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Thou shalt deregulate

Senate passes deregulation and proposed \$1500 tuition increase for SBE

JENNIFER ASSELIN
News Editor

In a vote of 35 to 19 Wilfrid Laurier University's Senate passed the motion in favour of tuition deregulation in the School of Business and Economics' BBA program this past Monday. Deregulation will see tuition rise for those students enrolling in 2004-2005 in their second, third and fourth years by a proposed \$1,500 but the increase could be more depending on what the Board of Governors decides.

The secret ballot vote took place four hours after the Senate meeting began and after a failed motion of 29 to 24 occurred on delaying the vote for one month based on the student senators concern of consultation. The Board of Governors will have the ultimate say on whether or not tuition deregulation will in fact be implemented for the 2004-2005 academic year when the motion is voted on by December 2. It is expected that the BOG will vote in favour of the motion to deregulate.

The increase in tuition means that students coming into the BBA program will have to pay approximately \$22,000 in tuition fees by graduation as compared to \$16,800 that today's students would be paying.

Dr. Scott Carson, Dean of the SBE, in a presentation to the Senate before the vote took place, focused on Laurier's competition with other business programs at the University of Western Ontario, Queen's University and the University of Toronto especially in recruitment of faculty and the need to reduce the debt incurred by the SBE.

Carson also warned that if the BBA program were to not deregulate the program would see a slow slide into mediocrity with larger classes, fewer course selections and less support for student activities.

Currently the gap between the funding provided by the University and the amount required to maintain the quality of the program is at \$1.2 million a year.

By deregulating, Carson noted that the program premium of \$1,500 would be fixed until the fall of 2007

where it would then be reassessed.

"We are doing our best efforts to establish a loan program with one or two banks," said Carson regarding the accessibility issue. He also said that 50% of the University's share of the increase, which equals approximately 10%, should be provided to student aid on top of the mandatory 30% that has already been proposed to go towards financial aid.

During his presentation he also touched on the possibility of Economics programs being deregulated. "We probably won't apply," said Carson.

Colin Shonk and Dan Herman then led a presentation on behalf of WLUSU where Shonk pointed out that it is not a definite fact that the extra 10% will be given to students or that the SBE will unequivocally be given the bank loans they are seeking out.

The two's main argument surrounded the issue of accessibility and whether the SBE could ensure that academically capable students are able to come to Laurier regardless of their financial situation.

"There is nothing concrete that [accessibility] will be ensured," commented Herman. Debate took place after the presentations amongst members of Senate.

"I see this motion as scandalous and unethical," said Dr. Oscar Cole, member of the Senate.

On the issue of accessibility Dr. Robert Campbell, Dean of Arts, pointed out that nobody is forcing students to come to Laurier and pay deregulated fees and that it's ultimately the student's choice.

"If this loses, at the end of the day we all lose," said Arthur Stephen, a member of Senate in favour of the motion.

After a five-minute recess the group reconvened and a vote was taken on whether or not the discussion should be pushed back. After that motion failed, the vote on whether or not to pass tuition deregulation took place by secret ballot.

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Stefan Sereda

Sales in the Concourse and ad campaigns from various businesses have inundated Laurier's campus recently. Turn to page 7 for an examination of advertising on Laurier's campus.

Students urged to use caution in community

Recent attacks on women in the university community have fears among students

COLIN DUFFETT
News Editor

In the interest of keeping students and community members alike safe, we at *The Cord Weekly* have compiled a list of the recent incidents that have taken place within the Wilfrid Laurier University community regarding the numerous sexual assaults and sexual assault attempts.

Students are urged to use caution when out in the community. Anybody with information is asked to contact Waterloo Regional Police at 653 - 7700.

May 3, 2003
A twenty-year-old woman was sexually assaulted in her home in the Hickory Street area after she was followed home after a night at Phil's bar. After the incident the man left the scene of the crime.

May 5, 2003
A twenty-three year old woman was followed into an apartment building and assaulted. The man left after the woman started to scream.

May 8, 2003
A man in the Hickory Street area followed a twenty-three year old woman home. The man ran off after peeping in the woman's window.

September 2, 2003
A male at the WLU bar The Turret grabbed a woman as she stood in a dark area of the establishment. The woman evaded the man's grasp and left the scene.

September 6, 2003
A fourteen-year-old girl was grabbed in a field near Waterloo Collegiate Institute close to the intersection of Hickory and Hazel Streets. The suspect grabbed the girl and attempted to remove her clothes. Four individuals chased off the male.

September 6, 2003
A woman walking home alone in the Hickory Street area noticed a man following her. The woman walked to a stranger's house and subsequently went home after the male had disappeared.

September 16, 2003
Two women were approached in the area of Hazel and Hickory Street. The women walked towards campus and returned home after the male had left.

For more incidents involving suspicious males in and around campus see the Bag O' Crime on page five.

The description given of the possible suspect is:
Male
5'6" to 5'11" tall
Slim to medium build
Shaved or very short hair



A few of the attacks have occurred near the Hazel and Hickory intersection.

Incidents have generally occurred late at night. WLU students are encouraged to use WLU Foot Patrol 883 - FOOT. Likewise, University of Waterloo students are asked to call UW Walksafe at 888 - 4949.

Correction re: September 17th feature: In the September 17th issue of *The Cord*, the NDP party and Liberal party's campaign promises regarding tuition were accidentally reversed. NDP leader Howard Hampton- not Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty- promises an immediate 10% tuition reduction and to "gradually eliminate tuition fees." McGuinty promises a tuition freeze. *The Cord* regrets the error and apologizes to both parties. For more information on the NDP party's platform, visit www.publicpower.ca. For more information on the Liberal party's platform, visit www.ontarioliberal.com.

The sky has fallen in the NAB

Rainy weather has made for a leaky roof in the New Academic Building and unhappy professors

WILBUR MCLEAN
Editor-in-Chief

German professor, Archana Hinduja, found quite a surprise awaiting her when she arrived to her fourth floor office in the incomplete New Academic Building. Her class notes and students' assignments were floating in a puddle of water on the floor. Unfortunately, such assignments are not amphibious.

Do they call this ready? Don't tell us things are going to be ready when they're not.

-Dr. Mercedes Rowinsky,
Spanish professor

"I lost all the students' homework," said Hinduja, who was forced to temporarily use a colleague's office when hers became flooded.

Hinduja's roof leaked overnight on Monday, leaving her without an office and potentially ruining the desk in the office, which was one she purchased herself. Hinduja still does not know the full extent of the damage to her office and had not been approached by anybody from the university about the situation in her office. The only contact made to Hinduja was a note left by Rick Hertzberger, the leadhand of custodial and physical services, offering his phone number and e-mail address if Hinduja had any questions. "No one has been to me to say what is happening," said Hinduja. "They left a note but I think they should have to come to me."

Hertzberger was not in his office on Tuesday afternoon and was unavailable for comment.

The leak occurs in the same week that the university pledged to have the New Academic Building completed. However, ceilings remain



Wilbur McLean

Professor Hinduja's office is currently in no shape for much of anything because of flooding that has occurred. Hinduja has received no explanation regarding the damage in her office.

without tiles and work continues on many areas of the building, leaving chances slim for the building to meet its scheduled completion by week's end.

Spanish professor, Dr. Mercedes Rowinsky, who witnessed the water being drained out of Hinduja's office at 7 am on Tuesday morning, is angered by the state of the building.

"They said this week it will be ready. Do they call this ready?" said Rowinsky. "Don't tell us things are going to be ready when they're not."

Rowinsky noted other problems with the building have impeded the progress of classes. Labs, a major component of language classes, were not functional until this past week.

"Two weeks without labs is a big deal," said Rowinsky. Ron Dupuis, Assistant Vice President: Physical Resources, who is in charge for the maintenance of all buildings on campus, was not in his office on Tuesday afternoon to comment on the progress of the construction on the New Academic Building.

Derega...what?

Students largely disinterested as deregulation gets passed by Laurier Senate

BERNARD DAWSON
Staff Writer

As the march towards the deregulation of the School of Business and Economics proceeds, it seems that a large number of Laurier students are either uninformed about the issue or do not seem to care.

On Monday, the Wilfrid Laurier University Senate voted 35-19 to recommend that deregulation be passed. A small number of students attended the meeting but the majority of WLU students showed their level of concern for the issue by not attending. For some students the problem was that they were unaware the Senate meeting was taking place. With deregulation only affecting incoming students, many current students don't care about an issue that will not directly impact them.

Almost every student on campus has an opinion about deregulation in general and many of those opinions are

"I don't like it, I find it makes it a lot harder for people to go to university."

-Sherri Quick, Third Year
Student

However when the question turns to deregulation at Laurier many students seem to remain complacent about the issue.

Second year student Amber Novack voiced an opinion that seems to be held by the majority of students. "I'm disappointed that it passed" she said, "but it doesn't directly effect me." While this general apathy among students is a popular position, many members of the Laurier community feel left out of the deregulation process so far.

Some students feel that the school has not done enough to keep them informed on the topic. "I only know about it because my friend in the program told me" was the comment from Quick and her statement was a common one among many other students. Even students in the business program feel that they had not been fully informed about the process of deregulation. Second year BBA student Marcus Smith described himself as "moderately informed; I'm not clueless but I don't know everything about it."

While it may seem like most students are against the deregulation of the SBE, this is not the case. One of the main reasons for this support of deregulation is the belief that it will increase the value of a business degree from Laurier. Smith is a true believer of this school of thought, stating that an enhanced degree "looks good on me when I get out of this school." While these students might be a quiet minority, they still have a large impact on the position of the pro-deregulation leaders.

While the Senate vote means that the SBE is much closer to becoming deregulated, the battle for and against deregulation at Laurier has yet to reach a conclusion. Now that the issue has been brought to the attention of students, the real attitude of students toward the topic will probably emerge before the issue of deregulation is decided definitely.

Candidates go head-to-head in political debate

McGuinty, Eves and Hampton discuss pertinent election issues during a televised debate this past Tuesday

JEFFREY HAWKINS
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Tuesday's televised political debate between Progressive Conservative Premier Ernie Eves, Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty and New Democratic Party Leader Howard Hampton was really nothing more than a match between the PC's and Liberal's with the New Democrats nipping at their heels trying to get attention.

For the most part, each candidate handled their questions with assertiveness and ease. However, there was an inordinate amount of not listening while others were speaking.

Howard Hampton did his best to outdo the others and even the moderator Mary Lou Finlay in several discussions regarding the issue of taxes. This was clearly the high-

point that he was the only candidate with experience. McGuinty added that old man Eves needs to wake up and realize that "times have changed." McGuinty then stated his platform of needing to cancel corporate tax cuts and tax credits to parents who send their children to private schools.

Over the issue of education, Eves defended his platform of ending teachers' strikes and lockouts, while McGuinty continued to outline his platform of raising the dropout age to 18. Hampton was, for the most part, left out of this topic due to the time-consuming bantering between Eves and McGuinty.

When confronting the issue of the negative campaigns against the Liberal party by the PC's, McGuinty gracefully mocked Eves by

used the debate far more than McGuinty and Eves to plug his party's platform and personal promises but it is unlikely that his performance will make much of an impact due to their party's lagging position in the polls.

The Liberals, on the other hand, are riding high in the polls, which put them in the position of not wanting to rock the boat too much for fear of losing their lead. Finally, Eves took to the debate only slightly trailing the Liberals so he, too, was in a position of not wanting to destroy his potential to hold office. However, due to the nature of the ad campaign his party is pushing, he was forced to confront McGuinty on issues brought up while at the same time not appearing to get too personal.

Ultimately, the debate proved to be a success for all



Contributed Photo

Progressive Conservative Leader Ernie Eves.



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Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty.



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NDP Leader Howard Hampton.

light of the evening. The topic finally ended with the three candidates attempting to shout each other down until Finlay was forced to step in and inform them that neither the candidates nor the audience watching could hear what was being said.

Other highlights of the debate included McGuinty's accusation that Eves was running a plan for 1995, confronting Eves' accusation

stating that, "apparently, I am against farmers, families and even kittens." Mr. Eves retorted by stating that he has said he will not apologize for the personal attack but rather has responded stating that the "kitten-eater" comment was "unacceptable."

The importance of the debate comes at a crucial time for Ontarian voters, as they now have only eight days left until the election. Hampton

parties, as each candidate made good and bad performances equally, with Eves coming out the most abused. McGuinty not being far behind and Hampton looking as though he didn't get to speak as often as he wanted but then again, all candidates were able to use the debate to push their agendas while getting in a few punches at the other contestants.

Deregulation a go

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"Once they went to a secret ballot, I wasn't really surprised," commented Sarah Carroll, Student Senator. "I really felt that during the meeting it went back and forth but at around seven we lost some professors to night classes. Some that I think were 'no' votes."

"We're a public university in Ontario and we have to play by the rules. The rules change and we have to change with them," said Rosehart before announcing the outcome. "One of the difficulties of the motion was that there was no good choice."

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-Dr. Robert Rosehart, President, Vice Chancellor Wilfrid Laurier University

After the result of 35 to 19 in favor of the motion were revealed, mixed emotions filled the room.

"I am ashamed to be a student at this university right

now," replied Sherry-Lynn McKeever, third-year English major and President of Laurier Students For a Public Interest Research Group.

A day later the defeat set in: "There's disappointment for sure," said Shonk.

"Walking away from it, I was disappointed in that the university approved the motion without bringing up any of the issues that were mentioned," said Herman. "Carson seemed to be willing to put more time in and yet that was even denied."

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Dan "Tie-my-Windsor-knot" Herman



Bob "Now-that's-a-booger" Rosehart



The not so Amazing Race

Former Cabinet Minister, the Hon. Paul Martin, is likely to soon get Rt. Hon. added to his name.



That's Paul Martin. He looks very excited, doesn't he?

COLIN DUFFETT
News Editor

The new era of federal liberalism has already begun. With Paul Martin all but living at 24 Sussex Drive, there is little doubt that Paul Martin will succeed current Prime Minister Jean Chretien as the next leader of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Martin clinched the Liberal leadership over fellow Liberal MP Sheila Copps with a resounding ninety plus percentage of the vote as well as over ninety per-

cent of the popular vote. What this means is that all that is left if for Martin to be confirmed as the next Prime Minister at the Liberal Convention, which takes place on November 15.

Martin needed 2,902 votes to clinch the leadership race. Final results show that Martin racked up somewhere between 3,400 to 3,800 votes over the three-day process.

Martin theoretically assumes power after being named the new leader of the party but his predecessor Chretien is still holding firm to his plans to officially retire in February 2004.

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Floor funds matched by University
Students living in the King St. and non-traditional residences will be given \$50 each to "enhance the residence life environment," says President Rosehart on the WLU website. Matching the floor funds that the students paid on move-in day will cost the school \$30,000 altogether. Residence floor funds pay for activities, programming and community development.

Compiled by April Cunningham



THIS WEEK IN LAURIER HISTORY...

Friday, September 25, 1970

Headline: Parade becomes riot

WLU's 1970 torchlight parade turned disastrous. "Water bombs and eggs got the parade off to a stormy start in front of the Theatre-Auditorium. However, there were only sporadic attacks until the procession reached downtown Waterloo.

