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`Trading Places' sends president and dean back to class for a day

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WATERLOO – Two senior administrators are trading in their desk calendars for student timetables as Laurier again raffles off two executive positions.

President and vice chancellor Bob Rosehart and David McMurray, dean of students and assistant vice president of student services, will trade places with the two students on February 25. Second-year economics student Vince Dessureault and Kerri Skillen, who is in her second year of geography, won their respective offices in a raffle that raised \$300 for a new Golden Hawk sign for the Athletic Complex.

"'Trading Places' gives the president and the dean the chance to experience a typical day in the life of a Laurier student," explained Barry Wilding, president of the Student Alumni Association. "The students, on the other hand, gain a little insight into issues and responsibilities that occupy top administrators."

President Dessureault will spend his day dealing with housing and Y2K issues, while Rosehart will promote Laurier's fashion show, shop for a birthday present for the president's girlfriend and take notes in econometrics. McMurray will attend geography classes, write a student publication survey and work out in the gym, while Dean Skillen attends meetings to discuss the new athletic complex project, off-campus residence issues and the proposed wellness centre. The four will meet at the end of the day in Wilf's pub to debrief and exchange notes.

This is Laurier's second President and Dean for the Day fundraiser. Last year, the SAA raised \$500 for the purchase of a new Golden Hawk mascot costume.