It might be possible for the Student Union to work with the housing office in an attempt to alleviate this problem.

The library renovations have been a source of discussion since the construction began. Many students question the adequacy of our library and are disappointed that only one floor of the two-floor addition will be for library use. It appears that students are not aware that WLU students can use the Waterloo library and sign out books with their own I.D. card. This information should be advertised so that students don't feel they are restricted to only the books in our library. However, I would like to see the library engage in more acquisitions, enhancing the quality of its books, documents

and journals. Furthermore, the WLU library could look into acquiring books and documents that are unavailable at the Waterloo library.

### Interview

Gord Annear feels that a strong women's awareness group should be formed on campus to address the safety problems faced by women. In addition, Annear would like to see more student security to supplement the school's present security guards.

Differential fees are a necessity, feels Annear. Students can't expect to go to university in a foreign country and pay the same tuition fees as the host country student, says Annear. He added that some students return to their home country immediately after graduation, leaving us with nothing in return.

As far as the Turret and the band policy is concerned, Annear thinks the best way to go is with big bands, even at higher prices. He thinks that WLU should not subsidize the tickets because students are probably willing to pay the big bucks for a better band.

The only way to let the new students know about the refundable fee is to advertise it, says Annear. The advertising could be done through *The Cord* and with posters around the school.

The student press should inform students about how their money is being spent and what's going on at the university as far as administration and student government are concerned, says Annear. The student press should also make students aware of anything that would affect them in general, he says.

Annear thinks the present bus pass is acceptable. There is always room for improvement, however, and it would be nice if they could drop the price a bit. He would like to see the pass become monthly but he doesn't think Kitchener Transit will go for it.

"They are a bit extreme," said Annear in explaining why Laurier should not rejoin the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Annear thinks that right now WLU is better off outside of the national student organization.

Annear believes that the women's awareness group can work, it just has to be strengthened. More importantly, there has to be desire for such a committee. Annear believes that "women have to have a strong enough concern before it can work. Our job in WLU is to make people aware that there is a great benefit in having a women's awareness committee and that one is needed," he said.

Some of the major concerns of students, according to Annear, are: housing; our library facilities; the hours that Wilf's is closed; a crosswalk at Hazel and University; a paid editor at *The Cord*; the Turret; and a buddy system for new and transfer students.

Every year there is some talk about the possibility of having a crosswalk across University Avenue at the front of the university. Personally, I feel that this is a worthwhile concern. However, it should be known that there are five requirements that must be covered before the municipal government will take any action. These five requirements are traffic oriented and are out of the hands of the Student Union.

The last concern I would like to deal with is that of Wilf's hours. It is safe to say that students would like to see Wilf's open during 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and that the administration is opposed to it. It is clear that both sides cannot be completely satisfied. However, I would like to see if opening Wilf's during 2:00 - 4:00 on Fridays might be an acceptable compromise. With fewer classes held on Fridays, comparatively speaking, such a compromise might be recognized by the administration.



**Barb Mlot**

### Platform

My name is Barb Mlot. I am in third year business and I am running for Vice-President.

With reference to my qualifications, I held the position of Business Director for the past two years and am presently the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. I have also been involved in Tamiae, OffCam and the Marketing Association, as well as assuming an active role in this year's first Small Business Seminar Weekend and attending this year's National Conference for A.I.E.C. With the experience I have attained from my previous endeavours I see the position of Vice-President as a natural progression of my involvement within the Student Union.

It is in my opinion that an effective Student Union is one that sets definite short-term goals which can realistically be accomplished during their term in office. By prioritizing and focusing on only a few tasks the Board is better equipped in achieving their objectives and doing it well.

With any campaign there are certain issues that warrant discussion and attention. The question of campus security, with all its recent publicity commands immediate attention.

In a recent conversation with John Baal, Head of Security on campus, he stated that the full-time security service at Laurier has always been understaffed. Next year's Student Union should conduct feasibility studies of the possibility of increasing campus patrol at the full-time or part-time level. A look into the possibility of implementing an Escort Service should also be undertaken.

Past administrations have considered the creation of a shuttle bus service between the two universities but no further steps were taken in determining the viability of such a proposal. Perhaps in conjunction with the University of Waterloo research should be done in this area and movements made towards creating such a service. I would also like to make available to all interested students self-help clinics operating in conjunction with the Waterloo Police Department in the art of self defence and crime prevention.

WLU has over the past two years successfully attained a much higher profile within the school. It is hoped that this positive step forward not change and efforts be made to reinforce this higher profile. It is extremely important and beneficial that the students are aware of these services that are available to them. The idea of "information" weeks in the concourse is a good one and should be held on a more frequent basis. This method not only informs the students of the services but also gives them the opportunity to meet the various people involved. This should hopefully make them more approachable in the future when the needs arise.

The bus pass that was successfully negotiated by this year's executive is presently under a two-term trial basis and will have to be renegotiated in September. The student response was very positive and twice as many passes were sold as anticipated. Because of this success a minor subsidization by WLU would put us in a better bargaining position with the city thereby reducing the price even further.

Mind you, the topic of lights at the intersection at University and Hazel is not a new

one, I feel it is time that definite action be taken. In terms of minimizing costs and immediate results the proposal of establishing a crosswalk rather than lights should be researched.

The above stated issues can be viewed as short-term, however in the larger context will have a long-term effect on the services offered by WLU. Past Student Unions have used this strategy and have achieved success, therefore by concentrating on these specific issues WLU cannot help but add to the services it already offers.

Hopefully you will show your confidence in my ability to assume the role of Vice-President at the time of the election. I would like to wish all the candidates best of luck in their campaigns. Do your share for the Student Union on February 2 and vote.

### Interview

Barb Mlot can see a couple of things that can be done to improve the safety of women on campus. First she would like the school to hire more security guards on a full- or part-time basis. She would also like to see an escort service implemented as well as self-defense courses for both men and women.

To better represent women's concerns on campus, Mlot would like to see a women's centre at school. The first year it could be run on a trial basis and if deemed successful it should become a regular part of the university, says Mlot. In addition she would like to see more Women's Studies courses offered and she thinks that Counselling Services lectures for women could be expanded.

Mlot says she isn't against differential fees. In terms of fairness to Canadians, fees should be automatically differentiated, she adds. Mlot thinks that foreign students should be expected to pay higher fees and that Canadian universities should aim to enroll as many Canadians as possible before enrolling foreign students.

Like everyone else Mlot feels WLU should aim for better known bands. She thinks it is "pointless" to have a band for the sake of having a band. Mlot wouldn't want to see heavy subsidization of ticket prices but adds it might be possible to subsidize \$2 of an \$8 ticket price.