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Original article by Charles Yolleck



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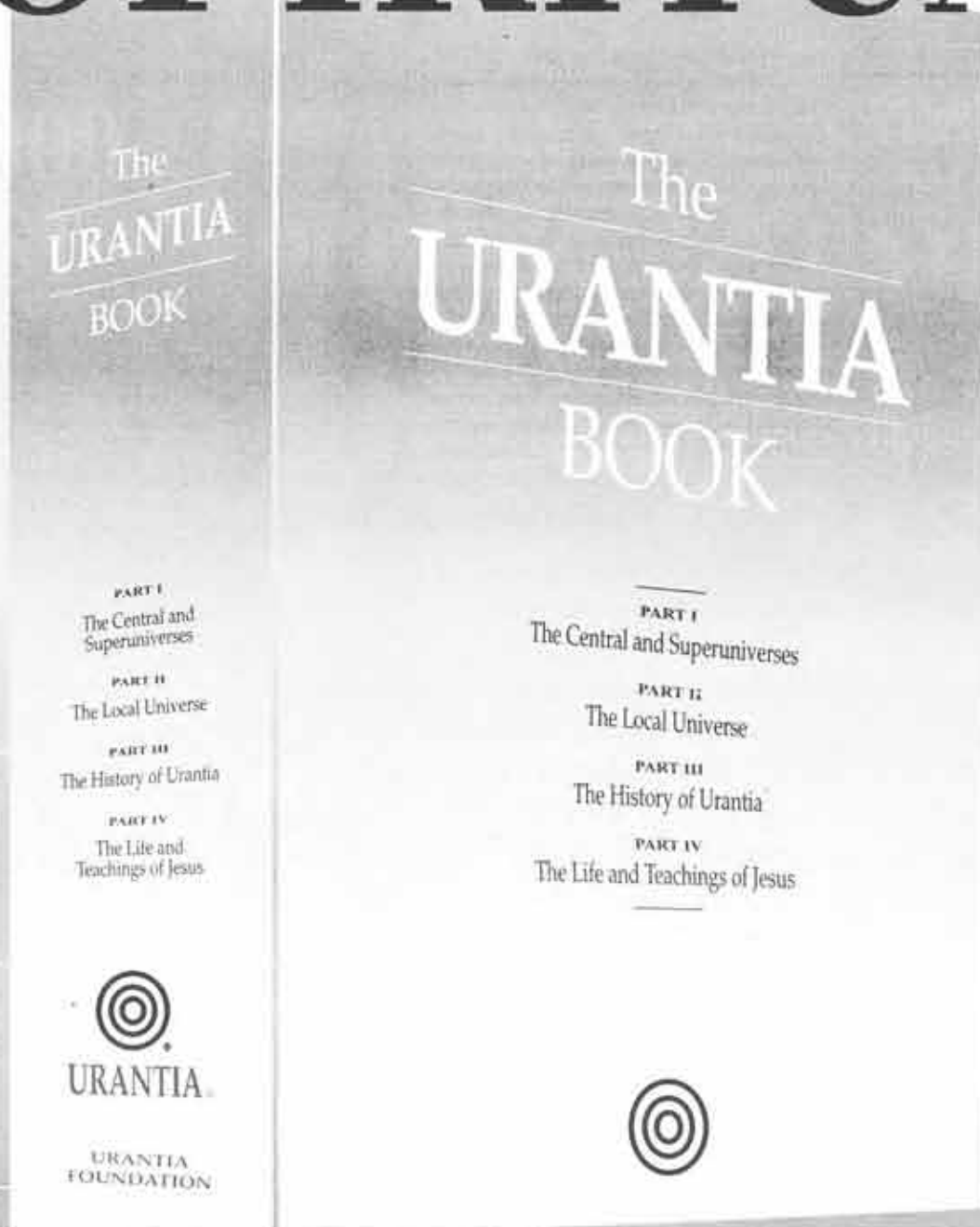
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SUSPICIOUS PERSON 0400

HRS SAT SEPT 20/03

Officers responded to the King St residence after receiving a report that there were two males loitering in the ground floor foyer soliciting money. The individuals were issued with written trespass notices.

Nichols Ctre and received a cut to the back of his head. He was transported to Grand River Hospital.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 0224

HRS SUN SEPT 21/03
Officers responded to a report of a male sitting in a vehicle with binoculars in lot 3 facing Conrad Hall. When the individual realized he had been seen by some students he quickly left the area. This incident and a vehicle description have been passed on to Regional Police.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 0005

HRS MON SEPT 22/03
A resident at 265 Regina reported a suspicious male walking by the apartment building looking up at the windows. The area was immediately checked but the male could not be found. Regional Police were notified.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 0230

HRS SAT SEPT 20/03
Officers responded to Conrad Hall after receiving a report that an unidentified male had attempted to gain entry into a room. The incident was reported about 45 minutes after it occurred. A thorough check of the building and surrounding area was conducted but the suspect was not located. Regional Police have been notified.

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-SSJS and his nobodies

Stupid new hires are limiting my Contributors space. You're all fired!... Congrats to Craig, our new Features Editor... Also welcome to Denny, our resident co-op student: you will be manipulated in ways you didn't know possible... my milkshake brings ALL the boys to the yard and it's certainly better than yours... You know, I don't understand why Saved by the Bell: The College Years failed so miserably. It wasn't so bad, I guess the world wasn't ready for Saved by the Bell in primetime. Jerks!... Army, you're gonna hook it up, right?... Andie didn't call. Should I be surprised? No. The only thing anybody can rely on him for is his unreliability. Hallelujah! -WV

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Three-headed beast



News Editor

Colin Duffett

Do you remember those Saturday and Sunday mornings when you were a kid, sitting down in front of the television with your lunch and watching WWF Wrestling, followed by the classic show American Gladiators? Did you ever stay glued to the television, Fruit Loops in hand, to watch what was on CHCH or the old CKVR after Ice, Nitro and Sabre went off the air? I did. I always loved watching those old Three Stooges episodes. Curly, Larry and Moe made me laugh for hours. Almost everybody who enjoys the stooges has their favourite. You could make an argument for any of the stooges as the greatest. I guess you could say the same thing about the upcoming election. Each of the candidates have policies which could conceivably make them a good Premier and each of them have a following that could vote them into office.

Here is my dilemma. I've never been able to choose my favourite Stooge. They all made me laugh. I always enjoyed the antics of Moe and Curly was just fantastic and so lovable. One without the other two, or for that matter five, doesn't translate to laughter. Likewise, up until this point, I haven't been able to make a decision as to which candidate I will cast my vote for. Maybe The Bible has it right. The answer is simple. One is three and three is one,

a catechism of sorts.

Here is my proposal: I say we elect all three candidates to power. It would make for the single greatest comedy sketch in history, greater than the Stooges, Saturday Night Live and Wayne and Shuster put together. Imagine the fun we'd have watching the six o'clock news while a reporter tries to ask our three-headed Premier, hereby called HamGuintEves, a question. Each of the three heads would be fighting with the others and trying to make his voice louder than the others. HamGuintEves would be single-handedly responsible for making Parliamentary television the number one station in Canada. Who wouldn't tune in for the hijinks?

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Take for example the debate that took place on Tuesday, September 23. Two hours of jokes and hilarity ensued while those present in the 24-Hour Lounge watched HamGuintEves debate amongst itself.

Imagine the public image one could create with HamGuintEves. It could spawn its own Saturday morning cartoon, where HamGuintEves wards off evil lobbyists, union presidents, and for old time's sake, communists. The spin-offs from the cartoon are endless. After the cartoon, we'd

have a million-dollar movie franchise, a graphic novel/comic book series, action figures, a clothing line where they only make blue shirts, Happy Meal toys and the grotesquely hideous Halloween costumes.

This is where The Three Stooges parallel takes on a whole new level. Remember those garish Three Stooges Halloween masks, where you could be all three Stooges at once? Imagine, if you will, little Johnny from Newmarket, aged 8, with his sister Jennie, aged 5, walking down his neighborhood boulevard proudly sporting his HamGuintEves mask for everybody in the world to see. I see dollar signs floating through the legislature as we speak. This is a money-making opportunity of great proportions. This would contend for Ghostbuster or Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle status. Wouldn't you be scared if the only thing you could see in the dark on October 31 were the floating heads Howard Hampton, Dalton McGuinty and Ernie Eves running down the street in your neighborhood? God only knows I'd scared out of my political wits.

Unfortunately, there isn't a clear-cut winner as to who is the best Stooge or candidate for Premier is. At least when it came to the Stooges, there was always Shemp, Joe and Curly Joe to broaden your selection. The election doesn't really offer the same kind of debate. Sure, there's the Green Party and the Communist Party, but the probability of those members getting elected is about the same as me winning the Pulitzer Prize.

Letters to The Cord

Ragging on Ben Shragge

I applaud you on your article in last week's issue ("A safer world post 9/11, *The Cord Weekly*, September 17, 2003). It is unfortunate that such a well-written article did not have any intelligent and rational support behind it. The Bush administration told both the Americans and the entire world that Saddam Hussein was a threat to global peace. Bush also stated that the weapons of mass destruction program is an imminent threat to the American people and to the world. As a result, the US deployed thousands of troops in Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein and to find those weapons that represented such a threat. But to this day, neither Saddam nor the weapons have been found.

If we go by the theory supported in your article, similar to the one held by the Bush administration, wouldn't the world be as unsafe as it was that eve when the first rockets hit the presidential palaces at the start of the war? The weapons and the man believed to be developing them are still at large.

Osama Bin Laden was behind the September 11 attacks of 2001, but his connection to Iraq and to the war against terrorism simply does not exist. Considering that Bin Laden is still missing, along with his most senior operatives, it would be quite foolish to say that the world is a safer place. The war that the US has so boldly started in Iraq has wasted the American people's money, which is already in short supply. Furthermore, it has readied thousands, if not millions, of "Osama Bin Ladens" to crash a plane into any building in a major US city or even perpetrate worse crimes. It is important that you look at the simple facts before making comments, because the world, Mr Shragge, is far from being a safer place after 9/11.

Ruben Gu-Konu

Feature Fumbles

Last week's Feature ("Breaking Down the Election," *The Cord Weekly*, September 17, 2003) was disappointing in its fair portrayal of the parties.

The Liberal and PC platforms both occupied 2 columns whereas the NDP platform occupied only one, and the Green Party's platform was a mere footnote. It could be argued that the Green Party is not an "official" party, but as was noted in the Feature's description they are running candidates in every riding, and I believe they should be treated as if they have a chance at winning those ridings. They should be given an equal weight in the media, and right now the CRTC is reviewing their case against debate organizers for this very reason.

Even if we do consider that there are only three "major" parties, the NDP section falls short of fair reporting. The Liberal and PC platforms are padded with quotations from party policy, whereas the NDP platform is listed basically in point-form. Confounding the issue is the hopefully accidental highlighting of the Liberal platform in purple, the only colour found in the article apart from the title and web addresses. This makes the Liberal platform most visible and directs the reader's attention towards that section.

I sincerely hope that next time more effort is put into equally representing the parties. Also, a correction to the "He Says/He Says/He Says..." section: the NDP, not the Liberal party, are freezing and then reducing tuition fees by 10%. Nowhere can I find reference to McGuinty making such a promise, but in the publicpower platform it states: "Howard Hampton and the NDP would immediately reduce college and university tuition fees by 10 per cent. Deregulated tuitions, at law,

medical and business schools, would be rolled back and re-regulated." This statement also addresses the fact that Hampton did not, in fact, agree with Eves' scheme for deregulation of tuition. The NDP is fully against tuition deregulation, and it is laid out in their official platform. I cannot say the same for McGuinty. In fact, I can't find the Liberal party policy on tuition deregulation anywhere.

Craig Radcliffe

No sex in the champagne room... unless you two are married

This letter is in response to the recent Student Life articles ("I wanna sex you up... or not," and "Be at one with your sexual self," *The Cord Weekly*, September 17, 2003) dealing with sexual experiences during university. Our newspaper influences the student body in ways it doesn't even realize, and students unsure of their beliefs about sex and marriage who read these articles have now been convinced that everyone is having sex, and that saving themselves is actually the worst choice to make!

The whole issue of waiting until marriage isn't all about "Bible thumping" either: it has to do with self-respect and looking into the future. What better gift could you imagine giving your spouse than your virginity? There is nothing else in the world you possess that is a symbol of such true love. And each time you have sex with another person, it lowers the integrity of sex in your future. Casual sex shows a lack of self-value and individuality. Have you honestly convinced yourself that you're worth no more than a sweaty, drunken one-night stand?

And as for having "bad sexual chemistry" in marriage if you don't sleep together beforehand, if you're close enough to be con-

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“Free” is WLU’s four-letter word

Read this and you’ll be a better person read this and your life will be enriched read this and you’ll discover the meaning of irony read this and read it again



Opinion Editor

Stefan Sereda

The invasion was a complete success. With stealthy tactics, the loudest, most intrusive campaign launched against this campus got the drop on us, and was met with little resistance. The war is over; they won.

Now, we the students of Laurier are confronted at every turn as our daily lives have been directed, and to some extent controlled, by the forces which occupy our once private and sanctimonious learning facilities. The dominant powers on campus will stop at nothing to regulate the proceedings of our free time. Already they tell us what to consume (be it food, drink or ostensible material good), where to go, what to buy, who to be and how to live. If these trespassers want to keep their control over us, why are they providing us with their easy path to enriched lives?

Because most of the time, our oppressors are lying to us. Welcome to the advertisement regime of Wilfrid Laurier University.

Whether it be a lit up poster leading you to a restaurant located just downstairs in the FNCC, or a L’Oreal ad in close proximity to the bathroom mirrors demanding that you “get clear skin 24/7,” corporate plugs are intruding on every facet of student life. The bathroom used to be a place where you could escape the madness of the world and get back to nature for a minute... or an hour, depending on what fast food you ate earlier. Now students can look forward to the big business ver-

sion of secret police following them into the most private rooms of their public centres.

The bathrooms are a microcosm of what is happening to Ontario university campuses, and to Laurier in particular. Ads for private interests are cluttering the public space where students used to hang out and ooze coolness, immune to outside marketing vultures. These days, it’s “what do I buy to be cool?” and “what products will complete me?” when the FNCC turns into a shopping mall, week in, week out. During the last Concourse soul-suck, Radio Laurier DJ Bryan Shinn posed a significant and sagely question: “since when did our university get sold to the highest bidder?”

A sagely question: “Since when did our university get sold to the highest bidder?”

-Bryan Shinn, Radio Laurier DJ and guru

This week, Cord Opinion is offering shelter from the bombardment and reclaiming some of the space in the public sphere, with the intention of creating an open discourse on the subject of private advertisements in our academic facilities. Think of pages six through eight as an island in a sea of sales pitches that aim at limiting free thought and cashing in on human emptiness.

Before an angry lynch mob attempts to strangle me with their power ties for exposing the secret to their brainwashing techniques, however, let me add that there are two sides to the coin

advertising brings in. A number of questions emerge: are there ads in the academic facilities? Are students also cashing in through funding to campus centres? Is there a value to these advertisements beyond my theory that these posters are the maggots boring into the surface of a school they’re turning into a steaming pile of feces?

Some may argue that advertising merely persuades the consumer, that it’s doing nothing to limit free thought or expression. In fact, private funding is often seen as necessary to sustain the spread of ideas through the media. Unfortunately, this gives private interests control over the media. The content of The Cord is limited from conflicting with its advertisers, as is the content of every other media agency. So much for free press, free expression, and free thought. That’s one example of the thinly veiled commands free trade is sending our way.

Advertisements from outside the WLU community (for example, an ad that doesn’t announce a campus club meeting, or reflect student interest) appear mainly in public spaces like the FNCC and the Athletic Complex, the non-classroom buildings. I would argue that these still count as academic institutions, though. The FNCC merges with the DAWB and the Arts Building seamlessly, blurring the lines between what space is reserved for private advertising and what areas are sanctioned for higher learning. These facilities also provide a social atmosphere that contributes to a university student’s experience, and outside profit-seekers are interloping on this environment.

What if students can learn from other professional marketers, though? SBE and Communications students could greatly benefit from

mentors on every wall. Is this just an extension of the Arts vs. Business battle? It doesn’t have to be, if advertising was distributed with more discretion on campus. If L’Oreal really wants to exploit a young woman’s self-image, why not relocate these ads from what WLU’s Advertising and Sponsorship

ence be centralized in SBE buildings than in an environment shared with the rest of the school. Would this be an amicable solution?

My quarrel isn’t with ads for The Terry Fox Run or student-based organizations, but with companies such as Zoom Media that hide behind social causes so they can ambush students. I’m glad Advertising Standards Canada is “standing up for advertising standards,” but I can’t stand up for falling down. Free space at Laurier is deteriorating rapidly, and the University’s policies regarding its own advertising standards are lax. So in the spirit of higher learning and free thought, I’ll try to keep the wolves of big business fascism at bay, and invite anyone to speak their mind on this issue in one of many on campus forums struggling to maintain its sovereignty.

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Policy calls the “external community” to a place where students could learn something from them. Ironic as this sounds, there is no external presence in the Schlegel Centre. Contradictory though it may be, I would rather this pres-



Nicole Wilker

Gripe all you want, free education is now out of the reach of broke students. Whether this is the fault of deregulation or on-campus ads, we don’t know. The owl represents something... a bad acid trip?

Shifty's TOP 10 Most Unnecessary Campus Ads

10. The Chrysler/Dodge ad asking “Why not reward yourself with the grad rebate?” How about, “why not pay off your student loan instead of buying a jeep you don’t need?”
9. The milk ad in the Turret staircase. Are they hoping to sell White Russians?
8. The milk ad in the 24-Hour Lounge. Seriously, who needs two reminders to buy milk?
7. The Harvey’s ad located right upstairs from Harvey’s, which you probably already knew was there.
6. The ad for C-Spot photo development... two steps away from the C-Spot.
5. The poster for Underworld in the C-Spot window. Movies featuring Kate Beckinsale decked out in leather sells themselves.
4. L’Oreal’s “get pure skin” ad. Please define “pure.” Do you really think your product can reverse the effects of puberty that teens have suffered through for centuries?
3. L’Oreal’s two other “get pure skin” ads. How desperate to exploit the masses are you?
2. Pizza Pizza’s ad atop of newspaper stands, reading “enjoy a free read on us.” Don’t feign interest in promoting literacy and education when you just want to make a dollar.

...and the number one soul-sucking travesty that you should avoid at all costs is:

1. The WLUSP ad on page 9.

!Meaty Beef Testicles!

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and you need them to lead a complete
life!
Yum! Yum! Beef testicles!!!

Was deregulation a good decision?

NO. BOD member Borrelli is throwing a hissyfit.



Student Senator

Michael Borrelli

Well folks, we did our best but in the end, self-interest ruled the day. In a move that even surprised me, the whole student caucus stood together and opposed the SBE's deregulation plans. Unfortunately, a Senate Chamber full of opportunistic, politicking bureaucrats decided to cover their asses and support the hole-filled proposal instead of considering the one major stakeholder that has been virtually silenced by this process: the students! Okay, maybe that's a little too harsh because many of the faculty members and administrators who voted in favour of privatizing tuition fees might give you a well thought out response as to why they voted the way they did. But that doesn't leave me feeling any less betrayed the day after.

