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Sydney Heiland

TAKE THAT 'STANGS - Josh Bishop squeaks by two Western players at last weekend's Homecoming win.

Golden Hawks get Noble effort in win

First time on dress roster, backup quarterback comes in for injured starter

DAN POLISCHUK
SPORTS EDITOR

If Laurier's football team sent one message to their arch rival Western Mustangs this past Homecoming weekend, it was to never walk on the Hawk.

Unfortunately, for the team from London, they were forced to deal with harsh repercussions in the form of a 34-18 defeat.

Even before the 8,000-plus fans were able to get themselves settled in the stands, the Mustangs were already trying to make new enemies by jumping on the drawn out Golden Hawk at centre field.

Drawing the ire of fans, and, eventually, the Golden Hawks themselves, it took a few coaches to settle what may have exploded into a full-out conflict.

With order restored, the first

quarter came and went with Western ahead 1-0 on a missed field goal attempt. Laurier added to Mustang kicker Derek Schiavone's early misery by blocking a 26-yard field goal attempt near the end of the period.

The 'Stangs quickly venerated themselves though at the start of the second as quarterback Michael Faulds hooked up with receiver Jesse Bellamy for an 11-yard touchdown toss-and-catch to give the opponents an 8-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, whether a drawn up play or not, Western came out with a chip shot for a kick and were able to jar the ball loose from the Laurier returner after a bone-crushing hit.

After a 15 yard penalty against the Hawks, Western capitalized with a 19 yard TD dash by running back DJ Bennett, giving them a

15-0 cushion.

Looking for any sign of life, the Hawks offence, led by quarterback Jamie Partington, turned to a no-huddle approach to start off their next series at their own 38 yard line.

Conveniently, the Hawks worked their way down to the Mustangs' red zone before seeing Partington connect with Dante Luciani from six yards out for a major score, reducing the deficit to eight points.

With its defence stepping up its play, and even producing a record setting performance with Jim Martyniuk's three interceptions, the Hawks reaped the benefits before the half in the form of a conceded safety and another TD pass

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Laurier security assaulted

Officer "thought he would die" after attack at Co-op and Career Services building last Friday

MIKE BROWN
NEWS EDITOR

Two Laurier security officers were brutally assaulted while trying to apprehend two men, aged 27 and 28, for assaulting a custodian at 232 King St. last Friday morning.

At approximately 5:17 am, Clayton Vokey and Jennifer Laurie responded to a call for help from the male custodian at the Co-op and Career Services building. The ensuing struggle would leave both officers seriously injured and both assailants in police custody.

When they arrived to the parking lot behind 232 King (adjacent to Phil's), two inebriated males were breaking into the building in pursuit of the on-duty custodian. One of them tried to run away and the other was apprehended for a time.

"A struggle ensued - actually a very violent struggle," noted Rod Curran, director of Community Safety and Security, speaking on behalf of Vokey and Laurie. "The person that started to run away came back and jumped [Vokey] and then choked him out - actually choked him unconscious."

"Both officers were quite shaken up about it," he explained, adding, "Clayton [Vokey] thought he was going to die. This was a very serious assault."

Laurie, one of the school's newest special constables, was trying to keep the other suspect under control, but was punched in the

head "at least 20 times," according to Curran. Though she does not yet have her "use of force" training, which prevents her from carrying handcuffs and a baton, Laurie was able to call for backup. Waterloo Regional Police arrived on the scene in about one minute, helping to bring both men into custody, Curran said.

"They have the same power as a police officer in the province of Ontario," he noted of his special constables. "They can make arrests, lay charges. . . . The only difference between us and the police is we're not armed."

Both Vokey and Laurie were unarmed and without their security vests at the time of the incident.

Dean Gibbons, 27, of Waterloo, and Patrick Campbell, 28, of New Dundee, now face charges of assault, assaulting police and forcible entry. Campbell faces an additional charge for choking Vokey.

Campbell appeared in court on Monday and Gibbons followed suit yesterday. Both were "released on terms pending a further court date," according to Olaf Heinzl, public affairs coordinator for the Waterloo Regional Police. Campbell's court date is set for October 10, with Gibbons following a week later on October 17.

Neither man had priors, according to Inspector Bryan Larkin of the Waterloo Regional Police. That often bodes well for the accused in

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SECURITY VICTIMS - Officers Clayton Vokey (left) and Jennifer Laurie.

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News editor Tony Ferguson on his former roommate's inability not to shit on the bathroom floor while drunk.

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WLU student alleges racism in arrest

Friend removed from wheelchair, dragged to waiting cruiser

TONY FERGUSON
NEWS EDITOR

Laurier student Stephen Miller is putting his life back together after being charged in connection with a stabbing that took place more than a year ago. In a Brampton court on Monday, the 20-year-old political science student was found not guilty on charges of causing a disturbance.

"It was a sigh of relief," said Miller, "it was the biggest sigh I've ever had."

Miller, along with his friend Garrett Mannings, were both arrested by Peel Regional Police after a stabbing incident outside a complex on Glen Erin Dr. in Mississauga on July 29, 2005.

Miller was on his way home from work where he met his friend Garrett Mannings. Miller then noticed his friend, Germaine Holder, approaching. Holder suddenly collapsed and told Miller that he had been stabbed. Miller removed his shirt, applied it to the wound and called 911. He spent several minutes on the phone with the dispatcher who advised him to continue to apply pressure until the paramedics arrived.

Peel Regional Police Constable Jason Sandilands was first to arrive on the scene. Miller and Mannings shouted at Sandilands but the officer made no effort to assist Holder, who was bleeding from the stab wound to his abdomen.

The court heard testimony from Daria Mercer, a former corrections officer at Metro West. As reported in the *Toronto Star*, she testified that Sandilands "grabbed Mannings by the back of his collar." He then pulled him out of his wheelchair and kicked it away. Mannings was dragged across a parking lot, charged with causing a disturbance and placed in a waiting cruiser. Another officer arrested Miller, who was still tending to his friend, and laid the same charge.

Peel Regional Police refused to comment on the incident.



Sydney Holland

BACK AT SCHOOL - Stephen Miller returns to campus after his three-day trial in Brampton.

The Crown initially took the position that it was Miller and Mannings who were causing the disturbance and were "very well-prepared to argue the case," according to Jason Bogle, Miller's lawyer. Bogle argued that it was the individual who stabbed Miller's friend who caused the disturbance in the first place, not Miller and Mannings themselves.

"They should never have been charged in the first place," he said.

"I think it was clear from the evidence that came out in court that there were additional factors that were affecting the judgement of Sandilands that day."

Miller explains that he and his friends have a negative history with Officer Sandilands, who, Miller says, pulled him over on several occasions for no apparent reason.

Miller went to Peel Regional Police headquarters to launch a

formal complaint against Sandilands where he was told by the sergeant on duty "if you associate with gang members, you will be treated like a gang member."

"Clearly this is an incident of discrimination," says Miller. "It's believing that all African-Canadian males are criminals."

When Miller first met with his lawyer over a year ago, he was

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Security smacked upside head

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being released on terms, explained Heinzel. Unless the case involves public safety issues or a risk of the accused fleeing, judges generally prefer conditional releases, he added. The case is now set to go through the judicial process.

"A lot of our investigation is ongoing," explained Larkin. "We're trying to retrace the steps of both accused, but alcohol was involved."

Curran, meanwhile, has turned his focus to giving the two injured officers as much support as possible.

"They were treated at the hos-

pital, at Grand River, for their injuries," said Curran. "They're both still off work, nursing their injuries. [Laurie] got assaulted pretty good, so she'll be off for a little while."

Laurie suffered injuries predominantly to the head. Vokey, who had 25 years experience with RCMP in three provinces before

coming to WLU in 1999, suffered cuts to his arm and injuries to his back and knees, sustained while being choked out from behind.

The custodian suffered only minor scrapes and was back at work on Monday, according to Assistant VP: Physical Resources Ron Dupuis.

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> VOCAL CORD

What are your thoughts on students stealing signs?



"I'd probably do it but we don't have a 'White' street in Waterloo."

- Caitlin White
Third-Year Communication Studies



"If it doesn't mean anything to you, don't steal it. I think it really says a lot about your maturity."

- Keith MacDougall
First-Year Philosophy



"If you go in any half-decent student house around here, you'll find three or four signs."

- Dan McBride
Fifth-Year Communication Studies



"It seems sort of pointless, it's a waste of money to steal a sign and replace it."

- Lauren MacFarlane
First-Year Communication Studies



"I feel like it happens a lot when people are drunk. In the end, it's not a good idea because there can be repercussions."

- Jennina Wroblewski
Fourth-Year Communication Studies

Students see the signs

Theft of local business signs opens up residents' eyes to pandemic of petty burgling by students

DAVID GOLDBERG
CORD INTERN

People are having some trouble finding local businesses lately. Not necessarily because they are a small guy on KW's economic ladder or even because their facility doesn't look like a multi-million dollar corporation, but because people can't see their signs. They just aren't there.

"We have a really bad batch of neighbours at the moment," said Luci Harmon, the owner of Luci's Mud House, in reaction to having her sign stolen.

