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WLU: international connections

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Our International Student population is growing! At Laurier, we strive to be a diverse, personal and supportive community. International students representing over 40 countries are currently studying at Laurier. International Students choose Laurier because of our quality faculty, small classes, compact campus and the fact that Laurier graduates are in demand both for national and international jobs. Representation from forty countries also means that we have alumni in all parts of the world.

I am fortunate that in my travels and I am able to meet international Alumni as well as potential students.

The Office of the International Student Advisor has services and resources that will assist students during each stage of their journey, before they leave home, while they are on campus and assisting in preparing for their journey home.

In order to ease the transition from one culture to another, international students can be matched with Canadian buddies who help them in acclimatizing to their new surroundings. Not only can Buddies help with on and off campus tours, they can also help in understanding a very new classroom culture. Some international students are here for four or eight months, while others are here for their whole degree. Regardless of the length of their stay, the initial needs of the international student are the same. Being a buddy is a very rewarding experience. For information on how you can provide a necessary link to international

students, contact The Cord office, or the International Student Advisor.

I am also available to Laurier staff, faculty, students and student associations for cross cultural training workshops.

During the year my office will be again examining the international student experience at Laurier. This year I would also like to broaden the scope of the study to include input from domestic students about the internationalization process. Undergrad and Grad Students from various departments and faculties interested in this campus wide research can contact me.

In terms of office hours - I am available most days on campus however, call first before running all the way down to 202 Regina! During the weeks of October 12th- 23rd, James Swaka and Adrienne Katzew will be available if you require visa extension forms, immigration information or information on community resources.

Julie Liu, a Doctoral Student with the Faculty of Social work will be on call for students who have other needs or issues.

About the Cultural Make Up of K-W

Did You know that there are over 91 Formal Ethno-cultural groups in the area? Asian groups from the East, Middle, Southeast, South Pacific, the African Sub Continent and European group; German, Italian, Croatian.... For more information on local groups contact either the Multicultural Centre of Kitchener Waterloo (see ad on this



Debbie King works hard to make WLU a place where international students feel welcome.

LUKE MARTIN

page) or the Community Information Centre for Waterloo Region: 519-579-3800.

Places of Worship:

In the area, there are many churches and religious meeting places including: Baptist, Brethren Assemblies, Jehovah's Witnesses, Lutheran, Mennonite, Missionary, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, United, Sikh (Golden Triangle), Muslim Society of Waterloo and Wellington Counties (Mosque), and The Chinese Alliance Church.

For more information on the area and community services to newcomers

Check out the Kitchener Waterloo Multicultural Centre Web site: www.golden.net/~kwmc or the Community Information Centre 579-3800

Recently, companies outside Canada have shown an interest in providing financial support for students from their country who wish to study at Laurier. We at the University are committed to working with interested companies to establish opportunities for international student learning.

If you know of a company in your country that might be interested in supporting scholarships for students studying in Canada, contact the Pamela J. Healey, Director at e-mail phealey@mach2.wlu.ca or (519) 884-

0710 Ext. 3173.

If you know of an international student that may be Laurier-bound or considering studying at Laurier but they are concerned about their English proficiency, invite them to come for A Summer Break '99, English Studies and Cultural Program.

Students will be able to stay at Laurier and study at Conestoga's Waterloo Campus. Students who either need to improve their English Proficiency Score or English Proficiency can contact the Office of the International Student Advisor for times and dates of Conestoga programs and/or other community based English programs.

Laurier International: see the world

KAREN STRANG

Laurier International is the clearing office for international programs offered by Wilfrid Laurier University and is the administrative and organizational centre for international activities.

Laurier International encourages, promotes and recognizes international activity through the development of policies and guidelines for exchange agreements, international project work, and initiatives to internationalize our campus community.

Linkage agreements involve either students, faculty or staff. Currently,

Laurier has links with institutions in five continents. Twenty-seven student exchange programs exist in thirteen countries. Laurier International Director, Alex Murray has recently explored new partnerships in Scotland and Ireland.