Mlot sees many ways that new students can be made aware of the refundable fee and also thinks it is important that they do know about it. Mlot thinks that they should be made aware of the refund right from the beginning and the place to start is on the registration forms. Beside the Student Union fee notation it should tell the students of the refundable portion, she says. Second, the students can learn about the refundable fee in their Orientation package. Third, the dons could inform students in residence and they could advertise the fee in *The Cord*, she said. Just as important as telling the students about the refundable fee is to tell them what the fee is for and to explain the Development Fund to the students, she added.

The most important role of the student press is to make the students aware of what is going on at university, believes Mlot. She adds, "Editorials and columns are good as long as people understand they are opinions and not necessarily factual."

This year's bus pass deal is obviously a good one judging by the response, indicated Mlot. Next year WLU might consider a slight subsidization of the bus pass to make it even cheaper for the student, she added.

The Canadian Federation of Students doesn't really accomplish a lot that would be beneficial to WLU students, says Mlot. Because of this she doesn't think WLU should rejoin the organization. Another deterrent to joining CFS is the high price of being a member, concluded Mlot.

Mlot believes the following issues are important to students: improved security on campus; renovations to the Turret; improved school and WLU services; a better rapport for students with K-W area; student financial aid; and a continuation of present services offered by the school.



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## Business Director Candidates



**John Coupland**

### Platform

The job of a business director, as I perceive it, is to look out for the best interests of business students. On the whole, I feel WLUSU has had a successful year, however change is progress. Student safety needs to be paid more attention to. The disturbing problem of sex offenders requires a much firmer solution than simply \$103 fines. To increase employment and safety, our student security force needs to expand its number of personnel and their duties. An escort service, to accompany students after night classes, would also put many people at ease. The potential danger of crossing University Ave. at Hazel St. could be reduced with the installation of a crosswalk. I feel the question of whether Wilf's should remain open longer during the week needs to be solved democratically by the shareholders of WLUSU. Presently, it closes from 2-4 p.m. each day. Bette Stephenson's controversial plan to control universities and the program of study offered by each is equivalent to discrimination. Government should avoid turning university education into an opportunity only available to a select few. As I have demonstrated in the past I am opposed to perks or favors to a select few in appreciation for support. This type of activity must be avoided if our corporation is to act on behalf of all its shareholders.

### Interview

Coupland feels student security staff should be increased and an escort service developed to ensure the safety of women on campus. He thinks WLUSU should lobby the provincial government for stronger penalties for intruders.

Coupland believes foreign students should pay more for the opportunity to attend Canadian schools.

He doesn't think WLUSU should subsidize Turret ticket prices and feels weekly cover bands should be brought in because live performers are more entertaining than DJs.

Some of the concerns which Coupland feels students face include: Wilf's hours; lack of residence space; student security; completion of Turret renovations; and Bette Stephenson's view of the province's university system.



**Helga Fuhry**

### Platform

I began my involvement in this school year during Orientation Week as an Icebreaker and hope to increase that involvement through my election to the Board. I also have given tours of the campus on the various Host days and am a member of Tamiae.

I believe the biggest duty and indeed the greatest accomplishment a Board can achieve is complete two-way communication between the student body and their representatives on the Student Union.

I stress two-way. First the Board has to find out what students want and properly represent them. Throughout my two years at Laurier I've had the opportunity to talk and interact with a lot of students and get an idea on their feelings and attitudes on various issues. As a representative of these same students, knowing their views is an important criterion when coming to any decision on their behalf.

The second half of the two-way communication is that of helping the student body become more aware of the issues affecting them. How can they influence the decisions of the Board and have their voices heard on an issue they know nothing or very little about? The only way to get students more involved is by increasing student awareness of what is going on around the university.

I believe I can help accomplish both of these goals.

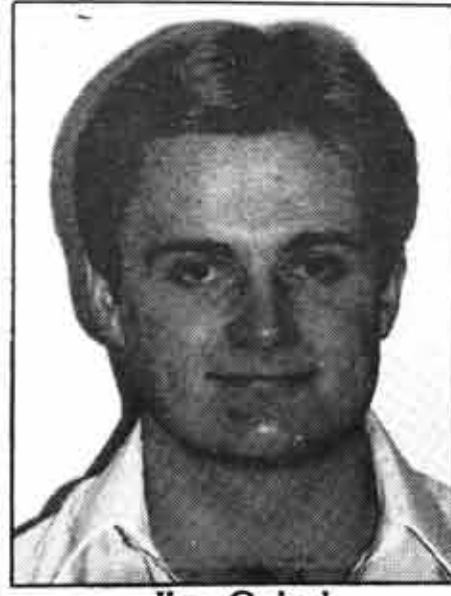
### Interview

Helga Fuhry feels a higher visibility for security on campus could improve women's safety. She also believes that publicizing the problem could be a deterrent.

Fuhry says that charging differential fees for foreign students is fair for those who can afford it with some help for those who can't. She feels that the taxpayers' money and benefits of education should stay in the country.

Fuhry thinks the Turret should go for better name bands and that tickets should be subsidized by as much as can be afforded.

Fuhry feels that some of the concerns facing students are: summer employment; OSAP reductions; the pressure of working toward a higher average mark for Business; extension of Wilf's hours; and choosing the right academic program.



**Jim Gabel**

### Platform

I would like to commend the present WLUSU administration for a term of dedicated work and their recognition of the students' needs. They did an outstanding job of satisfying students' demands as was illustrated by obtaining student bus passes and the embarking on a program to revitalize the Turret.

The next administration must continue to recognize the students' needs and find realistic solutions for these needs. I feel that the three phase facelift program for the Turret can be further expanded upon to encourage students to visit the Turret. Most of us have witnessed a trend that has seen the Turret's popularity decrease. This not only translates into lost revenue for the Student Union, but it means that we no longer have a common meeting place where all the students can visit. Just a year ago the Turret was filled to capacity providing a social atmosphere that contributed to meeting fellow students and was characteristic of Wilfrid Laurier. I would like to try and bring back that atmosphere.

I feel that my present involvement as a Don in Little House Residence, accompanied with my participation in intramural hockey and football for the past three years has exposed me to an array of ideas from students in first to fourth year. Using these ideas, I feel I could contribute to the recognizing and solving of not only isolated issues such as the Turret, but a great many other concerns, too; if elected to the Board of Directors of the Student Union.

### Interview

Jim Gabel thinks women's safety could be improved with more lighting along paths, having security make rounds on campus, and encouraging students to report peculiar actions to security.

Gabel believes foreign students should have the same rights and same fees and says a quota system should be used to ensure the rights of Canadian students.

