

Pikecoming not recognized by WLU

Greek Council to suspend Pikes if they continue to hold annual off-campus party this Saturday; frat failed to 'satisfy' WLUSU Off-Campus Events form

APRIL CUNNINGHAM
News Editor

Partying with alcohol is risky business. If the alienation of undergrads from Turret bar nights wasn't enough, WLUSU has put the brakes on the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity's annual Pikecoming party. But if all goes as planned, the Pikes will be running right through this red light.

"The event is an all you can drink keg party in a gun club."

- David McMurray, Dean of Students

Due to the same sensitive insurance policy that spawned the acting Turret underage procedure, it is a requirement for an official Off Campus Events form to be filled out for any event affiliated with the University. And that includes this party, which typically ships bus loads of thirsty students to a Woolwich field at the "Rod and Gun Club" in celebration of Homecoming.

"They failed to meet the requirements in their entirety," said Steve Welker, President and CEO of WLUSU, at a Board of Directors meeting last week. "If the event takes place, Greek Council will be reprimanded."

The Greek Council, which represents Laurier's fraternities and sororities through WLUSU, immediately took action to protect itself and its members.

"Pikecoming can not be happening or you will be suspended following a hearing," announced Natasha Olesen, President of Greek Council at their meeting held Monday night. She stated that the Pikes should submit a formal letter to say they would not go through with the event by 11:00am Thursday or they would lose all affiliation with Greek Council, WLUSU and Wilfrid Laurier University.

"We don't want to lose our reputation as a Campus Club," said Olesen. "It's in our best interest, not only as a council but as students."

But all systems are a go, as far as the Pikes are concerned.

"We've been planning it all summer," says Jamie King, President of the Pi Kappa Alpha for Laurier students. "It's an ongoing tradition at Laurier."

"It's still going to be the biggest party of the year," says Brandon Vadovic in charge of Public Relations for the Pikes. The fraternity says that they're proud of the event because of the money it raises for St. Mary's Hospital, the enjoyment the alumni get out of it, and that "it's a part of Laurier culture." Thomas Pobojewski, the Pikes' Special Events executive says that last year's event raised roughly \$2000 for the hospital.

Despite the Pikes' pride in the annual bash, it is not without its historic bad PR.

Last year, after several counterfeit tickets were used to sneak into the event, numbers well exceeded the 1500-person capacity,

and as soon as the kegs ran dry, riots erupted.

"Because of excessive drinking that we had last year and the coldness and the rain, everyone was really anxious to get out of there," says Vadovic. "People got out of hand and started throwing stuff at the buses and that's what

caused the buses not to come back."

Foot Patrol, BACCHUS and ERT Student Services volunteers were present, as in previous years, to help monitor the buses, line-ups, and to be available for first-aid emergencies. But when the parties got rowdy, volunteers took a hit.

"My job isn't to be spit on and told that I'm a bitch and a slut," Jayna Patel, BACCHUS Co-ordinator for 2003-04 told *The Cord Weekly* last year.

So when the Pikes approached Dan Robert, Vice President Student Services for WLUSU, earlier this summer, there were no warm feelings.

"There had been discussions that had happened early on about concerns from the past," says Robert. However, he says, the history between WLUSU and Pikecoming did not play a factor

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Hawks take down Stangs



www.laurierathletics.com

The Laurier Golden Hawks improved their record to 3 - 0 as they narrowly beat the Western Mustangs by a score of 38 - 34 this past Saturday. Please see page 32 (back page) for full story.

CBC cans university show

Pilot highlighting university life partially filmed at Laurier's Waterloo campus cancelled

FRASER KING
News Editor

A proposed television series about life on various Canadian university campuses has been dropped by the CBC. The series pilot episode was partially filmed at Laurier's Waterloo campus, had been filmed and edited and was ready to go when the decision to not broadcast the series was made.

Kim D'Eon, formerly of the popular CBC youth series *StreetCats*, produced and hosted the pilot episode of *Scene on Campus*. The show was filmed in half-hour segments and was to highlight a new campus with every episode to give students and prospective students a vision of what different campuses are like.

The exact reason why the

show was not aired is unknown. D'Eon noted in a document prepared for *The Cord Weekly* that "the decision to not pick up the show or air the pilot was that of various CBC executives." When asked if there was the possibility of the show ever making it to air D'Eon noted, "no with the CBC I don't think," continuing "but, you never know what can happen in the future."

D'Eon, who has moved on from the CBC, noted that "it is a very disappointing run of events for myself as well as all the peo-

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Bryan Harrison

In 2003, riots at Pikecoming resulted in many party-goers walking home when the buses refused to return to pick up the remainder of those in attendance at the event. Several volunteers were injured.

NHL lockout threatens to impact bars

Wilf's and other establishments may suffer due to NHL lockout

SHAWN PARKER
Cord News

Between October and early June of most years, it's easy to find good company to watch a National Hockey League game. During these months, and increasingly toward the latter half of the season, the NHL is a boon to local sports bars and pub proprietors. But without any NHL hockey on the horizon for what some are speculating could be up to eighteen months, some bar owners are worried.

"There certainly are concerns," says Mike Carroll, General Manager of Wilf's. The newly renovated on-campus restaurant and pub is not specifically aimed to a sports crowd, says Carroll, however large screens that were installed during the recent upgrade are prime media for sports viewing.

"I definitely hope it gets resolved," says Carroll, referring to the lockout. "It can do nothing but help."

And recent NHL history proves that winning teams affect beer sales.

Both Molson and Labatt's breweries reported record sales of beer products in Canada last May and June, coinciding with the Calgary Flames playoff run.

Not this year. Many bars located in NHL markets, those close to professional rinks most notably, have already begun lay-

ing off their workforce. According to cbc.ca, former NHL star Brad Marsh, who played 13 seasons in the league and who now owns two sports bars in Canada has already cut 75 employees from his payroll. The effects could be long-lasting even if the league does resume play in January, as some are predicting.

While there are a number of professional sports leagues still underway, Canadian economists equate great hockey with great beer sales.

"The World Cup was a huge success for us," says Carroll.

When a local team is on a hot streak, so too are the local drinking establishments. When a hard-working, likeable, mostly Canadian squad takes off on an incredible playoff run, as the Flames did last spring, the effects are nation-wide.

However Carroll says that there are currently no plans underway to promote alternative nights of watching sports at Wilf's. He added that there was never any formal programming involving NHL games.

Major League Baseball has not been a big draw for bars since the Blue Jays were a dominant franchise in the early 1990's. The only saving grace for some establishments this season, as experts predict, is the National Football League. The most popular game in the United States has reached

a frenetic pitch here in Canada, with more under-16 year olds enrolled in contact football in Montreal than in ice hockey this season, reports CBC. But with only two NFL night games a week, compared with the more than 60 weekly games in the NHL to choose from, bar owners will still be looking for answers.

Financial experts expect the NHL lockout to have a negligible effect on the Canadian economy in general. The economy operates

on a scale in the trillions of dollars, and as is repeated ad-nauseum, by Commissioner Gary Bettman, the NHL operates within a one-billion dollar industry.

The money usually allocated by fans on the NHL is expected to be spent on other forms of entertainment, and it's nearly an assured truth that the enjoyment of this entertainment will be enhanced by the consumption of alcohol.

While the financial impact on

the economy may be negligible to some, including the owners and more than 700 NHL athletes that could sit out the rest of their careers and never have to worry about money, the hardest hit by the work stoppage are again the proverbial "little guy," the proprietors of that most Canadian of Canadian beverages, the beer providers.

With files from April Cunningham



Jennifer Azevêdo

This busy Wilf's night may become an event of the past as the NHL lockout threatens to keep eager hockey fans away from one of the most popular places to watch the game: a bar.

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'Scene on Campus' may never be seen

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ple who worked so hard on the show."

While the CBC series *Scene on Campus* may never be seen, there is another university life program that is going to be broadcast. Roger's Television Kitchener will begin broadcast of a weekly half-hour series pertaining to university life beginning in February of 2005.

The show, known as *U Life*, will focus more on themes and topics relevant to university students rather than focusing on specific university campuses. The program will be pre-taped, so all of the content will not be time-sensitive or current.

The program is going to be hosted by local puppeteers Jordan and Nicholas Lemon through their puppets. Nicholas noted that "most people don't believe us when we pitch the idea to them." The puppets are used to confer a lighthearted attitude.

While the show is designed to focus on topics of concern to university students, the exact nature of the show is unavailable. "We don't follow the rules, that's why everything we do is hard to describe."

Nicholas and Jordan are looking forward to the program being broadcast. While many of the episodes are pre-taped the siblings want a lot of feedback from their target audience, university students. "U Life is for the students by the students," said Jordan.

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Pikecoming remains "a go"

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in whether their event received endorsement from the Union.

"Every event is being re-evaluated this year," says Robert. "It happens that Pikecoming is one of the first big scale events."

In fact, the Sigma Chi hold an Oktoberfest Night at the Auditorium later in the fall. Mark Teeple, Vice President of Greek Council says that the Sigma Chi's event is very different in that they simply sell tickets and run the busses to and from the Auditorium.

Robert emphasized that there was not even a question of whether volunteers would be made available to assist with the party, since the requirements of the Off-Campus Events form were not met. He says that one requirement is to have a ratio of patrons to security, which he interprets as a professional service. "And obviously volunteers aren't professional security," he says.

Whatever the excuse, there was definite miscommunication between groups. The Pikes felt cornered, while WLUSU says the fraternity was given "adequate notice" in late July to early August.

"Student Services at the last moment kind of pulled everything out from under us," says Vadovic. "We just want to do it, for the simple fact that we want to show everyone we can do it without the need of Student Services."

And although the Pikes will inevitably face condemnation from all directions, they insist on going through with the event. According to John Crowell, VP: Finance and Administration for WLUSU, it will be required that the Pikes remain disbanded from the Greek Council and therefore Wilfrid Laurier for a minimum period of six months.

"All we care about is getting a fair trial," said Carson Murray, an

active member of the Pikes at the Greek Council meeting. "We didn't get notice till late in the game. There's too much at stake."

David McMurray, Dean of Students, explains that there is a legal liability with the University's recognition of the Students' Union in the Operating Procedures Agreement between WLUSU and the University. Since the Union recognizes Campus Clubs, and Greek Council falls under that, it must not be associated with anything that violates University policy and may pose a liable risk.

Under "Regulations Regarding Off-Campus" of the WLU policy, several general guidelines are stated that the Pikes did not comply with. For example, they did not register the event with WLUSU's General Manager (Mike McMahon) 21 days prior to the event. They also did not register before advertising.

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— Carson Murray, Pike

As a result of the issues arising with liability, Jim Butler, VP: Finance and Administration of WLU submitted a letter to the Pikes to notify them that the University had no recognition of the event and was not supportive of it.

"As far as I know, the Pikes were not surprised by it. In fact, they planned for it," says McMurray.

But McMurray is still very concerned for the sake of students' safety.

"As far as we know, there's a huge amount of alcohol involved, and it's just a very risky and potentially unsafe event for stu-

dents," he says.

"The event is an all you can drink keg party in a gun club," he says. "We're certainly not against students having a good time... but this event has gotten to the stage where there are so many problems with the event... it's very concerning to us."

He says that although this issue will "absolutely" damage the Pikes' reputation, they have made the necessary precautions to make the event as safe as possible and to ensure it is completely external from the University.

"They've gone ahead and made plans to hold Pikecoming on their own and have gotten approval from the Rod and Gun Club. [The Township of] Woolwich, bus pick-up off-campus, liability insurance, and approval from the AGCO for a liquor license."

"We're ensuring the precautions we're taking this year will kind of stomp out what happened last year," said Vadovic.

Brothers have been trained in first-aid and security. A course on Smart Serve was to be offered to students assisting with the serving of alcohol, while the Pikes have called on the Waterbuffaloes and the Western chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha for assistance. There will also be a higher ratio of buses to students.

"It's kind of a rebuilding phase after last year," says Vadovic.

The Pikes are confident that their event, after a decade of Pikecomings, will be another success.

"We've taken a lot of proactive measures to make sure all the patrons of Pikecoming will be safe and will have a blast," says Vadovic. "We're looking forward to having this for years to come."

With files from Caitlin Howlett

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NATIONAL

Rise in refugees seeking safety

The changes that were made to the 2002 Immigration and Refugee Protection Act has caused an increase in the number of claimants from developing countries such as Jamaica, Guyana and the Dominican Republic seeking refugee status in Canada. Under the old act, the claimant had to prove that in their homeland their life was in danger due to race, religion, nationality or public opinion. The new act allows asylum to people in need of protection who believe they will be in danger in their homeland.

PROVINCIAL

Federal-provincial healthcare deal won't cast out shadows

Tom Closson, CEO and President of the University Health Network, believes that the new federal-provincial healthcare deal will not make much of an impact on the healthcare system. A sum of \$18 billion will be put into the provincial healthcare system over the next six years. There will also be a 6 percent increase each year, equaling \$41 billion by 2015. Closson says that the figure will need to total approximately \$30 billion in order to stabilize the system. He believes that Ontario hospitals will run a deficit of approximately \$30 million.

LOCAL

Sunbeam's new additions

On Friday September 17, 2004, four new houses at the Sunbeam Residential Development Centre, which helps with mentally challenged individuals, were opened. The rooms contain features including fibre optics, soft music and aromatherapy, which are designed to rouse the senses of the highly disabled residents. The contents of these rooms were once cramped into a single room in the institution located on Kingsway Drive. This seven year, \$2.2 million dollar project still needs another \$250,000 in order to finish renovating the old Sunbeam building which will now be used for day programs.

Compiled by Louise Kaddour



James Dwyer Scott

Victoria Park, across the street from Laurier's Brantford campus is home to many elements that have caused Brantford students to feel unsafe. Sara Neziol, Brantford's Campus Commissioner is pressing for more security measures.

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U of W solar car breaks all records

Student team finishes successful tour

STEPHANIE VOLICK
Cord News

The largest student run project at the University of Waterloo has come to a close. The Midnight Sun VII solar car has finished its North American tour and has set a new world record for a long distance journey in a solar powered car at 15 079 kilometres.

The team passed through seven provinces and fifteen states, stopping in the major cities, while traveling at speeds of up to 95 kilometres per hour. Along the tour the team had interesting experiences, such as being pulled over by curious police officers.

While the tour was very successful, there were some technical difficulties with the motor and motor controller. But with a spare motor, the team was able to continue. Another major challenge was the weather, as a result of the hurricane there were unpleasant conditions in New York forcing the team to change their route from Texas on.

Presentations were made one year ago to prospective team members. "It was a great presentation, it just captured me, so I joined," said Chris Ho, who works with electrical mechatronics.



The University of Waterloo's Midnight Sun VII solar car team gathers around their record-breaking project at a reception on the Waterloo campus to celebrate the arrival of the car. The tour lasted 40 days and covered land in both the USA and Canada.

ics. Ho joined the tour in Vancouver and stayed with the team for the remaining 28 days.

The record-breaking car is a major draw to the technically minded. "I wanted to get to know the technology better: the solar car, the panels, things like that. After that I would like to do some designing myself," said Ho.

Many people feel the team's greatest accomplishment was educating people across North America about alternative power sources and solar cars. "Not only

did we capture the world record, but also when we were going

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Chris Ho, Team member

through the states and provinces, we'd teach lots of people about

solar power," mentioned Ho.

In addition to being a technical wonder, the Midnight Sun is also a financial wonder, team member Emilie Smith explained: "The solar cells on our car alone cost nearly \$1 million. The price would have to decrease greatly before solar cars could be mass produced." A possible way to introduce the technology to the mainstream would be to combine a hybrid car with solar panels to be more environmentally friendly.

The Midnight Sun VII was completely designed, built and maintained by the University of Waterloo students. Most of the students are undergraduates but they are assisted by master students and alumni. The students have been building solar cars since the late 1980s. The team includes more than 150 members. The team was together on the tour from August 7 until September 16.

\$75 000 buys wlu.ca a "cleaner interface"

New wlu.ca website is reminiscent of the Laurier Course Calendar and other university websites

ROB BENNETT
Cord News

The familiar purple Laurier website has been drastically changed to meet higher standards of excellence demanded on the Internet. The new Laurier website, implemented earlier this week, now hosts a completely different feel. The University opted to pay a pri-

ivate company \$75,000 and there was no student involvement in the actual design of the website.

The new website contains a white backdrop with links dispersed in a more organized manner. It can be inferred that its current theme coincides with the typical look of a Canadian university website such as that of the University of Waterloo and the

University of Guelph.

"A shameless marketing effort," remarked ClubLaurier.ca Editor-in-Chief and Student Union director Tudor A. Costache, while commenting on the newly revamped Laurier website. Costache then suggested that the website is not consistent with university values and the site doesn't put students first.

Costache has seen three incarnations of the site in his five years at Laurier.

"[The new site is] a shameless marketing effort."

Tudor A. Costache, ClubLaurier
Editor-in-Chief

Tony Frost, Associate Director of Web and Graphic Services boasted a "cleaner inter-

face should provide an improved navigation experience."

Frost continued to explain the various benefits the website provides such as the "ease with which information can be published."

When asked about the diverse student body the selection of photographs on the website portrays, Frost commented "the University really tries to represent its inclusive nature, and we feel that the images used on the web site do that."

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Long wait for used books worth it for some



April Cunningham

It was at least a two-hour wait for second hand books last Thursday at the ACE Book Swap. A line extended from the sales location of the Solarium and spilled outside onto the sidewalk beside the Student Services centre. Kaitlin Pianosi, a first year Communication Studies student said she heard about the event because there were "tonnes of posters." At the front of the line, Patryk Wardach stood with a fellow business student for almost two hours. When asked what he would do if the books he came for weren't available, he said, "I'm an optimistic business person." He went on to comment that the wait was worth it because "books are expensive." Laurier's ACE group is part of a national, not-for-profit student organization that promotes entrepreneurship. The club holds the Bookswap every semester and profits support the club's various initiatives.

Bag O' CRIME

MISCHIEF Sunday Sept. 12-13

Person(s) unknown scratched inappropriate wording on the main floor elevator doors in the Peters Building.