This semester, thirty-two International Exchange Students from institutions in Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Sherbrooke Quebec arrived for the fall term, while forty-three Laurier students are pursuing their studies abroad. International student presence in the classroom brings a global perspective to discussion and group

work at Laurier.

Wilfrid Laurier University offers many opportunities for students of partner institutions in all faculties, to study courses at Laurier for transfer credit to their home institution degree.

International study experiences enable students to explore the cultural resources of different countries, to learn from distinct approaches to post-secondary education, and enrich their own understanding of the world outside their home country.

Watch our web site for updates on new exchange and international opportunities, (see address below).

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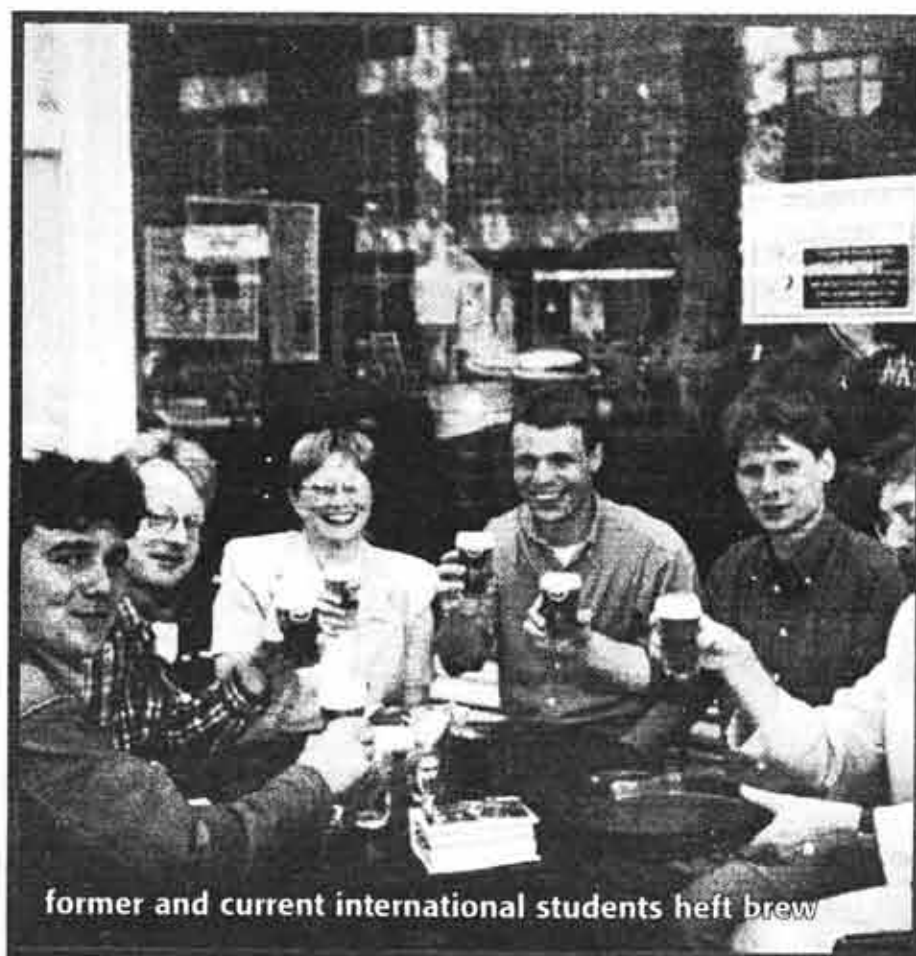
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former and current international students heft brew

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Experiencing Botswana

TED WHIDDEN

Twenty students from across Canada participated in the WUSC International Seminar for 1998 (anglophone), held in

the southern African country of Botswana. Our diverse backgrounds and interests added to what was an inevitably intense and emotional introduction to international develop-

ment.

The International Seminar is a six-week program of first-hand introduction to development, including visits to development projects, presentations by local NGOs (non-government organizations), a research project and a three week homestay.

