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# Laurier getting wasted

*Students producing twice as much garbage as last year...and trying to recycle it*

Jenn Martin

When you consider that recycling one tonne of paper will save 17 trees, it just doesn't make any sense not to. However, recent complaints at Laurier indicate that not only are students producing more garbage than ever before, but they're also exacerbating the situation by not recycling properly either.

"There is more garbage this year than there has been in the past," explains John Campbell, manager of Facilities Operations for Physical Resources. Dave Wellhauser, Students' Union EVP: UA is in agreement, claiming that, "this is the worst year for trash in recent memory" and "the amount of garbage people leave around is appalling." According to reports,

garbage levels have doubled from last year in Willison Hall.

However, even worse than the garbage strewn across campus is the current state of Laurier's recycling program and numerous campus groups have raised questions regarding whether or not we are fully recycling all possible materials. "One of my latest projects at Laurier is to determine how much recycling doesn't make it because of contamination," says Wellhauser.

**"Our staff do not sort recycling containers," explains Campbell.**

Though all recycling containers on campus have labels to show what types of materials are acceptable, contamination is frequent. Pizza boxes with food are often added to recycling bins, which contaminate the contents, and garbage is regularly found in containers set aside for recycling. In



Just one example of many recycling bins around campus that are being terribly misused this year. Garbage in the recycling bins contaminates the materials and everything then goes to waste. (Get it? Wasted.)

the cafeteria, plates are added to the glass bins. Even in faculty and staff offices, where boxes for fine paper are provided, cans and bottles are placed in incorrect receptacles, making the load no longer recyclable.

"Our staff do not sort recycling containers," explains Campbell.

"We're not there to be the recycling police." Thus, all bins on campus and their contents are up to the discretion of Waterloo Region, who are responsible for all residence recycling, and Capital Environmental, responsible for all other recycling on campus, as to whether or not contamination is

too severe to be accepted. Though it is rare, bins will occasionally be left when there is too much other material present, and any bin left will be treated as garbage.

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# Settling for silver - women lose CIS final

Kristen Lipscombe

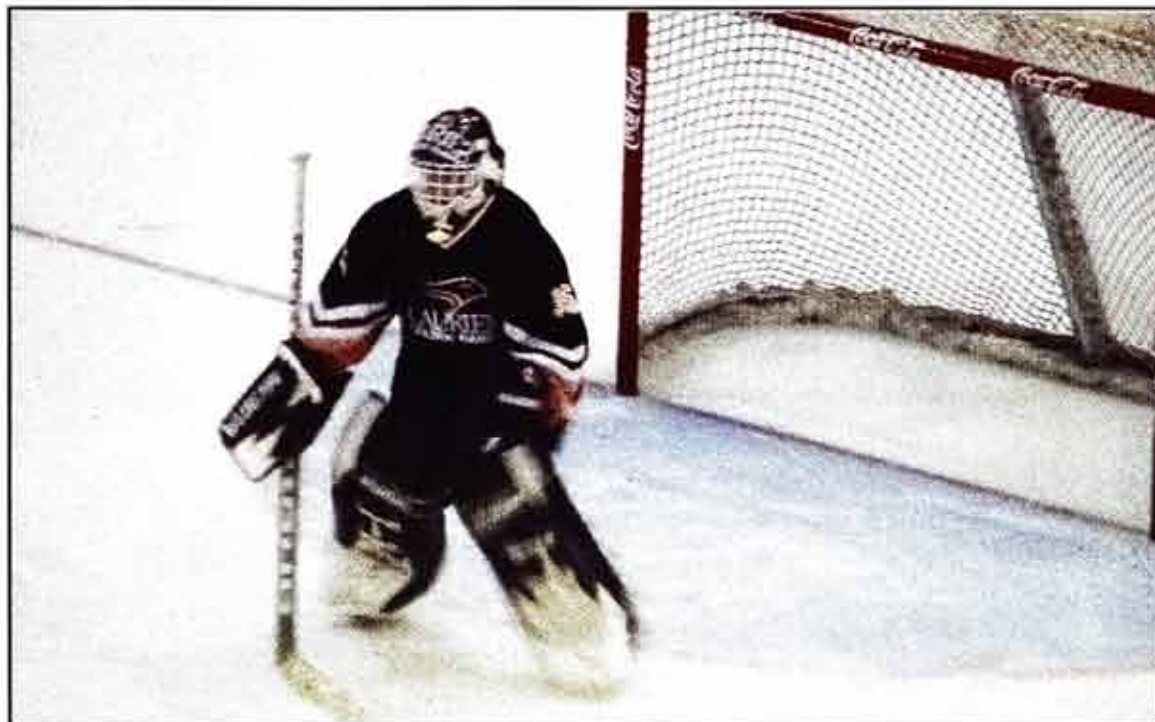
This past week the women's hockey Hawks came out flying. That is, they flew by plane to Saskatchewan in order to attend the CIS National Championships and they certainly came out flying on the ice.

**ALBERTA 5, LAURIER 2**

After defeating the 2001 National Champions, the Toronto Blues on February 24th, the Hawks brought home OUA gold and got the nod to proceed to the CIS round-robin tournament being held at the University of Regina. Laurier headed to the CIS show down ranked third in the nation and with the fire in their eyes.

On February 27th the CIS announced its major award winners and the All-Canadian team members. The outstanding season exhibited by Cindy Eadie earned her the CIS Rookie of the Year award along with a spot on the First All-Canadian team. Hawk defender and assistant captain Alison Goodman was also rewarded for her consistently strong performances on the ice this season, joining Eadie on the First All-Canadian team.

The former net minder of the NWHL's



Even goaltender Cindy Eadie wasn't enough to hold off Alberta in the women's Canadian national championships. The loss was Laurier's first and only one of the season.

Mississauga Ice-Bears, Eadie led the OUA and CIS in goaltending and was a key player for the Hawks in their undefeated 2001-2002 season.

"It is a great honour to be considered for these awards, and to win them is an even greater honour," commented Eadie on her CIS success.

"I can't take all the credit because with-

out the team I had in front of me, I don't think I would've received the same recognition. We dominated the league this year and it showed throughout the OUAs and the Nationals. My job as a goalie is a lot easier because of the support I get from my teammates and coaches," commented a humble Eadie.

On February 28th WLU faced off against

the St. Francis Xavier X-women in their first game of the tournament. The match was a tight one, with St. FX taking the Hawks to overtime and Laurier barely being able to scrape through with a 3-2 victory.

The X-women were able to put one past Eadie within the first minute of play. Despite St. FX's strong start, the Hawks were able to respond with two goals of their own in first period action. Second year forward Jacqueline Grahek and rookie Jessica Singh each contributed a marker for Laurier.

During the second period, the X-women managed to tie things up, and the St. FX goaltender Amy Handrahan stopped 25 shots in the third and a total 50 shots throughout the game in order to hold onto the draw.

Laurier however, dominated the game in overtime and rookie defense Brennan Crawford was able to score the winner for the Golden Hawks.

Kate MacNamara received Player of the Game honours for Laurier with assists on the Hawks' first two goals. MacNamara has been a huge contributor for the Hawks on the ice this year, always coming through when it counts.

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# Alliance candidates debate

*Stockwell Day and other Canadian Alliance hopefuls come to Laurier to talk politics in party leadership debate.*

## Thomas Thompson

Normally a Saturday night in the Science Building is as about as exciting as the morgue unless there are students removing the dusts from their textbooks. Last Saturday this tomb of solitude was filled with political fervor when WLU hosted an episode of CKCO TV's the Final Round, which featured the Canadian Alliance leadership debate.

All of the candidates were present Diane Ablonczy, Stockwell Day, Stephen Harper and Dr. Grant Hill. The debate followed the format of The Final Round, a program that showcases

political forums and debates, was divided into five different segments focusing on specific national issue. The debate centered on how each candidate would respond to issues if they were the party leader. The topics discussed included military expenditure, education, the division of the right in Canada, religious advocacy in politics and healthcare.

Perhaps one of the most contentious issues has been the divide in the right and vote splitting

between the Canadian Alliance and the Progressive Conservatives. Both Ablonczy and Hill strongly favor having joint candidacy and coalitions with the PCs. Day seemed adamant that the unity of the right shouldn't come at any cost.

Normally at the end of show a winner of the debate is announced by the Final Round's host Brent Hanson and a donation of \$100 dollars is made to a charity of their

choice. Hanson declared that all of the candidates were winners and the money was to go to WLU Students Union allowing them to decide who it will be donated to.

Following the debate there was

a question and answer period, which allowed anyone from the audience to discuss concerns with the candidates. Perhaps one of the most compelling issues brought forward was the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol. Both Day and Harper were insistent that Canada should not ratify it. Harper commented that not only will the cost of implementing it be astronomical but also that neither Mexico or US are going to ratify it.

Stockwell Day on the other

**Day seemed adamant that the unity of the right shouldn't come at any cost.**



Stockwell Day appears at Laurier, speaking in the Alliance Party leadership debate against (l-r) Dr. Grant Hill, Steven Harper and Diane Ablonczy.

hand indicated that Canada's participation in the Kyoto Protocol could have a negative effect on the environment since its enforcement in Canada could result in companies moving to jurisdiction where environmental laws are more relaxed.

The election for the new Canadian Alliance leader will be

taking place between March 8th and the 15th and the ballots will be mailed in. The winner is to be announced on the 20th.

Peter Turkington, co-President of the Canadian Alliance Party Club at Laurier described this event as being quite a success. He said that about a hundred people were expected but at least two hundred

had shown up.

Turkington also mentioned that since he is going to be graduating this year that he plans on seeking nomination to run for the Alliance for the Kitchener-Waterloo riding in the next federal election.

The program will air this Saturday evening at 6:30.

## Bag o' Crime

*A collection of criminal activity taking place in our own schoolyard.*

*Can you guess which one is a Cordie?*

### INDECENT ACT

2200 HRS TUE FEB 19/02

Library staff reported that they observed a scruffy looking male masturbating at a computer on the 5th floor of the Library. By the time the incident was reported and the arrival of officers the suspect had left the premises. Waterloo Regional Police were notified.

### MVA

1045 HRS WED FEB 20/02

An officer investigated a minor vehicle collision in lot 3. A vehicle had backed into a parked vehicle. There were no injuries.

### THEFT UNDER \$5000

1600 HRS WED FEB 20/02

Staff reported the theft of a dremel tool and a glue gun from 65 Lodge St.

### THEFT UNDER \$5000

1800-1850 HRS THU FEB 21/02

Person(s) unknown stole a credit card, watch and some items of clothing from a locker in the mens' change room at the Athletic Complex.

### MEDICAL ASSIST

0054 HRS TUE FEB 26/02

An ambulance was called after receiving a report of a student having difficulty breathing at Willison Hall. The student was apparently suffering an asthma attack. He was transported to hospital.

### MVA

1145 HRS TUE FEB 26/02

An officer investigated a minor vehicle collision in lot 3. There were no injuries.

### THEFT UNDER \$5000

SUN FEB 24/02

Person(s) unknown removed two flags from the WLUSU Board Room sometime during the Olympic Gold Medal Hockey game.

### MEDICAL ASSIST

0213 HRS WED FEB 27/02

An ambulance was called to the Science Building for a student who had dislocated his shoulder. He was transported to hospital.

### MEDICAL ASSIST

2000 HRS WED FEB 27/02

An ambulance was called for a U of W student who was feeling faint in the Concourse. She refused medical attention offered by ambulance attendants and was taken home by friends.

### THEFT UNDER \$5000

THU FEB 28/02

A staff member reported the theft of her purse from an unattended office in the Aird Building.

### THEFT UNDER \$5000

FRI FEB 01/02

Dining Hall staff reported that a student had obtained food by fraudulent means. The matter will be forwarded to the JAC.

### SUSPICIOUS PERSON

1207 HRS SAT MAR 02/02

Officers responded to University Stadium after receiving reports that a female was going from car to car in the parking lot looking into vehicles. The individual could not be found and no cars appeared to have been

tampered with.

### TRESPASS

0305 HRS SUN MAR 03/02

Officers responded to University Place after receiving a report that a non-resident was sleeping in a study room there. The individual was located and evicted from the premises and issued a written trespass notice.

### MISCHIEF

SUN MAR 03/02

Person(s) unknown damaged the lights in the elevator at University Place.

### BREAK AND ENTER WITH INTENT

SUN MAR 03.03

A custodial storage area in the basement of the Woods Building was found to have been broken into. It appears that nothing has been taken.

During this time period two warnings were issued for liquor violations.