DRUG POSSESSION 1:45am Tuesday Sept. 14

An officer responded to Bricker Residence at the request of residence staff regarding a complaint of marijuana possession. The accused was identified and a small amount of marijuana was seized. The drugs were turned over to Regional Police and the student is being dealt with by residence staff.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE 9:24am Tuesday Sept. 14

Officers and Waterloo Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at University Place. The alarm was caused by maintenance personnel doing some work in the building. There was no sign of smoke or fire.

FALSE FIRE ALARM 12:34am Tuesday Sept. 14

Person(s) unknown caused a fire alarm at 202 Regina by activating a pull station. There was no sign of smoke or fire.

MISCHIEF 11:00-11:30am Tuesday Sept. 14

An unknown person defecated in the hallway leading to the rear of the Library.

MEDICAL ASSIST 11:50am Wednesday Sept. 15

Officers attended at Bouckaert Hall in response to a student who was having difficulty remaining conscious. An ambulance was called and Security Officers administered oxygen until their arrival. The student was subsequently taken to hospital.

MISCHIEF 1:50am Thursday Sept. 16

A non-WLU male was charged with mischief after he was observed jumping on the hood of a vehicle and causing damage to it in lot 3. He was also issued with a written trespass notice.

REPORTED COUNTERFEIT 1:45pm Friday Sept. 17

Officers responded to the Bookstore after receiving a report of possible counterfeit currency being passed. On closer examination it was determined that the currency was not counterfeit.

ASSIST POLICE 5:00pm Friday Sept. 17

At the request of Regional Police WLU officers accompanied them to a residence on Spruce Street to speak to the occupants about a potential keg party. The occupants were cautioned by police.

ASSIST POLICE 11:30pm Friday Sept. 17

At the request of Regional Police, WLU officers accompanied them to a residence on Ezra Street where a large house party was in progress. A crowd on the street was dispersed.

NOISE COMPLAINT 10:20pm Thursday Sept. 16

Officers responded to the area between Euler & Leopold Residences after receiving a complaint of people making excessive noise. They were asked to keep the noise down and complied.

FIRE DEPT RESPONSE 10:31pm Saturday Sept. 18

Waterloo Fire Dept responded to an alarm at Bricker Residence. There was no sign of smoke or fire. The alarm had been caused by cooking in one of the units.

MISCHIEF 3:25am Sunday Sept. 19

Person(s) unknown broke a window at the main entrance to MacDonald House.

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 12:44am Sunday Sept. 19

A male WLU student was ejected from the Turret after being involved in an altercation. He refused to leave the area and started shouting and became abusive towards officers and attempted to punch one of the Turret staff. The matter will be sent to the Judicial Affairs Council.

TRESPASS 5:15pm Thursday Sept. 16

A UW student was issued with a written trespass notice after it was reported that he was bothering an ex-girlfriend who is a WLU student.

MISCHIEF 1:00am Friday Sept. 17

Person(s) unknown broke the glass in a door in the north stairwell of the Nichols Centre.

BREAK AND ENTER Friday Sept. 17 - 20

Several offices were broken into in the Geography Dept, the DAWB and the Science Building. Stolen were two data projectors and a laptop computer. In some cases the office was broken into but nothing was taken. Regional Police Forensic Identification Unit was called in to dust for fingerprints and collect evidence.

During this time period, two warnings were issued for Liquor Act violations.

News Bites

International Students

"No international student on Laurier's campus will be facing a tuition increase this year," says Anthony Piscitelli, Vice President: University Affairs of WLUSU. After being approached by Yan Zou, a Chinese International student, Piscitelli made arrangements with university administration to maintain the same tuition rate that they would pay at their university of origin.

Turret motion

There is still hope for underage students hankering for a good time at the Turret. Despite the temporary "procedure" which prohibits underage students from attending the WLUSU owned and operated Turret Nightclub on "bar nights," Fraser McCracken, WLUSU Director, will bring forward a motion which will allow the percentage of underage Laurier students multiplied by the capacity of the Turret, to access the bar. He would also like the Board to approve the purchase of a breathalyser. But Steve Welker, President of WLUSU, said in a statement that he fails "to see how a breathalyser would in any way affect our ability to prevent underage patrons from consuming alcohol."

FRASER KING
News Editor

In addition to writing for the publication Strickland noted that "some of the most talented or most promising individuals may write web updates for the [Laurier] webpage." The source

Anyone interested in participating in the SPARK program is welcome to attend an information session on Monday, September 27 at 4:30 in the Alumni Hall board room.

Compiled by: Blair Forsyth-Stark

Students applying for volunteer and employee positions within WLUSU will soon have increased abilities online. The WLUSU Board of Directors approved the \$3500 proposal for "Phase 3" of a project that will gradually improve application features on. Students will be able to track their application status, opt-out of the system after graduation, and flag and archive positions for their resumes. Another feature will allow users to receive hiring tips and interview information after the online submission has been made. "This will increase awareness of our

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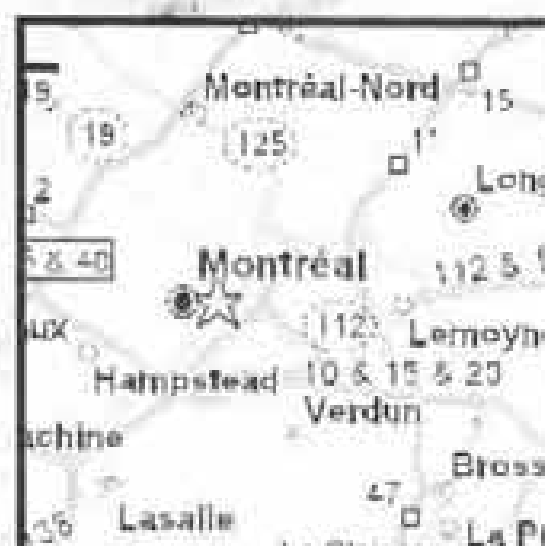


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Quote Of The Week

"I want something hot. I want to read about Ryan Reynolds!"
- Theodore Mitt's Girl Writing at Rolling Cart Café

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Willison Field needs serious attention

So our AC is in shambles, but sometimes you really do need to make a mess before you clean it up. Well on Willison Field, the mess is already made and there is no evidence that a clean up is even in the works. Not even a new parking lot.

flood part of the field in the winter and set up a skating rink. Beach volleyball courts, improved tennis courts, proper goal nets, outdoor park study space and above all, improved turf could all rejuvenate the field. As usual, the biggest snag in such a plan is money. The good news is that certain fees students pay, like the Student Life Levy, represent huge sums of money designed specifically for the "enhancement of campus life." The budgeted depth of the fee is in the area of \$850,000 and certainly some money could be siphoned from it.



The Editors' View

The decrepit look and feel of the potentially vibrant area keeps athletes and students away in droves. It's an arid field of cemented soil in the summer and a moribund wasteland in the wetter spring months. Willison is the single biggest waste of space on a campus bursting at the seams and something has to be done to turn that preschool playground into a respectable athletic and aesthetic campus locale. We can even call it something flashy, like the Willison Renewal Project. If it can get even a fraction of the money WLUSU sunk into the Will's Renewal Project, the field will be utopian. There have been some great ideas put forward in the past with little success. Former Director Andrew Howell proposed that we

WLUSU President Steve Welker has affirmed that if the students wish to renew the field he will tackle the issue, but it isn't currently on his agenda. There's no use throwing thousands of dollars every summer to reseed the ground only to have it massacred in O-Week alone. Focus the money and make a single sweeping change to the field. It only makes sense in the long term and with such recent emphasis on campus beautification and space efficiency it makes sense in the short term too. It's time both WLU and WLUSU take a good look into this field and start attempting to heal the gaping wound that is Willison Field.

Food services strained

Hey, remember the lines from registration day? The OneCard office? The Bookstore? Well they're winding their way in the Terrace and Dining Hall too. The demand placed on food services this year and last has been too much for the two locations to handle. There is not enough emphasis on food-to-go in the University. Certainly students rushing from class to class should be able to grab some tasty morsel of food in the ten minute intervals between classes. Slow service in the Terrace lately has been primarily due to bugs in new billing system WLUSU was phasing in, but even without this glitch, food prep is too slow. Service in the Pita Shack and Mr. Sub have had students throw-

ing up their hands (but certainly not any food) in disgust. WLUSU has talked about wheel-out food carts (similar to street-meal vendors) to deal with peak hour demands, but so far nothing substantial has materialized. WLUSU currently runs all Terrace businesses except for the wildly popular (and incredibly speedy) Pizza Pizza. They need to realize that their business operations must cater to the time-tabled students who can't wait 20 minutes for a sub or pita. The most reasonable move would be to purchase these food carts and set them up until long term solutions (like possible food outlets in the BAB or Science Building) can be considered and implemented.



Mike Petterick

Messy but genuine ideas

A complex set of unique experiences makes coherent belief systems completely absurd

Carly Beath



Entertainment Editor

Right now, we're at a point in our lives when we should allegedly be figuring out who we are and where we stand. We have to decide what we want to do with our lives, what we believe and what kind of person we are. This is a problem for me. We live in a society where any sort of apparent incongruities, dichotomies, opposing viewpoints, or - God forbid - hypocrisies, are not well looked upon. Each of our beliefs and opinions are supposed to mesh perfectly into the next. No collisions allowed. I don't know about you, but in that case, I'm screwed. I have long been a staunch opponent of the death penalty. I have been proud to live in a country that no longer allows it. There is too much room for uncorrectable errors. It is barbaric, and somewhat terrifying. It has an air of state-sanctioned evil. Earlier this summer, someone extremely close to me was murdered. While it hasn't reversed my stance on capital punishment as a whole, I can truly say that if someone were to pull a Sally Field in *Eye for an Eye* (spoiler

alert: she kills the murderer) on the asshole who did this, I would be far from upset. I would probably send them some flowers and a Thank You card. Is this hypocritical of me? Probably. Does that bother me? No. Why not? Because in our lives we're expected to form opinions on all sorts of things we really have no experience with. And I have found that there are some things you just can't understand until they happen to you. You can empathize and you can try to imagine what it would be like, but when you're actually involved there are a million feelings and issues you never even knew existed. We can talk until we're blue in the face about how the war in Iraq is wrong and unjustified and was started under false pretenses, but let's not forget that there are some grateful Iraqis that believe in the end it will be better now than it was before. I'm not giving my opinion on the war right now - that's irrelevant here - I'm simply saying that until we live under those circumstances it's a bit presumptuous for us to pretend to have the definitive position. What I'm getting at here is that these are the kinds of opinions that are formed out of gut

reaction, pure emotion, whatever you want to call it. And despite what we're often told, I think that's o.k. I think it's even preferable most of the time to profess a belief in something based on instinct rather than claiming a half-hearted opinion based on what you think you should think, or what other people will expect you to think. I'd love to hear from an anti-abortion feminist, or a biz kid with dreams of running away to join a commune. I'm wary of a world where everyone picks their ideas based on which ones they can stuff into rigid compartments of some label they've associated themselves with (or that other people have). I used to be afraid to admit my affinities for certain musicians/songs for fear of diminishing my ridiculous and inconsequential indie rock chick cred. Well, I'm now proud to stand up and say, "Yes, I love Christina Aguilera's music," and not in any sort of ironic way, either. So next time you're worried about sounding like a hypocrite, stop and think about whether that's always necessarily a terrible thing. Stop and think about whether being validated by other people because they can easily relate each part of your belief system to the next is better than being a real, complex person with unique experiences and messy but genuine ideas. Because, my friends, opinions are like orgasms. Faking it is never better than the real thing.

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Shinerama should fund more than just CF

Bryn Boyce



Opinion Editor

I remember a pretty heartwarming moment when a small boy with Cystic Fibrosis took the stage in his mother's arms during O-Week's Opening Ceremonies to timidly wave "hi" in front of a roaring crowd of fresh Laurier faces. But as cute and evocative as that little boy's salutation was, it's still a pretty well known fact that Cystic Fibrosis doesn't top the list of tragic diseases or disorders in Canada.

In fact, it's clear that The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has been a charity with stronger historical, rather than merit-based, roots in Shinerama. The campaign began at Laurier in 1961 but CF wasn't adopted as charity of choice until 1964. The event's success has only grown since with the campaign having raised an impressive \$15 million dollars to date.

The nation-leading success of Laurier's Shinerama campaign and the campus' generous spirit places us in a leadership role in this charitable campaign. After 40 years of strong, vigorous campaigning, Shinerama needs to shift its attention to other charities with broader based impacts in mind.

The Laurier University Charity Council (LUCC) has a much wider range of benefactors and should be used as a model for Shinerama. Their work with World Vision, The Liver Foundation, local food banks and the Canadian Cancer Society have been of lesser profile but with greater emphasis on spreading out at global, national and local levels.

Now any attempt to compare charities with the goal of establishing priorities and hierarchies can quickly devolve into fickleness. Despite this danger it's worth noting that, according to the Canadian Cancer Society, "an estimated 145,500 new cases of cancer and 68,300 deaths from

cancer will occur in Canada in 2004."

The Heart and Stroke Foundation reported that in 1999 alone, 78,942 Canadians died of heart disease and stroke, a figure which represented 36 percent of all deaths in Canada. And certainly the mere mention of AIDS/HIV, considered by many to be at near pandemic levels in Africa and East Asia, is enough to register on this list.

In contrast, CF affects 1 in 2500 children and currently a comparatively small 3,400 Canadians have been diagnosed with CF and attend clinics.

Even aside from traditional diseases and illness, there are many common societal problems that deserve infinite amounts more attention than they receive. Poor mental health in particular is a lower profile issue that affects an incredible amount of people. Mental health problems so often go untreated and can manifest themselves as eating disorders, schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders and even suicide.

In my work with the Canadian Mental Health Association, I've witnessed the curtail and closure of quality assistance programs in my home community as well as here in the Waterloo region that directly reach out to people with these problems. The CMHA has perennial funding issues and the collapse of generosity has meant youth driven initiatives like the one I volunteer with, YouthNet, are essentially stripped bare.

According to a 2001 Fraser Institute report entitled the 2001 Generosity Index, Ontarians are put to shame when it comes to charitable donations. Although third in the country, our percentage of income donated only beats out the Yukon when compared against American states.

It's clearly important that Laurier students continue their strong leadership in charity fundraising, but it's time that our flagship event, Shinerama, begins selecting the recipient charity because of merit and not historical practice.

Letter to the Editor---

'Journalistic breath of fresh air'

Dear Editor,

I was pleasantly surprised when a copy of The Cord Weekly (Sept. 15) made its way onto my desk. And true to the old phrase, 'I couldn't put it down,' I really couldn't put it down.

I think your guest columnists were particularly strong, probably accentuated by the fact that while reading, I was laughing out loud at 1:30 in the morning.

What lured me into the rest of the paper was the international section. I thought the coverage became more personal because it was written by an editor of the paper. Well done Kris Cote.

I also wanted to comment on your [Caitlin Howlett] story, 'Trout served at noon.' Although, myself, a self-admit-

ted novice in musical interpretation, I really connected with the piece. When you described your hair standing on the back of your neck, my hair stood up. Your vivid descriptions of the atmosphere interwoven with the musical accompaniment made me feel like I was there and am indeed sad that I missed the performance.

Thank you again for giving me a journalistic breath of fresh air. I look forward to the next edition.

Rob Terpstra
Sports Editor
The Brock Press

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The Pike ultimatum a rational response

Caitlin Howlett



Editor-in-Chief

Risk management is up this year, communication is down, and the word 'satisfy' has been used very ambiguously.

In the last three weeks, events have taken place that have left students and members of the University confused, undeniably concerned and even unsatisfied. A swift procedural change to the policy regarding underage students permitted in the Turret was just the beginning.

In the latest development of WLUSU's attempts to improve risk management, Student Services and the Students' Union have refused to acknowledge or support the annual Pikecoming event held by the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, or the Pikes if you prefer. Monday night marked the second Greek Council meeting of the term and the first time the Pikes were formally warned about their suspension from Greek Council and Greek Life should they proceed with their event this coming Saturday.

Managing risk, Greek Council under the advice of WLUSU and WLU, have removed themselves from any association with the event, along with the two aforementioned groups.

According to various Pikes including their President, Jamie King, it is too late in the game to cancel the event and withhold a 'Laurier tradition.'

The Council's Vice President,

Mark Teeple, told *The Cord Weekly* that each case will be dealt with on an individual basis when it comes to evaluating future events. If these Off-Campus Events are based on individual criteria and this is done so because they hold different event parameters, why were the events of last year's Pikecoming not taken into consideration? There is no question that the events of last year played an integral role in the decision making process, unofficially perhaps, but a role nonetheless. And while the "oh what about last year?" is on everyone's mind, the real problem that should be evaluated is the miscommunication that occurred between WLUSU, Student Services, the Pikes and even Greek Council.

The lines of communication in this story seem to resemble a good old fashion game of broken telephone. And in many cases, *The Cord Weekly's* questions were redirected or refused to be answered. Given the confusion surrounding the forms, the processes and even the way in which the suspension will occur, there is cause for concern if you belong to a group on campus that needs to hold an event off-campus. It doesn't matter if you're Greek or not, the point is that all of this is pretty Greek to me (excuse the pun).

Documentation can only get you so far, but communicating this documentation, the standards, the timelines and requirements to 'satisfy' those approving the event is something that is missing from all of this. The Pikes needed a greater understanding of the requirements they

had to satisfy and if indeed they could without the help of Student Services. WLUSU along with WLU needed to communicate the procedure and necessary timelines for this earlier on when talks originally began.

It is unfortunate that despite all the obvious care that went into the planning of this event by specific members of the Pikes to forego a repeat of last year's mess will be negated by their suspension from Greek Life. It is doubly unfortunate that somewhere along the way, communication was muddled, deadlines were not met and necessary requirements were missed. Would it have ever been satisfied? Probably not, because the bruised volunteers and students walking home is still a fresh image in the minds of University administrators and student government officials. These images and memories of one year ago almost to date, despite refutes that the events of last year's Pikecoming had little to do with the decision to not support the Pikes, had an impact. Student Services removal from the event only made it easier for the Off-Campus Events form not to be satisfied.

