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# Campus beating

A WLU student is in police custody following a brutal assault on campus that left a fellow student in hospital with staples holding his face together

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NEWS EDITOR

A 20-year-old Laurier student was assaulted on Laurier campus on his way home from a friend's house early Sunday morning, just before 2:00 am.

Nineteen-year-old Laurier student Brock Schultz has been arrested and charged with assault in connection with the beating.

The victim and his friends left the Turret Nightclub after a fire alarm had been pulled. He walked another Laurier student, Jessica Foster, to her friend's house on Bricker Avenue after telling his roommate, Chris Candusso, that he'd be home shortly after dropping her off.

The student, whose identity has not yet been released, dropped off Foster and proceeded back towards his house on Albert Street. He was then confronted in the parking lot between the Laurier library and the seminary and severely beaten.

Two males and a female found the victim and walked him back to his house on Albert Street. Candusso and his other roommates then took him to the Grand River Hospital.

"My first thought was, 'We've got to take care of this right now,' which is what we did," says Candusso, a third-year business major, in reference to when he first saw his friend and roommate.

"It was shocking to see one of your best

friends and you don't know what to think," says Candusso, recalling his friend's arrival, when he saw him bleeding profusely.

"He's a great guy. He's friends with everybody and never [gets involved] in these incidents," says Candusso, who was childhood friends with the victim.

Laurier Community Safety and Security was notified about the incident two hours later after receiving a call from Waterloo Regional Police.

Approximately 80 percent of the Laurier campus is video monitored while the other 20 percent remains unseen by security. Images of the scene were out of the range of existing security cameras.

"I think this incident tells us that we really need some video coverage in that area," says Rod Curran, director of Laurier Community Safety and Security, who points out that not only would a video surveillance camera have been able to alert campus security quickly, had there been no one around to help the victim, but it would have also proven effective in identifying the assailants for court purposes.

Dean of Students David McMurray is concerned about an emergency call box which lies about 50 feet from where the assault took place.

The box is not only inoperable but is blocked off by a fence that was erected in August to keep individuals from entering the construction site of the Alvin Woods building.

"Those [call boxes] are there for a reason and they should be working," he says. "It's the responsibility of an institution to ensure that anything associated with safety and security is operational."

That responsibility falls on Laurier Physical Resources which oversees the renovation of the Alvin Woods building. When setting up the construction site, the accessibility of the call box was overlooked, says Ron Dupuis, assistant vice-president of physical resources.

"It's something we missed," says Dupuis. "It's not that we don't place a priority on these kinds of things, it's just that we get involved in so many things that sometimes we just miss something."

Dupuis first realized that the call box was fenced off on Monday after hearing it mentioned in a radio report on the assault.

Physical Resources is planning to relocate the box to a more visible location within that area of campus. According to Dupuis, the new box should be operational within two to three weeks.

Candusso feels that adequate security in the area of campus where the assault took place was overlooked.

"It makes me feel that the school hasn't

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## Canada's political 'bad boy'

Ousted MP tells *Cord* about Harper, his blog and why old folks only use the Internet for porn

**VERONICA HUGHES**  
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Garth Turner, Conservative and Member of Parliament for the Halton riding, was dismissed from the federal Conservative caucus last Wednesday. The reason: critical remarks made about the Conservative Party on his blog that have detailed his life as an MP since he took office last year.

During a phone interview from his office in Ottawa, Turner knew exactly why he had been let go. "I think it was intended to scare them [Conservative cabinet] into shutting up. I have been sacrificed for a reason. One of those reasons is clearly to send a message to caucus."

The Conservatives and Prime Minister Harper have remained tight-lipped with the media on Turner's sudden dismissal. The Prime Minister's Office was not available for comment when contacted by the *Cord*.

Turner explains that the Conservatives and Harper are untrusting of the Canadian media. "There's a feeling among Conservatives that people in the media get up every morning and go, 'Oh boy! How am I going to screw these people today?' And it's ridiculous."

The MP has been using the media to his advantage, as he has been the only one talking about the reasons surrounding his dismissal. The Conservatives thus far have refused to voice their side, which is especially concerning to the residents of the

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Shane Porter

**IN-VOAKING COURAGE** - Mark Voakes (right) splits the Queen's defence and scores for the Hawks. **FULL STORY ON PAGE 10.**

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# Student jobs cut

WLUSU expresses disgust regarding 'reckless' cuts to youth employment grant program

**APRIL ROBINSON**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Laurier's students' union is expressing its disappointment over the \$55 million budget cut to the Summer Career Placement Program in a letter to the president of the federal treasury board.

The cut, which took place near the end of September, will result in a loss of about 25,000 student jobs.

"We're really upset," says JD Muir, vice president of university affairs for WLUSU.

He says the Conservative government should have done a review of the program or at least changed the application process to make it more streamlined instead of making such a quick cut.

Muir has written a letter to be signed by all WLUSU directors, vice presidents and the president, Allan Cayenne.

"It's one more letter added on to their stack of letters saying, 'WTF, what were you doing?'" says Muir.

The Conservative Treasury Board made cuts to the program as part of a \$1 billion package of service cut-backs in September. The program

subsidized nearly 50,000 youth jobs last year.

"We are trimming the fat and re-focusing spending on the priorities of Canadians," said Baird in a federal press release.

Diane Finley, the minister for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), said the program was not an efficient use of taxpayers' money. She told the House of Commons on September 26 that years of Liberal rule had let the program go "crazy." Wealthy corporations had been taking advantage of the program when they could afford to pay for students themselves.

Muir doesn't buy it. "Without an actual analysis of what the problem was and how to correct it ... cutting money doesn't keep it going to the people who actually need it, it just gets it to less people," he says.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) agrees. "We haven't seen anything tabled to back up that assertion," says Ian Boyko, government relations coordinator for CFS regarding Finley's comments.

"For the conservatives to cut the program in half without taking any

study is reckless," says Boyko. They, too, are calling for the cuts to be reversed.

But according to John Atherton, general of active employment measures for HRSDC, the ministry did, in fact, conduct a study.

Atherton says the study revealed that about 30 percent of students said they would have gotten jobs without the help of the program, and 30 percent of employers said they would have been able to create those jobs. He calls the program more "targeted and refocused."

The ministry hopes to focus on geographical regions where jobs are scarcer, as well as students who find regular barriers to employment such as Aboriginal people and those with disabilities.

This may mean students who worked with subsidies from these grants in the K-W region may be out of luck.

"There's quite a strong economy [around Laurier]," says Atherton. "Everywhere we go we see small businesses with help wanted signs."

"In the private sector, with a really strong labour market, that's where students are looking," he says.

But Muir says the best thing about the grants was that they provided meaningful job opportunities above minimum wage.

Atherton is not concerned. "There are still 45,000 jobs in the program. The real question is how do we focus the remaining resources?"

Jan Basso, director of co-op and career services at Laurier says that governments and not-for-profit organizations will see the biggest impact. "And these relate to what our students are looking for," she says.

It will also hurt a lot of students looking for career experience in science, the humanities and social sciences. "The more career-related the opportunity in the summer, the better off they'll be, so to lose the kind of positions where that skill development is key is problematic," says Basso.

Muir says the cuts hurt when coupled with the recent rise in tuition. Especially since the only support students have seen from the federal Conservatives has been tax credits - of which only some students can take advantage.

"It's a continuous one slap after another," he says.

Departments throughout the university have taken advantage of the youth employment program, including WLUSU, WLU Student Publications and the Schlegel Entrepreneurship Centre.

*With files from Canadian University Press*

## MP Turner's Cord exclusive

Go ahead. Call Harper a slime bag, says Turner

- FROM THROWN, COVER

Halton riding. Turner stated bluntly, "The PM couldn't care less about the people in my riding.... All the people that voted for the party in the local constituency feel disenfranchised."

Turner's interactive blog, www.garthturner.com, has been a venue to discuss his personal and professional opinions, which is one of the main sources of contention among Harper and the Conservative Party.

Turner denounced the recently unveiled Green Plan on his blog, meaning he refused to follow party line. "I am critical of the government not being serious enough on climate change. I think we need a strong environmental policy."

Turner makes no apologies for his remarks, or his blog. "I use it to try and engage Canadians to what's going on. It is a political forum." One that he insists needs to be used by more MPs to communicate with the public, especially to mobilize Canadian youth.

"My generation thinks the internet is great for downloading porn. For younger people it's the way of the world. It is the form of commu-

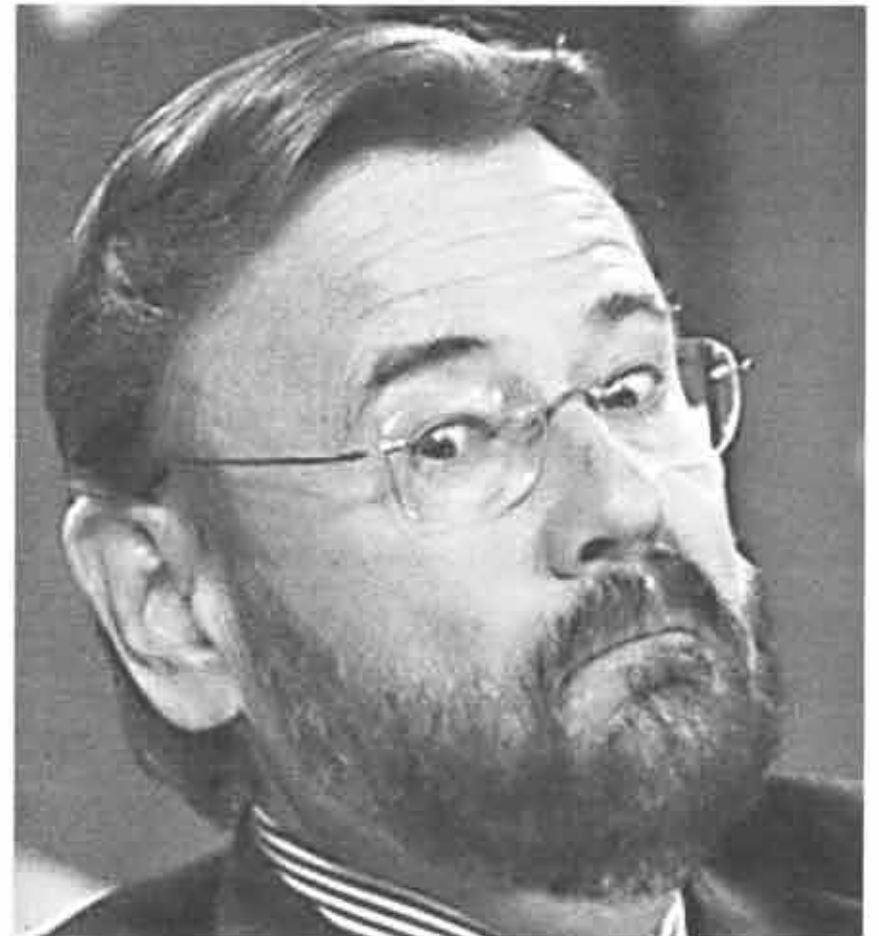
nication that will tie the globe together for the foreseeable future."

Turner also states politics are largely irrelevant to Canadian youth, but the idea of his interactive blog gets youth discussing the issues, making it more pertinent to youth concerns.

He also believes exercising your rights to free speech is incredibly important. "If anyone wants to go on [the blog] and call Steven Harper a slime bag, I let them do it. Why wouldn't I? It's a democracy."

The large issues that have been debated over the past week is how much an MP should stray from party line, and if free speech is being lost in this government. Turner seems to have received resounding support from the Canadian public, with over one million hits on his website the day he was ousted and 4,000 e-mails still unread from residents across Canada.

Turner is now looking forward to starting a new phase of his career, and hopes others follow in his example of utilizing digital democracy. "Go from me being a bad boy because I use a blog into trying to get other people to do the same thing."



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**WHERE THE PARTY AT?** - MP Garth Turner goes independent.

At the moment Turner says he will sit as an independent for at least two months.

The majority of his constituents and Canadians that have contacted him have expressed their desire to see how effective he can be without party ties. He does stipulate this does not mean the Green Party is out of the question after a few months.

"The Green Party has been very aggressive in trying to recruit me. I appreciate the attention. At least someone wants me," he states with a chuckle.

The federal Halton riding consists

of North Oakville, North Burlington and Milton, located in the Greater Toronto Area. The riding consists of a diverse group of rural and urban interests, which Turner says makes it a challenge to represent fairly. "[In] rural areas they think anyone without a gun is crazy, and in the urban areas anyone with a gun should be arrested," describes Turner.

The final question on Canadians' minds: does he regret it? "Although the blog got me in trouble and although the blog cost me my job, the blog is the future."

In that case, long live the blog.

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Do you feel safe on campus?



"Yeah, there's always lots of people and good lighting."

- Terianne Contini  
Second-Year Psychology



"There's always tons of people and I live off campus, so I walk home with a group."

- Jaimie Moore  
First-Year English/Sociology



"It's a small campus, so if you scream anyone will hear you."

- Lauren Dale  
First-Year Business



"I was chased by a guy who was really drunk and he had a frying pan. There is no reason for someone to be carrying a frying pan on the streets at 2 am!"

- Taylor Cook  
First-Year Global Studies



"I feel safe on campus but not when I'm off it."

- Liane Salle  
First-Year Communication Studies

Compiled by David Goldberg, photos by Laura Purchase



Sydney Hilland

**CHANGE CLOTHES** - Last week, the concourse was decorated to raise awareness of violence against women. Coupled with Roz Penfold's stirring speech last Wednesday, Laurier students have no excuse to claim ignorance regarding the problem of abuse towards females.

# Author addresses abuse

Rosalind Penfold comes to Laurier for her first Canadian speech, moves audience to tears

**Laura Carlson**  
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, Wilfrid Laurier students and members of the Kitchener-Waterloo community gathered to learn about domestic abuse. Speaking in Canada for the first time, Rosalind B. Penfold delivered a passionate speech regarding violence against women.

The author of the graphic novel *Dragon Slippers: This is What an Abusive Relationship Looks Like* spoke about her first-hand experience with abuse and discussed signs of abusive relationships. Through heartfelt stories and even

humorous jokes, Penfold brought audience members to tears and gave others the courage to stand forward and share their own experiences with the room.

*Dragon Slippers* is "my story of emotional, psychological and sexual abuse," Penfold told the audience last Wednesday night. "Emotional and psychological abuse can be just as damaging, if not more so than the physical abuse. You lose your sense of self. You lose the will to live."

Fortunately for Penfold, drawing was her tool of survival. *Dragon Slippers* is a collection of the drawings Penfold made over her 10-

year abusive relationship. Since its original release in 2005, it has been distributed by 10 major publishers and has been translated into seven different languages.

Preceding Penfold's speech was Sue Gallagher, a social worker at the Waterloo Region Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre, and Sean Tout, a representative from the Waterloo Regional Police. They spoke about the Family Violence Project, which is a collaboration between numerous agencies who share one location in Kitchener.

The centre is the third largest of its kind in Canada, and is committed to helping women work through abuse problems. Tout explained that the success of the centre lies in its "tight safety net." Victims who come to the centre can come to a

safe place, and choose which services they wish to maximize.

Gallagher told the *Cord Weekly* that the centre isn't just used by families in the K-W area, but also by many university students. "We hear a lot about abuse toward students through our relationships in the community," she says. Gallagher has delivered presentations in residences and classrooms, and has heard many stories of violence between university couples.

Gallagher encourages students experiencing abuse to tell someone about it and use the resources available at the centre. "We are part of a larger community of partnerships and if there's a barrier we'll address it." Representatives from the centre are available to come to the campus and work through any problems students may have.

# Provincial legislation to deter date rape

Ontario government gives bars the option of allowing patrons booze in the bathrooms

**Josh Visser**  
THE EYEOPENER (RYERSON UNIVERSITY)

TORONTO (CUP) - The Ontario government announced legislation allowing bar patrons to carry drinks into washrooms at a press conference at Ryerson University's campus pub on Oct. 16.

The legislation is designed to protect bar-goers from having their drinks spiked with date-rape drugs.

Flavourless, colourless and

odourless, date-rape drugs are undetectable and easily mixed into drinks. In low doses, they can cause muscle relaxation, drowsiness, disorientation and comas. Higher doses can cause hallucinations, convulsions and death. They take effect within 10 to 15 minutes, and can last for up to four hours.

However, the changes will not be mandatory, as it's up to bar owners to decide whether or not to apply to have their licences extended to include washrooms.

This left Nirvana Micco, a fourth-

year student and events co-ordinator for Ryerson's Women's Centre, wondering whether the laws went far enough.

"The government 'could do more to implement this. How will they get bars to apply for this licence?' Micco asked. 'What incentives do bars have to care about this issue?'"

Nora Loreto, a vice-president with the university's student union, said the law would be effective as long as there is significant public pressure on bars.

"Hopefully, students and bar-goers will know enough about this legislation to tell bar-owners that they want it," she said.

Gerry Phillips, Ontario's minister of government services, said that

he believes establishments want to meet the needs of consumers, and that the incentive of "doing the right thing" would be enough.