# Silenced protest

*Visiting speaker Don Mitchell discusses the problem of modern controls on sound and freedom to protest*

**Alicia McFadden**

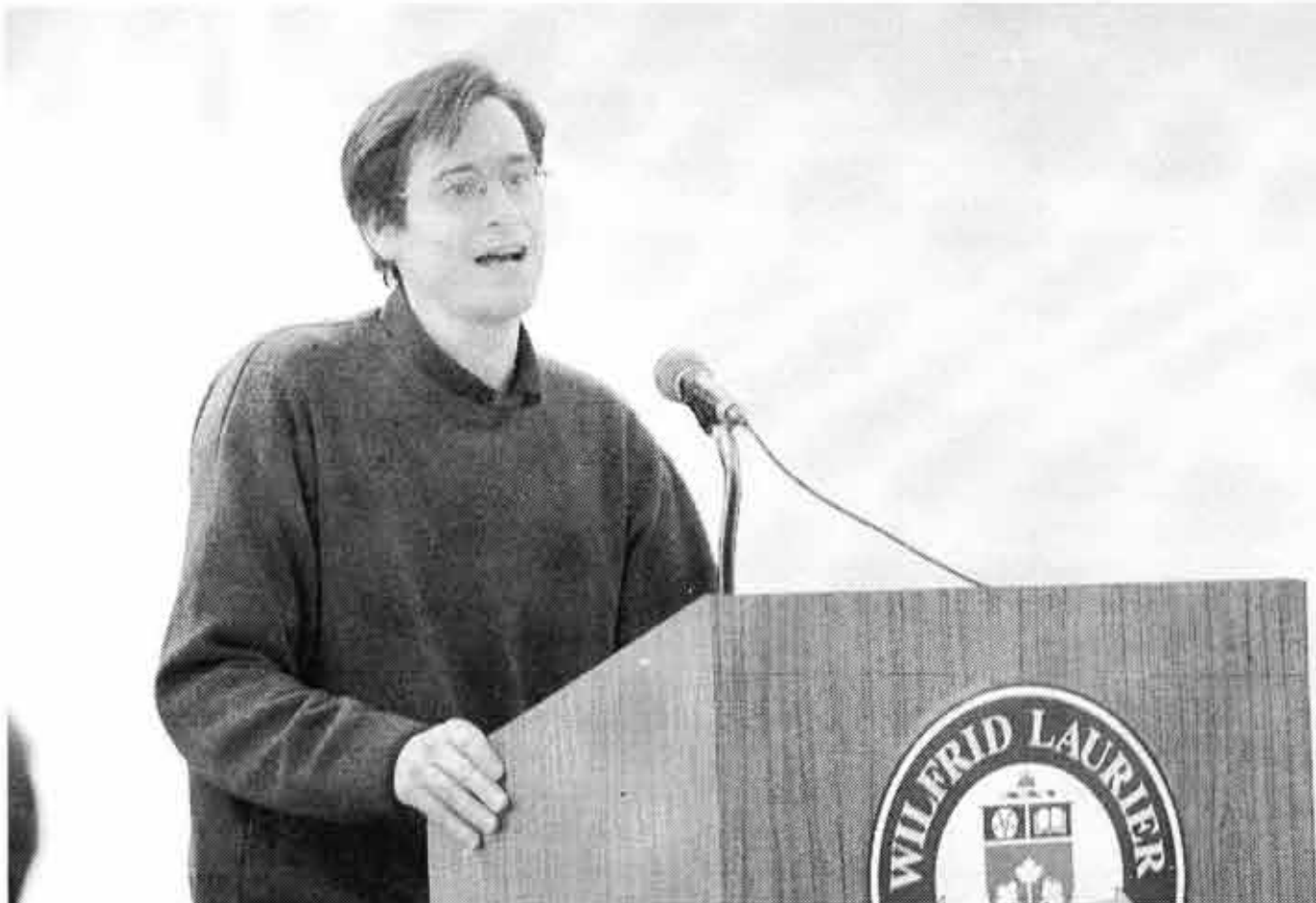
Protesting this day and age is difficult enough without problems of dealing with specific zones designated as "no-protest." Though the purpose of protest is to be heard, silence is becoming an increasing trend, mostly due to government influence. Many feel that this "silent loudness" blatantly contradicts the original purpose behind the protest.

The lecture in the Paul Martin Centre this past Tuesday night, focused on the silencing of protests in public spaces. This sixth, and final, installment in an inter-disciplinary series of lectures focusing on silence which started in September attempted to show students how their disciplines could be influenced by and interact with other subjects.

Geography was the topic of focus, and elaborated on the ways in which it relates politically, historically, and socially to public protest and free speech.

The speaker, Don Mitchell, is an associate professor from the University of Syracuse and has been noted as having Marxist approaches to the study of historical geography.

This was reflected in his thoughts on the effectiveness of



Don Mitchell speaks on the silencing of protesting in public places based on geography.

realized that they needed to find a way to regulate this so as not to subordinate the needs of individual rights.

In the 1980s there was the issue of the first amendment rights versus property rights, in that the rights of private property owners - for example, the owner of malls - subjugated the rights of individual free speech. Currently, there are designated protest and no-protest zones that the government has tried to implement in order to protect the needs of the protestor versus the needs of the events and non-protestors.

Mitchell talked about "separating speech and protest through zoning," which negates some of the effectiveness of the protesting. The point of protesting is creating noise and consequently being heard. However, if the protesting is silenced through being accepted by the government and relegated to occurring in only specified places, then only those that the protest serves to rally against serve to benefit. This notion is echoed in Mitchell's comment, "quiet violence of the law can be broken down through loudness of protest," which he feels is most effective through illegal protest.

dissent speech, in that it can only be effective if it is illegal and that "noise is a means to prevent silence of suppression." Due to his background in American geography and law, Mitchell focused predominately on American cases and case law. Mitchell documented several previous legislation regarding protesting in public places.

Several points in history were poignant in their ability to change previous legislation regarding protesting in public places. The 1930s were noted, in that speech could be banned due to its persuasive powers and incite others to violence. Post 1930s, the American government

## WLUSU hires for '02-03

**Stefan Sereda**

Next year, the absence of Students Union officials wearing reflective vests may prove confusing for students used to Executive Vice President Dave Wellhauser's original approach to politics, but newly elected WLUSU President Andy Pushalik remains "confident that we've got a very strong team."

This week Andy Pushalik and next year's Executive Vice President of Student Affairs Kristi Edwards selected the vice presidents that will complete the formation of student government at WLU.

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Five vice presidents were selected from what Pushalik described as "a small applicant pool." Each applicant chosen has a substantial amount of volunteer experience and at least some experience that applies to their respective positions.

Chosen as next year's Vice President of Student Activities was Darryl Patterson, who has had previous experience as the Activities Team Coordinator, and who has also worked

in the department for three years.

BACCHUS Coordinator Sophie Kotsopoulos will be the new Vice President of Student Affairs, with past experience as a Laurier Ambassador, a member of the Athlete's Advisory Committee and the Public Relations event leader.

Current Chair of the Board and senator Paul Tambeau will be filling the position of VP: Finance and Administration. Tambeau previously served two years as an elected representative on the WLUSU Board of Directors.

Yogen Fruz Cafe assistant manager Jeff Pelich has been selected as the Vice President of Marketing and has previously worked on promotional materials as a WLUSU graphic artist.

Lindsay Markle, the new Vice President of Human Resources Development is currently the Recruitment Co-ordinator, an Ice Breaker and a Legal Resources volunteer.

These five executive members will be added to the aforementioned elected candidates who comprised the selection committee, as well as the Chair of the Board Ben Durrer and Vice Chair of the Board Jazz Samra.

Andy Pushalik noted that the selection process required "tough decisions" but he also felt that the small number of applicants did not affect the appointment process and is happy with the team selected for the 2002-2003 management committee.

## Students put garbage in blue bins

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Though Campbell sees the increase in garbage on campus as an "ongoing thing," Wellhauser believes that students respect the school less because they, in turn, are not respected. "I think it's due to the fact that a lot of students came here and didn't get the treatment and respect that students in the past did," he explains. "It's a trickle-down effect." However, he is quick to point out that not all blame is lifted from students, stating, "I just expect so much more from a campus full of adults. Grade school children do a better job recycling than we do."

Overall, Wellhauser is pleased with the support he has received for his latest project. "Everyone's so on board because this is a major issue no one has been addressing," he expounds. Physical Resources "wants to

take an active part," says Campbell. "We're willing to work with the students on it, for this sort of thing, providing resources are available."

Though still in the initial stages of the project, Wellhauser is attempting to identify and isolate the issues and problems, create

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solutions and then implement them. The focus of solutions offered will be "retraining." "To make them aware, everyone has to be a part," explains Campbell. "People need to be educated."

Unfortunately, the greater the amount of money that is allotted to maintenance fees for the clean up and disposal of garbage, the greater the effects on tuition will be. "It's cheaper for us to be responsible individuals," Wellhauser argues. "Even if you're not concerned about the environment, do it for the bottom line."

**SEGA!!**



# WLUSU performance reports

*See who made the grade, and who needs work in the off-season*

## **Matthew Cade Dillon Moore**

Every year, the cord publishes its annual evaluations of elected student officials at WLU, as well as the key hired personnel (particularly Vice-Presidents) within both the Students' Union and Student Publications.

The Board Reports are based primarily on the following criteria:

1. Interviews with all Board members (including Presidents and Vice-Presidents) of both WLUSU and WLUSP.
2. Cord observation at WLUSU and WLUSP board meetings.
3. Comparison of accomplishments with election platforms.

Board members were asked to comment on all aspects of their respective corporation. That is, directors spoke about both BOD and Management Committee work and vice versa.

There were certain trends that surfaced during the interviews that do not apply well to individual evaluations. Numerous observers saw the Board as being too passive this year, to the extent where members of the Management Committee were not challenged on issues.

It also was evident that throughout the year, a rift had appeared within the Management Committee. There was a suggestion that the worst of the feuding was over, but that problems working together throughout the year could probably be attributed to the rift.

## **Dave Prang, President and CEO**

In spite of his wishes that he could have been more of a student himself, Dave did an outstanding job as a representative for students. Most Directors feel that Prang lived up to and exceeded the expectations placed on the President to be accessible, friendly, and truly concerned about the students' needs. Prang was approachable and ever supportive of his Directors. At meetings, he always seemed to have a great handle on basically everything that was going on at the university. Dave also put in endless hours and worked his ass off to stay on top of things. On the other hand, Dave has been, overall, weaker in his management capacity. As a criticism of himself, Prang offered that he has been disappointed in his inability to really bring the Management Committee together. Perhaps the biggest criticism was how thin Prang was spread over the numerous committees that he was a part of. These included construction, the dining hall, the new residence, Turret renovations, and the new teaching building, among many others. This problem is a symptom of both too great a 'committee demand' on the President as well as Prang's refusal to delegate some of this work to VP's and Directors. Prang was given credit by some for being "the leader that we needed." And although he has not taken any of the credit for it, Prang oversaw a government that challenged the University

on the pressing growth issue and mobilized forces to get the administration to re-open its institutional plan. This was a remarkable step for Laurier's student government.

## **David Wellhauser, Executive Vice President: University Affairs**

Of all the members of the Union, Wellhauser was undoubtedly the hardest to overlook. Constantly a presence on campus with loud clothing and dyed hair, he spent a lot of time connecting with the students and taking their suggestions and complaints. He was forceful in Board meetings and pushed a number of environmental initiatives through. In external business, Wellhauser was proactive in bringing members of the government to the university to discuss the condition of post-secondary education in Ontario, and his colleagues describe him as very effective in his Ontario University Students' Association lobbying. Many of the Union members describe Wellhauser's efforts as phenomenal and exemplary, although some felt that his weakness was internal business, and things like his organizational skills, and his ability to work productively as a member of a close-knit team suffered. To those who agreed with him, Wellhauser did a lot of good for the students of Laurier, and even those who oppose his initiatives would have to admit that he was an effective member of the Students' Union. Most importantly, for those of us at the Cord, Dave is pretty much all we've been demanding in a Students' Union representative for the past ten years. If his successors keep it up, we'll be out of business.

## **Ben Durrer, Vice President: Marketing**

A number of Union members had good things to say about Durrer, probably because he seemed to spend much of this past year helping out with business that went beyond a strict interpretation of his job description. His outstanding familiarity of the Union and its mechanisms certainly aided him in these endeavors. Drawing from his knowledge and experience, Durrer helped to implement changes to the Union's information-technology. Within the Marketing department, Durrer promoted Radio Laurier, the Orientation Week video, and the new WLUSU Voice web site. Durrer is proud of the performance of the Terrace this year, despite what he describes as "new student desires" which make formerly effective methods less reliable. Durrer's amiability and professionalism impressed his colleagues, who ranked his performance highly.

## **Mike Fox, Vice President: Finance and Administration**

Vice Presidents of Finance and Administration over the past couple of years have seen the number of businesses they control more than double, while very little growth has taken place within their own department. Fox increased the department to deal with the challenge of handling more profit centres, and he made sure that

reports that were previously late were delivered on time or early. By what he describes as "cutting the fat," Fox was able to move the Union from a deficit to a major surplus. Colleagues in the Union had praise for Fox's handling of the finances and for the high level of knowledge he displayed, but some did feel that he was at times not as accessible as he might have been. The profit centres, with the exception of the sluggish Turret, saw a better return this year than in the previous one, and the successful instillation of a Harvey's in the Terrace was in large part helped by Fox. The Union's finances are in a much better state for Fox's work.

## **Laure Lafrance, Vice President: Human Resources Development**

In only the second year of the existence of the Union's Human Resources department Lafrance has had a lot to do this year, in addition to the already heavy workload of Vice President: Human Resources Development. The unexpected turnover of a number of full-time staff members made it necessary for her to devote plenty of her energy to finding replacements for the recently departed. The opening of Harvey's and the subsequent hiring of employees also demanded much of her attention. Although some on the Board were occasionally overwhelmed with Laure's preparation regarding her department at Board meetings, those people who worked intimately with her were impressed by her dedication to her volunteers as well as her efforts to know closely every executive and coordinator within the Union. Debate over policy on double hiring caused a little friction and still remains an issue for some.

## **Andy Pushalik, Vice President: Student Services**

If it's true that there was friction and division within the Management Committee this past year (as many of its members have indicated), Pushalik was not a part of it, and has emerged with the respect and fondness of his colleagues. His hallmark was putting the volunteers that worked under him first, a concept that he apparently never lost sight of. Working in a department that is large enough to spur some to say that two administrators would be kept busy running it, Pushalik managed to engender a great deal of respect and goodwill. Routinely faced with requests from enthused students who wanted to make a new campus club, Pushalik was upset the channels were not simpler and that he did not make them so. Upon his return to the Union next year, Pushalik will be in the enviable position of having the experience of an active political year behind him, without the ill will that might be aroused by such activity. Andy's greatest asset is perhaps his outstanding ability to lead and to inspire. He truly had the confidence of all his volunteers as well as his coworkers.