It's hard to criticize someone for keeping their own job, or department's or faculty's wellbeing in mind when making such a decision but I expected more from these academics, especially since I used to put a lot of faith in their wisdom and knowledge of the world. Today they

helped make up SBE's structural deficit by mortgaging the futures of thousands of prospective students across Canada. Remember that the next time they profess to be anything more than self-serving bureaucrats within the academy. Today we know that caring about students' futures isn't on par with easy cash from band-aid funding solutions.

The whole meeting, administrator after administrator (and their academic counterparts in the SBE faculty) presented the case to Senate that deregulation wasn't only the best choice for WLU but the ONLY choice. How can eight students compete with that sort of narrative? Dean Carson, Dr. Rosehart and company offered a great case for why WLU needs deregulation NOW, no matter how poor their proposal looked. Thinly veiled threats to the funding of Arts and Science programs hit this point home. One student senator even stated that if this deregulation proposal were submitted to an SBE professor for marking, a passing grade would be unlikely. All we wanted was for the process to be fair, inclusive, and address student concerns, but in the end 35 senators ignored the fact that not even one student supported their position. Instead they voted for a bright, shiny, deregulated BBA.

So what can we do? Well,

I went to Wilf's and cried into my beer but I know damn well that it didn't accomplish anything. So if I may be so bold, let me offer you a proposal that won't increase your tuition: come out to the Quad at 5pm this Thursday and stand with all the other students, faculty, and community members who believe that public education is something worth fighting for. It's time that everyone at WLU stopped looking for funding solutions from within the school and started working together to make sure it comes from governments. Doctor Rosehart, Carson, Smith and little old me could be great friends if we all agreed that it should be taxes, not students, that fund public education.

During the Senate Meeting, Dean of Arts Robert Campbell suggested that coming to terms with deregulation is necessary within the current cultural paradigm. Well, I suggest to you that we reject defeatism and create a case for a paradigm shift. Downloading costs on to students is not acceptable: fully funding education should be the proposal that has no alternative. On September 25th, put some support behind the idea that a vibrant, quality and accessible education is a right, not a privilege. Then go out on October 2 and cast your vote for your future and the futures of following generations.

YES. But do I detect sarcasm?



International Editor

Bryn Boyce

You know I still don't understand why everyone is all up in arms about this Business tuition deregulation thing. I mean, let's look at this from a strictly cost/benefit point of view. Clearly, this level-headed business approach will prove that each and everyone of us at Laurier have more to gain than we do to lose.

We currently enjoy regulated tuition prices, irrespective of program and it's clear that we are not likely to hear tell of a superspike in prices in our undergraduate lives. The fees may wax or wane (likely wax) by up to 2% a year but nothing staggering like \$1500. The Dean of the School of Business and Economics, Dr. Scott Carson, has stated time and time again that this would

only affect incoming first years as early as fall 2004.

So it would cost us absolutely nothing at the end of the day. Every business student reading this has nothing to sweat about. Have a beer, it's not like it's your pocket book taking the hit here, guys.

Secondly, I think it's extremely important to note the financial benefits that may arise if this deregulation occurs in 2004. Those SBE students currently in the first two years of the SBE program may get a taste of the new-wave biz money.

Well maybe not a full injection but you business jockeys would still see your program's budget swell. Or perhaps it would be your professor's mid-section that swells the most... either way, you'll be in the presence of money.

Remember, SBE does have that mysterious \$1.2 million structural deficit to deal

with. It turns out you're getting "among Canada's best" business educational programs from a faculty that can't balance its own budget.

Of course, the hilarity of this whole situation goes even further than budgets. It's interesting that the ultra-competitive elements of the business world, many of whom graduated from a regulated BBA program, are now actually knee-deep in a process that will weed out many of their student successors and their seven-figure wet dreams.

The irony of watching the Business program eat its own is actually a source of some amusement. This is my third, albeit weaker, reason to support the privatization of business.

However, the fourth reason is possibly the most telling of our generation's

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ethos. As we graduate, and our parents beam with pride, we will officially be able to watch our degrees age like fine French chardonnays. It's the nu-

American Dream-come-true. Our fanatical "more for less" mentalities will be better marinated in the knowledge that the more future Laurier students pay, the better our degrees will look. The more prestigious and cutthroat Laurier becomes, the sweeter 2.3 children, a suburban home and two Mercedes-Benz' will become.

The way I see it, we are a truly fortunate bunch to be on the eve of deregulation and we should support it. We aren't directly affected, it's good for a laugh, there may be spending increases in SBE before we leave and our degrees will inevitably "age well."

Of course, all this will mean that qualified-yet-more-destitute students will miss out just so we can have a little bit more but c'est la vie, dog-eat-dog, it's just business and all those other nice, comforting rationalizations, right?

Letters to The Cord

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templating marriage you must have a good idea about the sexual chemistry between you two without even having sex. There's obviously a physical attraction. Or instead of "experiencing with different partners" as per the advice given, have you ever thought of maybe talking about what you want sexually with your partner? If you're not even mature enough in a relationship to talk seriously about sex, you're clearly not mature enough to be having it. Furthermore, your marriage is bound to flop anyway if having the best sex in the world is the top priority. Despite what many believe, there is much more to a relationship.

It's just wonderful that we're being told that mature values are wrong and sleeping with everyone we meet is ideal. How will

there ever be romance in sex if we never regard it as a romantic act? What will be your ultimate wedding gift: an extensive list of loveless sexual history, or your entire self - body, mind, and soul?

Stephanie Spielmann

Misplace your books?

I found a bag with textbooks in it in the Aird Building by the phones. I returned the bag to the bookstore. The bookstore said they would try to find out who the books belong to based on the receipt contained therein. If the student checks at the bookstore, she or he may find them.

Random Bookfinder

On Eminem and the Canadian media



Jackass of the Week

Brandon Currie

As the ephemeral poet Eminem once rapped, "the FCC won't let me be/Or let me be me so let me see/they tried to shut me down on MTV/But it feels so empty without me."

Disregarding the next stanza of 'Without Me,' which refers to festooning semen over various parts of the female anatomy, his unexpectedly astute social commentary on the governance of mass media highlights this summer's most overlooked news story.

On June 2, the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) passed a Republican-backed proposal that would "gasp" deregulate media cross-ownership laws. The decision overturned 28 year old regulations that have protected the American press from profit-hungry media conglomerates.

If you thought that the US media was a lot of embedded, censored, corporate controlled pack journalists before, then you ain't seen nothing yet. If you thought that ABC/Disney, AOL/Time/Warner, NBC/GE were behemoth media machines, they're about to get bigger.

Euphemistically called 'convergence,' the new laws allow a single media corporation to own television and radio stations, as well as newspapers, in the same city. One company can now own 45 percent of the national market share in broadcasting.

Sounds pretty innocent, right? Well, for once, America can learn about the dangers of deregulation from us normally leftist Canadians. In 1985, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) relaxed laws on media cross-ownership. Almost 20 years later, our media has been merged and consolidated into a corporate megalopolis, interested in profit and advocating a corporate agenda, not jour-

nalistic integrity.

For all the criticism Fox News and CNN take from liberals, the Canadian mass media has been homogenized to the point where four companies nearly control everything Canadians see on TV or read in newspapers. Our regulatory agency (the CRTC) has been more impotent than Bob Dole without Viagra, and has pathetically tried to retro-regulate companies to separate their control of different media outlets.

CanWest, Bell Globemedia, Shaw Communications and Rogers have been swallowing up TV stations and newspapers like corporate sperm whales. CanWest alone owns twelve major daily newspapers across the country, approximately one paper in every major Canadian city.

Nowadays, instead of a despotic Conrad Black lauding conservatism throughout his media web, we have the despotic CanWest patriarch Izzy Asper shaping the national consciousness through the auspices of an impersonal corporation.

When it comes to good ole Izzy and the question of

Palestinian statehood, his hard-line Zionist stance is diffused through CanWest's outlets, reaching and influencing millions of Canadians. Editors are censored and bullied to toe the line of the ownership, while balanced reporting and public service journalism become an afterthought.

After being dropped by CanWest for demanding greater editorial independence, former Ottawa Citizen Publisher Russ Mills opined that "based on the experience in Canada, dropping restrictions on cross-ownership certainly hasn't worked out well, it creates too much information coming through one pipeline."

The CRTC needs to act quickly and decisively, to ensure that Canada's media pipelines are free and many, to give Canadians back their free press. Anything less will mean the continued erosion of our right to information, insight and democracy.

Yet there's still hope. On September 3, amid protests from a cross-party alliance of Congressmen, the Third US Circuit Court of Appeals

issued a stay order preventing the FCC from implementing the changes, scheduled for September 4. Fierce resistance from a cross-party Congressional coalition, as well as media advocacy groups, have forced the judiciary to examine what effects the ruling will have on the demography and ownership of the media.

Here in Waterloo, the print media is free from the media giants, with The Record (freed from Conrad Black's Southam Corp. five years ago) and Toronto Star being owned by Torstar, which owns five papers in Southern Ontario.

The Cord, of course, operates independently of the media giants and the school administration. But even we have had our own troubles with editorial independence from the powers that be last year, resulting in turmoil, termination and multiple resignations.

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Exiled Taylor fleeced Liberia

Records reveal that former Liberian leader, Charles Taylor, transferred about \$100 million of the country's wealth into his own coffers.

ANDREW SACHS
Cord International

United Nations investigators and Liberian government officials have just recently concluded a two-year investigation that traced the spending of ex-president Taylor. Their findings document a history of government resources swindled away for Taylor's private enterprises.

The money ended up paying for Mr. Taylor's personal desires, which included numerous houses, cars and sexual partners all over the globe. Additionally, the funds provided illegal weapons to fuel the country's ongoing civil war that has been ongoing since 1989.

"He had to buy weapons, keep his people happy and get all those Mercedes-Benzes for his girlfriends," said Robert Ferguson, a U.S. Embassy official.

Charles Taylor is the warlord turned president of Liberia who was in office since 1997 until very recently. He rose to the presidency after a lengthy civil war initiated by his own forces that has been the cause of over 150,000 deaths.

According to William

Milam, the former US ambassador to Monrovia, Taylor's reign began with "just ripping stuff off", and it's become quite clear that's also how it ended. Last month, he accepted asylum in Nigeria as part of an international effort to stop the bloodshed between Taylor's government forces and numerous rebel groups.

Thanks in part to his extravagant lifestyle, Liberia is now officially the poorest country in the world. In a country that doesn't even have electricity, half of its income was being funneled away from the people. Taylor was said to own 90% of the country's resources and used his unchallenged authority to bankroll his lifestyle at the expense of Liberia's displaced and poverty-stricken populace.

Expenses were supported by such endeavors as diamond smuggling from Sierra Leone and dealing in the arms trade. Taylor also controlled the ministry of forestry and gained considerably from logging practices in the local rainforests. The primary source came from the US-established Maritime registry service, which re-



Contributed Photo

A member of Charles Taylor's army executes a civilian on the streets of Monrovia. Charles Taylor's creative accounting and shady arms deals fuelled decades of civil war in Liberia

laxed labour laws. Incomes for it ranged around \$18 million a year.

Despite being out of the country, there have been indications Taylor is still trying to raise money. The Washington Post reports Taylor has placed multiple calls to his successor in an apparent bid to collect debts

and keep control of the country. Troops loyal to him have admitted to receiving orders from the exiled leader.

There have been fears within neighbouring countries that Taylor will never face justice for the injustices he has committed, even though he is indicted for crimes against humanity in nearby Sierra Leone. Western

governments so far have seemed unwilling to get involved contributing to the lack of international action in prosecuting the warlord.

As a final, parting injustice to the people of Liberia, Taylor took with him into exile a \$3 million donation from Taiwan earmarked for disarming his forces.

Groundhog suspect in heirs deaths

Rural town of Wiarnton shocked by accusations surrounding Groundhog Day throne; study shows groundhogs only 37% accurate in predicting season change

BRYN BOYCE
International Editor

In a shocking turn of events, two rural Ontario spring prognosticators were found dead in their homes. The small town of Wiarnton, just north of Owen Sound, is home to Wiarnton Willie, an albino groundhog who plays meteorologist for one day a year on February 2nd. Currently, Willie is a suspect in what may be a devious double-homicide.

The two victims, both apparent heirs to Willie's throne, were uncovered this past May but the municipality's Tourism Director, Francesca Dobbyn, originally withheld this information from the public.

When asked why she had hidden the details surrounding the deaths, Dobbyn said she was only trying to protect the town's tourism industry for the peak summer months.

The Metro Toronto Zoo had been consulted during the construction of Willie's abode. An investigation has concluded, discerning that the two groundhogs more than likely froze to death while hibernating in overly wet conditions. A leak in the tunnel system is seen as the cause of this problem.

This incident was brought in front of Town Council this



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Wiarnton Willie, the father of forecast, is now in monopolistic control of the meteorology field

past Monday for review. At the event, Mayor Carl Noble dismissed requests that Dobbyn tender her resignation.

Wiarnton resident and second year Music student, Alicia Ryan, stated that, "I know it's a hog-eat-hog world but I'm still shocked that this

tragedy wasn't prevented.

It is a little known fact that Willie has been portrayed by more than one hog in Wiarnton's history. Most recently, during the winter of 1998-1999, the then 22-year old Willie, died in hibernation.

This incident was heavily criticized once it became clear at the funeral that the deceased Willie, with carrot clutched firmly in paw, was a fake. The real Willie was too decomposed to be displayed. The incident earned mention on Air Farce and Kathy Lee Gifford's morning banter, in which she dropped a tired pun concerning frigid Canadian winters.

Willie's international colleagues, unxsutawney Phil of P u n x s u t a w n e y, Pennsylvania, Brandon Bob in Manitoba and Balzac Billy in Alberta were left to pick up the slack on February 2nd.

Many supporters have insisted that groundhog meteorology is accurate 90% of the time, but indisputable scientific studies have shown that groundhog predictions are barely 37% accurate. This past February was a catastrophic failure for Willie, whose prediction of an early spring was eviscerated by cold, dreary weather lasting well into April.



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NUNAVUT, CANADA - The Ward Hunt ice shelf, formerly the largest Arctic ice shelf, has broken off of the 20-mile long Disraeli fjord. Scientists from Laval University and the University of Alaska have pointed to recent increases in local temperatures as well as century old temperature trends. The professors fell short of blaming global warming explicitly for the changes, stating that there is no way to be certain of the exact causes. It is, however, the first break for the 100 ft thick shelf since its creation 3,000 years ago.

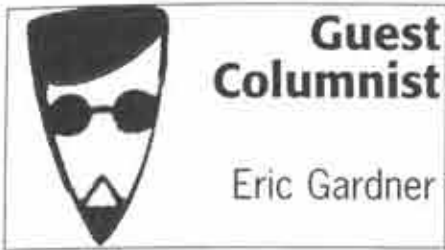
DENMARK AND SWEDEN - Regions of the two north European nations, Denmark and Sweden, went without power for roughly 6 1/2 hours on Tuesday marking the worst blackout in 20 years for the two nations. It is thought that the five million affected customers went without electricity as a result of faulty lines and a storm that struck some hydro poles. The two countries were especially vulnerable since the power lines running to Germany and Poland were both down in advance for repair. Not since 1982 have the two countries seen such a wide ranging blackout.

IRAN - The Iranian government paraded around the first of its latest mid-range missiles, the Shahab 3 Shooting Star. The missiles have a range of roughly 1,300 Km, sufficient to reach Turkey and Israel from the Iranian border. The new missiles were first tested in 1998, and many worry that Iran could affix nuclear weapons to the missiles. Iran has come under sharp criticism and pressure from the United Nation's International Atomic Energy Agency for not permitting more thorough weapon's inspections. Iran denies that it has any nuclear weapons at its disposal. They have until October 31st to admit UN inspection teams into the country to carry out their tasks.

IVORY COAST - Since ending a 10-month civil war this past June, the rebel forces and government officials have been working toward disarmament in the Ivory Coast. However, the northern rebel group, New Forces, has walked away from the power-sharing government system citing a lack of political will to disarm on the established government's part. Guillaume Soro, the leader of the New Forces, announced the impasse at a September 22 meeting in Bouake. It has been argued that the government is to begin stockpiling weaponry and munitions in order to reinstate the civil war.

Compiled by Bryn Boyce

In the defense of 'illogical atheists'



Guest Columnist

Eric Gardner

Normally, when I choose to digest an article featured in *The Cord*, it is simply chewed and spit out the other ear. However, the recent Ben Shragge article ("The zealotry of Atheists," September 10th), left me with a particularly unwelcome aftertaste; the by-product of an article that borders on propaganda. With its unfounded assumptions and limited accountability to factual information, the message, and bias, of the article was clear.