"I assume that [bar owners] very much respond to the issues of their consumers. We aren't going to mandate that they get this license, but will give them the option of doing so," he said.

Rob Emerson, general manager of Ryerson's Student Campus Centre, said that the campus pub will be taking a serious look at the new legislation but he's unsure whether they would apply to have their licence changed to extend into the washrooms.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## The 'loo's liquor palace

Many Laurier students in search of alcohol will be headed to a new destination this week.

The LCBO located at the corner of Erb and Regina Streets has been closed, and a brand new LCBO has been opened in Waterloo Town Square on 115 King Street South.

With a layout spanning over 16,000 square feet, the new store will be the largest LCBO in all of southwestern Ontario.

More than twice as large as the old store on Erb Street, the new store pledges to offer a larger selection of products, over 600 more varieties.

## Chalifour takes award

Francis Chalifour, born in Quebec and currently residing in Toronto, has been named the winner of this year's Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction.

The winning book, *After*, is the autobiographical story of a 15-year-old boy in the year following his father's suicide.

"I hope this book will help people dealing with this difficult issue that is suicide," Chalifour said in a statement. "When someone close to you dies in this way, it is very sad and you can feel a lot of guilt."

Staebler, the award's namesake, passed away on September 12 at the age of 100, leaving the WLU community in mourning.

Chalifour will receive the honour on November 8 at the Paul Martin Centre.

Compiled by Mark Adamson and Mike Brown

## 'Legalize everything'

LEAP speaker explains that drug problem requires regulation, not prohibition

STEVE NILES  
STAFF WRITER

If a new group has their way, all illegal drugs may soon be sold behind the shelves of Canadian retailers. At Monday's political coffeehouse presented by the Social Research Innovation Group, students and members of the community were presented a new and controversial alternative to the war on drugs.

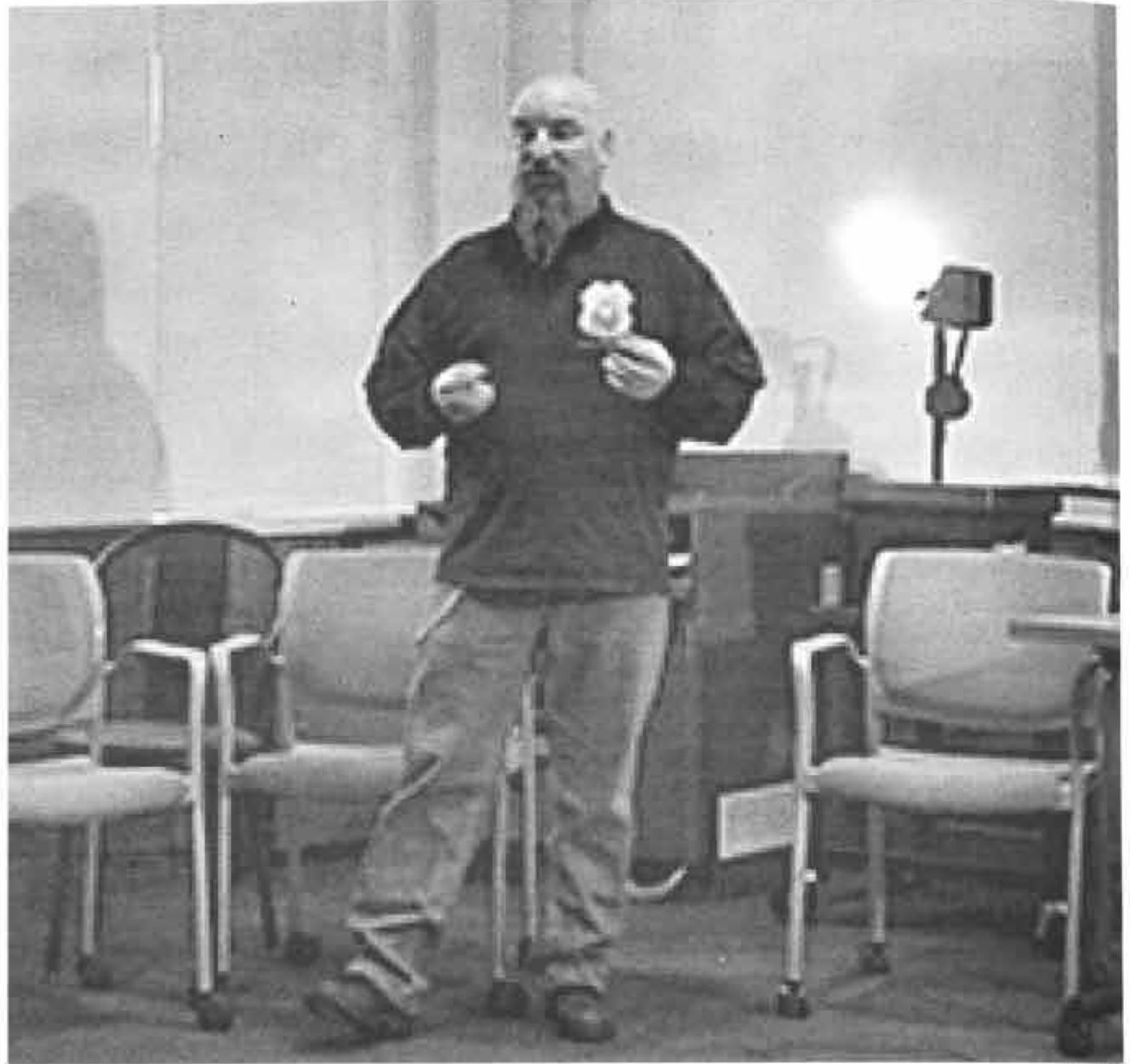
At the Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work building in downtown Kitchener, Jim Watkin, member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), explained to students that the war on drugs is simply not worth the fight.

"The war on drugs and the prohibition of substances ... creates more harm than the drugs themselves," said Watkin. "What happens with prohibition is it creates an opportunity for people to make some severe amounts of money."

"Joe Kennedy, the father of John Kennedy, made a ton of money through prohibition," he added.

Watkin continued to explain that the war on drugs is a misallocation of police resources, as well as a burden on the judicial and penal systems. The solution LEAP is offering is the legalization of all controlled substances in Canada.

Watkin explained that Canadians need to separate the drug problem from the drug prohibition problem before dismissing the idea LEAP



PROHIBITION WHAT!? - Jim Watkin of LEAP discusses the upside of legalizing anything and everything.

presents.

"We say legalize all drugs, legalize everything," said Watkin. "When we legalize, we also need to regulate ... then we can start to deal with the issue of drug use - we don't need to just deal with distribution."

In order to legalize all drugs, Watkin explained that government-regulated production and distribution will prevent drugs from getting into the hands of children and young

adults. He added that a minimum-age requirement akin to alcohol and tobacco laws would be part of their alternative solution.

Watkin got laughs from the crowd when he explained the first prohibition in history began with Adam and Eve.

"If the big cop is unable to control two people, what makes it realistic that we can control what's going on here?"

Alison Myrden, a fellow member of LEAP who is a medicinal marijuana user, explains that legalizing drugs can, in turn, generate revenue for the government.

"The first year that [the government] chooses to legalize marijuana, we can make three to four billion dollars off it," she predicted. "Regulate it in a CCBO ... Cannabis Control Board of Ontario."

## Does legislation go far enough?

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"Anything that will improve the safety of our venue for all of our customers is something we have to take a look at," he said.

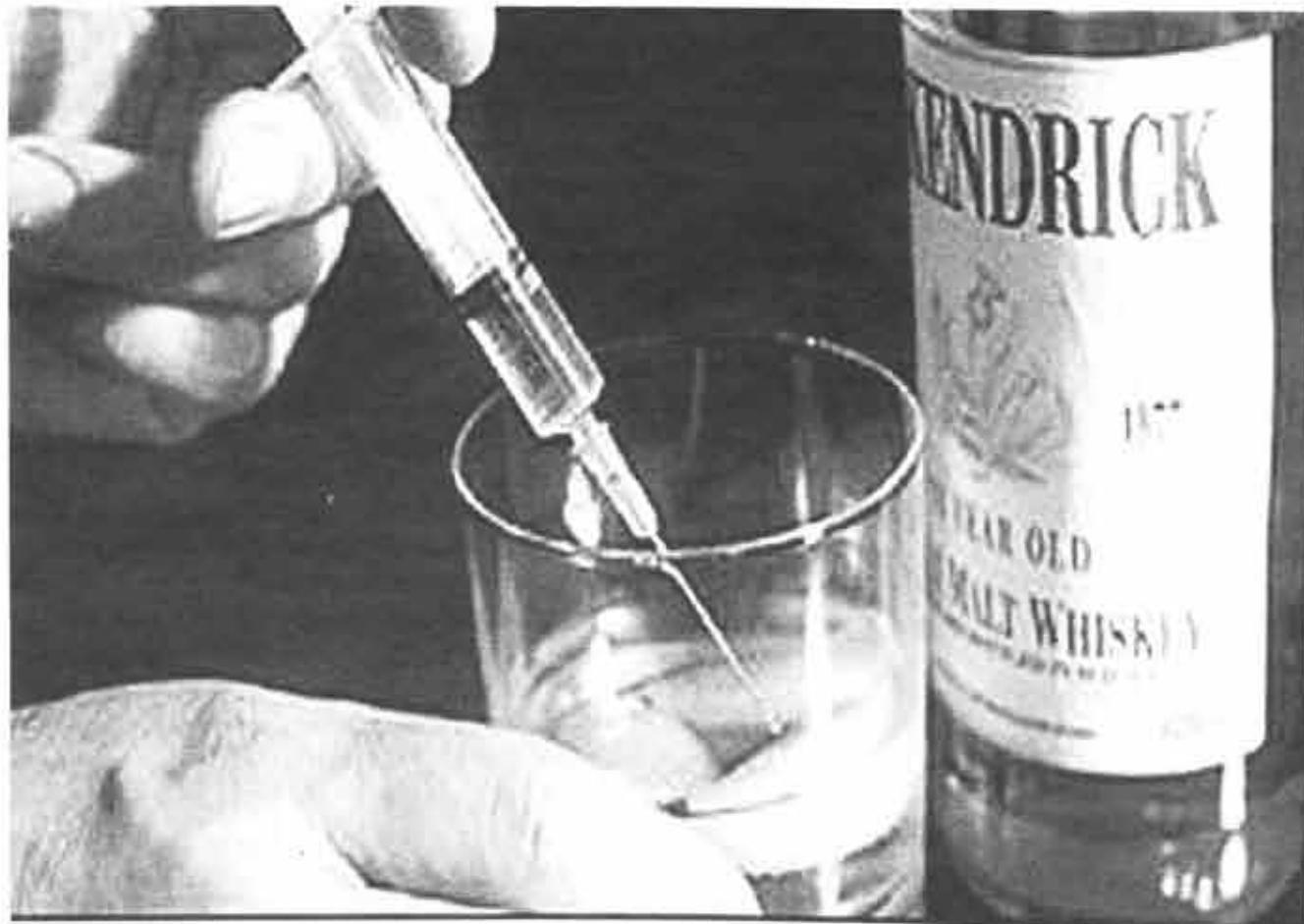
"But we will have to look at all the options because it certainly involves some new challenges for us."

Challenges include maintaining the safety of washrooms with patrons taking glasses inside, and monitoring the washrooms while respecting customers' privacy.

The legislation could be in effect for the new year.

"[It] increases safety for women, so they don't have to leave their drinks unattended and have to wonder if [their drink] was poisoned with a date-rape drug," Micco said.

"This is a positive step that the government is taking. Maybe they could take it further and make it mandatory."



LETHAL INJECTION - A new Ontario liquor law will aim at preventing malicious acts against women in bars.

## Campus Security calls for more cameras

- FROM ASSAULT, COVER

thought of a possible situation like this happening because if someone does need to use that box, it's obviously not available to them," he says.

Candusso thinks that there should have been cameras pointed at the seminary parking lot so that the perpetrators could have been more easily identified.

"Why aren't there cameras on that side of the building? Where's the justification in that?" he asks.

## &gt; BAG O' CRIME

*Theft Under \$5000*

Special Constables took a report from a student whose bicycle was stolen from the bike racks outside the Peters Building.

*Alarm*

Special Constables responded to a security alarm at the Turret Nightclub. Special Constables could not find any signs of forced entry into the establishment. The alarm was silenced and reset.

*Theft From Vehicle*

Special Constables responded to the King Street Residence parking garage after a don called to report that she had just witnessed two males break the driver's side mirror of a vehicle parked in the parking garage. The don advised that the suspects had fled on foot. Special Constables searched the area but could not find the suspects. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and made aware of the situation. Investigation continuing.

*Alarm*

Special Constables responded to a fire alarm in the Torque Room and Arts Building E-Wing. Students studying in the area indicated that a male had pulled the alarm in order to exit the building. The students in the area could not provide a description of the culprit. Community Safety & Security would like to remind the Laurier community that if you do not know how to exit a building after the doors lock, then please contact our office and we will assist you.

*Observation*

Special Constables responded to a residence after receiving a report of possible drug use. Investigation revealed that a number of students were all smoking a hookah pipe full of apple tobacco. No further action required.

*Property Damage*

Special Constables investigated damage to a vending machine located in University Residence. The investigation revealed that a male guest of a student staying in the residence broke the front glass portion of the machine and took some product without authorization. The suspect was identified and will make restitution to the owner of the machine.

*Property Damage*

Special Constables investigated a number of complaints regarding the posting of a newspaper article dealing with homosexuals with a derogatory term written on it. The articles were taped to wash-room stalls in some of the teaching buildings.

*Alarm*

Special Constables responded to a security alarm at the bookstore. Upon arrival Special Constables found a large heavy table overturned near the front glass showcase. There was no damage to the showcase. Special Constables entered the area and reset the alarm.

*By-Law Complaint*

Special Constables observed a male student urinating outside of a residence. The male was issued a PON for the offence.

*Alarm*

Special Constables responded to a fire alarm in the Arts A-wing and Peters Building. Investigation revealed that unknown persons maliciously activated two separate pull stations. There were no signs of smoke or fire in either building.

*Alarm*

Special Constables responded to a fire alarm in the Arts E-wing and Torque room. Investigation revealed that an unknown culprit maliciously activated a pull station, as there was no sign of smoke or fire in either building.

*Disturbance*

Special Constables responded to a disturbance at the Turret regarding a student that had assaulted two other individuals with two beer bottles and a chair. Investigation continuing.

*Assist other Police Service*

Waterloo Regional Police requested assistance in investigating a serious assault that occurred on Laurier property. Waterloo Regional Police are handling the investigation, and ask anyone with information to please contact Police at 519-653-7700 or Community Safety & Security or Crimestoppers.

## CRIME O' THE WEEK

*A Genuine Piss-off*

Special Constables responded to a residence after receiving a report that a male had urinated on a resident student. The resident was sleeping in his bed when a non-student entered his room and urinated on him. Investigation continuing.

*Assistance Medical*

Special Constables and Ambulance personnel responded to a residence after a non-student guest of a residence student fell and hit her head on the floor in a washroom. The female was taken to hospital for observation.

*Property Damage*

Special Constables investigated a complaint from a passing motorist that a soccer ball hit his front windshield. Investigation revealed that a varsity soccer player from Brock University accidentally launched the ball over the protective fencing and hit the vehicle.

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# Filling spare time with ink

DAVID GOLDBERG  
CORD INTERN

Students find all kinds of ways to make money.

Zack Morris held a rave in his residence while his don was on vacation. Rivers Cuomo played in this little band called Weezer. Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong sold pre-rolled joints for two dollars apiece.

A student at Laurier, Chris Carmichael, continues the money-making tradition by refilling ink cartridges for fellow students on a daily basis. And as midterms cast their shadow, the need for what Carmichael is offering becomes more evident.

"I realized everyone needs ink," said Carmichael when asked what inspired him to start his business. "I get about seven to eight customers a week." All done in his residence on the top floor of Waterloo College Hall for a fee of \$15, Carmichael will refill your ink cartridge in about a two-minute process and send you on your way.

Carmichael argues he is a better alternative to the C-Spot, saying, "The C-Spot can take up to a few days, but it's a scandal because it's actually a very short process," he says.

"I'm better than the C-Spot because I do it on the spot."

The aspiring entrepreneur says that coming to him is not only more efficient and logical but also environmentally friendly. "Refill rather than landfill," he says.

Though his business is legitimate, you won't see Carmichael along with the other business displays in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre.

"WLUSU says it's okay to operate on campus, but I'm not allowed to advertise on campus because that takes away business from the C-Spot."

But that doesn't deter the die-hard "ink guy."

"I'm going to continue building up clientele," he said. "I'd also like to start doing toner cartridges."



JUGGLING SCHOOL AND BUSINESS - First-year entrepreneur Chris Carmichael spends time between classes meeting WLU's ink refill needs.