Greek Council, WLUSU and WLU have done what is in their best interests, the best interests of students (especially from a safety perspective) and have moved to preserve the integrity of this University and the surrounding community. The Pikes have little choice now except to run their event and suffer the consequences. Their profits, a stipulation of their Special Events Permit, will still go to St. Mary's hospital. While this event may satisfy good Samaritan requirements, the reality is that the Pikes did not satisfy WLU, WLUSU and Greek Council.

The Rolling Stones were right, "you can't get no satisfaction."

Sexually pigeon-holed

Marcos Moldes



My So Called Queer Life

Being gay, visibly "out" and comfortable with your sexuality brings along a plethora of interesting side effects that one doesn't always expect. People often come to me for advice, I've taken more than one individual sex toy shopping, and my personal favourite is the little game I like to call the "Q&A Session."

The Q&A Session is a game that usually involves a queer individual and a straight counterpart. It's like twenty-questions but tends to require more than just yes or no answers. Think of it as a way of discovering everything (and more) of what you wanted to know about queer culture. Questions range from "When did you first come out?" to (one of my personal favourites) "Why do you all like Cher?"

My last Q&A session occurred after work over cocktails; someone asked me if I had ever been attracted to a woman before. Now, I have a little crush on Angelina Jolie (it's the lips) so I answered honestly and said "well, sure, sometimes."

As the room hushed to a silence, I could even hear someone gasp at the shock of the statement I just uttered.

"But, you're gay!" the chorus

Clinging to rigid parameters of sexual expression isolates us

of confused servers, bartenders and kitchen staff ring in my ears like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

I couldn't help but laugh at the astonished look on their faces; it was as though I had just told them the truth about the tooth fairy. My little star crush turned into something bigger. It turned from simple admiration of a beautiful woman into an example of the fluid nature of sexuality.

Queer has become a buzzword that professors seem to love to use.

People seem to be under the impression that identifying as gay or lesbian completely nullifies our ability to find someone of the opposite sex attractive. I'm not gay because I find women sexually unattractive; I'm gay because I'm sexually attracted to men.

While I identify as gay, I'm comfortable in admitting that there have been instances where I've found women attractive. Does this make me any less gay? I'll pose the question another way: does it make someone less

straight if they admit someone of the same gender is good looking?

I've always been under the impression that our sexual orientations are far more fluid than people seem to think. My friends and I often joke that under the right circumstances everyone is a little bit queer.

This brings me to the word "queer." It's become a buzzword that professors seem to love to use; it recognizes the hetero-normative values of our post-modern society (meaning society recognizes certain things as "normal" while everything else is considered a deviation from "normal"). Queer therefore functions as a resistant identity; it opens up a space that welcomes diversity in sexual expression - you can like men, women, transvestite/gender, kink, the Lith fair - whatever turns your crank.

In the grand scheme of things the labels we use to identify our sexual behaviours are just that: labels. Instead of accepting a diversity of sexual expressions, we pigeon-hole ourselves into smaller and smaller groups that keep us isolated and separate: so back to the Q&A: I'm a gay man with a crush on Angelina Jolie. What could be queerer than that?

The virtues of profanity

Chris Clemens



Guest Columnist

There's nothing like a family dinner to make you realize what a crass bastard you really are.

"Ruth, can you please pass the... pass the..." I gestured irritably at the bowl on the table in front of my sister. She looked at me uncomprehendingly, probably deep in thought about Good Charlotte or dancing ponies or whatever the hell it is that eight-year-old girls care about these days.

I wanted that bowl something fierce but the words were missing. "The... the..." I snapped my fingers. I pointed directly at the bowl. I stammered like a parrot. She stared over my shoulder blankly.

"The Yorkshire pudding! The fucking Yorkshire pudding!" I suddenly roared as the words finally arrived in mind, long after my tongue had ordered them. I raised my arms in triumph, marking yet another victory over the debilitating effects of long-term alcoholism on my memory. Being an English major has evidently paid off – I can complete simple sentences in less than five minutes. I looked around the table proudly.

Nobody seemed pleased. Ruth, mouth agape, pushed the bowl limply across to me. Parents were frowning. The dog bit my leg, evidently mistaking me for a scrumptious pork chop. Understandable.

What was wrong here? I was a master of communication and I was eating my Yorkshire pudding. Everything was just dandy

If you don't have anything nice to say, try swearing instead

in my books but I had a whole row of sisters, fresh out of Bible camp, staring me down with shocked doe-eyes. Uh-oh.

It turned out that I had made Jesus sad. I had dropped the F-bomb without even thinking twice, piercing the virgin ears of my devoutly Christian family. I had ruined my chances for dessert that night.

Profanity is something I tend to take for granted, like seeing crazy Goths humping the wall at Phil's. In my world, expletives are everywhere but it took a Pentecostal beatdown for me to realize just how prolific swearing really is in our lives and culture.

Expletives are everywhere in our lives but it took a Pentecostal beatdown to realize their prolific nature.

Profanity dominates the writing of our popular music, theatre, television and films, to the immense chagrin of conservative censors. There was nothing funnier than hearing Jay-Z's award-winning "99 Problems" single this summer. The song's chorus contained the word "bitch" and the radio play was mutilated by dozens of uncomfortable blanks where the "bitch" should've been. It was a massacre to listen to, but it's just another example of an older establishment frantically trying to maintain the dam of decency against a rising flood of popular consent.

If WLU is any indication, expletives have become mainstream in everyday conversation. Professors swear. Janitors swear. *The Cord* swears. And students certainly swear – you should hear yourselves at the bar when you're drunk. Jesus Christ. Evidently, for us, the new status quo, the boundaries of correctness have shifted and if you don't like it, you'll learn to or you'll get beaten with a sack of doorknobs. It's only a matter of time.

So if everyone you know swears, then what's the point of even having profanity? What is its ongoing purpose if not to shock and awe and rape and pillage?

Well, "fuck" has become one of the most diverse expressions in the English language. If you're so inclined, (or if you're from Eastern Canada, I guess) you can create an entire workable sentence using this word: "Fuck you, you fucking fucker!" It's not very profound, but profanity is slang and slang is flexible: it changes to fit our needs. It fills gaps in the language and provides a placeholder when more eloquent words aren't available. Swearing can be emphatic, descriptive, emotive and damn funny if used correctly. Cussing still has a place in our vocabularies, no matter how many other huge words we cram in there.

Even if my family doesn't quite get my crassness yet, profanity is here to stay.

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You all remember Sonzi Buddy, the purple gorilla that raped computer desktops the world over? Yeah, he's on trial in the Hague.

One day animals will pay dearly

Animals have rights AND responsibilities

Pat Alexander



Guest Columnist

To most, the above statement comes across as ridiculous. This quote comes from Will Ferrell in a classic SNL "commercial." Here, Ferrell is Wade Blazingame – not the baller, the attorney at law. The parody features a guy running around digging holes in yards, raiding groceries and humping legs. Blazingame asks, "Is it alright for a person to do this? No. So why is it okay if a dog does it? It's not. Sue them!" It goes on depicting Ferrell/Blazingame as a lowlife TV dog lawyer who urges those who have had their rights violated by dogs to pursue litigation against them.

The thought of holding animals to the same legal standard as people is obviously outrageous – that's what makes this SNL bit so funny. Why? Because animals are decidedly less intelligent and so cannot be expected to comprehend the ethics and rules that govern human law. To make them "play by the same rules we do" would be unfair.

However, most of us would agree that animals still do have a considerable amount of mental ability – they are more than just aimless wanderers. Plus, they should have rights. Almost all animals seem to experience pain and pleasure, and so it follows that we should protect them from cruelty and promote decent living conditions where they can be happy.

What I don't get is how so many can advocate giving animals rights, perhaps even to the same measure as peoples' rights, while no one has suggested giving them any more responsibility. Where I come from, having

"rights" means also respecting the "rights" of others and holding oneself to some degree of accountability – really, that's the entire point of "rights."

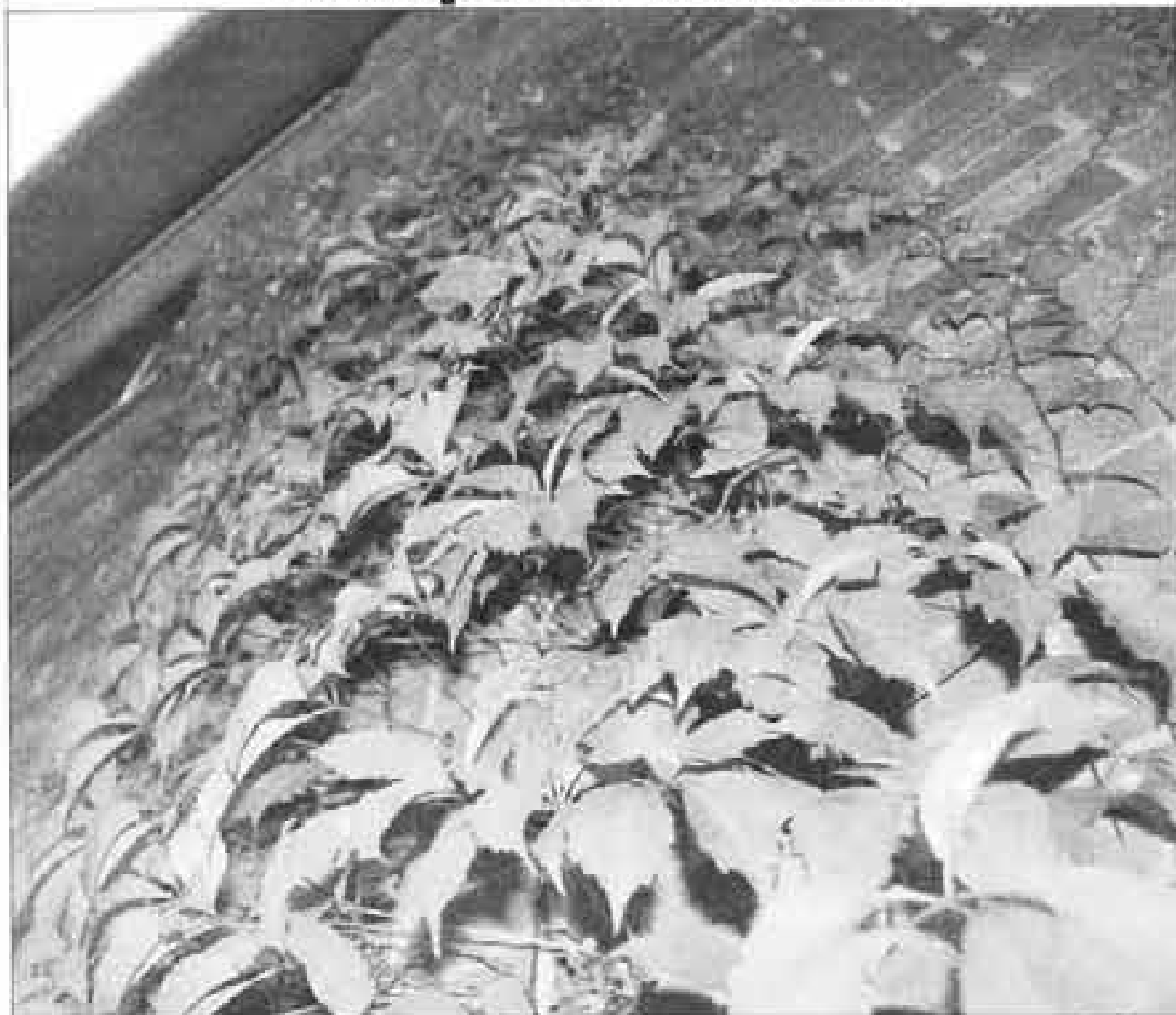
For those who think animals aren't smart enough to be accountable, I would submit to you that animals astonish us time and time again. Not a day goes by that I don't read somewhere about a dog that can do math or a chimp that can skateboard. 'Koko,' the talking gorilla, is purported to have an I.Q. between 75 and 90 and 'Pat', former Prime Minister Mackenzie King's dog, used to give him political advice all of the time.

It seems to me that animals have greater potential than most people realize – other dogs and apes could probably achieve these goals too, they just haven't been challenged enough. We could stimulate the animals by giving them more rights and responsibilities.

Interestingly, our ancestors have taken these concepts to proportions worthy of the SNL "dog lawyer" parody. American author E.P. Evans, who documented the history of animal trials, notes that there actually was animal court up until 1906. Some common indictments included charges of theft by foxes, fraud by field mice and homicide by bees. Evans doesn't specify how they got the bee to sit in the defendant's chair; presumably it was covered in pollen. I couldn't find mention of dogs or chimps anywhere. I guess they were above the law.

Despite the legal precedent, at this point I don't think that many animals are smart enough to understand the rule of law. Maybe Koko is, but most are still in the first stages of learning. But that doesn't mean that they can't distinguish between right and wrong. If we, as humans, encourage virtue through accountability, then maybe someday dogs will be able to, as Wade Blazingame puts it, "play by the same rules we do."

Campus Pictorial



Bryn Boyce

Ivy-League Aspirations: Apparently that 50 cent Green Fee Charge is being put to good use! Now ivy has been intentionally planted to beautify campus and slowly dislodge the brick work... On the bright side, we look really old and academically established. Like Harvard.

John Tory runs away with PC leadership

BRENDAN JONES
Staff Writer

Twas the night before the election, when all through the convention, hardly a Liberal was stirring, certainly not a Dalton. In fact, if your name starts with "Mc", ends with "Guinity", and you happen to have the first name "Dalton", you would not have wanted to be at the Crowne Plaza Don Valley for the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party leadership convention.

There was one Liberal stirring at the convention however, the man who spearheaded John Tory's failed bid for Mayor of Toronto and former Chrétien strategist, Warren Kinsella. "We always take our opponents seriously," he said, pointing out that the provincial Liberals were "ready to confront" whoever took leadership of the party on Saturday.

With Mike Harris and Stephen Harper looking on, the candidates delivered their speeches to the packed house of party members and media on Friday. Frank Klees got the ball rolling with a speech that even drew laughs from reporters as he pleaded with Dalton McGuinty, "don't think". While Jim Flaherty yearned for a hark back to Mike Harris style leadership, "We know that our Party wins when we base our policies on our principles. We win when we say what

we mean and we mean what we say."

Tory gave a frontrunner speech of conciliation, saying "there will be prominent places for both Jim and for Frank" under his leadership. Of course, Tory still saved some space for Dalton, "McGuinity made extravagant promises to get himself elected. Promises he never intended to keep," Tory lamented, "promise the moon and break them by noon. That's the way these guys operate. That's what this gang of Liberals is all about." Tory's speech and policy letter made little mention of post-secondary education however, although the topic had come up in debates.

When I caught up with Tory later that evening, he told me that he believes that "lots of money has been spent building buildings with little attention to what's going on inside."

"Not enough funds or teachers have been put into the classrooms," Tory said that if elected Premier he would support income based tuition repayment and matching scholarship funding to alleviate the financial burden on students and ensure that the "students that need and deserve help the most will get it."

You know, there is a reason they call it a political "party." After Friday's short speeches, to raucous tunes like "Let's Get It Started" by the Black Eyed Peas,

the delegates and candidates mingled while indulging in cocktails and beers, generally "getting down" conservative style.

Saturday's festivities began with a roast and toast to the outgoing leader, the Hon. Ernie Eves, in which no less than 19 hair jokes were delivered in speeches with video messages from Mike Harris, Lloyd Robertson, Mike Weir, and Don Cherry.

Bill Davis, Premier of Ontario from 1971-1985, received the largest response from the crowd however. Bringing down the house with a series of one-liners roasting Eves, Davis kept the room in stitches for nearly 30 minutes stopping at one point to reflect, "wasn't I supposed to say something nice about Ernie?"

Davis even had Stephen Harper laughing to the point where milk would have shot out of his nose had this all occurred in the Parliamentary Cafe. After receiving a Maple Leafs jersey properly attired with collar, tie, and cufflinks, Former Premier Ernie Eves then gave his farewell address in which he called on the party to unite behind whoever is chosen as their new leader.

Harper delivered the convention's keynote speech. Calling the Progressive Conservatives Ontario's "natural governing party", Harper praised the party's 49 years of leadership in this century while saying the Liberal



Brendan Jones

John Tory address the assembled delegates to accept the party leadership position in the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party

Party "has no ideals, only deals." "It's a Halloween Party," Harper said jokingly, "a lot of tricks for the electorate and a lot of treats for its friends." When I spoke with Harper to get his reactions on the recent First Minister's meeting he said, "the ball is in their court now."

Former Federal Conservative party leadership candidate, Belinda Stronach said "there is nothing the government can give you that it hasn't taken away first," in reference to the cuts to health care that Paul Martin made in 1995 as Finance Minister.

After Tory narrowly missed a first ballot victory and having to defer to the second ballot selection of those who voted for candidate Frank Klees, John Tory was elected leader of the party shortly

before midnight. It is speculated that Jim Flaherty, having failed to gain leadership for the second time, will follow former health minister Tony Clement to the national stage and be fielded as a candidate by Stephen Harper in the next federal election.

Tory's victory signals a shift in the party to the moderate policies that characterized the Bill Davis era, while the other two candidates tried to cast themselves as heir apparent to the Harris/Eves Common Sense Revolution. Tory now finds himself in the position of leading the party without a seat in Queen's Park. The Liberals are considering a snap by-election as a gesture of good faith and will probably not field a candidate.

Centrist candidate Tory will challenge Liberals

Brendan Jones



Guest Columnist

If the Liberals were looking for an early Christmas gift last weekend, they didn't get it. By electing John Tory leader last weekend, the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario has positioned itself to shake McGuinty from the reins with a candidate not cast from the Harris/Eves era. Distributing anti-Tory trinkets to the media and trying to counter-spin the convention coverage, the Liberals are clearly already worried.

