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by Charles Volleck

While the students of Waterloo University College have been concerned with the Hartt saga, a related and more vicious struggle has been going on in the Graduate School of Social Work. In an interview with the Cord, Professors Virginia Cappeller and John Cossom discussed the situation.

Long before Joel Hartt had become a problem to the administration, it had been the desire of the GSSW to incorporate a philosopher into the faculty. In 1969 a plan was approved in principle to establish a course in Social Work Ethics. "The rationale for proposing a course in Social Ethics is to develop in students an ability to look at personal and other values." As conceived the course would be co-taught by a social worker and a philosopher with special interests in ethics.

Since Joel Hartt had a background in ethics and philosophy of science, he was invited to a campus-faculty meeting. They were impressed by him and asked him to attend a Current Curriculum Meeting on Nov. 26, 1970. Dean Turner was notified of the meeting, but chose not to attend. From the minutes of the meeting "the members of this committee felt that Prof. Hartt would be the appropriate person to give the course on Social Ethics, if and when approved. In addition, he could probably give course in Research, particularly related to the scientific method; and take tutorials."

HARTT APPROVED

Prof. Cappeller felt that everyone was unanimous in approving Hartt. "He seemed to be knowledgeable in the areas that we were interested in having a philosopher knowledgeable in, and that he was orientated to the sort of teaching that we were interested in. A more informal kind of teaching, working with small groups, doing team-teaching and that sort of thing." It was then the unanimous

decision to recommend that Hartt be considered for a half-time position starting in Sept. 1971. "We were all unanimous and pleased with ourselves that we would have someone like Joel."

The matter was referred back to the campus faculty. When they were polled, the results were Cappeller, Cossom, Seidl, Glicken, Vrooman in favor of immediate hiring and Cowan, Dastyk and Yelaja wanted the application to continue to be processed. Dr. Turner was also present.

DEAN VETOS

The faculty were shocked by his reaction. According to Prof. Cossom "he said that he would not be willing to carry a recommendation from the faculty to the academic vice-president (Dr. Healy). I don't think that the Dean objected to the position of a part-time philosopher being on the faculty of GSSW, but one of the rationales he used was whether or not it should be Joel Hartt. We got the impression that somebody in the administration above him had already called down and wanted to know what the exact state of the school of social work position was. The implication was that this was something that someone did not want to happen."

Traditionally, the campus faculty had chosen those people whom they wished to fill vacant positions by majority vote. This was the first time that the Dean had vetoed their decision. Questions were raised by the faculty. "For the first time, the nature of the decision-making within the institution which had previously been thought to be somewhat democratic in nature and now had been exposed as being obviously not democratic at all. Or only democratic when the faculty was doing exactly what the administration wanted."

The dean denied that he was using veto power.

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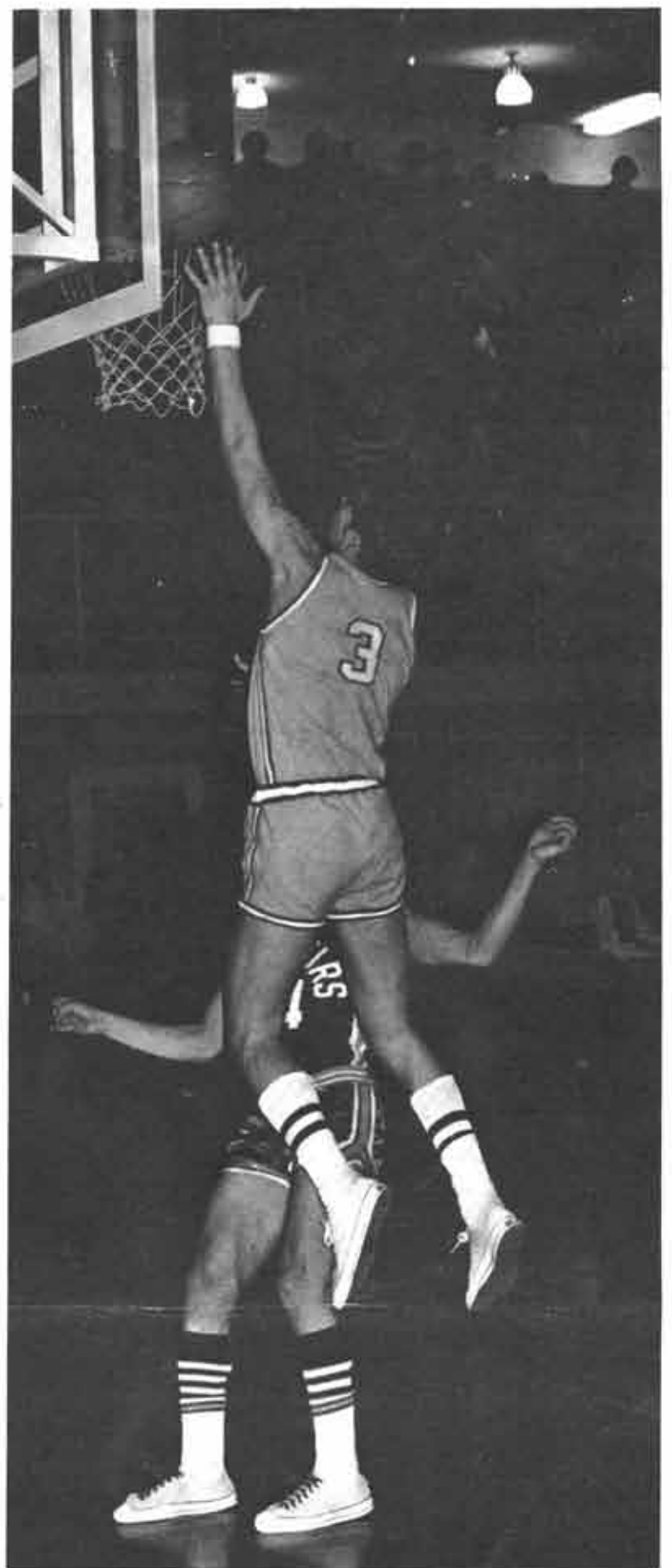


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Happiness is being No. 1. Hawks became No. 1 with their 89-62 victory over Laurentian last Friday. Tuesday night they travelled to Toronto and beat Ryerson 92-67; high scorers were Rod Dean with 26 and Mike Moffat with 22. The rest of the schedule will be little more than a formality, except perhaps the game against York. Read more about the Basketball Hawks in replay.



photo by gingerich

About the only thing that wasn't cancelled during Winter Carnival because of the snow was the Powder Puff football game. The residence girls beat those off by a score of 7-6 Saturday.