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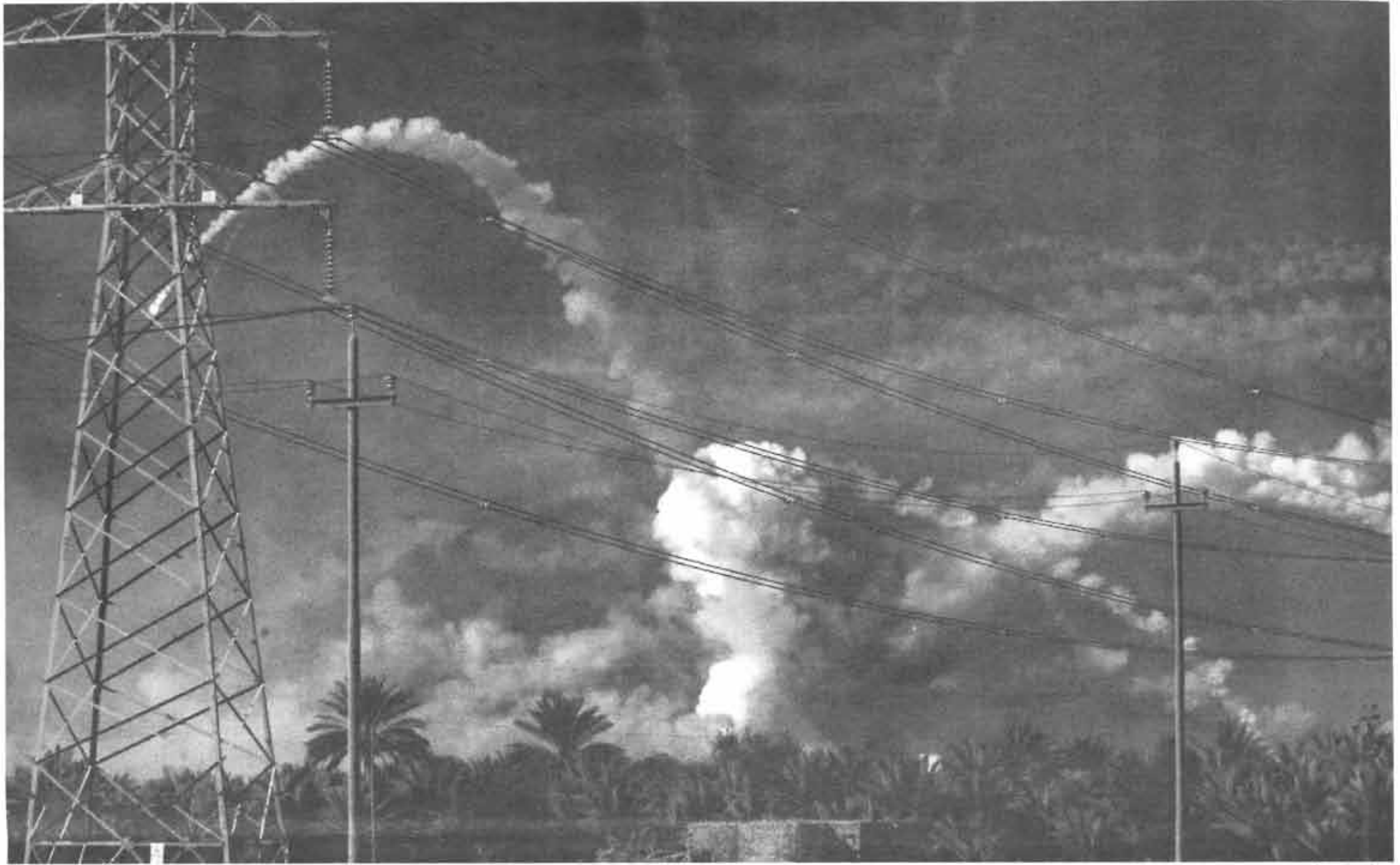
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# Iraq a 'comma': Bush



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**A HISTORICAL BLIP** - Mayhem in early in the Iraq war stirred opposition to the Bush Administration. Republicans are hoping to capitalize on supporters against terrorism in its 2008 presidential ad campaign.

**KELSEY ROSE**  
CORD INTERNATIONAL

United States President George W. Bush made a comment during a recent interview on CNN's *Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer* that has incited some debate.

When asked about the current struggles facing the American intervention in Iraq, the president said, "I like to tell people when the final history is written on Iraq, [current struggles] will look like just a comma...."

This interview came in light of a swell in American public opinion

that efforts in building democracy in Iraq have stalled, if not failed altogether. With rising numbers of American and Iraqi deaths, and no clear exit strategy in sight, American public opinion on Iraq seems to be on a downturn.

Americans may be catching up with the rest of the Western world in reproving the war in Iraq.

The *Toronto Star* has reported a souring of public opinion in both the US and Britain.

Bush's comment may be shocking to some if it is interpreted that the deaths of 2,700 Americans, and between 50 000 and 100 000 Iraqis,

will be seen as "just a comma" in written history.

But this comment comes as no surprise when taken with the track record of the Bush Administration.

US government spokesman Tony Snow has supported the president's comments.

He said that Bush was referring to the 10 months since the elections in Iraq as being a small period in the country's history.

Snow responded to critics saying that they are taking the comment out of context and that Bush is "deeply aware of the human

costs of war."

Most recently the Iraqi government has proposed a splitting up of the nations of Shiites (16 million), Kurds (five million), and Sunnis (five million) into autonomous zones which will be governed by a "weak central authority," reports the *Toronto Star*.

This may lead to further instability in the region as the three groups will likely fight for their share of Iraq's oil and gas earnings, currently worth \$20 billion (US).

There are also fears that the war in Iraq has led to a spread and increase of terrorist activities and/or

an increase in sympathizing with terrorist causes.

Jane Harman, senior Democratic representative of California, was quoted on CNN as saying that, "every intelligence analyst I speak to confirms that."

Recent developments in instituting a working democracy, or a lack thereof, have left many asking if this was the wrong war, at the wrong time, for the wrong reasons.

And with President Bush approaching the end of his final term in office people worldwide wonder, "What will happen next?"

## European racism continues against Muslims

Riots in France last year have changed little: racism's tensions still run as high as France's unemployment, argues Yusuf Faqiri



Since 9/11, Europe has undergone a major transformation concerning secularism, while simultaneously attempting to protect individual rights. The question of integration versus separation has risen quickly in Europe, where secularists have been fighting a major war against several religious groups and Muslims are often taking the brunt of this assault.

It has gotten to a point where basic religious beliefs are being undermined. This, in itself, is hypocrisy: how could someone promote freedom of speech and freedom of religion and at the same time pass laws that infringe on people's religious values?

France is home to the largest Muslim population in Europe: five million people, to be exact. Yet France passed an unprecedented law forbidding Muslim women from wearing headscarves in schools. The problem bothering Europe right now is that its Muslims are purposely being separated from mainstream society. The young European

Muslim generation is infuriated by its marginalization (which differs across EU nations). Several states therefore need to be examined here when dealing with this situation.

In October 2005, French Muslim youths broke out in violent riots in Paris. The overwhelming majority of them were born in France and were of Algerian descent, now living in poor suburbs. These youths' main concern was the question of unemployment they faced, that reached as high as 40 percent in some areas. In this case, the rioting youths argued that racial preference was given to ethnic French citizens.

At this point, the French foreign

minister Philippe Douste-Blazy told the BBC that France has been going through a "very deep crisis due to the crisis of immigration and the failure to integrate." It is the question of integration that has really caused the problems French Muslims face throughout the country.

French secularism has gone too far, to a point where religious minority riots are being undermined. Over the coming years the question of integration will become a very important issue because France is home to nearly five million Muslims.

The problem that Muslims in Britain face is very similar to that of France. Once again the question is

brought into the forefront. The Pew Research Centre for the People and the Press, a Europe-based group, canvassed 14,000 people in 13 European countries. The group spoke of a great divide between Islam and the West, stating that eight to ten people in Germany and Spain associate Islam with fanaticism.

Many secularists say that one example of separation between European Muslims and mainstream society is that the veil Muslims wear ultimately pushes them away from society. However, secularists should be ashamed of themselves for making these remarks because that is the religious freedom.

# Canada and the US must be free to disagree

Former senator Jean Bazin tells Concordia audience countries have 'clear common interests'

JILL KESTLER-D'AMOURS  
THE CONCORDIAN

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Prominent Canadian lawyer Jean Bazin stressed the importance of a well-maintained relationship between Canada and the United States during a lecture at Montreal's Concordia University.

"The [Canadian and US] governments must deal with issues in a very forthright and clear manner," said Bazin. "This close relationship will forever be in the mix."

The former Conservative senator, who served from 1986 to 1989 under then-prime minister Brian Mulroney, discussed Canada's relationship with its neighbour in terms of trade, disputes, tourism and security.

Canada and the US have the world's largest bilateral trade relationship, with merchandise exchanged between the two countries totalling close to \$500 billion, according to Bazin.

"Canada's importance to the US is not just a border state phenomenon," he said, adding that Canada is the main export market for 39 US states, and has become the country's largest supplier of energy.

The high flow of trade between Canada and the US may be impeded by both countries' recent concerns regarding security.

"The secure flow of people, goods and infrastructures, and very importantly, co-ordinated enforcement" are issues that need to be explored, Bazin explained.

"All of these preoccupations, in particular since 9-11, are real and both countries have very systematic and clear common interests in find-

ing solutions," he added.

If the proposed US legislation requiring Canadians to carry passports when crossing the border is finalized, difficulties may lie ahead, Bazin said.

"This of course will have an impact on the relationship between the two countries," Bazin said. "It's a real issue that has to be dealt with." Bazin urged the audience of approximately 20 students to understand the notion that Canada can "disagree without being disagreeable" with the United States.

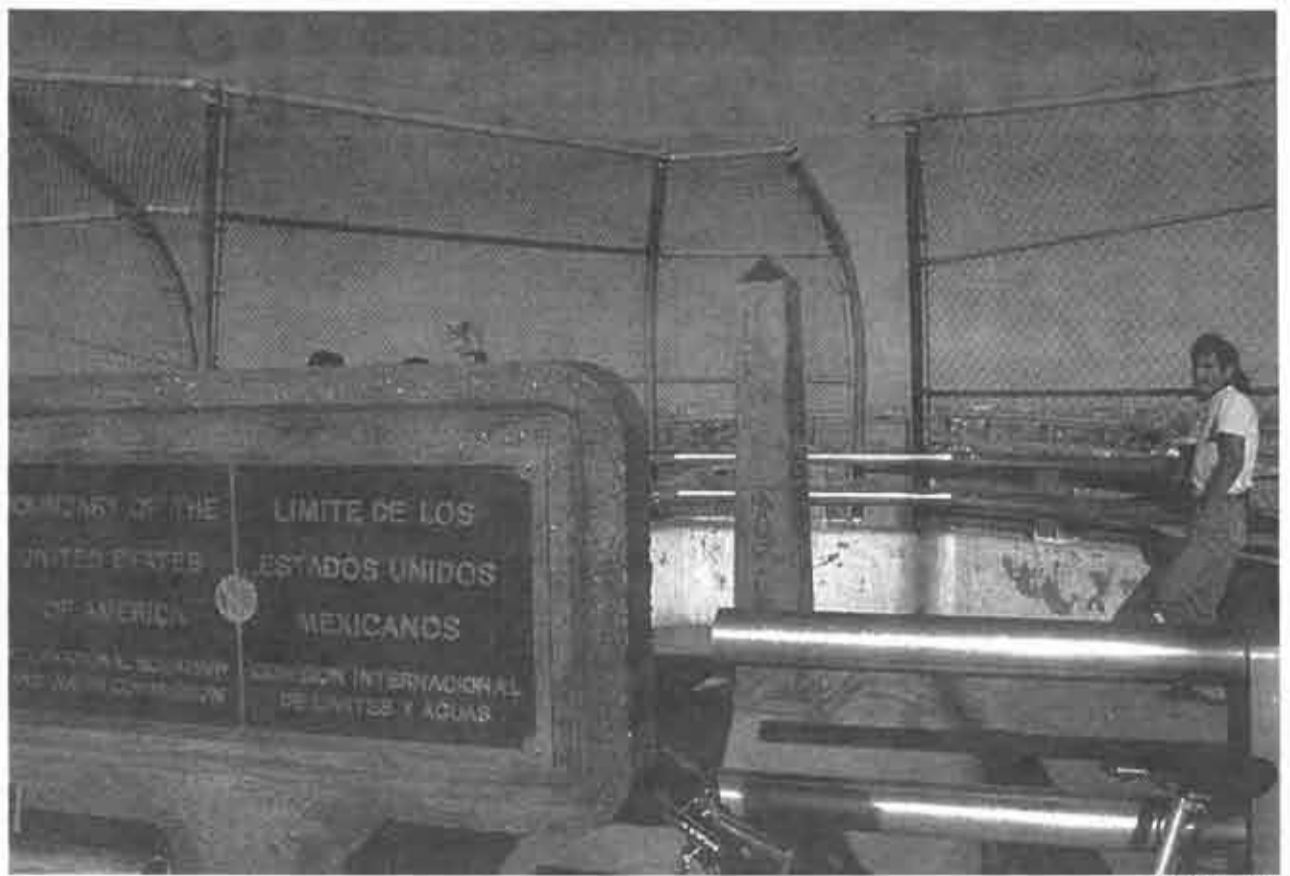
"It is crucial that the prime minister and the president be able to share, disagree and agree," he said. Bazin discussed the influence Mulroney had on Canada-US relations and listed his accomplishments, such as the acid rain treaty, the bilateral trade agreement, and NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement.

After the lecture, students asked Bazin questions about Canada's biggest future challenge, environmental responsibility and Senate reform.

"My sense, if you look down the road, is that our biggest challenge will be something related to the Arctic, or something related to the environment," Bazin replied.

Bazin acknowledged that Canada is not meeting the standards of the Kyoto Accord. However, he "presumed good faith" that government officials are actively trying to remedy the situation.

"Generally, people in positions of responsibility do want to find lasting solutions," he said. "I think every country, every province, and every state is trying to find solutions."



BORDERS MAKE GOOD NEIGHBOURS - Natural Canada-US integration has pushed focus further south.

## Local issues key to NAFTA

MARY ERSKINE  
STAFF WRITER

In today's globalized world, it is easy to find examples of regional integration.

Often, traditional conceptions of borders are challenged, such as the case of the European Union. In the North American context, political science professor Debora VanNijnatten believes that there has been a fundamental change in perception towards North American Integration. The 'big ideas' of integration, according to VanNijnatten, including an EU-style monetary union, are no longer being talked about. Rather, a more decentralized, "bottom-up" style of integration is occurring across Canada, the United States and Mexico.

VanNijnatten, who teaches a course on North American Integration at Laurier, lists these more local integration indicators as including: "trade corridors, cross-border regions, civil society networks, and intra-firm relations," and emphasizes that we "haven't realized the extent to which this is happening around us."

While Canadians may be concerned about integration with the United States, VanNijnatten notes the regional differences of the US create a natural integration with certain parts of the country. For example, those from the Canadian Maritime provinces share many commonalities and interactions with the Americans from New England states. At the same time they have very little in common with other Canadians from Vancouver Island or rural Saskatchewan.

"It is misleading to talk about the United States as one monolithic entity," VanNijnatten continues. "It's also important that we don't take the Bush administration as what the US is."

While talks of regional integration were once limited to bilateral trends between Canada and the US or the US and Mexico, the advent of NAFTA regional integration has been seen more on trilateral terms. As interest towards the south con-

tinues to grow and expand into Mexico, the dividing line is getting pushed down into the south, currently just south of Mexico City, according to VanNijnatten.

One concrete manifestation of North American integration can be found here at Laurier, where a "NAFTA mobility grant" is making a new exchange program possible among two post-secondary institutions from each of the three countries. This educational exchange program includes WLU, Mount Allison University, Bowling Green State University, Georgia Southern University, Universidad de Sonora and the Universidad Veracruzana.

Administered through Laurier International, students pay for tuition through Laurier, take regular courses of study but in a different context within North America. A course is also in development which would be run concurrently at all participating institutions, with students interacting through teleconferencing sessions.

Also under construction is a new North American Studies program at Laurier which will draw on experts from across the Faculty of Arts—in history, geography, English, film studies, sociology, religion and culture, political science and languages and literatures, among others.

As the ways in which integration is occurring adapt and expand, VanNijnatten notes the importance of communication among the interacting countries and cultures. "If students are really thinking hard about future employment prospects then they better start thinking about acquiring a second language, as it may be the very thing that differentiates them from someone with the same academic degree."

The North American exchange program begins next fall, while the North American Studies program is currently going through the university approval process.

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# Hawks their own enemy

Penalties and late turnovers crush any hopes of comeback



DAN POLISCHUK  
SPORTS EDITOR

On the road and looking to charge into the playoffs on a high note, Laurier's football team blew any chance of that happening in a 38-29 defeat at the hands of the Windsor Lancers.

While the team secured the second seed in the OUA standings, having not lost by more than 13 points, securing the first round bye was just a tad bitter sweet - especially for Head Coach Gary Jeffries.

"We didn't want to go in [losing]. But I'm happy with that [second place] position," said Jeffries.