There has been a rise in sign stealing the past couple of months that has affected a handful of local businesses both economically and personally.

Last week, signs were stolen at a new business, Funky Town Jewellery, on Regina Street.

Harmon said that one sign for Luci's Mud House can cost upwards of \$1000, a costly amount for a small business.

And several business owners are saying the same thing: "It's hard for people to find us when they can't see the sign."

These crimes have also affected these people personally. Each victim expressed feelings of insecurity and mentioned that often they don't even feel safe in their own communities any more.

"You don't sleep at night," said Cindy, the owner of local hair salon, Cowboys and Angels. Cindy requested not to have her last name printed.

"Students keep sleeping on

my porch, [there are] students screaming they want hair cuts.... Every morning I have to pick up the glass from the broken bottles because I have a blind dog who is just a little guy," she said.

Harmon stressed that she has a young daughter and with the violent nature that the students are presenting, it just didn't make her feel safe.

Each business has since then taken action to make sure that they won't have to dish out another \$1000 any time soon. This includes strategic placement of the signs and hidden security systems. They feel unfortunate that they have to go to great lengths to protect themselves. And to some business owners like Cindy, it seems that police just don't care anymore.

"[Police] are too scared to patrol the streets around here anymore," said Cindy.

Bryan Larkin of the Waterloo Regional Police was taken aback to at local retailers' disappointment in police. He combated the statement by standing firm on the ground that, "We provide police response...it's our policy." And he wants the public to know that, "...we put ourselves in harm's way."

Students seem to have opposite feelings on the topic. Dan McBride, fifth-year communications studies student told the reporters for Vocal Cord, "If you go in any half-decent student house around here, you'll find three or four signs."

It is apparent that the anger of



Sydney Helland

HOW HIGH - So high that pot-head sign stealers can't take it home.

local businesses is not just about the disappearance of a few signs. When asked how it made her feel, Cindy of Cowboys and Angels said, "I hate the students and this makes me hate them even

more."

It seems excessive drinking and partying is getting to local businesses and they just don't know what to do anymore.

See PAGE 18 for editorial reaction to this story.

Grad receives prestigious award

ASHLEY JANG
CORD NEWS

Chad Lebold, a Laurier grad student, has received a prestigious fellowship award from the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF). The PDF has contributed to the world of research for years

by funding numerous research facilities.

A graduate from Laurier's undergraduate kinesiology program, Lebold is currently working towards his MSc in kinesiology. Under the direction of Dr. Quincy Almeida, director of the Movement Disorders Research

and Rehabilitation Center, Lebold has been participating in numerous research studies concerning Parkinson's Disease and other movement disorders.

As a result of his hard work and contribution to the world of Parkinson's research, Lebold has been awarded a US \$1500 scholarship from the Parkinson's Disease Foundation to help fund his thesis research, on the basis of both academic merit and his research proposal.

"I was pretty surprised and excited too, but a lot of it is thanks to Dr. Almeida because his work was obviously received some press," says Lebold. "So working at the clinic with him had a lot to do with it and I am pretty grateful to him for his help."

Dr. Almeida is very pleased with Lebold's work and his scholarship. "It's not often that you hear about students from Laurier gaining international scholarships paid in American dollars, so it's nice to see that one of the first students admitted to this program received this right from the start," he says.

Lebold's scholarship will be going towards research based on his thesis study on gait deficiencies - problems with walking, caused by Parkinson's and other movement disorders.

"A lot of research has been done on Parkinson's disease but not a lot on ways to improve everyday life, so a lot of the work that Dr. Almeida and the rest of us are doing is based on how to help patients get around," says Lebold.

For the next year, Lebold plans to continue his research with assistance from the award. As for his next step, Lebold says "I'm not totally sure; we'll see where this goes and see what opens up after this. More graduate studies are a possibility."

On Saturday, at Victoria Park in Kitchener, the Parkinson's Society of Canada handed over a \$90,000 grant to Dr. Almeida and the Movement Disorders Research and Rehabilitation Centre. This grant will assist the centre in conducting further research on exercise rehabilitation.



Contributed photo

CA-CHING! - Dr. Almeida (left) accepts \$90,000 from Carolyn Connors for the Movement Disorders Research and Rehabilitation Centre.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trio attacked at UG

Two female students and a visitor at the University of Guelph were assaulted last Saturday at 1:00 am. The victims were left with non-life-threatening injuries after another on-campus guest attacked them under the influence of alcohol. According to *The Cannon*, a UG online news source, police have laid charges on the male suspect of 19 years.

A UG campus security member, Lori Bona Hunt, told the *Cord* that students should be reminded not to let people into residence who don't belong. "That includes people leaving doors propped open," she added. "The residences are as safe as you make them."

Career Fair today

Today, starting at 10:00 am the 13th annual Career Fair will be taking place at RIM Park, with more than 250 employers looking to recruit prospective students.

Students will be able to speak with representatives from the organizations present who will provide them with career information and advice on getting hired.

Many different types of employers will be at the fair from many different fields. Financial services, advanced manufacturing, information technology, retail services, engineering, health care and government agencies will be some of the employment sectors at the fair.

The career fair is co-sponsored by the University of Guelph, Conestoga College, University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University and is free to anyone with a student card from any of the four institutions.

A shuttle bus service will transport students to RIM Park and busses for Laurier students will depart from the rear parking lot of St. Michael's Campus.

Philosopher visits

On Tuesday, October 3, the department of philosophy welcomes guest lecturer Ted Honderich for a talk entitled "Right and Wrong and Palestine, 9/11, Iraq, 7/7."

Honderich is a Professor Emeritus of mind and logic at University College in London, England, and his brother Beland was awarded an honorary degree in 1977.

His most recent work deals primarily with the morality of terrorism.

The lecture runs from 7:30-9:30 in the Science building, room N1001.

Compiled by Tony Ferguson, David Goldberg and Mike Brown

Student plans to file civil suit against police

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informed that the attorney's office offered to acquit him if he would write a letter of apology to Peel Regional Police. Miller told his lawyer, "I'm sorry, I can't. I must go forward with this."

Miller waited for over a year to go to trial which lasted for three days, a trial that pushed his nerves to the limit.

"It was very scary because three Peel Regional Police officers took the stand against me ... when three uniformed men take the stand, [what they say] is believable, regardless of what anybody says."

Now that Miller has been acquitted, his plan for now is to get his life back in order.

"It puts things on hold," he said, describing how his plans for summer travel, his first semester at Laurier and his plans for taking the LSAT tests have been ruined. Miller plans on postponing his studies until the winter term after missing the first three weeks of class because of his commitments to court.

Sandilands and the other two officers that were present on the night of July 25, 2005 were also acquitted.

Miller and his lawyer are planning on filing a civil suit against the three officers.

Miller remains critical of the incident, blaming his ordeal on racial profiling. "If I was a 50-year-old white woman, I wouldn't have been arrested that day."

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> BAG O' CRIME

Theft Under \$5000

While on routine mobile patrol the Special Constable discovered that an unknown suspect removed the WLU emblem from the sign located on the corner of Lester Street and Seagram Drive. PP&P were contacted to make repairs.

Assistance Medical

A male student was found vomiting in the Dining Hall. Special Constables escorted him to Health Services

and then drove him to his residence at University Place.

Theft Under \$5000

Special Constables responded to 209 Regina Street after the duty don called to report that the key box located on the front of the building had been completely removed from the outside wall. The box contained a residence key for use by Canada Post employees who deliver the mail to the building.

Suspicious Person

Special Constables responded to the Concourse area looking for a male that was selling salon services. The suspect was gone on arrival.

Disturbance

Special Constables responded to Wilf's Pub upon receiving a report that a patron was trying to fight the Manager. Upon arrival Special Constables evicted one male from the building then escorted him off the property.

Assault

Special Constables were assaulted while responding to a call for assistance from a custodian at 232 King Street. Waterloo Regional Police were called and arrested the two responsible males a short time later. Both a facing multiple charges including Assault Police, Assault, and Choking.

Alarm

Special Constables and Waterloo Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Willison Residence. The alarm was caused by a group of males cooking in the basement kitchen. The area was vented and all residents were allowed back into the building.

Arrest

Special Constables arrested one male for attempting to steal posters from a display in the Concourse. The male was later identified and released.

Property Damage

Special Constables responded to 202 Regina Street parking lot after several staff members reported having paint thrown on their vehicles. Investigation continuing.

Assist Other PF

Special Constables assisted Waterloo Regional Police at a large house party on Hazel Street with approximately 200 people in attendance. A fire was reported at the same residence later on in the evening. Waterloo Regional Police area investigating.

Assault

Special Constables and Regional Police officers responded to Little House after receiving multiple calls regarding a fight in progress. Upon arrival the groups had split and one group headed into Bouckaert Residence. WLU and WRPS entered the building and found the males, all non-students, in the bathroom of the third floor. All the males were trespassed from the property and escorted out of the building and into waiting taxis.

Assistance Medical

Special Constables and ambulance personnel responded to Conrad Residence after an intoxicated female resident fell in the bathroom and hit her head. She was transported to hospital for further observation.