And worried they should be. The Tories could successfully run a trained chimp against Dalton right now, since they were polling higher than McGuinty's Liberals before a leader had been chosen to succeed Ernie Eves. And they don't want it to get any worse, offering a snap, uncontested by-election to get Tory into Queen's Park and avoid the media coup that would accompany Tory winning by a ridiculously large margin.

Supporters and pundits have suggested that Tory has the ability to beat McGuinty when the province heads back to the polls in October 2007, mainly on account of his more centrist approach. By electing the moder-



Brendan Jones

Former Ontario Premiers, Bill Davis (left) and slick-haired Ernie Eves chat at the PC Convention, Davis' speech was well received by the delegates as the PC mark a return to political centre

ate John Tory, over Harris era Jim Flaherty and Frank Klees, the Tories are positioned against the smear tactics like those the federal Liberals used during the summer federal election.

They are also in a position to make inroads into the urban Toronto ridings that have eluded them, as Tory was Co-Chair of Mel Lastman's campaigns and

the runner up to David Miller for Mayor of Toronto. This creates quite a worrisome position for Dalton McGuinty since Tory is a far cry from a trained chimp. Having been the principal secretary to former Premier Bill Davis and an organizer on every Conservative campaign in recent decades, Tory is by no means a political neophyte. A charge that

has hounded Dalton McGuinty for some time.

Tory's work for the Canadian Paraplegic Association, Crimestoppers, the Salvation Army and the United Way as a volunteer, fundraiser and activist shows a strong commitment to the community and tolerant values. If the Liberals are unable to cast Tory as the caveman candi-

date, they will not be able to scare NDP votes into their camp. The fact Tory doesn't have direct links to the previous Conservative government sure doesn't help the Liberals either.

Having been elected leader on a platform emphasizing the conservative principles of balanced budgets, lower taxes and efficient government while investing in education, health care and promising to abolish the new health premium, Tory is taking direct aim at Dalton's exposed underbelly.

Now the provincial Tories have to unite behind their new leader if they want to win back government in 2007. The Liberals, federally under Chrétien and Martin and provincially under McGuinty, have the trappings of office despite angering taxpayers. You can call them crooked but you can't say they don't close the ranks behind their leader at election time. With the PCs currently filling little more than a rather large couch at Queen's Park with only 24 seats, John Tory will have to turn the party's finances and prospects around just as he did for the Canadian Football League.

As Tory has said, "real leadership is about bringing people together to solve problems and create opportunities. It isn't about dividing people and pitting them against one another." Of course, all of this won't stop the Liberals from trying.

Darfur's peninsula: the terrorists new ground?

A fallen Sudan will help create terrorist enclave

Ruben Gu-Konu



Guest Columnist

It is common knowledge that the United States, following 9/11, has decided to wage an aggressive war against terrorism. In the American legislature, even in the Republican ranks, the debate over how the Bush administration has decided to wage this war still exists.

On November 2, 2004, the votes may sway one way or the other, but the question the U.S. government has failed to answer is where will the next breeding ground for international terror be?

American policy makers may overlook the importance of stabilizing the Sudan and the entire Horn of Africa.

It is no surprise that the U.S. is known to intervene in regions and external conflicts where its interests (especially economic and security) may be at risk. The "liberation" of Kuwait in 1991 and the Vietnam conflict 30 years earlier are two of the most well-known examples.



Lesser known is the Horn of Africa, which has been hit severely by droughts and other weather-related plagues that have had devastating effects on its populations.

Ethiopia is one of the prime examples where the famine following the 1981/1982 drought triggered worldwide attention, resulting in the involvement of American music stars such as Diana Ross, Tina Turner, Michael Jackson and Kenny Rogers in writing the song "We Are the World". The proceeds went to help alleviate the famine and suffering in the African nation.

Looking at the current situation in Sudan's Darfur region, American policy makers may overlook the importance of stabilizing Sudan and the entire region in general for several reasons.

Sudan and the entire Horn of Africa hold two very important aspects that may attract terror networks such as al Qaeda for recruiting and training for future attacks on the U.S. and other Western nations.

The droughts and financial difficulties in the region have triggered rebel movements in neighbouring Somalia. The political stability in Somalia will deter-

riorate and a full-fledged civil conflict will demand the involvement of the United Nations and the international community.

It's quite clear that droughts and war go hand in hand when analyzing the political, humanitarian and economic situation of the Horn of Africa.

The second vital element is the high concentration of Muslims in the region. This second factor will be the main attraction for fundamentalist groups such as al Qaeda. Convincing young Muslims to sacrifice their lives for a better world than the one they are in, full of death, famine and an absence of a future, will not be too difficult.

The combination of these two factors is far more dangerous than the weapons of mass destruction that Iraq, Iran or even North Korea may or may not possess.

These nations can be seated at a table to discuss the issues of disarmament and peace. Terrorism on the other hand is a faceless, unaccountable international play as al Qaeda demonstrated on September 11, 2001 and on many other occasions.

The U.S. spends close to a billion dollars a day on their defense

and military assignments, but not one cent of it was enough to prevent tragedy from occurring that fatal morning.

It is therefore critical that the U.S. and its allies take action to stop the genocide and famine taking place in the Horn of Africa or else this once poor and agitated

area of the world could become the next breeding ground of international terror.

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Locusts rage in West Africa as aid lags

West African leaders intend to wage a 'military style' campaign against plagues of locusts

KYLE BOULDEN
Staff Writer

Massive swarms of locusts continue to devastate large swathes of Western Africa, eating everything in their path and leaving devastation in their wake.

The worst hit countries have been Niger, Mali, Senegal and Mauritania, where the locusts have been breeding and new swarms are expected in the coming weeks.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that 4.9 million acres of land in the Sahel region of Western Africa are currently infested with the insects. Up to 25 percent of the entire harvest in the affected area is at risk. Mauritania has been the country hardest hit by the insects, and farmers have already lost nearly 80 percent of their harvest.

At a recent meeting, FAO Director General Jacques Diouf stressed that "The main effort should be now to protect as much as possible of the next harvest, which is crucial for the food security situation of millions of people in the region." Up to a quarter of the population in the

region already lack sufficient food resources.

The region had actually been looking forward to a bumper crop this year, aided by above average precipitation in the past two years. However, it is exactly these conditions which have promoted the increased populations of locusts.

Locusts are decimating food supplies in a region already hampered with severe food shortages.

Earlier this month, 12 African nations met in Dakar, the capital of Senegal, to draw up plans to wage a 'military style war' against the threat. The plans call for establishing "operating bases" in Mauritania, Senegal, Mali, Chad and Niger. Several other nations will provide "support bases" against the threat while some of the countries have already mobilized their armed forces to help combat the locusts.

Meanwhile, in the streets of Dakar residents burned tires in an

attempt to ward off the newly arrived bright yellow insects. A swarm of locusts, which can include up to several billion individual insects, can travel up to 100 kilometers in a day. Each locust can eat their weight in food each day (2 grams), destroying crops, gardens, vegetation and even straw huts.

West African countries still lack the money, equipment and chemicals needed to combat the plague even though the FAO had warned as early as last October that the region was ripe for an infestation.

During a recent visit to Spain, Senegal's President Abdoulaye Wade was critical of the international community's inaction to date, declaring that, "When the threat was discovered last year, \$7 million would have sufficed to stop it." The UN Integrated Regional Information Network (IRIN) gave similar numbers, stating that had funding been available earlier this year, the outbreak could have been contained for \$9 million.

The FAO now estimates that they need \$100 million in relief to fight the pests. Of top priority are equipment such as crop dust-



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Children run from the locusts that are pillaging northwest Africa

ing planes and pesticides, which would be used to eliminate the insects. Fears are that the current invasion of locusts could become worse than the last comparable

infestation in 1987-1989, which cost the international community \$600 million, and took five years to finally bring under control.

Coffee companies percolate new deal for farmers

MARY ERSKINE
Staff Writer

Superpowers within the coffee industry came together this week to sign an agreement to improve conditions in coffee producing countries.

Nestle AG, Tchibo Holdings AG, Sara Lee Corporation and Kraft Foods Incorporated, companies that rank as the biggest names in coffee, voluntarily agreed to sign a pact to actively decrease the use of forced or child labour within the industry. The pact also aims to impose regulations closer to those presented by fair trade advocates, and aims to curb the use of dangerous pesticides.

The European Coffee Federation has indicated that the coffee produced under these changes will most likely cost more for companies, with higher costs eventually trickling down to the consumer.

Critics, such as Angus Downie from the Economist Intelligence Unit in London, are skeptical that the agreement will do anything positive for interna-

tional coffee prices, which have been struggling for decades. Downie points out the issue of oversupply as being the current problem, an issue that the pact does not address directly.

"The only way to get prices back up is to cut supply," he said, and doubts that even if short term statistics are positive that "these schemes do have a habit of not working in the medium-to-long term."

The new pact aims to actively decrease the use of forced or child labour within the coffee industry.

The four supercompanies worked together on the pact with DKV, a German coffee industry association. Initial countries to be affected by the changes include Colombia, Brazil, Indonesia, Vietnam, Kenya and countries in central America.

The initiative comes at a time when the United States has just announced its re-entrance into



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New coffee reforms, aimed at alleviating the poverty of farmers, will fail, critics contend

the International Coffee Organization (ICO) after being withdrawn from the group for the past 11 years. The U.S. is the world's largest consumer of coffee, and it is hoped that their

presence in the ICO will give the organization more strength in dealing with issues in coffee growing countries.

According to Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs Anthony Wayne, the U.S. is "the largest importer of coffee in the world. And, given our interest in the coffee trade and our interest in the development and prosperity of coffee producing countries, it is reasonable that we should make our voice heard in international discussions."

In the U.S., lawmakers have become increasingly aware of the correlation between the negative affects in coffee growing countries and the drug trade. When situations turn dire, failing coffee farmers often turn to more profitable, however illegal, drug crops to survive.

Currently, coffee prices run from 60 to 70 cents per pound. In 2002, coffee prices hit a thirty year low, and have only just begun to recover.

Critics argue that the pact does not do enough for farmers, and instead call on consumers to purchase fair trade coffee. To qualify as a fair trade buyer, companies must purchase a pound of coffee for at least \$1.26.

Nicaraguan fair trade co-op director, Merling Preza Ramos, believes that a "total transformation of the coffee industry" is needed for fair trade to come into effect globally. Ramos also points out that in the fair trade system, workers rights are "guaranteed and independently monitored."

The new coffee will reach consumers no earlier than 2006.

Pope stiffes France

KRIS COTE
International Editor

After Pope John Paul II's visit to a shrine in Lourdes, France, last month, organizers discovered that the event had left them with a 1.58 million-dollar deficit.

Citing lower than expected numbers and concealed donation boxes, organizers complained that they only collected approximately \$250,000 from the

222,000 pilgrims who witnessed the event.

Hoping for another miracle, Bishop Jacques Perrier appealed to Catholics to help front the bill and make up the loss.

Shrine officials have since declared that "showers" of cheques have poured in, finally picking up the Pope's tab. "What a relief," officials declared in an press statement.



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The Pope pulled a preach-and-dash, stiffing French Catholics

Iran threatens U.S. with new cold war

Brendan Jones



Staff Writer

Iran to cease and desist its pursuit of nuclear weapons.

As this correspondent reported in *The Cord Weekly* six months ago, Iran purchased parts and schematics for uranium enrichment, from Pakistan. Iran has also been secretly developing an underground P-2 centrifuge facility.

Last week the International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA), the United Nations

nuclear watchdog, confirmed this in a resolution censuring Iran for hiding its suspect activities.

Iran recently made known its plans to construct a heavy-water reactor, that is not big enough for power generation but perfect for producing plutonium.

Unexplained traces of highly enriched uranium, IAEA inspectors say, suggest that Iran is hiding its pursuit of nuclear weapons, not an energy program as Iran claims. Considering Iran possesses the fifth largest oil reserves, the claim that they need nuclear facilities to provide power is flimsy at best.

Having found the rocket in Iran's pocket, President Bush is drawing a line in the sand Alamo-style, giving the ultimatum of dismantle or else. U.S. chief delegate, Kenneth Brill, accused Iran of "continuing to pursue a policy of denial, deception and delay."

Seeking to maintain a good trading relationship, France and other European states are expected to seek a diplomatic solution, while the U.S. has already announced it will take this to a showdown. Is any of this beginning to sound familiar?

Bush might apply his pre-emptive policy to Iran in his next term.

As is painstakingly clear now, the war in Iraq spurred Iran to accelerate its nuclear program. Moderate democrats in Iran have been sidelined in the process, so when Iran builds nuclear weapons a fundamentalist Islamic government will control them.

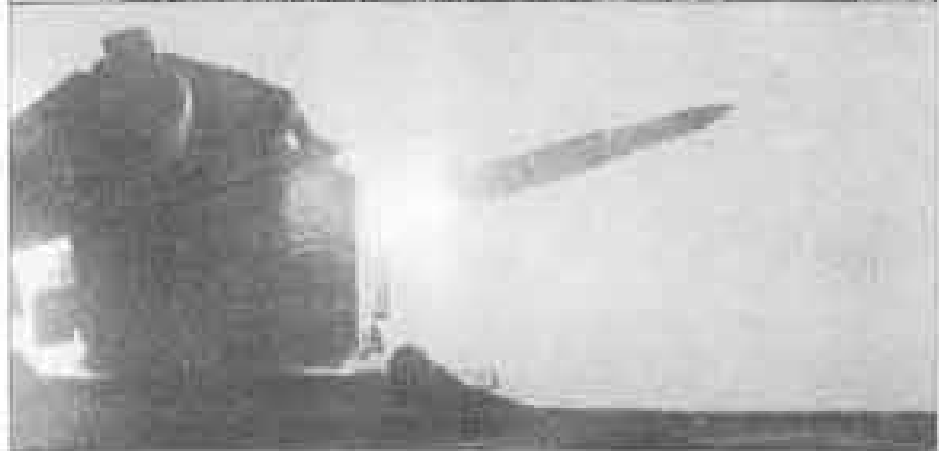
Can the U.S. or Israel bomb Iran's nuclear facilities? Probably not. Iran has promised to lob missiles at Israel's Dimona nuclear facility in such an event. Moreover, President Bush's invasion of Iraq has decimated force strength, making any military option even less likely.

Quite simply, what is shaping up in the Middle East is the next ColdWar, this time fought between the Western World and Islamic Fundamentalists. What Bush is floating as part of his second mandate, even if he won't tout it to voters, is his version of the Marshall Plan that was used to contain communism in Europe.

After all, President Bush isn't as stupid as people think. The Middle East has been a mounting problem for Israel and the U.S. for over a decade, the presence of a military deterrent in the region was desperately needed and dovish European states were not going to provide it. Iraq was a war of pragmatism undertaken to kill two birds with one stone by establishing a military presence and giving terrorists a viable U.S. target in the region to ensure minimal chance of attacks domestically during the remainder of Bush's first term.

Bush knew that the real war in Iraq would occur once Saddam's forces had melted into the general population, that's why he declared "mission accomplished" so early. The U.S. just underestimated their ability to go into a hornet's nest armed with a stick instead of a bottle of RAID.

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The Taipei Tea Party

In an effort to convince the population on Taiwan that a proposed missile defence system is not overly expensive, the Taiwanese government has launched a propaganda campaign asking citizens to drink one less cup of tea each week. With the money saved, the government claims "We can buy top-notch equipment to protect

our country."

Security concerns plague the small country, which believes that China will soon invade. In order to protect itself, the government intends to buy a \$10 billion missile defence system from the United States.

Opposition parties have denounced the proposed system, insisting that the money should be spent on health and education instead.



Global tax fraud on the rise

A British group, the Tax Justice Network, is hoping that its research and lobbying will force governments to crack down on tax havens and companies who exploit them.

The number of tax havens has more than doubled in the past 25 years. John Christensen, of the network, warns that "As new havens are formed, existing ones offer better deals." In the U.S., 61

percent of corporations paid no income tax in the late 1990's. ENRON had a total of 881 offshore accounts.

Corporations are not alone in exploiting offshore accounts. In 1999, African leaders had a total of \$20 billion in Swiss accounts.

To provide universal global health care would cost just one third of what is contained in offshore accounts, while universal education would account for only one sixth.



America's Guilty in Afghanistan

A former Green Beret, who claimed to have the support of the Pentagon, was sentenced to prison in Afghanistan. Jonathon Idema, a convicted fraudster, and partner Brent Bennett each received ten year sentences for entering Afghanistan illegally, making false arrests, establishing a private jail and torturing their captives.

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The UN's Dilemma

Richard Togman



Staff Writer

How to deal with states that violate international law, pose a threat to their neighbours and consistently refuse to mend their ways is a conundrum that the United Nations (UN) is struggling to deal with.

There are two fundamental means of action that the UN may take in dealing with such situations, the carrot and the stick. By offering nations incentives such as increased trade or aid, one may hope to dissuade regimes from acting in a certain way. Sadly, this method has little effect without the muscle of the stick behind it.

Sanctions or war are the real deal-breakers when it comes to dealing with rogue states. However, the problem often arises as to whom these actions actually punish. It is often the citizens who suffer tremendously while their leaders live in luxury. This problem leads to a more basic question. Is it possible to distinguish between the citizens and the state. Is it possible to differentiate between the people and government?

The sanctions the UN is considering against Sudan, such as an oil embargo in response to the situation in Darfur, would definitely hurt the government, as it would deny it a huge amount of revenue. However, the people of the Sudan would also suffer intensely as thousands of government employees would be without jobs. In addition, anyone who relied on the government for necessities such as health care, education or welfare would be left hopeless. Sanctions would almost certainly bring hunger, disease and malnutrition not to mention civil and ethnic unrest. It is also doubtful

whether this would indeed end the genocidal tendencies of Khartoum.

A past example of UN sanctions is Iraq. Following the First Persian Gulf War, the UN placed heavy sanctions on Iraq in order to prevent Saddam Hussein from rebuilding his armed forces and acquiring weapons of mass destruction. Sanctions seem to have worked in realizing these aims, however, the cost was immense. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of Iraqis died needlessly due to the lack of basic necessities, such as clean water and basic health care, which were commonplace before the sanctions. The Iraqi people suffered from malnutrition and disease while Saddam and the Baath party lived luxuriously in palaces.