Ludwig von Ichabod

ludwig on carnival

It just isn't the same anymore. This year's Winter Carnival Week will go down as the worst snow bomb ever to hit WLU's major social events. Really, it isn't the Carnival Committee's fault that nearly every event died an ignoble death; the organizers worked hard to provide maximum entertainment for the student proletariat. But how could anyone foresee the wrath of nature; usually at this time, the January thaw made Carnival Week mild and sunny. And of course there is still the dwindling of student interest to consider.

In past years, WLU's Winter Carnival Week had national coverage because of the Universities Queens Pageant. A goodly portion of budget went to keeping up the image that little ol' Lutheran held the franchise/patent to host 30 some university queens while other bigger universities with much bigger budgets looked on enviously. National celebrities, too, came to judge who was to be the Queen of Canadian Universities. Handome guys were interviewed as prospective escorts for the queens for the entire week of activities. Needless to say, everything centered about the pulchritudinous queens.

Then suddenly inflation hit the budget. It almost got SAC treasury into bankruptcy. Furthermore, Women's Lib. decided to protest the exploitation of female epidermis; last year, a militant "queen" from Simon Fraser organized a donnybrook in front of TV cameras that proved embarrassing for Carnival. A re-evaluation of holding "beauty" contests from interested groups came to this decision: No queens. No Pageant. As a matter of fact, not even a Homecoming Queen for '70-71. This decision saved Carnival from financial embarrassment, gave a boost to the ugly members in Women's Lib, dropped WLU Carnival from national scope to campus activity, and made students less enthusiastic.

Another thing that turned Carnival off was competition. In the past years, WLU's Carnival was the first to be held; Uniwat's SnowFroliks usually began after ours. This year, Uniwat held theirs first, only to be quickly followed by Conestoga's Carnival. Lutheran came third. Uniwat and Conestoga had formidable effect on Lutheran, as their entertainment and activities were great crowd drawers, and

with the lower price, they took over the young natives of KW who spent money on their events. The only saving virtue for Lutheran's Carnival was the concert with Chicago. Even the rumours of last year's great times had difficulty convincing the freshmen—now. And, as you know, Chicago didn't make the scene.

It was certainly an ambitious undertaking, though, to have Chicago under contract, for at the time, Chicago had yet to be the top group in the States and Canada. This January, Chicago was ranked high in popularity. However, it is symptomatic with Carnival's Concerts. Two years ago there was a hassle when The Supremes came; last year Blood, Sweat and Tears could not make it; and Carnival had to quickly substitute with Little Stevie Wonder and Martha and the Vandellas. That was a downer in itself. Perhaps the format of Carnival should be restructured; Wednesday had always been Concert Night; maybe moving the concert to Friday night, just for a change of pace.

For a further background look, there used to be continuity of the Carnival "atmosphere" during the entire week, especially between the classes (10 am - 1:30 pm) on the weekdays. In past years, Don Crawford, a very popular Negro folksinger, entertained the students twice daily, free. He helped generate the spirit of Carnival. This year, no entertainment was offered. Dull routine of classes remained until the evenings.

But that was past Carnivals. Now let us look at the Week that Was.

Monday. The Lettermen versus the Faculty Basketball Game, second annual, was already covered by McKinley. I need say no more.

Tuesday. God decided to bring the snow and wind to "officially" open Carnival Week, and remained for the whole week. With the Devil on our side, Fashion Fantastik gathered only 150-200 people. And the ones who turned out, complained. What caused them to grumble so? Everything. They were picky with the fashion; the combo was too loud; the empty rows of seats behind them made them feel uncomfortable. However, one observer was not complaining about that; he pointed out the fact that it seems queer that

everytime Refreshment Concessions open, the pop machine had this "Out of Order" sign dangling around, and next day, miraculously, the machine is fixed. Being a socialist in views, he felt that buying soft drinks from the Concessions was a rip-off because for fifteen cents he only gets seven ounces, while at the machine, a fifteen cent can of pop contained 12 oz. Anyways...

Snow piled high. The Residents were all hepped up to win the snow sculpture prize. Incentives such as a case of beer, etc. went to people who helped in making the sculptures. Only East Hall boys on A One ventured out.

Wednesday. Fears that Chicago would not make it crowded the minds of all ticket holders, and especially the Concert committee. Then it was confirmed by 4:30 Chicago would not come. Concert Committee tried to salvage—somehow!—the evening's entertainment. A suggestion to bring in The Perth County Conspiracy group (free?) was vetoed. As yet, we have to learn the reasons. Flyers telling people to hold onto their tickets rapidly plagued the Torque and Dining Hall, and radio announcements. There was a fear that unscrupulous people might take advantage of people by offering to buy their ticket for less than the value of the original.

South Hall House Council attempted to salvage the evening by offering an impromptu dance in their newly renovated recreation room. (The Rec Room was supposed to be, officially, opened Friday). Certainly it did help many people stranded for ideas, and something to do with their dates. However, many took the opportunity to see the Waterloo - Lutheran Basketball game instead.

With this great disappointment riding in the backs of many people's minds, they hoped for the best for Thursday.

Thursday. The Animal Dance did not have the group Milestone, a highly rated group. Because of the weather of course. The other group Smiles was a disappointment. A commentary on each song after they've played it, the folks don't need. People came to dance, not to hear runny comments; needless to say, not many frequented the TA. When I approached an organizer concerning the "Glugh!" of this band, he blamed it on the weather. Of

course. Moreover, he said, they had no control over the band; maybe that's their style.

So my date and I decided to hit the Pub, sponsored by SUBOG. This was the first time, the security really checked (in the beginning) the ID's. Now the Ball Room was a refreshing experience. It was crowded to capacity; the atmosphere was great, and the beer was cold. What delighted me, and many other people was the music provided. Old, old goldie mouldies popular records such as You Aint Nothing But a Hounddog, by Elvis and Blueberry Hill by Fats Domino and a host of other memorylane music turned on listeners and dancers alike.

However, the feedback that complainers tell me was that the Animal Dance was a rip-off, for two bucks. Although the ticket included admission to the Pub, many could not frequent it because of age and because of seat capacity.

Friday. The grudge basket ball game with Laurentian Voyageurs, and the Movies. We won that game. However, the movies were a bit disappointing. Cat Ballou and Barefoot in the Park, everyone has at least seen twice on TV. The high rumours coming from the official Campus pamphlet, and from the committees concerned ran about that the movies were of better quality, like Easy Rider, 2001 Space Odyssey, etc. Of course this did not materialize. Why, because it was free? Even if that type of movie was difficult to obtain, certainly there must have been other better choices. Even the Soc-Geog department can finance an exceptional movie The Sky Above/The Mudd Below. Well, blame it on the weather.