He doesn't think WLUSU should subsidize bands because people are willing to pay. He feels name bands should be brought in for Orientation, Winter Carnival and once a month throughout the year.

Gabel feels that some of the concerns of students are: the Turret; bus passes; having a paid Cord Editor; the availability of residence accommodations; the lack of parking on campus; and the inaccessibility of final exams papers.



**Heather Knight**

### Platform

My name is Heather Knight and I am in second year Business Administration and running for the position of Business Director. I have lived in residence for two years, in my first year I worked on House Council and assisted with various activities.

I feel that WLUSU is the link between the students and the government that regulates the student services and activities, therefore it is important to have good representation. If I was to be elected to the Board I would be representing the students of WLUSU in the best way I know possible. I realize that as a board member I will not be able to change things by myself. However, I understand the process used by the student union and if this was properly followed it would be more productive. If you go through the proper channels of authority things get done much quicker. I realize that the Turret is an important part of the Student Union and I am pleased to see that steps have been taken to better the Turret facilities. I feel that the three-year program which has been initiated should be completed. If I was elected to the Board I would be interested in sitting on the Entertainment Committee so I could assist in monitoring the completion of this project.

Other important issues at this time would be the further development of the Women's Awareness Program, the initiation of the first-year senior student buddy system and keeping the bus pass program running.

I believe that if I was elected to the Board I would be a good student representative. What I lack in experience I make up for in determination and dedication.

### Interview

Heather Knight feels that a women's awareness program should be implemented and that possibly an escort service could be set up to increase campus safety.

Knight also feels that foreign students should be paying a slightly higher fee. Although they have the same right to be here as Canadians they will be going back to their country with the education they got here, says Knight. She further explained that if we went to the U.S. we would have a premium, so foreign students should be expected to pay some extra here as well.

Knight, like other directors, believes that students want big name bands in the Turret. She also likes the changes made in the Turret and feels that they will enhance the atmosphere of the pub. She thinks that WLUSU should consider subsidization of ticket prices if it will cost the students more than eight dollars for a ticket.

Knight sees the following as areas of concern for students: a women's awareness program; a buddy system for first-year and transfer students; bus pass; paid editor for *The Cord*; accelerated rent; no smoking area in the Torque Room; a cross walk at Hazel and University; and the Turret.



**Mike Law**

### Platform

Hi, my name is Mike Law and I hope to be your choice for Business Director. I am in the third year of the business program. Many decisions are made on our behalf each year by the board of directors. The business directors make decisions regarding the funding of various projects (such as the recent proposal for the modernization of the Turret: long overdue, I'm sure you'll agree). Also, the directors were responsible for the organization of the referendum for the music wing. I believe that referendums are a good way to determine students' enthusiasm and support for a project, but I also feel the ample time must be given to present the two opposing views so that students can make an educated vote, not an uneducated guess (or worse still, no vote at all).

An issue that is a concern for many, if not all, students is the hours of operation of Wilf's. Wilf's is open at staggered hours, having a tendency to open and close every two hours. While some changes have been initiated, I believe there are areas where services can be extended. I believe that Wilf's should be open from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily during the week. Many classes end at 11:20 a.m. and these students find it inconvenient to wait until 12:00 to get in, resulting in lost business. Let's have students' hours for our student pub!!!

Earn the right to complain...vote! Present your views to a willing listener...vote Mike Law for Business Director!

### Interview

Mike Law feels that women's safety on campus is an issue WLUSU should study, decide how much of a problem it is, and analyze the present campus security system and the possibility of an escort service.

Foreign students have to be charged differential fees, says Law, because the government should be subsidizing Canadian students. The main concern should be with keeping the education in this country, he says. Also, the fee is not so great that it is impossible for foreign students to pay it, Law says.

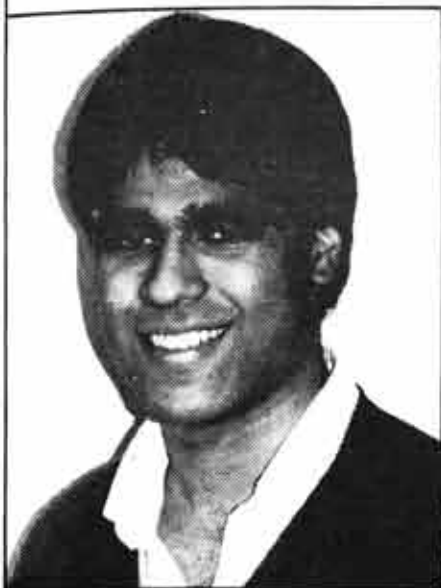
Law thinks that WLUSU should book the best bands possible, because students seem to be willing to pay to see good bands. No-name bands have trouble drawing crowds, so good bands should be available for no more than \$9 a ticket. There should be some subsidizing, because the liquor profits are good at these events, Law notes.

Mike's main concerns are: better operation of Wilf's; "fulfilling the role of a representative" for the business students; better communication between the WLUSU Board and the students; and more student awareness of board meetings by having articles in *The Cord* before and after every meeting.



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## Business Director Candidates



Vas Pachapurkar

**Platform**

Voicing the concerns of the students is the role of the business director. It involves addressing these concerns to the Board not only for discussion but also for evaluation and implementation. As the day-to-day issues are brought up, it is important to realize that each member has only one vote and that it is imperative that the Board work collectively to resolve these issues.

Although my experiences within the school are limited, my outside activities such as creating an Investment Club or starting an Ethnic Youth Organization will more than aid me in dealing with the school concerns.

I am not a politician with flamboyant promises. I do, however, wish to represent the student body fairly in meeting their needs and at the same time learn more about the school system itself. After attending Laurier for three years, I have the desire and determination to get involved.

I am a very approachable person who enjoys working with others. If you wish to know my views on any specific issues, feel free to grab me in the hall and ask. And remember, on election day, vote for those you feel will best represent your interests.

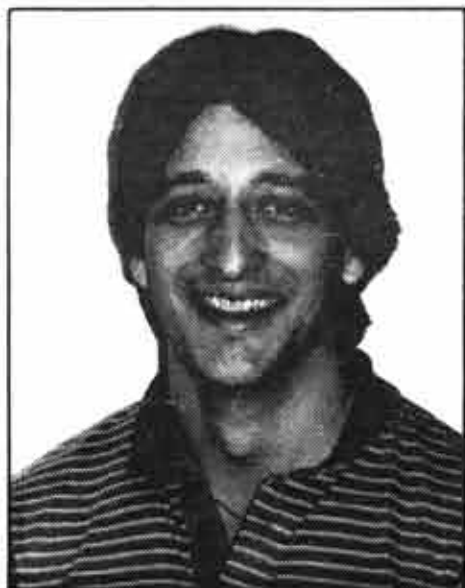
**Interview**

Vas Pachapurkar doesn't see the need for any more special treatment than is given to the issue of women's safety now.