Would it not have been more humane and just, to launch a "regime change," instead of allowing the sanctions to continue endlessly? By attacking the root problems and eliminating the regimes which cause the destruction, we not only ensure a better life for the people who live under these oppressive states, but also for their descendants.

War is not the first choice nor is it the only option when dealing with rogue states however it can be the more benevolent and righteous course of action. We must not only regard the short term needs of a people but also for their long term interests. It is not only the quantity of lives that we must ensure but also the quality.

In the epic words of Patrick Henry on the eve of the American War of Independence, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me Liberty or give me Death!"

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KELLY MCCREIGHT
LUCK Coordinator

As a fourth year student, I have learned how easy it is to live in a 'Laurier bubble.' We are spoiled in that all our necessities are within a five-minute walk from campus, which gives us little need to venture into the Kitchener-Waterloo Community. It is easy to forget that there are worse things going on in the world besides writing papers and preparing for exams. There is definitely some truth to the saying: 'out of sight, out of mind'. That is not to say that most of us do not have a desire to help out with certain charities but the reality is that many of us do not make it a priority and never get around to following through with these good intentions.

There are, however, ways to get involved with charity. Laurier's University Charity Council (LUCK), brings fundraising events to campus so that students have an easy way of helping out these needy organizations. We hold an annual live charity auction in November that raises money for cancer research, we sponsor a child through World Vision and collect canned goods for the food bank in Waterloo.

We feel very passionate about helping the Canadian Blood Services as we realize the number of people who are in great need of blood and blood products: cancer patients, those needing hip replacements, as well as those needing kidney, liver, pancreas, heart, lung and bowel transplants. Every minute of every day, someone in Canada needs blood. LUCK will be running the first clinic in November, so if you are interested in donating blood this semester, look out for the sign up booth in the Concourse closer to that time. Blood — it's in you to give.

Roll up your sleeves

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Canadian Blood Services is facing an ever increasing demand for blood and blood products. Demand is increasing because of growth in more aggressive treatment of cancer patients, an increasing aging population and an increase in sophisticated medical procedures and complex surgeries.

There is no substitute for blood and it cannot be manufactured, but individuals who require blood depend on the generosity of others. Come forward, take an hour out of their day, roll up their sleeves — help save lives. Still unsure about donating? Why not drop by a 24-hour blood request, ask questions of our staff and volunteers. Donor blood may not be your thing.

You never know when someone in Kitchener-Waterloo might need blood. Our hospitals need blood every day, both for scheduled treatments and emergencies. If you've been thinking about giving blood, turn your good thoughts into a good deed. Blood donors can give every 56 days. Imagine how many people you could

help by being a regular donor. Canadian Blood Services will be bringing a blood donor clinic this fall to the WLU Solihum. By donating blood, you can help save or improve up to three lives.

Turning tr into mirac

MICHELLE PINCI
Features Editor

Nobody wants to all going to die, but there is a way to become an organ

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- Every day, hospitals throughout Canada need over 2000 units of blood
- One unit of blood is about 450ml
- Adults have about 5L of blood in their body
- Each patient needs about 4.6 units of blood
- One donation can save up to 3 lives
- Blood donation, from start to finish, takes about 15 minutes
- In 2002, Only about 3.5% of eligible Canadians gave blood
- Over 800,000 units were collected

Sperm: it's in you to give too

Why Donate?

Sperm and egg donors used to receive around \$40 per visit, but a law was passed this year making that illegal. The new incentive: knowing you have helped someone while satisfying your evolutionary and instinctive urges to "spread your seed". Currently, donations can be made anonymously, causing great controversy, does a person have the right to know the true identity of their biological donor parent? They may want access to family history, medical and other important information, but it is currently not recognized as their "right."

Where can you donate?

"Can-Art Cryo Services" is, among other things, a sperm bank located in Hamilton. Their website explains all the gritty details and information you need to become a donor. Donating sperm is a three step process which includes giving "three (or four) semen specimens for evaluation of both fresh semen quality and cryo-survival."

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What's your bloody excuse?

**LAURA
CAREY**
Cont. Features

I cannot help but point out that if you are reading this, chances are that you are not donating your blood or organs at this time.

You may have already given blood and are a registered organ donor, or intend to do so later. Yet many have no intention of parting with their innards at all. In this case, defend thyself! Why not give your goods to others? Personally, I have only donated blood on one occasion due to piercing and tattoo-related restrictions. It is mandatory to wait a year after any new addition before giving blood and unfortunately, I keep extending that period of time indefinitely. I am the proud owner of all my organs, and am not a registered organ donor. I have no qualms with the idea of donating my organs; I just never got around to registering. Call me lazy.

of donating my organs, I just never got around to registering. Call me lazy, call me an organ-hog if you will but I am not alone. While my situation is a tantalizing combination of ineligibility and apathy, we must not forget those who make a choice not to donate. The reasons are many: religion or spiritual beliefs may not permit donation of blood or organs; and many simply have a fear of needles or are squeamish at the thought of having organs removed.

My roommate decried a passionate distrust and suspicion for blood donation. His greatest fear about blood donor clinics is that he will contract a disease due to carelessness on the part of the technicians. (This sounded logical at first, but it occurred to me that it is really unlikely for someone to become infected with any ailment simply by donating blood, permitting that the needle is sterile.)

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There are also random factors that may disallow you from giving such as blood pressure at time of donation. Unfortunately there is always a chance that you will not be eligible to donate if you choose to. If you don't give blood and organs, that's cool.

Just take some time to figure out whether you have chosen red in or simply have not gotten around to it.

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1. What dog crap comes in
5. Parts of analog amplifiers
8. King of the Norse Deities
9. Palestinian group abbr.
11. Please, in phonetic helpppeak
13. Wool cap
15. Said from the pupil
17. Desire, impulse
18. What David Bowie is afraid of
21. Opposite of lose

Down

24. Where Noah's Ark is said to be
26. Type of simian
27. Triangular Swiss chocolate
30. Christina ____ from Sleepy Hollow
32. Uncrazy
33. American internet advocacy group
34. For clearing pipe clogs
36. Ribonucleic Acid
38. A deadbody
41. ____-fighter, from Star Wars
43. Concept, original thought

44. Cryptic process
45. What people sit in
46. ____ Dead or Alive

Down:
1. What a cherry does
2. ____ hands are the devil's playground
3. Often has pants on fire
4. Way to clean anal cavity
6. Ghostly lingo
7. Harsh rebuke
10. Used in walking
12. Relating to physical gesturing
13. Spin or twist
14. Four line stunts
16. Roman emperor
19. infected with foaming disease
20. Vodka and chocolate juice
21. Male witch
22. Long-tailed pangolin
23. Vampire bite spot
25. You and I
28. Zena ____, from Bond film
29. Keanu, in the Matrix
31. Country you are in now
35. There are seven in the world
37. Plant in order to grow
39. Last action
40. Veteran or animal doctor

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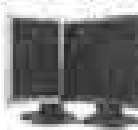
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"Oh my god, I hate you."

Deleagured Colin

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Don't leave.

Your last fan

Batyrider,
The following is a list of words that rhyme with poofy: Doufy, dowfy, fuffy, guffy, pruffy.

Wii

Elisa,
Please stop throwing us into the barbed wire. It hurts.

Sincerely,
The bunnies of Waterloo Park

KAM
Happy Birthday poofyhead!

MGR

Good Person,
Thanks for the souvenir. Sorry there was no time to hang out. It is now 3am. 10:30pm was being very optimistic. What was I thinking?

Anon,

Noticias de Produccion,
Gracias editors who spurned out this batch of an issue. Answered for being clutch again. Phil Mickelson's man boob-sweet. Wii for the moral and spiritual sustenance, hammered mirrors at our window again. April giggling at awkward generalizations, not who'scooper, not Doremeas, and certainly not the fuck-wop. Oh, sorry about the staveanger hum Katie. If you've read the entire paper right now I'm sure your passed. I'll try to make it up to you. Hamburger Help me. I'm out! BO

Post-it Note from the Chief,
Thanks to He said, definitely no thanks to Doremeas because we didn't get no pie. Global for the use of their logo for the feature. Hubbers for their photo opps. Bryn for just being Bryn. Brendon for nothing us of the untimely Features crash (looking very light BTW). all the other editors for putting up with my anger today (note not happy, but at 5:20 I no longer care). Bryan for making laugh so hard I cried again for the third straight week. Rita for being done first. Miranda for trying really hard. Jenn for those hot pants. Fraser and April for their god damn dedication. Stefan for the hot chocolate



late and the most amazing arts section each week. Kristen for asking how to place a classified. Nick and Neils for the free stuff from Advance Atlantis, the girl who brought donuts who vanished just as quickly as the donuts. The Family Guy, The Daily Show (I'm hilarious), John Mayer for his clarity. Dodge-Flinn and the Blee. Harvey's in love of Pizza, everyone else, inner starvation, family friends, the friendly Fires (Tom especially), Mark Teedle, Daniela, Anthony (can I have that cord back?), thank you to Rob for his kind words - this has been the most saddest 24 hours of my life. 5 down, good mom. CH

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Sky Captain and the smell of ass

Crocco and Skelton, Laurier's version of Siskel and Ebert (or Ebert and Roper) give their take on Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow; the verdict is two thumbs down

**Rob Crocco
Brad Skelton**

Movie Critics



Rob: *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* was so stupefying I can barely manage a coherent thought. A movie that so shamelessly borrows from *Metropolis*, *Star Wars*,

Indiana Jones, *Starship Troopers* and *The Rocketeer* is doomed. *Sky Captain* simply lacks any sense of originality, sophistication or authentic vision.

Brad: Well, as long as we're talking about who the film's director, Kerry Conran, needs to thank, let's not neglect *The Wizard of Oz*, *His Girl Friday*, *James Bond* and *War of the Worlds*

(Orson Welles' radio broadcast for this one, too), not to mention some of Guy Maddin's recent work. Intertextual pillaging is the key trait of a postmodern exercise like this, but the test is to add some twist on the conventional to make everything seem fresh. *Sky Captain* has a novel approach but the combination of pieces from other films seems academic.

Rob: Yeah, there is something novel about a film that's set in the past while constructed almost entirely from computer generated effects, but the result looks dim and fuzzy. It's not easy on the eyes to watch a film that's all shot in soft-focus.

Brad: The soft-focus and monochrome colours are certainly a deliberate tribute to old movies. *Sky Captain's* ultra-naïve tone even attempts to do justice to the innocent old adventure pictures of the mid-1930s.

Rob: I can see what the movie is attempting to accomplish but I can't appreciate something so self-consciously naïve. If you want that sense of innocent wonder, then you need actors who are capable of combining conviction with a sly knowledge of the silliness of the film surrounding them. A contemporary movie like this that entrenches itself in narrative modes of the past needs a more self-effacing wit, like the *Indiana Jones* films.

Brad: Granted, the oh-so clever referencing of the past is rather mechanical here, used almost to justify the valuing of spectacle over narrative coherence. Some of the film is awe inspiring but the characters and dialogue are about as thin as the blue screens

the movie was filmed against.

Rob: It tries so desperately to get some kind of chemistry to crackle between Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow but Paltrow at least is totally miscast. Law and Paltrow fumble back and forth at each other irritably, while Angelina Jolie – unfortunately – only makes a handful of appearances. The running jokes and coy, old-fashioned speech style are so awkward as to inspire bad laughter.

Brad: I can't get too angry at something as harmless and old-fashioned as *Sky Captain*, but you're right, a lot of it is pretty lame.

Rob: Allow me to be frank Brad, but the most memorable moment came immediately after the film during the closing credits: my friend Mike Richardson was so eager to leave the theatre that he actually knocked an usher down the stairs on his way out.

Brad: That was something I didn't expect to see either. Anyway, I rewatched *Empire Strikes Back* the other day and that's the film that puts this one to shame; these sci-fi adventure films are always more fun when it actually looks like the action is really happening. *Sky Captain* is only glossy surfaces – a simulated film.

Editor's Note: Do you agree with Brad & Rob? Regardless, write a letter to cord@wluwp.com – you can complain 350 words.



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"Do you smell something Gwyneth?" "It must be this terrible movie we're in, Jude."

Hip hop's not Stayin'Alive

Chris Collie tells us why hip hop is slowly going the way of disco

Chris Collie



On Another Note...

The more I think about it, the more what's currently happening in hip hop reminds me of disco – that dreaded blemish on the soul of music.

So I've been told and observed, the primary themes of disco were excess and flashiness, ideals that are everywhere within current and popular hip hop, and don't seem to be exiting anytime soon.

In short, both of these entities serve to promote the belief that flash and excess are the key to life, and the best ideals to live by – both through their lyrics and imagery.

The only thing I hear rappers discussing now is how much bigger, better and brighter their various attributes and possessions are above others, continually upstaging and showcasing their rivals, while falling flat on true emotion or strong storytelling.

I don't care how big the rims on the guy's truck are, and I'm amazed why anyone else would either. Over the past few years, ever noticed how rappers raved from bragging about 20" d.bs on

their ride, to the current paradigm of 26"? Not sure how a rim that size could fit into a wheel-well, but apparently it does.

It's like every single current hip hop song relies on these same tired versions of the dreamed about reality... such as huge money, girls and drugs. And certainly no shortage of 100K vehicles, ice'd out pendants or bed spreads made out of endangered species.

The primary themes of disco were excess and flashiness, ideals that are everywhere within current hip hop.

Well truth is, disco relied on the same principles to sell its music, and from hindsight, the whole scene looks boring, monotonous, and dumb... and I'd argue, mostly all fake, just as in current hip hop (it's easy to rent five black and tinted Mercedes Benzes for a music video, or a giant pad in the Hollywood Hills).

And nowadays, ever hear anyone ever talk about how genius or groundbreaking the genre of disco was? Never.

Because when its whole existence is based on a major non-musical aspect, it has no ground to stand on, and nobody respects it. It's just fluff and filler.

And just as how disco is now remembered as this laughable lump of stupidity, what's happening now in mainstream hip hop has the threat of being remembered as the same, and it's getting closer with every passing release.

And if these two become even more like kindred spirits, the current glam-infested, chart-topping variety of hip hop could be in for a rude awakening. We all know what happened to disco; it died.

It's time for mainstream hip hop to deflate itself and exit the void of make-believe and trickery because it's getting tired – carbon copies of what used to be the hardcore realism in the connection between rappers lives and their rhymes.

Most hip hop has fallen into a trap and let's get serious here: all Lil' Jon does is yell "what?" Can you think of a better example to metaphorically represent the barrel-bottom for raps? It's gotten so stale that Lil' Jon can't even think of what to brag about anymore, instead just saying one word a lot.

And how about Mr. X-to-the-Z Xzibit, never a gleaming shimmer of hope regardless, has reduced himself to hosting MTV's 'Pimp My Ride,' putting into practice what he always rapped about: if you have a

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Open Mic visitors



Contributed Photo

To The Point are currently touring southern Ontario

CARLY BEATH
Entertainment Editor

Monday night's open mic at Wilf's was host to a couple of surprise out-of-town guests.

Jeremy Fisher, from Vancouver, and To The Point, from Regina, played alongside Laurier's own to make for an eclectic evening of music.

Fisher has been writing and playing his own songs for five years and is touring Southern Ontario in support of his upcoming album *Let It Shine* and its first single, "Lemon Meringue Pie". He has played at Brock University and the University of Guelph. He will be playing a full show on Thursday at Wilf's, and used the open mic to give Laurier a preview of his melodic acoustic rock.

If playing open mics at university pubs seems like a unique

way to promote a major label CD, it's nothing compared to Fisher's previous tour. The summer of 2002's "One Less Tour bus" tour found him and his wife travelling to shows across Canada and in the U.S. by bicycle.

Fisher played solo, accompanying his vocals with guitar and harmonica. The songs were charming and pop-y John Mayer-ish affairs, with a bit of a whimsical twist. The words radio-friendly came to mind as I watched Fisher's performance. Sure enough, as he told the audience, "Lemon Meringue Pie" can be heard on Kool FM. The video has been added to MuchMoreMusic's playlist as well.

Fisher's "One Less Tour bus" tour found him traveling to shows across Canada by bicycle

Doing a complete musical 180 from the usual open mic fare was To The Point. The band members range in age from 19 to 24, and play energetic punk music. The band began in January 2001, and since then has released two demos and their first EP entitled *Die Trying*, in March of this year.

Both *Die Trying* and their current 20 day "I Hope This Works" tour were financed by the

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Ear Candy



'til melodic guitar. However, their first album had a handful of really, really catchy songs amongst the clutter and this time... well, let's just say that the ratio of catchy to boredom is less than favourable.

From what I can make out, the lyrical content is perfect for angsty sixteen year old alterna-couples looking for something to call "their song." It's pretty enough for the girls and loud enough for the boys, but digging for depth won't reveal much (except maybe Kelly Osbourne's dead body). Still, you can find meaning in anything if you try hard enough.

In short, if you're a Used fan, give 'em. It's still The Used, and now they have a heart hanging from a tree! Powerful. But if you're just looking for something to cry or scream along to, you'd be better off looking elsewhere in this overcrowded genre.

—Chris Clemens

The Used



Title: In Love and Death
Label: Warner Brothers
Release Date: Sept. 28, 2004

Okay so first of all, check out this cover art. There's a heart... hanging from a tree. That's right. Based on this and this alone, you should already know whether you're going to like this album or not.

In Love and Death is the sophomore release from The Used. If you don't happen to recall The Used, you will probably remember them from their brief stint on for MTV or the lead singer's stab at popularity through dating Kelly Osbourne. Yes, that's gross, I know. I don't condone it. In fact, I pretty much figured the band would ditch him for being such a tool but he's still doing his thing.

So, remarkably, The Used have returned for round two with what proves to be an unremarkable sequel. *In Love and Death* features much of the same as their self-titled debut: a 'lil screaming, a 'lil whiny singing, a



On their well-received debut LP, *Turn On The Bright Lights*, the New York rock foursome Interpol, demonstrated both style and substance. Their theatrical songwriting and flair for the dramatic immediately drew comparisons to bands like The Smiths, Joy Division and other groups with an uncanny knack for combining melody and melodrama.

