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SAMBROOKS

STOP THE VIOLINS I-Week concluded last Friday evening with a concert featuring musicians, dancers, and artists representing many different cultures at Myer Horowitz Theatre. For more I-Week photos, please see pages 8-9.

‘Canada matters,’ Ignatieff insists

Deputy Leader of the federal Liberals hits campus to talk about Canada’s place in global politics

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Students and faculty members crowded into a law building lecture room last Friday to hear Michael Ignatieff, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, give a talk on “Canada in the World: the Challenges Ahead.”

Anne McLellan, academic director of the Institute for United States Policy Studies, introduced the sponsored speaker, highlighting his pre-political achievements, which include publishing several books and holding numerous teaching posts.

Ignatieff started by extending a welcome to those in attendance—including Conservative notables such as Stockwell Day lingering in the background—stressing that while he’s “capable of bare-knuckled partisanship in lots of occasions,” this wasn’t a partisan political occasion, but rather an academic one.

“Canada matters,” he began, adding

that now is the time for Canada to exert leadership outside its borders.

“We matter intensely; we matter more than ever before. So let’s shed the kind of ‘who cares? who’s listening?’ [attitude],” he said. “Canada counts.”

According to Ignatieff, it’s impossible to launch into a discussion on Canadian foreign policy without considering Canada-US relations. However, he warned that Canada has to manage the difficult balancing act of being a “capable, credible security partner with the United States while maintaining an absolute control over our sovereignty at that border.”

Canadians are justly proud, Ignatieff says, of sharing the largest unprotected border in the world. But since 9/11, he warns that it’s become a “stickier and stickier” issue.

“You can’t go to many of our border crossings without being concerned that the border is going to become a choke chain,” he said.

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Final I-Week keynote calls for global change and equality

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Sustainable development, both on a global scale and in our own backyard, sparked heated discussion at last Thursday’s International Week keynote speech featuring economist Jeffrey Sachs, journalist Andrew Nikiforuk, and Dr Rick Hyndman, a senior policy advisor with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, was unable to attend the conference in person and delivered the keynote to the audience via a pre-taped address. Earlier in the week, he had been called on to attend a summit in Africa as part of his role as special advisor to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.

Beginning with his regrets for not being able to attend the I-Week event, Sachs launched into his speech, which he entitled “Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet.”

“The idea of common wealth is that we’re in this together in the world. We have a very crowded world, and we have to understand the economics of a crowded planet, and we have to

understand our common fate on that crowded planet,” Sachs said.

He identified four underlying trends of globalization on the planet, which he referred to as the “quadruple conundrum”: global economic convergence, ecosystem pressures, demographic change, and extreme poverty.

Highlighting in particular the role of universities and their ability to build the skills needed for sustainable development, Sachs touched on the need for change to reach any kind of reconciliation.

“We need a new kind of training and a new kind of thinking so that these fundamental drivers of global change can be understood, can be viewed in a holistic and integrating manner, and can be addressed globally and on a scientific, ethical, and professional basis,” he explained.

For Sachs, this change must keep pace with rapid growth. Current population trends forecast an additional 2.6 billion people on the planet by 2050, and the adverse effects of population growth and technological progress have already caused unsustainable dimensions of environmental damage.

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Healthy graduates

Three graduating men’s volleyball players went out with a bang, winning their last regular-season home games.

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Unhealthy undergrads

Proper nutrition be damned—Norman Lau reveals the secret of being an efficient student in *Ewe of A*

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