During the first part of the program, we lived with Botswana students in the residence at the University of Botswana, making daily trips to development projects, and discussing all our experiences in groups.

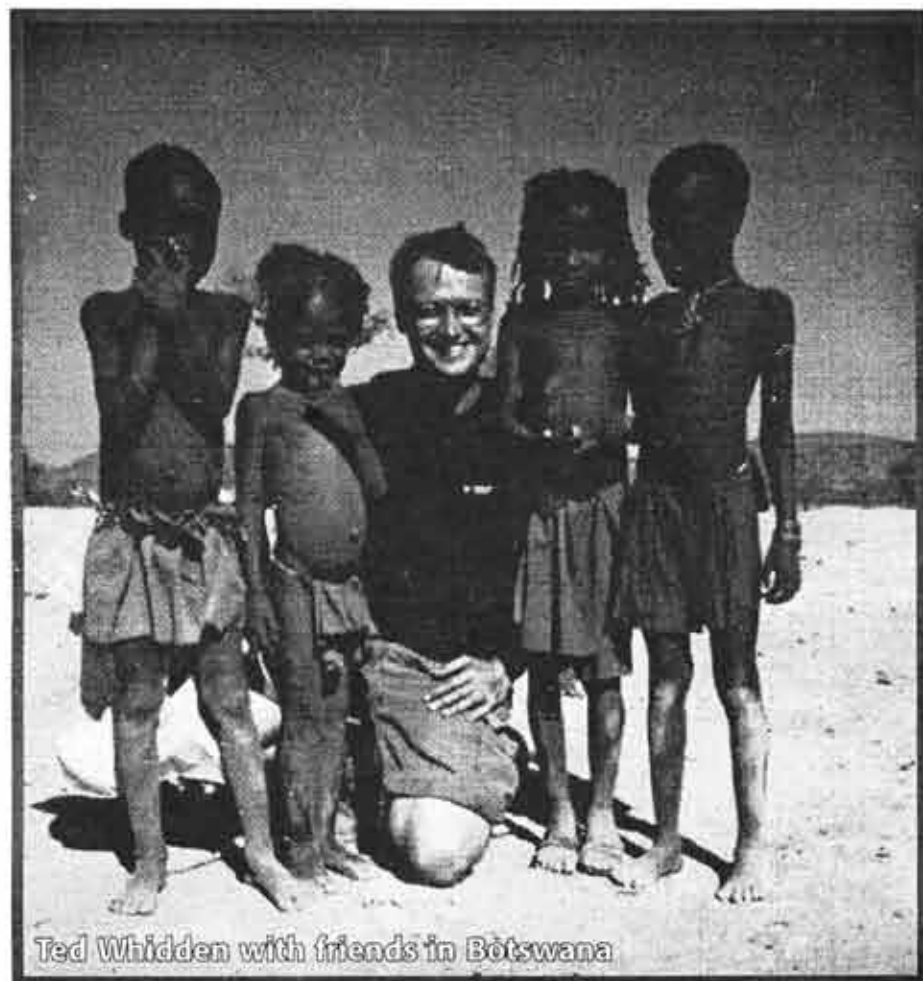
During the homestay, we had the freedom to experience village life while undertaking our research project.

My particular project looked at water conservation in Botswana, which is so important in one of the driest countries in the world.

Other students looked at a wide range of topics, from gender issues to indigenous art to media and the environment.

Almost all of us were able to stay on after the Seminar to take advantage of the opportunity for amazing independent travel experiences. And yes, we all went on big game safaris.

In 1999, the International Seminars will be held in Zimbabwe (anglophone) and Benin (francophone).



Ted Whidden with friends in Botswana

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WUSC Opportunities

DAVID BLACK

On April 1, 1998, the Cord released an article entitled "A Long Journey to Laurier." The article highlighted James Swaka's journey from a refugee camp in Nairobi to Laurier.

With the help of WUSC Ottawa, WUSC Local Committee, Students' Union, and Faculty James was sponsored to come to Laurier to complete his undergrad degree. Originally from Juba, in the southern Sudan James was forced to flee his country for fear of persecution.