Antics is Interpol's sophomore release, and while their distinct sound (moody rock darker than Guinness) remains essentially unchanged, their delivery has matured, making *Antics* a highly focused and often brilliant album.

On *Antics*, Interpol plows

Their distinct sound, moody rock darker than Guinness, remains essentially unchanged.

through ten tracks with sniper-precision and unwavering intensity. Not unlike goth-fathers The Cure, what makes Interpol a cut above is their ability to generate a real melancholic intensity while maintaining pop sensibilities.

Opening number "Next Exit" is a perfect example of their ability to craft something that sounds both downcast and uplifting. The track, utilizing lulling organ tones and dulcet vocal harmonies, could be a distant cousin of the Righteous Brothers "Unchained Melody" if this particular cousin was a lovesick methadone addict. Other highlights include the tuneful pop of "Evil," the relentlessly bruising guitar assault of "Public Pervert," and the brooding choruses in the masterfully executed "Narc."

While Interpol demonstrates

INTERPOL ANTICS

Interpol



Title: Antics
Label: Matador/RCA
Release Date: Sept. 28, 2004

more finely-honed musicianship on this record, their lyrics have yet to reach the same consistency in quality. Lines like "it's just you, me, and this fine/alright let's tend to the engine tonight," would not be out of place on a Barry White album, and seem comical when juxtaposed against the band's sinister sound. What saves Interpol is the almost-frightening conviction in singer Paul Bank's voice, whose unique vocals sound like a mix between an 80s new-wave front man and a fervent military dictator. It is because Interpol sound so dead serious that one can easily overlook the occasional artlessness of their lyrics and simply enjoy the fact that these boys can write a mean song.

Antics is a very strong and confident release from a band that knows it's more fun on the dark side.

—Adrian Ma
So Jealous, the fourth full-

length album by Tegan and Sara (or third, depending on your knowledge of their earlier material), finds the Quin sisters taking on the role of producers. While their last effort, *If It Was You* seemed to be a transitional album for the girls, *So Jealous* begins to etch out what will eventually become the definitive T and S sound. Blending acoustic with electric guitars, piano with keyboard as well as organ, and the beautiful balance of harmonies, they do a wonderful job of creating their own melodic form of crunchy power-pop that is sprinkled with a recognizable 80's feel.

Do not be mistaken however. Nothing is sunny about the album in its entirety. In actuality the songs speak most often of love gone wrong which adds a sad and melancholy mood to the album. While hearing it for the first time, the listener will most definitely find themselves stomping their feet in appreciation, yet it is only after one listens to what is being sung that the true and unwavering beauty of the album shines through.

Apart from this, producing their own album allowed them to fully develop their songs and resulted in the creation of a massive dynamic throughout the entire record. This is best seen on the opening track, "You Wouldn't like Me" and the title track, "So Jealous", where the girls have taken their simple chord progressions and melodies and by playing with variations and layering other instruments, transcended their own simplicity to create a strong-sounding record worthy of attention. T and S have truly grown as songwriters on this album; it is most definitely a CD everyone should have in their collection.

FUN FACTS:

- *Ex-Weezer bassist Matt Sharp played on the album
- *It is an enhanced CD, and T and S fans will enjoy viewing the twins' crazy antics.

—Rachel Burns



Tegan and Sara



Title: So Jealous
Label: Universal
Release Date: Sept. 14, 2004

length album by Tegan and Sara (or third, depending on your knowledge of their earlier material), finds the Quin sisters taking on the role of producers. While

Guest musicians drop in on Wilf's

band itself. The marketing, release, production and distribution of the CD were all handled and financed by the band as well. It's easy to see that the band enjoys what they're doing. They have impressive stage presence for such a young band. And, as drummer Chris Belhumeur puts it, they're doing the tour for the "sheer fun of it" and experience of playing; it's definitely not the

money since the touring is costing the band money, rather than making it.

To The Point used some songs from *Die Trying* as a demo, and have had record labels interested in seeing their live show, which is another reason for the tour. The band hopes to "get signed and record a full-length album" says guitarist/vocalist JP Puntz.

Another goal of the band's is to "finish the tour without dying."

bassist Alex Arseneault tells me. While he may have been joking, the road stories of the frustrating inability to conquer *Mega-Man* and prolific farting would indeed be trying.

It was exciting to see these up-and-coming artists drop in and introduce their music to Laurier. Who knows? Maybe the crowd that came to Wilf's Monday night got in on something big at the ground floor.



Vancouverite Jeremy Fisher played Wilf's Open Mic on Monday in anticipation of his full-length set on Thursday.

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turning every good thing to rust

Do you recognize those lyrics? If so, e-mail the song title and artist to entertainment@yahoo.ca and you could win a fabulous prize. Of course, I'll have no way of knowing if you Google it, but you'll have to live with the guilty conscience of a dirty cheater. Congrats to last week's winner Melanie Hains who knew that the lyrics were from "Hummer" by the Smashing Pumpkins.

Top 5

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5. Iron and Wine - *Naked as we came* (subpop.com)
4. Cuff The Duke - *Ballad of a lonely construction worker* (cufftheduke.com)
3. Royal City - *Is this it?* (threegutrecords.com)
2. Fingers Cut Megamachine - *Rough dreams* (fingerscut-megamachine.com)
1. Volcano I'm Still Excited - *2nd gun* (volcanoimstillexcited.com)

-Bryan Shinn, Sports Editor and all-round good guy

Focus has shifted to materialism

- Hip Hop, from page 22

pimped-up car (and/or other possessions of the like), you're a worthwhile human being, and people will want to be you, which is what it's all about. Nice job dude.

Whatever happened to real hip hop artists: those who told stories about the struggles and hardships of life, innovated in

their rhymes, and didn't focus all of their attention on weak and worthless hooks bent to encourage excess in consumerism?

Quality hip hop artists such as A Tribe Called Quest, Wu-Tang, and Scarface used their rhymes to move minds and positions, not automobiles and jewelry out of the stores. You only hear echoes of this now... thankfully, coming

from our own Canadian K-OS for one.

Bah, but when in Rome right? Welcome to the 00s. I guess it's time for me to go and grab my 'crunk cup,' assembled out of 250K of diamonds and jewels, and get excessively drunk. It's the only way I'll be able to listen to this garbage when it's played at the bar.

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A dummy's guide to cellular phones

JENNIFER ASSELIN
Student Life Editor

A Brave New World, Aldous Huxley predicted, would include the existence of gadgets and gizmos aplenty, and with a wireless world now upon us, we can safely say he wasn't kidding.

The cell phone, one of the most largely used and socially embedded machines found on university campuses, is just a minor part of this wireless world.

According to ElectronicHouse.com writer Avi Rosenthal, as of April 13 of this year, there were 162,386,335 wireless phone subscribers.

More and more campuses are finding themselves inhabited by students constantly talking, text messaging and now even taking pictures, with their phones.

Laurier is no stranger to this phenomenon with the bookstore now including offers from both Telus and Rogers cell phone companies.

Cell phone companies take advantage of the stigma of the busy student lifestyle as they target students as one of their largest consumer groups.

"I would say the majority of all cell phone buyers are 18 to 25 years old," said a Rogers Wireless sales representative. In order to sign up for an actual cell phone account, the customer must be at least 18 years of age.

Rogers
Rogers has a new plan called

Campus-to-Campus geared toward university and college students. The feature is \$20, which gives you 50 day minutes and 1000 evening and weekend minutes and unlimited Rogers to Rogers calling.

Plans and Contracts

You can purchase what is called a ready4u package where everything from the phone to airtime is included. For example, for \$129.99 you receive a phone, four-month plan and unlimited weekend calling.

Pay-as-you-go

The evening and weekend plan for customers is 5 cents a minute with daytime calls at 39 cents a minute. Evenings run from 8pm to 8am Monday through Friday and weekends are 8pm Friday to 8am Monday.

Call display and incoming text messages are free. To send a text message costs 15 cents a message.

Cards can be bought in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$30 or \$40 and each expires within 30 days of activation.

Long distance in Canada: 25 cents a minute + regular rate.

911 fee: 25 cents a month.

Telus

Telus is the other company with the student friendly plan. Telus to Telus 25 is the back-to-school package being offered. For \$25 a month, this plan gives customers 1000 local minutes between Telus mobility clients, 1000 local evenings and weekends minutes,

100 local anytime minutes, picture and text messaging and free local calling on your birthday. Additional minutes are 25 cents.

Plans and Contracts

There are more than 15 different plans. An example is Super Talk 25 which, for \$25 a month, includes 100 minutes plus 1000 local evenings and weekends minutes, voicemail, call waiting, conference calling and unlimited incoming text messages.

Other plans are similar with the number of minutes fluctuating along with the cost of the plan.

Pay-as-you-go

Customers can get an evening and weekends package, which lasts 30 days for \$25. This includes Monday to Friday 8pm to 7am and Friday from 8pm to Monday at 7am. For an extra \$5, two hours can be added running from 6pm to 7am.

Call waiting, voice mail and caller ID are included. Calling cards can be purchased for \$10, \$25 or \$50. The \$10 card gives you a rate of 40 cents a minute and lasts for 30 days. The \$25 card gives you a rate of 33 cents a minute and expires in 60 days as does the \$50 card which gives you a rate of 29 cents a minute.

Long distance in Canada: 25 cents a minute + regular rate.

911 fee: 50 cents a month.

Pido

Plans and Contracts

Evening and weekend plans run from \$30 to \$100. The \$30 package includes 150 weekday



Jennifer Asselin

These two beautiful editors try to figure out what cell phone plan works best for them - pre-paid or contract. What will it be?

minutes and 1000 evening and weekend minutes. The most expensive plan includes 1,000 weekday minutes, unlimited weekend and evening minutes as well as call display and voicemail.

Pay-as-you-go

Users can buy \$15, \$20, \$25 \$30 or \$40 pre-paid cards. These include voice messaging, call display, call waiting and call forwarding. Each is valid from anywhere between 15 to 60 days.

Weekdays go from 7pm to 8am and weekends from Friday at 7pm to Monday at 8am.

Long distance in Canada: 10 cents a minute + regular rate.

911 fee: 25 cents a month.

Bell Mobility

Plans and Contracts

Plans range from \$25 to \$40. The \$25 All-in-one Nights and Weekends plan includes unlimited weeknights and weekends and 50 weekday minutes. Any additional minutes are 25 cents each. These fees also include roadside assistance, conference calling, messaging and a mobile browser.

Pay-as-you-go

Cards can be purchased for \$10, \$25 or \$50. For evening and weekend plans, evenings run from 8pm to 7am and weekends are from 8pm Friday to 7am Monday. The rate for calls is 30 cents a minute anytime.

Long distance in Canada: 40 cents a minute + regular rate.

911 fee: 25 cents a month.

Little House walks for women



Erin Moore

Residence of Little House took part in a walk for women last week. The turn out was very good according to Residence Life dons. The walk ran in conjunction with the "Take Back the Night" event.

ROB BENNETT
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Student Life Editor

The 10 foot "C.H. Little House Walk for Women" sign backed by about hundred Little House residents floated through the streets near Wilfrid Laurier and the University of Waterloo last Saturday evening. The event elicited cheers and honks from those who supported the efforts to end violence against women.

With just under 100 participants estimated Little House Residence Life Don Matt Gouett, the walk saw students travel

through Mid Campus Drive, down to U of W and back over to Little House.

"The participation rate in our building was over 95%."

- Matt Gouett, Little House Don

"The event was highly successful," commented Gouett. "The participation rate in our building was over 95%."

The third annual C.H. Walk for Women finds its noble roots in the famous Take Back the Night rally that addresses the

issue of violence against women every year on September 18.

"We do it in support of the Take Back the Night initiative," explained Gouett. "Men are not allowed to take part in the other walk so this is kind of our way to support their walk."

Take back the night began in England and is internationally recognized and commemorated. Little House's exclusive walk commenced following a group picture displaying the sincere enthusiasm the men exhibited throughout the walk. Upon returning, a barbeque was hosted by the Residence Life dons on the front lawn of its "A" building.

Vocal Cord

What Guinness World Record would you like to see Wilfrid Laurier University try to attempt next?



ROB PERRY
THIRD YEAR
ENGLISH

"Most people getting kicked out of residence on the first day for smoking weed."



SHANNON HORNBOOK
THIRD YEAR
ENGLISH

"Most snow days."



ANDY GRANT
FIRST YEAR
ECONOMICS

"Biggest pizza."



CAITLIN MACDONALD
FIRST YEAR
COMMUNICATIONS

"Breaking the record for most charitable records broken on campus."



WHITNEY FURGAN
THIRD YEAR
SOCIOLOGY

"Most drunk people at the quad party just getting along."



TYLER TELSCH
SECOND YEAR
BUSINESS

"Most women to attend a football game."



MANJHA GUPTA
THIRD YEAR
BUSINESS

"Most people actually attending their 8:30 classes."



DILPREET BANGA
FIRST YEAR
BUSINESS

"Most violations that people should get in trouble for but don't."

Cell phones, good or evil?

Convenience is not necessarily a good thing according to Opinion Editor Boyce

Bryn Boyce



Opinion Editor

Caitlin clarified the extent of her technological ineptitude a few days ago as she explained her three-year-long inability to adjust the volume on her now-archaic cell phone. Oh, the feature worked fine... she just couldn't figure it out, probably chalking the years of muffled voices up to bad reception. I think everyone should stick to the volume-deficient models, because as far as I can tell the listening skills of many cell phone users is brutally poor anyway. You see those people all the time; the girls who briskly pace

around with their cell phones tucked neatly on their ear and under their hair, the guys who raise a dismissive finger to halt a conversation to answer their phone. Both of these people share a common trait: the total detachment from their present lives.

It's pretty arrogant to think that you need to be reachable 24/7.

They put everything around them on hold. But really it's mostly that underlying implication that electronic communication supercedes the authentic face-to-face mode that gets to me. It's insincere and impersonal.

Ask any prof and they'll rage about it too. I've even had some that pack it up and leave a lecture early because of the piercing staccato of Beethoven's 9th or the 'Nokia sound' flooding the room. It's pretty arrogant to think that you need to be reachable 24/7, and certainly calls to talk about 'stuff' and 'things' aren't worth the monthly cashgrabbery of cell phone packages.

Sure it's a convenience, but not every convenience in this world can be considered progressive. Any 'advancement' that substitutes real, visceral experience with distanced and impersonal conversation should not be taken lightly.

Editor's Note: Caitlin now has a new cell phone, read the manual and can now adjust the volume at her leisure.

Security blanket, entertainment and fun are just a few of the bonuses says Student Life Editor

Jennifer Asselin



Student Life Editor

It was a birthday gift, I didn't need it per se but I definitely wanted it. Ever since then, my cell phone and I have been attached at the hip... almost literally. My cell phone goes pretty much wherever I go and it's not because I'm an arrogant person who thinks people want to talk to me 24/7, it is however because I am a person who likes to socialize and be readily available. For someone who doesn't spend a lot of time at home, cell phones, although admittedly annoying at times from their hip-hop ring tones to their sonata serenades, come in handy. We live in a fast-paced society where we have no idea what we're doing tomorrow for lunch never mind where we'll be in an hour when someone tries to call. I know that's why they invented

answering services but when you're expecting a certain call at a certain time, it's just that much easier if your phone can come with you rather than sitting next to it, not leaving the house, waiting for it to ring.

Cell phones can also be considered a security blanket for those long drives home from the city or that late night walk. If you have it for any reason at all let the reason be that it is used "in emergencies only." At least in this case you have the convenience that a quarter once gave you right at your fingertips.

In this case you have the convenience that a quarter once gave you right at your finger tips.

Someone recently pointed out to me that we live in a world of instant gratification and if text-messaging your best friend about

the latest concert tickets is what instantly gratifies you then so be it. If not for the sheer convenience of the machine, cell phones can be praised for their mindless entertainment. Text-messaging, game playing and wireless web searches only begin to scratch the surface of the many ways cell phones can help us out of a momentary lapse into boredom.

I'm not saying that cell phones are for everyone. What I am saying is that for those of you who like to be reachable and are hard to find in the busiest of times, this may just be the solution you were looking for to those missed calls.

Horoscopes

Happy Birthday Libre! (Sept. 22-29)

Everything is going to be perfect for your birthday, your friends could have a surprise in mind for you so expect the unexpected. News from family members will make your day extra special.

Libre (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

If it feels as though you are stuck on an issue or project try putting a creative twist to whatever you are doing. Using a creative approach instead of a logical one may help bring you the answers you desire in an easier way.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

If it feels as though you're being ignored, you're not. Because you have such an independent demeanor, the people around you are assuming if you wanted to be included in certain activities you'd make an effort to invite yourself, so do so.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Don't do something you're not comfortable with just because someone said you should. You now enough about yourself to know what you like do and what is best for yourself. Try a new creative activity if you find yourself being bored.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If you are having trouble with friends know that everything is going to clear itself up. A series of misunderstandings will be the root of most of the problems. Do your best to try and sort through any unfinished business.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Any challenges you are going through right now are all part of a giant life lesson, so learn from them and don't repeat any mistakes. The outcome of what you are working on will be worth it so concentrate on your goals.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Lots of unusual events will start happening to you to make you start trusting your intuition more. So if you don't think it's a good idea to do something, don't do it. Make not of any unusual dreams as your subconscious may be telling you something.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

It's time to start focussing on the tasks at hand. You are going to be getting busier everyday for the next little while so you better stay on top of your work. Don't give in to peer pressure, be sure to look after yourself.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

If you start to feel trapped by all the things going on in your life don't hesitate to talk about it with friends or family. The worst thing you can do right now is bottle up your emotions. You need to vent anything that's bothering you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

If you start to feel like you are carrying the weight of the world, be sure to look at your goals and the possible outcome for motivation you need to get through any upcoming rough times. Make sure you keep communicating with your friends.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

It may seem like everyone you know is quarrelling with each other and you are stuck in the middle to try and keep everyone at bay. If you find yourself in the position of a mediator do your best to help, but don't feel obligated to do so.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

You may find that things are happening in threes for you. Regardless of the situation, if you find it unusual expect it to happen again another couple of times. There may be some kind of life lesson attached to this all, so pay attention.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Strange dreams and unusually increased intuitive hunches may start happening more frequently, be sure you pay attention to everything as it's all happening for a reason. Write down anything unusual from dreams, it may make sense later on.