Property Damage

Special Constables responded to the King Street Residence parking garage after a female student reported that an unknown culprit had extinguished a cigarette in the fuel spout of her vehicle.

Suspicious Person

Special Constables evicted two non-students from the property of Laurier Place after they refused to produce identification.

Drugs

Special Constables investigated a drug related incident at Bricker Residence. Three female students admitted to smoking drugs within the residence. One of the females is a University of Waterloo student.

Property Damage

Special Constables took a report from a female student who reported that unknown culprit ripped the spoiler off the rear of her vehicle.

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Medaille College (Buffalo, N.Y.)	3 p.m.
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Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand)	11 a.m.
University of the Sunshine Coast (Australia)	noon
CANTEACH Educational Consultants (Study Abroad)	1 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 - SENATE & BOARD CHAMBER

Wilfrid Laurier University	11 a.m.
Lakehead University	noon
Brock University	1 p.m.
Applying to Teacher Education Programs in Ontario	2 p.m.
University of Western Ontario	3 p.m.
York University	4 p.m.
Teacher Discussion Panel (featuring Laurier alumni)	5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SENATE & BOARD CHAMBER

University of Windsor	10 a.m.
Applying to Teacher Education Programs in Ontario	11 a.m.
Nipissing University	noon
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GOING ALL OUT - Laurier receiver Andy Baechler stretches for the end-zone while teammate Dante Luciani looks on. The TD gave the Hawks a 23-15 lead - all but sealing the victory.

Hawks will 'run the table'



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from Partington. The nine yard play with 6:11 left gave Laurier a one point lead.

Unfortunately for the home team though, Partington was forced to leave shortly after due to a hard hit on his leg.

For the rest of the quarter, and the game, the team would turn to backup Ian Noble to pick up his teammates in his first ever game performance.

While not producing any high-light-worthy plays, Noble was steady behind centre, leading the offence on three more scoring drives - which resulted in rushing touchdowns by running back Ryan Lynch (first career OUA score) and the above mentioned Baechler. With another single conceded point and a 25-yard

field goal by Chris Mamo, Laurier were able to complete the route.

After the jubilant reception on the very logo the 'Stangs had proclaimed as theirs at the game's opening, Laurier head coach Gary Jeffries did not contain his satisfaction with his team's "excellent effort" in executing their plays throughout the game.

"We thought we could run the ball on them, we wanted to pound it on them. We had two great drives in that third quarter that took a lot of time off the clock," explained Jeffries.

Pleasing Jeffries further was the fact that the team will "absolutely" get better as the players return from the injury ward.

"We're only getting better. We haven't reached anywhere close to our potential," he said.

Fifth-year linebacker, Brandon Keks, returning to the lineup after recovering from injury, credited the win to the team's ability to "get fired up."

"That's the way you gotta play - got to get fired up to play well. I think," he said, adding, "We had

that [energy] right from the get-go. Western came out; they were jumping on our Hawk, trying to taunt us a bit and get under our grill but we don't put up with that."

He was also quick to praise their fill-in quarterback Noble.

"Noble came out today to play ... he played amazing for us."

Baechler, who had two scores on the day, explained that the team never felt pressed after losing their QB.

"When [Partington] went down, we knew ourselves that we could still do it. You never want to use injuries as an excuse. You want to go out there and execute the best you can, no matter who's in there."

It is this kind of effort that had Keks making a bold prediction at the conclusion of the game.

"I'm calling it right now, we're gonna run the table on the rest of the regular season ... calling it right now," he stated.

The announcement was met with laughter by Baechler.

"I don't make those kind of bold

predictions. I've learned from my head coach not to make those kind of predictions. That's just Keks being Keks," he chuckled.

"There's really a log jam in the right now in the standings. You really try not to worry about where you are in the standings and don't really look past your next opponent," he added.

"We had five starters down to start the season, now we're down to two. Hopefully, by playoffs, everyone will be healthy ..."

One player who may delay that plan is Partington, who, Jeffries explained, is experiencing pain in his knee from the heavy hit. The offensive leader, who had a solid start to the game going 8 for 12 for 127 yards and two TDs, will be re-evaluated on a day-to-day basis.

A decision as to his status for this weekend's game against Waterloo will be made at the end of the week. One option would be leaving Partington on the sidelines with one of either Noble, Vince Luciani, or Ben Wilsack making the start, said the manager. He would not allude to who

may have the edge in taking that role.

After a performance that may help his cause, Noble commented that he was "a little bit jittery."

"I was just trying not to make any mistakes and keep the offence going ... [the] first couple of balls [thrown] ... weren't spectacular."

Just being able to say that his first-ever game in a Hawk jersey and actually seeing game action during Homecoming, the humble Noble was almost lost for words.

"I couldn't believe ... I dressed this week. First time being in a jersey [was great]."



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Throwing like girls - and proud of it

Virtually unknown Laurier softball team, led by coach Kevin Fagg, simply 'a bunch of good-looking girls playing good baseball'

STEVEN NILES
CORD SPORTS

Despite cool temperatures and steady rain, the Golden Hawk Fastpitch team defeated cross-town rivals from the University of Waterloo in an impressive comeback victory. The final score was 11-6 at Waterloo Park.

Starting pitcher Crystal Shadwell got some support in the bottom of the first when Kelly Lukasik and Catherine Smith hit back-to-back triples to lead off the game.

Waterloo rallied in the fifth inning to take a 6-2 lead. After scoring three in the bottom of the fifth, an impressive

bat-around sixth inning for the Hawks in which ten batters combined for six runs put Laurier back ahead for good.

The game was highlighted by the offence provided by Craig and Smith, as well as a solid two RBI effort from Katie Kropf.

Impressive relief pitching provided by Melissa Millar gave her the win, and an incredible outfield assist from Jenna Kelly to end the game kept the fans excited despite the sub-par weather conditions.

The Laurier women's fastpitch team has opened their season on a high note.

Unfortunately, only a few at the school even know about it.

With a record of 4-1 through the first two weeks of action, these women are poised to have a season like none other.

"This is our strongest team by far ... People don't realize how skilled these girls are."

- Kevin Fagg, WLU women's softball coach

The team lacks varsity status, however, forcing the players to rely on their sponsors and themselves for funds.

"Athletic departments are try-

ing to cut-down in the number of varsity teams they have," said third-year coach, Kevin Fagg. "They are looking at eliminating some before adding any more."

Despite this, the team is optimistic for a good season and a better future.

Despite only carrying twelve players, and being a predominantly younger team, the Hawks are setting their sights high.

"This is our strongest team by far," added Fagg, referring to his tenure as coach. "People don't

realize how skilled these girls are."

For those whose only experience with women's softball is A League of Their Own, teams such as this are an eye-opener.

The calibre of play is greater than one might originally expect. The girls have no qualms about sliding into a base, breaking up a double play, or simply taking one for the team.

"It's a much faster game, with more high intensity plays than regular baseball," said Shadwell.

"It's just a bunch of good-looking girls playing good baseball."

"It probably hurt like hell tonight though."

SPORTS BRIEFS

MEN'S SOCCER

On Saturday, the team took on the University of Waterloo. Despite a few near-misses, the game ended in a 0-0 stalemate.

The day after saw the Hawks meet the Marauders of McMaster. After a slow start, were still able to walk away with a big 3-0 victory.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Hawks Soccer Team, earned a split this past weekend.

Saturday saw the Hawks at play Waterloo and come away with a gutsy come-from-behind 2-1 victory.

Sunday saw the squad lose 3-0 loss to McMaster, though.

The Hawks remain in first place divisionally in the OUA by a single point.

LACROSSE

The women's lacrosse team continued their dynasty-type run this past week with a double-header on Saturday, beating Brock 13-8 and Guelph 10-6.

They capped off the weekend with a 16-9 win over Western on Sunday.

-Compiled by Jamie Neugebauer and David Goldberg

Wang still raising eyebrows

Even as a proven businessman, New York Islanders' owner, Charles Wang, still shows he has no clue



MARK D. HOPKINS
CORD SPORTS

When renowned businessman Charles Wang purchased the New York Islanders for an estimated \$190 million in 2000, many Islanders fans likely wondered what impact this would have on their hockey team. The Islanders, severely struggling at the time, were looking to plough their way back to respectability and get themselves back into their glory days of the early 1980s. The team hasn't won a Stanley Cup since they had a run of four consecutive cups from 1980 to 1983.

So there were evidently some highs. But throughout the end of the 1990s, numerous questionable moves by General Manager Mike Milbury had Islanders' fans questioning the direction of the organization.

In February of 1998, Milbury traded Bryan McCabe and Todd Bertuzzi to the Vancouver Canucks in exchange for Trevor Linden. In June of 2000, he traded Roberto Luongo and Olli Jokinen to the Florida Panthers for Oleg Kvasha and Mark Parrish.

A year later, Zdeno Chara and a draft pick (Jason Spezza) were traded to Ottawa for Alexei Yashin. A short time after, Yashin was inked to a monstrous ten-year, \$87.5 million deal that is still crippling the Islanders' salary cap and will be for the coming years.