In front of a lively crowd at Windsor Stadium, the Hawks looked a step behind right from the get-go - so much so that, on only the Lancers' second drive, they found themselves down 7-0.

Having put up a solid defensive stand, Laurier had pushed the home team into a punting situation. Lancer Head Coach Mike Morencie thwarted any assumptions by going with a fake punt run instead - which actually worked.

With a fresh set of downs, quar-

terback Dan Lumley executed an impressive play action pass to wide-open receiver Glenn MacKay for the score.

The 91-yard catch-and-run was followed by another TD pass on the Lancer's ensuing possession - this one a 26-yard toss up the middle to Hec Crighton Award candidate Daryl Stephenson.

Just when it seemed like it might turn out to be a long afternoon, the Hawks got a wake-up call in the form of a touchdown return by Steve Turner on the following kick-off.

The 99-yard return seemed to have a calming effect after the rough start as the teams battled hard into the winding seconds of the half.

The tide started going in the Lancers' favour again, though, as Lumley found MacKay on yet another scoring strike - this one for 31 yards.

A conceded single point set the score at 22-7 heading into the half.

The fun didn't stop for MacKay, though, as he finished the touchdown hat trick in the opening minutes of the second half.

Opening the third quarter with the ball, Windsor penetrated the Hawks' defence to their own eight-yard line before Lumley found his receiver wide open in the end zone (thanks to Josh Maltin slipping on the coverage) for a 29-7 lead.

Things couldn't appear to get much worse for the Hawks as their starting running back, Ryan Lynch, did not play in the second half, having suffered a sprained ankle earlier on.

Just when the Hawks seemed to have lost all zest, a pair of



STEP ASIDE, SON - Windsor slotback Devon Arthur sweeps aside a Laurier defender Saturday afternoon.

veterans, on both sides of the ball gave the team a spark.

After Yannick Carter gathered his second sack of the game, which gives him an OUA-leading 9.5, Andy Baechler was able to go to work with the ball in Laurier's hands.

From 17 yards out, Baechler hauled in a pass from quarterback Jamie Partington to make it 29-14. Another TD pass by Partington to Wil Northcote got the team within eight points of tying the score.

While a Windsor field-goal increased the lead marginally, Baechler stood out once again, making an all-out diving catch on a 43-yard bomb from his quarterback. A few plays later, the receiver was hauling in his second TD of the day, as well as a two point conversion, to get the Hawks within three points.

With half of a quarter left to play, Laurier had the crowd silenced and looked primed to make an amazing

comeback.

Any hopes of that happening came crashing down as the team turned the ball over three times; Partington, with an interception over the monstrous Northcote, blemished an otherwise outstanding passing day of over 300 yards, while two fumbles were forced on rushing plays.

Two late Windsor field-goals simply added insult to injury for the final result.

Asked how tough it was to come so close to stealing a victory but handing it all back in the end, Coach Jeffries was clearly disappointed.

"It's always tough to lose. We made far too many physical and mental mistakes though," he said, adding, "We'll bounce back. I'll guarantee you that."

Laurier receiver Andy Baechler tried to take some positives out of a tough result.

"It's a tough loss. To get down

early as much as we did and still lose, that's really tough," said Baechler, who tallied 153 yards through the air to go along with his two touchdowns.

"As disappointing as it is, there's lots of positives to take away from this. We weren't getting down on ourselves. For us to be able to step up in that situation was huge."

As the team will now await its semi-final opponent for the October 28 showdown at University Stadium, a very well-known Glenn MacKay could be facing the Hawks again very soon.

For now though, the speedy Windsor receiver will prepare for the Western Mustangs this week. Having beaten Laurier to end the regular season, things couldn't be much better for the number four playoff seed.

"Well, Laurier is such a tough team all-around... you just can't let down against them.

## Rugby team lose to OUA champs

After an undefeated start to the season, the men's rugby squad is dealt back-to-back losses heading into the playoffs

PARRY SOHI  
CORD SPORTS

Coming off a loss against Western, the men's rugby team was looking to rebound this past weekend by securing a playoff bye with a win against the defending OUA champions from McMaster.

Early on, both teams played excellent defence and cycled the ball well. Laurier nearly converted a try off great defensive work from Jeff Cooper and Adam Markew, who were able to intercept a sloppy pass by the Marauders.

Although Laurier held the ball in the Mac zone for the majority

of the half, the Marauders were finally able to penetrate the Hawk defence, scoring a try off a careless penalty. Mac's lead would not stand for long, however, as Laurier quickly equalized with a try of its own on a great sideline run by the aforementioned Cooper.

Unfortunately, the tied game would be short-lived. McMaster countered with another five points off of sloppy tackling efforts and defensive breakdowns by the Hawks. The turning point in the game, in fact, came at the end of the first half as Laurier was unable to capitalize on a hard fought drive that was stopped short at Mac's

two-yard line.

The second half saw more defensive woes and poor movement by the Hawks, which left the Marauders salivating and able to capitalize on several opportunities.

James Woods, of the visiting team, accumulated 17 total points to lead all scorers, including three tries in what turned out to be a 39-5 pasting of WLU.

The win by the Marauders helped them clinch a first round bye, thus slotting WLU in third place in the OUA west behind both Mac and Western.

Laurier will now have to take their show on the road to play

Queen's in Kingston in a quarter-final match up this afternoon.

After the game, Laurier veteran Clayton Gilmore alluded to a lack of capitalization as a reason for the loss.

"It's frustrating when you don't capitalize on the opportunities you have. We didn't at the end of the first and as a result we came out flat in the second."

Coach Josh Windsor felt the team "came out well in the second but just couldn't seem to catch a break." He also noted that the higher experience level of their opponents was the major difference in the game's outcome.

"Mac is a very experienced team, they've played a lot of big games, and they showed that Sunday."

Although the Hawks have been consistent for the majority of the season having started 6-0, back-to-back losses heading into the playoffs will challenge the mental toughness of the team.

Windsor believes, though, that physical toughness will play a major role in Wednesday's game.

"Mentally, I think we'll be ready, but physically we're pretty beat up..."

The winner will advance to face either Western or McMaster Sunday at 1:00 pm.



# Four-peat in the making?

Expectations are that Laurier's lacrosse team will be able to come out as champions of the OUA yet again this weekend

MARK D. HOPKINS  
CORD SPORTS

"This is the best team I've coached here."

Admittedly, the post-game comments of Laurier bench-boss Lynn Orth would not come as a surprise to someone who recently started following the school's lacrosse team.

After all, the Golden Hawks wrapped up their season on a damp, drizzly, Sunday afternoon by stomping over the previously undefeated Queen's Golden Gaels en route to a 9-1 record and the OUA West division title.

However, the aforementioned statement by Orth carries even more weight when reviewing the recent accomplishments of the women's lacrosse squad. Last season, Laurier became the first team in OUA history to capture three consecutive provincial titles.

Last year's gold medal game saw them defeat the same Queen's team on a Kirsten Gerrie overtime marker.

Is this year's batch of the lacrosse ladies the best to step foot on the

University Stadium turf? That question can only be decided once the drama unfolds this weekend in the OUA's version of the final four. In the meantime, the team remains dedicated to a cliché that continues to resonate amongst the roster.

"I just told them to keep doing what they're doing," commented Orth, adding, "I think they do rise up."

The Golden Hawks outscored their opposition 130-66 through the regular season.

The team boasts the top three scorers in the OUA in Kirsten Gerrie, Erica Howard and Amy Fincham. Gerrie, a second-year communication studies major that calls Orillia home, also leads the CIS with 54 points.

Perhaps the team's most impressive statistic of all is their cumulative record of 44-2-1 since 2003.

As mentioned, Laurier managed to cap their season by pulling away from their archrivals from Kingston, outscoring the Golden Gaels 4-1 in the second half alone on Sunday. The final scoreboard read Laurier 6, Queen's 3.



Sydney Helland

**TRY AND STOP ME** - Laurier sharpshooter, Kirsten Gerrie, forces her way into a prime scoring territory.

Earlier in the day, the Golden Hawks plowed over McGill by a score of 11-6.

So the question begs to be asked once again - is this the best lacrosse squad to don the purple and gold?

While an argument could likely be made either way, their upcoming playoff performance will tell the tale, as the team pursues an unprecedented fourth straight OUA title.

Anything short of another cham-

ampionship will make it difficult to live up to the tag of best team that Laurier lacrosse has assembled. Evidently, a betting man or woman would likely be throwing away their money by wagering against this squad.

## GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of

Oct 25 - Oct 31, 2006

RECENT SCORES

10.18.06

W Lacrosse 12 - Brock 6

10.20.06

W Lacrosse 21 - Western 5

W Basketball 56 - UQAM 72

W Volleyball 0 - McMaster 3

W Hockey 7 - Brock 3

M Volleyball 0 - McMaster 3

10.21.06

M Football 29 - Windsor 38

W Hockey 4 - Toronto 3

M Rugby 5 - McMaster 39

M Volleyball 3 - Guelph 0

M Hockey 6 - RMC 3

10.22.06

W Lacrosse 11 - McGill 6

W Basketball 75 - Laurentian 82

M Soccer 1 - Brock 2

M Hockey 5 - Queen's 4

W Lacrosse 6 - Queen's 3

W Soccer 3 - Brock 3

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10.27.06

W Volleyball vs York

WLU Athletic Complex, 6:00pm

M Volleyball vs York

WLU Athletic Complex, 8:00pm

10.28.06

W Volleyball vs Ryerson

WLU Athletic Complex, 6:00pm

W Hockey vs Waterloo

Waterloo Rec Complex, 7:30pm

M Volleyball vs Ryerson

WLU Athletic Complex, 8:00pm

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W Hockey vs York

Waterloo Rec Complex, 7:30pm

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## A perfect start to the year

Lady Hawks hockey come out of the blocks at 3-0; defeat bitter rivals from Toronto in the process

DAVE GOLDBERG  
CORD INTERN

Laurier's lady Golden Hawks made roadkill out of the Brock Badgers on Friday night with a 7-3 win at home.

Less than 24 hours later they were looking to go undefeated in their first two home games and did just that with a close 4-3 win over U of T.

Rookie goalie Liz Knox played a superb first period turning away every shot she faced. Her collection of stops included a handful of glove saves.

The Golden Hawks opened up the scoring mid-way through the first period with a goal right off the face-

off by Vanessa Bennett.

Laurier made their closing statements clear in the first frame of the game by adding a second goal at 16:40 when Jen Heslin slipped a pass right to Laura Bartolini, who then shoved it past Toronto net minder Stephanie Lockert.

Collingwood native Andrea Ironside led the Hawks onto the ice for the second period with the intent of keeping Toronto singing the blues. Head Coach Karen Hughes and her crew weren't going to make it easy though.

With the Hawks' Jessica Judges in the box for interference, U of T's defenseman Alison Foster tallied

a goal at 1:32 to make it 2-1. Less than 10 minutes later, Janine Davies found all the right holes in the Laurier defense to knot it up 2-2 with a breakaway goal.

In the end, though, Knox showed nerves of steel when she turned away a Darby Smith breakaway about 20 seconds later to keep it even.

Luckily, Lauren Meschin stepped up for the Hawks and notched a sweeping back-hand goal to put the home side up by one, going into the third.

With both Foster and Kelly Rapson in the box, Lauren Barch launched a powerplay goal past Lockert less than five minutes into

the final period.

This would prove to be the game winner despite a late Toronto goal with less than three minutes remaining in the game.

Coach Osborne's proudest moment of the game was when "we scored on that five-on-three."

When asked about his starting goalie's solid track record so far, Osborne was quick to sing her praises.

"Knox is an outstanding goaltender and we feel confident with her in net," he said.

Laurier will look to go 5-0 this weekend with games against Waterloo and York yet again at home.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

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## Hawks back into playoffs

Only winning once in their past five games, the Laurier men's soccer team was fortunate enough to squeak into postseason play after wrapping up their season this past Sunday against Brock. Despite the 2-1 defeat to the Badgers, Laurier secured the second-last playoff position in the west division.

Starting it all off, the team travels down the 401 today to take on the Windsor Lancers at 5:00 pm.

## Women stumble into postseason

Much like their male counterparts, the Laurier women's soccer team was fortunate to see any further action beyond the regular season, not having won any of their last six games.

They do remain contenders, however, as they start their playoff journey in London to take on the Western Mustangs today at 4:00 pm. Despite their tie on Sunday against Brock, in a back-and-forth affair, the team secured the fifth spot in the west division.

Compiled by Dan Polischuk

Laurier gets back-to-back wins this past weekend; new Head Coach Nobes defeats old team from RMC

JAMIE NEUGEBAUER  
CORD SPORTS

The men's hockey team went 2-0 this weekend with a 6-3 victory over the Paladins of RMC in their home opener last Saturday as Coach Nobes' lads saw off his old team.

On Sunday, the Hawks met the Queen's University Golden Gaels and on the strength of a two-goal performance by Chris Di Ubaldo, came out on top winning 5-4 at the Waterloo Recreational Complex.

The match began with the Hawks showing great speed and intensity, dominating a seemingly sluggish Queen's defence and the men in purple and gold got rewarded early. A mere 47 seconds in, forward Chris Di Ubaldo wired a slap shot from just outside the circle to the left of the Gaels' net through the five hole giving the Hawks the lead.

Nathan Peacock doubled the lead at 8:35 of the first period, burying a pass from Mark Voakes. At the 11:18 mark, Brad Walford of the Gaels cut the lead in half after Hawk forward Luke Girard took an interference penalty. John Thiel closed the period out with a beautiful tip on a point

shot from Riley Moher, sending the two teams into the locker room at 3-1 in Laurier's favour.

The second frame was a see-saw battle as the Hawks' discipline troubles let the Golden Gaels back in the game. Golden Hawk goaltender Mike Thomson (replacing the injured Jeff MacDougald who suffered a groin injury against RMC) was inconsistent during the period, making a few dynamite saves on the penalty kill but letting in three soft goals over the course of the 20 minutes. The period ended with the two teams deadlocked at four-a-piece.

Laurier started the final period much like they did the game, showing their speed on the fore-check and in their passing game. The Hawks netted the game winner 6:17 into the third courtesy of an absolute rifle by Di Ubaldo from the slot on a Golden Hawk power play.

Queen's showed a lack of urgency to find the equalizer late and the Hawks came out with a slim 5-4 win.

"I thought we got a good effort from a lot our veteran guys and that's what we need to do to win games," summarized a pleased Nobes.



Shane Porter

BEAR DOWN - Laurier's Jeff Borrows barrels in on the Gael net.

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# Five Hawks named all-stars

Nominations most in team's short history; include four fielders and pitcher

DAN POLISCHUK  
SPORTS EDITOR

A week after being ousted in tough fashion from the OUA playoff picture, Laurier's baseball team can at least take away the fact that their efforts this year did not go unnoticed.

Having gone 3-8 through their first eleven games, the team went on a tremendous run in which they won six of their last seven games to squeak into postseason play. If it hadn't been for the efforts of the recognized players, Laurier may have seen itself floundering at the

bottom of the standings instead of contenders.

Those players, as called out by the OUA, include first-baseman Curtis Young, shortstop Pat Kropf, third baseman Scott Mahn and relief pitcher Rob Thompson, who were named to the first team of all-stars.

Catcher Chris Pittaway was awarded a spot on the second team.

Kropf, a team MVP from last year, was the league leader in his position in terms of hitting. He tallied 11 RBIs on 19 hits.

Aside from Young and Thompson putting forth a tremendous season

statistically, an interesting story surrounds third baseman Scott Mahn. Taking over for injured fourth-year player Jordan Bilkas, Mahn led all players at his position in runs scored (nine) and stolen bases (six).

"It's an incredible honour to be recognized by the league," said Mahn, who admitted to being quite nervous in his first few starts.

"It's a great feeling being an everyday player. I feel really good for next year," he added.

This year's nominations top the tally from last year's squad, which produced three all-stars.



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# How to stop your computer from exploding in your face



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Sound advice from local experts on how to avoid computer disaster

ALEX HAYTER  
FEATURES EDITOR

It's that time of term again. Your huge (insert-subject-here) essay is due tomorrow morning. A 100 page, 500 works cited monster. For the 1000<sup>th</sup> time, you casually hit the save button. Out of nowhere, a blue screen pops in front of you. A blue screen... of death. Your nerves frozen, you let out a shrill cry of terror. In reply, your digital companion begins to shake, trembling like a boiling kettle eager to explode.

Then the blast hits you. Your workstation erupts, instantly melting your eyes and tearing your body apart; your housemates awake, but they too are instantaneously transformed into puddles of bubbling skin. At the funeral, your mourners mourn for just one thing: that you had taken better care of your computer.

While the above account is exaggerated beyond reality, it's no exaggeration that our personal computers, time after time, screw us over. And if we don't take good care of our computers, sooner or later, they will "explode" on us.

So here are the best ways to keep your virtual workstation from blowing up, and how to have an easy time doing it.

Andrew Adams from Waterloo Networks, a computer retail and services outlet, was kind enough to offer plenty of advice for this article. "Think of your computer as a tool and not an investment," he says. "It will require maintenance and upgrades just like your car. It has moving parts that will heat up, wear out, and break down. If something seems fishy, get it checked out before a major problem occurs."