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A lil' cell phone lingo

Plans and Contracts:

A credit approval needs to be done for those signing up for cell phone plans. The contracts usually last for about three years and the cost of the phone is usually included in your initial fee. The phone itself usually ends up costing nothing with a contract.

Pay-as-you-go:

Prepaid phone cards can be purchased from a number of locations and added to your account. There is no credit check. An initial set-up fee is usually charged. The cost of the phone is an added charge and new phones can cost anywhere from \$135 to the sky's the limit.

911 fee:

Is the fee paid for users to have ever-ready access to the emergency phone service.

Voice mail:

Answering machine service.

Text Messages:

Wireless messages sent from phone to phone. This feature is similar to MSN only it's through your phone.

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He Said / She Said

Dear He Said She Said,

I've been with my boyfriend for almost two years now and we seem to get along well for the most part, but recently he's been acting a little odd and it's starting to take its toll on the relationship.

I gave him a cell phone with a digital camera recently for his birthday. He likes new technology so I thought it would be an appropriate gift. And since I have one too I thought it would be cute to send pictures of us to each other throughout the day.

However some unusual events have been taking place. Instead of sending pictures of himself while at a stop light or whatever, he'll send a pictures of me to me. And the pictures were just taken too. It's like he's spying on me.

I know he's building a web site and he won't let me see it until it's done. I'm worried it's going to be filled with odd pictures of me in random situations. What do you recommend?

- Freaked Out

Have a question? He Said/She Said is serving up answers just e-mail your questions to hesaid-sheaid@wlusp.com

He Said...
DAN ROTH

Ack! Can you say Orson Wells? Now, I've never personally met your boyfriend, but I think from what you're telling me, he'd fit right in with the cast of characters in the book 1984.

Camera phones are fun and all, but there's this line between capturing innocent random images and just being really creepy.

I think you should approach your boyfriend with the situation and let him know how uncomfortable he's making you, plus you might want to warn him that the relationship is in jeopardy. If he's was close enough to you to take a picture of you and send it to your cell phone why didn't he just stop by and say "hello." Relationships should be built on open communication; I don't see a lot of that happening in your situation.

If you don't put a stop to this all I think you're allowing him the opportunity to eventually becoming a full-blown stalker. Before you know it your boyfriend is going to be wallpapering his room with pictures of you. And that can't be a healthy thing.

If he continues with this behaviour I'd seriously recommend getting out of the relationship and finding a boyfriend with a little more time on his hands.

She Said...
JENN

Oh my goodness, this guy is psycho and you need to get out of the situation now.

In all honesty, your boyfriend sounds strange but maybe he just doesn't realize what he's doing is so wrong.

I say talk to your boyfriend and find out what he's thinking about the situation. Ask him what his intentions are and let him know that the pictures don't entertain you in any way shape or form.

Once he realizes that his acts are not humorous but rather creepy, he may stop all together. In this case, he may have just a very strange sense of humour and he just needs to be set straight as to what is or isn't funny.

However, if in talking to him he doesn't understand why you feel uncomfortable, maybe he really is strange and you need to seriously think about getting rid of this guy.

You should never assume anything especially in this situation. If you feel uncomfortable though make sure you say something rather than just letting it fester.

It's better to be safe than sorry, don't jump to conclusions before asking the questions.

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Citizen Tutt

Princess Cinema owner John Tutt gives birth to twins

STEFAN SEREDA
Arts Editor

John Tutt fiddles with his pen and stares off at the blank movie screen, as if he has a vision that he plans to show everyone else. Stressing film's potential to be a "world changing experience" and his own "eye to quality," the owner of the Princess Cinema draws back the curtain on the Princess Twin.

This Fall, Tutt will be opening the Princess Twin Cinemas at 46 King Street in downtown Waterloo. Named the Twin after Tutt's other movie theatre, the nearby Princess Cinema, Tutt declares that he is "going to program [the cinemas] completely differently."

With hopes for a "soft" opening to the public in late October and a grand opening before Christmas, Tutt has already been enquiring about titles for screenings. "It looks like it will be a good year for high quality independent films."

"You're not going into a food court to see a movie like in other cinemas."

- John Tutt, Princess Cinema proprietor, on the decor of the Princess Twin

According to Tutt, the new theatre will show films that are "more commercial" than those playing at the 'original' Princess, which he hopes will appeal to "a more mainstream crowd." Tutt also hopes to provide a greater variety of films to choose from in the downtown area. Although he bluntly states that the Princess Twin is not going to be "an art-house," Tutt is uncompromising in his promise that it is "not going to play any type of shlock."

The cinema connoisseur's business strategy is based on a difference of programming, with the 'Original' Princess, which will be reflagged as such, continuing to play the best in international and independent films.

"The key to the Princess Twin," Tutt adds, "is its location." Housed in "a real specialized building," the cinema boasts two 150-seat theatres. Approximately \$1.6 million is going into purchasing, designing, constructing and leasing the cinema. Keeping the Princess name-sake for equity purposes, Tutt forecasts that the new cinemas "will be funky in decor." The design, according to Tutt, is meant to attract students and adventurous older filmgoers. "You're not going into a food court to see a movie like in other cinemas."

Job opportunities for students will open up, as running the Twin will require a bigger staff.

As to the Princess Twin's benefits to the Waterloo downtown area, Tutt says that it will be "a very community-oriented cinema." Tutt declares that the reaction from area businesses has been "completely positive. We're going to be drawing a lot more people into the downtown area." The Twin will also show a screening from the University of Waterloo's Festival of Animated Cinema. "We're ripe for some sort of festival in Waterloo," Tutt believes.

With ticket prices remaining low, a downtown-core location and a big marquee, Tutt also believes that the Princess Twin will attract more students. "Students make up a large portion of our patrons," Tutt states. Benefiting from the new cinema's "proximity, price and choice," Tutt hopes to interest the larger student population into attending his theatre and contributing to downtown Waterloo's nightlife.

New job opportunities for students will also open up, as running the Twin will require a bigger staff. Those interested in applying can e-mail John Tutt at jmtutt@sentex.net.

A former student who took courses in film at Laurier and U of W, Tutt claims he turned "exploring a passion" into a job. After 19 years of operation in downtown Waterloo, Tutt is turning a job into an independent empire.

Editor saw, festival conquered

Features editor Michelle Pinchev relates her brush with celebrindie at the Toronto Film Festival

Michelle Pinchev



Features Editor

"What was it like to see yourself get shot," I asked Leigh Whannell, after the movie ended. It was the question that was on my mind ever since that scene when I couldn't help but notice him cupping a hand over his mouth.

"It was definitely... weird," the modest actor/writer said laughingly, in his cute Australian accent.

We sat dead-centre, in the theatre's only vacant seats beside the rows reserved for Lion's Gate distributors and other people involved in the film. At the end of the aisle, a woman wearing a headset stood anxiously and we wondered if Danny Glover would show up.

The movie was the Australian indie horror flick, *Saw*. It was the "midnight madness" festival film that anyone who has seen the trailer for has been dying to see since last summer. Danny Glover, playing detective Tapp, and Monica Porter had supporting roles in the film, while most of the others were newcomers.

Getting to the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) was an adventure in itself. Since the tickets I bought online had to be picked up from the box office an hour before midnight, we left for downtown early. Unexpectedly, my car died on an exit ramp off the DVP. It was only with the help of an absolute angel of a man that we managed

to push the car to safety and decided to leave it on a residential street over night. Getting to the box office on time was the number one priority of the evening and we just made it - we would worry about getting home later.

The venue was Ryerson - a charming but enormous university theatre with a large balcony. Ryerson is a new addition to the Toronto International Film Festival, succeeding "Uptown," the previous location for "midnight madness" films. Uptown collapsed last December, taking a man's life and injuring many others.

"It was definitely... weird."

- Leigh Whannell, writer/actor, on watching himself get shot

After an MC spoke briefly, two casually dressed men nervously took the stage. They revealed themselves to be James Wan, the director of *Saw*, and Leigh Whannell, who wrote and starred in the film.

When the movie started, I looked over and saw that Whannell had sat down beside me. This proved to be an educational distraction - it was interesting to watch someone watch their own movie.

Overall, I loved the movie and it was clear that every person in the audience loved it just as much. But in all honesty, the trailer set up *Saw* to be a groundbreaking horror movie and everyone was expecting to be terrified.



Courtesy photo

Danny Glover, wearing pinstripes and brandishing a shotgun, brings trigger-happiness back into vogue in *Saw*.

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I think, more than anything, we were really impressed.

I'm sure part of the problem was that this new director was put on an 18-day shoot with about three days of pre-production (according to Wan at the TIFF Q&A). For me, however, it was the acting.

The acting was weak, as is to be expected in this genre of movies. My biggest complaint is with the casting of Cary Elwes as Dr. Gordon, the lead role. For those of you who don't know, Elwes is the beloved star of *The Princess Bride*, and of course played the title role in *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*. We are so used to seeing Elwes in comical roles that it's hard to embrace him in such a serious one. The theatre roared with laughter during what should have been some of the more intense moments of the film simply because of Elwes' laughable delivery of his lines.

I noticed that Whannell wasn't laughing with the audience during some of these scenes but rather, looked quite captured by the moment. When I later asked him how he enjoyed watching his movie at its first fan screening, this came up immediately.

"It was really different," he said. "There were a lot of parts that weren't supposed to be funny where everyone was laughing."

It's hard to know how to interpret the crowd's reaction. The man who introduced the movie said himself that "there were rumours of Film Festival closing ceremonies and after parties," but that this movie was "it." And it was. The crowd walked in and people were hooting and cheering almost immediately. Everyone sat erect in their seats like they were prepared to be scared shitless and when they realized by the end that this simply wasn't that sort of movie, they were just having a good time and enjoying the complexity of it.

The concept of *Saw* is not only original, it's brilliant: a serial killer that never kills, but rather forces his victims to kill each other in sick and twisted ways reminiscent of *Seren*. The mystery unravels cleverly and rather than using gimmicks like loud, scary music and cheap pop-ups to scare you, all of the horror in this film lies in Whannell's exceptional ideas.

When I think about what this movie might have been I almost feel a little sad. Then I think of movies like *The Cube* (which doesn't hold a candle to *Saw*), a great Canadian indie classic, and I realize that while *Saw* was not up to par with its buzz, it will settle quite nicely into cult movie status.

With guaranteed stardom coming their way and a bigger budget for upcoming projects, I can't wait to see what these guys come up with next.



Cliffnotes: Arts events from the edge... of K-W

Fringe! getting in motion

A general information session for anyone interested in Laurier's annual Fringe! Festival will be held in room 4-205 of the DAWB at 5:30pm on Thursday, September 23. Artists and those willing to help run the festival are encouraged to attend.

Peas and carrots... without the carrots

Walter Gibson's fountain, "Sweet Pea" will be unveiled at the Your Kitchener Market Grand Opening on Saturday,

September 25 at 10am. You can meet the artist at 11:30am. The City of Kitchener funded the project, which is located at the corner of King and Eby. I'm throwing in a penny and wishing for super powers.

Movies and mammary glands

The first Women's Studies Film Night of the Fall term will showcase Bahette's Feast on Monday, September 27 at 7pm in the Peters Building. Note to self: pick up chicks in Peters Building on Monday.

Canadian bigots get their own *On the Road*

Nunt

Author: Mingus Tourette

Synopsis: An offensive trip across Canada told through poetic verse

BRITTANY LAVERY
Cord Arts

Musician Ben Folds, in his satirical piece "Rockin' the Suburbs", declared, "Y'all don't know what it's like/Bein' male, middle class, and white/It's a bitch. If you don't believe, listen up to my new CD." I cannot think of a more perfect description of *Nunt*, the latest work of poetry by West coast Canadian writer Mingus Tourette.

Published by Zygote, a small Canadian company, Tourette's book is a product of his failed marriage. He and his wife, Nat, experienced a car accident in which their unborn child was killed, and this occurrence ended up destroying their relationship. Depressed and alone, Tourette "drank, smoked, cussed and fucked" his way across North America.

While I feel sympathy towards Tourette because of his bad experience, my pity had completely dissolved by a few pages into the book. According to my interpretation of his book, I see Tourette as a middle-class white male who thinks that because of one horrible experience he has a license to tear apart women, gays, ethnic minorities and members of religious groups.

The group that receives the most regular abuse throughout *Nunt*'s pages is women. As a

feminist, I was so enraged I was nearly frothing at the mouth and chewing the furniture. *Nunt* (predictably, a variant of "cunt") is just under 100 pages, averaging about a poem per page, and almost every poem is about heterosexual sex. Strangely enough though, Tourette actually uses the word "woman" approximately twice. The alternatives he likes to use on nearly every page are "pussy," "cunt" and "bitch." It seemed like Tourette's book was telling me that I am not a woman, but a walking vagina that he thinks he has the right to screw merely by virtue of his omnipotent maleness. In *Nunt*, women do not exist as people, but as objects of male pleasure to be used at the whim of men's sexual urges. And I thought this was the year 2004.

And speaking of maleness, *Nunt*'s speaker also seems to think that the fact that he has a penis gives him superhuman rights and powers. Frankly, Freud would love Tourette. Hardly a page goes by when the latter does not use the word "cock" and explain all the wonderful things that can be done with one. I think the phrase that most causes me to literally shake with rage has to be "some fat old broad... who knows the great equalizer/amongst women/is the ability to suck a good cock." Note the capital placed on the almighty word. I don't think I need to explain how many things are wrong with a statement like that. It's arrogant, indocentric and heterocentric, not to mention degrading to women.

The other prominent example of the speaker's pigheaded con-

ceit comes with his blind assertions that "Poetry is still about cunt... cunt governs everything... we all base our whole lives on it. Quest for it, fight for it, lie for it, break heads for it... what else would a poem be about... except cunt?" I write poetry, and as a straight woman, my poetry, surprisingly enough, is not about other women's vaginas. So am I not writing "real" poetry? The speaker limits those who can write poems to straight men, and possibly lesbians. Judging by the disparaging remarks towards gays in *Nunt*, however, I rather suspect that lesbians were not included in his definition.

Bigotry aside, *Nunt* is not even well written. The author has the nerve to refer to himself as a "Chronic Neologist," but when four-letter words make up 80 percent of his poems, I would say instead that he has a chronically bad vocabulary. Also, I counted only about six occurrences in a 100-page book where the text actually waxed poetic or when I happened upon a clever turn of phrase.

In short, Tourette's work reads like the diary of a gloomy teen who has simply taken his whining pleas for attention to the next level. Instead of stomping around a high school campus, the speaker is wandering around cities sleeping with prostitutes and abusing his body. Where *Nunt* is not objectifying women or flirting with racism and homophobia, the speaker is essentially

bragging about how many drugs he's done, how drunk he's been, how many fights he's picked with members of minority groups, or bashing religion with tired clichés and stale generalizations. Time to grow up, Mingus. I don't think you're tough.

I consider Tourette to be just a bad writer who thinks that because something is offensive, it is automatically good literature. Writing down the word "fuck" interspersed with some big words and dropping the names of dead white guys doesn't make you clever.

Mingus Tourette signs his

name as such:
Mingus Tourette
Emphatic Graphomaniac
Chronic Neologist
Thanophobic Bastard
Purveyor of Fine Apostasy
Effervescent Fuckaroo
Notorious Drunkard, Esq.

I would change it to read:
Mingus Tourette
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Notorious Braggart

I am seriously worried about the future of Canadian literature.

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Hockey on lockdown

Hard to sympathize with greedy NHL players, salary cap 'em

Mike Brown

Staff Writer



Now, I realize that I risk becoming the object of public scorn by criticizing NHL players within Canadian borders, but please allow me to explain. First off, I am a devoted sports fan and, as a fifth-generation Canadian, a love of hockey certainly runs deep within me. I watched with pride as Team Canada defeated Finland last week to claim their rightful title as world champions, and joined my buddies in the ensuing gleeful celebration at the corner of Albert and University streets.

That being said, the joyous occasion was, for me, extremely bittersweet. My national pride

was tempered by a conviction that it was the last time I'd be viewing such competitive hockey on TV for a while. The lockout of NHL players which has since come to pass, is for me, as for so many Canadians, a mournful occasion.

However, I'm also frustrated by the inability of players and owners to come to terms and keep the game going. In my mind, both parties are being greedy, but I find the actions of the players particularly unnerving. I hardly think NHL players are being reasonable in their desire to hold out for more money. Granted, NHL players deserve to be well paid. The game of hockey is a major staple of the entertainment industry in North America and players should be paid well for their part in that.

However, no one can legiti-

mately argue that any NHL player is suffering financially. Can we blame them for getting whatever money they can? Maybe, but I don't. When it gets to the point where they cease to play the game they supposedly love, I have to question the NHL Player's Association.

The NBA and NFL both operate with salary caps and the leagues' competitive balance benefit as a result.

The major issue of contention throughout has been the salary cap proposed by the owners, which the players vehemently oppose. Personally, I think a salary cap is a great idea. The NBA and NFL both operate with salary caps and the leagues' competitive balance benefit as a result. Both leagues are less apt than the NHL for schisms in talent between the teams with enormous payrolls and those without.

Moreover, salary caps are less limiting than often assumed. I think the NHL should follow the NBA's example by adopting a 'soft cap'. It allows owners to exceed the maximum payroll and merely penalizes teams financially when they do so.

Clearly, a salary cap would not be the horrible injustice players make it out to be. NHL players aren't suffering. Frankly, I think it's time for the NHLPA to swallow their collective pride and take back to the ice.