Refugee sponsorship is only one of the activities that the local committee deals with. Some of the other programs include, Student Exchange for Enhanced Knowledge Program (SEEK) which is administered by Laurier International, WUSC Development Worker Program and Summer Student Internship.

Currently, WUSC - Local committee is taking applications for the Summer Seminar.

Interested in travel and research in Africa? The local committee is accepting applications from senior undergraduate students who wish to participate in the WUSC 1999 International Seminar in Zimbabwe this summer.

Twenty English-speaking students are selected in a national competition, and spend six weeks in Zimbabwe completing research projects of your own design.

Those selected in a national competition pay \$2500; all other costs are paid by WUSC. Applications are to propose a research project and produce a paper upon return. Your academic program may give credit for this experience. WUSC is one of the largest and oldest international development organizations in Canada, and the International Seminar has been operated since the 1940's.

For more information and an application, contact David Black. C/o the Communication Studies Program at dblack@mach1.wlu.ca or at 884-1970 x 3877.

Deadline for applications is October 28. Applications will be interviewed by WLU faculty and staff, and those applications entered in the national pool for final selection.

Ted Whidden, a Graduate student in the Master of Science Program in Civil Engineering at the University of Waterloo, and member of the local committee was the successful candidate for the Summer Seminar '98 program in Botswana.

International Campus Clubs

Laurier International Clubs

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a world-wide human rights movement independent of any government, political grouping, economic interest or religious creed.

We write letters to governments to ask for the immediate release of prisoners of conscience, and we work to promote awareness of world-wide human rights violations.

Black Student's Association

The Black Student's Association is a club

that provides social interaction for students wanting to discuss and learn more about Caribbean and African culture. This club is open to all and will include: special speakers, theme months, charity drives, gym nights, social nights, a Black History Month celebration and much more. We welcome all ideas and would love to see you come out and join us for a fun time.

Chinese Student's Association

The main objective of the club is to promote and enhance Chinese culture within Laurier's campus. All students are

encouraged to join the association.

Croatian Club

A student organization whose purpose is to: experience the Croatian culture, meet new friends and participate in special events like volleyball tournaments, camping trips, formal dances, and lots, lots more. Come on, hang out and relax!

French and Spanish Club

Le club Francais/Espagnol vous invite a partager dans une experience unique and culturel. El club Francais/Espagnol les invita a compartir en una experiencia cultural unica. The French/Spanish club invites you to share a unique cultural experience.

German Klub

Oktoberfest... Kameval... Brewery Tour... German Klub! Laurier's most rewarding social club will be hosting events throughout the school year for your enjoyment. Watch for announcement posters for details.

Irish Student's Association

This club is interested in promoting



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awareness within the Laurier student body as well as the community of Celtic culture!

All students are welcome to join. Look for our upcoming events in the Cord.

Italian Club

A social club which promotes the Italian culture through home-made dinners, social functions, and other entertaining events. AND... you don't have to be Italian to join!!

Jewish Student's Association (JSA)

We have a lot of great events planned including bagel brunches, shabbat dinners, free food, keg parties, trips to other universities, and leadership conferences. Everyone is welcome at all our events.

S.A.L.S.A. (South Asian Laurier Student Association)

It's an excellent way to explore all the great things the South Asian community has to offer Wilfrid Laurier University and meet other South Asians who want to share in this experience.

Taiwanese Student Association

We are the Taiwanese community of Laurier! As a club, our goal is to provide students with a common cultural background to the opportunity of learning more about their own culture (Taiwanese/Chinese). We have tons of social and cultural activities throughout the year. Everyone is welcome!

World Affairs Society

The WAS is dedicated to people interested in the events and issues taking place in the international arena. Past activities include attending model UN's, participating in the UN 50th celebrations, special speakers and various social events.

Laurier International Students Association

We are here for all students to enhance their life here at university. For international students, we offer a relaxed social environment where you can obtain resources. And for all others, it's a great chance to meet some people from everywhere in this global community of ours!