It is not an uncommon suggestion that religion is used more frequently as a measuring stick to condemn other people's attitudes, rather than as an effective promotion of moral conduct. The validity of this statement is certainly debatable and not an argument I intend to delve into. Certainly, there are recognizably beneficial and malignant aspects of organized religion but determining the balance of the merits and deficiencies is not my crusade.

Ironically, Shragge's reasoning that religion should not be deemed as the primary historical source of violent inspiration is anchored upon an attack on another belief. While arguing that religion is not as divisive as its detractors claim, his piece can only serve to stress the perceived differences and fallacies that separate atheism from religion.

Similarly, he begins his article by examining atheists at their most zealous but continues to condemn atheism as a whole. This competes with the article's own plea for religion to be weighed by its more charitable constituents and not by its extremist supporters and their occasionally violent demonstrations. This important topic deserves to be represented with more balanced viewpoints.

Shragge pens an excellent and damning account of the actions performed under the banner of Communism and Nazism. However, the implied bridge intended to join Atheism with the shores of Communism and Nazism seems to have been misplaced within the article. The evidence that is intended to encourage readers to walk this treacherous chasm seems to be non-existent and

the pilgrims that make this trek may find that they have stepped over the edge without anything substantive to support them. Communism and Nazism are indeed secular schools of thought (I hesitate to gratuitously refer to them as faiths). However, it is not logical to conclude that these ideologies are more appealing to atheists than members of any religion.

Currently, atheists represent a minority view in the

Simply by definition, atheists have the most choice in developing their own beliefs

population and historically, this viewpoint only gets progressively smaller.

Furthermore, we would not expect a person to revoke their religious affiliations in order to sponsor their individual political viewpoints. Frequently in fact, politics and religion are inseparable. It follows that, such popular and notorious philosophies as Communism and Nazism have had a majority of supporters that already belonged to an organized religion and did not forsake their religious beliefs in order to support a particular political viewpoint.

When removed from its social contexts, it would appear bizarre for an individual to target a particular stance on an issue that has very limited practical applications. Atheism does not imply a set of beliefs to adhere to and it is certainly quite possible that Shragge and an atheist would have

strike you as surprising that atheism is not synonymous with a rejection of good moral values. Furthermore, atheism does not require you to be an activist with an anti-religion agenda. When Ben looks at the "atheist" assumption that "religion is the root of all (or most) evil", he's exhibiting his familiarity with that dirty S-word: stereotyping.

Simply by definition, atheists have the most choice in developing their own beliefs and we could expect their viewpoints to be more widely varied than if we were to look at any other division of the population. They have the advantage of not having to subscribe to a cookie-cut set of beliefs. No matter how many shapes there are to choose from, you can't possibly find one that fits every detail of your own attitudes perfectly. Either you choose to develop your own mould, or you choose to adjust to living within one that somebody has laid out for you.

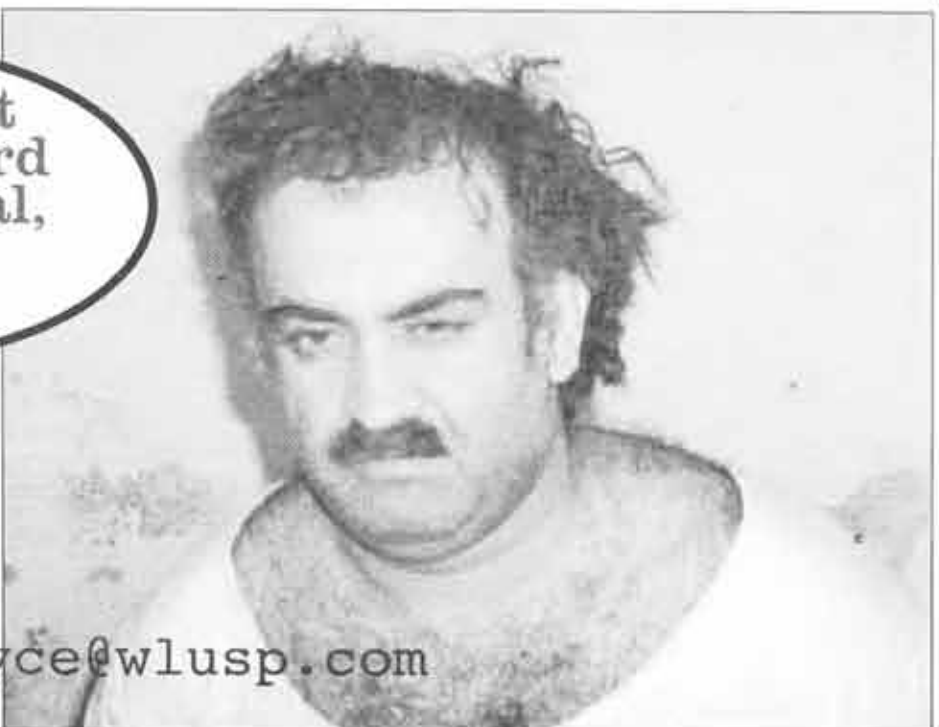
While religion often provides highly attractive moral accommodations, you may find that your landlord is highly resistant to any personally desired changes in the design and decor. Religion often has interpreters to help establish quite exactly what your living space should look like. For the faithful who depend on an interpretation to help guide the course of the lives, they can also be subject to following an interpretation that has been twisted and no longer runs the same path as members of the same faith.

Regardless of your orientation on this issue, the common ground exists that it is still vitally important for one's highly personal values and thoughts to guide their daily decisions. While Ben Shragge argues that religion should be celebrated for the individual displays of goodwill by its members worldwide, I would contend that it is simply these individuals that should be celebrated. I hope that he could recognize that atheists are also performing these same acts every day with the same lack of appreciation. Actions are a poor indicator of a person's professed religion or lack thereof. After making a stand in defense of atheism, you might be inclined to assume I would consider myself an atheist. But perhaps I just perceived an injustice and thought the topic deserved more objective consideration. ...Are you really that confident you know who I am?



congruent viewpoints on every issue excluding the belief in a higher being. It is also quite possible that the author and the same atheist would act identically when placed in the same situations and live indistinguishable lives. Therefore, the contempt for atheists that laces through this article seems oddly misplaced.

Hopefully, it does not



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Windows to the World



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Brazilian protestors from the radical Landless Workers' Movement (MST) attempt to gain entry into the Ministry of Agriculture building. The group is rallying against the legalization of genetically modified soy-crops. The groups argues that by codifying the use of GM crops, the government will trample the smaller farmers in favour of big-seed operations. Monsanto Co., a U.S. based agri-giant, would benefit immensely from this legalization, as it will permit them to regain the market from black market GM farmers. Brazil's soy-bean production is second highest in the world and, of that, 70% is grown illegally.



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Flare-ups around the the Pakistani/Indian region of Kashmir claimed 17 lives on September 23, 2003. The above photo shows the Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) carrying away the body of a Lashkar-e-Tayyaba militant. The Lashkar-e-Tayyaba is a Pakistani Islamic group seeking independence of Muslim-dominated Kashmir, or a governing union with Pakistan's homeland. The Kashmir region is prevalently Muslim but technically under Indian control. The region divided India and Pakistan and has been a hotbed of political upheaval for the better part of a century.



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Family members carry the casket of Iranian-Canadian photo-journalist, Zahra Kazemi. Kazemi was detained by Iranian security forces on June 23rd, 2003 and violent interrogated for 77 hours. She was beaten into a coma and died from her head wounds on July 11th. The Canadian government aggressively criticized Iranian treatment of Kazemi and recalled Philip MacKinnon, the Canadian ambassador to Iran. After a great deal of waffling, the Iranian courts ruled on September 22nd that one of two men in the Intelligence Ministry was guilty of "semi-premeditated murder."

Dangerous times

We're not in a safer world post-9/11, the Muslim world feels targetted by the West, and the path to tyranny remains in post regime Afghanistan and Iraq

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Throughout his War on Terror, President Bush and his followers have repeatedly stated that they are making the world a safer place. However, according to Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, the terrorist threat to the West is increasing. Musharraf has stated that Muslims feel as if the West is "purposely targeting Islam."

In the September 17th issue of *The Cord*, Ben Shragge also states that the world has become a safer place. He justifies his claim through the supposed 'liberation' of the Afghani and Iraqi peoples from the tyrants who once controlled them and the flexing of American muscle.

Currently in Afghanistan, however, women have fewer rights than they did under the Taliban, and Afghanistan is still mainly controlled by the warlords who controlled it during the Taliban regime.

The people of Iraq might be 'liberated' from the rule of Saddam Hussein, but few Iraqis feel this freedom. Basic services are still well below pre-invasion standards, unemployment hovers around 80% and general anarchy rules. As the situation continues to stagnate, opposition to the US-led occupation is growing in Iraq.

The leading US newspapers have recently reported that as many as seven out of ten Americans believe

Saddam Hussein and Al-Qaeda are linked and that Saddam was involved in the 9/11 attacks. Until last week, the Bush Administration has used this to justify the attack on Iraq. But like their 'Weapons of Mass Destruction' story, the Iraq/Al-Qaeda link has been exposed as a fake.



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So why did Bush attack Iraq? It is not about terrorist links because even Bush has admitted that there are none. It is no longer about weapons of mass destruction because none have been found. The war is about liberation, at least until that story falls apart.

For many, simply the knowledge that Saddam and the Taliban are gone provides a sense of security. However,

this sense of security is false. While the regimes have been removed, the system that led them to power and allowed them to perpetrate their evil acts remains.

Who provided power to radical rebels like Saddam Hussein and groups like the Taliban? Under American Cold-War doctrine, many pro-capitalist regimes were implemented in countries where moderate socialist governments existed. These regimes, like Saddam's Ba'ath party or the Taliban, were violently oppressive. However, the US overlooked their human right abuses since they provided America with oil or fought the Russians.

This system still exists today. Saudi Arabia, known for human rights abuses and for being Osama bin Laden's homeland, is a close ally of America. Syria and Libya are also good examples of this system in power.

The potential for further attacks has therefore not decreased. Terrorist movements/camps have the potential to exist in many other countries and as long as Muslims feel targeted, the potential for extremists exists. I do not advocate further attacks in the name of the 'War on Terror.' I feel that we need to historicize the conflicts that exist. Once we can understand how dictators gain power, we can put an end to this system, therefore making the world a safer place.



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An ungrateful Israel

Israel should tread carefully if intending to defy UN and world opinion in order to oust Arafat

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Cord International

The nation of Israel has had a tense and tumultuous history with the United Nations. Since Israel's inception as a state on May 14th, 1948, its relationship with the (UN) has been filled with controversy, condemnation and blatant refusal on Israel's part to listen to the UN.

The most recent example of this would be Israel's refusal to meet a UN resolution demanding that it retract its threats to kill Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) head Yassar Arafat.

Sadly, for the people of Palestine and for the peace process, this is by no means the first time Israel has defied the UN and, by extension, world opinion. It is ironic that a country that owes so much in terms of its creation, as Israel does, should so callously, time and time again, defy the UN.

Since 1955, Israel has defied more than 65 resolutions by the UN, condemning its treatment of the

The very idea of a sovereign country threatening a human being with assassination is ludicrous.

Palestinian refugees, condemning its actions in Lebanon and its actions in other Middle Eastern countries.

The most notable examples of Israel's ignorance of UN resolutions occurred during the Lebanese conflict in the early 1980s. After invading Lebanon on June 6th 1982, the Israeli Army began to discriminately bombard civilian centers in West Beirut. The world community spoke out passionately against this Israeli action

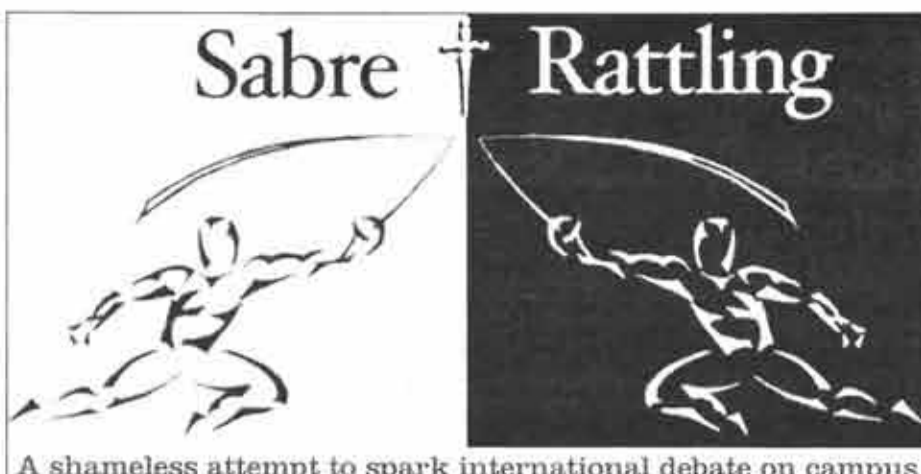
and called for an immediate Israeli withdrawal. Israel refused and continued its bombing. It is this arrogance in face of world opinion that contributes to Palestinian anger.

Now let's return to the current issue at hand. For the past few weeks, Israeli has been making ominous threats of eliminating Yassar Arafat as a threat to the security of Israel. The very idea of a sovereign country threatening a human being with assassination, while in the wake of the threats made against Saddam Hussein, is ludicrous.

Killing Arafat in cold blood will make him a martyr and will inspire many more martyrs. It will trigger even more violence and will further derail the peace plan.

However, Israel seems hell-bent on pursuing this course of action and, by doing this, ignoring world opinion. While the recent terrorist attacks are deplorable and have understandably angered Israelis, answering violence with still more violence and by attacking such influential figure as Arafat is simply not the answer.

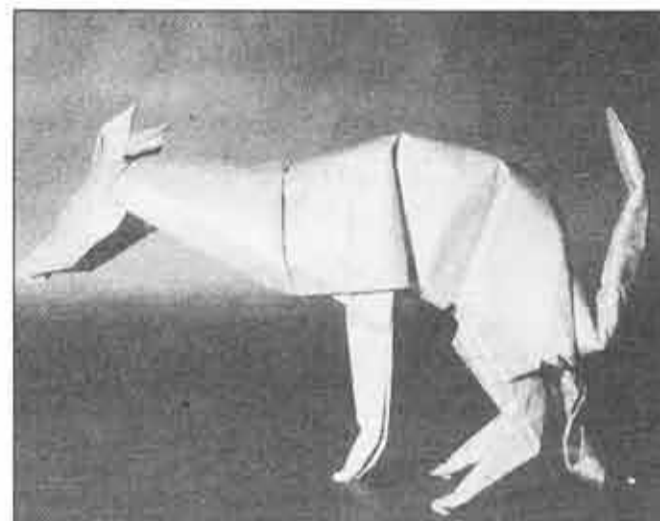
Neither is the answer ignoring the United Nations and treating the UN like an insignificant body, particularly when Israel, in many ways, owes its very existence to the UN.



A shameless attempt to spark international debate on campus

Since Sweden recently rejected joining 12 other countries in adopting the Euro many questions have been rehashed concerning economic integration.

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WLUSA Strike: One Year Later

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Last year, the Laurier community was shocked when on September 16th, 2002 the Wilfrid Laurier University Staff Association (WLUSA) went on a legal strike after talks broke down with the university administration. For 50 difficult days, students and faculty endured the loss of services normally provided by the members of WLUSA. These services included but were not limited to the bookstore, health services, the registrar's office, library services, OSAP and department offices.

The main issue that concerned WLUSA members was the clause (Article 3.8) in the

offer made by the university that gave the administration the right to contract out workers for positions that would normally be held by full-time staff. The administration argued that they were just trying to leave the option open but WLUSA insisted that by allowing contract workers the university would be less compelled to hire or retain unionized, full-time workers. Benefits and raises for the WLUSA members were slated to be cut by the administration because the university had come to an agreement with the WLU Faculty Association a few months earlier and wanted to cover the concessions they made to the faculty with cuts

to the staff.

Students were divided between those who blamed the university for trying to take advantage of their staff, those who blamed the staff for asking for benefits that the university couldn't provide and those who wanted it to end, regardless of the outcome. It was that last category, the apathetic student that would define the typical WLU student during the lengthy strike period. It was this stance of neutrality that the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union chose to take during the strike. Some will maintain that if WLUSA had taken a stronger stand on the strike issue then the University Administration would have been compelled to start making concessions sooner.

Some of the students who sided with WLUSA on the issue were not idle, however. The Laurier Activist New Democrats (LAND) and Laurier Students for a Public Interest Research Group (LSPIRG) presented a petition of 400 student signatures (with ID numbers) to WLU's Vice-President of Finance Jim Butler. The petition called for University President Bob Rosehart to "act like [a] president of this university and present the staff association a contract

which reflects the significant contribution the staff of this university makes at every level."

The administration came under heavy criticism for their underhanded tactics during the strike, especially when they hired a private "strike-breaking" security company at the beginning of the strike. The company was hired to pressure WLUSA to return to work and to discourage the faculty and students from supporting the strikers. They routinely videotaped WLUSA on the picket lines and had been known to verbally harass students who joined the picketers. After an incident with CKCO being removed from WLU property, the security firm was dismissed and a formal letter of apology was written by the administration to the television station.