Pachapurkar feels differential fees for foreign students are proper because foreign students are quite wealthy.

Pachapurkar thinks the Turret should get more popular bands less frequently because the interest is not there every week. He says he would favour ticket subsidies.

Pachapurkar believes some of the concerns facing students are: Wilf's hours; Torque Room lineups; bus pass prices; and parking.



Dave Scicluna

**Platform**

As a result of holding the position of Business Director for the 1983-84 academic year, I have learned that listening to and standing up for the rights and needs of the general student body is a Business Director's primary task. This is a task that I enjoyed performing. When I combine this reason with the fact that there are still a few issues that I would like to see developed even further, I have decided to run for re-election.

The first of these issues is concerning the discounted student bus pass that offers public busing to students at a reduced rate. The next step in offering an even greater benefit to the student should be a Student Union subsidy to Kitchener Transit. Through the use of a \$2,000 Student Union subsidy, the price of this bus pass to the students for a period of four months could be reduced from \$97 to as low as \$80.

This price reduction would be of maximum benefit to the students since this subsidy would not affect the present level of their Student Union fees.

The second issue deals with the development of the new Arts Building. When the referendum was held several benefits were emphasized to the students. To act in the students' best interest, I would like to see the actual benefits of the Arts building remain in line with the intended benefits of this development to all students.

**Interview**

Dave Scicluna feels that an escort service should be implemented for women's safety. There shouldn't be any trouble getting people involved, he says.

Foreign students should be charged more for tuition, says Scicluna. In terms of the amount, he believes the present system is good, and will give an indication of the type of fees students should be paying.

Scicluna is pleased with the way the Turret is being handled now, especially with all the renovations. WLUSU should book big bands less frequently than local bands, he says. Ticket price subsidization should occur to the amount that student union fees are affected, Scicluna adds.

Scicluna has several concerns; consistency in what WLUSU promises and produces; WLUSU subsidy of bus passes; continuing talks with Kitchener Transit for a better deal; informing our students of the many benefits from the new Arts Centre; focusing WLUSU spending on students and not on academic facilities; cautious wording of referendums to prevent sending wrong messages to administration; increasing residence space for first-year students; and implementing a buddy system for first-year students with someone in the faculty to help them adjust to WLUSU.



Mandy Scully

**Platform**

My name is Mandy Scully. I am a third year business student and am applying for the position of business director on the WLUSU Board of Directors.

I feel the main function of a business director is to act as a liaison between the student body and the university administration. This involves making the students aware of services that WLUSU provides such as legal services, Looton, The Cord, Sam Board, the games room, Wilf's, and the Turret.

As well, WLUSU is responsible for the organization of activities such as Orientation Week, Winter Carnival, Homecoming, and Oktoberfest.

I feel I would be a capable business director as I have always been involved in the administrative, athletic, and social aspects of Laurier. I have been a Don in residence for the past two years which has developed my leadership, responsibility, and organization skills. My involvement in intramural sports has enhanced my cooperation and team capabilities. I feel the combination of these attributes will make me an effective addition to the WLUSU Board.

Remember to vote on February 2.

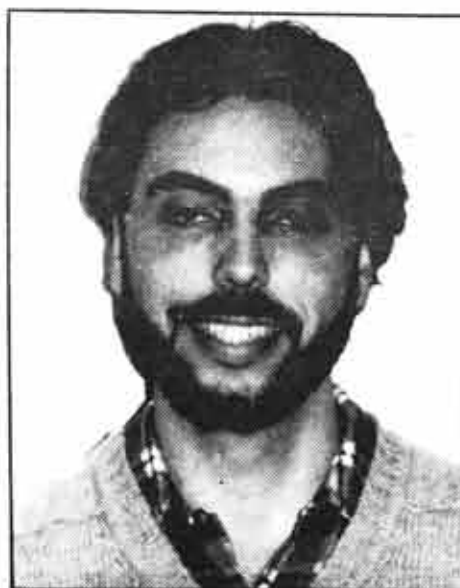
**Interview**

Mandy Scully wants women to be made more aware of what is happening on campus with regard to security. She's very conscious of this problem, and feels that although security is good (particularly in residence), there should be more stories in *The Cord* to let women know of the potential dangers.

She feels that foreign students should be charged greater fees, because Canadian families have contributed to educational funding for generations, and foreign parents haven't.

Scully thinks the Turret should get bigger name bands because mediocre bands don't bring people, and people will pay for a good band. Subsidizing should not occur beyond keeping ticket prices below \$8 a ticket, she says.

Scully is concerned with having longer hours at Wilf's; Bette Stephenson's funding cuts; watching the Development Fund to see how money is used; making the bus pass permanent; and following through on the Turret changes.



Dave Uez

**Platform**

Laurier has a strong student union that has been providing valuable services to the student body. However, I believe that there is a potential for major new functions of the Student Union. Through my own observations and in discussion with other students, including present board members, I see several needs that could be better fulfilled.

WLUSU has improved its visibility with the establishment of the info booth. I believe in the idea of going out to the student body and showing them what's available and that participation is possible. Instead of just putting an invitation in the Cord for people to come up to the office and ask about involvement, why not make some presentations to the students telling them about WLUSU?

The purpose of WLUSU is to serve the students. Recent plans, including the idea of a buddy system for new students, the improvements of the Turret, and establishing a WLUSU-managed typing service, illustrate this purpose.

Some of the ideas I want to see explored are: WLUSU owned and operated off-campus housing to insure reasonable standards, aiding the PCS in getting summer jobs for students, organizing escorts for women going home after night class and putting past exams in the reference room at the library. One minor point — everyone wants better hours at Wilf's. I was told that a feasibility study, in which Wilf's hours were extended, didn't show significant demand. However, no one knew about the new hours. The demand is still there.

**Interview**

Dave Uez believes that an escort service might be a good idea. He can't see student patrols working but he would like to see no trespassing signs placed around the university to discourage these things from happening again. He added that self-defense classes might be a good idea if there is a demand for them.

Uez thinks we shouldn't be subsidizing foreign student fees. He doesn't see a need to subsidize the fees of people who can, for the most part, afford to pay the higher fees.

Uez agrees that the bands should be of high quality and says that WLUSU should not subsidize the tickets. He sees it as a straight business deal, and if students want good bands, six to seven dollars is not an unreasonable price to pay.

Uez believes that the following issues are of concern to students: the quality and overcrowding of dining facilities; on- and off-campus housing; safety for women on campus; accessibility of WLUSU; Wilf's hours; and summer jobs.