## **Maja Yuricek, Vice President: Student Activities**

The Vice President of Student Activities has

a history of leaders who come from the volunteer side of the Students' Union and, at least in the recent past, have experience as ice breakers or members of the A-Team. Maja was no exception to this rule, but brought with her a different kind of leadership that served to impress all those who worked with her and that was reflected in the success of the events planned by her team. Maja was able to step back and act as a support for her volunteers rather than making all the decisions and taking all the credit. She was more often than not quiet and reserved when all those around her were going insane with energy. It is to her credit that she viewed her role in this way and was able to fulfill her duties so successfully. As she admits, some of her events could have had more support, in particular the Boar's Head dinner, but the unbelievable successes that were Shinerama, Orientation Week and Winter Carnival are proof of the success of her leadership.

## **Paul Tambeau, Chair of the Board**

The man who basically holds the answer to every question about the Union, and the tireless enforcer of "Robert's rules of order," Tambeau made his mark as a knowledgeable and capable administrator as Chair of the Board. New initiatives to the Board procedure allowed Directors to engage in more informed debate, and Tambeau was also active in the renovation plans for Health Services, the approval of bringing part-time students into the Union, and various other issues including growth, staff, and board governance. While most agree that Tambeau was effective in his administrative duties, some are also willing to place the reactive nature of last year's Board at his feet. While Paul's work ethic behind the scenes is unparalleled, the Board would have been more productive as a group had he focused more of his energy on leadership and encouraging pro-activity on the part of Directors. This is certainly not a new problem, however, and Tambeau deserves credit for all the support he did provide for Directors.

## **Kristi Edwards, Vice Chair of the Board**

A strong and forceful member of the Board of Directors (perhaps to a fault, on occasion), Kristi never settled for anything that had not been thoroughly reviewed. As Vice Chair of the Board, Edwards was involved in plenty of initiatives. As regards Board leadership, Kristi could have done a better job helping the Chair motivate the troops. Most Directors agreed that many goals that had been set by the Board early on were lost as everyone returned to class in September. The winter semester for Kristi seemed to be a dramatic improvement over the fall, culminating in the election of Edwards to the position of Executive Vice-President: University Affairs.

## **Andy Bruce**

Andy was really admired and appreciated by the other members of the Students' Union this year, largely in part to his penchant for saying what was on his mind, and question-



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ing people when he felt it was necessary. A problem that Bruce himself admitted to being disappointed with was the lack of free time that he found he could devote to the Board. Unexpectedly having to get a job meant Bruce had to end his early leadership on the information-technology portfolio. However, other board members give him credit for hanging in there with other BOD business, although it did hold him back from his potential. Andy has also been working lately to help forge new direction for the Turret.

## Darryl Byrne

As a Board representative on the Health Plan Review Committee, Darryl was part of the project to donate the Health Plan surplus back into health initiatives. In terms of Board debate and initiatives, Byrne did not make much of an impact. Comments about his performance as a director from the rest of the Board were conspicuously absent, suggesting that he didn't offend or enlighten, but slipped under the radar on many issues. This can perhaps be considered status quo for a Board that do not behave very aggressively or proactively when it came to internal Union business. Darryl also contributed as a member of Committee on Constitutional and Operational Development.

## James Court

As director of the housing portfolio, Court was often frustrated in attempts to make the changes he had set out to make. It was his work helping to control lines and provide OSAP information at 202 Regina that is the most recognizable area of his impact, and his fellow Union members acknowledge it as a demonstration, albeit in a small way, of what the Board should be doing. Generally more willing to provide input and question decisions than the average BOD member, Court made a degree of impact during Board debates.

## Tina Kapoor

In spite of her relative silence at most meetings, Tina did wonderful things with the Multi-Culturalism Portfolio by helping to put on and promote Culture Shock, a celebration of Laurier's diverse community. The show, if not a great draw, was certainly outstanding, and laid the groundwork for what

should be an extremely important portfolio at WLU for years to come. Kapoor should probably have been more vocal at Board meetings and really helped push her mostly male co-workers, but when she did speak everyone listened. Tina also worked on the Finance and Building Committee.

## Kerri O'Neill

Another of the Directors to join the Board only in September, Kerri was forced to play catch up. She was immediately recognized as a welcome addition, if not for the fact that she improved the atrocious male/female ratio then definitely for her keen interest to jump right in. O'Neill began work on her own on the Part-Time Students Portfolio and introduced the idea of a virtual office for her work because of the lack of space on campus. With the guidance and direction of Tambeau, Kerri helped to bring part-time students into the organization while also claiming plenty more dollars in fees for the Union. She also was involved with a distance education work group and aided in the Union lobbying efforts over the growth issue. Kerri regularly brought student concerns to the Board and proved that you don't need a vest reach out. She'll need to really show a lot more leadership in her role next year as the only returning Director.

## Matt Park

As one of the four Board members acclaimed in the fall, Park had to do his best to catch up if he wanted to be an effective Board member. Although not a large presence in the debates at the Board meetings, Park was helpful in a variety of capacities helping with different initiatives, including the work on the growth issue, and a seminal role in the post September 11th forum in the Turret. Recently Park has been more vocal in his complaints, particularly about the stifling of the Union's 'growth work' by the University administration and his effort to get members of the alumni included as part of the Board of Governors.

## Stirling Prentice

Initially, many felt that Stirling would not have much to offer to the Board. His platform seemed to set him up as a loose cannon, more concerned with hurting the Union than with helping it. Imagine their surprise when he turned out to be one the

most effective and consistent members of the Board. Credited with lightening the tone of meetings, he also was constantly ready to ask pointed questions, and stand up for those initiatives he supported. His colleagues credited him for being able to do the work nobody else wanted to do, including committees for Elections & Referenda and the Chaplain Advisory. Prentice also worked to improve the marketing of the Union.

## Colin Shonk

There is some disagreement in the Union about how Shonk performed this year. As Chair of the Standing Committee on Constitutional & Operational Development, Shonk impressed some as a good speaker and a reliable co-worker. He did plenty of work with campus club policy as well as the policy for the integration of part time students. Others, however, were less impressed, and suggested that Shonk's potential remained generally untapped. In spite of this feeling, Colin often offered a contrary opinion and challenged the Board on its decisions. He was easygoing and very personable and recognized by his peers as articulate. Shonk also worked on the Committee on Finance and Building.

## Vic Truong

Although Vic did not do much committee work this year, he has been an important part of the team in his own way. Vic is humble and deflects praise to each of his peers. He did plenty of work on the web site but recognizes that more needs to be done and, in particular, that the Board can use it much more effectively. Vic was usually quiet during meetings and as such did not really have a vocal impact. Like most other Directors, Vic could have done much more to hold Union VP's accountable for their decisions. But he collected student input and reported problems appropriately and promptly to the Board.

## Pete Turkington

One of the few Directors to return from last year's Board, Turkington again took upon himself the unenviable position of Chair of the Standing Committee on Elections and Referenda. Pete set out two long-term goals for his team at the beginning of his term and although neither was accomplished, much

more progress was made this year than last toward networking the polling stations and online voting. The former of these might have been realized were it not for unforeseen expenses, and the latter is expected within the next couple of years. Pete took some heat for an election that was marred by complaints about the Union proxy voting system, but deserves plenty of credit for helping to oversee the first Board election (as opposed to acclamation) in several years.

## Dave Washburn

Dave's work as Board Marketing Representative was generally well received, and although there were obvious improvements to the Board's visibility this year, more likely could have been done. But it was the unexpected calling to a co-op position far afield that really forced the Board to address some important questions. While the Union plays a lot of lip service to involving co-op students in the process of government, it could have been a problem that Dave could not be at every meeting. Washburn did his best to return for the meetings, however, and the issue never became that important. While opinions differ on whether he should have continued with his position, it must be admitted that Dave tried hard to return often and to make the issue less of a problem. With a background in Student Services, Dave's vocal leadership was evident, and appreciated by other Directors.

## Regan Watts

Chairing the Standing Committee on Finance & Building and working on the OSAP information package and the budget with Fox all kept Watts pretty busy this year, but in the end he seems disillusioned with the opportunities that the Board provided. Watts did nothing that was spectacular, but he views this as a result of being constantly at odds with the red tape of the Union. He made an important niche for himself at meetings and forums, often being one of the few directors to actually question the Management Committee on their proposals and consistently challenging his fellow Directors. Watts also worked on the Grant Fund Council.

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## Um, actually the WLUSP Board reports

**Matthew Cade  
Dillon Moore**

One of the Publications Boards' biggest accomplishments this year was the fact that no one quit. This sounds a lot worse than it is. The organization has a terrible history of losing administration along the way for several reasons - most notably the fact that turnover is outrageously high. Lower in profile than the WLUSU Board (is it possible?), the WLUSP Board seems to be doomed to slave away in obscurity.

**Chris Ellis, President**

From the moment he identified himself on last year's platform as a "technocrat," Ellis has done his best to live up to the title. His colleagues say he read and did what he could to increase his knowledge of every aspect of the organization, from bylaws to the computer software on which the publications are produced. Ellis was sometimes seen as stubborn because his coworkers had trouble changing his mind. He also had a terrible time delegating and often tried to do too much himself. This resulted in slowing the administration some. But these problems are a result of Ellis' good intentions, and his absolutely tireless efforts to improve the organization. Under his leadership, two new publications (the BluPrint magazine and ClubLaurier) were created and are now off the ground. Chris has also been instrumental in really opening up the organization to more student opportunities. He faced some difficulties along the way, but Ellis has overseen the creation of several new positions and hired an excellent team. Ellis had some difficulty negotiating with the administration and the Union this year, as indicated by the erasure of one of WLUSP's referendum questions. All in all, though, the success of the

organization this year and the drastic improvements made over previous years is absolutely a testament to Ellis' leadership.

**EdV ard Schall, Vice President:  
Finance and Administration**

Described alternately as "phenomenal" and "the hardest worker I have ever known," Schall came into a very bad situation at Student Publications, and managed over the course of the year to turn the financial fortunes of the organization around. Schall assumed the job earlier than usual to attempt to counteract the repercussions of last years' mismanagement. Besides just balancing the books, Schall was also a boon to the office environment, keeping things light and always making people feel welcome. He regularly leaned heavily on the President, the Board and the leaders of the organization's respective publications and in this way helped WLUSP become a much more efficient and respected organization. Currently, he is working to reform the prevailing financial policies of the organization.

**Ben Martin, Chair of the Board**

The question left by this Chair of the Board seems to be "what if?" Colleagues saw large leadership potential in Martin, but it wasn't lived up to, perhaps due to his involvement with other interests. Martin took it upon himself to get involved with the issue of where the University will house WLUSP in the future, but in many discussions, directors found him to be on a different page. As the year progressed, Martin began to realize why he cared about the organization, and the improvement in his work was very evident. Other volunteers were not exactly warm and open with him at the beginning of

the year and he has had to work extra hard at earning the respect of other Directors.

**Nicole Kozicki, Vice Chair of the  
Board**

If the job of Student Publications Director is a thankless one, Nicole is an illustration of that principle. Bringing about the 75th anniversary successfully required a lot of hard work, and a high level of dedication. Corporate WLUSP may have found Kozicki emotional in her dealings, but everyone acknowledges her large amount of work. Nicole is also the only Director with a year of previous experience as a member of the organization and her leadership, though unique, was crucial in certain situations. Part of the reason disunity existed on the Board at the beginning of the year had to do with Kozicki's inability to get along with Martin. However, Nicole worked very hard at helping members of each publication get their job done and everyone around the office appreciates her for this.

**Amanda Baumann**

As the only director who will be returning to next year's Board, Baumann will have a valuable opportunity to share her experience with the new members. Her work with Schall on the Finance Committee will continue to be a priority, as she feels that poor policies are problematic when it comes to the turnover of old administration for new. Described as logical and coolheaded, Baumann effectively helped take on challenges the Board was faced with, even though the group as a whole was rather passive. Amanda has had no problem fitting in as a member of the organization and her regular presence in the office puts her in the

minority.

**Gary Kenning**

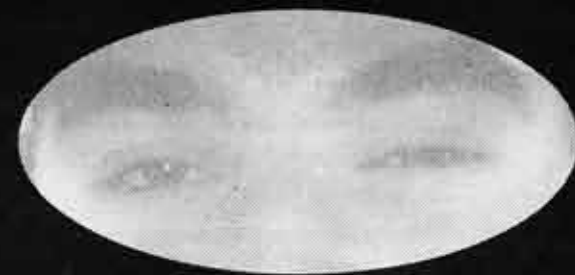
One of several new members of the organization this year, Gary fit in to the Student Publications culture nicely. He is intelligent and proved to be a good influence on the Board by way of humour and acute leadership in situations where Ben, Eddy and Chris couldn't tell their head from a hole in the ground. Depending on whom you ask, Gary was either underutilized or not proactive enough. Any way you look at it, he simply wasn't around enough and could have helped the organization much more. Whenever he was asked, Gary helped out in plenty of different areas, including the anniversary and housing committees. But he never really was given (took?) a major role with WLUSP, and therefore was limited in what was otherwise an excellent contribution.

**Heather McFarlane**

At the beginning of the year, Heather proved to be an outstanding addition to the WLUSP Board. She was in the office with volunteers consistently and was a big part of the hiring process. At meetings, Heather was the only Board member to consistently question the VP: Finance about his reports. Heather was also a member of the housing committee early on and helped the Board push the issue. Unfortunately, the second half of the year has not been nearly as successful. Particularly in the last several weeks, Heather has not been around nearly as much and her contribution has significantly decreased.