CHACIN GOES CH-CHING

For a team now sitting 25 games under .500, the Toronto Blue Jays have defied everyone's borders of suck this season by turning a decent club into a disgrace. One bright spot in the dark blue skies was the performance of Gustavo Chacin's in his first major league start against the New York Yankees last Monday night. Chacin pitched seven strong innings and surrendered just two earned runs against the best hitting line-up ever assembled. For Jays' fans it only a matter of time before he's traded, injured or eaten by a shark.



OLD WORLD DISCOVERS AMERICA'S SHITINESS

Watching American teams get destroyed in international competition never gets old. Regardless if it's a Lithuanian basketball team or a plump golfer named Colin Montgomerie doing the damage, the USA losing is always special. Last weekend's Ryder Cup in Oakland Hills Country Club was the mother of all upsets as Team Europe beat Team America by a record margin. As Team Europe tasted victory, Tiger Woods opted for the bitter juices of Phil Mickleson's man-boob sweat.



MOPETE DISHES OUT HERPES LIKE THREES

In probably the most personally damaging story of the past week, an unnamed woman is suing Toronto Raptor Morris Peterson for allegedly giving her genital herpes. Although Peterson has denied he gave the woman underwear cold-sores, he has yet to, bless his heart, deny he has herpes. It is a sad story of SUV to STD that can teach us all a lesson: lazy basketball players who, because of said laziness turn into one-dimensional three-point shooters, might be having too much sex.



BAD IDEA

What happens when all of the 'good ideas' broadcasters have about the NHL actually come to fruition? With 4 on 4 play, "chase" shootouts in lieu of minor penalties and no red line, the first Original Stars Hockey League (featuring zero actual original stars) is being played in such hockey hotspots as Sarnia, Barrie and Kitchener and it sucks and no one cares and ticket prices are obscene. I'd rather walk to a local arena and watch children play, unfortunately I'm prevented from doing so legally.



Sports Writers Mike Brown and Mark Hopkins take on the current NHL lockout

Owners are to blame

Mark Hopkins

Staff Writer



It's 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night. What are your plans for the evening? Normally, the Hockey Night in Canada theme on the CBC would kick off the night. Thanks to the recent lockout announced by the NHL, this will not be the case.

No Hockey Night in Canada. No Toronto versus Ottawa rivalries that build feuds between the best of friends. Hockey fans may be shut out of NHL hockey for a long time.

The NHLPA will not sign any collective bargaining agreement that includes a salary cap. The NHL will not compromise and develop a plan that works for both the players and the owners. A salary cap is not the answer to the NHL's problems.

A proposal that would improve the state of the league has already been brought to the table by the players' union.

In previous years, the league was financially responsible without any cap. The league is attempting to cover up other issues by saying that player salaries are the only problem with the league. How about working harder with American empires ABC and ESPN to get more television coverage in the

United States?

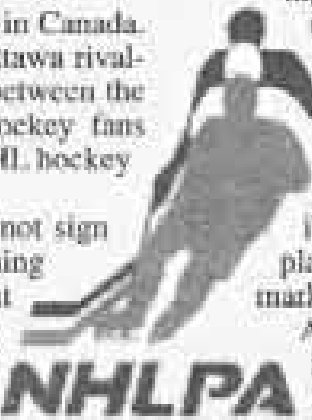
After all, 24 of the 30 teams are south of the border. And ABC was only planning on showing five regular season games nationally this season. Surely, NHL players are paid huge salaries for playing a game. The reason for this is quite simple. There is a massive demand for their services. Thousands of people pay to watch them each night and millions more

sit in front of a TV to see them work. This huge demand, in connection with a relatively miniscule supply of NHL-caliber players on the planet, means that their market value is sky high.

A proposal that would improve the state of the league has already been brought to the table by the players' union.

This would include a luxury tax system that would force high-spending teams to pay a fee to the NHL for exceeding a certain figure with player salaries. Also, the NHLPA has offered to increase revenue sharing amongst all 30 teams and even cut their existing contracts by five percent, which would save the owners roughly 100 million dollars.

The players are willing to negotiate with the owners to develop a CBA that works for all individuals associated with the NHL. The owners are stubbornly waiting for NHLPA to accept a salary cap. I've got news for the NHL. No one is winning now. Work something out, gentlemen.



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NUMBER SEVEN, NUMBER SEVEN, NUMBER SEVEN

Thanks to Laurier's win over the previously-eighth ranked Western Mustangs in football action, the Hawks have jumped from ninth to seventh in the nation. The Hawks can also take comfort in the fact that the win also forced the rival Mustangs out of the top 10 — a move that catapulted Western from second to fifth in the Ontario ranking system. The Hawks maintained the seventh position for essentially the entire 2003 campaign.

HAWKS BOOTED BY 'STANGS

On Saturday, Laurier's women's soccer team fell behind early and were unable to mount an offensive threat against the eighth ranked team in the nation. With three goals in the first half, Western went on to blank the Hawks. In men's action, the Hawks were unable to capitalize on a Western red card with over a quarter left to play, eventually losing 2 - 0.

MEN AND WOMEN RUCKED BY MCMASTER

At home against a strong Marauders squad, the men's rugby squad were simply overpowered from the start, eventually losing by a 79 - 10 margin. After a tough opening day loss to Waterloo, the Golden Hawks are now 0 - 2 on the season with upcoming games against Guelph and Windsor this week. The

news was no better for the women's squad who was shutout 30 - 0 against the Marauders on Saturday afternoon. The women will tangle with Trent and Brock this week.

HAWKS GET WHAT THEY GIVE



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It's been one of those seasons for Laurier's baseball squad. In the hunt for the fourth playoff spot, the Hawks played four crucial games last weekend. In the first double-header, the Hawks met a lower ranked Toronto squad but dropped both games in a decided fashion, 8 - 3 and 14 - 12. Then on Sunday, with the visiting Brock Badgers in town, the Hawks took both from the top ranked team in Ontario. The first game saw the Hawks offence explode in a 15 - 5 victory while the second featured a pitching duel that saw Phil Cervoni out-pitch the Brock staff for a 3 - 2 win.

compiled by Bryan Shinn

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
September 20-24, 2004
LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

09/18/04
M Football 38, Western 34

M Soccer 0, Western 2
W Soccer 0, Western 3

M Rugby 10, McMaster 79
W Rugby 0, McMaster 30

M Baseball 4, Toronto 14
M Baseball 3, Toronto 8

09/19/04
M Soccer 2, Queen's 5
W Soccer 1, Queen's 1
M Baseball 15, Brock 5
M Baseball 3, Brock 2

UPCOMING HOME GAMES
09/24/04
W Hockey vs. Guelph,
7:30 PM, Albert McCormick

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M Football vs. McMaster,
2:00 PM, University Stadium

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W Rugby vs. Brock,
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Hawks second in Ontario

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referring to how it was Laurier's defence that handed the Hawks the win last week against Windsor.

After a favourable placement on a Nick Cameron third down run giving the Hawks a crucial first down, Laurier sat on their

own 52-yard line with plans of going deep.

"Hickey picked up that Western's defence was playing a linebacker on our third receiver," said Pyear after the game.

With this in mind, Pyear dropped a 42-yard bomb to Baechler to put the Hawks in

position to tie and 16 yards from the win.

"It was one-on-one coverage," said Baechler, "and Ryan just made a great read."

The modesty continued for the quarterback, who noted that when a player is that "wide open" it makes his job a lot easier.

With less than a minute remaining, and positioned at 16, it was a Western mistake in the form of a pass interference penalty that handed Laurier the first and goal opportunity.

On first down, Hickey was unable to move against a strong defence stance, so on second down Pyear dropped back. When he came to throw it to the most unlikely of heroes, receiver Will Northcoat, who accepted the one yard pass to give Laurier the four point lead and the win.

"Forget the standings, to come into Western and win is a huge accomplishment for this football team," said an elated Head Coach Gary Jeffries.

However, it was the running back Cameron who was most poetic: "To silence the [Western] fans in such a way is an amazing thing."



Head Coach Gary Jeffries and his staff react to the action late in the fourth quarter.

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On Deck

When *The Score* decided to broadcast Laurier's homecoming contest with the McMaster Marauders to be held next Saturday at University Stadium, it was a no-brainer.

With the two highest ranked Ontario teams set to do battle in what very well could be a preview of the Yates' Cup, it will be



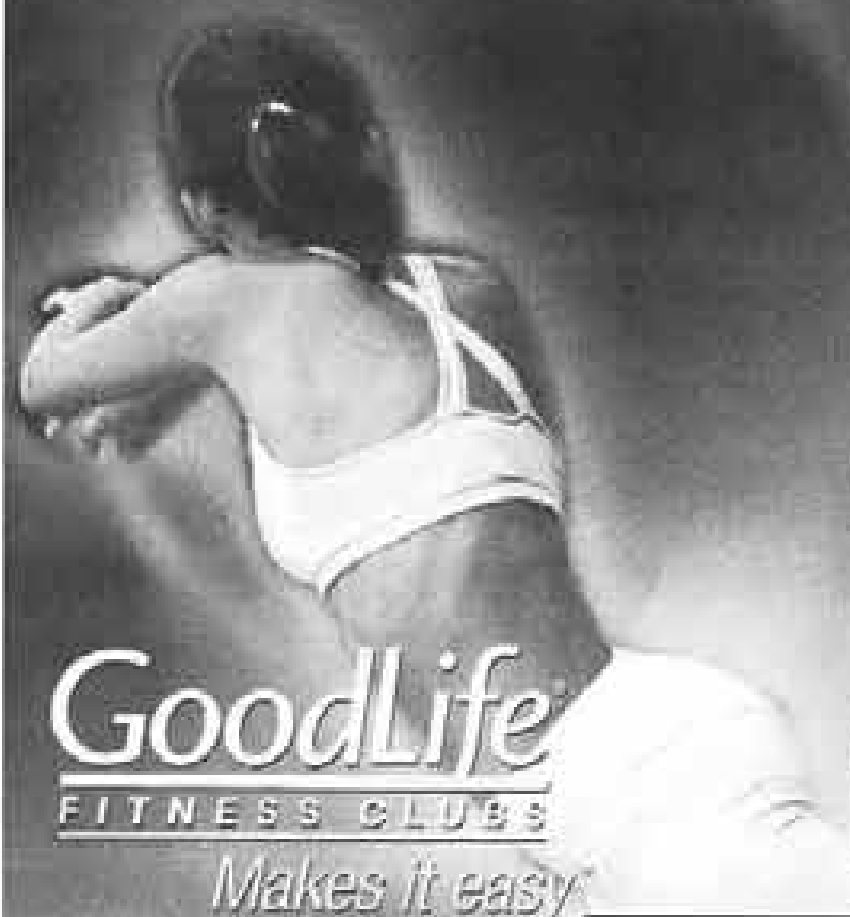
nothing short of an offensive shit-show: McMaster running back Jesse Lumsden has 804 rushing yards this season (360 more than his closest competition, and could

be the most dominant rusher in CIS history.

However, the Hawks have a gun of their own, Ryan Pyear, who is statistically the second ranked quarterback in Canada.

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Hawks trample Mustangs in thriller

G-Hawks resilient in big comeback win against Western to remain undefeated



BRYAN SHINN
Sports Editor

To understand the impact of Laurier's victory over Western at TD Waterhouse Stadium on Saturday afternoon, one must first forget.

Forget that the Hawks' offence marched 86 yards in the last 2:44 of regulation and eventually scored on a one yard pass with 24 seconds left to win 38 - 34.

Forget that the Western Mustangs are, by all accounts, a hated rival that has beaten Laurier 35 times in 46 years, including an unprecedented nine times in the Yates' Cup Finals.

Forget these details in order to more effectively recognize that after an off-season riddled with controversy and two regular season games that offered no true test to Golden Hawks, Saturday's result was a crucial moment for

the Laurier football program.

Aside from the dramatics, the afternoon bout between Laurier and Western was an electrifying football game that saw Laurier take a commanding lead in the first half only to relinquish it, slowly, over the last 30 minutes.

"To silence the (Western) fans like that is an amazing thing."

- Nick Cameron, running back

Laurier took ownership of the lead on the team's first offensive possession when Ryan Pyear found Andrew Baechler for a six-yard TD. After a Western field goal cut into Laurier's lead, Pyear orchestrated a 64-yard drive in the closing minutes of the first quarter. The drive commenced when receiver Joel Wright accepted a 10-yard pass for the major.

In the second quarter, Laurier's dominance continued as the backfield tandem of Nick Cameron and Bryon Hickey



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The Golden Hawks' usual suspects of Baechler, Wright, Cameron and Hickey celebrate after a touchdown on Saturday afternoon in London.

made light work of Western's defence. Brian Devlin would eventually connect on a 25-yard field goal and later Wright inked his second TD of the half on a drive that was highlighted by a 52-yard run by Hickey.

With the Hawks' defence looking expectedly stingy, the team looked poised to enter the dressing room with a 20-point advantage until a questionable 34-yard pass interference call on defensive back Yannick Carter put the Mustangs deep. As time expired, QB Chris Hessel found Jeff Keeping to cut the lead to 24 - 11 at the half.

The defensive woes continued for the Hawks, as Western moved 85 yards on their first possession leading to a TD. The usual suspects responded in a long drive of their own capped off by Hickey's one-yard major on a gutsy third down play.

The seven points gave the Hawks a comfortable 31 - 18 lead going into the fourth, a mark everyone thought would not be challenged. Less than 12 minutes later,

Western had walked over the Hawks' defence for 16 unanswered points to take their first lead with 2:02 left. With the clock and the odds stacked against them, Pyear went to work at his own 19-yard line.

"Ryan (Pyear) said to us in the huddle: 'now we get to be the hero'," explained Cameron, who posted 133 yards in the game.

"Forget the standings, to come into Western and win is a huge accomplishment for this football team."

- Gary Jeffries, Head Coach

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Soccer squad has rough weekend

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Back home for the second half of back-to-back games, the Laurier men's soccer team was looking to put a tough loss Saturday at Western behind them as they went up against the Queen's Golden Gaels Sunday. All went for naught though when they all but handed a 5 - 2 victory to their opponents.

Beginning the game with increased intensity, the team was very vocal with each other, pressuring Queen's with tight man-to-man defence and not sitting back. Within the first five minutes though, the

Golden Gaels were able to break the scheme of the Hawks with a nifty give-and-go goal.

"You can't really take anything good out of this game."

- Barry MacLean, Head Coach

A few moments later, Queen's nearly potted another one but the shot, luckily for the Hawks, just zinged the outside of the post.

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Women kick way to a draw

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In what turned out to be a defensive chess match, Laurier's women's soccer team avoided getting checkmated, producing a 1 - 1 with Queen's.

Much like their male counterparts, the women were also trying to forget a loss at the hands of their rivals down the 401 in London the day before. The Hawks seemed to get off on the wrong foot early in Sunday's matinee, giving up a fluky goal on what seemed a routine play. Goalkeeper Marie Bryce was unable to handle an unusual lob pass in tight from her defender, and with the ball dribbling toward a nearby Queen's forward, it soon found itself in the back of the net.

With the emphasis on defense

for both squads throughout most of the half, it looked like another goal would never come. But sure enough, it did. Double-teaming Laurier ball handlers whenever they had the chance, the Golden Gaels finally got a little overzealous.

"We played a really determined game and had our heads up all the time. It was a really good effort."

- Catherine Ciarallo

ous when Hawks forward Christine Axe was yanked down by her jersey. On the ensuing free kick, Catherine Ciarallo blew a hard low shot past the wall of defenders and the keeper from about 30 yards out.

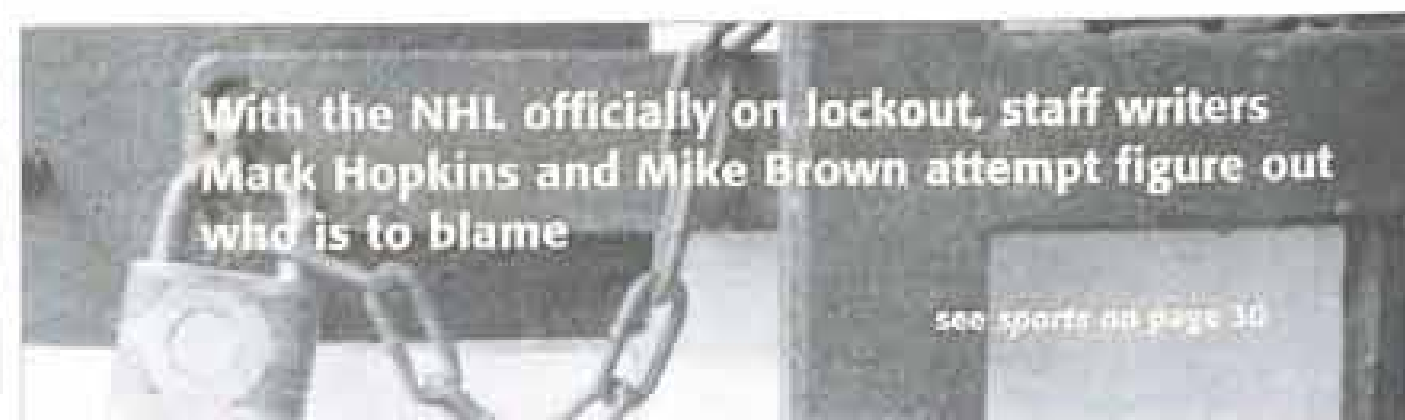
The defensive game became

even more evident in the second half as both sides wanted to keep at least a crucial point in the standings. Each side had shots dribble as far as the goal line before they were swatted away. The best chance came off the foot of Stephanie Vescio when she worked hard to get in alone on the keeper but a diving save thwarted the chance of a goal.

With about 12 minutes remaining, Laurier's Bryce made up for her earlier blunder and made a terrific diving save off a shot concluding a scramble in the box to preserve the tie.

"I thought we played really well today," said the Hawks lone goal-scorer Ciarallo.

"We were pressing well all game. We played a really determined game and had our heads up all the time. It was a really good effort," she added.



With the NHL officially on lockout, staff writers Mark Hopkins and Mike Brown attempt figure out who is to blame

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