Crashing South Hall's Rec Room under black lights, it was an experience. The time and effort and the talent put into that room will certainly assure the prez an unruffled, successful reelection, when the residents hit the polls. It is also rumoured that West Hall and East Hall are looking for ideas to repaint/revamp their respective rec rooms.

Saturday. East Hall won first prize for the ice sculpture. Team work and praise go to the hardy members of a certain floor for their initiative in braving the weather Friday in order to com-

plete it. Finally, East Hall beat WR in snow sculpturing.

Another disappointment, Moo and Brew was cancelled because of the weather. The barbecue had to be moved indoors, for likewise reasons. I didn't mind that, but man, the service was slow-slow!

Mardi Gras, the climax of Carnival Week. About ninety-three there were only a sprinkling of hardy people in the TA; the Pub gathered in more people. The folk group Honky Tonk Band entertained with real granddad goldies way back to the Am Civil War and WWI. Back in the TA, around ten-thirty, the place was packed with costumed folks. The most notable costumes were of guys in drag, and with diapers alone. No one noticed Ludwig disguised as himself.

Without a doubt, Saturday Mardi Gras saved the entire week of unfortunate incidents. The band was superb, knowing the moods of the dancers, and having good sounds. Here, I must compliment. And from my sources, no one was disappointed Saturday...the Pub was good; the TA also...and private parties, thereafter to the wee hours of Sunday.

As a passing fancy, every year WR head res and admin are uptight on the number of pregnancies that occur during Carnival; I wonder how well their campaign with the slogan MORE PREGNANCIES OCCUR DURING CARNIVAL was working in the minds of the turkeys, from Tuesday to Saturday. I still don't see the sense of Fri-Sat curfews at 4 am and then reopen the doors at 7 am for the turkeys. Does that three hour lag do something for morale? And what the hell is ShMooking at the WR rec room door?

So, that was Winter Carnival from one angle. People worked hard to produce; the public demands only results. I cannot add constructive criticism, except that Carnival's format should be altered; that instead of possibility thinking of making money, Carnival should try only to break even. We are no longer national in scope, so we should concentrate more on centralized campus scope. Let the natives of KW suffer; let the world go without Lutheran's ambitions. Charity begins at home.

Lets hope for the best, next year...

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ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 25

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HASSLES IN SOC WORK

LATER DEVELOPMENTS

After the Christmas break, the campus faculty met again. Dr. Yelaja, who is on the Constitutional Committee, suggested that an Interim Personnel Committee be set up to look after hiring. Suggestions were made by Dean Turner, Dr. Seidl and Dr. Yelaja about the composition of the committee. With the Dean in the chair, Seidl's proposal for 3 faculty and 2 students was unanimously accepted as an interim measure until the new constitution was adopted. Prof. Cossom then asked the committee to reactivate Joel Hartt's application. The status of that request is unknown.

The course on Social Ethics has never been brought to the faculty-student council. It was the implication of the Dean that should it pass the council, there would be trouble passing it through the Senate. In the history of the Senate, new courses have been rubber stamped with only rare exceptions.

COSSOM RESIGNS

Professor Cossom was granted tenure this year. However he will not be returning.

"I did not return my contract primarily because of the situation that climaxed with the way that the Dean handled the Joel Hartt situation, and I suppose,

equally important, I am very pessimistic about the long-term prospects for a really high-quality School of Social Work at Waterloo Lutheran University.

"We are always one of the financial scapegoats of this institution. If I have been hearing the Dean correctly, he has been talking about the GSSW breaking even. With my limited understanding of the fiscal situation, my concern is that we are now breaking even because of a very large intake of students, with a very low number of faculty to teach those students. You can balance the budget of the GSSW if you want to work that way but sooner or later you have to make some kind of commitment to high-quality education. This means a much more positive faculty to student ratio, with different types of educational techniques then open to use in the classroom. A good School of Social Work probably loses money. As long as I have been around Social Work that has been a Social Work inevitability."

Speaking about the larger problems Prof. Cappeller says, "It is a question of the relationship between the students and the faculty and the relationship between the GSSW and the administration. I think that we spend 3/4 of our time trying to get the students to believe that they can have some kind of communications with us that is not going to end up putting them in some bad position. It is a very sad situation that the institution itself is so authoritarian in nature that the students experience themselves

as being powerless within the school. And I experience myself as a faculty person as being powerless within the university. That's the big issue. The fact that I am powerless means that I have no way of having a voice that will enable me to insure myself and my colleagues and the students that we will have the kinds of resources that are necessary in which to have the kind of school which provides a quality education."

"The students really do not see that it is legitimate for them to have a voice in their own education. Not the graduate students in the GSSW and not the students at the undergraduate level. You see yourselves as passive recipients, some see themselves as victims, but at best you see yourself as a passive recipient of an education and I think that that, unfortunately, is something we have promoted.

"As long as we don't want to find out (the true situation), the administration is just going to go along and never make anything clear to us. And it is only at the point where we want to do something that they don't want us to do that they say 'No, no you're not allowed to do that. You are allowed to have your say as long as you agree with us.'

"I would like to see the university made a more open place where I'd like to hear people talk about what is really going on. I don't know why Joel Hartt will not be back here next year. I suspect that most people here are very conservative and they do not like people who have ideas different from their own. I think that is absolutely inimical to the interests of education. I think that if you cannot have a university where all kinds of opinion are expressed then you do not have educated people coming out of that university. I do not think that it deserves the name university. It is a propaganda institution."

START LOOKING FOR NEW DONS

John D. Barber

Feedback from dons of previous years, according to Dean of Students, Fred Nichols, has suggested that dons have not been trained to adequately handle many of the problems that confront them, and that they have sometimes been at a loss in emergency situations. They have recommended that such training would be invaluable. This is also complicated by the relaxation of visiting hours, and the authorized use of alcohol in the residences, which has changed the role of the don from primarily that of maintaining discipline, to that of offering guidance and advice.

An experiment this year will feature forums, to train dons, both men and women, with speakers from the Addiction Research Foundation, the Counseling Service, the medical staff, and ex-dons. These will be held on February 10 and 22, and March 1, in the ballroom of the Student Centre at 7:30 p.m.

Applications for don-ships in both mens' and womens' residence will open on February 5, and will close at 5:00 p.m. on February 22. Application forms will be available from the office of the Dean of Students. All applicants should attend the forums, since they will not only be informative, but will also be used to help screen the candidates.