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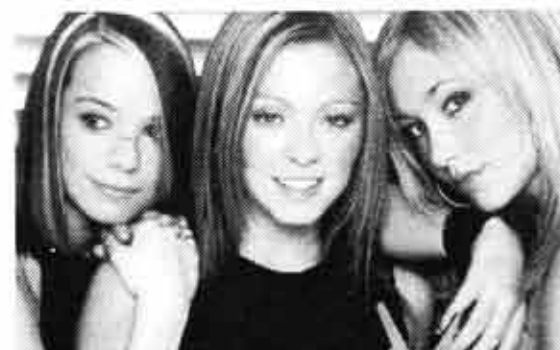
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# Put this one in your pipe

Smoking will kill you.

News? No. This is something that has been known for a long time. What is news, however, is how it will kill you if you decide to smoke and attend this university.

On February 12th, the university's Board of Governors passed a policy that had been pushed for by President Rosehart. It stated that effective July 1st, tobacco products will no longer be sold on campus and those who wish to partake in a cigarette break must remain ten metres away from any university building.

So instead of simply inhaling thousands of deadly chemicals, you will be subjected to rain, sleet, snow, hail, UV rays, traffic, meteors, tanks and just about anything else you might find ten metres away from a building.

And don't look for WLUSU to run out and build smoking shelters all over campus to protect the poor smokers from the elements. WLUSU President Dave Prang has said tobacco sales account for about \$17,000 that is re-invested back into the school. Chair of the Board Paul Tambeau has also stepped forward to try and preserve that income, especially with the upcoming decline in first-year students who have reached the age of majority and can consume alcohol on campus.

Leave it to a university to prey on the vices of their patrons to convert revenues from these "bad habits" into serv-

ices that those same patrons use daily.

This new policy has also had effects on the plans for a patio outside the Turret. One of the board members, Berry Vrbanovic, who is also a Kitchener City Councillor, has called the patio a "best-case scenario." He feels it is preferable to having potentially intoxicated Turret patrons travel down three flights of stairs to light up outside. Isn't it nice to know that drunk smokers with broken necks who can sue the school are being looked after?

However, I must hand it to Rosehart.



He has done something the Government of Canada won't even do. Well, almost. The federal government makes billions of dollars on tobacco taxes every year, and in the same breath turns around and tells everyone to quit smoking because of the negative health effects and the drain on the healthcare system.

At least Rosehart has the balls to tell people to quit while enjoying a profit at the same time. He was decent enough to offer the revenues, which he is now taking away, to the Students' Union.

It seems to have been only a matter of time since the policy (which was previously enacted and has been given an exemption in the past by Rosehart) was enacted for good in the smoke-free city of Kitchener-Waterloo.

However, that bylaw has recently come under fire from the courts. For the second time, the bylaw has been criticized by a Justice of the Peace for poor wording. But according to Councillor Sean Strickland, "We are going to continue to be enforcing the bylaw. It is status quo."

Now, I'm not telling you to "butt out." I happen to come from the town with the distinct honour of being named the "Tobacco Capital of Canada." Everyone has the right to be able to smoke, and everyone has the right not to smoke. The decision of whose rights are being infringed upon with this policy is yours.

So put that in your pipe and smoke it. But just be sure to be at least ten metres from any Laurier building. Or move to Laurier Brantford where the policy isn't in effect because to be the proper distance from campus, you have to be on someone else's property.

KEVIN KLEIN  
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

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## LETTERS

### TAKE A LOOK

To begin with, I should note that I am not the biggest fan of the Cord and its writers. Since I started attending Laurier, the Cord has been the centre of much controversy and criticism because of the opinions expressed by its leading contributors.

I do believe in freedom of speech, don't get me wrong. However, many of the Cord's writers have a seemingly negative opinion of the great university. Why were these people given the opportunity to work for this campus publication? Was it so they could spread negativity throughout the campus on a weekly basis? There are some areas in which the school could improve, but that does not mean that every edition of the Cord needs to bring up a new issue to complain about.

In the February 27th edition of the paper, there was a Snickers "advertisement." In case you do not recall this ad, there was a caption at the top that read "Don't Let Hunger Happen to You." Below this was a picture of a starving child. Finally, underneath this picture was a line that read "When will the children learn?"

I could not believe than anyone would find this amusing in any way. How could someone even consider placing an ad like this in any publication, especially in a paper that is meant to represent the Laurier community?

There are many impoverished people in this world who live day to day, wondering if they will make it though the night because they have no means to sustain themselves. This is not true

only in third world countries, but on the streets of Canada, as well. Can you imagine how much worse these people would feel if they knew that rich students in Canada were making fun of their circumstances? There are thousands of children who die every day because of people like the individual who placed that ad in the Cord. People who just don't give a damn about anyone else.

I ask whoever put that ad in the paper and whoever allowed it to be published to step down from their positions at the Cord. I know I do not wish to be represented by such immature individuals. The WLU student body and faculty are full of compassionate people whom I hope will back me.

Take a look at the world around you one day. I mean, really take a look. When you realize just how awesome we have it in Canada, compared to the sad conditions seen elsewhere, maybe you'll thank God for this county and start caring about those who don't have it so well in life.

Paul J. Dickson

### ROLL THIS RIM

It's that time of year again. Tim Hortons' Roll Up the Rim Contest. The pleasure of picking and chewing and stabbing at that little tiny rim, anticipating the win of a donut, a coffee, or even... wait, could I be the winner of a brand new... PLEASE PLAY AGAIN. Nope, maybe next time.

So do people actually win? Well everyone knows that one person whose cousin's uncle works for Tim Hortons.

They were told that there are no winners on large cups, or people living in Ontario will not win any of the big prizes, but so many of us think there is some kind of conspiracy and that this contest is all one big scam.

Well, I am here to put a stop to all that. What if I told you that you could increase your chances to win? What if I told you that I know which cups are winners, and where they are located? WOW, how do I get my hands on this information?

Simple, just visit the Tim Hortons website and read the fine print. It indicates in which region the cups are distributed, how many stores, how many cases of each size, etc. It even indicates which cups are the winning cups and in which region they are located.

So, what's the point of all this? I don't know, I just want the conversation in Tim Hortons line-ups to switch from "Did you know that only extra large cups win?" to something more constructive. Like the new Survivor series, which just started last Thursday. Enjoy.

Jonathan Scott

### TO LOVE A WOMAN

To celebrate International Women's Week I am going to give us all a present. I am going to write about pleasure as well as offer some tips on how to better service the intimate needs of the women of Laurier.

I have talked with dozens of lady hawks and the majority of them tell me that gentlemen hawks don't pay proper

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# The Main Event

How vital are robots to the future of humanity?

Oh man, I think robots are really good. From Jonny #5 right on down to that female robot with the bosoms in that boring Metropolis movie, robots are good. Do you remember the robot that used to go to the kitchen while you were watching TV, and would get you grapes and lemon juice? Well, your Mom was actually the one that got you the lemon juice. But yeah, robot waiters are good.

There are robots that build like... cars and shit. I don't actually like those robots, but ones that are cars are great. Not even Kit from Knight Rider either, but like, robot cars that shoot smaller robots that chew through buildings and senselessly devour children. I mean sure, they're terrible on gas, but dude, it's a robot car.

My girlfriend got me a bird robot named Hookshot Santiago (I'm not sure if I gave him that name or if he came like that). He sings unintelligible songs and responds only to "fuckface," but it keeps scarecrows at bay. Get it? 'Cause it's a bird. And birds freak out from scarecrows. A little reverse psychosystems, eh? Do you think robots poop? I'm not sure. I'll look into that.

There clearly needs to be more robots to do our everyday biddings and stuff. But people are too scared that the robots would take over if that happened. I think it would be ice cool though. Think about it, you're

Scott Cairns



walking down the street, and you'd be like, "Hey human friend, what's up?" And then you'd see a robot doing errands and you'd be like "Hey robot! What's happening?" And he would wave at you with his chunky robot arms. There would be a smile on your face ear-to-ear, man. Ear-to-ear.

Now don't get me wrong. I like humans and all. But like, who's gonna be there for you if you fall? A robot man. Who's gonna love you, short or tall? Adrian Barbobots. Totally. And like, who gonna give you the funniest, most thought-provoking card on your birthday? A birthday robot man.

And if you were at a Wal-Mart, there could be robot greeters that say "Hello consumer, low, low prices, affordable baby clothes." I know, I know. You're all like, "Robots, that's so 1983." But screw you man! You're just a damn naysayer. Robots! Robots make the laughter of children.

Robo-Scott



Robots f\*\*king suck. They steal people's jobs, and work in their place, emotionless and cold like the chrome siding of their wee little bodies. Then they have the nerve to demand pay raises and cushy managerial positions where they can govern over tender human souls. Most robots I know are alcoholics, and they get into fights and call their friends names because it makes them feel better about themselves. Everyone seems to be getting robot bodies lately too. But not me. That's bunk. I like my body. I love my body.

You might be thinking, "But what about that R2D2 dude, he seems like a good kid." But seriously, half the shit he says is totally racist. When he gets drunk he calls everyone an Eskimo and pisses on your floor. It's obnoxious.

Whenever I hear about an ex-girlfriend getting married, it's always to a robot. "I

love their chunky arms," they say. Well that's bunk! They totally got them wholesale. Some people are all like, "But Scott, what about those robots that operate on sick children and scoop mines out of minefields?" But it's dead obvious they're just doing that to meet girls.

Don't get me started on those robots at Chuck E. Cheese or the two at Epcot Center that shoot each other in the face every fifteen minutes. They're show-boaters. And it's my birthday. People should be watching me, not some assed-out mouse-bot band that sings, "For he's a jolly good fellow," without even harmonizing or providing room for robot scat improvisations.

And on that note, name me one robot that can play free jazz better than Ornette Coleman. Roscoe Mitchell? No way, he only had robot chunks. Eric Dolphy? Okay, he was the Iron Man. Damn it. What a shallow argument. I've got nothing.

Scott mentioned a robot that used to serve him drinks, but he didn't mention that you had to move him with a remote control. So what happens when he turns a corner and you can't see him anymore? Move him randomly and hope that lemon juice falls into his hands? Screw that. Once he turns the corner, he's having sex with your ex-girlfriends. Damn Robots. Robots make children cry.

## The quality of a life

Quality of life is a topic that not many people are prepared to deal with. The question of when to draw the line is enough of a sticky subject in and of itself. The Robert Latimer case has raised much debate and controversy across this country. Its consequences reach far beyond the boundaries of specific trial and legal issues. This is a subject many people must face and, as a country, we cannot ignore its implications.

If you are not aware of the details of the Robert Latimer case, let me break it down for you. On October 24th 1993, Robert Latimer, a farmer north of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, killed his daughter by piping carbon monoxide into his truck.

Tracy Latimer, who was 12 years old, was a 40-pound quadraplegic who lived at the level of a three-month-old infant. Tracy could not walk, feed herself or talk. During the course of her short life, she had endured repeated surgeries. She was in constant pain, but was not able to receive anything but Tylenol as a painkiller.

On November 16th, 1994, a Saskatchewan jury convicted Robert Latimer of second-degree murder. The Supreme Court of Canada, who heard his case in November of 1996, decreed the prosecutor had interfered with the jury, making their conviction unsustainable. Robert Latimer's new trial began on October 27th, 1997. The

Supreme Court jury found Latimer guilty of second-degree murder and recommended him eligible for parole after one year. The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, having constitutional exemption, upheld the mandatory life sentence with no chance of parole for ten years, which the Supreme Court confirmed in June 2000. This year, a petition carrying 600,000 names requesting the release of Robert Latimer was submitted to the federal government.

**As a nation, we must determine an appropriate quality of life and uphold it.**

First of all, Robert Latimer acted with love and concern when he took the life of his severely disabled daughter. He is no menace to society. He made no attempt to conceal his act, as he told police he did it, saying he could not bear to see his daughter suffer any more. The murder took place just before Tracy was to have another surgery, this time removing her thighbone.

Now, I am not saying that we should legally permit "mercy killing" because letting Robert Latimer go free would set a precedent, of which the consequences

would be unfathomable. As a nation, we must determine an appropriate quality of life and uphold it. Because we have the means, people are often times kept alive far beyond the point of reason. It is because of this that people like Robert Latimer have to take things into their own hands.

Secondly, we show far more compassion when it comes to our pets. God forbid we let our animals suffer and we draw the line when their pain gets out of hand. Yet, if a human is suffering beyond reason, they are kept alive even against their own will.

I do not condone the "killing off" of the disabled and elderly. I am simply suggesting that we do not allow medical advances to permit the unreasonable maintenance of human life at any cost. Just because we can, does not mean we should.

Instead of arguing the validity of sentencing, we should look at the bigger picture and determine when enough is enough. "Mercy killing" happens every single day and will continue until some reasonable legislation is put in place.

TANNIS FENTON  
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Thursday, February 28, 2002 - 10:26pm

I have never been so compelled to answer back an opinion in the Cord as I am right now. I have read some really, really dumb things in the pages of the Cord but Amy Wright took the cake! If you haven't read the article "thank goodness it's over" the summary is basically that Amy Wright has decided to be that "person" to find fault in the shared joy of Canadians as we celebrate our hockey golds.

If what she wrote was an attempt to start controversy I applaud her, "well done". If however she meant that endless amount of tripe you chose to publish then I feel only sympathy for her inability to "relax! enjoy yourself!" How do you do this? Well for starters don't bring up class conflicts and border line socialist rhetoric when all you're saying is it costs money to see a game in person. An entire nation of millions celebrated a great moment together, and you find fault that they couldn't all afford to be there in person? "SHUT UP, ENJOY YOURSELF!!"

And then you just had to be that person that pointed out "oh! when the girls won, no one was waving flags". I got news for you, I'm a hockey fan, my friends are hockey fans, the people I drove around with waving flags were all hockey fans. We weren't celebrating just one game, we were celebrating the fact that Canada OWNS hockey. A gold medal sweep, men and women. So once again "SHUT UP, ENJOY YOURSELF!!" Do not trivialize an event that moved millions, you do not have that right, we've waited to long, and we're too happy.

thanks.