### Interview Format:

Each Arts, Business and Music candidate was given room for a 250 word platform. Following the platforms are four questions asked by the Cord of each candidate. The four questions are:

1. In light of the recent campus incident involving an intruder in a women's washroom, what specific measures do you think should be taken to ensure the safety of women on campus?
2. What is your stand on the practise of charging differential fees to foreign students?
3. What should be the priority of the Entertainment Committee in booking bands for the Turret? To get a cover band weekly or to bring in a big name band that would cost the students more money? If the higher priced bands are brought in, should WLUSU subsidize the ticket prices to make the bands more affordable?
4. What are some of the main concerns that are of general importance to students?



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**Matt Certosimo**

**Platform**  
Although I see specific improvements I would like to work toward, the expansion of Wilf's open-hours, regular use of *The Cord* to make known WLUSU activity and a study into the possibilities of increasing on-campus student employment to name a few, my primary concern refers to the general tone of WLUSU, as a student government. Undoubtedly, the time and organization put into winter carnival and the Turret, for example, has resulted in good participation; I would never take anything away from these accomplishments. But, student government is more than a social convener; more than a "beer and pizza fund." For students to get involved in student government, WLUSU must lead the way by showing an interest in Laurier beyond the pub.

Recently, for example, a young lady became another near casualty in the cafeteria, when she slipped on the wet, slushy floor. When one of the staff ladies was asked about the possibility of getting carpets for the area, she said the issue was regularly discussed at safety committee meetings, but nothing seemed to get done. Now, if WLUSU made it their policy to become aware of such student concerns, the proper channels could be used to have the needed safety measures performed—before any further mishaps lead to serious injuries. That's not over-stepping WLUSU's mandate, that's sound representation of the students of this institution.

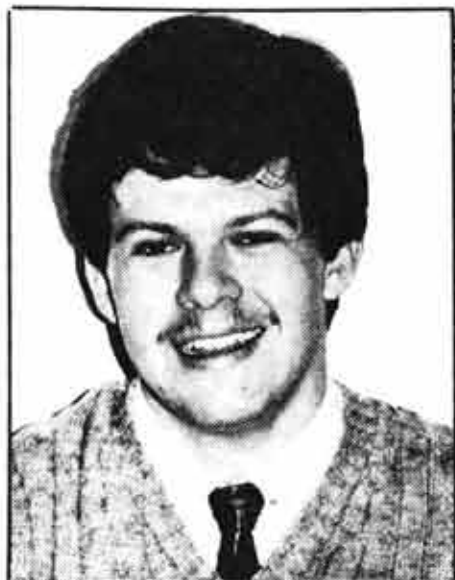
**Interview**  
Certosimo has several ideas for increasing the safety of women on campus. The security force should be "propped up", female officers added who could check the washrooms, and self-defence classes offered for women on campus.

In terms of differential fees "there are reasons for charging them more, unfortunately." The government is giving up a Canadian place which has been funded by this country's taxpayers, so differential fees make up for this Canadian loss.

The priority of the Student Union entertainment committee is to break even, he says. Wilf's and the Turret are too profit-oriented — enough money is generated by liquor sales. Bigger name bands should, says Certosimo, be brought in on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. The Arts Centre might be a good place to have bands since "we'll be paying for it," says Certosimo. The Student Union should subsidize these events only to the extent of the potential profits, so as not to use student fees, he added.

Certosimo's main concerns are: general safety on campus; getting WLUSU more involved with students; getting Wilf's opened longer; Bette Stephenson's commission; WLU joining OFS; using *The Cord* to communicate

with students; making sure WLUSU doesn't become a "fat cat" organization; preventing isolation of faculties and students; and having a copy of the Corporation Act available to every student.



**Jim Bird**

**Platform**  
Jim Bird would like to see some action taken to ensure the safety of women on campus. He thinks the police could help in setting up self-defence programs and that an escort service should be tried. He feels a committee should be established to look into how women's interests are served.

Bird thinks it is not our responsibility to fund foreign students to the extent that we fund Canadians and he agrees with the present practice of charging differential fees.

Bird feels there is not a lot of sense in bringing cover bands to the Turret every week and he believes WLUSU must at least break even. He says experience has proven that big bands fill the pub. He doesn't feel ticket prices should be subsidized and people should be prepared to pay more for better bands.

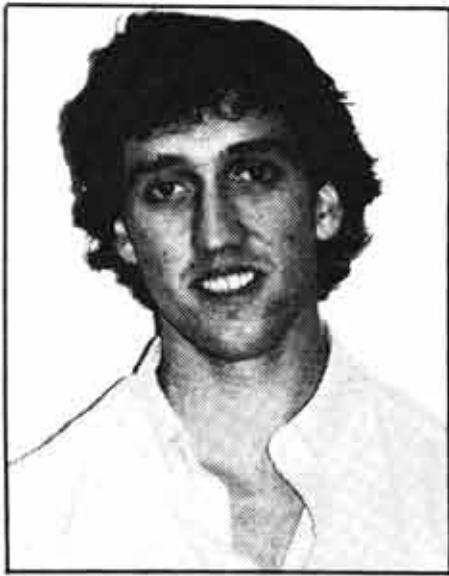
Bird thinks some of the concerns facing students are: women's issues; bus passes; ticket policy changes at the last minute; poor scheduling for student use of the Athletic Complex; and the money spent on Turret renovations.

**Interview**  
In my three years at this university I have heard people complaining about various problems. Such concerns have ranged from beefing about the hours in Wilf's to WLUSU's erratic ticket policies to bus pass prices. The other day while down at the A.C., I overheard a couple of people complaining about the fact that there was no way the average student could find out when the gym was available to the general student body. They claimed that regularly whenever they attempted to get a little exercise by using the gym, the time they had chosen coincided with a scheduled class or team practice. Their concern was that the A.C. did not publish a schedule for the gym, like they did for the pool.

In the wake of all this talk, I decided I could be more productive if I did more than just talk about the potential solutions. It is with this in mind that I have decided to become involved with the hope of correcting some of these problems.

To denigrate the validity of these areas of concern would prove irresponsible and nothing is further from my mind.

Recently on campus I have also heard a number of females expressing concern for their safety; and if there is an issue that I see as most pressing it is to this that the attention must be focused for no other reason than there is much at stake. The safety of our female population is much more important than the hours at which we can drink



**Scott Howe**

**Platform**  
As candidate for the WLUSU position of Arts Director I would like to take this opportunity to outline my personal background, explain why I should be your arts director and describe what I intend to do that will benefit you as a student at Laurier.