But before we go that far, let's run over the easiest ways to help keep your computer in check, without even reaching into your pockets.

## Free Software

We're students, and we don't like spending money. Why add hundreds in unnecessary software costs when we can simply get the same stuff for free? And I don't mean by installing wacky pirated software; it's easy to get totally legal free stuff off the Internet from safe and reliable sources. "The most common problems we see originate from adware, spyware, and viruses," says Waterloo Networks. Let's look at free ways to stop these problems from happening.

**Antivirus** - Viruses are the contagious diseases of the computer world, most often caught from the STD-ridden corners of back-alley websites or shady e-mails. Big-timers like Norton and McAfee try to coerce you into buying their yearly antivirus software, claiming that they provide Durex-like protection against the Trojans of the digital world.

But there's a much simpler and cost-effective option: AVG Free (free.grisoft.com) offers comprehensive, up-to-date and perfectly well-featured protection whilst living up to its title: it doesn't cost a penny. ClamWin (clamwin.com) is another popular anti-virus freeware.

**Antispyware** - Spyware and other malicious malware bugs are the virus's evil twin. Like secret government ninjas, they work to subvert your PC to the benefit of a malicious thirdparty. Lavasoft Adaware (lavasoft.com) is renowned for its fast and full system scans and ease of use. Please, don't let those ninjas defeat you.

**Keeping clean** - One of the major reasons for computers to be slow or show problems is because they are weighed down by excess cargo. Registry editors work to reduce application error messages, improve startup speeds and increase computer performance. Easy Cleaner (toniarts.com) is another good tool for sorting out unwanted data on your computer and getting rid of it. You should also learn to rid your computer of unwanted files and folders by yourself: in Windows, just go to "control panel" on the start menu and click on "Add or Remove Programs." On a Mac, just drag an application or file to the garbage bin. "The fewer resources you use, the better it will work," says Andrew from Waterloo Networks; so make sure your computer's hard-drive is as bare as possible.

**Internet Exploring** - Keeping your computer healthy isn't just about cleaning up crap. Mozilla Firefox (mozilla.com) makes surfing the web, which takes up most students' digital time, much easier and safer than Microsoft and Apple's standard browsers. It has arguably the best built-in ad blocker out there and it also stops spy-ware and ad-ware from being automatically installed in the browser. Firefox is also 'open-source'... which leads to the next tip.

**Open sesame!** - Open source software is not corporately owned or controlled; it's a constantly evolving collection of data freely accessible by the community. Terry Sturtevant, a Physics and Computer Science instructor at Laurier, has never been affected by a virus or spyware because of his use of open source software.

"By definition, open source software allows anyone to see how it works so that vulnerabilities can be identified... Linux [with other open source software] represents a small segment of the desktop market; virus writers don't have nearly as many potential victims."

OpenOffice.org is one of fastest-growing open source applications out there: it's a fully featured equivalent to the Microsoft Office suite; except you get to pay nothing for it, instead of \$200 to \$800. Sounds like a good deal to me. For more free open source software, visit [opensourcewindows.org](http://opensourcewindows.org) and [sourceforge.net](http://sourceforge.net).

**And there's more** - These programs might not be designed to save your computer from total destruction, but they'll discourage you from throwing it out of the window. They're extremely useful, free and are designed to make your workstation a much more capable tool to work with. VLC (videolan.org) is a cross-platform media player which combines shed-loads of codecs from Windows Media Player, Quicktime, Realplayer and more, removing the need for any of the latter. Freemind is a tool for "mind-mapping" your thoughts into a massive chain, very useful for studying, note-taking and essay-planning. If you're interested in downloading large files (for whatever reason, "cough"), use a client such as uTorrent (utorrent.com) which seamlessly integrates with whatever internet browser you use. Gimp (gimp.org) is a free alternative to Photoshop with a comparable plethora of features, only it saves you from spending upwards of \$600.

**Love thy Google** - Google (pack.google.com), a strong supporter of open-source software, offers some of the best freeware out there, such as Google Desktop, Web Accelerator, Internet Toolbar, and Google Earth; their names speak pretty much for themselves.

## Getting Technical

**OMGWTF is RAM?** - "Every computer has two types of storage," advises Andrew from Waterloo Networks. "First, your hard disk, which stores all

the files on your system. You'll notice your computer will slow down as the drive space depletes. Multimedia files will quickly eat this up. In Windows XP, double-click 'my computer', then right-click your hard drive and choose 'properties,' he says.

"You'll get a graphical representation of your total hard drive size and the free space available. If you've got less than 10 percent free, clean up some files you no longer need or consider upgrading your hard drive to a bigger size."

The second type of storage is your computer's RAM, which acts as the working memory. "When you start your computer, it loads the operating system from the hard disk into the RAM. From that point, any programs you run take additional RAM.

If you find yourself running many programs at the same time, you'll notice your system will become slower and slower," says Andrew. "If this is a problem, increasing your RAM is one of the most cost effective speed boosts you can invest in." RAM costs an average of \$70 dollars to upgrade in 512-megabyte increments.

**System Tools** - Use the underrated "system restore" (Windows) or "time machine" (Mac) in order to restore your computer to an earlier and functional time period, says Waterloo Networks. "This can reverse damage done by malicious software programs or restore programs to a working state that may be damaged."

**Back up, son** - "One thing consumers don't hear about very often is the fact that your computer components, mainly the hard drive, are manufactured with a *known shelf life*," warns Waterloo Networks. "In other words, it is not a matter of 'if' your hard drive will crash, but a matter of 'when.'" This means that you should backup your data as much as possible; burn your documents onto a CD/DVD; save them onto an external hard-drive or memory stick. If your computer explodes in your face, at least your living relatives can hand in the essay you died for.

**Defuckulating** - Waterloo Networks offered this fine analogy concerning the art of *defragmenting*: "Your computer's hard drive can be compared to the rings of a tree. The information is stored on a circular medium, starting from the outside of the disc moving inwards. As the drive fills up, data fills each "ring" as it moves closer to the centre," says Andrew.

"Over time, gaps may develop as files are created and removed." Defragmenting reorganizes your data for improved efficiency in performance. In Windows XP, just right-click on your main hard-drive (typically "C"), choose "properties," "tools," then "defragment now." Macs clean up after themselves, so there's apparently no need to defragment them.

**Upgrading your PC** - PCs are probably the shortest-term purchase that can be imagined; the cheapest way to keep them up-to-date is by adding more RAM. Waterloo Networks recommends at least 512 megabytes of RAM to run Windows XP; make sure that you have more than the recommended minimum specifications to run software efficiently.

**End of Days** - If all else fails, find an expert; after all, why bother wasting hours of your precious time when you could waste someone else's? Experts offer guaranteed solutions to your problems. "Make sure you have a repair shop that you trust," says Andrew. "We see a lot of situations where friends and roommates try to help each other, but end up making things worse."

Waterloo Networks' number is 519-747-5979. Any advice over the phone is free. Don't bother contacting Features Editor Alex Hayter; he really doesn't *anything about computers*.

# Stud Life takes the fit test

Getting a jump on new years resolutions, the Student Life team get their health expert to aid them towards healthier lifestyles

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This article is the first in a series. Over the next few weeks, the writers of the Student Life section will be transformed. Volunteering for the newspaper while carrying a full course load can often put a strain on one's ability to live a well-balanced lifestyle.

None of these profiles will be unique; each will be a reflection of problems encountered by many students. I encourage everyone to recognize something in these examples that you would also like to change.

Try making some of the same changes to create a healthier lifestyle for yourself. This is not an overnight process; take it one small step at a time.

The dining hall can be a challenge for any student. For Nicole, a first-year student, eating healthy on campus is proving to be a test. Even though she knows that she should incorporate more fruit and vegetables into her diet, hash browns, breaded chicken and pizza often turn into breakfast, lunch and dinner. Nicole's healthy lifestyle goals are eat fresh fruit and vegetables into her daily diet and drink more water.

## How to Start

Nicole will continue to choose her own meals from the dining hall, but will add healthier snacks throughout the day.

The key to eating fresh is buying fresh. Instead of stocking the mini fridge in your dorm room with alcohol, use it as a place to store fresh vegetables and fruit. This way they are easily accessible for snacking.

Dedicate 45 minutes each week



**CLAWS OUT** - Student Life is ready to attack O'Neill's plan at making the team healthy students.

Shane Porter

to grocery shopping. Take the #7 bus from King Street to the mall at Erb Street West.

Valu-Mart has a great selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. Choose two to three kinds of fruit and the same for vegetables.

Buy food that you know you enjoy and will eat. This is not the time to be experimental; choose foods you will like.

## Take Small Steps

For Nicole, replacing her morning coffee with an orange juice will start her day with a serving of fruit and a healthy dose of vitamin C. Next, Nicole chose one vegetable and one fruit. These became her snacks for the day. She would have one snack between breakfast and lunch and the other between lunch and dinner.

A piece of fruit or vegetable is also a great snack for late-night study sessions. With each snack, Nicole would have a bottle of water. The

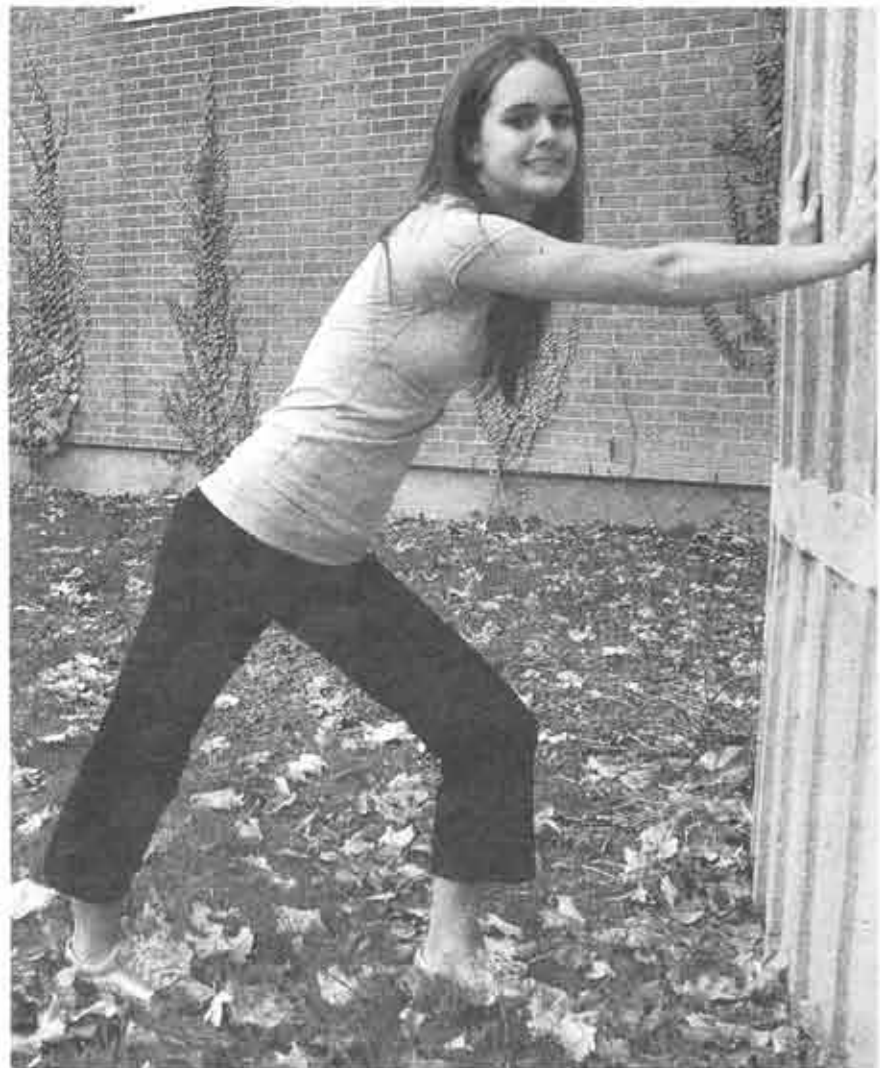
water and fresh food give Nicole the essential vitamins and minerals lacking from her deep-fried diet of the past.

## Make it a Lifestyle

There are a few tricks that will help you succeed in incorporating this into your diet. First, make yourself accountable to a friend. Choose a friend that goes grocery shopping with you, so that you have someone there to remind you and motivate

you to go each week. Second, invest in plastic containers. Cutting up vegetables beforehand makes them easier to grab and go for those days when you're just too busy to prepare them before class. Lastly, remind yourself why you are making these changes - to live a longer, healthier life.

*This will be a recurring feature for the next six issues profiling each member and their health goal.*



**STRETCH IT OUT** - Nicole Wray demonstrates her stretching regime.

Shane Porter

# Nicole's nutritious eating diary

After a week of using a new eating plan, Wray reflects on the impact it's made on her health

**NICOLE WRAY**  
STAFF WRITER

After trying my best to follow Jen's instructions on how to eat healthier, I didn't necessarily feel healthier but I did feel better about myself knowing I tried to eat better.

Being a first-year student living in Macdonald House Residence, I live so close to the dining hall and the Terrace that I never feel the need to

cook something myself and I generally don't.

With Jen's advice I gave up one of my favourite things: coffee. I also went to the grocery store and bought fruit and vegetables to eat between meals, and water to drink.

I found myself eating more than I normally would, but at the same time I had more of an appetite. This normally wouldn't be a good thing since I can get pizza, subs and

pitas with the small effort of a few steps and another swipe with my OneCard.

In my case, I definitely have trouble eating when I feel any stress or pressure, so having an appetite during the midterm season was a very good thing for me.

It was hard to choose the healthy option when residence is designed for first-years to gain that freshman 15, but knowing that I made the healthy choice made me feel better about myself.

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## This year, think outside the candy box

Here's a list of alternative Halloween-themed celebrations

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STAFF WRITER

Sure, you can go out as a "pedestrian" and see how much candy you can get, but let's face it - at our age we aren't fooling anybody by trick-or-treating.

Honestly though, what fun is there to be had if you aren't trick-or-treating?

I mean, you get to knock on strangers' doors and they give you candy. This doesn't work any other day of the year.

Well, for those who aren't going out on Halloween, here are some ideas to celebrate.

Most obviously, there's always a party you can attend in your best Halloween gear.

Just be sure not to go overboard on the drinking, because if you end up "telling it like it is," start sobbing, hurl juicily on the floor, and then wake up (read: come to) under the coffee table - alone, only if you're very lucky - you will have a lot more explaining to do than just your costume.

If you're not in the mood for partying, you can't go wrong with munchies and a movie marathon. Supermarkets won't look either way at this time of year if you buy copious amounts of candy and chocolate bars, so fill your baskets with goodies and head to your local video store.

Rent *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, or anything from the Halloween series. Also, *Pumpkinhead*, and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Gorge on Halloween delights of both the edible and watch-able kind.

Halloween is also the night when the dead are said to come out, so why not spend a glorious night lounging in a graveyard?

Take your significant other there and it doubles as a peaceful evening under the stars.

Who knows? If you're lucky, you might get a glimpse of Georgia Lass. She might leave you some candy, too. And free candy is always good.

Finally, there are plenty of costumes out there for everyone and every type of personality.

Try guessing the personalities of passer-bys based on their costumes with whatever twists you want.

The richest person will probably have the most put-together Batman costume. The nerdiest will be dressed up as a Level 12 Paladin.

The least creative will be dressed as the aforementioned "pedestrian."

For a laugh, try deciding who would make the worst lover. "Come on. He's dressed up as The Flash. Nuff said."

# Costumes on a budget

How to get the best out of your Halloween outfit and not necessarily dress like a slutty bunny

LAURA CARLSON  
STAFF WRITER

With Halloween quickly approaching, students find themselves scrambling to throw together unique and original costumes without breaking the bank.

You want to look stylish and creative, but still be able to afford a night out drinking.

It doesn't matter if you're going to be a superhero or a pirate, you can look great on Halloween while staying on your budget.

### Check out thrift stores

Thanks to this wonderful time of year

filled with never-ending midterms, studying has forced all aspects of your social life to take a serious hit.

And along with the lack of drinking, it's likely that shopping hasn't been a priority on your list either. So while you may be a little late to score the best costumes at Value Village, don't forget that you can always snip, shrink and alter any articles.

### Go to the dollar stores

Many costumes require props such as swords, wands, fake flowers or guns. So, instead of spending your money on expensive extras that will most likely be lost and/or broken in a drunken stupor, opt for the

cheap-looking prop and only spend a loonie.

### Buy wisely

A new pair of stiletto boots or a new black corset may make your costume go from mediocre to smoking. Just make sure that if you're going to spend the flow it will be put to good use again.

This way you have a good excuse for expanding your bar clothes wardrobe.

### Go through old clothes

You have a shirt you haven't worn for years and an old pair of jeans that are a little ragged on the bot-

tom. So why not pull out your scissors and make your own costume out of older clothes? This way you'll avoid spending any money and you'll be cleaning out your closet at the same time.