Paul Forrest

YOU'RE ONLY CANADIAN IF YOU DO EXACTLY WHAT I SAY. WATCH HOCKEY, DRINK BEER, AND TALK ABOUT BACK BACON. NOTHING SAYS PATRIOTISM AND DEMOCRACY MORE THAN PERPETUATING STEREOTYPES AND KEEPING YOUR MOUTH SHUT WHEN THE "MAJORITY" TELLS YOU TO.

-MANEESH



LETTERS

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attention when trying to pleasure women. Remember, most women (85%) do not orgasm during intercourse.

Women have a special pleasure area called the clitoris or love button. Fingers can be a woman's best friend. Unfortunately for women, many men don't know how to use their fingers. Think of your finger(s) as a calligraphy pen. You can't write a letter if you always have your pen in the ink well.

Men, you need to dip your pen into the ink well and then travel north and use your finger-pen to write some beautiful poetry.

If you're a bad writer you can express your poetic affection to women orally. When reciting poetry to women's most intimate areas, try reciting the alphabet. It keeps it fresh, yet structured. Nothing wrong with a little method to your madness.

Men, if you really want to please women, the first place you want to touch should really be the last. Long, drawn out foreplay and cuddling is also recommended. Follow some of these tips and you will go from zero to hero.

Lastly women, he can't get any better if you don't give him pointers. To learn how to do anything well, regardless of our gender, we all need a teacher to provide some positive reinforcement.

Have a fantastic International Women's Week!

David Wellhauser

WELL SAID

I would like to congratulate Marianne Lee on her well-articulated and eloquently

written letter concerning Laurier's mess. I strongly agree the school has become somewhat of a pigpen, due to people's inability to throw things away. Even when some garbage cans are overflowing with waste, there are others to discard your Harvey's bag in.

AB Nason

PATRIOTIC RESPONSE

In reponse to the article "Jumping off the Bandwagon," I would like to speak on behalf of all Canadians who took to the streets last Sunday night to celebrate Canada's gold medal victory.

I was fortunate enough to spend Reading Week in Mexico, and after the game, I remember saying to my roommate, "Imagine the party going on in Canada right now." We both wished we were back home, partying on the streets. We even considered taking a cab to Yonge Street as we got off the plane.

Last week's article insinuated that most people celebrating were jumping on the bandwagon, looking for attention. I say it was a well-deserved party that should not be judged by on-lookers, but enjoyed by all Canadians.

I am not the biggest hockey fan in the world. I don't watch the NHL highlights every night on TSN, I don't know the top scorers in the league, and I don't even know who leads in what division. What I do know, is that I enjoyed watching the best in the world face off against each other. I know that hockey is a religion in our society, and is often the vehicle in which Canada's voice is heard worldwide.

Walking around in red and white and meeting new people is what it's all about.

That Sunday night, everybody had something in common. They were Canadian, and there is nothing "pathetic" about that. The article also mentioned that four hours wasn't the appropriate amount of time to celebrate. I agree, it should continue for the next four years.

Ian Wilson

LET THEM PLAY

Not only has Lindsay Grad insulted people who have enough courage and conviction to practice and perform in front of Laurier students, but she has also managed to insult one of the most popular clubs on campus.

February 13th happened to be Ash Wednesday, one of the most important days of the year for Christians, a day that could not be rescheduled.

Laurier Christian Fellowship has every right to utilize the Concourse, just as the ABS utilizes the Turret to host special events (which I encourage people to attend and support) and as other campus clubs utilize the Grad Pub to host meetings. We allow Fashion 'n' Motion dancers to practice in the Concourse during the day, which to some is more offensive than live music.

I would strongly guess that you did not fail your midterm on account of rock music, as I can guess nobody from Ethical Theory failed the class last term on account of the Turret's music being pumped through the walls in the DAWB every Thursday at nine o'clock sharp.

AB Nason

We are your conscience

Amy Wright

Contrary to popular belief, the Cord editorial staff does not sit around each week discussing what content is most likely to alienate its readers. Rather, the opinions found in the Cord reflect an ability to examine the world critically.

The core structures of our university are deeply, deeply flawed. If Student Publications was to ignore such problems, we would be performing an extreme disservice to the student body.

If nobody was present to offer a different perspective or to question and draw attention to the failings of any societal institution, we run the risk of becoming compliant with systems that have the potential to exploit.

I was extremely disappointed at the reaction to the Snickers opinion piece that appeared in last week's Cord. For those who seem to have missed the point, the ad was in no way, shape or form intending to mock the plight of starving children. Instead, it was ridiculing the inanity of the slogan, "Don't let hunger happen to you."

With this slogan, Snicker situates hunger as a concern of the First World. While it is true that westernized countries do experience hunger, it pales in comparison to the experience of those in lesser developed areas of the world.

Secondly, Snickers suggests that hunger is something that can be avoided, providing you don't "let" it happen to you. The juxtaposition of that phrase with an image of a starving child was meant to provoke thought and incite criticism to the insensitivity of the Snickers slogan.

I commend the Cord's writers and editors for their ability to create controversy by looking at the world through a critical lens.

We're going to keep doing what we do. And if we're making you mad, it's because we're making you think. And if we're making you think, then we're doing our job.

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# Kosovo: Elections and Security

Laura Haylock

On November 17th, 2001, the citizens of Kosovo turned a page in their history by voting in multiparty elections for new institutions of self-government.

This election, supervised by the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), was acclaimed by UNMIK leader Per Halkkerup as a "constitutional framework for the temporary self-governing" of Kosovo, though the final status of the region to date has not yet been determined and it currently does not have the constitutional right to claim outright independence.

Kosovo became an international protectorate under United Nations administration in June, 1999 following the NATO campaign against Slobodan Milosevic's regime and its ethnic cleansing campaign in the region.

The province has an extensive history of territorial disputes. Most recently the Serb republic confiscated the region in 1989 following the break-up of the former Yugoslavia. This conflict reached a climax in both 1998 and 1999 when the Kosovo Liberation Army (UCK) fought overtly against the Serbian-Montenegrin Federation for the liberation of the region.

The controversy over borders has continued to plague development in the region. Jashar Salihu, chairman of the Kosovo-Albanian Diaspora, clearly illustrates this

when he describes his vision as follows: "Kosovo starts in Tivat [Bar in Montenegro] and ends in Manastir [Bitola in Macedonia]. We don't care what America and England think about it. We don't care what Clinton and other devils think! We are going to tell the truth!"

Although the province of Kosovo has been specifically protected by the UNMIK and the Kosovo Force (KFOR), the UNMIK felt that it was not its responsibility to include the Macedonian Border in this protected zone, as the UN Security Resolution 1244 from June 10th, 1999 concluded that border control, not border determination, was its obligation.

A direct shift toward the occupation of Northern Macedonia by the Macedonian branch of the Kosovo Liberation Army (UCKII) occurred in mid-January of 2001. Although many factors contributed to this, from the perspective of the Albanian guerrillas, the agreement reached between the Yugoslav president and Macedonian presidents while at the Southern European summit clearly marked a disregard of the UCK's position.

At this conference, the Yugoslav and Macedonian presidents signed an agreement concerning their common border, including both the southern Serbian border and the border to Kosovo.

With the support of the United



Kosovo Force (KFOR) peacekeepers guarding an Albanian school in Rural Kosovo

Nations Security Council, this arrangement made illegal travel across the Kosovo border more difficult as well as removing the prescribed areas of "no-man's land."

Following this agreement the Yugoslav armed units unsuccessfully attempted to move into these Ground Safety Zones, which resulted in the UCK II firing their weapons. They acclaimed this to be "against Macedonian state terror."

It was this incident that the international media wrongfully acclaimed to be the starting point of a civil war and which, Eran Fraenkel warned, could provoke more violence than the UCK II itself could.

The announcement of elections by the UNMIK within Kosovo coincided directly with the rising conflict in Macedonia between Macedonian Security forces and the UCK II, who occupied and proclaimed the villages of Lipkovo, Slupcane and Vaksine to be "liberated areas" by Albanian forces.

The escalating violence in this area was temporarily diffused with the declaration of the Kosovar election, while a cease-fire was brokered by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) between the security forces in Macedonia and the UCK II.

The election itself was generally applauded as having been a clear improvement on the municipal elections of October 2000. Levels of hostility were much lower while more voters took part.

Kosovo's Albanian population voted primarily for three parties: the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), which won 47 seats, the Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK), which won 26 seats and the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK) who won eight seats.

Unlike past years, the Serb minority took part in the electoral

process. However the confusing message distributed by Serbian leaders- some campaigning against Serbs voting- suppressed the Serb vote.

Seven entities were certified to contest the 20 seats allotted for Kosovo's smaller communities, as well as 100 multi-ethnic seats.

The parties which gained these seats vary and include both the Kosovo Serb entity Coalition Return and the United Roma Party of Kosovo amongst others.

Amnesty International has called upon the aid of the new Kosovar government in assisting the Roma population, a minority who were displaced during the Kosovo conflict who do not have green cards or birth papers verifying their citizenship.

Thus, for the Roma still present in Kosovo, many were not eligible to vote, leading to an election that did not provide any real alteration in their political representation. The Roma, discriminately know as "gypsies," have been historically persecuted in the area by all sides.

The authority of the new government mainly resides around developing new institutions for the post-conflict province. Thus, besides developing the basic goods and services and rehabilitating utilities, the new government's powers remains secondary to the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Regardless of this limited authority, the political significance of the election lies in the political legitimacy accorded the majority of the Albanian population. The cre-

ation of a multi-party assembly and government has transformed the political landscape between the UN and local leaders.

Although the UNMIK's initial economic priorities were to re-establish the provision of basic goods and services, Amnesty International urges the new government to commit itself to ending the ongoing human rights abuses still occurring throughout Kosovo in the minority communities.

They call upon the government to uphold the "Rights of the Communities and Their Members" set out in the Constitutional Framework for the Provisional self-government of Kosovo.

However optimistic the environment surrounding the new

elections in Kosovo may be, there is continued anxiety among all citizens as to what the final status of Kosovo will be. The governmental framework has no authority in deciding the final outcome of Kosovo, as UN Security Council Resolution 1244 will eventually make this decision.

Both the UN and the international community seem to be in no great hurry to make this complicated decision. However the longer the issue is avoided, the risk of internal conflict and instability increases dramatically.

The UNMIK seems to have achieved success within the developmental process. Nonetheless, the number one political objective on the part of all of the parties within the governmental structure, that of political autonomy from Serbia, cannot be indefinitely avoided.

## The Cord's International Notices

1) Conrad Grebel College of UW will be hosting a public discussion entitled "From Armed Struggle to Non-Violent Resistance" on Wednesday, March 6th and Thursday the 7th. Wednesday features activities with PBS producer and author Jack Du Vall, beginning with a discussion on non-violent action from 12:30-1:30pm in the College's cafeteria. From 1:30-4:00pm his video series, titled "A Force More Powerful" will be shown. In the evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 Du Vall will be giving an open lecture in the College's Great Hall.

On March 7th, there will be a Public debate entitled "From Bush to Ghandi," discussing current world issues and realist and pacifist approaches to them. The panel will feature WLU professors Peter Eglin and Alistair Edgar, along with UW professor A. Kapur and Christian Peace Maker team representative Angie Freeman. The debate will be held in the Student Life Centre of UW.

2) Wilfrid Laurier University and the Institut Supérieur de Commerce -Paris are presenting a night of French Cinema which will be held in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall on Sunday, March

10th beginning at 7:00pm. Ticket will go on sale Friday, March 1st in the Department of Languages and Literature (5th floor Aird Building, room 524) or reserve by phone with Rachel St. Aubin at 884-0710 extension 2398. Ticket prices are: Adults- \$12.00 advanced, \$15.00 at door; seniors, Laurier students, faculty and staff - \$10.00. Ticket prices include refreshments during intermission.

3) Saturday, March 23rd Project Ploughshares will celebrate its 25th Anniversary by hosting Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, who will deliver a lecture entitled "The world is falling apart: What role civil society?" The event will take place at 7:30pm at The Cedars Worship and Community Centre, 543 Beechwood Drive in Waterloo. For tickets, call Project Ploughshares at 888-6541 ext. 256, or email [wstocker@ploughshares.ca](mailto:wstocker@ploughshares.ca). Donations will be accepted for HIV/AIDS and peacebuilding work in Africa, with tax receipts available for donations of \$10 or more.

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# Slobodan Milosevic- The Trial and his Crimes

**Kiran Kharoud**

Accused war criminal Slobodan Milosevic currently stands on trial in the Netherlands on charges including genocide. This is the first time a former head of state has been indicted by an International Tribunal.

The trial opened on February 12th under the jurisdiction of the United Nations Tribunal for Crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia. This trial should prove to be precedent-setting for future trials and setting precedents in international law.

The charges against Milosevic include crimes against humanity committed against Croatia from 1991-1992, atrocities committed in Kosovo in 1999 and alleged genocide committed in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1992-1995. Genocide is the most serious of these charges as Milosevic is accused of attempting to eliminate an entire race/group of people in order to create a more ethnically "pure" Serbia.

These charges relate to violations of the Geneva Conventions, which were designed to protect prisoners of war and non-combatants such as women, children and the elderly. The Conventions also protect areas such as schools, churches and hospitals which Milosevic is accused of violating as well.

The United Nations established the International Tribunal at The Hague in order to reveal the extent of the atrocities committed in the Balkans and to see that those responsible do not go unpunished. 80 people have been indicted so far.

Milosevic is the highest ranking of the accused and by far the most prominent. He is currently being held in the Scheveningen Detention Centre under 24-hour supervision. The Tribunal is not revealing which country he may serve his sentence in if convicted.

There are other former leaders

and army officials who have been indicted but remain at large, such as the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic. He has not been apprehended, partially because of a fear of further instability arising in the Balkans by aggressive action to apprehend him.