The prolonged period of the strike was chiefly due to many small disagreements between the two parties about arbitration and a general resistance to compromise on both sides. Eventually as both sides became weary of the process, deals were struck and on Monday, November 4th, 2002 the strike finally ended to the relief of the WLU community, staff, faculty, students and administration alike.



Relations today remain somewhat tense between the administration and staff, as can be imagined, and some of the staff still resent the student population's general neutrality. Since the strike, the administration has successfully negotiated contracts with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) locals at WLU in a relatively short time. It seems that either the administration has learned how to best deal with unions, or the unions have learned not to mess with the WLU admins.



10 Questions with WLUSA President Wolff

The Staff Association's leader discusses relations with the administration, WLUSA's "utter crap" and sexism

JENNIFER ASSELIN
News Editor

Now that you've had time to reflect, what do you think of the strike? Any general comments?

I'm still impressed with how many people came forward and supported us whether that was staff members, whether it was faculty, whether it was community people who came forward. I'm unfortunately not surprised that a number of people have now chosen to leave the university for a variety of reasons, many of which have to do with the reality of seeing that administration just does not appreciate the work that they had been doing for many, many years.

If you could change anything about the event, what would it be?

The strike itself. I still put it down that I think it was the result of decisions by a few individuals. I don't think it was a majority of individuals, I think there were a few individuals who made some decisions early on, before the strike ever happened, that they would essentially go as far as it took to get things out of our contract. I firmly believe that today, I believed it then.

Do you want to say who they are?

Oh they know who they are, and I think anybody could sit down and in five minutes draw up a list of 3 or 4 or 5 names, and they'd probably come up with similar sets of names. I think it starts at the top, I think there was a lack of leadership; I don't see that that's changed. I think that there were agendas in play that were not talked about.

What was WLUSA's opinion of

the students?

I separate the Students' Union from the students. The Students' Union [that was] in place during the strike, we did speak with them before the strike. I found that they were a little bit deceptive in how they dealt with us. It was pretty clear by getting near the end of the strike that the Students' Union had made some deals with Administration, and it wasn't so much deals to support the Administration as to try and play the neutral game which is, of course, utter crap.

Basically, the Students' Union supported an Administration that turned around and deregulated programs the next year. If that isn't a two-by-four upside the head I don't know what is. I think the Students' Union did a disservice to the students. It wasn't so much that they didn't take our side, it was that they didn't take a side, and they didn't at least say why.

It was about them if nothing else, I mean we were not striking simply because our contract was going to be decimated, we also felt that the thing that were going to be changed in our contract would directly affect our ability to do our jobs. Our job is to support students.

Deregulation will affect all students. If it starts in Business this year, it'll be in the sciences next year. All deans sent letter out to their faculty promoting deregulation, not just the School of Business. Don't think for a second that it's just the School of Business. Wake up, people, it's coming. We have public education in this province, and I think it should be all the way to university. If that means we have to spend more of our money on education, great, there's less tax cuts for the rich. Worse things could happen.

From staff members that you've spoken to, is there still any resentment toward the administration?

Oh sure, I think that there are pockets of resentment. I think that there were areas of this university that were not well managed before the strike. Something like a strike is a very stressful and difficult situation. I think there is resentment; not so much personal resentment against people. It's like "I'm not appreciated here, and so I'm going to go somewhere where I have chance to be appreciated."

I firmly believe that before the strike people would give of themselves here at this university far beyond what the expectations were. Nobody had any problems about staying and doing a little extra. I think what you see now is people say "You know what? I'm only going to get paid for the work that I do, and whatever else extra I put in isn't recognized."

What you're finding is that people resent the fact that they feel that that's been taken advantage of by administration. People close their door at lunch now, they put a sign up "I'm gone 'til one," and ten years ago that didn't happen anywhere near as much.

What do you think was the lowest point of negotiations?

It's a series of lows. There was a period of time when the strike began where the faculty association became involved in negotiations. For me personally the low point would have been when they came in and they saw first hand the situation we were dealing with in terms of negotiation. The fact that we were dealing with a negotiating team on the other side that just didn't seem to be willing to "negotiate".

How would you classify the relationship between WLUSA and the administration?

It's improving. There are some individuals on the administration side who the union would not like to see anymore. There are people on the administration that we feel the university would be better without. I'm sure that there are university administration [members] who think there are people at WLUSA that we would be better without; I wouldn't be surprised if my name cropped up on one of those lists.

Based on the fact that your members are predominantly female, there were rumblings that perhaps the administration was sexist. Do you believe these claims are true?

Well, let's look at the facts. 80% of the union is female. The administration at the Assistant Vice-President and above level is exclusively male. The Board of Governors is predominantly male. The executive and governance committee of the Board of Governors is predominantly male.

So if you were going to look for possible discrimination I would say all of the ingredients are there. Was there a lack of respect on the part of Administration for the work that the staff does? Yes. Have we been struggling with establishing a pay equity compliance system at this university for the last five years? Yes. Is it done? No. In a sense I would say you certainly could draw that conclusion and probably not be wrong.

Has the Administration done anything to show you that there wasn't an issue of sexism? I would say no, they haven't shown in any way, shape or form. I mean have they gone out and hired any VPs that are women? How many deans are women? They certainly aren't doing much of anything to combat that issue if they are, and cer-



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Bruce Wolff says the administration "aren't doing much of anything to combat" claims of sexism

tainly some of their behavior has left them open to that criticism, and perhaps rightly so.

9. What was the single most important issue for WLUSA during the strike?

Article 3.8: contracting out. It was a lightning rod for what was happening to most of our collective agreement. The university's opening bargaining position was to take away rights that we already had in our collective agreement.

Most of the university's proposals were to reduce, eliminate Articles from our collective agreement that, in a sense, provided rights for our union. We asked for very little. We asked for incremental rates, we asked for incremental increase in vacation, we asked for some changes in the benefits. They were modest request in all senses. I'd be happy to show anyone anything that we asked for, it's no secret.

What three things would you take with you on a deserted island?

Matches, a good multi-tool, and a shovel.

WLUSA Poll

The animosity between the Staff Association and the University's Administration was obvious during the six-week long contract conflict last fall. However, with a year to reflect on the difference the contract negotiated and the strike has made on their lives, *The Cord* thought it would be interesting to sample the thoughts and feelings of staff members today. 40 staff members from a variety of areas in the university were polled, a small number of the over 400 WLUSA members in the university, but enough to get a good perception of the staff members' feelings.

Following are the results, as well as some selected comments made by staff members regarding the individual questions. Percentages will not necessarily equal 100 because figures were rounded to the nearest whole number.

1. Are you happy with the contract you got from the university?

Yes	33%
No	25%
Don't know/not sure	43%

"I don't feel we gained from it" "I was happy with it before the strike"

"The benefits were good but there were other things that weren't so great" "I don't really know much about the details"

2. What sort of feelings do you have for the university's administration one year after the strike?

Positive feelings	23%
Neutral feelings	45%
Negative feelings	33%

"I wonder whether they really value the staff"

"If I was younger I don't think I would work for this university" "The perception is that people who did not join the conflict were rewarded" [by the administration] "I don't trust them"

3. Do you think relations between staff and the administration have returned to what they were before the strike?

Yes	40%
No	43%
Don't know/not sure	18%

"Yes. I still dislike them," "I don't have the same family feeling as before" "Relations as a whole are great" "I don't think relations will ever be the same again" "Did anybody answer 'yes' to this question?"

4. Do you feel you got ample support from faculty?

Yes	90%
No	0%
Don't know/not sure	10%

"The faculty was fabulous throughout the strike" "Business as a department supported us almost nil" "The staff and the faculty got the opportunity to become really tight." "I saw plenty of faculty out there helping us out"

5. Do you feel you got ample support from students?

Yes	38%
No	50%
Don't know/not sure	13%

"The Students' Union screwed us" "The students who worked for us were very supportive" "The students here have no political conscience" "Grad students, yes, undergrad students, no." "The small group of students you see fighting deregulation are the same ones who helped us"

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Earning cash just to spend it

If you're tight for cash get a part time job to ease the strain on your money flow. Just make sure you follow these 5 steps for balancing work with your course load

MARY HERMSEN
Staff Writer

For many students, balancing work and school can be the one hellish complicating force of the three to four years they spend here. They don't only balance work and school, but as someone wise once said "all work and no play"...what's the quote again? Oh well, something about being a dull guy. The point is, if you don't have a little bit of fun to mix in with the stressed out hectic aspect of everyday life than you're going to end up crashing before you're thirty. Now we all know there are a few of you out there who are unbelievably ambitious, but life is short and balance should be a key ingredient to everyone's life. Here are five tips to balance your life and keep from freaking out by November.

1. Work on campus

Liz Goheen who works in the Hawk Shop says "Get a job with flexible hours or on campus, which is best because they understand that you go to school." If you get an on-campus position you'll have flexible hours, money you can sort of live on and you'll be close so it won't be a hassle to get there.

2. Work around your class schedule

If you don't have a job on campus make sure that you have time for school. Leigh Burden has two jobs (one with Sullivan Learning center and one at Conestoga Mall) and she says "make sure that the employer will give you time off for exams and work around your school schedule before you start." You must stress that school is the priority in your life so you must have flexibility.

3. Be prepared to make sacrifices

"You can't go out as much as you want, hang out with friends as much as you want", Burden says. "Grades might not be as high as you want them to be." You can't have it all. Sometimes certain things (like your social life) will have to be put on hold for a while. This on hold period will not be permanent of course but possibly through some difficult bits (like exams for example). Sleep might be something you sacrifice too, but who needs that...that's what coffee is for. "Be prepared to make sacrifices and prioritize what you're willing to do or not do and give up," says Jenn Spry, who works at the Hawk Shop.

4. Prioritize, prioritize and prioritize.

Remember you don't need to

be some scary highly efficient organized freak or anything. Just try to keep things under control. If you wait too long to start that assignment, or if you spend too much time partying, it can get pretty overwhelming and progressively more difficult to get a handle on things.

5. Remember not to make too big of a deal out of the whole mess

This year will pass and admit it at least your job can fill in those gaps that are really boring. "I don't mind working because it adds variety, but it would be nice if I didn't have to," Goheen said. In other words work is something you might have to do but it's not that big of a deal. Soon you'll get to move onto bigger and better things (at least that's what we all hope for), and the days of part time drudge work will be gone. You'll sit by that pool with your Pina Colada and laugh heartily because you're not working for whatever crappy fast food restaurant you were working at before.

Anyways, remember children that balance is the spice of life and nobody will ever get it perfect (unless you're really scary). It takes patience and experience to get the right tempo and don't get disheartened if you get it wrong.

Now that you've prioritized and saved some dough, blow it! Here are 5 popular ways to burn your money

LINDSAY BLEWETT
Staff Writer

If you're like most university students, you're supposed to be on a budget. Some of us are pretty good at saving our money and others, well, they just aren't. Here are some things that people spend their money on which can deplete your supplies pretty quickly. If you skip these indulgences, you'll avoid having to sell your body at the end of the year just so you can eat Kraft Dinner.

1. Imaginus Poster Sale

This event comes every September and it's hard to avoid. One inevitably has to walk past the displays at least once a day and you can't walk by and not look. Pretty soon you're standing in line waiting to get that poster of Anna Kournikova in your hot little hands. Granted, they do have some pretty jazzy posters but when you go and spend all your grocery money on posters of girls kissing and Swedish bikini models, it gets kind of lame. If you're going to blow that much cash, at least spend it on something worthwhile. Your room may lack posters of girls making out, but you'll be able to eat or at least drink.

2. Alcohol

Everyone at some point in their university career gets disgustingly drunk and makes a fool of themselves and the amount of alcohol it takes to get there varies from one cooler to a two-four of beer. In the beginning, supporting your habit is pretty cheap but the more you drink, the more your tolerance increases and before you know it you're dropping upwards of \$80 to spend the night flailing around like a seal. It's sad really.

3. Ikea knick-knacks

Yes, Ikea is cheap and everything is useful and functional. But all those cheap things

add up. Do you really need that [insert random Swedish word here] for your kitchen? Or bedroom? Ikea is the devil. Once you start, you just can't stop. It's like heroin. Trust me, quit while you're ahead.

4. Clothes

Important clothing purchases, like replacing that pair of jeans whose crotch you wore out, are fine. Going to the mall and spending \$500 at American Eagle is stupid. Honestly, do you really need that pair of jeans and shirt? Spending \$80 on a pair of jeans just so you can look trendy is pretty lame. Besides, little Filipino children probably sewed that shirt you're wearing but of course, nobody cares, everyone wants to be a slave to corporate America. So wear your clothes until you absolutely need to get more and you'll be all right.

5. Boobleheads and Action Figures

George W. Bush action figures are great but these hot little babies sell for \$130 American and anyone stupid enough to buy one needs a kick in the ass. First off, you can't take it out of the box, it's one of those collector's edition deals and why on earth would you want a George W. Bush action figure if he's got no action? No karate chop, no cool "Rod of Smiting" hey, that's just not right. All he does is sit on your shelf and look old and wrinkly. If you're going to buy something useless, at least buy a Bobblehead Jesus from Sugar Mountain. His lazy head always nods approvingly at everything you do. That way when you ask him if it's all right if you spend your nights drowning in puke in your new Gap dress, he'll at least tell you it's okay.

Food for Thought

Restaurant: Angie's Kitchen
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DAVE BONE
Cord Student Life

Everyone has something or somewhere that reminds them of home and at least one of those can be found at Angie's Kitchen.

Although it is located on Erb Street near King, once you step inside the walls of Angie's old house converted into a restaurant in 1947, you feel like you are going to Grandma's for a home cooked meal.

Entering the "house", you are faced with the former front porch/kitchen area that now is lined with tables and a counter, complete with old-fashioned stools, reminiscent of an old-style diner.

Moving on past the stairs that now lead to the basement washrooms, you advance into the dining area that happens to have been the living room and sunroom previously. Awaiting you is an atmosphere similar to that of a cottage with many old newspaper clippings, local sports teams' photos and pictures of days past staring at you from every angle.

The mood is warm and friendly and you might even find yourself inclined to kick

off your shoes and make yourself at home.

Known for their great value and hearty breakfasts that start around \$3.99, we thought that we might see what Angie's has to offer if waking up in the morning is not always your thing. Sitting down in the "living room" at our table, a friendly, young server came quickly over to us and took our drink order.

They offer a typical array of drinks along with a few alcoholic options, including beer from the local Brick Brewery and some Ontario wine at reasonable prices. The first course was then brought out, consisting of a small garden salad with Italian dressing and a freshly baked roll. Now the salad was good but it could not compare with the roll that stole the show. Soft, fresh and almost sweet in taste, the bread is to die for. Angie's bakes all of their bread in house from scratch (which is a theme with most of the food) and it is definitely worth the trip for the bread alone, which is also sold in separate loaves to take home for about \$1.50.

After polishing off the first course, we were ready for the heart and soul of the meal but we were not prepared for what lay ahead. Plates of mixed vegetables and roasted potatoes were brought out to complement the massive plate of two enormous BBQ chicken breasts along side about ten luscious pieces of roast beef and gravy (made from scratch of course) for us to share.

The roast beef was great and the chicken was as good

as or better than it looked; tender and flavourful with that extra kick that can only come from a real BBQ. The main course didn't disappoint and was almost more food than we could handle, leaving us stuffed and satisfied. Dinners range from \$8 up to around \$14, including an all-you-can-eat fish and chips on Thursday nights for \$9.99. The plates offered are all home-style foods with the Canadian staples and with others like ribs and schnitzel, there is something for everyone young or old.

Even after stuffing ourselves with food that seemed to have no end, dessert was never in question, especially when you have to think that there will be some type of baked dessert like Mom used to make on the menu, and there was.

Although Angie's offers many different types of freshly baked pies, we chose the homemade butter tart and it was the right decision. Served warm, the delicious crust crumbled in my mouth complementing the sweet inside of the tart brilliantly, exceeding expectations. It was a great ending to an awesome meal, combined with the relaxed and comfortable atmosphere, made for an enjoyable dining experience. Factor this in with the fact that Angie's accepts the OneCard and Angie's stock is quite high in my books.

We left Angie's full, to say the least, with a loaf of bread in each hand and plans on returning next time we need a home-cooked meal and Mom isn't around.



Dave Bone

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Ask Kate...



When a third wheel enters a long term relationship is the bond that is trust broken?

Dear Kate,

My girlfriend of two years has become good friends with a guy in one of her classes. They talk on the phone, make plans to meet up at bars and hang out one-on-one. I'm jealous but she said I have no right to be... she wouldn't care if I did the exact same thing with one of my girl friends. Problem is, I don't have any girl friends, all my friends are guys. Should I trust that she is only interested in this guy as a friend or do I have a right to question her intentions?

Sincerely,
Green With Envy

Dear Green With Envy,

Webster's dictionary says that trust is faith in a person but what exactly does that mean? In the context of your relationship, trust means a lot because you and your girlfriend have committed yourselves to each other. Whenever a couple is this exclusive and for such a long time, the introduction of new people becomes a major issue.

I see a certain degree of jealousy to be sexy, however, the moment your girlfriend tells you that there is nothing to worry about the jealousy has to stop.