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SAC CIRCUS

ron kaden

You will be relieved to hear that the plan is to name the new Student Centre Hartt Centre. Joel Hartt wrote to council requesting that his name not be used although he was honoured by the thought. He felt as the Cord does, that his name would be meaningless to students in the future and requested they find another name. A group in SAC were reluctant to change the name. They proposed to call it Heartt or Heart because it was in the centre of campus. This may seem ludicrous but it did occur and the motion to name the Centre Hartt Centre (spelled H-e-a-r-t-t) was defeated by only two votes.

Last week Council gave \$600 to Frontier College which is a very worthwhile cause. However, Steve Currie, the treasurer, decided to make one of his rare appearances at the Circus to explain with a rather poor chalk board demonstration that because of the disaster that was called Win-

ter Carnival SAC had to freeze all its funds to cover the possible debts. Why wasn't Currie at the meeting that passed the \$600 to explain that the money might not be available. Council could delay paying the \$600 until Winter Carnival debts were known, or cut the amount given.

It was decided to grant Frontier College only \$200 with an accompanying letter explaining the necessity of freezing the funds and telling Frontier College they were more than welcome to re-negotiate for more money in the summer or early fall.

Winter Carnival had budgeted very carefully this year and would have broken even. However, they didn't pay out the scheckles for candles to be burnt in honour of the Great Sun God, and the snows came and Chicago didn't and the money went out and didn't come in. Support your local charity don't turn your Chicago tickets in, even if there

isn't a concert. Who knows, maybe Winter Carnival will even issue a receipt for tax purposes, just like your local synagogue. Two questions remain in this reporter's mind: why wasn't Don Crawford here this year? and why wasn't a dance or pub held in lieu of Chicago and didn't Perth County Conspiracy offer to give a free concert?

The new bylaws were amended to give editors of the Board of Publications, (such as Cord editor) "freedom of copy content" over their paper. This would allow the editors to criticize SAC without being vetoed all the time.

Educational Services were willing to give \$500 if SAC would match it for the purpose of hiring a drug counsellor to work in the WLU community to ease the problem of drug abuse. They say he isn't a Narc but for a mere \$1,000 he must be getting his bread from somewhere. Maybe he's a pusher.

A system of Honoraria was proposed last week. It would give a monetary reward to those hard workers of SAC. The total was \$1,600 and was passed as quickly as Members of Parliament give themselves a raise. The Chairman of Winter Carnival gets \$125 as do those of Homecoming and Orientation. The Business Managers of those groups get \$100 and another \$100 is set aside for each of these major groups to spread amongst their lackies. Another \$800 is spread liberally around those hard working people in the Board of Publications. Now why doesn't this columnist and his poor typist get anything?

You have all been inflamed at what WLUF has done to shaft students but something that will probably go in future confrontations is the fight over the Faculty Evaluation Survey that you filled out. They called it unscientific although one of its authors is a professor of Psychology, and it took many months to draw up. Cliff Levy, the Chairman of the Education Commission of SAC, who organized the survey, worked many months on it. However, some members of Faculty lead by Dr. Grant, felt it was unscientific, measured only popularity and not teaching ability. If a professor is popular doesn't this mean he is relating to his students and their needs? Isn't that what education is all about or do we want questions that rate how well a professor reads his prepared notes for the 100th time over the din of his snoring students. Apparently, Grant thinks his selected professors and a group of A+++ 90%ers students who don't associate with radicals can do a better job. All they will succeed in doing is becoming lackies of Grant and his latest ego trip of survey making.

I wanted to end this week with my great proposal to name the Student Centre but I'll save that till after Reading Week. Students don't have power until they use their potential.

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His parents even have to drag him in for dinner. And yet, if that kid had been compelled to work on cars all his life and had been continually graded on it, then he'd swear up and down that he needed those grades to give him self-discipline.

Grades perpetuate intellectual slavery

It is only recently - and out of school - that I have begun to understand self-discipline in writing. It grows out of freedom, not out of coercion. Self-discipline isn't staying up all night to finish a term paper; that's slave work. Self-discipline is devising one paragraph fanatically for weeks - for no other reason than that you yourself aren't happy with it. Self-discipline is following a problem through tedious, repetitive laboratory experiments, because there's no other way of finding out what you want to know. Or it can be surfing all day long every single day for an entire summer until you are good at it. Self-discipline is nothing more than a certain way of pleasing yourself, and it is the last thing anyone is likely to learn for a grade.

Coercion inside school probably leads many of us to develop our self-discipline in areas untouched by the classroom. Who knows? If movie-going, dancing and surfing were the only required subjects, there might well be a poetic renaissance. I suspect that most kids fool around with writing on their own at some point - diaries, poetry, whatever - but his interest rarely survives school. When you learn that writing is intellectual slave work, it's all over.

Do you think you're a lazy student? No wonder! Slaves are almost always lazy.

Suppose I go to college; I want to be a chemist or a high school teacher or an accountant. Are grades really my only reason for learning the field? Is getting graded going to turn me on to my subject? Or is it more likely to turn me off? How sad this is. History is so engrossing. Literature is so beautiful. And school is likely to turn them dull or even ugly. Can you imagine what would happen if they graded you on sex? The race would die out.

Wouldn't it be great to be free to learn? Without penalties and threats, without having to play childish competitive games for gold and silver stars? Can you even imagine what the freedom to learn might be like?

Perhaps this kind of freedom sounds attractive to you but you're convinced that it isn't suited to our society. Even if the grading system can be shown to work against learning, you may assume that grades are still necessary to evaluate people - to screen people for various kinds of work.

Personal evaluation, not only grades

But think about it. Do you really believe that the best way to determine someone's qualifications is to grade him - A, B, C, D, F - week by week, day by day, in everything he studies for 16 years of school? Is this monstrous rigamarole honestly necessary in order to determine who gets which jobs?

There are far better ways to determine a person's qualifications. Many fields already do their own screening by examination; the bar exam is one instance. In some areas - journalism, for example - supervised on-the-job experience would probably be the most effective screening and qualifying technique. Other fields might call for a combination of methods. Engineers, for example, could be qualified through apprenticeship plus a demonstration of reasonable competency on exams at various levels - exams on which they would, of course, get an unlimited number of tries.

In a great many fields, no screening technique is necessary at all. Countless employers, public and private, require a college degree for no really good reason, simply because it enables our personnel departments to avoid making any meaningful individual

evaluation and because it indicates some degree of standardization. There is no reason why a person should be forced to spend four years of his life in college just to get a decent job and then discover that he would have been much better off working in the field itself for four years and pursuing his own learning interests on a less rigid and formal basis.