During the early stages of the trial Milosevic has refused to cooperate. Commonly referred to as 'the puppet tribunal' by his remaining supporters, he has refused to enter a plea or appoint a defence team. The court entered a plea of 'not guilty' on his behalf and has also assigned three lawyers to secure a fair trial.

However, it has been reported that while he refuses to speak with his appointed defence team, he has been seeking the advice from Jacques Verges, a French lawyer who has defended Nazis and several Latin American terrorists.

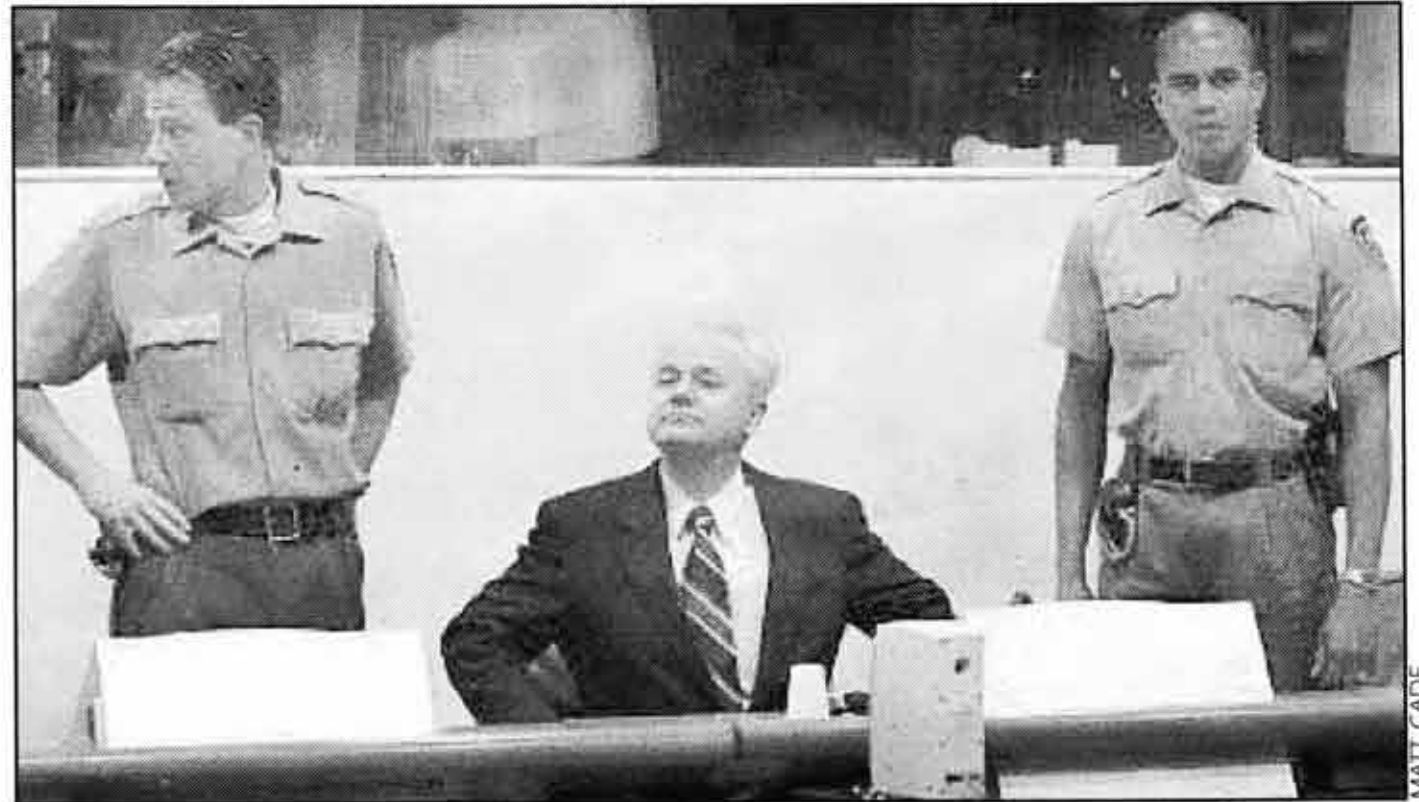
Milosevic has threatened to call Bill Clinton and Tony Blair as witnesses in his defence regarding the 1999 Kosovo campaign.

Kosovo is a territory that has changed rulers several times. Its historical significance dates back to 1389 where the Serbs lost a key battle against the invading Ottoman Empire losing control of the territory and ultimately ending Serb medieval rule.

Since that time Kosovo has been claimed by the Ottoman's, Serbia, Albania, Yugoslavia and then becoming an autonomous province of the New Yugoslav. The most turbulent changes have occurred since World War II and since the Albanian population has steadily grown. The current population is 90% Albanian.

In 1986, Milosevic assumed leadership of the Serbian Communist party and in March 1989, he enforced laws that diminished Kosovo's autonomy. He became president of the Republic of Serbia in May 1989.

His focus quickly turned away from Yugoslavian nationalism, which encompassed all provinces



Slobodan Milosevic has remained defiant since being extradited to face the war crimes tribunal in the Hague

(Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia) and focused on Serbian nationalism only. His actions quickly targeted Kosovo.

Though the area's population was 90% Albanian, Kosovo is considered to be in the heartland of Serbian history. This quickly strengthened Milosevic's popularity among Serbs especially those remaining in Kosovo and which in turn motivated the disintegration of Yugoslavia.

Although a mix of Serbs, Croats and Muslims lived in relative understanding in Bosnia, this certain level of ethnic tolerance did not exist in Kosovo. It could never reach this level of acceptance and was very much a segregated community. Milosevic used this to his advantage.

On the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo, Milosevic delivered a speech with the message that Serbs had fought for their rights in the past and will fight for them in the future. This resulted in Kosovars organizing, demonstrating and eventually declaring Kosovo to be a sovereign and independent state. Ibrahim Rugova, leader of the ethnic Albanian Democratic League of Kosovo became the first president in

1992. During this time, civil war broke out in Bosnia.

In 1995, the Dayton Peace Accord was signed and ended the war in Bosnia but Kosovars were upset because their struggle was not acknowledged in this accord. As a reaction to this and to Rugova's passive style of rule, the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) emerged.

February 1998 marked the beginning of a bloody confrontation led by the Serbs against the KLA and lasting for a little over a year. After violent confrontations and peace talks NATO began its bombing campaign in March, 1999.

Surprisingly Milosevic retained his power and popularity throughout the many layers of civil war during his 13-year period of rule, while his only opposition was from a weak and fragmented democratic opposition. He maintained control over state media, police and security forces, which was instrumental in maintaining Serb nationalist sentiment, especially in Kosovo.

The aftermath of the wars reveal the horrors of years of the different civil wars. Mass graves have been uncovered with hundreds of bodies per site.

Testing reveals that women and children were among the victims. In Tuzla, what is commonly known as the House of Dead, there are approximately 3,600 skeletons of men and boys. Most of them are

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partial, so now researchers are gathering tens of thousands of blood samples from the surviving populations to help identify if anyone of them could be a family member.

Milosevic's trial is going to be vital in setting the precedent for not only the following trials in the Tribunal, but on the international legal scene as a whole. This trial is also going to be a key force in revealing many details of the Balkan wars that remain unknown, and to bringing a sense of closure to the hundreds of thousands who lost loved ones.

His trial is expected to last two years.



## SWITZERLAND

Swiss voters narrowly approved joining the United Nations on Sunday, a move which places global integration ahead of centuries of international neutrality.

With a tradition of neutrality dating back as far as the 13th century, Switzerland's decision to join the world body leaves the Vatican as the only state outside the world body. Entrenched in the Swiss constitution, the principle of neutrality was overturned by a general 55-45 percent approval, while the state canton vote was a much narrower 12-11 result.

The voter turnout was the highest on record, with nearly 60 percent of qualified voters participating in the national referendum. The decision to join marks a dramatic departure from a 1986 referendum, in which 75 percent of Swiss voters rejected UN mem-

bership, on the basis that they would be dragged into East-West polarization.

## UNITED STATES

President Bush's controversial plan to tap Alaska's vast oil resources is all but dead for now, says Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

The plan that would see Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge drilled for oil is opposed by almost all Senate Democrats, which is enough opposition to defeat the plan, for the moment at least.

Daschle says that he favours raising federal mileage standards and fuel efficiency to conserve oil, rather than unnecessarily exploiting a pristine environment.

## BRITAIN

Hopes of peace in the United Kingdom were dashed yet again on Sunday, as two more British politicians were the targets of chemical poisoning attacks.

Prime Minister Tony Blair and one of his advisors were the first to receive mysterious packages which have been described by police as corrosive chemicals disguised as eucalyptus aromatherapy products.

The latest attacks were claimed by the Scottish National Liberation Army, who claim that over 16 similar packages have already been sent to 16 politicians and staff.

## VIETNAM

Vietnamese and American experts met over the weekend to discuss the effects of Agent Orange, the toxic defoliant that is dubbed the "last significant ghost" of the Vietnam

## War.

Since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, America has been under pressure from both Hanoi and US veterans to provide compensation for tens of thousands of birth defects and cancer cases related to the chemical.

Between 1962 and 1971, millions of gallons of Agent Orange were dumped over Vietnamese rainforests, prompting the US to take genetic, environmental, viral and nutritional factors into consideration.

In 1999, a group of 20,000 US veterans sued the manufacturer of Agent Orange, the Monsanto Company and eventually won a \$180 million settlement.

# World Watch



Compiled by Brandon Currie

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## A history of Eastern Europe and Communism

Thomas Thompson

In North America, we benefit from countless privileges that we take for granted much too often. Freedom of speech, democracy, media and religious rights are among the many privileges we mindlessly practice each and every day.

But countless people around the world are still yearning for them. One such region where there has been a transition from a Communist regime to a more democratic government is within the countries of Eastern Europe.

The curtailing of Soviet influence and the collapse of the Iron Curtain at the end of the 1980s allowed the people of these nations to break the confining ties with Communist governments. For the most part, democracy and market economies were universally embraced by the early 1990s.

Transition is not always without its costs. Crime rates, poverty and social concerns are among the issues associated with transition. Is democracy and the free market a blessing or a bane?

Unlike Western European nations, such as France or Britain, there is not a strong parliamentary tradition in Eastern European countries. Even the evolution of statehood has been far different than in the west. While the concept of nation state was beginning to be rooted in Western Europe by the end of the 18th century, it was decades away for those in the east.

While Western Europeans were prospering under democracy, many of Eastern Europe's people existed in quasi-feudal, multi-ethnic empires that would last until the end of the First World War. Three of Eastern Europe's most potentially successful nations, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, were part of an empire before the turn of the 20th century.

It should not be forgotten that each nation was rooted in kingdoms that had existed since the Middle Ages.

The Czech Republic descended from the Kingdom of Bohemia, which entered into control of the Hapsburgs dynasty (later ruled the Austro-Hungarian Empire) during the Thirty Years War in the early part of the 17th century.

In the 16th century, the Hapsburgs ascended to the Hungarian throne, but incursions by the Ottoman Turks into the

Hungarian territory left it split between the two powers.

In the early 19th century, the land of the Hapsburgs was formally unified into the Austrian Empire. The kingdom of Hungary received distinct political recognition. A union of the Hapsburgs' holdings resulted in the creation of a dual monarchy, often entitled the Austro-Hungarian Empire. While each nation was nominally separate, they shared the same monarch and a common currency, as well as custom regulations and joint foreign and defense policies, which was an arrangement that lasted until 1918.

On the other hand, Poland had the distinction of being the largest European nation at the beginning of the 17th century. The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth encompassed much of the territory presently comprising of Poland and also that which currently makes up the Ukraine, Belarus, and the Baltic states.

However, by the end of the 18th century the territory of Poland had been drastically reduced. Russia, Austria and Prussia conquered Poland and partitioned its territory. The majority of it was divided between the Russian Empire and Prussia, which would become the leading state of

German unification a hundred years later.

The period between 1918 and 1919, when Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire were defeated, saw numerous changes in Eastern Europe as boundaries changed and the empire was dissolved.

In October 1918, the Czech and the Slovak people, separated from the Austrians, formed a union, which resulted in the creation of Czechoslovakia. Hungary remained a monarchy without a monarch under the leadership of Admiral Nicolas Horthy. Splitting the eastern territory of Germany in half (Prussia), Poland was resurrected as a state when its independence was recognized in 1918.

Hardly a generation passed before the sovereignty of these nations was threatened. In 1938, the German Army occupied the Sudetenland, which was the German-inhabited region of Czechoslovakia. The

next spring Horthy occupied the rest of the Czech territory, leaving Slovakia as a German satellite.

In September 1939, the Germans conquered the western half of Poland, sparking World War Two.

Under the conditions of a Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact, the Soviet Union occupied the east. Later, the Germans would occupy the rest of the Polish territory when they commenced Operation Barbarossa (invasion of the USSR) in 1941. Hungary was a German satellite until it was occupied in 1944.

The liberation of these Eastern European countries occurred between 1944 and 1945. Many of the people believed that they had only traded one occupier for another, since they fell into the Soviet sphere of influence.

Their suspicions were correct because, immediately after the war, the Soviets established and propped puppet Communist regimes in what would become the Warsaw Pact.

There was a lot of resistance to Communism in Eastern Europe, but it was a futile attempt. For instance, in 1956 there was a revolt in Hungary when the government decided to announce it was going to withdraw from the Warsaw Pact. Resistance was crushed with tank treads from Moscow. For the most part, it was assumed that Eastern Europe would firmly remain in the grip of Communism.

The collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989 was a catalyst that saw the end of the Communist regimes in Eastern Europe. As mentioned earlier, most of Eastern Europe's governments were well on their way to economic and political reform.