For you to go now and seek out a female friend would be insincere. I wonder if the reason you are jealous is because you yourself wonder if you would be able to resist temptation if the opportunity arose?

If she gets defensive try and calm her and assure her that you are legitimately interested in their friendship.

So, what next? Ask to meet Mr. Friend but don't ask after a heated argument. Try casually asking about him. If she gets defensive, try and calm her and assure her that you are legitimately interested in their friendship. As a side note, you should be legitimately interested in her

friends, otherwise why are you together? If and when she feels comfortable with you guys meeting and all hanging out you should get a clear indication of whether your suspicions are correct. This confirmation or denial should simply be an added bonus. Your main priority when you meet this friend is to get to know who he is and respect him. If it becomes evident that this little meet and greet is tainted with your hidden agenda, neither your girlfriend nor the guy will have respect for you.

If in a month or so you still cannot get over this friendship and your imagination is running wild, you may have to come up with another solution. If your girlfriend isn't willing to give up time spent with this friend and replace it with time spent with you or time doing other things she enjoys then maybe you will have to break up.

Your reaction to what I just said should give you a good idea of your devotion to make this relationship work. If you barely flinched and expected I would say something like this, you may have

bigger problems. On the contrary, if the very thought of losing her made your stomach turn, then you know that you want to do whatever it takes to get through this 'bump' in the road, and there will be many more if the two of you are in this for the long haul.

You have to be confident in yourself and in your relationship. Perhaps your girlfriend is missing that friendship component that you guys used to have. Two years is a long time and maintaining the original components of your relationship is difficult. Take time to analyze what you used to have in comparison to what you have now. Consider all the reasons your relationship began plus all the experiences you've had together. Total it all up and you should be able to fix anything that isn't missing and furthermore you should be 110% more confident about where you stand in the relationship (which is at an equal stance with your girlfriend in case you were wondering).

Sincerely,
Kate

Kate Zeigler appears in the Ask Kate advice column weekly. If you would like to ask Kate a question send it to advice@wluSP.com. All questions are welcome!

bahh books



Guest Columnist

Mary Erskine

You sigh, putting your pen down after filling out a cheque addressed to the university worth your whole summer savings. Well, at least that part is over with. Now you can finally start anticipating new classes, new buildings and new living arrangements. No more costs, right? Wrong. You think "Hey, great idea having textbook information posted online!", but once you scroll down to the "total" figure at the bottom of the screen, you once again think about your shrivelling bank account.

You think, okay, I can beat the system—used books all the way! Phone call after phone call, you realize that nearly all of your classes have either changed the

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Correction Notice:

Student Publications regrets to advise that the phone number for Chameleon Hair Studio and Spa was incorrectly published in our WLU'er day planner.

The correct phone number is: **746-7171**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



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Horoscope

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24 - 30

Happy Birthday Libra!



Matters regarding school and family will make celebrating your birthday more stressful. Don't let any minor setbacks spoil the mood and prevent you from any fun.

Libra

September 24 - October 22



You're going to have to make a decision regarding some things that are important to you. If you can't come up with a solution it's best to consult a friend for advice.

Luckiest day: September 27

Aries

March 21 - April 19



A heavy workload will surprise you. Don't get bogged down by procrastinating. You must put equal efforts into all of your projects in order to make it through the week.

Luckiest day: September 25

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21



You are going to encounter some challenges over the next week or so. Make sure you realise there may be a lesson to be learned in some of the obstacles you'll have to overcome.

Luckiest day: September 28

Taurus

April 20 - May 20



A legal matter will arise or an important decision will have to be made soon. If you are having trouble with an issue don't hesitate to consult a friend for an unbiased opinion.

Luckiest day: September 24

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21



You are going to have to take better care of financial matters. Make sure you follow any budget you have carefully. Make sure you have money set aside for an emergency also.

Luckiest day: September 26

Gemini

May 21 - June 21



You will start to feel the strain of trying to balance everything you take on in your life. The best solution is to let go of the things that aren't important.

Luckiest day: September 30

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19



A friendship or relationship is going to be in full bloom over the next while, but make sure you pull you head out of the clouds every now and then to focus on school also.

Luckiest day: September 28

Cancer

June 22 - July 22



You are going to have to take one step at a time to achieve what you want. Don't expect any miracles to occur overnight. Be prepared to work hard.

Luckiest day: September 24

Aquarius

January 20 - February 19



Everything is falling into place regarding a relationship or friendship. Make sure you don't spend every waking hour with your special someone as the spark could go out.

Luckiest day: September 27

Leo

July 23 - August 22



Don't let the pride you have in yourself come off as arrogance. Lots of people like who you are, you don't have to do anything special to earn any more respect.

Luckiest day: September 27

Pisces

February 20 - March 20



Don't confuse yourself by over-analysing everything going on in your life. Some things happen for no reason and may not have any direct significance to your life.

Luckiest day: September 28

Virgo

August 23 - September 23



You must take something to heart. Whether it is an idea or something material you'll have to put your all into making sure everything works out for the best.

Luckiest day: September 29

Daniel Roth is a Journalism graduate of Conestoga College and is currently a Communication Studies student at Wilfrid Laurier. He has studied Astrology and other topics of that genre for almost 10 years.

book alternatives?

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price on the shelf which you didn't even look at, possibly because you couldn't bear to). You leave the store with a sense of accomplishment, which turns out to be a sense of false security, as when you get home you realize you forgot a book, and must repeat this onerous process once again.

Is there anything that the bookstore could do to make this process a little easier on students' wallets? According to last week's *Cord* feature "Ten questions with the book man", the bookstore is a fair business whose only interest is their customers, the students. However, compared to other businesses, the bookstore is rolling in profit. In comparison to many grocery stores, which rarely make

over 15% and almost always lose money on flyer specials, the bookstore is less content with the sale of new books because they make only(!) 20%.

Is there anything that the bookstore could do to make this process a little easier on students' wallets?

That being said, you never see grocery distributors demanding that since McCain just redesigned drinking box containers stores must now clear their shelves for this up to date product. There is merit to the

bookstore's argument that old editions of a textbook are seen as undesirable to those trying to teach about current ideas and issues, and that keeping up with this wave is a costly venture.

So what solutions might there be to this never-ending money pit? In this age of easy information flow and advanced technology, it seems we should research the possibility of licensed electronic copies of our textbooks for a set term fee that would go directly to copyright fees and to the bookstore. Until then, we'll just have to continue to pump money into a paper-wasting system that forces us to try and sell off our resources at the end of every term just to keep our bank accounts above the red line.

STUDENT LIFE SEARCH

This week, we search for words about money and greed.

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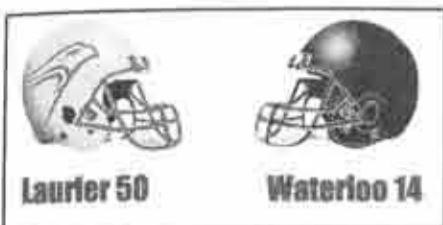
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Hawks living in the endzone

Offence pounds cross-town rivals, while defence holds their own



BERNARD DAWSON
Staff Writer

It was supposed to be a battle between a pair of rivals separated by only two city blocks. Rowdy students from both schools were supposed to pack University Stadium for a game that had come down to the final play the past two seasons.

However, the fans who filed into University Stadium were treated to something completely different than what they had expected. What took place last Saturday between Laurier and Waterloo was more of a massacre than a football game. It would be very hard to call a 50 - 14 victory an evenly matched game between two rivals.

The blowout began with the very first Golden Hawk drive. Quarterback Ryan Pyear moved the team down field with his right arm, completing long passes to Andrew Baechler and Derek Medler to put the Hawks in field goal range. Brian Devlin split the uprights from 19 yards out to give Laurier a 3-0 lead.

The life of...

DEREK IWANUK
Sports Editor

Josh Maltin is a first year defensive back for the Laurier Golden Hawks. This is the fourth article in a series of articles profiling the rookie as he experiences the pains and growth of first year CIS football.

The Cord: When you're in the locker room, can you describe the feeling of the team and what you're feeling before the game?

Maltin: It is an incredibly intense atmosphere. Everybody is incredibly focused, from the coaches right down to the players. It is kind of like a quiet build-up, a calm before the storm if you will.

The Cord: Do you guys get jacked before the game, or is it a focus as though you are going into an exam?

Maltin: At the start, we play music, and everybody is social. As the game gets closer, everybody becomes quiet and more focused. We are all in our own mindset going through the game in our minds and that is the most intense period, when no one is saying anything, but we all know what each other is thinking.

The Cord: Was there any added pressure knowing that this was such a big game?

Maltin: I don't think there was any added pressure but I knew the significance of the game. The coaches and the veterans, everybody made sure we knew the importance of this game. Although there wasn't added pressure on myself, I knew the significance of the game.

After the Hawks defense stopped the Waterloo Warriors first drive cold, Laurier got the ball back pinned against their own end zone. Medler who ran over the Waterloo defense for an 86-yard gain quickly fixed this field position problem. A few plays later Nick Cameron made the score 10-0 with an eight yard touchdown run.

The first quarter onslaught did not stop there as Laurier continued to pound the Waterloo defense. Bryon Hickey broke a 16-yard TD run to finish a long drive and put the Hawks up 17-0 before the first quarter was over.

In fact the Hawks would add another touchdown, a Ryan Pyear pass to Joel Wright, before the first frame would come to an end. The score was now 24-0 and the game was only fifteen minutes old. The rout was on.

The second quarter began the same way the first had ended with the Hawks running over the Warriors' hapless defense. Derek Medler added another rushing touchdown, breaking through the Waterloo defensive line and scoring from 13 yards out.

Not to be outdone the Golden Hawk defense decided to get into the act. Lee Maggiacomo picked off a Waterloo pass, setting up another Brian Devlin field goal.

The score now stood at Laurier 34, Waterloo 0.

After a Laurier safety resulted in another two points being added to the Hawks total, the Warriors finally managed to get on the scoreboard. A missed field goal gave Waterloo their first point of the afternoon, making the score 36-1. But it would not stay that way for long.

Just before half time, Ryan Pyear hit Mike Maurice for his second TD pass of the afternoon. Before the Hawks could do any more damage the second quarter ended with the Hawks commanding a 43-1 lead.

With a certain victory in their back pocket, the Hawks replaced Pyear with backup Jamie Partington to begin the second half. Even with the change the Laurier offense did not miss a beat as the team marched down the field in a drive, which again ended with a Devlin field goal.

Shortly after adding the three points the Hawks defense further cemented their mastery over the Waterloo offense. Rookie cornerback Josh Maltin picked off his first career pass and ran the interception back 41 yards to set up a Laurier single off a missed field goal.

Waterloo would add seven points to their total from two successful field goals and one missed attempt but the score was still 47-8. The Hawks added to the beating with a 45-yard Brian Devlin field goal, making the score a



Laurier Athletics

Laurier Golden Hawk Andrew Bechler jumps over a Warrior receiver on his way to 33 yards receiving. The Hawks won 50 - 14..

ridiculous 50-8 in favor of Laurier.

Waterloo did show signs of life late in the game, scoring a touchdown on a 68 yard run. But the Warriors missed the two-point conversion and the game had for all practical purposes been over since the first quarter. When the final seconds drifted off the clock the final score was 50-14.

Quarterback Ryan Pyear finished the game 8-10 passing with 135 yards and two touchdowns through the air. He was also pleased with the play of the team so far this season. "We have as good talent as anyone in the country", he remarked after the game adding, "Right now the

only team that can beat us is ourselves."

Also dominating in the game was Derek Medler, who ran for 155 yards and a TD on the ground and was named the OUA Offensive Player of the Week. Medler also moved into top spot on the OUA rushing list with his performance.

Next up for the on fire Golden Hawks is a Homecoming date against the Western Mustangs at University Stadium. The 4-0 Hawks will look to keep their perfect record intact against their rivals from down the 401. Game time is 2 pm as Laurier looks for payback after last season's heart-breaking loss.



Laurier Athletics

Maltin's got his eye on the prize.

win.

The Cord: The team thus far has greatly exceeded preseason expectations. Yet the football team and coaches, especially Jeffries was always confident in the team. What do you credit to the transformation?

Maltin: Not a lot of people outside our football team expected much. But we knew that a lot of things went wrong last year, such as the coaching strike, the loss of our quarterbacks and other injuries. When you lose the amount of players we did last year, you know you're going to have a tough season. We knew when we came into this season; we had the talent to do it. What you attribute that to are the seniors. Seniors this year are incredible, the amount of talent and intensity that they have for the game and the way they teach the younger guys is incredible.

The Cord: How did you feel when you caught your first interception? What were your emotions out there on the field? Was it a more positive feeling knowing you caught your first pick, or was it a nervous negative feeling trying not to mess the play up?

Maltin: When it first happened, I just kind of caught it and ran with it. But, unfortunately, I stepped out of bounds. I thought for a minute that I could take it to the house. When you make a play like that, you don't think of anything except focusing on the end zone. I kind of had my eye on the prize I guess.

The Cord: How do you compare the rivalry with Waterloo in comparison with the rivalry from Western?

Maltin: I think they are two different kinds of rivalry. The rivalry with Waterloo has an incredible amount of history, but it is more of a local rivalry. However, with Western, there is a tonne of history. People have hated Western around here since the university started. That passion for being able to beat Western has been transferred through from the veterans down to the new players.

The Cord: What are your personal expectations of the Western game?

Maltin: Personally, to do the best I can, knowing that I am going against the best receivers in the country. They have the best receiving corps in the country; no one is going to debate that. Personally and as a team if we can shut the receivers down then I know we can

Hawks downed

DAVID GREISMAN
Staff Writer

The WLU men's soccer team was soundly defeated this Sunday by the infamous cross town rival Waterloo Warriors 4-0.

The game, which took place at University Stadium, was part of a double header showcasing the men's and women's teams from both Wilfrid Laurier and Waterloo Universities.

After watching the women Golden Hawks battle to a 0-0 tie, the men's team took the field in front of a sparse but enthusiastic home crowd. Early on it appeared as though the fans would be treated to a tight game between two closely matched teams. However, as the game wore on it became increasingly clear that the Warriors were a far more experienced club and they managed to parlay this advantage into goals, lots of goals.

After missing a handful of good scoring opportunities, Waterloo finally bulged the orange twine midway through the first half when Warriors striker David Mills placed a perfect shot over the WLU keeper from close in.

Trailing by only one goal, WLU was still in the game to start the second half. But things soon fell apart as the Hawks looked disorganized on defense and the Warriors soon capitalized.

Waterloo midfielder Omar Al-Sheikhly showed strong ball control as he accepted a hard cross from the left side while fighting off a group of Laurier defenders and then managed to fire a shot by the helpless WLU goalkeeper.

Laurier had trouble creat-



Laurier Athletics

Joel Abwunza tries and maneuvers around a Warrior defender.

ing scoring chances all day and when they tried to press their offensive attack after falling behind 2-0 the Warriors instead took advantage of the Hawks' weakened defense.

Waterloo freshman forward Payman Charkharin made several impressive runs in the second on the Hawks outnumbered defense and himself put away the Warriors final two goals.

Laurier head coach Barry MacLean gave the Warriors full credit for their impressive victory. "They came out flying and they competed all over the field," said MacLean, "we were well beaten."

The loss brings the Golden Hawks' record to an even 1-1-1 as they remain in the middle of the pack in their CIS Ontario division standings.

Coach MacLean remains confident in his team and feels this loss is part of the learning curve that all young teams must go through.

The Golden Hawks have an excellent chance to improve their record as they look forward to a meeting with winless York (0-3-0) squad in Toronto this Friday. A victory would surely be made sweeter by the fact that Laurier was eliminated by York in last year's playoffs.

Underground Fight Club at WLU

Vanderpool calls out Calzaghe while beating down Laurier students

BRIAN D'SOUZA
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If you ever eat at Philthy McNasty's, you'll see the well built frame of a certain Canadian super middleweight boxer plastered around the place. His shorts and gloves lie on display in a glass case, like the various prosthetic hands that Bruce Lee's antagonist 'Han' kept in Enter the Dragon.

The fighter's name? Syd "The Jewel" Vanderpool. Ranked #5 both by the WBC, #7 by the WBO and #5 by the IBF, Vanderpool is a world class opponent. "It's not a question of 'IF' I rise up the rankings", he told me on a visit to Laurier on campus clubs day, "It's a question of WHEN!"

The news was littered with rumours about how Vanderpool was going to be the next opponent for IBO super-middleweight champ Brian Magee. Instead, Magee chose to duck Vanderpool and fight, yet another, bum Eduardo Gonzalez. This was probably a smart move as Vanderpool would have taken the IBO title and blemished Magee's winning record.

Laurier's boxing club managed to organize a seminar with Syd as the club's first event of the school year. On Tuesday September the 16th at 8:30 pm, he walked into our Athletic Complex with his brother and trainer Keith and a duffle bag full of equipment. Nineteen people plus three executives of the boxing club were ready to sharpen their skills and to learn from a pro.

"So who here has boxed before?" asked Syd.

A look around the room revealed a few hands from a couple members of the boxing club.

"Sanctioned or unsanctioned? Any fighting in your

backyard?" joked Keith.