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The Consulate General of Japan JET Desk

Tel: (416) 363-5488 Fax: (416) 363-6074 E-mail: japanecg@idirect.com

** Visit our booth in the Concourse from 10:00-2:00, Tuesday, Oct. 13. **

Deadline for applications is November 13. Please do not send resumes.

JET PROGRAMME

K-W and Cebu: sisters

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employment and entrepreneurial training be established This will allow many individuals in the Province of Cebu to work with their sister City, Cebu in such areas as computers, water and sewer services and public works.

Under the direction of Dr. Alex Murray and in partnership with the University of San Carlos, the City of Cebu and the City of Kitchener Economic Development Department an information technology joint venture is being pursued.

Within the scope of the project, Laurier and the University of San Carlos are seeking funding for the development of multi media training facilities. The training component goes beyond the students at San Carlos and provided for a small business entrepreneurship.

Currently there are two small computer labs in San Carlos University for 16,000 students. In order to have greater participation of small and medium-sized enterprises, it is imperative that self-



The five year funding for this endeavour is provided by Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through the Federation of Canadian municipalities.

What does this mean for Laurier students? Laurier International will be exploring with the University of San Carlos exchange opportunities for Laurier Students.

The local Filipino Canadian Association of K-W is celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. This local group is available to assist students of Filipino origin, as well as, students who are

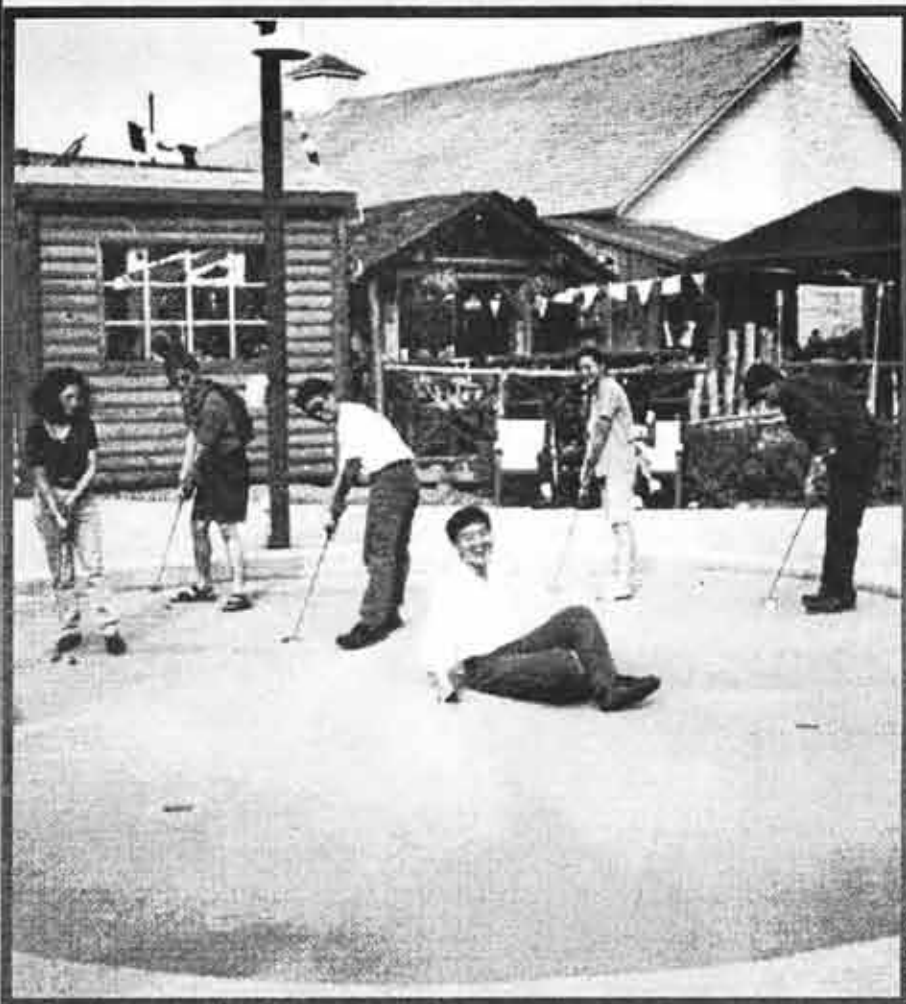
with Canadian business to start on the road to doing business with Canadians.