Today, much economic success can be observed especially in Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic, who were all admitted into NATO in 1999. Another thing that all these nations have in common is that they are all seeking entrance into the European Union.

Much effort has been taken by their governments to bring their respective nations to compliance with the require-

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ashes, ashes, we all fall down...



The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 marked the end of the Cold War and the decline of communism's grip over Eastern Europe.





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# ...after the fall

ments to qualify for membership. As of the 2000, the Czech Republic had an unemployment rate of about 9% and a per capita income of about \$12,900 (US). Likewise, unemployment in Hungary was also at about 9% with a per capita income of approximately \$11,200 (US). Hungary also had the distinction of having 80% of their GDP generated by private business.

Poland's economy is also seen as having an excellent growth rate for the region, even though they lag a little behind the Czech Republic and Hungary statistically. In Poland, the per capita income has been estimated at about \$8,500(US) and

their national unemployment rate was estimated at 12% for the year 2000. Evidently reform has come at a cost of social and job security. Is it possible in the face of reform to have sentiments amongst the population for what could possibly be described as the "good old days" of Communism?

An in-depth look into one of these countries helps to explain how the transition has affected different groups of people. I was fortunate enough to be able to talk to Dr. Eva Plach of the WLU History Department, who offered some insights about Poland from her 1997-1998 stay there.

Poland is one of the Eastern European nations that is making great strides of reform to be able to qualify for entrance into the European Union. While there has consistent economic growth in Poland throughout the 1990s, there has been a social cost.

Statistically, it is estimated that 18% of the population still lives below the poverty line. Dr. Plach said economic changes have had a strong impact on the rural population who own small land holding, with about a quarter of Poland's population make up these small landowners.

Unlike the USSR there had been no collectivization of agricultural land during Communist rule. Instead, families held very small pieces of land, which in recent times have become unproductive and unprofitable, she noted.

The plots are so small that without subsidies the landowners usually cannot make a living off their land. For many of these people there have been strong concerns about access to social services and education, which were readily available during the communist era. The government has been encouraging a greater amount of urbanization.

Dr. Plach said one of the shocking things she saw in Poland was that children made up a large portion of the homeless people. It could be argued that this is a part of the social cost of change, since this would not have happened in the Communist era.

In regards to the situation of professional people, Dr. Plach mentioned that, for many people, holding more than one job is normal. While there may be economic motives for this, there are also social and cultural factors.

Using a professor as an example, she described how they would teach as professors and also work as public figures such as journalist or commentators.

Resistance to change can also be found in political and cultural spheres of society.

Dr. Plach said there has been a rise in what she described as a far right movement of Catholic nationalism.

It is important to mention that the Catholic church has been an important cultural symbol for Polish people throughout their history. This movement, accord-

ing to Dr. Plach, not only fears a resurgence of Communism, but also a fear of modernity. These people fear that Poland is travelling down a path that will result in the decline of religion and the rise of immorality, such as crime, prostitution, gambling and drug use, things that have stereotypically been associated with the west.

These people are a small minority, says Dr. Plach.

Most people accept and embrace the changes that have occurred during Poland's transition from Communism and feel that the idea of becoming part of a wider Europe is very important. It is seen not only as anti-Russian, but also a chance for Poland to reclaim its rightful place in Europe.

She also stated that opening up to the rest of Europe has created a lot of opportunities, especially for young people. Businesses are making moves to create excellent career prospects for those who know languages like German or English.

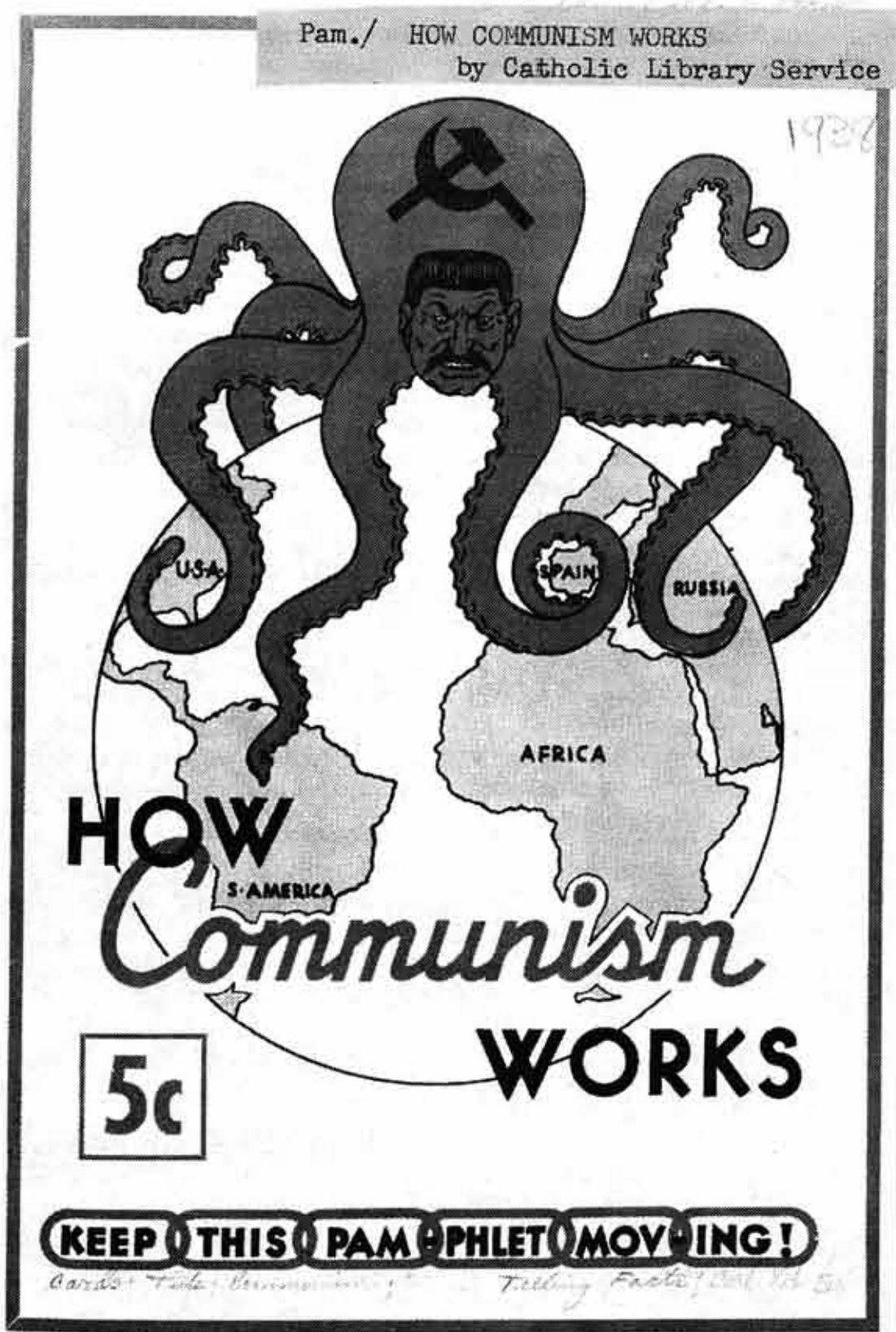
But there have been concerns about opening up too much in Poland. One problem that Dr. Plach discussed was the fact that Germans have been coming in and purchasing prime land for resorts and cottages. But relations with the Germans have been far better than those with the Russia or the Ukraine.

Dr. Plach says there is still an age-old dislike of Russians in Poland, in part because of a long history of hostility between these two groups.

Overall, Dr. Plach described that there as been strong support for joining the European Union, despite some reservations. The political and economic situation has become more balanced.

What lies in the future for this region of Europe is uncertain, but there is a good chance that economic progress will continue. Unlike the Balkans to the south or the former USSR, the nations of Eastern Europe have had relatively smooth transitions.

And despite a small amount of social cost, it cannot be forgotten that the people of this region are now able to begin enjoying some of the freedoms and rights that we have taken for granted in our own nation.



FILE PHOTO

The Cold War produced many anti-Soviet, anti-Communist products, such as this pamphlet, which was distributed by the Catholic Library Service in 1938.



# Big Eggs and Improv

Andy Lee

Good things came to those who waited at last Friday's Big Egg Comedy Show at the Turret.

Headlining troupe Calibre: Gros were easily the crowd favourite for the evening of improv comedy. This was partly due to the fact that four of the five members are WLU students. James Gangl, Alex Koffman, Aislinn Clancey and Simon Worley all attend Laurier, and are rounded out by Steve Skilling. But hometown advantage was only part of the reason for their popularity. Since their inception last November, Calibre: Gros have made several impressive performances at the weekly CageMatch improv contests in Toronto, and Friday's festivities were no exception.

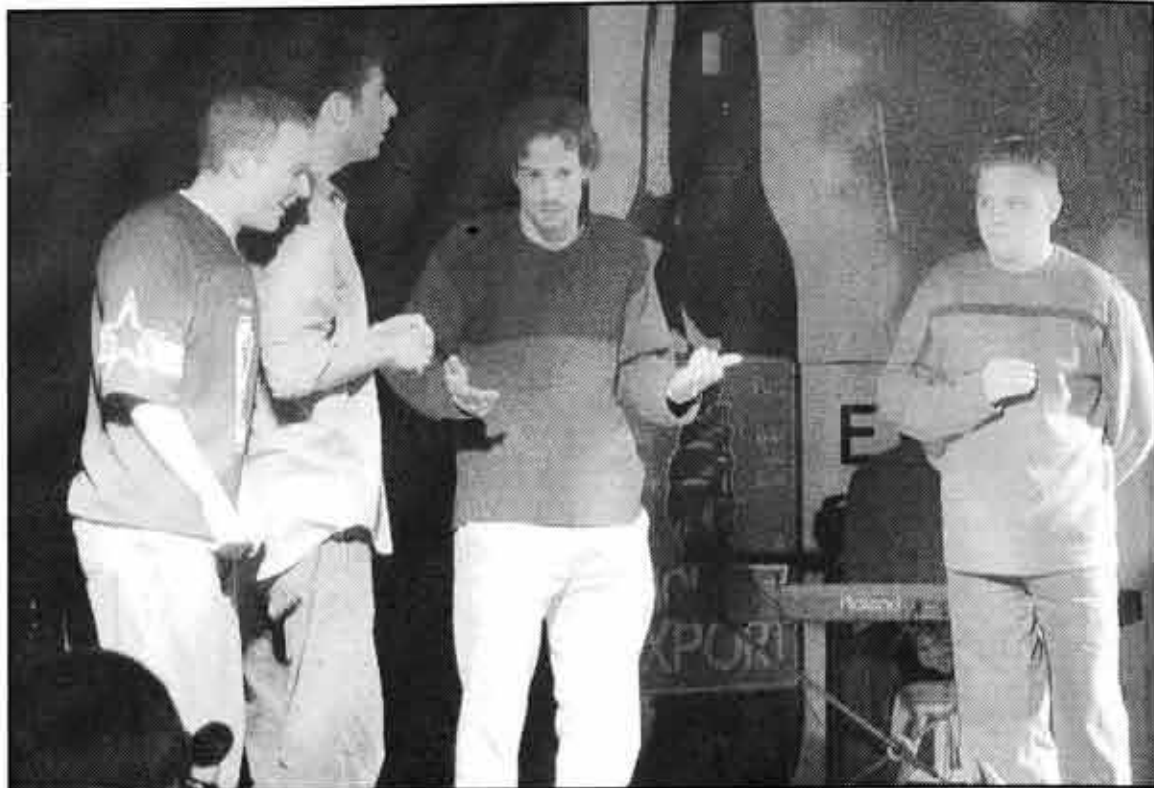
Calibre: Gros began with a long form improv based on the popular TLC show, *Trading Spaces*. James took the lead as an ambiguously gay male in search of acceptance from his older brothers. Aislinn soon followed as his hilarious New Yorker mother, while Alex and Simon exchanged some quick-witted repartee and punning. As characters and settings changed, from the Lithuanian Peace Corps to a Mexican hotel, a storm of laughter erupted from the receptive audience.

Comedic gratification, however, was not immediate. The night began somewhat hesitantly with an acoustical performance by John Smith. He kicked things off with a theme song of sorts, followed up with "The

Big White Oldsmobile", a lighthearted song based on the true story of a friend that was run over by said vehicle in 1996. This received somewhat of a mixed reaction from the audience, who seemed torn between disgust and amusement. John's third and final tune, about the hilarious antics of his gino brother, won most members back over to his side.

The musical introduction paved the way for Sandra Battaglini and Tracy Nolan, a duo more commonly known as Subject to Change. Their opening bit on yeast infections once again split the audience into two camps, and set the tone for the rest of their hit-or-miss performance. The young university audience seemed to have trouble identifying with their obscure references to dated pop culture such as Jamie Farr and *Fame*. A failed attempt to get the audience to sing the latter's theme song proved this point all too painfully. Still, there were a few successes, such as an AA meeting featuring Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*, and a Vagina Monologues parody that likened sex with a Russian to the long, cold oppression of Czarism.

The laughs picked up, however, when The Holy Diaphragms took to the stage. The six-member musical improv group crafted a hilarious plot involving a bow-legged mother, a son who dreams of rock 'n' roll stardom, and the bizarre music that they end up performing together. The Holy Diaphragms did an excellent job of seamlessly combining comedic and musical improvisation.



These boys show that they can twist and turn on stage. Just like a night at the Turret.

Particularly memorable was their impromptu, bastardized version of "Bohemian Rhapsody". It's little wonder that they're six-week champs at the CageMatch.

The Big Egg Comedy Show was capped off by a series of short form games, similar to those seen on *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* The first was an ABC game featuring Simon and two Holy Diaphragms, which despite a few slips, was an entertaining dialogue about sexually transmitted diseases. Actor's Nightmare, Two-Liners, and Questions followed, and confirmed the improvisational skills of the members of Calibre: Gros and

Subject to Change. For the finale, the whole cast came together for a trilogy of "World's Worst" games, which included hilarious takes on "the world's worst thing to say to your mom after menopause." Finally, an amusing "boyfriend/girlfriend" freeze game brought the evening to a satisfying close.