Still it might be argued that eliminating grades entirely would require too sudden a shift in our society. I could maintain that the sudden shift is desirable. In any case, though, society is not likely to face the simultaneous abandonment of grading by every school in the country. Furthermore, on a campus where there is enormous resistance to abolishing grades one could put forth a fairly good half-way compromise the credit system - which is, from my point of view, worth trying even though it falls short of what should be the real goal: no grades at all.

End processing with gold stars

Under this system, some courses could be made totally free of grading; basic Algebra, say, or drawing or poetry writing. The rest would be run on a credit basis. If you meet the minimum requirements of a course, you get credit for it. No A's or C's or silver stars. Just credit. And if you don't meet the requirements, nothing happens. You don't lose anything or get penalized; you just don't get credit for that course. This is not the pass-fail system. Pass-fail is a drag; if you don't pass a course, you get hurt. Under the credit system you simply either get credit or you don't. All that your record shows is the courses you've earned credit for (not the ones you've attempted). And when you get credit for enough courses, you can get some kind of certification or credential, if you want one, according to the number and type of courses you've taken. And these should not be just a few assembly-line four-year degrees: AB, DS and so on; there should be scores of more meaningful and varied certifications and degrees. Or maybe these should be none at all, just a list of the courses for which you have credit.

What's wrong with that? College becomes something more like a place for learning and growth, not fear and anxiety. It becomes a learning community, not a gladiatorial arena where you're pitted in daily battle against your fellow students. In elementary and secondary schools, of course, there is an even weaker pretext for grading and even more to be gained by its abolishment.

And we mustn't be too quick to assume that abolishing A's and F's would make our colleges still more overcrowded. If we eliminate the pointless Mickey-Mouse requirements that are foisted on everyone, if we eliminate the gold-star games and all the administrative paperwork and class busy-work that go along with them, if we reduce the overwhelming pressure for a meaningless, standardized degree, then perhaps we'll end up with learning facilities that can accommodate even more students than the number that get processed in the factories that we currently operate.

And if an employer wants not just degrees but grade-point averages too, the colleges will explain that that's not what they are there for. Graduate schools, for their part, will probably not present a serious problem. They already put heavy emphasis on criteria other than GPA's. They stress interviews, personal recommendations; most of them already give their own entrance exams anyway. Besides, the best graduate schools will probably be delighted to get some live students for a change.

But what about the students themselves? Can they live without grades? Can they learn without them? Perhaps we should be asking ourselves: can they really learn with them?

There's no question that the grading system is effective in training people to do what they're told. The question is: what does it do for learning?

Grades focus our attention. But on what? On the test Academic success, as everyone knows, is something that we measure not in knowledge but in grade points. What we get on the final is all-important; what we retain after the final is irrelevant. Grades don't make us want to enrich our minds; they make us want to please our teachers (or at least put them on). Grades are a game. When the term is over, you shuffle the deck and begin a new round. Who reads his textbooks after the grades are in? What's the point? It doesn't go on your score.

Oddly enough, many of us understand all of this and yet remain convinced that we need to be graded in order to learn. When we get that, learning is dull, plodding and unpalatable. We may think we need to be graded; we assume that without the grades we'd never go through all that misery voluntarily. But, in fact, we've been had. We've been prodded with phony motivations so long that we've become insensitive to the true ones. We're like those sleeping pill addicts who have reached comes naturally. We're grade junkies - convinced that we'd never learn without the A's and F's to keep us going. Grades have prevented us from growing up. No matter how old a person is - when he attends school, he's still a child, tempted with lollipops and threatened with spankings.

Wanting to learn is learning

Learning happens when you want to know. Ask yourself: did you need grades to learn how to drive? To learn how to talk? To learn how to play chess - or play the guitar - or dance - or find your way around a new city? Yet these are things we do very well - much better than we handle that French or Spanish that we were graded in for years in high schools. Some of us though, are certain that, while we might learn to drive or play chess without grades, we still need them to force us to learn the things we don't really want to learn - math, for instance. But is that really true? If for any reason you really want or need some math - say, algebra - you can learn it without being graded. And if you don't want it and don't need it, you'll probably never get it straight, grades or not. Just because you pass a subject doesn't mean you've learned it. How much time did you spend on algebra and geometry in high school? Two years? How much do you remember? Or what about grammar? How much did all those years of force-fed grammar do for you? You learn to talk (without being graded) from the people around you, not from gerunds and modifiers. And as for writing - if you ever do learn to write well, you can bet your sweet ass it won't be predicate nominatives that teach you. Perhaps those subjects that we would never study without being graded are the very subjects that we lose hold of as soon as the last test is over.

Still, some of us maintain that we need grades to give us self-discipline. But do you want to see real self-discipline? Look at some kid working on his car all weekend long.

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After reading the following answer to a Poli Sci 100 exam you will know why East and West can never get together.

"Marxism is both a general theory (approach) of politics and a general theory (as objective) of politics because a country with Marxism as its form of government is a very government - centered country sic. The State controls the land, the resources, and pretty well most other things.

Marxism is a general approach of politics because politics is basically what governments do, and in Marxism the government has full control of what is supposed to go on in the country.

Marxism as a general objective of politics can be argued vigorously either way. For Communist states Marxism usually is a general objective of politics because that is the extreme of what the government would like to have. It is the exact opposite of what a democratic state would like to have if it is a successful democratic state. People usually hold one opinion or another because that is the way they were raised to think."

Marked initially as 15/50 and remarked as 17/50.

CONSTITUTION

Well, SAC has met most of our editorial criticism in regards to their bylaws and new constitution. Most of John Boute's reasons for the inclusion of SAC's having Cord copy censorship privileges were shown to be unnecessary. In fact, John was shown to be logically forfeit; the only point that he had left that was non-contestable can be seen in the accompanying photograph. Obviously John's point is not worthy of comment.

With the changes that have been made, we now suggest that you vote YES on the constitution referendum of February 11. A YES vote will rid us of all the constitution bullshit for another year.