In early 2006, Wang decided to completely restructure the Islanders organization. This appeared to be a necessity. What he did was unusual at best. Mike Milbury was promoted to a vice president role within Wang's sports empire that also includes AFL and AHL teams, to name a few.

Neil Smith, the architect of the early 1990 New York Rangers, was hired as his replacement. However, he lasted just over a month and was replaced

by back-up goalie Garth Snow. Even typing that last sentence seemed odd. Wang actually did it. Additionally, rumours aired that Wang was seriously pondering the idea of transforming Japanese sumo wrestlers into NHL goalies.

At a press conference to announce the firing of bench boss Steve Sterling and the associated restructuring, Wang stated, "I'm an owner who prefers to stay behind the scenes and allow my staff to do what they do best." Fair enough. If you have the financial ability to fund a professional sports franchise but lack the knowledge, one would think that you should stay behind the scenes.

If the story stopped there, it would still have potential for a Hollywood drama. Last month, Wang (yes, Wang, not General Manager Garth Snow) negotiated a 15-year, \$67.5 million contract with goaltender Rick DiPietro. It was noted in numerous reports that it was most definitely Wang, not Snow, who was involved in the majority of the negotiations.

Don't get me wrong, DiPietro is a solid, promising NHL goaltender. However, committing to any player until he is 40 years old in today's National Hockey League is absolutely ludicrous. If DiPietro turns out to be a top-tier NHL goaltender and a bargain, I will gladly eat my words.

To commit a contract of that length to a player that has never won a playoff series just does not

make sense. In the "old" NHL, prior to the introduction of the salary cap, this move might have made a lot more sense. However, they have now, for all intensive purposes, made DiPietro untradeable and placed a ton of pressure onto the 25-year-old's shoulders.

It is without a doubt that Wang is a savvy, experienced businessman. Wang, a Shanghai native, developed Computer Associates International Inc. into the third largest software company on the globe. The empire trailed only Microsoft and Oracle when Wang resigned his post in 2002.

With all due respect, Wang has neglected to appreciate the

unique nature of the sports business. In most industries, there is no finite limit of direct competitors (29 other teams) or limit on the amount you can spend on your employees (salary cap).

To commit over 10 percent of your salary cap until the year 2021 to a goaltender that has never won a playoff series just doesn't make business sense. Non-traditional business practices such as Wang's self-proposed management-by-committee philosophy may work in the sports realm, but this nonsense will not.

For the sake of the Islanders, Mr. Wang needs to do just as he said himself - stay behind the scenes.



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MAKING DOLLARS, NOT 'SENSE' - NY Isles' owner Charles Wang.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
Sept. 27 - Oct. 3, 2006

RECENT SCORES

09.24.06
W Lacrosse 16 - Western 9
M Baseball 4 - Brock 6
M Soccer 3 - McMaster 0
M Baseball 1 - Brock 7
M Rugby 56 - RMC 6
W Soccer 0 - McMaster 3

09.23.06
W Lacrosse 13 - Brock 8
W Lacrosse 10 - Guelph 6
M Baseball 5 - Western 0
W Rugby 5 - Waterloo 29
M Soccer 0 - Waterloo 0
M Football 34 - Western 18
M Baseball 0 - Western 8
W Soccer 2 - Waterloo 1

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

09.27.06
M Baseball vs Brock
Bechtel Park, 6:00pm

09.30.06
Swim Meet
AC Pool, 12:00pm
M Baseball vs Waterloo
Bechtel Park, 1:00pm / 3:00pm
W Rugby vs Guelph
Fischer Hallman Field, 3:00pm
M Football vs Waterloo
University Stadium, 2:00pm

10.01.06
W Lacrosse vs McMaster / Toronto
University Stadium, 10:00am / 4:00pm
M Baseball vs Guelph
Bechtel Park, 1:00pm

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E. coli in Cali's spinach brings Canada-wide ban

STEPHEN ALTON
CORD INTERNATIONAL

Following an E. coli outbreak at select spinach producers in California, Laurier's Food Services has taken spinach off the menu, much like food companies across the nation.

Rob Sexton, food and service director of the Dining Hall, said that "[Food Services] found out [about the E. coli problem] two weeks ago before the outbreak even began."

"One of our supervisors ... has a link set up on the Internet that alerts him of things like that."

Through Aramark suppliers and their own research, the Dining Hall was well-informed and prepared immediately. Students will find that the cafeteria has replaced any spinach, whether in

sandwiches or the salad bar, with lettuce. Sexton is currently waiting for the "heads up" from suppliers like Aramark and head office as to when it's okay to begin serving spinach again.

The [Canadian] ban came just as US federal health officials deemed their leafy greens acceptable for consumption.

On September 15, Natural Selection Foods LLC of San Juan Bautista, California, recalled all of its spinach and spinach-containing products after outbreaks of *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 bacteria (E. coli) were reported in 25 of the

51 American states.

Toronto-based news outlet *CityNews* revealed that in addition to mild cases of E. coli, a death was confirmed in Wisconsin and the deaths of a young boy and an elderly patient are under investigation in Idaho and Maryland respectively. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also reported 92 hospitalizations as well as one death

and expects the number of exposures to rise.

Most healthy adults recover from the early stages of E. coli exposure, which includes bloody diarrhea, cramps and fever. But individuals more vulnerable to disease,

such as young children and the elderly, can develop Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is a condition that can lead to serious kidney damage and death.

One case of E. coli exposure has been reported by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), and 171 cases were reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the US and 27 cases involving HUS.

To protect Canadians from the outbreak, the CFIA placed a ban on all spinach imported from

south of the border on Friday, September 22.

The ban came just as US federal health officials deemed their leafy greens acceptable for consumption.

Recent reports indicate that spinach grown outside of California is safe to consume, although the industry will have to make a significant effort to let consumers know where the product is coming from.

According to reports, investigations are following spinach bagged during a single shift at Natural Selection Foods, and patients' feedback points to Dole packaging.



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LINT grows repertoire beyond the academic

THUY TRAN
STAFF WRITER

Laurier International is making sure that students can use it as more than a resource for study abroad. As an opportunity to learn and study other cultures while gaining experience that will help students in life, career or further education, exchanges are wildly popular among students willing to break routine.

Halfway into his two-year plan, Peter Donahue, director of Laurier International (LINT), has expanded the department's activity base, which has included international exchange programs, student advising and relations with international academic institutions. The previous program, over 13 years old, was in need of an update. Through surveys and expanded overseas program opportunities, Donahue hopes to meet the needs of both students and partners.

"We're doing a campus-wide survey of what people are doing internationally," he says. "What we want to do in the future is build our exchange programs based on connections that we

have at Laurier."

Connections are found with faculty members who are currently collaborating with or doing research with certain overseas institutions. Donahue believes that exchange programs are best where academic programs are compatible with those at Laurier.

When it comes to international exchanges, however, more of the same doesn't suffice to meet the diverse needs of Laurier's student body. As one of the few Canadian schools with an internationally-oriented program similar to global studies, Laurier's overseas student placements require more than just academic exchanges.

"We have students in global studies who are interested in gaining experiences in development. They want to go off and do internships with human rights organizations around the world. Our student exchange programs and how we prepare those students needs to change and meet that new need," said Donahue.

Consequently, LINT's international exchange program is also undergoing internal review. In addition to academically-oriented exchanges in France, Chi-

na, India and the United Arab Emirates, Laurier has partnered with the Canadian Consulate in Chongqing, Hong Kong to offer a joint BSc-BBA program. Most exchanges offer joint degrees, articulation agreements and executive training.

Added to this will be NAFTA mobility programs, more articulated programs in Asia and experience with the Ontario Trade Mission to India.

Pavan Konaur, a BBA 2006 graduate, went on exchange through the Laurier International Exchange program while at Laurier and said it was "by far the best experience of my life."

Even though the process of applying for the exchange was a little more intense than he thought it would be, overall, there were no complications.

"All the info sessions provided by Laurier International were very helpful and they set you on the right track if you ever needed help," said Konaur. "I chose to go on exchange because I enjoy traveling. I think it opens your mind and gives you different perspectives ... and the parties in Europe are amazing!"

Conflict zone vet to share experiences

KEREN GOTTFRIED
STAFF WRITER

Mokhtar Lamani, representative of the Arab League in Baghdad, will be presenting a free public lecture to the Waterloo community tonight.

Lamani's current role in Baghdad is to settle disputes among the different factions within Iraq and develop positive relationships between Iraq and its regional neighbours. He has a distinguished career in international diplomacy, including representing the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations from 1998 to 2004. Lamani has also served as the head officer for the Iraq-Kuwait conflict and mediated in prisoners of war exchanges, both for the Arab League.

"Mr. Lamani can provide an analysis of the political prospects that go well beyond what most press coverage can do," says Patricia Goff, professor of political science at Laurier and president of the Waterloo branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs (CIIA). "It is an especially valuable opportunity because of the very recent, first-hand perspective that he can provide. [...] He is a seasoned diplomat working on very complicated political questions, but he is also a human being faced with everyday life in a dangerous and volatile region."