### Do a costume swap

We've all been victims of getting sucked into buying that really expensive costume at least once. So, grab all your roommates, pool together all your costume parts, and use them to create new ones. This way you don't have to be the same thing year after year, and you can put your former investments to good use.

# XXX invasion at the Turret

Adult-orientated hypnotist both shocks and thrills

PAUL ALVIZ  
STAFF WRITER

With his eccentric modern hip neo-hypnotist look and his devilishly deep and resonating voice, Tony Lee took command of the stage at the Turret last Thursday night. Lee opened the show with an introductory stand-up routine that was filled with countless obscenities and vulgar expressions.

This was undoubtedly done so that Lee could ensure that the audience was ready for a night of filthy hilarity.

For example, when Lee was in need of a minute of silence, he explained that the best way to silence a chatty audience member would be to "stick three fingers up their ass," which should effectively shut them up. Masturbation, oral sex and sodomy were along the lighter sides of his opener.

I admittedly had my doubts going into the show simply because it seems that the evening's hypnotist was acting on the premise that sex has to be used in order to sell anything to a student population. It seems that there is no other way that a hypnotist can compete with the possible night spots that a university city like Waterloo has to offer.

Who in their right mind would want to go see a hypnotist on a perfectly good Thursday night when cheap drinks are served at various bars near the campus?

Well, a hypnotist that has the letters XXX attached to his show, and promises all things naughty and secretly desired, will certainly have the student population intrigued

enough to give the performance a shot.

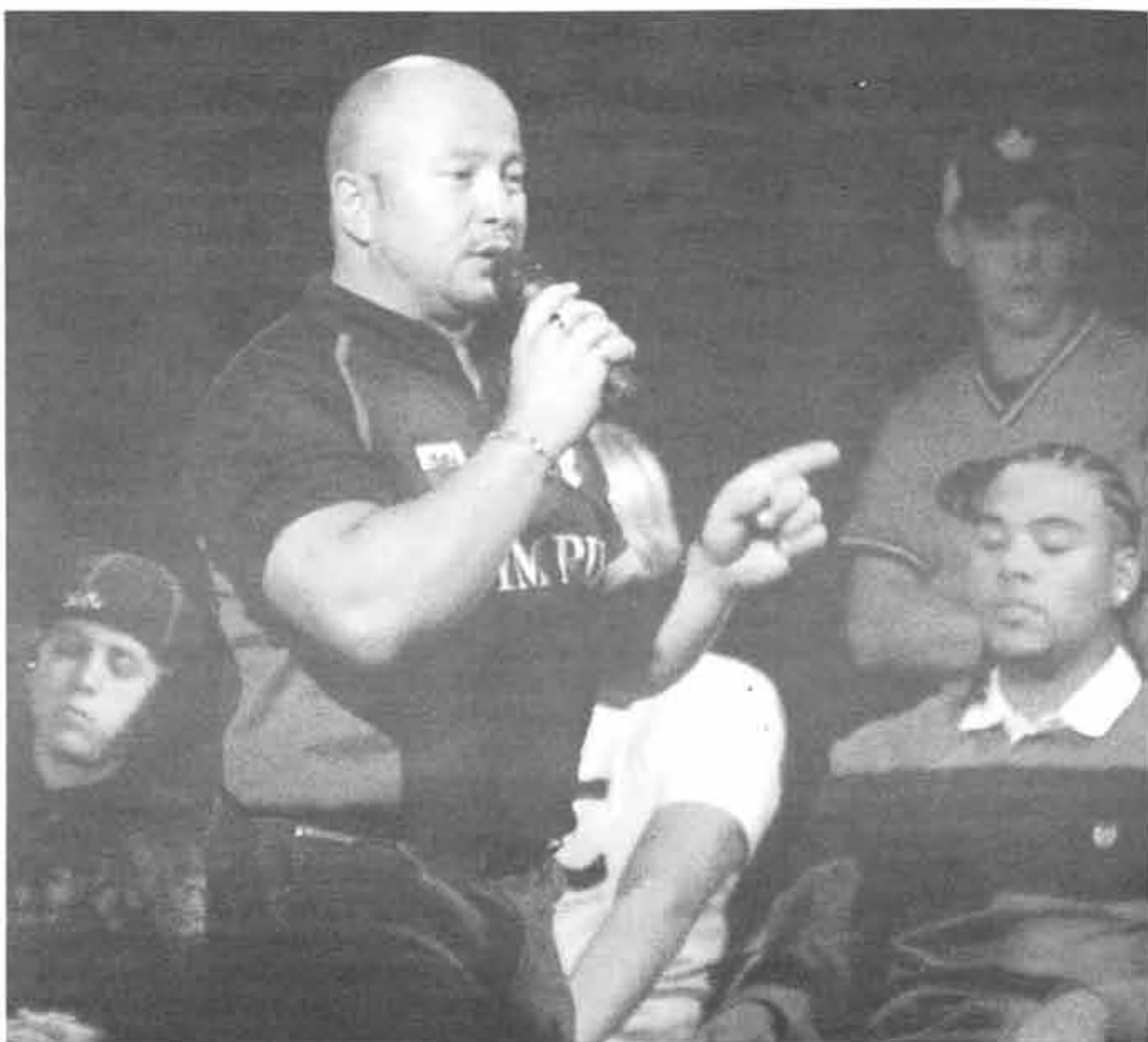
I was pleasantly surprised by the entertainment value of Lee's shocking approach to hypnotism and the plethora of sexual frustration felt by us all. The night served to shed some light on a variety of subjects, including what it's like to be the opposite sex and what it's like to experience your first menstruation.

There were some unexpectedly wild antics that are hard to imagine the leaders of tomorrow performing. These include, but are not limited to: people humping their chairs because they believed it was a childhood pet of which they were now the same species, the rookies of the A-Team having whipped cream licked off their inner thighs by hypnotized Hawks who mistakenly thought them to be naked females, and guys masturbating inside their pants who thought they were in a porno. And we must remember that all of this happened in front of an audience full of their peers.

On top of that, the hypnotized people on stage gave graphic "air guitar" examples of their oral sex techniques as well as screaming out simulated or possibly legitimate orgasms. Lee even had the guys do a low-budget performance of Chippendale's dancers for all of the ladies in the audience who had a birthday that night.

One especially strange oddity worth noting was the personal alcoholic expedition of Lee himself.

Looking at the people in their zombie-like dream-state on stage, eyes closed and mesmerized by the deep resounding voice of Lee, one



**SLEEP WELL, MY PRETTIES** - As members of the A-Team look on, Tony Lee preps his subjects for a night of hypnotised hijinks and hilarity.

couldn't help but notice that he was nowhere to be found.

He was still very much leading the show, only the stinky bald-headed man had disappeared somewhere into the audience before emerging at the back of the crowd and sneakily making his way to the bar. With a wireless microphone in one hand and a drink in the other, Lee gave calm, relaxing orders to his subjects, while taking shots in between

instructions.

The performer also quickly made friends with the patrons around the bar, as he passed around shots of tequila, all the while keeping the show running, and somehow keeping his composure after well over 10 drinks in a matter of minutes.

Hypnotizing always draws a bit of skepticism as people have a hard time believing they can fall under the complete control of another

person. For the sake of the dignity of the people on stage, I have to say what happened appeared to be very much out of their direct control, although one can only wonder where they could have picked up their moves.

Overall, the night proved to be an entertaining evening, which slightly crossed the boundaries of acceptable society, but is perfect for a university crowd.

## Halloween Horror Show

WENDY NIND  
CORD A&E

'Sweet transvestites,' Meat Loaf, The Time Warp and Susan Sarandon sopping wet in the middle of the night. What more could you ask of your Halloween entertainment? Jim Sharman's *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* is the largest running film in the world and is playing this Halloween at the Princess Cinema.

Though *Rocky Horror* initially met an unwelcome audience, it soon became a huge success. The massively popular cult-classic hasn't left theatres since its release in 1975, making it the longest running film in world history. "The Princess Cinema has been playing the film every year on Halloween since it opened its doors in 1985," says Princess employee Kevin Hatch.

The cult status of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* has created many records and traditions for the film around the world. For example, the Museum Lichtspiele in Munich, Germany is in the Guinness Book of World Records for having screened the film continuously for 31 years. Other theatres have records in their

respective countries as well.

The film's followers have also adopted lingo that refers to the moviegoers themselves. Because of the film's overtly sexual nature, those who have never seen *Rocky Horror* are referred to as "virgins" and those who attend showings frequently are known as "sluts."

It is likely that the film has such a vast following because it was different from so many other films at the time and even now. When asked why the film was so popular, *Rocky Horror* enthusiast Kelsey Romitz explains, "Because it's a weird movie. It's so weird! All the sex that's being promoted, you love it! The songs are catchy. Meat Loaf is in it. Meat Loaf is great."

The film is based on a stage production called *The Rocky Horror Show* by Richard O'Brien, who plays Riff Raff in the film. Many of the actors in the film were also originally involved with the theatrical show. A film called *Shock Treatment* was released as a sequel to *Horror Show*, however it didn't receive much acclaim. Comic books and video games based on the characters and stories have also been released

without drawing much attention.

Going to *Rocky Horror* is more than just your usual movie and popcorn experience. It's the audience participation that makes it more than just a movie. Expect people running around the theatre, shouting comments at the screen and having toast or rice thrown at you.

"It just depends on what crowd you're there with and what people remember from the movie," says Romitz. Sometimes people memorize entire speeches, or they'll act out the action on the screen.

While going to other showings of *Rocky Horror* might prove to be interesting, it is the Princess experience that remains in the minds of local *Rocky Horror* fans. "There's more of a variety of people in a big place like Toronto or New York, but there would still be sentimental value that you attach with going to the Princess," says Romitz.

This year you can see the film on Saturday, October 28 at 9:20 pm, and on Halloween at 9:20 pm.

Tips for newcomers include: dressing up, bringing props, and not being surprised when the audience stands up to dance and sing.



**ROCKIN' TRANSVESTITE** - Tim Curry lets loose as Dr. Frank-N-Furter.

## &gt; Retro Review

# The accentless Prince of Thieves

In spite of its inaccuracies, Kevin Reynolds' *Robin Hood* features strong performances that contribute to a strong recreation of the popular saga

ARIEL KROON  
CORD A&E

In retrospect, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* was one of the best summer movies of 1991. Although, by taking that view, one has to concede the fact that the other movies of summer '91 weren't quite the cream of the crop either. *Prince of Thieves* is (in)famous for its thorough telling of the true Robin Hood story. Seriously. Would Hollywood lie?

Starring a bland Kevin Costner as the conspicuously accent-less Robin of Locksley, one is almost inclined to cheer for the devious and over-the-top Sheriff of Nottingham—portrayed by Alan Rickman, who in addition to his acting skills also possesses a British turn of phrase.

Morgan Freeman stars as Azeem, the token Saracen surrounded by Saxons, and manages to do the character justice. Also, he has a curved sword, thereby making him the coolest of the sidekicks. That is to say, Little John and Friar Tuck were funny, yes, but ultimately lacking in exotic weaponry and thereby rendering their ass-kicking potential to merely perfunctory.

With cameos by Sean Connery (as King Richard) and a random horde of tribal Celts, *Prince of Thieves* nearly outdoes itself by attempting

to hook all aspects of the British Isles into the film. The scenery is picture-perfect, even during the ambush on the camp of the Merry Men. The trees flamed very nicely.

Truthfully, as far as being memorable goes, the movie's length, Costner's accent deficit and Maid Marion's voluminous hair are pretty much the only things that stick. Oh, and the witch. It is to be lamented that the drama-filled scenes and silly jokes are often forgotten, along with the phenomenal performances of many of the actors.

The general ambivalence held by this generation towards *Prince of Thieves* is not because of any faults within the original movie, but more because of the parody released two years after the fact: *Robin Hood:*

*Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*

Director: Kevin Reynolds

Starring: Kevin Costner,

Morgan Freeman, Mary

Elizabeth Mastrantonio

Rating: 6.1 / 10

Original Release Date: 1991

Recommendation:

**WORTH A LOOK**

*Men in Tights*. The spoof, starring Cary Elwes (*Princess Bride*) as Robin, pokes fun at the many discrepancies in *Prince of Thieves*, especially in scenes where the original takes itself very seriously.

Which brings up a point of interest: *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, for all its epic, legendary status in dealing with a sacred part of English folklore, is not all drama, action and passionate love story. There are parts which are laugh-out-loud funny; rare, but not absent. Rickman takes the Sheriff of Nottingham over the top and back again, and the Merry Men are hardly doleful in their performances.

In conclusion, it's safe to say that whilst *Prince of Thieves* has been all but eclipsed by its wildly successful parody, don't write it off as a two hour-long snoozefest. If you want one of those, go rent *Camelot*, the inspiration for *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

*Prince of Thieves* was a presentation of the Medieval Society's Outlaw Film Series; upcoming films include *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*, *Braveheart*, *Zorro*, *Maverick*, and *The Godfather*. If you are interested, times and locations will be posted around campus preceding each presentation.



**AIMING TOO HIGH** - Unable to transcend his American roots and convincingly portray Robin Hood, Kevin Costner weakens an otherwise strong film.

## &gt; Media Matters: A monthly column on media, culture and technology

## The print media, they are a-changin'

The restructuring of *TV Guide* as an Internet-based magazine signals that business-as-usual will no longer suffice in today's media landscape



JOE TURCOTTE  
A&E EDITOR

For years, media pundits and academics have warned that our culture's media landscape is on the verge of a dramatic transformation. While claims about revolutionary change are often met with a degree of cynicism, those involved with media production would be wise to take notice of these warnings. These prescient visionaries noticed that the emergence of digital technologies and the rapid growth of the Internet spelled imminent danger for traditional media producers.

For the most part, the leaders of

radio, television, music and print soldiered on as they tried to maintain their strangle-holds on their respective industries, while at the same time seeking out ways to address the new challenges created by digital media.

Unfortunately, however, things are destined to change. It was therefore no surprise that one of Canada's most venerable print institutions announced that it would no longer adhere to the traditional conventions of its medium. As the *Toronto Star* reported last week, after a nearly 30 year run on Canadian magazine racks *TV Guide* will cease to function as a print-based medium and will instead re-brand itself as an Internet-based magazine.

For years *TV Guide* has served as the most convenient means for a

television viewer to find out when his or her favourite shows were going to be broadcast. However, due to the rise in digital and satellite television, as well as the Internet, TV viewers are able to look to faster, easier and cheaper ways to find out what show is on, and when.

It was only a couple of decades ago that the magazine revelled in its glory years, as during the 1980s *TV Guide* boasted a subscriber base that exceeded a million homes. But because technology rapidly began to alter how Canadians access media and information, the magazine was unable to expand, let alone hold, its readership. Since the public had new ways to view TV listings, *TV Guide* became effectively impotent.

No longer does the public have to subscribe to a weekly magazine to find local TV listings. Instead, digital cable boxes and satellite receivers can, in a matter of seconds, display this information on the TV screen.

Also, advanced TV receivers can be programmed to tape a television program so that the viewer can

watch the show at their leisure. Due to these technological advances the viewer has been empowered and the print-based *TV Guide* was doomed.

By giving up on the classical print-based magazine *TV Guide* has become one of the first major media groups to succumb to the pressures created by digital media.

based magazine, *TV Guide* has become one of the first major media groups to succumb to the pressures created by digital media. Whether or not *TV Guide* can survive as a free Internet-based magazine remains to be seen.

However, by merely acknowledging that traditional, and now outdated modes, of production are not enough to satisfy a new generation of viewer and consumer, the re-branding of *TV Guide* symbolizes that a major shift has begun to take

place in the media industry.

The transformation of *TV Guide* should serve as a warning to the other major players in media. Technology is rapidly changing the ways in which consumers interact with products. New generations of consumers are not reliant upon the tactile experience of holding a magazine in their hands. Instead, they would rather emphasize convenience and accessibility.

By jumping into the unknown and trying to survive as an Internet-based magazine, *TV Guide* serves as the yardstick by which other magazines and publications can judge themselves.

However, due to the speed at which change occurs in today's media landscape, it is unlikely that the traditional newspapers and magazines will be able to sit on their hands and wait to see how *TV Guide* fares.



# The Fr!nges unite for auditions



Sydney Holland

**CARRIE MCNABB**  
CORD A&E

As midterms and papers consume the average student's life, the Fr!nge coordinators/directors/writers/stage managers are working diligently to bring us another great festival this year. This past Wednesday and Thursday marked the initial stage in the Fr!nge process: the au-

ditions. Many people auditioned this year hoping to be part of the experience.

For those who may not be familiar with the event, Fr!nge is a three-day festival providing the WLU community an opportunity to experience some of the greatest theatrical talents our school has to offer.

All of the plays must be student written, but that is where the restric-

tions essentially stop. All genres, topics and issues are fair game—and with the abundance of divergent imaginations at Laurier the annual event's acts are lively and interesting.

Alexandra Apolloni, the Fr!nge Festival coordinator, says there are ten plays this year, eight of which are comedies. One play will be a sequence of tableaux and, for an in-

teresting departure from the typical norm, one short opera.