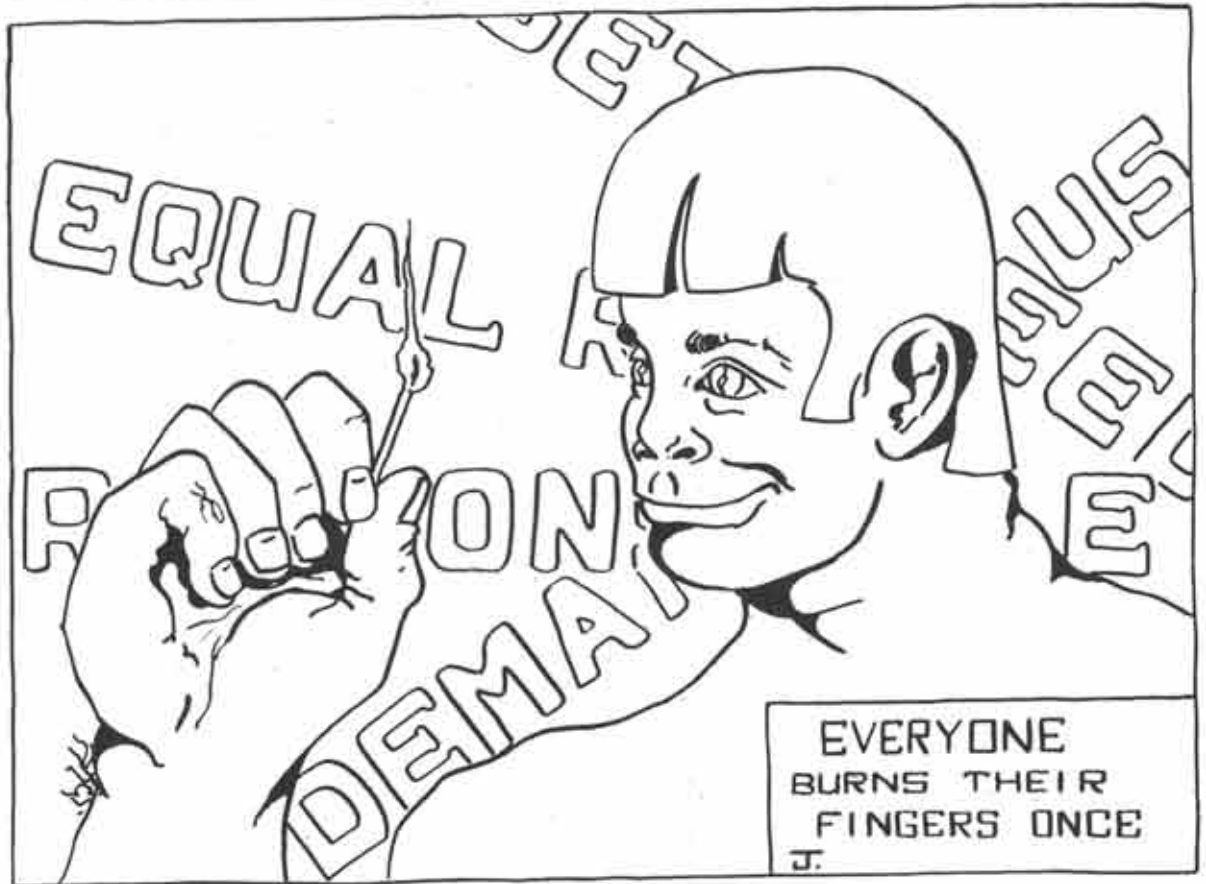


In addition, without acceptance of this constitution, at least one presidential candidate will be ineligible: Peter Hyne. The Cord feels that the students should have Peter as an eligible candidate—whether you decide he will make the best SAC president or not is not the point. Peter has shown great interest in student welfare this past year, vis a vis group one, and for this reason he should at least be allowed the chance to ask for your vote.

DEAD WEAK


Judging from the past, even though next friday is an "official" schoolday, many people will have left the campus by friday afternoon, for their much needed R & R leave, "reading week". We therefore feel it would be both a waste of our time and your money to publish a Cord next week. The next issue of the Cord, therefore, will appear before your torque glazed eyes on February 26. Rest assured that if something really exciting does develop we are prepared to publish another "special" mid-weekly rag.

Oh, yes, when we next publish we will give you the crossword solution.



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letters to zelda



Letters to Zelda must be signed. Pseudonyms can be arranged if necessary. Type if possible 58 characters to the line. Double spaced is appreciated.

Kitchener Bylaw

I read with interest the article by Jdb and Cby published in the Jan. 22 issue of the Cord about communes and the law in Kitchener (p. 19, "Kitchener Mayor Loves Communes"). As one observer of the current controversy I would like to refer your reporters to the new housing standards (maintenance and occupancy) bylaw (No. 7010) and to the zoning bylaw (No. 4830) presently in effect in the city of Kitchener for some possible second thoughts on their part regarding their observation on the entire situation.

First of all, the Ontario Municipal Board approval of the Kitchener bylaw was granted on Dec. 9, not Jan. 12, as the article states. It does not apply only to "any house zoned as a single family dwelling" but to all residential property within the city limits, including rooming houses and motels. The new bylaw does not simply authorize a city inspector to enter homes he suspects of violations with no questions asked. Residents may refuse him entry and take their case before council and before a housing standards review committee. Further, such inspections may occur only "at all reasonable times upon reasonable notice and upon producing proper identification."

There is no definition of family in the new bylaw. The definition in effect comes from the zoning bylaw. Under it, a family that can legally occupy a "single family unit" dwelling means an individual or two or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit; or a group of not more than five persons who need not be related by blood, marriage or adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit.

In commune situations, more than five persons not related to each other may live together

in a house granted an occupancy permit as a rooming house; rooming houses are allowed only in zones R2 and R3. In the city of Waterloo, the restriction of "family" is more strict, only three people not related; rooming houses are allowed in areas zoned GR.

Incidentally, the commune at 565 King St. E. is located in a C5 zone, commercial manufacturing. However, it was used before and after the zoning bylaw was approved, in 1962, as a single family dwelling and that's the only use legally permitted for it right now. That means only five persons not related.

The housing standards bylaw does restrict the number of people related to each other who can live in a single family dwelling through a series of restrictions involving such things as plumbing facilities, parking spaces available, etc.

But even more specifically, there are strict living space requirements. The theoretical case cited by your reporters ("One can imagine 43 grandparents, 272 of their children and 1,217 of their grandchildren living in a one-bedroom house") is not only absurd but illegal under existing regulations — unless the bedroom, besides meeting ventilation and heating regulations, has a minimum width of six and one half feet and a floor area of 61,300 square feet with at least half of that floor area having a clear ceiling height of seven feet.

The housing standards bylaw also specifically excludes the use of cellars, bathrooms, laundry rooms, stairways, boiler rooms, etc., as habitable rooms intended for use in "living, sleeping, cooking or eating."

I could go on. The point I'm trying to make is that the housing standards bylaw and the zoning bylaw (as well as many other laws in the city books) deserve further examination and discussion based on fact, not inaccurate or incomplete informa-

tion. There is enough confusion already surrounding the entire matter.

Further, it is important to notice the difference (particularly important for reporters) between what city officials say the law says and allows — and what the law actually says and allows.