The Arab League has gotten some notable press in recent weeks. It has promised economic support for struggling African Union troops in Darfur, amounting to \$2.3 million (US) of the \$7 million pledged in March. With aid resources stretched thin worldwide while the AU struggles to heal what some consider the world's open sore, there have been new calls for funding, most recently in an emergency meeting held by Condoleezza Rice, US secretary of state.

As well, some Arab League representatives attended a speech held by Pope Benedict for Muslim-dominated countries to explain comments that incited some violence and protests. The Pope called for a "good future" between Christians and Muslims.

Lamani will be presenting his experiences and thoughts in conversation with Paul Heinbecker, Canada's former Ambassador to the United Nations, and director of Laurier's Centre for Global Relations. There will be an opportunity at the end of the presentation for audience questions. After the presentation, audience participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage with Lamani and Heinbecker.

The talk will be held at 7:30pm in BA101, hosted jointly by WLU, the CIIA and the Centre for International Governance Innovation.

New PM expected after coup

Thailand's 15-year young democracy may be at risk after the coup, but royal backing may lend legitimacy it needs to survive

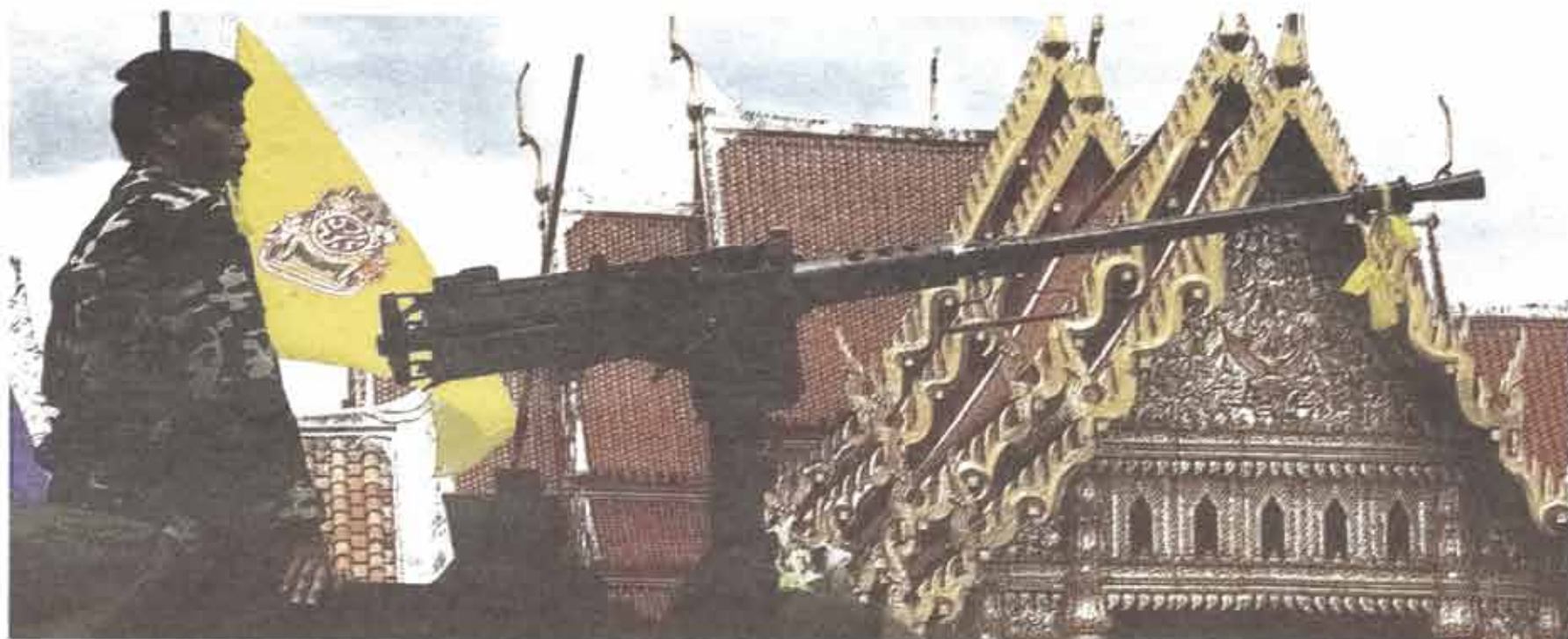
ARLA LATTO-HALL
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

All is not as it appears with Thailand's September 19 military coup.

The non-violent overthrow comes in the wake of more than a month of protests against Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's alleged corruption and marks the end of 15 years of relative political stability in a country that has now experienced 18 coups since 1932. The military's leader, Lieut. Gen. Sondhi Boonyaratkalin, claims he was acting on the wishes of the people, citing government corruption and divisions fostered in the country.

Mr. Thaksin, a media tycoon-cum-politician, was at the UN's General Assembly in New York when the coup occurred. After the coup, he returned to his London residence instead of Thailand, taking what he called a "deserved rest" from politics.

From here, he urged "national reconciliation for the sake of our king and country." Airline staff reported that he took 100 trunks with him to New York, a fact not likely to work in his favour as the military revived the National Counter Corruption Commission, an anti-corruption body created in the previous constitution, to



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THAKSIN DISPLACED - Thai tanks rolled through the streets shortly after last week's coup, but neither residents nor tourists seemed concerned. Many posed with soldiers and some tanks were covered with curious civilians. King Bhumibol is expected to appoint a new PM next Tuesday.

investigate the former PM's business dealings.

Gen. Sondhi has promised to hand power over to a new prime minister next Tuesday and to hold elections in October, 2007. In the meantime, martial law has been enacted, political gatherings are prohibited and the nation's media tightly controlled "to maintain law and order," as Thailand's national television announced.

But, apart from a few protesters speaking out against democracy's suppression, Thais don't seem to

mind living under military rule. In fact, they appear to welcome the change from what has been widely thought of as rampant corruption.

Although Mr. Thaksin was popularly elected, winning 57 percent of votes in the most recent election in April, ballots included protest votes and the opposition refused to take part. The elections were subsequently annulled by Thailand's patriarch, King Bhumibol, who called them a "mess."

Mr. Thaksin had been elected

twice previously, winning elections by a landslide.

Political analysts have speculated that the king himself has implicitly endorsed the coup, citing that in a country with such incredibly strong loyalty to their patriarch—who many Thais virtually elevate in status to a god—a military coup would never gain popular support without the king's endorsement. Soldiers have tied yellow ribbons to their guns and tanks to symbolize their loyalty.

Gen. Sondhi is reported to have

visited the king immediately after the coup took place and has presented him with a list of possible candidates for the next prime minister, who is expected to be announced next Tuesday. The candidates are very high profile—list the current central bank chair and the UN secretary of trade and development. The king has been charged with the job of selecting a new PM from the military's short-list, despite the custom that his interference in politics is kept to a minimum.



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A WATERLOO TRAILER PARK BOYS TRIBUTE CLUB KARAOKE CONTEST FOR WORLD PEACE

A bizarre concoction of the world's first Trailer Park Boys Tribute Club with an agenda for raising important community issues turns out to be the perfect recipe for social change in the Waterloo Region

ALEX HAYTER
FEATURES EDITOR

"Don't judge a book by its cover," says the clichéd proverb. In the same respect, should we judge a tribute club by its name and not by its actions? A bizarre question to ask, indeed. But with a tribute club this bizarre, to be honest, it seems perfectly fitting.

To coincide with Laurier Homecoming, Waterloo's Trailer Park Boys Tribute Club put on a karaoke night on a gloomy Friday evening last week at the Huether Hotel, this town's finest strip-bar and the club's favourite haunt. But it was not just any karaoke night, it was a "Karoke Party for World Peace," as its advertisement leaflet boldly claimed.

With a line like this, not even fate could separate the Trailer Park Boys Tribute Club from becoming immortalized on the pages of the *Cord Weekly*. And so it begins.

Park Supervisor

Dave Wellhauser, a friendly and outgoing Laurier Political Science '01 graduate, founded the Trailer Park Boys Tribute Club in 2003. This makes it the first, and today's largest, Trailer Park Boys fan club

in the world, with over 420 members worldwide. Wellhauser is a keen environmentalist and is extremely involved in local community issues that have been prevalent over the last few years.

Chatting about the club on Friday afternoon, prior to the karaoke night, Wellhauser begins with his first passion: the show itself. A fan of the infamous TV series since its beginnings, Wellhauser has run into a variety of the show's real-life actors over the years.

As bizarre as it might be, the WTPBTC has its heart in the right place

For the subject of a *Waterloo Chronicle* article from 2003, Wellhauser he met up with director Mike Clattenburg as well as Mike Smith (Bubbles) and Robb Wells (Ricky) in Toronto to invite the stars down to Waterloo to meet up. November 2003 also saw John Dunsworth (Lahey) turn up to the Tribute Club's annual general party.

"We also got Lucy and Sarah at our Annual General World Peace Party two years ago," adds an en-

thused Wellhauser, always pleased to meet up with his televised idols. During three episodes in season five, the character Sarah wore a "Wellhauser for Ward 5" black trucker hat, given to her as a party gift.