The City of Kitchener, and the Economic Development Department of Waterloo, will be sharing their expertise

interested in learning more about the Filipino culture.

For more information contact: Romy Atienza, President 748-5828 or e-mail at: latieza@sprint.ca

MBA Class of '99



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This year's MBA program has a wealth of international experience and expertise, twenty percent of this year's cohort being international students. Those who were able to arrive earlier for orientation learned about how some of the best business decisions are made. They say that the best business deals

are made on the golf course. By this time next year, this group of graduate candidates will also graduate to a bigger golf course.

Congratulations to Larry Wang, MBA '98 (sitting style of golf) and his wife Moyra on the birth of their first child in August.

Moyra is currently in Taiwan and will be joining Larry in Toronto.

Viva Canada!

ADRIAN KATZEW

My name is Adrian Katzew and I come from a very small town called Mexico City. As many of you might know Mexico City is one of the largest cities in this planet and it has the biggest problems too. But, I have to say it's also beautiful.

I don't know how many of you have been in Mexico, and how you liked it. I left Mexico

because my future there didn't look the way I envisioned it. Mexico is a place where there is a small group that is very rich and a big, actually very big, group that is very poor. I never felt comfortable in this political and economic environment.

When I came to Canada to finish my under graduate degree at Laurier, received me with open arms. The University showed a real interest towards international students and it allowed me to experience a whole new society, very different than where I come from.

Here I found the comfortable place that I was looking for, all though I am not able to find many brands of Tequila, and Rock music from Mexico is really scarce in this town (or non existent, to be more precise), I've learned to drink lots of beer and now I listen to Canadian music, which is not bad!

In the spring of this year I was



Adrian Katzew

allowing Canadians to experience a more dynamic and exciting way of driving!

Finally I would just like to say - thank you to Laurier for this amazing experience, and that Canada is a great place. I have been able to make many friends here, that I hope to keep through my life, and I've learned a new perception of the world. One day I'll go back to Mexico, there is a lot that needs to

be done down there. I am going to take many good memories and knowledge from here. Laurier students, this university and this country are great, keep working on them, making them a better place.

Adrian will graduate, from Laurier with a degree in Honours Economics in December 98. He plans to pursue a masters or PhD in Economics with a focus on income distribution.

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What's happening?

International buddies wanted!

Do want to learn about another culture, but can't afford to go abroad? Are you a former International exchange student who wants to continue your international experience? International students need Laurier students as buddies. In January there will be many international students coming to Laurier and they would appreciate being with an enthusiastic Laurier student. Join the buddy program! For more information contact the International Student Advisor.

Faculty of Social Work

Six Canadian Students and one international student, have sought learning and/or study placement abroad. Currently, Master of Social Work students are in England and Cebu in the Philippines.

Gebrehiwot Belete Burhuin, and international student from Ethiopia has returned home for a four month placement working with a health related Non-Government Organization.

In addition to his work there, Gebrehiwot will be presenting information on the political differences and similarities between his Canadian experience working with Kitchener downtown community Health Care Centre and his placement in Ethiopia.



AIESEC Canada

AIESEC is the world's largest student-run international exchange organization. AIESEC provides university students with the opportunity to manage and participate in an organization that partners with all sectors of the community, mobilizes youth globally, and exchanges students internationally.

Through its international exchanges initiatives, AIESEC strives to address issues that are relevant in the global community. The following areas are those in society where AIESEC achieves its greatest

impact, both in the students who manage and participate in the exchanges and in the organizations who partner with AIESEC: Corporate Social Responsibility, Cultural understanding, entrepreneurship, higher education and learning and information disbursement.