At present I am in the second year of a four-year history and political science degree. Outside of my studies I have been an active member of the Varsity Men's Squash team for two years and a member of various campus clubs. Like many of you I have also participated in the various special events sponsored by WLUSU such as the Winter Carnival which ended successfully last week. It is for these reasons that I am particularly interested in becoming active in student government.

I feel that the upcoming body of WLUSU should concentrate on maximizing benefits for the students both scholastically and socially. Laurier has a reputation as being a relatively small school with excellent facilities, high academic standards and a socially active student body. My concern is that these continue to be the outstanding characteristics of our university so that we can maximize benefits for the students both scholastically and socially. For example, this means that we continue to implement the proposed Turret changes. It also means investigating areas such as: the new bus pass (i.e. pursue the proposal for a study); Wilf's hours (i.e. should they be extended?); the library (i.e. who gains from the addition?); special events ticket sales (i.e. can there not be a better procedure?); university intruders (i.e. greater deterrents) and greater recognition for minor Varsity sports.

**Interview**  
Scott Howe was upset by the bathroom intruder incident, feeling that a stiffer fine or a weekend in jail would be a better deterrent. An escort service would be difficult to arrange, says Howe; he feels that no one should be alone on campus, and girls should get male friends to escort them.

It's a fair practice to charge differential fees for foreign students, says Howe, although he feels that the increase shouldn't be so steep; it should be implemented in steps.

Howe thinks we should get bigger name bands with proper public promotion. Smaller local bands should still be brought in at a lower price. A subsidy of tickets should be offered on the discretion of the committee, he says.

Howe's concerns are: pursuit of the proposed study on the bus pass; Wilf's hours; better set-up of the government documents area in the library; better ticket sales system for special events (such as a lottery system); university intruders; and safety in the A.C., particularly on the squash courts.



**Sheila Clendenning**

**Platform**  
Involvement. That is the motivating force behind my decision to run for Arts Director. Having had a chance to participate in and organize two school functions this year, I realize I would like the opportunity to do more for the students of Laurier. I was one of the organizers of the Winter Carnival Olympics 1984. While there was a great deal of work involved in putting this event together, the reward of it all came in seeing the number of active participants having a great time enjoying themselves. Without the support of the students this event would not have been successful. As an Icebreaker in September 1983, I thoroughly enjoyed orienting the first year students and "breaking the ice" for them.

The Board of this past year have done a great deal for the students of WLU and in so doing have laid the groundwork for the succeeding Board to continue to meet the needs of the students. I would very much like to be a member of the Board involved in speaking on behalf of the students. I am a reliable and approachable individual. If elected as an Arts Director, I would do my sincere best to represent the students of Laurier.

**Interview**  
Sheila Clendenning thinks an escort service run until 1:00 or 1:30 a.m. would be worth trying as a method of dealing with the security problems women face.

Clendenning also believes foreign students should be charged a differential fee and that Canadians should have first chance at going to Canadian universities.

She feels that the Turret should bring in better-known bands. She has no complaints about ticket prices and believes there is no need to subsidize tickets.

Clendenning believes that some of the concerns facing students are: places to study in the school; the need for a bus system to get people home after pubs; women's safety; improving the general atmosphere at Laurier; and changing the meal plan in the dining hall.



**Jeff Kaake**

**Platform**  
I participated as an Ice Breaker this

school year, and found a feeling of belonging which involvement can bring. Arts Director is a position which I can further my participation, while also learning much from the experience.

I'm enthusiastic about the challenges of this position, and eagerly hope for the chance to prove myself capable of the responsibilities. I'll represent the faculty of Arts to the best of my ability, intending to voice my opinion in hope of benefitting the program's interests. The Arts program is one to be proud of, and I'll instill that pride in my work.

I wish my opponents the best of luck, of whom all would make a good representative for the Arts.

**Interview**  
Jeff Kaake feels that some of the safety problems that women face could be cured by leaving more lights on, having more security guards on patrol, installing an emergency alarm in the washrooms, having the school take a stronger stand when something does happen, and making people aware of the problems when they happen.

Kaake wonders why foreign students should pay more tuition when they receive the same services we receive. They get the same profs, same classroom and same education. He doesn't see why foreign students should pay more just because of their colour or the language they speak.

Kaake would like to see WLUSU hire better-known bands at the higher price. He doesn't think that WLUSU should subsidize the ticket prices, however. "People should expect to pay a couple of dollars more for a better band," he explained.

Kaake feels that some of the main concerns facing students are: shortage of money; the heavy work load; both summer and full-time jobs; depression; and peer pressure, especially in the residences.



**Charlene Hughes**

**Platform**  
The role performed by the Arts Director includes a wide range of input concerning the various aspects of school functions. For example, the improvement of the Turret is a WLUSU project which, although costly, is nonetheless worthwhile. The dwindling attendance at the Turret before Christmas and the increase in numbers since, is definite proof of the success of the venture. The present board should be congratulated.

The renovations of the library will force changes in study areas provided for the students. The closing of the reserve room and the consequential problems this will cause will require an investigation to find an alternative study room for the students.

Also, the bus pass issue, although an old one, needs follow-up before



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the price could possibly be reduced again, to further benefit the students.

I have in the past two years at Laurier been involved in Tamaie. I have been a first year class representative and am presently a second year representative to the board of Tamaie. My duties include organizing first and second year 'biz' parties, and am presently on a committee that is working on the Tamaie Ball. I feel these positions have given me insight to the workings of a student-run organization, and would thereby benefit my actions as an Arts Director.

### Interview

Charlene Hughes feels that security on campus should be tightened with patrols paying more attention to washrooms and areas near Conrad Hall to ensure the safety of women on campus.

Hughes believes foreign students should be charged more considering that Canadian residents pay taxes for universities and foreign students don't.

She thinks the Turret should get more popular bands and partial subsidies should be offered for the higher priced bands.

Hughes says some of the concerns facing students include: where their money is being spent; facilities and services in the school; academic concerns; how to get involved; and how the school can help them.

I have enjoyed these past and present activities and am looking forward to being more involved in the future with WLUSU. Please remember to vote responsibly on February 2.



**Peter Nosalik**

### Platform

My name is Peter Nosalik and I am running for Arts Director. First I would like to tell you about my involvement this year. Back in September I was a student host for Career Fair. I am involved with Offcam and their athletics. As well, I am an active member in AIESEC in their publicity department. I am also the Vice-President of the English Club. And most recently I was a Winter Carnival captain. These different activities gave me a broad view of WLU with all of its potential and ability. I also learned the workings of the Student Union by being involved with it. I want this involvement to continue and grow and I will work hard towards this.