As it was last year, Fr!nge will once again take place in the Maureen Forrester Hall. Compared to previous years when the festival was held in the Theatre Auditorium, the Maureen Forrester Hall is more acoustically sound and provides a much more professional layout. This year's performances are set for January 18,

19 and 20.

Watch out for some familiar Fr!nge faces reuniting for the Fringe AllStars to put on a popular Tom Stoppard one-act.

For those who missed out on their chance to audition for Fr!nge, but still want to get involved, Apolloni says the Fr!nge Festival staff is still looking for some backstage help, especially stage managers.

## Artistic pop-cultural parodies

"The Translator's Conundrum" brings cultural critique to gallery by reworking familiar images



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**LOFTY AMBITIONS** - By looking at pop-culture images, Daryl Vocat examines the influence of social constructs on culture and relationships.

**BEN MCNEIL**  
CORD A&E

On display at the Robert Langen Art Gallery is a collection of screen prints by artist Daryl Vocat entitled "The Translator's Conundrum". As explained by the artist, "The Conundrum asserts that art is a form of communication, and that a key element of creative practices is the act of translation."

Vocat's art explores flaws and misunderstandings in social constructs, the influence of culture and the varying structure of human relationships. Drawing images and phrases from popular culture and literature, the works "reframe [Vocat's] life experiences in relation to larger cultural markers, to insist that [his] existence is significant, and to understand mortality," as the artist's website states.

To properly translate the works the viewer must make the connection between the images and concepts

to which they allude. For instance, the title of the work *where crawls the lizard* and the quote found on the lizard's T-shirt is taken directly from an old Spiderman cartoon, while *a gift from araby* is a direct reference to some obscure Hootie and the Blowfish lyrics.

Through re-examining, manipulating and discussing images' shortcomings, Vocat is able to turn the images in on themselves and expose an alternative point of view in an ongoing search for representational accuracy.

The bright colours captured within confident lines demand the viewer's attention, while dealing with big themes in a fun and smart narrative. Vocat creates a memorable visual experience.

*The exhibition is on display from Wednesday to Saturday from noon until five, October 18 to November 11 in the Robert Langen Gallery located in John Aird Centre.*

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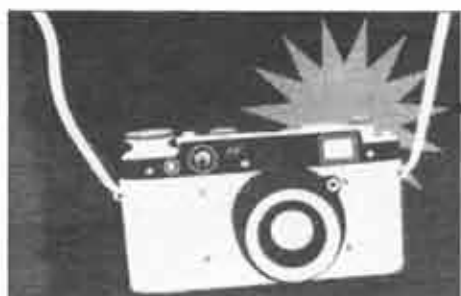
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## Drunks pose threat

Two months into the semester, the Laurier community already has two severe beatings under its collective belt. Our safe-school image has been shattered and it's our own fault.

The most recent assault took place on the weekend, after a night at the Turret, on Laurier property, and was allegedly perpetrated by a Laurier student. Two Laurier special constables were assaulted earlier this semester on September 21. These brutally violent assaults took place on Laurier property, inside what we like to think as our safe, small school bubble, and have brought the issue of safety to the forefront of some students' minds.

While students are constantly made aware of the dangerous world "out there," it seems these days the danger is a lot closer to home. And it appears undergraduate students' favourite stress-reliever, alcohol, is a contributing factor. While unconfirmed, the alleged assailant in the most recent assault was apparently returning from a bar and there has been speculation that the assailants in the special constable assault were also intoxicated. Additionally, another one of Laurier's most notorious assault cases was that of football players Ryan McGuffin and Jeff Melis, who assaulted a student after a Christmas party at Mongolian Grill.

Students and alcohol just don't mix. Alcohol is known to raise aggression in those who imbibe and on a campus where people love their sauce, so it seems almost inevitable that violent acts will occur.

While having a security camera covering the area where the assault took place and having a working emergency pole could have helped the victim get assistance faster, they couldn't have prevented the crime. Students monitoring their alcohol intake and thinking rationally, however, probably could have as well.

Taking precautions to ensure your safety while walking alone through the city is definitely a good idea, but so is staying vigilant while with your intoxicated friends, who, it seems, could be the biggest threat to your safety.

## Digital democracy flawed

Much like communism, digital democracy is good idea that works in theory alone.

While proponents of digital democracy, like the newly independent MP Garth Turner, insist that the Internet "is the form of communication that will tie the globe together for the foreseeable future," these claims are far too naive and fail to take into account that digital democracy will only be as good as the technology used to implement it. Currently, Internet-based technology is far too inaccessible and insecure to claim to be a true representation of the "people's voice."

As recently as 2003, Statistics Canada reported that only 56 percent of Canadians in the lower half of income earnings had Internet connectivity at home. While there are numerous ways for Canadians to connect to the 'Net without a home connection, it seems rather unlikely that those without a connection will make the necessary time investment to reach an Internet portal so that they can practise digital democracy. If the majority of Canadians are apathetic enough to not turn out to vote, then it is unreasonable to as-

sume that Canadians will mobilize enough to access an Internet terminal to stay democratically engaged.

Another failing of digital democracy is the relative insecurity of digital technology. Recent investigations by both *The Economist* and *Rolling Stone* have uncovered that electronic voting machines may be manipulated so that they count votes for particular candidates. Although e-voting represents the far end of digital democracy, political blogging is just as tricky. Blog users can register at will without having to verify their identities, and even if bloggers can be properly registered, only a simple password prevents someone else from adopting the registered user's identity.

Although digital democracy sounds like a glorious idea that will help to bring politics to the masses, it is fundamentally flawed by the technologies it hinges upon. Without addressing the inherent technological problems associated with digital democracy, the idea will remain as useful a proposition as an entirely socialist state.

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Samnang Touch, The Fulcrum (University of Ottawa)

## Masks impede our sense of community

ARLA LATTO-HALL  
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

Halloween is fast upon us.

This weekend we'll go buy our wigs, shirts, skirts, props and accessories, preparing for yet another masquerade. In the name of the game, we'll pretend to be something we're not and make fun of ourselves for it. It's no time for being a prude, that's for sure.

But for some this masquerade is never-ending. The mask doesn't come off; the show is never really over. And it's hurting any attempts we have at inclusion and understanding.

Aside from the commentary about women wearing far too much makeup, aside from the fact that politicians never give it to us straight, aside from the posturing we all suffer from at one point or another, the argument runs far deeper.

Building over the last decade, we've seen the problems immigration has posed to social inclusion in a country where citizenship comes first. Statistics Canada projections peg the percentage of visible minorities between 19 and 23 percent by 2017, rising from 13 percent in 2001. Most of them will live in urban areas, and most of them will be Chinese and South Asian. Although the willingness to get past cultural barriers bounces across the spectrum, some of what they bring is much more concrete and difficult to get past, language barriers in particular.

According to a report by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 1.5 percent of the Region of Waterloo's population doesn't know either French or English.

Slightly over 21 percent in Waterloo alone speak a language other than English; of these, 18.7 percent speak German, 8.7 percent speak Chinese, 7.1 percent speak Polish and 4.2 speak Punjabi. Our population growth rate is increasing, and as long ago as 2001, it approached nearly 10 percent growth rate. In sum, it appears Waterloo is getting more diverse.

This highlights a need to emphasize open dialogue and communication with our new neighbours. Deepa Mehta, an award-winning Indian-born Canadian filmmaker, has been celebrated for her films, the most recent of which, *Water*, was set in 1930s India during Gandhi's rise. The film is not shot in English, nor is it dubbed over. It appears as it would be aired in India, with subtitles for us unfortunately unilingual Canadians. Nothing interferes with its original message. I highly recommend it.

Sometimes, however, a bit of concealment doesn't hurt. Last year's riots in France's urban areas are an indication of what happens if the mask isn't ever worn in the first place. Discriminated against based on last names and addresses, the inhabitants of government-created slums have trouble finding jobs and are considered unreliable as employees in a country where leisure time is highly valued. Logic would dictate that a shortened work week, limited to below the North American 40-hour standard, would help with job creation. Ask one of approximately 1.5 million second-generation French, preferably a woman with an Arabic last name, if she agrees.

Finally recognizing its problems need to be solved, France may force companies to "mask" identifying information on resumés from hiring managers in companies with more than 50 employees.

One hopes that, once having been hired based upon "merit," they won't be fired as soon as they show up for work. The concepts of inclusion and community seem entirely lost on them.

In some situations where prejudice seems slightly less tolerated, these masks can be literally removed. Jack Straw, a UK minister whose constituency is nearly one quarter Muslim, requires that Muslim women remove their veil when visiting his office, describing it as a "visible statement of separation and difference." As a supporter of the rights of women to wear the veil he seems to take a pragmatic stance: the veil itself is simply an impediment to proper in-person communication. His comments have sparked the debate he undoubtedly wanted to foster and have opened this can of worms to popular public scrutiny – what else impedes a sense of community?

There are less other-worldly examples. With the cold weather obviously upon us nice and early, even our Halloween costumes, after hours of effort and weeks of thought, might be covered up. We'll wear our big puffy coats, thick toques and scarves up to our noses – it's not this I take issue with, because the cold is indiscriminate, but it has psychological effects, making us feel isolated.

This makes us turn away from the rest of the world. It's a nasty circle only the sun, a good heater or a good party can bring out.

So once the Halloween festivities are over, when you've remembered how to loosen up and accept new characters into your worldview, go further and step into their world, and accept the inevitable diversity we face. That goes for all of us.

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# Tories' Clean Air Act too little, too late

Climate change needs to become a priority



JEREMY TREMBLAY  
ON THE VERGE

This past Thursday, Steven Harper's government released details of the Clean Air Act, the Conservative's made-in-Canada alternative to the Kyoto Protocol.

Many analysts agreed that the new green laws were produced in light of dwindling support for the Conservatives, with the hope of swaying back into the favor of Quebec and moderate voters.

However, looking at the reaction of environmentalists and the opposing parties, no one is very impressed. Nor should they be, when they examine what's been put on the table.

The Kyoto Protocol's first series of reductions aims to cut greenhouse gas emissions to six percent below those of 1990 by 2012. Claiming that Kyoto's target is unachievable, the Conservatives have backed away from it.

Instead, the Clean Air Act aims to reduce emissions to 50 percent of 2003's levels – by 2050. Industry-specific emission-reduction targets would be set next year, and targets for reducing the emission of chemi-

cals creating smog will be released in 2020.

Additionally, it has been reported that emission levels will be intensity-based. This means that limits will be placed on certain unit of production.

As production increases, emissions may increase proportionately. A press release from the David Suzuki Foundation states that the proposed environmental legislation will only increase pollution.

Pierre Sadik, a senior policy analyst with the foundation, is quoted saying that "The federal government could have set strong, realistic targets and timelines, then let industry get on with it. They chose not to."

Indeed, what the government did do is quite the opposite. The Conser-

vatives talk of having prepared for this act through consultation with industry, though make no mention of consultations with environmental experts.

Why would you ask those emitting pollutants how much they should be responsible to cut back?

The government should be placing a higher value on our potential for surviving into the future than it places on the country's largest corporations' abilities to use up our natural resources.

In 2003, approximately one third of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions came from Alberta, 35 percent of which were produced by the province's oil and gas sectors.

These corporations, responsible for a huge amount of pollution produced in Canada, are the source of some of the few positive comments concerning the Clean Air Act.

The government needs to re-examine the impact pollution is going to have on our society, rather than acting as an agent through which the petrochemical industry can protect its interests. Canada has once

again fallen behind the majority of the developed world in following up on its commitment to the future.

As Graeme Erion of the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition said to the Canadian Press, "It's embarrassing to see your government bury its head in the tar sands."

Harper's "made-in-Canada" solution seems to look a great deal more like a clone of recent American environmental laws, reducing the effectiveness of existing environmental controls, cutting existing funding for climate change awareness and not meeting targets specified in the Kyoto protocol.

The goals set out in Harper's "Clean Air Act" come as too little, too late.

The government needs to start investing money in effectively fighting pollution fueling global warming, the most serious problem we may face for generations, rather than blindly throwing money away to distract voters from government inaction.

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## > Letters to the Editor

### Israel welcomes Armenians

I am writing this letter in response to Yusuf Faqiri's article, *Denial unstoppable*. Firstly, I would like to commend Mr. Faqiri for bringing the issue of the Armenian genocide to the discourse of our university. As a person whose family was victimized by the genocide and crimes against humanity of the Holocaust, I empathize with the Armenian people.

However, I must assert that Mr. Faqiri's article unfairly singled out and emphasized that Israel has yet to officially recognize the tragedy suffered by the Armenian people. I ask Mr. Faqiri, how has Israel "especially" refused to recognize the Armenian genocide?

Here are the facts. Israel is Armenia's fifth largest export partner with 11.5 percent of exports going to the State of Israel. Secondly, a walk through the Old City of Jerusalem will reveal the Israeli government's true and warm feelings towards the Armenian people. The Old City, the most sought-after real-estate in the world, is composed of four distinct sections. One of which is the Armenian Quarter where Israel has fostered a safe and secure environment for Armenians to live. It is also important to note that there are more than 3000 Armenians living in Israel. This is one of the largest populations of the Armenian diaspora. Israel has welcomed Armenians as part of their society.

The State of Israel is a country whose foundation is cemented with memories of genocide and persecution. Since pre-statehood, Israel has welcomed millions of people who have left their homes in search of freedom from discrimination and violence. Today, out of all of the countries in the world, Israel has the largest percentage per capita of people and descendants arriving from persecutory regimes.

Anti-Israeli sentiments expressed by Mr. Faqiri have not been exclusive to his most recent article. Israel "especially" understands the plight of Armenians and all other peoples who have been victims of violent persecution.

- Joshua R. Otis, President of the WLU Israel Political Affairs Committee

### Spelling and grammar count

Carolyn Marchand wrote a letter to the editor in the Cord (Oct. 18, 2006) in which she questions the notion that spelling and grammar are not counted on an examination.

Whether it is directly assigned a weight or not, whenever one reads an essay on an examination or an assignment, the impression is enhanced by correct spelling and grammar or detracted from by poor communication skills. Clearly, such an impression will affect the grade indirectly even if not directly.

Maybe I am old fashioned but I believe that when a graduate leaves Laurier, others will judge the university by the quality of that graduate. One of the quickest impressions of that graduate will be the way the ex-Laurier student communicates, both orally and in written form. Thus, if I want to protect the University's reputation, I have to take into account communication skills, directly or indirectly. Thus, I say spelling and grammar do count.

I tell a story to my classes. I used to write a weekly newspaper column about the economy. In one of my columns, I wrote about changing academic standards and I had an enlightening letter from one of my readers in another city. He ran a firm which had his family name on it. He had hired eight masters degree graduates the spring prior. He indicated to me that he personally had to read and rewrite all the letters going out from these eight students. He said his name was on the letterhead and he had found so many errors in their spelling and grammar that he could not let mail go out without going over it personally. He indicated that he would not hire another graduate of the university (luckily not Laurier).

The question is an excellent one and I wish it would be discussed widely by students and faculty alike.

-Dr. D. McCready

### Coming out is a continuous process

Congratulations to Tony Ferguson on writing an article about the difficulty in coming out. It was nicely timed near

Coming Out Day (Oct. 11) and appropriate for students dealing with their own sexuality.

It is by far easier today than it was 10 years ago and far easier 10 years ago than 20 and so on but it is never easy. One always has fears about what one's peers, friends and most of all parents, siblings, and children are going to react. There are so many different reactions, one can never know which one will be experienced next. Coming out is a continuous process – but once the major hurdles are passed, one can be matter-of-factly out which is both a healthy and ideal way to be.

- Dr. D. McCready

### Stop insulting educated people

When I first read Steve Niles' article, "The pros of living with the fairer sex," my initial response was weariness. As a feminist, I believe that it is important to openly acknowledge sexist attitudes rather than simply hoping they diminish. However, when I sat down to write this letter I was at a loss for words. There is almost nothing to say in response to such an irrelevant article. We've heard it all before: women take hours to get ready, women have a lot of shoes, women love relationship-driven TV shows, women are powerless in the presence of chocolate.

This article should offend both feminists and anyone who believe that the Cord should reflect the values and intelligence of the student body. If we wanted poorly-written, two-dimensional jokes about gender stereotypes, we would watch reruns of "Everybody Loves Raymond."

I would like to challenge Student Publications to take a long, hard look at their standards of journalistic integrity. If you are going to print an article about gender issues, talk about something interesting and meaningful. Please stop insulting educated people and wasting paper by perpetuating sexist tripe.

- Heather Skelton

### Stress is What You Make it

I am writing in response to Jill Harrington's article in the October 18 edi-

tion of the Cord, "Too much pressure put on forth-years."

Pressure and stress, I find, are largely what we as individuals make of them. How we choose to deal with them is what truly reflects on what type of person we are.

Choosing to worry about every deadline and panic for every job interview is not how all fourth-year students spend their time. Some of us elect to relax and spend more time enjoying our final year here at Laurier.

Being an OAC grad, I am one of the older fourth-years. Many of my peers have just turned 21 this year. If we are having trouble at this age handling the pressure of being in our final year of university, are we going to be anywhere near ready to handle the pressure after graduation when real life hits?