Then there's Ricky Malibu.

Very much the Yang to Wellhauser's Ying, Ricky Malibu is the new "superintendent" of the Tribute Club, having been voted in during the group's Annual General Party this year. Still, the club founder consoles against confusion between himself and his compatriot. "A lot of people say we look the same, but let me assure you that Ricky Malibu and Dave Wellhauser are completely different people."

An eccentric individual hailing from parts unknown, Malibu is now at the heart of the Tribute Club, holding a tight chain around the organization and its events. Full of phrases such as, "Dominate, celebrate," and "Let's get greasy," the over-eccentric Malibu emceed Friday night's event. Wellhauser sees him as more than capable of operating the club and its

activities.

But what more of the illustrious Ricky Malibu? "Don't worry, he'll show up at the karaoke," promises Wellhauser, adding a cheeky grin.

Teenage Fan Club?

As mentioned beforehand, last Friday at the Huether saw the Trailer Park Boys Tribute Club put on a Karaoke Night for World Peace. One of the more striking faces at the evening was one of the show's tertiary stars, Sam Tarasco, who plays veterinarian Sam Losco – the boys' only equivalent of a doctor in their the fictitious trailer park.

Aside from offering an overgenerous portion of his personal singing skills for karaoke entertainment, Tarasco is a Laurier alumni from 1980 and former Golden Hawk. Tarasco was seen prior to the party attending the Laurier Athletics Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner on campus.

He also attended the Hawks' football game on Saturday, addressing the crowd at half-time. Laurier Athletics Director Peter Baxter was at karaoke party to present a replacement Letterman jacket to Tarasco, adding to the

decidedly "Homecoming" atmosphere of the event.

But a pressing question at this point is: what exactly is the Tribute Club about?

"It's about making the world a better place," is Wellhauser's response, and he says so in a genuine and serious tone.

On the surface, one would imagine the Trailer Park Boys Tribute Club being just as its title suggests; an outlet for those interested in the popular Canadian comedy to share a common interest.

In many ways, the club seems to achieve this, offering episode breakdowns on its website, frequent meetings between members and general Trailer-parking camaraderie. But in truth, the club ap-

"The Waterloo Trailer Park Boys Tribute Club is about making the world a better place."

- Dave Wellhauser, WTPBTC founder

pears to be more of a social group with an agenda for community issues than a group of catchphrase-spouting goofs.

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One of the club's principle aims is to raise awareness of important issues. Wellhauser, as mentioned further above, has been involved as an environmentalist during much of his mature life in Waterloo.

The Tribute Club was founded in order to team together both of his biggest passions; Trailer Park Boys and community service.

Save the Moraine!

The TPBTC's current official cheer, "Save the Moraine", describes one of the club's strongest agendas: influencing the community to become involved with safeguarding their environment and more specifically, its water supply.

For those unfamiliar with the phrase, and that may be most people alive, let me explain. Actually, I have no idea either.

To help, Wellhauser clarifies that the construction of new residential plots

in the North West of Waterloo on sensitive groundwater recharge areas are having an adverse effect on our local groundwater resources.

Type "Save the Moraine" into Google video and you'll be greeted with a video of Wellhauser, dressed in a white bunny suit, protesting for our local government to "save, don't pave, the Waterloo Moraine" at last December's UN Climate Change Action Summit in Montreal.

"Save the Moraine" is, according to the Tribute Club's website, www.tptributecub.ca, their current slogan, and not just an inane phrase. This means, in other words, it is the phrase most often shouted at various events and group meetings organized by the club. So for those interested in getting involved, get used to it.

Wellhauser will be taking part in a 24-hour dance-a-thon at the Starlight Club on October 29 in order to raise money for legal expenses for his appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board to protect our groundwater.

Wellhauser stresses his personal opinion that water is the key to global issues and problems surrounding the world.

To him, and to the club, it's important to raise these issues and show that students are capable of making a change at least within their community, where it counts the most.

Community Ethics

But what has any of this stuff got to do with Trailer Park Boys, the cult Canadian TV show?

"Our club, just like Trailer Park Boys the show, is about community," argues Wellhauser. "It's about people having to work together to get by."

With this in mind, perhaps the Tribute Club's involvement with important community issues makes perfect sense.

Without outright saying it, Wellhauser's description of the club makes it seem to be simply a front for raising public awareness of a variety of more socially important, topical issues.

In many ways it is a microcosm for the ideal student life. In the club founder's eyes: "It's about students having fun, but respectfully."

One prevalent issue which constantly faces a university like Laurier is that of student behaviour within a mature residential environment.

One of the principle aims of the club is to deal with this issue, and find ways for our student community to improve its reputation within the area. "We see people pissing on cars, and just acting disrespectful," says a frustrated Wellhauser.

"The problem is that the media focuses on the bad. Laurier isn't all like that."

The tribute club is therefore also a way of presenting student life within a better light by teaching students to be respectful of their neighbours (and their environment).

The WTPBTC also strongly supports minority sports on campus, featuring the WLU Synchronized Swimming Team at their karaoke event.

Wellhauser also believes that a balance is necessary between the binary of student/local. Locals can do their part by giving students a chance.

The WTPBTC also strongly supports minority sports on campus, featuring the WLU Synchronized Swimming Team, at their karaoke event, and announcing a team benefit to be held at the Fox and Fiddle on October 2 with local band Macro Fiesta. The underappreciated swim-team are hosting the national championships in Waterloo this coming February, their novice team having won it last year, their

competitive team placing fourth.

Tribute Club member Kyla Cotton, a WLU '06 grad, was also recognized for her work with Urban Harvester.

Surprisingly well known in the community, the Tribute Club holds various sponsors under its support network with Gen X, Princess Cinema, Jane Bond, Starlight and Kitchener's Shakedown Street all involved.

The multitude of spin-offs, events and organizations that the WTPBTC support

would seem confusing to a newcomer given that on the surface, it appears to be nothing more than a large fan club. "It seems confusing, but it's all very simple," says Wellhauser.

As bizarre as it may be, the Waterloo Trailer Park Boys Tribute Club has its heart in the right place. It preaches good ethics to the community. It sets a realistic goal for students for balancing fun with respectability. But more than anything, it further demonstrates how Trailer Park Boys may be the greatest show ever to erupt from Canadian soil.

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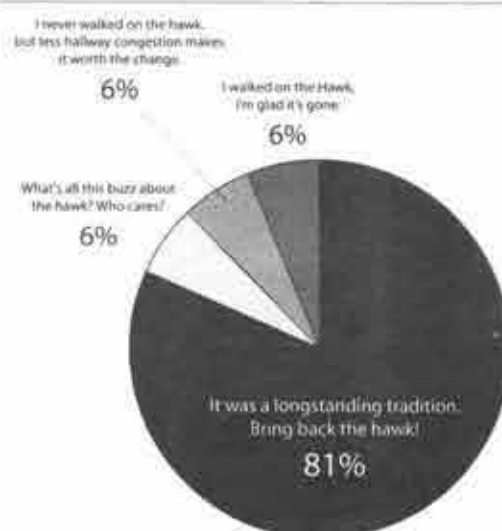
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Poll Results

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A stroke of genius



ALEXIS-ON-ART - Alexisonfire's George Pettit contributes a portrait to the *A Brush of Hope* fundraiser.

Fundraiser combines celebrity and artistry

BENJAMIN MCNEIL
CORD A&E

This past Saturday, tucked away in the corner of University Stadium Gymnasium, was a unique combination of art and charity.

A Brush of Hope, a fundraiser organized by the Kidney Foundation of Canada, is a collection of original art collected from a variety of famous Canadians. The list of contributors ranged from Scott Stevens (former New Jersey Devils Captain), to Brent Butt (*Corner Gas*), to Laurier's own Gary Jefferies (Golden Hawks football coach).

The brainchild of WLU alumnus Tim Fox, the event wasn't your typical fundraiser. After coming across some Rick Mercer paintings on the Internet, the original idea for the fundraiser was born; "Wouldn't it be cool to have a Rick Mercer on the wall?"

Over the past year Fox has been in contact celebrities requesting a submission of a unique work to be displayed and later auctioned on eBay to raise money for kidney

research.

The show currently has 84 works of art on display spanning all levels of artistic talent.

The pieces to look out for are an amazing portrait by Sass Jordan, a charcoal work of a man holding a gun by George Pettit (Alexisonfire) and the watercolour styling of Amy Sky.

Some of the more obscure and surprising pieces are Brent Butt's "What's Wrong With This Picture", displaying the Saskatchewan prairies with snow-capped mountains in the background.

Ben Kowalewicz's simple, yet interesting, minimalist interpretation of a stick figure couple; and Jessica Holmes heart shaped elephant head.

While *A Brush of Hope* has left the confines of Laurier, it's not too late to view the artistic talents of Scott Stevens or Karen Cain. So, to see something truly different and support a good cause, stop by Kitchener City Hall from October 11 to 13, or place a bid for one of the works on eBay between November 2 and 12.