Copies of the housing standards bylaw are available from the city clerk and copies of the zoning bylaw are available from the city planning department.

ANGEL CASTILLO JR.

A longer and more comprehensive description of this bylaw and its consequences, by reporter Castillo, can be found in the K-W Record, January 30.

Zelda

Goodby

I would be grateful if you would permit me space in your publication, through the medium of this letter, to wish Adieu to all the many people whom I have been privileged to meet during my period of study at this university.

I am grateful for having been afforded the opportunity of meeting and forming friendships with people of varied ages and interests, and, as I return to my home and my business, I take with me many fond memories that will stand out as the major benefit I have received during my brief period in Canada.

Time has not permitted me to speak personally with all the people who have been kind to me, and so, I enclose my card, which, hopefully, you will keep on file in order that any who may wish to communicate with me and/or propose journeying my way, can have access to the address of a friend.

I anticipate your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY C. A. THOMPSON

Dear Geoff:

We have your card and are happy that you enjoyed your stay both at WLU and in Canada.

Zelda

During the Christmas holidays Rex Bradley, managing editor, and Tonu Aun, editor-in-chief of the Cord, attended a Canadian University Press Conference in Naramata, British Columbia. The conference ran from December 27 to January 2.

The following article by Rex is the third of a three part series describing the fearsome odyssey to beautiful BC.

This week follows our intrepid trippers from Vancouver to the second battle with CUP radicals pinkos communists FLQers and women's liberators back to Ontario-ari-ari-o.

mothercupers

Here we are back from our little jaunt up the coast. We take our three bottles of Rye and begin to celebrate in the outgoing year. We have through devious means induced our hosts to throw a little gathering. All together they will do it. All of Oakville's exiles will again meet including some who are heretofore unidentified. They shall remain so. One of them (this is a giveaway) whose father owns the Toronto Star is on welfare in Tom Terrific's paradise. There are no jobs and there is no work. So he collects welfare. (His cousin was a star athlete in the women's end of a couple of years ago. Then she married our football star who plays for Winnipeg).

Tonu and Mike Lush and I decide to go and eat and hustle up some broads in Gastown. We ate so presumably it wasn't a completely lost trip.

Back to the party where several borderline and a singular straight cat have successfully curtailed any attempt at consciousness expansion.

If you were told that Mr. Straight's name was Bruce would you believe it? Well Bruce (good old Bruce) finally decides that the party is a drag and exits. I say Goodbye with an emphasis on good.

Alcohol catalyst of conversation and virginity has old friends yakking in kitchen about war, peace and other contemporary phenomena which for the most part have been discussed to no end at length simply for the sake of banter and ego trips etc., et al i.e. e.g. Turn from Kitchen and stop in the door frame and meet Mary Jane. She is so fat I cannot see anybody but can hear laughter, giggles and finally see many joints which immediately begin to pass and one of those little skinny tickets enters my lips and for me the party begins. Twelve dollars an ounce measure guaranteed. Finest supersmoke available. Uncut. No oregano catnip or other adulterants. Take it home for the manicure. More stems and more flowers and top leaves and seeds and those stems make real good tea (no pun intended). Tea sipped between belts of our Rye creates a rather nebulous picture upon which one cannot recall with the kind of clarity usually called upon in this (the finest example of a free student press. Let's face it with guys like John Buote running around we are fortunate in having someone of the calibre of Peter Hyne available to give him a run for his money. Oh by the way nice of you to get a Shave and Haircut John — I guess that will not impress even the reactionaries you hope to woo in the upcoming elections) story of our trip. New Years Day and Tonu is itching to return to the CUP forum. He wants to put in what he calls his two cents worth so we say good-byes to all concerned and head for Penticton again...again night falls and so we are doubly

fortunate in seeing our previous high beam tour repeated from the opposite direction. At Naramata the rhetoric has not changed. Indeed in our absence it seems to have been parthenogenic.

Off to the wars at the final plenary. Nobody wants either nominee to run so they vote against both of them. One quits the other won't and so we vote again and again and again until the nominee finally realizes that 4 votes out of 50 means nobody wants him. So with a fine parting gesture he says that since there are no women on the executive maybe he should drop out leaving the spot for a woman. Is this a bummer or not? Tonu says this is beyond comprehension and we decide to go to Calgary? Why?, because Tonu decides to revenge himself by subjecting me to some talk about Waterloo and all the people that our new host Boris and he knew. So we miss Rebelstoke, Yoho, and Banff and drink all of Boris' Rye and Rum and go to sleep. Night, Night.

Noon and Tonu get this wants to see downtown Calgary. I mean Boris and Grace want to take us back to Banff because we missed it. But Tonu no not Tonu he wants to see that's right you guessed it Eatons. So where do we go but downtown. Calgary is very nice. The road to Banff is a road. Banff is too much. Like here are all the CP travel posters right with us in the picture.

Mount Norquay. Where the deer and the Elk and the skiers play. Fast trip the sun is setting and Lake Louise and the Chateau and the glaciers and Mount Rundle. Eisenhower and elk and the sun goes down and we return to the upper hot springs for a swim.

For 85 cents we buy admission and rent trunks and a towel. It is 18 below but the water is 90 degrees. It is too cold for the locals but warm enough for all the freaks who are balling near the water inlet. If they weren't balling then they were just huddling for warmth in a very strange but recognizable way. It is quite an experience to be in water at 90 degrees and then climb out into air which is 18 degrees below. In fact it screws up your head. When oriented to swimming your average joker does not consider slipping on ice when he climbs out of the pool so naturally I slip on it and fall on my anterior. Of course every party has to have a prankster and Boris begins to throw snowballs. So much for Banff. Great place to visit even if you live here. Seems I have seen that somewhere before oh well every genesis has its revelations. Sleep Sleep and Tonu's car will barely start but load the car and head for Medicine Hat. What a great road I mean not only is it paved but sometimes you even see a Gas Station. Indeed we went to one of these Gas Stations to buy some Gas and some cigarettes. The waitress started to giggle when we walked in giving little furtive glances

at her co-waitress. I mean who laughs at hair over the ears anymore—Well they do in Alberta but that is a different story.

A different Story.

Even though we burn premium gas we are developing carburetor icing. Not even Murray Westgate could help us until we bought some gas line anti-freeze. So while we wait for the car to begin running better we decide to put in a little coffee time. So in we go. Great Gas Station Restaurant attached with real nice girl what are you doing in a place like this as another waitress. OK they have a swami serviette dispenser ask the swami any question that can be answered by a yes or no. Too Much in 71. But then they also have one of those clocks that flip little cards saying Ace Taxi and Joe's Trenching and Bill's Welding and now you know who Mac-Lean's is aimed at.