I plan to graduate with my Honours English with the Administration Option degree. This program gives me a first-hand view of both the Arts and Business faculties which enables me to see the school as a whole, not as the two separate parts it sometimes seems. Also, because of the work load this program entails I have and will again attend Summer Session. This means I can work for the students all year round and will have more time during the fall and winter terms for

my duties.

Finally, I am from Kitchener and was heavily involved in high school. This gave me valuable experience dealing with local companies on such projects as fund raising, community involvement and publicity.

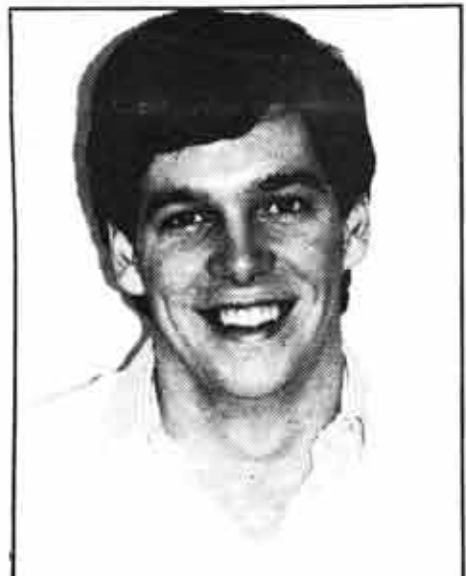
### Interview

The fine should have been stiffer for the bathroom intruder, according to Peter Nosalik. Women should be made more aware of the problem, residences should be kept "fortress-like," and more security guards are necessary, says Nosalik.

Nosalik believes that it's right to charge differential fees, because the government subsidizes most of the tuition for Canadians, so the difference should be evened out for non-taxpayers.

Big name bands should be booked at the Turret because there are enough places to see local bands off campus, says Nosalik. He doesn't think there should be a subsidy of ticket prices, because people are obviously willing to pay, and WLUSU can use that money in other ways.

Nosalik is very concerned about: the Business orientation of our school not encompassing Arts students well; getting students involved in clubs and special events; helping off-campus students get more involved; better communication through the school; using **The Cord** and bulletin boards; and fair administration of money for clubs and events.



**Larry O'Reilly**

### Platform

My main concern, if elected, would be to ensure that a reasonable level of services to the students be maintained by WLUSU. In response to the vast amount of money spent in upgrading the Turret in 1983-'84 it would be natural for WLUSU to try and conserve funds. Yet, it is imperative that any conservation measures taken will not affect the student services, both existing and those yet to be implemented. WLUSU, under Tom Reaume, attacked major issues (such as the Turret attendance problem and subsidized busing) head-on and sought viable solutions — a determined effort such as this needs to be continued.

In working at the Turret, I am in regular contact with students from many faculties. In a social atmosphere such as exists in the Turret or while I'm DJing for SAMBOARD, the students are not hesitant in voicing their concerns and thus I feel I am in a position to bring these concerns to the WLUSU board.

### Interview

Larry O'Reilly says it would be hard to increase security to improve the safety of women. Courses in self-defense could be offered if desired, he noted. He thinks a woman's committee and a Rape Crisis Centre are great ideas. Other suggestions O'Reilly had were to try an escort

service and to lobby for stiffer penalties when such things do happen.

O'Reilly thinks that differential fees are "good and needed." The rate we charge them is still cheaper than the deal they would get in the States, says O'Reilly. Foreign students have enough money to pay the higher fees because they can obviously afford to come here and live, he adds.

O'Reilly sees it is obvious that students won't come to cover bands so the solution is to go for the bigger bands. He also thinks that there should be a ceiling price of six dollars on tickets.

Some of the main concerns according to O'Reilly are: an escort service for women; accessibility for handicapped to the S.U.B.; accessibility of WLUSU administration; greater services provided by WLUSU; and a very active WLUSU.



**Terry Pursell**

### Platform

My name is Terry Pursell and I am in third year, majoring in Anthropology with a minor in Political Science. Currently, I am running for re-election on the Board of Directors. Since joining the Board last October, I have not merely filled an empty chair. I am an active representative member of the present Board and will continue to expand my responsibilities towards the students on the next Board.

During my term on the Board, I became a member of the Building Committee which marketed the Turret to include the video-screen, satellite dish, popcorn machine, shooter bar and choice of beer. In addition, I was the Chairperson of the much successful "YES" campaign for the referendum to donate to the University Art Centre.

I would like to see a combination of Student Security and Women's Awareness implemented on campus due to the lack of any protection for female students, faculty or staff. I am very enthusiastic about a buddy system for first year and transfer students that would acquaint them with senior members of their faculty for guidance and assistance. If this is approved by the university, I will be one of the Arts Co-ordinators.

Thank you for your support in the last election. I hope for it in the next.

### Interview

Terry Pursell believes that along with increased student security and more counselling lectures, a strong women's awareness group is necessary. Women's problems should be an all-year concern and not just a one-week event, says Pursell. The rape crisis week was a good start but the problems need to be addressed all year round, explained Pursell. Another idea is emergency phones in the women's washrooms, she suggested.

Although foreign student have the right to an equal education, they should be prepared to pay higher fees, believes Pursell. She added that it is a privilege to come to a Canadian university because we give a world

class education.

Pursell believes that we should go with the higher-priced, better-known bands, and that WLUSU should subsidize tickets. She thinks that seven to eight dollars is the maximum that students should be asked to pay for a ticket.

The top student concerns, according to Pursell, are: housing; women's awareness; paid editor for **The Cord**; more hours for Wilf's; new furniture in the T.V. lounge; traffic lights at Hazel and University; a buddy system for new and transfer students; and a no smoking area in the Torque Room.



**Cliff Somerville**

### Platform

I have been quite active in community events and organizations in the past so the idea of being a board member for WLUSU is not out of line. I have experience acting on a board of directors through my hometown amateur theatre group and have been quite involved in organizing and planning events. I have done volunteer work in the past, including a bit for the Alumni Assoc. I also organized the Stock Market Club here at Laurier and have been Co-ordinator of activities since its inception.

I enjoy getting involved with student activities for both the challenge and the experience. As I see it, school is what you make it and for me this means getting involved, doing a good job, and gaining a sense of accomplishment.

A social atmosphere is very important in the academic environment because of the pressures and demands placed on students. It is the role of the student union and thus the directors to provide for and encourage this type of interaction through the services offered and the facilities at hand. Much more than the physical locations are needed, however, and that is where the distinction is made between a good board of directors and a bad group. I would like to commend the present board for all their hard work and accomplishments this past year—they have really made an appreciable contribution.