Perhaps if you are someone feeling like there is too much pressure or that the stress is unbearable, the right choice might be to lighten your workload. Take four classes instead of five. The worst-case scenario is that you will be a little poorer when you graduate, but you will also be older, more experienced and more mature.

Being able to handle stress is an invaluable life tool. And the best part about it is there are numerous ways to do it. Laurier offers countless ways to get away from the pressures of being a senior. Or if you feel like you spend too much time on campus already, you can stay at home and enjoy a movie or good book. Do not forget your significant other either, if there is one in your life. If fourth-year is wreaking such havoc on your life, it is probably doing the same to theirs.

To those of you who have not yet reached your final year, take heart. It doesn't need to be the most stressful eight months of your life. Find your own unique way to manage the stress. And remember, don't take life too seriously, you'll never get out alive.

- Andy Hinrichs

### Don't treat us like clueless virgins

I am an avid reader of the Cord. Every week I pick up a copy and read aloud

to one of my roommates as she does the dishes. We usually enjoy everything we've read. However, this week I was a little bit disappointed. When I first noticed the sex column I was ecstatic. That's the kind of stuff we as students need to read about and cannot get enough of.

Once I started reading though I was very upset. Come on, this is a university paper. We all know how to have safe sex, and what safe sex is. We learned about it in grade six health class. And if you don't know that you should wash your hands before and after touching yourself... then maybe you shouldn't be touching yourself at all for the good of the campus! I want to read a real sex column that isn't afraid to tackle the tough stuff that might ruffle a few feathers. Pros and cons of lube. Spit or swallow. The kinds of things that can be informative, incorporate humour into the column, and generally don't repeat useless knowledge we've all had since before we could even get aroused. Awesome that you guys want to help those with sexual queries, but seriously it'd be better if you dealt with questions appropriate to our age that didn't answer to us as if we were all clueless virgins.

- Ashley Ring

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# Reason and thought paramount in society

Learning how to work through problems by reasoning and using intelligence is rare in a world of reality tv, drugs and entertainment



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John Stuart Mill once said: "The drawing of inferences is the main business of life."

Such thinking is a focused effort to reach the truth by solving any problems standing in the way. First of all, we must make the problem specific.

Philosopher G.E. Moore once said, "If you make the problem clear and precise, you have already half-solved it."

For example, you may be carrying around a cloud of worry. This nags you because you don't know exactly why or what to do about it. We must first delve into the muddy depths of our minds until we bring to light the nub of the worry.

Some Freudians have suggested that our minds are guards standing at a basement door, which is beaten on from time to time by the "sinister" occupants of the cellar, a mob of impulsive creatures "full of sound and fury."

Secondly, we develop theories about how best to rid ourselves of that burden. We then develop in foresight, the consequences of our proposals.

The fourth and final step in "thinking the truth" is to compare the consequences of our proposals to see which is best fit in our schemes of life as a whole.

For most of us, life is a succession of big and little crises, and one important goal of education is to supply us with a variety of strategies for thoughtfully dealing with them.

And if we acquire such a habit of "reasonableness," we will have acquired the best thing an education can bestow.

And yet, how rare is this habit of reasonableness?

We are an impatient, impulsive, excitable and excitement-loving people.

People continue to court a less meaningful existence through entertainment, TV, drugs and reality shows, yet a life ordered by reflective choice strikes most of us as grey and incredibly dull.

Creative genius is associated with rakish excess and it is a curious fact that most prize winners in literature — prose and poetry — have been drunkards.

The British critic Lowes Dickinson once said, "Modern literature is one vast hospital."

For most of us, a novel filled with supposedly reasonable people

would be egregiously boring and in-supportably flat.

While many of our magazines celebrate variegated lunacy, reasonableness is, however, a much rarer achievement than willfulness and ought to be more compelling.

But we are divided selves — bundles of impulses or drives, of which the urge to know is important but feeble, and the other drives, especially when acting together, are far more powerful. But why?

Some years ago, biologist Paul McLean argued we have three brains, or rather three levels of our one brain.

The oldest and most central is the "reptilian brain," the functions of which include mating, feeding and fighting.

Superimposed on this central core is the "paleo-mammalian brain," the anatomical base for emotions, such as fear, rage, pleasure and grief.

Atop this is the cortex, making possible intelligence, foresight, logic and "reasonableness."

Now, the reason why our impulses to feed and fight, to fear and rage, are difficult to control, is because their roots go back millions of years in our racial history

and the reason why foresight and logic are so feeble in restraining them is that their cortical bases are only a few hundred thousand years old — relative newcomers in the management of human behavior.

Some Freudians have suggested that our minds are guards standing at a basement door, which is beaten on from time to time by the "sinister" occupants of the cellar, a mob of impulsive creatures "full of sound and fury."

If the guards can control them, the human species is destined to careers of unimaginable attainment; if the guards cannot control them and the cellar impulses take over, our generation could be the last.

Plato once said the intellectual is a charioteer whose business it is to drive the powerful horses of feeling and impulse, and only as the person judiciously applies the bit and rein will the horses carry the driver to the goal.

And thought is no enemy of feeling; indeed, it may itself be driven by a passion for truth, as it was with Albert Einstein and his favorite philosopher Bishop Spinoza.

Rather, what the intellectual despises is not feeling but feeling out of control.

"The great masters of thought had access to two worlds at once: the world of eternal truths and the world of common sense."

Socrates spoke that line and first demonstrated what condor flights

of speculation to which the human intellect could rise, and yet Socrates, the gifted stone mason was much at home with soldiers, sailors, farmers and carpenters.

I think too, of Einstein — three persons in one. The man in an old sweater and baggy trousers standing on a Princeton street corner eating an ice cream cone or the Einstein who tutored, helped a little schoolgirl who had heard that "he was good at numbers."

He was also the physicist who pursued to the end of that revolutionary trail of thought that ended in  $E=mc^2$  (energy equals mass times the square of the speed of light). And the third person, that post-war Einstein, who dedicated himself to saving that world he feared his formula might destroy.

Individuals such as Socrates and Einstein are what philosopher William James called "quarto and folio editions of humankind."

And while all of us may not become such "folio editions of humankind," our studies provide us with some remarkable opportunities to become just that.

Bertrand Russell once said, "Never try to discourage thinking for you are sure to succeed."

The pressures of the media and the shrinking of our world are casting our minds into moulds. The escape route is through reflective thought.

Through thoughtfulness, we can carefully select our own media, we can select our own music, we can create our own mental environments and surround ourselves with "the best that had been thought and said in the world" (Matthew Arnold).

Such is the goal of a university education as well as the goal of all of our students.

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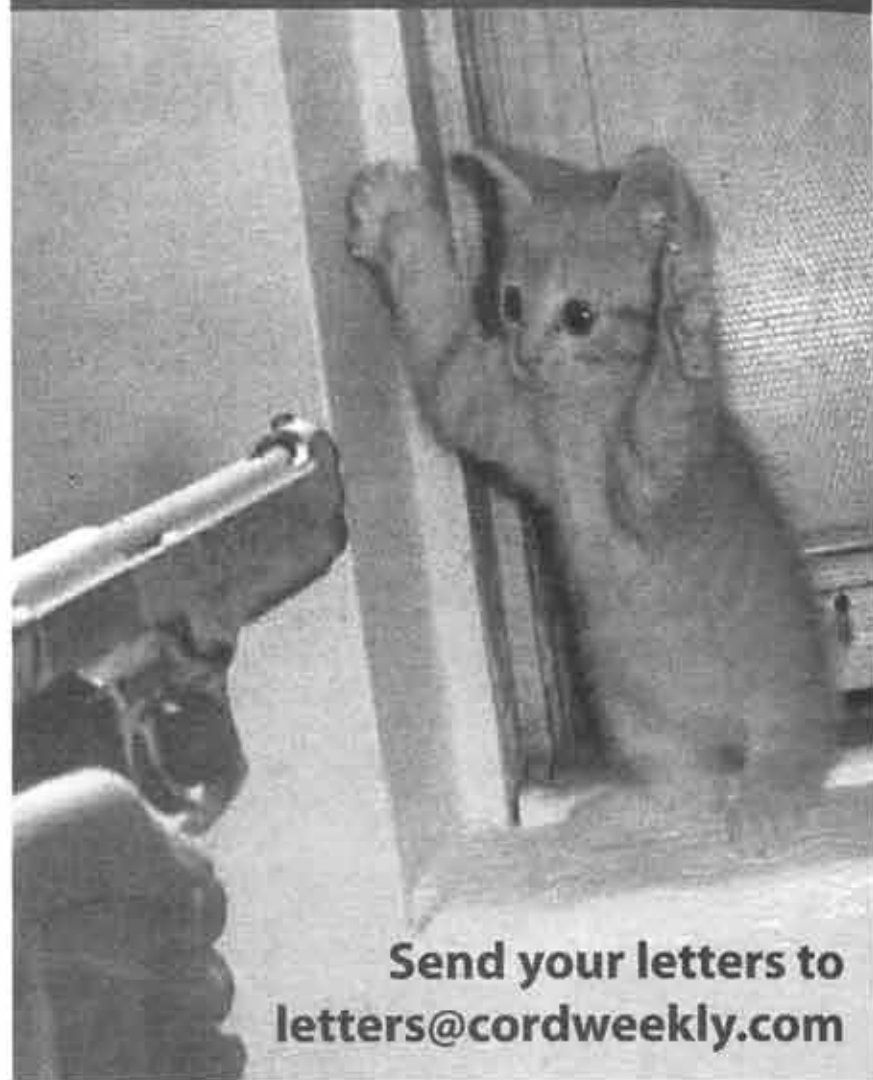
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# Double cohort causing stress yet again

As the infamous duo grades graduate, they face additional stress with grad school applications and securing employment



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It's bad enough being in fourth year — we've got the pressures of making sure we do well in our last year in order to graduate— but because we're part of the double cohort year, there's much more competition in applying for both post-graduate programs and jobs this upcoming year

According to the Laurier registrar's report, Laurier alone had 3,603 first-year students attending in 2003 in comparison to 2002 when there were 2,504 first-years.

There are approximately 1,100 more students in the double cohort. It is uncertain at this point how many of us will be graduating this year.

However, Laurier, along with many schools, is preparing for the largest graduating class within Ontario for 2007.

At this point, many of us are looking at all of our possible options, and many of us are applying to post-graduate programs.

Depending on the program, there are requirements that we must fulfill in order to complete the application process alone.

For example, those applying for teachers' college face countless hours filling out application forms, obtaining transcripts and reference letters, and completing teaching-related volunteer hours. This process is stressful for many of us and some concerns arise.

"Getting there is the hardest part ... I know it's eventually going to come but it seems like there's a lot before that," stressed Amanda Johnson, a fourth-year history student. Not only is making it through graduation a concern, but so is the number of spaces available in graduate schools next year.

"They're not increasing [spaces]. Actually, I heard one of the schools was decreasing the number of spots [available]," said Johnson. "Oh yes, it's scary looking at these statistics, definitely. I've got the marks but there's a thousand people applying so what makes me stand out from everyone else?"

Kiran Sandhu, a fourth-year English and languages and literature student, raised one of her concerns when applying for the public relations program at various colleges. "I knew that I had to make a portfolio but now I'm realizing how big the competition is; I actually have to make my portfolio stand out."

Sandhu discussed the notion of not knowing what's going to happen after graduation. "I think that the fact that it's so competitive that I don't know of whether or not I'll get into the program. There's no clear-set future and I think it's waiting that's the hardest part about not knowing."

With the added competition students face after graduation, some

have opted to stay an extra year. Bailey Gross, a fourth-year communications and film studies student, has made the decision to stay another year at Laurier. "I get involved with so many things at Laurier that I don't think there are many schools that offer what's here." She explains that she is unsure what she should do with her degree.

This in mind, Gross attests that even if it hadn't been for the double cohort year, she still would have stayed an extra year. "I think by staying an extra year, I'll get more experience and hopefully put me ahead of someone. I'll have the extra-curricular and [the employers] might look at my experiences."

Jordan Maya, a fourth-year communication studies student, is going to enter into the workforce upon graduation. "This past summer I obtained a job with the government. I was the assistant administrator and I've maintained relations with them and they offered me a job [after graduation]." In comparison to others, he has been fortunate enough to secure some aspect of his future.

For those of us who are applying to enter the workforce, there is a bit of hope despite the competition that is expected upon graduation. Jan Basso, the director of cooperative education and career services, seemed optimistic about the job market for the double cohort year. "[The double cohort] were excellent students, so presuming that they were able to carry that through their studies at Laurier, we're graduating a group of students who are going to be very marketable."

Basso cited some promising statistics.

The number of companies featured at this year's career fair was up by 21 percent from last year at 238.

Also, the number of job postings saw a 42.6 percent increase. The number of part-time jobs posted also increased, with 280 postings this year compared to 259 last year.

As far as the competition for graduate school is concerned, Basso stressed this approach. "When you apply to grad school, your academics are really important. But also it's going to be things like personal statements and how well your developing can convey you're interested in that particular field and how you present yourself."

This will by far be the most stressful time for members of the double cohort.

However, we need to know that we are not alone in this process and there are many resources and people to help us throughout this difficult period.

There are going to be some downfalls but it's important to keep a positive attitude.

There are many possibilities just waiting to happen for the double cohort year.

It is just a matter of getting over this obstacle and not being afraid of the competition that awaits us.

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# With war fatalities rising, what will you do?

Apathy is the new terror as Canadians watch atrocities on TV and do nothing, argues **Ryan Bolton**



**RYAN BOLTON**  
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Do daily newspaper articles pertaining to suicide bombings, the media's over-sensationalist portrayals, ominous nuclear weapons tests, militaristic rhetoric, and Bush's War on Terror leave Canadian society in horrendous fear? Maybe, but indifference seems to be winning the arms race.

We recently passed the five-year anniversary of one of the most tragic events of our lifetime: 9/11.

An event that has changed a myriad of lives and arguably changed America as a whole; a tragedy that will not be forgotten in our minds or in history books.

However, the question that I summon is: with daily civilian loss of life in the Middle East definitely surmounting the lives lost on that fateful September 11, do we as a nation offer substantial assistance, other than sending in the troops?

Presently, if you simply type suicide bombings into Google, you will get over nine million pertinent hits. An obnoxious number, some might muse.

*Yahoo News* recently reported that, as of Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at least 2,713 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq War in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

In addition to these deaths, 278 Americans have died in Afghanistan to date, bringing the total number of military fatalities to 2,991.

This figure is strikingly close to the number of fatalities of 9/11, which are confirmed at 2,973 dead and another 24 missing but presumed dead as a result of the malicious attacks.

There are even websites devoted to such topics as IraqBodyCount.net, which tracks the number of civilians killed by military intervention in Iraq, giving both a minimum and maximum figure.

The number is presently at 44,501 and 49,440 respectively according to the website, which gathers its findings from a thorough assessment of online media reports from recognized sources.

In addition, a controversial new study, led by Dr. Gilbert Burnham of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, has recently reported that nearly 655,000 Iraqis have died because of the war in Iraq since March 2003.

These numbers are contentious because, rather than a body count, the figures are calculated on interviews of households.

Numbers like these, however, are absolutely appalling when President Bush states that mistakes have been made in Iraq, but, the worst mistake

would be to think that if we pulled out, the terrorists would leave us alone.

Nationalism is very important to any country, and we all know what a civil war amounts to.

Accordingly, as a nation, we need to band together and make more of a difference concerning what is occurring in the Middle East, instead of just sending the troops.

I don't have all the answers, but I argue that there is more that the general populace can do than sit in our living rooms watching the death toll rise into oblivion.

After all, many Canadians are hesitant and even opposed to sending Canadian troops to Afghanistan. *The Globe and Mail* stated that a recent Canadian and American poll, found that 65 percent of Americans agree that Canada's role in the war-torn country is vital to the region's future, compared to 48 percent of Canadians who agree.

The implacable media is an excellent example of how we perceive this War on Terror.

What does this ambiguous, loaded cliché actually mean?

All we see is death, day in and day

out, with suicide bombing after suicide bombing, amounting to devastating results through the rhetoric of the media.

Bush has seemingly tied the unrelated war in Iraq to 9/11, as he did in his speech from the Oval Office on September 11, 2006, when Bush used the prime-time commemorating speech to make partisan arguments bolstering support for the Iraq war *CTV News* reports.

Although Bush stated that the war in Iraq is the central front in our fight against terrorism, the president has also linked the summer battles be-

tween Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon and the growing nuclear threat in Iran under the general rubric of his freedom agenda, *the New York Times* reports.

Accordingly, imagine for a second that you are an inhabitant of one of these Eastern countries: Iran, Israel, Iraq, Lebanon or of course Afghanistan.

Devastating images are probably being pictured, yet are we making a difference? Maybe, but, in the end, it is up to you.

Get informed on what is really occurring in these far away countries, make a judgment and ask yourself where you stand on the subject, but don't plead ignorance and hold ambivalence.

You're all university students with an opinion, so voice it in a challenging way.

What is your stance, and, more importantly, what are you going to do about it?

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