Drive, drive through Regina and Moose Jaw and Winnipeg and Kenora and WaWa. Whoa.

WaWa has the largest goose in the world and at the restaurant we stopped in after driving 31 hours we received the worst meal of our whole journey in fact it was goose dung. Giddyup to TO.

Sault Ste Marie it started to snow like I never saw before but that doesn't stop the natives from going 60 m.p.h. We drive toward Sudbury and the snow stops and I would not want to live here and Copper Cliff. When one is driving west to east from 20 miles away one can see a cloud and that cloud is smelter smoke. Pollution Probe need only go there for a cause celebre. South Now and More Snow at Parry Sound the trip home has been as dull for you as it has been for us. We met no characters and the prairies in spite of what Loren Calder tells me are dismal. I figure Loren has seen more and probably is correct but that part that I saw displayed is what in the trade is known as SFA and that does not mean anything but what you want it to mean. So we arrive home no sadder but much wiser because this Country is big. SO (again) what you say how can quantity affect quality? Well it works something like this. A trip to Montana works out well but a trip back doesn't. Which means the quality is directly proportional to the length of the trip. Or in other words If we never came back you would not be reading this.

Rather than end foolishly; if I may suggest a cross country trip for you all because and words cannot convey what I am trying to say it is a beautiful wide country that we should know better. 43 hours Calgary to Waterloo

Thank you for sending us.

SPORTS

REDOUBLED

john d barber

In the race for tricks between declarer and defenders, it is often not possible to get enough tricks by force. There is usually some lie of the cards that will permit a contract to make, and declarer or defenders should take advantage of this.

When West leads the two of hearts, South can see that there is very little chance to make this contract. If he tries to set up the diamond suit by leading ace and another diamond, the defense will cash four heart tricks, so that he has only two lines of play available to him. He can play for East to have a singleton king of diamonds, about a one percent chance, or he can play East to

have the king-jack of spades, and the king of diamonds, but not the jack, and for the clubs to be three-three, about a three percent possibility. The plays are, however, mutually exclusive. The better line of play also allows the defense to go astray in some cases. South therefore leads the queen of clubs, and a club to the ace, after winning the ace of hearts, and leads the ten of spades, covered by the jack, and won by the queen. Since this works, he now cashes the king and another club, on which East throws a small heart, and West a small spade, and leads the jack of hearts!

East-West now win their three hearts in such a way as to have

West ready to lead a small diamond at trick ten, but South as he had to play for originally, puts up the ten to force East's king, and make an overtrick if he wishes to finesse for the king of spades.

It all goes to show that a contract is almost never hopeless!

North
S. 10 6 3
H. 10 4
D. Q 10 8 5 3
C. A 7 3

West
S. 7 4 2
H. K 9 6 2
D. J 9 4
C. 10 8 4

East
S. K J 8
H. Q 8 7 5 3
D. K 7
C. J 9 2

South
S. A Q 9 5
H. A J
D. A 6 2
C. K Q 6 5

North-South Vulnerable

Dealer: North

North	East	South	West
pass	pass	2 No	pass

3 Notrump All pass....

Opening lead: 2 of hearts

Replay

david mckinley

All hail the Hawks! They became No. 1 with their 89-62 victory over Laurentian last Friday; barring an act of God, they should remain No. 1.

With six minutes gone in the game the Hawks were losing 6-14 and it looked like they had decided to call it a night. However within another six minutes they had turned the tide and were winning 20-18. To borrow another cliché it seems they got it all together. Determining how this was done is more difficult; indeed, it is much easier to analyze defeat than victory. However, it appears that the margin of victory was the excellent play of Chris Coulthard, Hawk control of both baskets, and the fact that all five starters were on target.

Laurentian received more than their share of penalties; this is understandable because Sudbury basketball teams are not used to officiating. Anyone acquainted with the ways of basketball officialdom in Sudbury will tell you that fouls are only called for capital murder - it's wide open ball up north.

No. 24 for Laurentian, Guy Vitrie, played an impressive game at guard. He did the best job of checking Rod Dean that had been done all season. This is only Vitrie's first year, remember his name.

Player of the week awards go to Chris Coulthard, for playing his best game of the season, and to Mike Moffat, for scoring 23 points so unobtrusively. The Sour Grapes award goes to Laurentian's Kennedy for nearly decapitating a Lutheran fan.

The Basketball hawks won't play another home game until Feb. 18th, when they meet York. In the mean time take in a hockey game.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

In an exhibition game against McMaster on Jan. 19, the girls' basketball team got beaten 51-37. Kyra Kristensen played one of her best games and was top scorer with 13 points. Carolyn Baecheer, despite the fact that she has been down with a bad cold and lung infection, also played a good game and scored 11 points. The team's shooting average was still below what it should be - 34% isn't enough to win a game. The volleyball team lost three straight games to a much taller and more controlled McMaster team. The volleyball team haven't had much luck this year. Just when they

look really good and win a game 15-2, they seem to fall apart and lose all confidence. This happened in Windsor last Friday night. They walked all over Windsor the very first game, winning 15-2. Everybody played excellent volleyball and it carried over somewhat to the second game. They lost 13-15 but were still playing an attacking as well as a defensive game. After that, they were purely on the defensive and lost two more straight games 3-15 and 9-15. Hopefully things will start to look better before the end of the season.

The girl's basketball team played one of their best games of the

year against Windsor on Friday night. Despite the fact that they went down there with only 7 players, determination carried them along to within 8 points of Windsor. The first game the girls lost 71-43 and so a 53-45 loss does show much improvement on their part. Windsor worked the base line, constantly feeding their top shooter, 'Cookie' Leach. Kyra Kristensen played an excellent defensive game in that area. The defense as a whole did a terrific job keeping the Windsor Lancerettes out of the key and holding their outside shots down to a minimum. WLU offensive plays, against Windsor's zone and man-to-man defense, was more organized and better controlled than ever before. It was good to see Mary Maurer back on the court. She was undoubtedly an asset to the team's play. WLU's shooting average was an embarrassing 18% and top scorers for the game were Carolyn Baechler with 16 points and Joanne Tully with 24 points.

The women's Varsity Association have had several meetings this term and are trying very hard to raise money for the organization. Many ideas are brought up, discussed and either discarded or put into action. A dance was to be one of the major projects, but as yet, looks like an impossibility. The bake sale held on Thursday hopefully was a success. Bonnie Becker deserves a special thanks for organizing the sale. Another idea discussed was something like a card party only on a larger scale, to be held in one of the residence recreation rooms. You will be hearing more about these ideas in more material form later.

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