> Retro Review

Star in the making

A fond look back at how the 'Governator' started on his way to success

PAUL ALVIZ
CORD A&E

The year was 1982, Wayne Gretzky scored 92 goals in one season, Michael Jackson's "Thriller" was released, and Arnold Schwarzenegger officially proclaimed that after years of reigning as the world bodybuilding champion, he was becoming a serious, albeit mechanical, actor.

In retrospect, it's okay to laugh at Schwarzenegger's bold proclamation, just as many critics did at the time. But in about 10 years time he would become a major Hollywood player, going so far as to become one of the highest paid actors ever, raking in an estimated 25 million per role.

Based upon the original comic book character by Robert E. Howard, the screenplay for *Conan* was written by Oliver Stone (*Platoon*, *Scarface*) and John Milius (*Apocalypse Now*). This gives it the realistic macabre of a war, combined with the adventure aspect of following an unlikely hero through his development into his own saviour.

It's the classic story of the little guy (or not so little in Schwarzenegger's case) against the big guy. The film follows Conan from childhood as he grows into a warrior, creating a deeply nostalgic

effect as he ponders the purpose of his survival, and faces the dark riddles that cloud his past.

The film opens with a scene that features a young Conan and his father, in which one simple line, his father foreshadows the rest of the film, "For no one in this world can you trust; not men, not women, not beasts, *this* you can trust," [points to his sword].

The young Conan remembers



Conan the Barbarian

Director: John Milius

Starring: Arnold

Schwarzenegger, James Earl

Jones, Sandahl Bergman

Rating: 7.9 / 10

Original Release Date: 1982

Recommendation:

WATCH IT

this as the last words told to him by his father before an evil cult leader massacres his entire village, and the children are enslaved.

There's no lack of action and violence, but it's not comical or repugnant in the way that a lot of TV violence is today. The action scenes are well laid out and choreographed, the sets and effects put into the movie are colossal and phenomenal, especially considering it was way before the time of any computer effects.

Most people will see the cover of this film and pass it up, having seen previous acting attempts by Schwarzenegger in films such as *Junior* or *Collateral Damage*.

However you can rest assured that although he is the main character, his lines are short and few, making their delivery easier and more powerful. In *Conan* Schwarzenegger had it the formula down pat: less talking, more fighting.

There are certain roles that fit Schwarzenegger like he was cast from a mold, such as the robotic persona he reprised in the *Terminator* series. Conan is definitely one such role.

In the special edition DVD, the director of the film John Milius says, "If we didn't have Arnold, we'd have had to build him."

But let's allow them to save that for another movie.

Digital denial

'Large format' shows wonder of technology

PAUL ALVIZ
CORD A&E

The latest designs in mainstream photography are digital cameras that boast a whopping 10.0 megapixels. This advance allows users to take convient high resolution images with the push of a button. However, on the complete opposite end of the spectrum, there lie a dedicated few, in the professional artistic and commercial fields, who are less than eager to make the film-to-digital switch.

For photographic enthusiasts like Jack MacAulay there is no substitute for the quality and authenticity of large format photography. Some of his more recent work is for sale at the Eldon Gallery in Waterloo. Titled "Land Escapes", the exhibition runs until September 27 and features photographs taken in Ontario over the past few years.

A large format camera resembles a box and features a super-hero-type cape attached to its back to block out light. They use unusually large film, 5 x 7 inches being the most popular, as opposed to the common 35 millimetre film found in most consumer film cameras.

This gives the photos an enormous resolution, with enough quality to be blown up to poster or billboard size.

Jack MacAulay first became

interested in photography while spending time in the Arctic for a posting he received after graduating from Carleton University. A friend at the posting showed MacAulay the basics, "and things snowballed from there," he said in a phone interview.

Having studied under various photographic experts in Ontario during his 50-year career, MacAulay has experimented with different techniques and cameras. But he has shot 5x7 almost exclusively since 1978, and has focussed mainly on shooting landscapes.

"I don't think you have to be in any special place to do this. Southern Ontario landscapes are beautiful," he said, while also expressing a love for the aesthetic beauty of Québec and the northern regions of Ontario.

It may seem like the battle between film and digital may seem like it has been fought and won, but film still has some bite to go along with its bark. When you compare a 35mm camera to a digital one, the resolution is comparable to 8 to 12 megapixels.

However, when using a large format camera and 5x7 inch film, that number jumps drastically to the 200 megapixel range.

While digital may be more convenient, the aesthetic quality of large format photography is a force to be reckoned with.

Fantastic success

Final Fantasy wins acclaim for *He Poos Clouds*

ESTHER WHEATON
CORD A&E

Only in Canada could an album containing the word "poo" in its title win Album of the Year.

On Monday, September 18, Final Fantasy's *He Poos Clouds* was announced as the winner of the brand new Polaris Prize.

The Polaris Prize is "Canada's first monetary prize for a full-length album based solely on artistic merit, without regard to genre or record sales," as stated on the official website.

The award is the equivalent of Britain's Mercury Music Prize (recent winners have included The Arctic Monkeys and Franz Ferdinand). The Polaris Prize, established just this year, includes a \$20,000 cash prize.

In an all-Canadian endeavour, a panel of 130 journalists and broadcasters from across the country acted as jurors in the selection process.

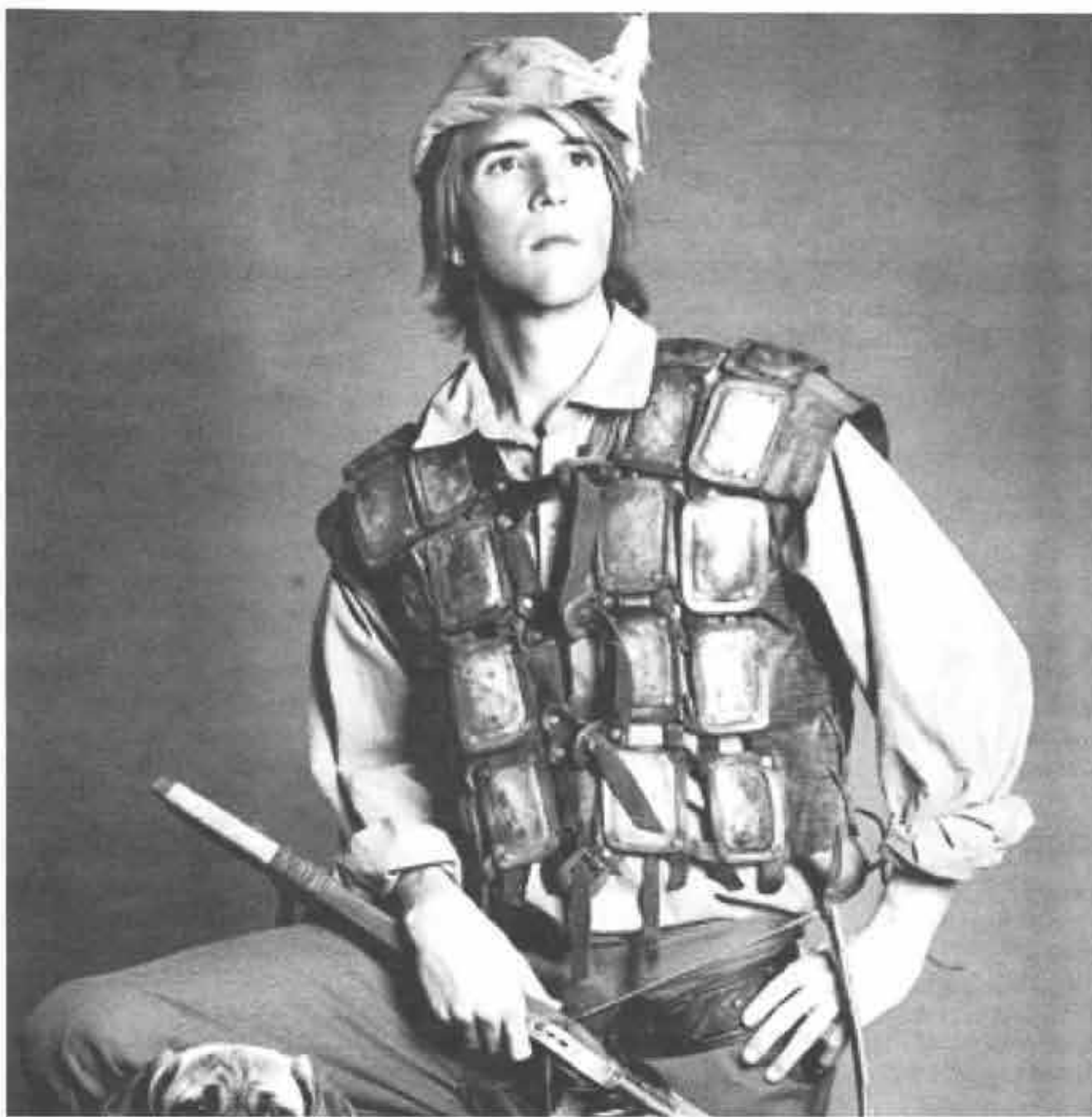
Eventually, a smaller panel of eleven jurors was used to choose the winner from the resulting ten artists.