### Interview

Somerville believes that, to increase the safety of women on campus, lighting should be improved and a security guard should be on call at all times.

Although Somerville signed last year's petition against the fee hike for foreign students, he now feels that there should be differential fees. The higher fee is needed so that more Canadian students can get into university, explained Somerville.

Somerville agrees with most other candidates that WLUSU should strive to get the bigger bands and that a ceiling of five to six dollars should be placed on ticket prices. WLUSU should subsidize any ticket price above that, says Somerville.

Some of the major concerns of students according to Somerville

are: the level of education students are receiving; an active role for the student union; on- and off-campus housing; the role of Career Services; and WLU's Development Fund.



**Ruth Walker**

### Platform

I am Ruth Walker and I am running for the position of Arts Director. Over the past two years, I have appreciated the lifestyle that WLU has allowed me to develop through the many activities and opportunities it has to offer. I am in second year Honours History and have been involved in many clubs on campus. It has been through participation in these activities especially as an icebreaker that I have decided to take a more active interest in the Student Union and try to help other students enjoy university life. I have had previous experience on Student Councils during high school where I was an active member for four years. My positions included being Head Social Convenor which involved a lot of organization and leadership. I am outgoing, enthusiastic, responsible and interested in making the Student Union work to better the student body.

Areas I would like to see addressed and solutions found are personal security on campus, improving the pubs, increasing services in the library such as the start of computer book checkout and improving the intramural system. There are many issues to confront in this coming academic year and many jobs to fulfill; my hope is that you will allow me to be a part of your Student Union. Make sure you vote, and on February 2 vote Ruth Walker for Arts Director.

### Interview

Ruth Walker isn't convinced that monitoring will work. She feels that the lighting isn't strong enough, especially near the Peters Building. Student security should be increased and emergency phones should be installed, Walker says.

Differential fees are reasonable, she says, because Canadians put money in at different levels and thus deserve the privileges.

Both big-name and local bands should be brought to the Turret, so that we can keep the community by supporting local talent. Walker suggests one set price for all bands to even the cost. If there is a surplus of money, WLUSU should subsidize the ticket price, but we're a small school and should be prepared to pay, Walker notes.

These are Walker's major concerns: more time for students in the A.C.; the changeover of the library's signing out system; maintaining exciting entertainment standards, while possibly finding a bigger place to hold a movie night; more women's intramural sports; better advertising for plays; having a bank, pharmacy and convenience store right on campus.



# SPECIAL ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

## Kevin Byers: interview

According to Kevin Byers, an escort service is a "good idea" to increase the general safety of women on campus, although he realizes that this is not the answer to specific wash-room safety. A commission of women's affairs that would come directly under the WLUSU president and which could set up an escort service and self defense seminars is what Byers thinks WLU needs. As well, he says that the current security system on campus should be examined in terms of their handling of the court proceedings that gave the washroom intruder only a \$103 fine.

Byers considers present tuition fees for all students—foreign and Canadian—to be adequate. "The differential fee system is O.K. as it is," says Byers, but "reasonable notice" of substantial increases in tuition must be provided.

The entertainment committee should "go with big bands" according to Byers, who says that based on experience it is clear that students are willing to pay big prices for big names. Subsidization of tickets would be feasible as long as WLUSU breaks even, he says. Holding concerts at off-campus locations that can handle more people would enable lower ticket prices, suggest Byers, who added that he doesn't think ticket prices have been a

problem.

Byers believes that the refundable fee needs to be advertised to inform students adequately in September and January.

The student press, says Byers, must inform students of what's going on within the Student Union and the Laurier community, as well as within the Ontario university scene. Most of the emphasis should be on local issues, says Byers, and not on federal or provincial issues.

While Byers notes that the present bus pass offer is a substantial improvement over the adult pass, he believes that the price can be decreased another \$10 or \$15 simply because of the larger number of students that have purchased the pass—almost twice as many as Kitchener Transit anticipated.

In terms of re-joining the Canadian Federation of Students, Byers doesn't think there is a present need. "Anyone who wants to find out what's happening at another university is just a phone call or letter away," notes Byers, indicating that communication among schools is good. "As long as we keep in contact, we don't need it," says Byers. "It's not worth it for what we would have to put into it."

Byers is concerned with: setting up a women's commission; making the Hazel and University crossing safe; lowering the price of the bus pass; trying to lengthen the hours at Wilf's; revising the meal plan; and continuing Turret renovations.

## Kevin Dryden: interview

Kevin Dryden feels that a step in the right direction for greater safety of women on campus is to run a campaign in residence to get men to walk women home. He would like to see self-defence lessons started at school and thinks that students should be made more aware of the problems. Too many incidents go unpublicized, explained Dryden. Another key to increase safety, says Dryden, is to elect him as president. Dryden stresses the importance of continuity in WLUSU and said that many issues are overrun by a changeover government. Dryden also added that he would have more time to devote to the issue in the capacity of president.

Dryden doesn't see the need for implementation of other specific measures to ensure that women's interests are adequately represented on campus. According to Dryden, "There isn't any noticeable discrimination against women at this school."

Dryden agrees that foreign students should pay higher tuition fees than Canadians but that the fees should not be a barrier to them coming to school here. He can see many benefits to having foreign students here. Dryden believes that they enhance our university environment and that they can make invaluable contacts for business students upon graduation.

The Turret should aim for bigger bands once every three or four weeks, believes Dryden. He also doesn't think that WLUSU

should subsidize ticket prices. He doesn't see it as a fair allocation of student fees, and added that students are willing to pay the higher prices for higher quality bands.

Dryden believes that the best way to inform students about the refundable fee is by using mailouts or flyers. Dryden added that WLUSU should make the refundable fee known, although he said "we don't want to advertise 'Come and get your \$15 back.'"

Dryden feels the role of the student press is to report what goes on at Laurier and that it is important to build a bridge between WLUSU and The Cord so that they work together instead of against each other. Dryden also feels that it is important to keep the full-time editor at The Cord so that the paper can maintain quality.

The present bus pass must be a success, says Dryden. Kitchener Transit expected 400 passes to be sold while in fact 700 were. He would like to see the price dropped even further but says that WLUSU or Kitchener Transit should not subsidize the price.

Although Dryden plans to "keep an eye on them", he sees no need for WLU to join CFS at present. As for as Dryden can tell, from readings and other people, CFS has no set direction. He also sees CFS as being somewhat "radical" and that Laurier's student union and student paper do not fit that mold.

In concluding, Dryden saw the following as some of the major concerns of students: assuring students that Development Fund plans are being followed; bus pass; accessibility of WLUSU to first-and-second-year students; a crosswalk at Hazel and University; and lengthening Wilf's hours.

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