For the veterans, Syd mentioned that there would be some review of basic techniques. The rest of us who were complete novices to the "sweet science" prepared ourselves mentally for the coming instructions.

We warmed up by alternating between punching with small weights and skipping until many of us could feel the burn in our arms. Then, we lined up in front of Syd and Keith like fresh recruits do in the military.

Syd began by showing us the basic stance in boxing. He taught us how to move forwards, backwards and side to side with proper balance. There was constant emphasis on how to block incoming shots by "angling" our bodies, and through other techniques.

We learned how to throw the most important punch used in the ring, the jab. A beautiful jab can help control a fight. The trick, according to Syd, was to keep your elbow in, and to turn over your fist at the last possible

Do you accept my challenge? Are you 'Joe Blow' or 'The Pride of Wales'? Yes or No?

-Syd Vanderpool calling out Joe Calzaghe to fight

second. This way, we wouldn't telegraph the movement to the opponent.

Our left arms were getting very tired and sore from jabbing away (except for the single southpaw at the seminar), so Syd moved on to demonstrate how to throw power punches with our right hand. We moved on

from there by moving and punching in all directions. Both Keith and Syd walked around the room while we shadowboxed to correct our form and offer small tips.

After a short (one minute!) break to drink water or relax, we split up into two groups. Syd drilled his group in footwork, while Keith's group donned boxing gloves to hit focus pads he held up. After everyone in Keith's group had worked with him, they switched.

The sweat was really dripping off my body after all the intense drills that Syd had run us through. When it was finally my turn to work with Keith, I was so keen to impress that I completely ignored his instructions to "slow down" my jabs. It didn't take me long to wear myself out, as I sprained my wrist from throwing my power punches with my elbow out.

We had another minute to recover, and then Syd promised that what was coming next would be the hardest workout yet. Each round of boxing is about three minutes of mayhem, so Syd ran us through three minutes of 'Polish Boxing', burpees and stairclimbers. At the two minute mark, my sides were splitting and I was making weak half-assed attempts to get through each exercise, hoping that no one had noticed how I had gassed and given up. "You guys can barely get through one round of this stuff, and I have to do 12 rounds!" mused Syd, in the only statement during the whole seminar that highlighted the extreme toughness of his profession.

There were a few more exercises geared towards strengthening our abdominal muscles, then Keith led us through five stretches to warm us down and keep us from feeling too worn down the next day. After a little under two hours, we were through the seminar, and many of us felt a sense of inner pride and accomplish-



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"This is my fighting pose," said Syd with brother and trainer Keith.

ment.

At the end of the intense workout, I decided to throw a couple questions at Syd regarding his future in the sport "Who do you plan on fighting next and who do you want to fight next?" I asked.

"Actually, I'm fighting her outside in the parking lot next," he said, pointing to Boxing Club Co-President Nicole Evans. "Honestly though, I don't know who my next opponent is going to be."

As for my second question, Syd pointed at the shirt Nicole was wearing. It was emblazoned with the names of several top names in the super middleweight division from Lucas to Beyer.

"Joe Calzaghe?" I questioned him. "You want to take him on next?" I inquired.

Syd nodded. Three days previously, he had written an open letter on www.eastside-boxing.com to the "The Pride of Wales", promising to end the WBO Champion's career.

On Monday of this week, another letter from Vanderpool was posted at www.boxrec.com. This time, the message for Calzaghe was very simple, "It is time to answer Joe! You are the

Champ and I am the challenger. Prove to the world, to your countrymen and to me that you are the best in the world. Our managers and promoters can work out the details, but the boxing world wants to know: Do you accept my challenge? Are you 'Joe Blow' or 'The Pride of Wales' yes or no?"

Vanderpool stated in an old interview that he "was supposed to fight [Calzaghe] in 1999 in Wales. [Calzaghe] was injured two weeks before the fight and it was called off." In the same interview, he stated his plans for the future, "To fight for a world title in the next ten to twelve months. I would like to defend it a few times and retire. That's my career in a nutshell, finish on top."



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Vanderpool is signed with Don King and is a really, really big fan of his hair. As are pigeons, apparently.

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Crosstown battle ends in draw

BERNARD DAWSON
Staff Writer

After a weekend which saw the women's soccer team on the opposite sides of lopsided scores against OUA Western Division foes Western and Windsor, the Hawks stayed home to host their bitter rivals from down the street. An intimate crowd watched as the Golden Hawks battled the Waterloo Warriors in a true nail biter of a soccer match.

The game began on a sour note for Laurier as defender Laura Crawford went down with an injury in the first minute of play. Crawford was in extreme pain and had to be helped off the field. The injury is a huge blow to the Laurier defense.

When the game continued the Hawks were able to control the play and even had a few good chances to score. However the team was unable to convert any of the opportunities, despite outplaying the Warriors.

As the first half began to

wind down, the play evened out. Waterloo began to pressure the Hawks and even forced a couple of solid chances but just like Laurier at the opposite end, they were unlucky when it came to putting the ball in the back of the net.

By half-time the game was a true deadlock with neither team able to even buy a goal. When the whistle blew to signal the half, a 0-0 tie confronted both teams.

The second half resembled the first as the Hawks came out strong and had the Waterloo women back on their heels. Despite the increase in pressure, Laurier was not rewarded with a goal.

The Warriors responded to the Laurier pressure by launching an offensive of their own. However, Hawks goalie Ali Goodman came up big and prevented the Warriors from breaking the scoreless deadlock. Chance after Waterloo chance was brushed aside by the Laurier keeper who almost single

handedly saved the tie for the Hawks during this period of the match.

The Golden Hawks were able to relieve their besieged goaltender and the last few minutes the game became a midfield battle. Both teams avoided taking any unnecessary risks and each seemed willing to sit back and defend the point a tie would earn them.

The final whistle ended the match as a hard-fought

0-0 draw. It was an evenly matched game and neither was able to gain the upper hand for a prolonged period. Each team escaped with a single point and both squads seemed satisfied with their result.

Laurier Golden Hawks Women's Soccer Head Coach Barry MacLean was pleased with his team's effort. "This is a good point for us," he said after the game had ended. The tie gives the

women a 1-1-1 record after three games, all against fellow OUA Western Division members.

Next week, the Hawks travel to Toronto for road games against York and the University of Toronto. The next home game for the team is October 4th when the Golden Hawks host Nipissing.



Laurier Athletics

The Women's soccer team played hard as they tied their cross-town rivals, Waterloo, in an exciting 0 - 0 tie.

Golden Hawks Sports Corner

Women's Lacrosse

Laurier 11
Western 1

Laurier 14
York 0

Men's Baseball

Laurier 2
Western 0

Laurier 2
Western 5

Men's Rugby

Laurier 31
York 0

Women's Rugby

Laurier 7
Western 25

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2. Saskatchewan
3. McMaster
4. Laval
5. Queens
6. Calgary
7. Laurier
8. Concordia
9. Alberta
10. Montreal

Upcoming Hawk Games

Men's Football
vs. Western
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Ticketmaster's online trouble

The concert giant with a stranglehold on our live entertainment will soon be catering to the highest bidder

AMY ROGERS
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For all you concert-goers out there, the ticket selling industry is about to be revolutionized. At an undetermined date later this year, Ticketmaster.com will be launching a new auction service similar to eBay. Prime seats to sporting events, concerts and plays will all go to the highest bidder.

In an article published earlier this month in the *New York Times*, President and CEO of Ticketmaster John Pleasants said "tickets are worth what they're worth. If somebody wants to charge \$50.00 for a ticket, but it's actually worth \$1,000.00 on eBay, the ticket's worth \$1,000.00." Ticketmaster's new plan is to take advantage of the actual market value of a ticket by eliminating ceiling prices for the best seats.

Right now, 51% of Ticketmaster's tickets are sold online. Even more tick-

ets are sold through eBay and other small-scale box office sites. Pleasants says that the auction system is a logical extension of "a new age of the ticket."

The lowest bid was \$3,000 (US) and the winning bid was \$7000. Too rich for your student budget? Mine too.

It's not all bad news, though. Venue operators, event promoters and the main attraction themselves will have a large say in whether or not Ticketmaster can auction off tickets to particular events. So for bands like Pearl Jam, who have openly denounced the capitalization of Ticketmaster in the past, you're likely not

going to have to compete with the highest bidder to gain access to their shows.

But the good news train comes to a screeching halt and derails right about there. For providing their auction services, Ticketmaster will receive either a flat fee or a percentage of the ticket sales. Remaining profits will then go back to the venue operators, promoters and the bands. This means that there is more incentive for the auction system to take effect for the majority of events, especially since the music industry has seen a significant slump in CD sales that is largely due to online MP3 file sharing. I'll bet those RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) boys have a slap-happy grin on their faces.

Let's put this into perspective. Ticketmaster ran a test pilot of this program in June of this year for the Lennox Lewis - Vitali Klitschko boxing match. Included in the



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These two computer-illiterate fellows are missing the Super Bowl - unable to bet their massive fortunes in online ticket auctions

package that was up for grabs was a signed boxing glove, access to the fighters' work-out and training sessions and ringside seats. The lowest bid was \$3,000.00 (US) and the winning bid was \$7,000.00. Too rich for your student budget? Mine too.

For now, the plan is to auction off the best seats and leave a "face value" on the more undesirable ones. So, for a while anyway, we can still afford the nosebleed seats. The surreal experience of closing one eye and being able to squish the stage with my fingers is definitely a draw. We're there primarily for the music anyway, right? But why not auction off

the bad seats too? I could conceivably get a good bargain for a 300 level seat at the Air Canada Centre. I'd much rather pay \$20.00 (CDN) than \$44.75, before service charges, to go see David Bowie. And of course, more bad news: analysts predict that prices as a whole will increase once the auctioned tickets show what the market value of a ticket really is.

Buy those tickets now, otherwise you'll have to choose between tuition or a concert ticket once the auction system goes into full effect. Boo hiss, Ticketmaster, boo hiss.

Underworld politics

Proletariat werewolves, bourgeois vampires and hot leather outfits

Film: Underworld
Released: Sept. 19, 2003
Starring: Michael Sheen, Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman
Nutshell: Pseudo-Marxist werewolf action
Cord's Rating:



out of a possible 5 cords

ERIC CHOW
Cord Entertainment

Underworld is set in a supernatural world where, as Kate Beckinsale's initial voice-over suggests, there exists a thousand-year-old war between the glamorous vampires and the grungy Lycans (werewolves). For some unknown reason, Michael (Speedman) could possibly be the key to the end of this war. A battle ensues as both sides attempt to gain the upper hand - the Lycans strive to capture Michael and the vampires aim to prevent their adversaries from being successful.

Academic Value
One could argue that the entire premise of the movie is essentially a filmic essay about the clash of the upper and lower classes. If you want it defined in PoliSci terms, it is the uprising of the proletariats against the bourgeois. The lycans (or proletariats) have been savagely oppressed and hunted down by the vampires (the bourgeois). One is able to clearly see the distinction between the haves and have-nots in this film. The Lycans are forced to live in the sewers and subway systems. Their clothing? The Lycans are dressed in rags while the vampires are driving around in BMWs and Aston Martins. And don't forget the fact that they congregate in gigantic mansions. But then again, the typical audience does not go to this film for its academic value. They go to see Kate Beckinsale in a leather catsuit!

Who should you see it with?
There is an underlying sense of a Romeo and Juliet plot and hence you can take your



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Playa, watch the leather!

girlfriend to see this film. But there are some political science elements to *Underworld*, so why not take your PoliSci prof? (If they're the same person, you're a pro-star! -ed)

My Take
Although I felt that this film was more or less an amalgamation of many other action films of the late 90s, (you can see the stylistics of *Blade*, *The Matrix*, *T2* and *Resident Evil*) this film stands out by itself. The action sequences are phenomenal, continuous and heart-pounding. It's like bang, bang, bang (pun not intended). The same can be said about the CGI-effects. The transformation from human into Lycan is extremely lifelike, unlike the cartoonish elements of similar movies. Aside from the flaws in several plot elements, which I can't go into too much detail about without ruining the ending, the film is a pleasure for the eyes.

Cheeky Fact
Did you know that the enormously built African-American Lycan is actually one of the original scriptwriters for *Underworld*? It's true!



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Rrrrrh! My soul burns for the forthcoming peasant revolution!

Matchstick Men lights Ridley's fire

Film: Matchstick Men
Released: Sept. 12, 2003
Starring: Nicholas Cage, Sam Rockwell, Alison Lohman
Nutshell: Ridley Scott has made a good movie
Cord's Rating:



out of a possible 5 cords

BRAD SKELTON
Cord Entertainment

When *Gladiator* won the Academy Award for Best Picture back in March of 2001, I lamented it as the worst Best Picture winner in Oscar history and feared that Ridley Scott had become washed up as a director. *Hannibal* came out shortly after and did not help to improve my opinion of Scott, but *Black Hawk Down* more than made up for those two misfires. Now, with the release of *Matchstick Men* I think that Sir Ridley has proven it was wrong of me to ever doubt him.

Matchstick Men is probably one of Scott's two or three best films and it is certainly one of the best films of this year. However, the movie's greatness should not be attributed entirely to its director. Scott brings his usual visual flair to the film (like much of his work, this is simply a terrific movie to look at), he effortlessly juggles at least three narrative threads within the film and gets some of the best performances he's ever gotten from any of his actors. However, a large portion of the movie's success is due to a brilliant screenplay by Ted and Nicholas Griffin and to another pitch-perfect performance from Nicolas Cage.

Cage plays Roy, a con artist who is apparently bursting at the seams. He hates going outside. He's

afraid of dirt. He chain-smokes and twitches spastically whenever he's anxious. He worries for hours over specks of lint on his carpet. Something as small as an open door can set off a panic attack. This guy is a mess.

Roy and his partner Frank (Sam Rockwell) are small-time operators who pull a rather sophisticated telemarketing scam. While Frank is easygoing and seems to love being a con-man, Roy is nervous and has serious guilt problems with the nature of his work. Frank is technically Roy's pupil but he seems to do just fine on his own and would like to cut his teeth on a "long-con", which would require more time, money and effort at stringing the mark along but with a payoff that would be much bigger than their nickel-and-dime telephone operation. The only thing holding Frank back is his concern for his partner's mental health, so he refers Roy to his sister's therapist, Dr. Klein.

Roy goes to see this man (played by Bruce Altman), not for therapy but for medication. He finds Dr. Klein to be a sympathetic ear and tells Klein about his failed marriage and the 14 year old child he may have but has never met. Dr. Klein naturally tells him that it would be good for him to get in touch with these people, and Roy asks if the doctor would be willing to call them instead. Roy's ex-wife has no desire to speak with him but he discovers that he has a daughter named Angela who would like to meet him. They meet secretly and this sets up the most interesting relationship in the film as Roy tries desperately to be a good father.

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Family Match-Up

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Shopping carts: bringing families together for decades

To some, this father/daughter story may sound extraneous and even a little sappy, but it is handled with such attention to who these characters are and how they behave that it is never overly sentimental and never panders to the audience. For example, Angela becomes genuinely excited when she learns that her father is a con man, and she makes him teach her a few tricks of the trade. Perhaps these are not the most wholesome father/daughter activities, especially since Roy has serious problems with the moral value of his own work, but it is actually surprisingly sweet to see these two pulling off a grift together. Scenes when the two of them are together are the only points in the movie where Roy appears to relax a little.

As for Cage himself, this is another worthy entry in his career of weirdly eccentric characters. Cage has often been accused of too readily going over the top, but he is one of the only actors out there with the courage to play such feverishly intense characters as Roy. He plays odd roles better than anyone else could and his work as Roy is like a master-class in the art of character development.

What's more, Alison Lohman who plays Angela, is every bit Cage's equal in the acting department and it is shocking to realize that she is actually ten years older than the character she plays.

The entire supporting cast is also used to their greatest effect and Sam Rockwell in particular is a standout; him and Lohman will no doubt have long careers ahead of them.

I mentioned earlier that the film carries three narrative threads but I should tell you that these threads are not separate but are all tied together perfectly by the conclusion of the film. On one level, there are the confidence scams Roy and Frank are trying to pull, on another, the film is a character study of Roy, and at yet another level, it is the story of Roy and Angela. The details of the confidence game are best left for you to discover since it would be unfair of me to reveal too much, but it is quite astonishing how well Ridley Scott pulls all of the story's elements into a cohesive whole. The final con adds an ingenious twist to the film and the closing scenes are handled with such delicacy and a sublime knowledge for who these people really are that they achieve a kind of perfection.

Shawn Desman rocks it in the K-dot

Toronto pop vocalist wets panties and stiffens boxers at Elements nightclub

JESSICA MCLAUGHLIN
Student Life Editor

"He is so hot" was the general consensus of the audience at a recent Shawn Desman concert. Last Friday Toronto native Shawn Desman was in town performing for screaming teenyboppers and a select few of-age fans. Though fairly new to the music scene, Desman's concert created a hormone raging scream-fest at Elements in downtown Kitchener.