The finalists were as follows: *Broken Social Scene*, Broken Social Scene; *Breaking Kayfabe*, Cadence Weapon; *Porcella*, The Deadly Snakes; *He Poos Clouds*, Final Fantasy; *I'm a Mountain*, Sarah Harmer; *The Dusty Foot Philosopher*, K'NAAN; *Trompe l'Oeil*, Malajube; *Live it Out*, Metric; *Twin Cinema*, The New Pornographers; *Apologies to the Queen Mary*, Wolf Parade.

The breadth and depth of talent contained in this year's group of finalists is a testament to the strength of the Canadian music scene.

Spanning various genres, from K'NAAN's African inspired hip-hop to The Deadly Snakes' bluesy-rock to Broken Social Scene and the New Pornographers' experimental pop-rock musings, The Polaris Prize is a long overdue addition to the Canadian music scene.

This year's winner, Final Fantasy, is essentially a one-man show in which Owen Pallett plays riffs on his violin, records them in a sampling machine, and layers them on top of one another.



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THE TOP DOG - Final Fantasy mastermind Owen Pallett has reason to celebrate as he wins the Polaris Prize.

This creates a thick floor of sound which supports his voice.

Pallett performs live, often singing and playing his violin simultaneously in a breathtaking flurry of motion and sound.

His string arrangements can be heard on many of the great Canadian albums of the past few years: including, The Arcade Fire's *Funeral*, The Hidden Cameras' *Mis-*

sissauga Goddamn and Esthero's *Wicked Lil' Grrrls*.

His first solo album, *Has a Good Home*, came out in 2005 under the BlocksBlocksBlocks and Tomlab labels.

He Poos Clouds has been considered something of a joke due to its title.

However, even amongst some intensely strong competition *He*

Poos Clouds stands out.

Owen Pallett's unique stylings and musicality continue to reach beyond the boundaries of traditional indie pop.

For a competition where the purpose was to single out artists based solely on their artistic merit, Final Fantasy's sophomore album was a worthy choice.

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Fashion frivolity takes away from the self



DON MORGENSON
ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE

As a subscriber to *Time Magazine*, I received a supplement devoted to fashion – *Time: "Styles and Design."* Then, my new *New Yorker* came and the entire issue is devoted to fashion: "The Style Issue." Goodness, who needs such a fashion glut?

Perhaps the feminists have been right – fashion designers are the world's worst (closet) misogynists, creating fashions for women that demean them and make them look ridiculous.

I do wonder what it is about fashion that arouses such negative feelings. Some of the outrage must be aimed at the wastefulness, the frivolity, the overweening vanity associated with fashion; those expensive wardrobe changes occurring with the changing seasons, the fickleness fashion induces.

Thorstein Veblen points to fashion as "class based capitalism's principal channel of conspicuous consumption and conspicuous waste."

Some object to the use of ani-

mals – their pelts, oils, and their living tissues – in pursuit of fashion and cosmetic perfection. Behind the models on the runway, others see "sweat shops" and the exploitation of workers in two-thirds of that "other" world.

There are worries regarding the misallocation of agricultural resources and the predictable prospects for an "economic colonialism" – the imperialistic dissemination of Western fashion that often displaces traditional/tribal, indigenous styles of dress, more appropriate for local climates in addition to preserving native crafts and cultures.

It was recently reported in the news that the goal of many Japanese women is to fashion themselves after Ken's sweetheart "Barbie." Henry David Thoreau cautioned: "Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes."

He welcomed too, the new as long as it was "substance" or

"character" which was transformed, not merely one's image or appearance.

Thoreau wrote: "Perhaps we should never procure a new suit, however ragged and dirty the old until we have so conducted, so enterprised, or sailed in some way, that we feel like a new person in the old, and that to retain the old would be like keeping new wine in old bottles. Our moulting season, like that of fowl, must involve a crisis in our lives."

Such a transformation of self sounds spiritual. If we truly sought the spiritual we would spend much less time preparing for life's party. I do wonder, how can we reach deeper spiritual levels, achieve some sense of character, if we are distracted by altered hem lines or the contours of our faces?

Surely a bulging clothes closet or bathroom cabinet packed with cosmetic accoutrements means only what French poet Charles

Baudelaire referred to as "... that loathsome bric-a-brac which accumulates in natural life."

Thoreau warned us that new clothes will not fit unless we too are new, suggesting reciprocity – as we fit in, taking our proper places in the world, we may be made new but so should society be reformed and made new as well.

Writer Karen Hanson suggests for insight we might return to the Genesis story. When Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge their eyes were opened, they knew they were naked so they sewed fig leaves and made aprons modestly covering the essential difference.

And God said: "Behold my creatures are become as we... to know good and evil." Such changes represented not only an advance in knowledge but an advance in morality as well... an awareness of and an interest in one's appearance was connected with insights

regarding the moral self.

Maybe I am making the issue unnecessarily complex. Perhaps psychoanalyst Edmund Bergler had it right all along: "The man for whom the neckline plunges, for whom the skirts are shortened and swirled, who whistles after every good-looking woman, is not as many might believe looking for Lady Godiva. What he is frantically seeking is the inner reassurance that he is a He-man."

According to Hanson, what remains troubling, however, is that we are supposed to be the lovers of wisdom – not the beloved; we struggle to know the world – not to be known; and we are to be the thoughtful ones – not the ones thought about.

Certainly none of this is true of that maelstrom called fashion.

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Letters to the Editor

Privacy Act Not All Bad

I read the *Cord* online each week. I was disappointed in the coverage of the Privacy Act and it now applying to universities in Ontario. It failed to point out the benefits of the Privacy Act applying to universities, mainly that Freedom of Information legislation now applies for the first time as well. It is now a lot harder for universities to keep information secret. As a media outlet, I am surprised that the *Cord* did not mention this. If WLU does not voluntarily release information to the *Cord*, the *Cord* can file a FOI request in order to get the information. This is only the first step in making Ontario universities more accountable. The next step must be putting Ontario's universities within the oversight jurisdiction of the Provincial Ombudsperson. I encourage students to ask questions and if you cannot get the answers voluntarily, file your request and get it anyway. Remember, FOI only makes institutions accountable when it is used by citizens to force them to be accountable.

Joey Coleman
McMaster University

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Scantily clad females set back Women's Movement



Being sexy is about how you portray yourself and what's on the inside, not what you wear, says columnist **Ryan Bolton**



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The Women's Movement, which dates back to the 18th century, has been incredibly successful since it was first introduced. It led to great changes on issues such as equal pay and reproductive rights, as well as gaining voting rights in 1917 and the right to be seen as "persons" in the eyes of the law in 1929.

The zeal and dedication to such issues by innumerable women and men, in both the past and the present, have allowed young women the right to be scantily clad.

From mini skirts to tube tops to clothing that is utterly outlandish, revealing clothing is

now seemingly accepted by social norms.

With the help of MTV and mindless television, such as *Laguna Beach*, young children see older girls wearing as little as they can to be sexy. This is not cool.

Whatever happened to sexy being an attitude? You do not need to dress in a provocative manner in order to be sexy.

Sexy is how you portray yourself, which does not mean wearing the least amount of clothing as possible in a pseudo-fashionable manner. Some things are better left to the imagination.

The horror of it all is the young ages at which girls (thanks to the help of our friends Britney, Christina, and let's not forget Paris) believe it is their prerogative to dress in a manner that is simply unacceptable, to such a point that this behaviour is almost a

farce, leading to derogatory titles such as "prostitut." Not to mention that in today's day and age, it is not safe to have young girls walking the streets provocatively clad in the midst of the countless sexual predators in Canada alone.

According to the *Globe and Mail*, a study conducted this year at the University of Connecticut and Elon University "found that after a brief five-minute first meeting, men were more likely than women to infer a sexual chemistry, regardless of whether it was there or not."

With the help of revealing clothing, men may "over-sexualize" encounters which could invite unwanted sexual advances.

In addition, according to Memorial University's 2004-2005 annual sexual harassment report, sexual harassment complaints have risen from 19 in 2000-2001

to 23 complaints in 2004-2005. These facts are startling especially since the statistics come from university settings.

In 2000, the US Centers for Disease Control reported that "one in five college women have been raped at some point in her lifetime," which is outright horrifying.

While dressing promiscuously is by no means an invitation to be sexually assaulted and victims in those horrific acts are just that: victims. By dressing more conservatively, women can avoid some undesired sexual advances and ensure that their clothing does not communicate the wrong message to others.

It is intelligent to be sexy in mind, yet dress a little more conservatively. This is empowering to women, not to mention it makes them a little more respectable.

It seems that the advocates

of the Women's Movement have struggled for centuries only to see women expose themselves in order to get looks of lust. Awesome, some might say. But is that what the Women's Movement has come to?

With such triumphant battles over endless tribulations, the Women's Movement is an unceasing steamroller.

Liberation is the epitome of the movement, but liberation to dress in clothing that represents someone who dances around a pole is probably not what the Famous Five had intended. Just question how you represent yourself from day to day, and maybe ask yourself if what you are wearing is suitable. Or will your outfit put the Women's Movement back a couple of years?