For more information on AIESEC and its activities on campus check out the aiesec webpage at: www.aiesec.org or e-mail ooaiesec@mach1.wlu.ca

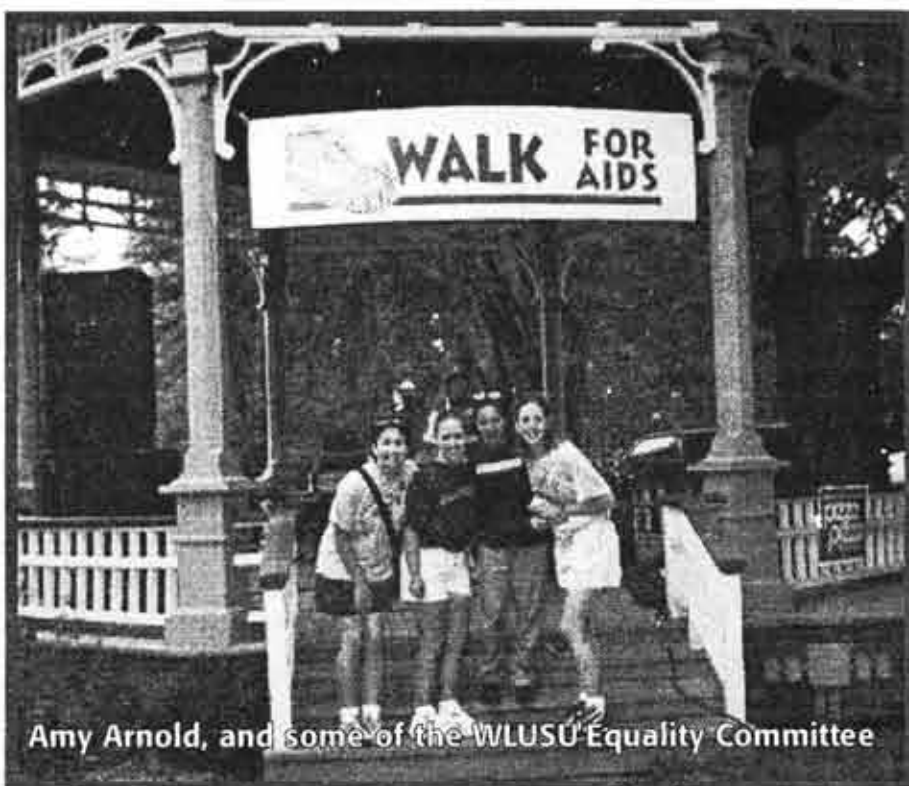
Linkages with The Netherlands

Dr. Jan Wesseling from the faculty of Econometrics, and Karen Strang, Coordinator of International Programs at Laurier, met with former exchange students Wilhelm-Jan Mijnlief and Eric Maree, and current international students Mark van den Berg and Joris de Rijk from the Universiteit van Amsterdam.

People interested in getting involved with the international scene can either contact Debbie King, Karen Strang, or Oliver Martin.

Oliver can be reached at 1-519-884-0710, extension 3564.

WLU Equality Committee active against AIDS



Amy Arnold, and some of the WLU Equality Committee

NICOLE CHIN

The WLU Equality Committee charged full-steam ahead into the school year by presenting its first event of many-AIDS Awareness Week.

The committee began the week by participating in AIDS Walk Canada at Victoria Park in Kitchener. The 10km walk was tons of fun and the Equality Committee would like to thank all the great people who donated and pledged them!!!

The week continued in the concourse with an awareness information booth and an abundance of supporters wearing red ribbons. To close off the

week, all were invited to attend the Philadelphia Movie Night in the 24 Hour Lounge; a night of education, fun, and free popcorn! All proceeds from the week will be donated to the AIDS Committee of Cambridge-Kitchener-Waterloo Area -- an amount totalling over \$250.

The WLU Equality Committee has many other great events planned this year, including Multicultural Week and Awareness Gala. Look in November for the Women's Rights Week, with emphasis on the White Ribbon Campaign. We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers. Contact Amy Arnold at am015802mach1.wlu.ca.

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