Though we arrived late, we caught the end of Skye Sweetnam's act, which was a blatant rip off of Avril Lavigne's angry alternative image. There was too much jumping around the stage, too much hair tossing, too much black eyeliner and not enough talent to call her performance "music."

Keshia Chante, on the other hand, gave a great performance. She seemed genuinely into her set and looked the part of a rising R&B musician. Her version of Desman's "Shook" got the crowd singing along (and hyped for the main act), while her current radio hit also went over well. Though she only sang two songs, it was clear that she has an amazing voice and real potential to make it big this year.

Between acts, the sound guys did a poor job of set checks and left the crowd waiting too long for the main act. The sweating youngsters were getting restless and there was too long of a lineup for me to get a Desman pin. When Desman finally took the stage, the insistent shrieking eleven-year-old crowd reached a new decibel level in chanting "Shawn! Shawn! Shawn!"

The main act started

strong with Shawn Desman's debut single "Get Ready". The stage exploded with high-energy male dancers lead by Desman and the crowd went nuts. Security actually had to carry a young female from the crowd who had been injured by the pushing mob of adolescent girls. Desman took a second to ask the audience to calm down, pleading sweetly, "Do it for me".

Following this, Desman sang his new song which was hard to distinguish from his other songs. He then picked a young woman out of the audience to come onto the stage to be serenaded. While Desman did a quick costume change, the lucky lady sat on a stool in the middle of the stage where all the dancers gyrated around her. Desman came back on in a white-hot outfit and serenaded the girl. He even managed to give her a full out kiss on the lips. This made the crowd go crazy and he asked "Who's better than Shawn Desman?...That's what I thought!" A bit of an unnecessary show of confidence, but he is mmm-mmm fine.

Desman's final song was the "Spread my Wings" remix. This was by far his best track and the performance was mouth watering. He sang clearly and in perfect tune while leading his male dancers in the most fluid and tantalizing dance I've ever seen. All the females were just gawking at the delicious display of sexiness on the stage. This song completed the concert and Desman left the stage to the sound of huge applause.

Some argue that Desman is just some white guy trying to be black but anyone who was at that concert saw that



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"How's this pose looking? Is anybody checking me out? God, my neck is starting to cramp up from holding this glamorous position."

he is nailing his image of sexy pop singer with a hip hop flare. Though the concert was short (Desman was only on for about forty minutes) he got the crowd really pumped and he sang and danced his heart out. With his strong voice and sensual

dance moves, Desman managed to make all the ladies want him even more than they had before and he proved himself as a performer. Whether you hate this guy or love him, his songs are catchy and few can resist dancing to them.

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the angel closes her eyes
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Last week:

Carl Coelho was victorious, brilliantly discerning that the weekly lyrics were from Busta Rhymes' aptly-titled *Light Your Ass On Fire*. His super-duper free CD is the new Nickelback album, which I haven't personally listened to but nonetheless have a suspicion that it is atrocious. Good luck with that Carl, and thanks for playing!

- Chris, Entertainment Editor

"Entertaining" Sex Trivia

International marriage madness of the past:

Men and women in China were often married after their deaths to give them a companion in the afterlife.

Greek traditions dictated that widows were not allowed to remarry. However, they were bestowed with honorary "male status privileges" such as the right to visit male-only coffee houses.

Some Hindus in India officially married trees to defeat astrological predictions that their first spouse would die.

Ancient Chinese grooms that were too sick to attend their own weddings frequently had birds stand in for them during the ceremonies.

In parts of India, a bridegroom was expected to "consecrate" the marriage even if the bride died before the wedding, in full view of the village priest.

Top 5 Albums

...that were loved by millions of angst-ridden, yet still mainstream, teens in the early 1990s:

5. Green Day - "Dookie"
4. Smashing Pumpkins - "Siamese Dream"
3. The Offspring - "Smash"
2. Nine Inch Nails - "The Downward Spiral"
1. Nirvana - "Nevermind"

C.C.

...of the classic rock genre with a strong narcotics vibe:

5. Cream - "Disraeli Gears"
(Any album with a song called "SWLABR", which stands for "She Walks Like A Bearded Rainbow", can only be the result of LSD)
4. Aerosmith - "Draw the Line"
3. The Velvet Underground & Nico
2. Guns and Roses - "Appetite for Destruction"
1. The Rolling Stones - "Let It Bleed"

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Film Fest is Here

Film Festival Director David Henderson sits down to discuss the blow-up success of "Aspirations" student fest

KATIE WEST
Arts Editor

So I'm sure you've heard about the Festival. Aspirations Film Festival 2003: Canada's National Student Film Festival, running September 25th - 28th at the Princess Cinemas in Waterloo. Behind this catchy title lives a short, fast-moving history, set in motion by David Henderson and company, all WLU graduates. Eli Craig, Brent Reaney, Anthony Del Col and Henderson started out doing work on personal film projects, and soon realized the lack of opportunity students had to showcase their film-

making talents. When the festival had 130 films submitted for its pre-

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miere last year, the boys knew they were onto something. The budding idea of two friends in a coffee shop

grew really big, really fast.

Quickly fast forward to this year: the Festival has corporate sponsors including Pepsi and Fuji; close to 250 film submissions and 12 screenings over 4 days. The selective process in the festival passes the films through the Aspirations' organization, and its jury, where film and art professionals select participants and award winners. Award winners (now posted at <http://www.student-films.ca>) are posted pre-showing, so films have faces; as in, 'hey, let's go see "The Unfortunate Truth" - I heard it won best film...'

Aside from hitting the big time, participating filmmak-



ers gain credibility and visibility from winning select awards in the festival. That, and they each take home a 16 mm roll of film (worth about \$300...sweet). Yes, you can do it too: the only main criteria for entering the festival is that you must be a student when you make your film, as well as having a cast and crew of mostly students. Apply online at the festival website if you think you're Hollywood material.

When it comes right down to it, Henderson knows what the focus of the festival should continue to be. A visible force behind the project,

he outlined the basics: "keep believing in the main focus; that makes decision-making easy." He goes on to describe what the main focus was: providing student filmmakers with exposure, opportunity and a "buzz" in the outside film world. Hopefully, this buzz has already travelled to you. A general warning of the festival, should you choose to partake: you're not going to like everything but you are going to like something. Whatever your taste in film may be, it is most likely waiting to be sampled at the Princess this week.

Aspirations looks promising

Axiom wins best experimental film, and Peter Valdron wins best individual acting performance for his role

JON BOOREN
CORD ARTS

Sheridan College student Kevin White is both Producer and Director of "Axiom," a dark story with bright elements that result in a captivating film, featured in this year's Aspirations Film Festival. Right from the beginning, "Axiom," (which has been shot on 16mm), brings you into an environment of vivid contrasts. The use of light and colour is fantastic and sets up the film's varying atmospheres in each scene, providing viewers with a strong sense of presence. In the midst of this incontinuity is the storyline: a man struggling with a strong sense of guilt who wanders through an empty world, searching for the truth about his existence and his past actions.

Shot in Toronto, Burlington, Milton, Oakville and Hamilton, the multiple locations work to make the movement of the story very convincing. In speaking to White, he commented that it was a potentially big challenge to make Toronto look empty for the filming. Fortunately, it worked out well in the end, and he really enjoys the overall look of his film. White commented, though, that it was at times a struggle to work with so many people on such a large project. Being a student



Contributed Photo

Peter Valdron takes home the cake for best acting performance in Axiom as a creepy man peering through a crack in a brick wall

means relying on fellow students to help out with multiple tasks, as you are operating on a much more restricted budget.

The idea for "Axiom" is loosely based on White's first film, made when he was just fourteen years old. Since then, Kevin has re-written the script and has developed

proficient filmmaking skills, including CG-FX. I am sure he hopes you will enjoy the show. "Axiom" is playing in the AFF Best of the Fest: Series I, and AFF Films from the Edge. Check out the Festival website for show times.

"A Trip to to the Zoo" looks at people, animals' machine.

NICK CZEKURLON
Cord Arts

For any of you out there who have ever read Donna Haraway's seminal essay "A Cyborg Manifesto," or who have ever questioned the forms of our current human and social constructions, it is an absolute must that you see the student film "A Trip to the Zoo," playing this coming weekend at the Aspirations Film Festival.

Haraway, in her essay, defines (in much more detail than in James Cameron's "Terminator"), what it really means to be a "cyborg" in this age of science and technology: "it is a hybrid of machine and organism, a creature of social reality as well as a creature of fiction. Social reality is lived social relations, our most important political construction, a world-changing fiction." The concept of the "cyborg" is important to the destruction and re-creation of many of the ideas and social institutions that exist in society today. Haraway continues, "it means both building and destroying machines, identities, categories, [and] relationships."

"A Trip to the Zoo" is based directly on Haraway's essay and claims its title from a 1970's children's poem of same name. Ben Roberts and Brett Bergmann are co-directors of the film, and are both fourth-year Queens' film students. They categorize their work as an experimental documentary. Bergmann first came across the "Cyborg Manifesto" in a course reader, at the time the duo was talking about doing a film together. "It just blew my mind," Bergmann said. "It really inspired us in the way we were thinking at the time. So we took on the project of adapting the "Cyborg Manifesto" for the screen, so that possibly the [average] person could understand it, and also so that we could create our own meaning out of it."

The focal point of the film lies in the relationship between man, animal, and machine. "I think what we were trying to get at here," says Roberts, "and what we were trying to lift out of, or focus on in Haraway's text, was really how technology and our relationship with technology is changing the

way we look at the natural world."

The pair are definitely not rookies on the scene and they should work well as a team; they have known each other since the seventh grade. The two went to the same high school and by fate ended up in the same film program at Queen's University. They have each produced successful solo projects, both of them showing individually last year at Toronto's 2002 Student Short Film Festival. Roberts took home third place in the festival for his comedy "Fastseduction," and Bergmann, in addition to showing in Toronto, was nominated at last year's Aspirations for his experimental film, "Trauma on the Last Boat."

A "cyborg" is a hybrid of machine and organism...

The two have reason to be proud of their latest work as well, as they return again to both Toronto and Waterloo this time together. Keep an eye out for this pair in the future and for their next film, which is already in the works. "A Trip to the Zoo" is playing Friday, September 26th at Princess Cinema as part of the Dark Side of the Reel segment of the festival. Screening starts at 9:30pm.



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No one wants to go on "A trip to the zoo" with this guy

September Fest Schedule...

September 25th 2003

7:30pm - AFF Best of the Fest: Series I

9:45pm - AFF Best of the Fest: Series II

September 26th, 2003

4:30pm - Life Unfiltered: AFF Docs

7:00pm - AFF Best of the Fest: Series I

9:30pm - AFF Dark Side of the Reel

September 27th, 2003

4:30pm - Captivate Me: AFF Dramas

7:00pm - AFF Best of the Fest: Series II

9:30pm - Make Me Laugh: AFF Comedies

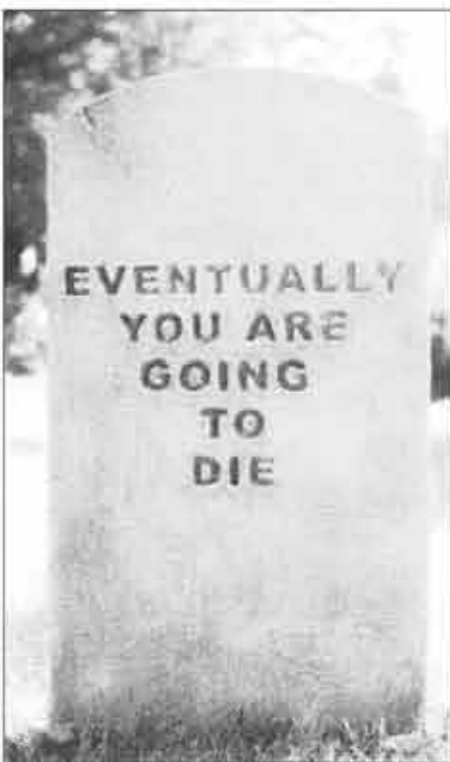
12:00am - AFF Films from the Edge

September 28th, 2003

4:30pm - AFF Best of the Fest: Series I

7:00pm - Make Me Laugh: AFF Comedies

9:30pm - AFF Best of the Fest: Series II



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"The Unfortunate Truth" it is and, in spite of death, won best film

From the desk of Laurier's poets

In keeping with the theme of student creativity, Laurier students show they've got lots too

Tearing Stars Lyrics

Costa Arma

Our place in the world makes us real
 Despite all the shit that I might feel
 We live our lives in contempt and hate
 Resolution never was our fate
 Our time a privilege alone
 For us to be shown
 What it's like to give and to take
 With the choices we're forced to make
 For everything I thought was true
 For the things I'd done for you
 For the dreams of those I knew
 For the times I never came through
 Darkness deep and all around me
 Through time and dreams run free
 Lost in the abyss of my mind
 Insignificant to even my own kind
 Look above to see all that exists
 The weight pushing down on my chest
 Unimportant as all the rest

For everything I thought was true
 For the things I'd done for you
 For the dreams of those I knew
 For the times I fell through
 The fears I faced and hopes erased
 Brings me to see that I've let me be
 Trapped in my mind and never

The stars never wept for us
 never cared for our wars or our lust
 In dreams he suns begun to rise
 to dispel the darkness inside
 and in spite of all that I can be
 the stars will never weep for me

Timeless Thoughts

Nick

Dying softly for the midnight sequence,
 hard and falling to the whispered notion,
 this a hallowed trip I take through motion,
 visions drowning me slow towards pretense.
 Solid dreams flow forward without prudence,
 darkness streaming thoughts of my commotion,
 being steered by this - your latent potion,
 wherefore bringing creed to loose my sentence.

Riddles slide through time, a gateway without,
 bleeding hearts and souls by single mention,
 holding tight on to my love - sweet virgin.
 Blindly lead throughout the valleys of rhyme,
 sparing reposed thoughts and well-worn
 tension, these words ever soar from this
 endless dove.

ABSENCE OF PEACE

Stephanie Butcher

Written: Feb. 27, 2003

If there's one thing I miss, I miss my sanity.
 It's unraveling, stretching as far as the eye can see.
 There's no escaping this pain inflicted on me.
 Just know that I don't intend to give up quietly.
 There's no rest in this room, I'm reminded of you.
 Pictures, some clothing, a discarded high-heeled shoe.
 I lie awake knowing that a pill or two,
 Will help me forget what I've been going through.
 Though you say it ain't much, I know what I feel.
 You say it's not your fault, but I know it ain't real.
 So what's the big crisis? What's the big damn deal?
 These questions you ask... they can't be for real!
 The seeds of doubt are planted, oh yes they've been sown.
 The tension inside is mounting, I should have known.
 That you couldn't be there, some nights I'd be alone.
 But when all's said and done, my anger's full blown.
 I know I have nothing to say, I'll stay silent.
 Even tho my Shadow just wants to be violent.
 My anger's determined to stay black and unbent.
 It'll stay that way until it gets a chance to be spent.
 And so, with much effort, I will not lose face.
 I realize things must move at a much slower pace.
 I'm glad I said nothing that I would want to erase.
 So although I've got anger, I still have my grace.

The Stalking Bottle

Nick

It's a trip I have to take again.

Dark clouds rolling, rain pouring down ... again.
 Again, again - the pounding waves of rage subside, and linger.
 Trickle down drops of tears, trickle down the silent river.
 Snakes slide and spiders bite.
 The poison kills and cripples.
 The rage subsides, but the ripples infect.
 Infectious disease digs deep.

One more drink ... one more shot ... creating a string of lies and blood-shot eyes.
 Waste your money ... waste your life ... drink yourself to the other side.
 There's no place to hide from the stalking bottle.
 There's no way to get out of the jungle.
 Branches cut and bodies bleed
 Vines strangle and death awaits.
 Death awaits while the tongue tastes another drop ...

... another drop
 ... a tear, pouring
 ... a pounding heart, subsiding
 ... a poisoned glass, crippling ... killing

The stalking bottle stalks no more.
 Death no longer waits, but now the bright clouds in the sky.

Meet the Author

'For Better or For Worse'
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I don't understand

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Wingerpillars banned

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Sincerely,
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Stefan.

"I just died in your arms tonight/
Don't want nobody bring me back to life/
I just died in your arms tonight"

The Cord office

Society.

Why won't you let me be?

Wingerpillar

Milkshake

Why must you bring all the boys to the yard? And why is it that her milkshake is better than mine? I suppose I could be taught, but chances are, the teacher would want to charge.

Skim milk

Skim milk.

You just hatin'

Milkshake

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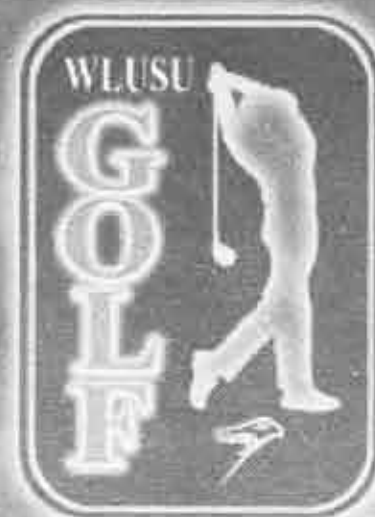
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