Although it took a while for the momentum to build up, the entire audience was reeling with laughter by the end of Big Egg Comedy Night. All in all, it was a welcome change of events at the Turret and an excellent showcase of Laurier's outstanding comedic talent.

## Money's got nothing to do with it

Dara Hakimzadeh

Allan Okada, an ex-member of the funky Canadian group King Cobb Steelie was energetically preparing for what was to be an exciting show at the Jane Bond café last Saturday evening. He took time out his busy day to sit down and chat with me about his newly formed band, Microbunny.

Okada's new live side project is composed of musicians from a plethora of Canadian artists. Saturday's lineup includes previous bandmates: Tamara Williamson on vocals, Mitch Girio played standup bass (from King Apparatus) and Sam Cino added drumming.

King Cobb Steelie are still together in a different form, writing songs for a new record. Okada maintains that he left due to strict touring demands and feels art should exist without life's financial demands put upon many popular artists. Between working full time and working on his music in his spare time, Okada has found a layered trans-organic sound which may not have been discovered if he had continued with King Cobb Steelie. Some over-simplified comparisons to Microbunny, with respect to Tamara's sensual vocals and Okada's cavernous sound, would include European popular electro-groups Portishead and Morcheeba. The music, which took



Microbunny hit it up at The Jane Bond last Saturday night.

three years to create, travels different realms and grapples the unusual and interesting rather than the typical and re-invented. It is conceived art rather than contrived art.

Speaking of Microbunny, Okada adds: "It started out of a necessity where I was making music on my own. The only way to do that is through the computer with multi-tracking techniques.

The sound evolved naturally. It was different from playing in a band with three or four other members just jamming."

The album's artwork, selected by Okada, possesses a fascinating depth, which personifies the band's sound. A dark murky subway corridor was Okada's choice: "I'd like to say there was a reason for it. I like the fact that it was cold, stark, dirty and scummy-looking at the same time. I don't have any elaborate theories of why I picked it. I guess it's a meshing of organic and inorganic things - similar to the music."

To dispel the inanimate characteristics of a non-instrumental show, Microbunny do not follow the convictions of turntablism, the more popular form of live artistry in multi-tracking. "We use the album as a basic framework to spring off of. A basic loop is triggered manually by myself on stage, so things are started and stopped when it feels right. There is a level of flexibility just like in a real band," Okada replied. Williamson added, "Some bands have their songs sequenced so they have to play their songs the same length all the time. We can

shorten or lengthen our songs depending on whether or not we feel like it."

Microbunny have been chosen as the representatives of Ontario's division of CBC's Big Break Competition for Canadian independent bands. "It's really a great honour. The greatest thing is the publicity generated from the contest. It can't be put into words the importance for a band like us. Nobody knew about us a month ago," replied Okada.

He ended our brief conversation with a dose of openness. "Usually when money is involved it hurts art. Then again money is necessary to promote artists. It is a catch 22. I've done everything in my power so that one does not influence the other. I don't make artistic decisions based on whether or not something will sell. I make decisions based on my tastes."

MircoBunny's self-titled debut compact disc is being distributed by SonicUnyon and is also available directly from the band, at [www.microbunny.com](http://www.microbunny.com). Expect these talented Bunnies to re-visit the Jane Bond café sometime in the near future.



# Backtrax: The Clash

Justin Sharp

Vulgar, thrash, fast, controversial, rage, hopeful, contradictory, political, romantic, perfect: The Clash. Punk may have started in New York with The Ramones, made famous by The Sex Pistols in Britain, but it took The Clash to make punk a revolution.

They took punk rock from the nihilistic f\*\*k-off-and-die roots and expanded it into every other form of music, politics and social critique. The Clash restored rock, helped thwart 70's power chord masturbation and became the most influential band in the last 25 years, all within 5 short years.

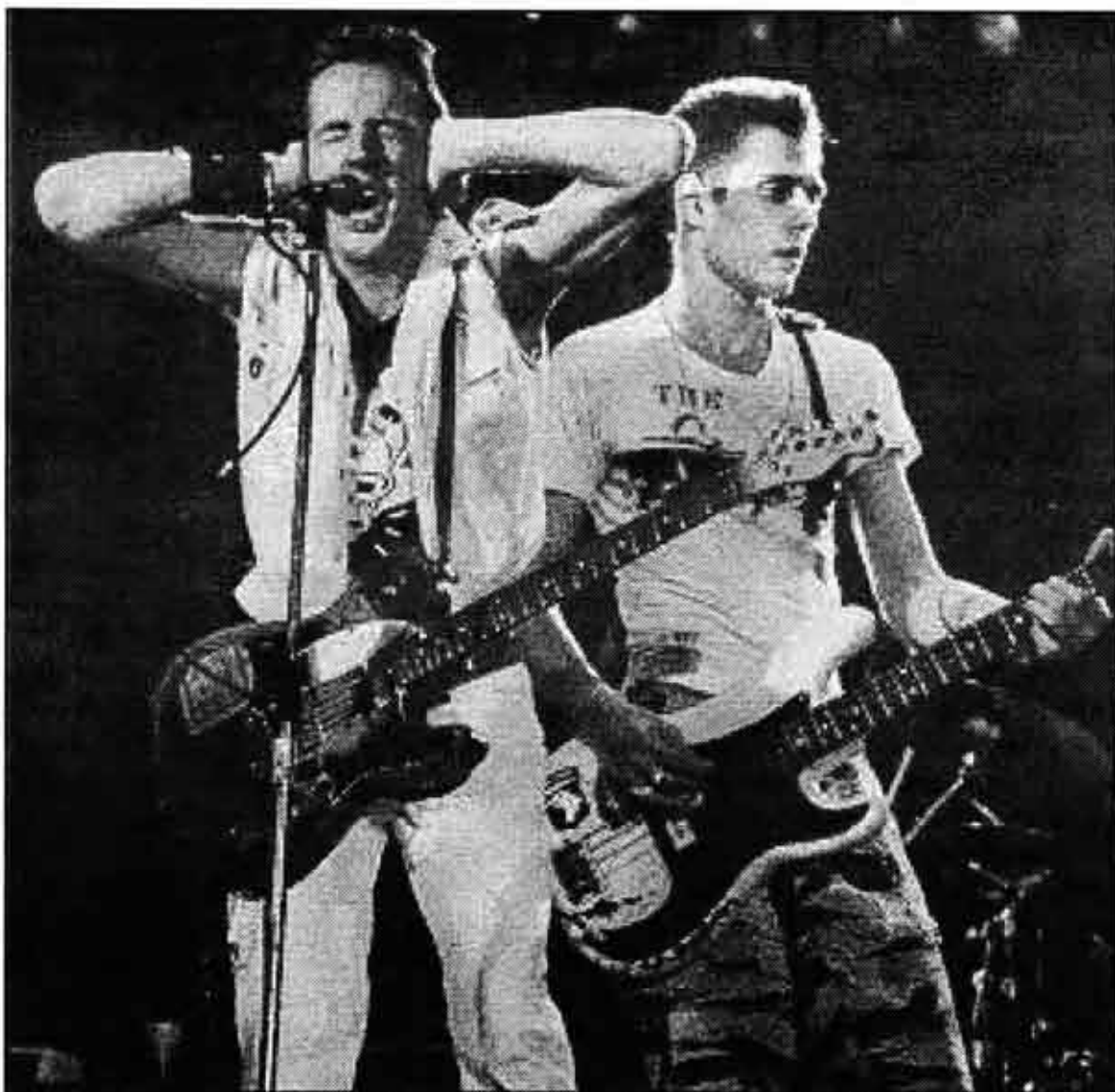
The Clash's roots began with Mick Jones and his London café band the London SS. Becoming tired with the sloppily planned gigs and bad decisions, he decided to disband; keeping manager Bernie Rhodes and bassist Paul Simonon (not to be confused with the world folk artist, Paul Simon).

At around the same time, Joe Strummer attended a Sex Pistols concert and realized that he didn't have to play well to be in a good band. After one meeting with Mick he quit his band, The 101'er, and joined him. They also hired drummer Terry Chimes.

Renamed Rehearsal Rehearsals, they were spending all their time in a rundown warehouse, living from a mix of flour and water while practicing night and day.

Desperate for a really good name, Paul Simonon found an article in the Evening Standard about a clash with the police and through serendipity The Clash had the exact name they needed: sharp, short and edgy.

On July 4th, 1976, The Clash made their first appearance on stage as an opening act for the Sex Pistols. People were impressed with their speed, style, honesty, and raw energy. This gig would later turn into other



What do you mean that's not Creed? Oh that's right, it's Blink 182. The original punks.

opening acts for the Sex Pistols although that would result in few performances (the Sex Pistols were notorious for being banned everywhere they went).

In late January of 1977 the Clash were given their first record contract for £100,000 with CBS. Their first single would have to be something amazing, something that would kick your teeth in. They chose 'White Riot' (inspired by a riot on Notting Hill in September of 1976). The single resulted in

immediate success and the further development of the UK release of *The Clash*. The album peaked at number 12 in the UK despite not being released in the US (but it became the biggest-selling import record of all time selling over 100,000 copies).

Their White Riot tour ended at the Rainbow Theater in London with the audience tearing the seats off the floor. By this time, however, the band had gotten tired of Terry Chimes as drummer and replaced him

with Nicky "Topper" Headon.

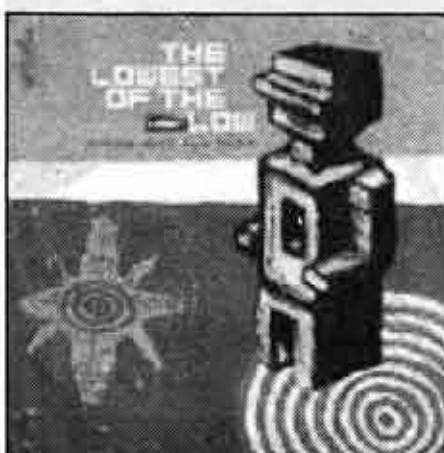
With the fan base growing exponentially after every concert, the Clash released their second album, *Give 'Em Enough Rope* in 1978. It received immediate praise in the UK and was eventually followed up in '79 with an American tour entitled Pearl Harbor. These actions led to a four-track EP *Cost of Living* which includes the popular cover of 'I Fought The Law'.

At the same time, the band realized that the punk moment was dying down and that an expansion was needed. The result was their best album ever, the double record set, *London Calling*. It combined elements of punk, rockabilly, R&B, hard rock and reggae; breaking ground in every form of song writing, guitar playing, hook forming and all around ass kicking in the truest form. It still acts as a basic guideline for rock bands being produced today.

The Clash would release 3 more albums in the early 80s, *Sandinista!* (1980), *Combat Rock* (1982), *Cut the Crap* (1985) - done without Mick Jones, and became one of the biggest bands in the world after *Combat Rock* was accepted by mass American audiences. Unfortunately, Mick Jones left, and the band split after a few months of American success.

The effect of The Clash on modern music is undeniable. Punk saved rock from becoming too self-indulgent (for the time being at least) and the Clash were able to save punk. There's hardly a band today that doesn't model themselves in the Clash's image. Of course today's punk is really a shallow, suburban, pseudo-teen-angst bowel movement but at least they got their influences, right?

## ear candy



### Lowest of the Low Nothing Short of a Bullet

*Nothing Short of a Bullet*, the latest from Toronto rockers The Lowest of the Low, is more of a trip down memory lane than a celebration of their return as a band.

Coming nearly seven years after the Low's untimely break-up in 1994, the double-CD consists primarily of live performances culled from their 2000 comeback tour, plus three brand new studio tracks.

Recorded over six nights in Buffalo and Toronto, *Bullet* showcases a mature band performing a

mix of songs from their previous two albums, 1993's *Hallucigenia*, and their 1991 debut, *Shakespeare...My Butt*. If some of the songs sound dated, however, it's because they are. Although solid tunes in their day, tracks like 'Eternal Fatalist' and 'Rosy & Grey' are over a decade old, making them older than the average Loud Rock fan today.

It almost seems as if The Lowest of the Low are stuck in an early 90s time loop. Their two new originals, 'The Lives and Times' and 'New Westminster Taxi Squad', blend perfectly with the rest of the album in spite of the elapsed time between recordings. To Ron Hawkins and company, the nineties never died. Even their cover of a Bad Religion classic, 'Kerosene', comes from 1993's *Recipe for Hate*.

Still, the songs are, for the most part, well-written and well-played, even if they sometimes do slip into predictability. A few tracks in particular stand out from the

rest, namely 'Gamble', 'Dogs of February', and 'Black Monday', which have lost none of their charm after all these years. A lot has changed since the release of *Hallucigenia*, but perhaps there'll always be a place for heartfelt songwriting in music despite prevailing trends.

In fact, many of the Low's best songs can be found on that album, which makes one wonder whether it might be better to let sleeping giants lie rather than try to rehash past success. If it's nostalgia you're after, I recommend revisiting the original studio material. While you're at it, give *Recipe* a listen for another example of a band in its heyday. It may be a while before we witness the collapse of the Loud Rock Empire.

Andy Lee



### Chemical Brothers Come with Us

It seems that Tom Rowlands and Ed Simons are one step ahead of the rest when it comes to creating original electronica. For the most part, Chemical Brothers are known for their harder, faster beats, mixed with acid-house waves and a hint of psychedelia.

However, the London-based duo did not only catch the attention of those who never leave the dance floor, but they have a sufficient amount of pop sensibility for an average rock fan to dig their vibe (think Setting Sun).

*Come with Us*, their fifth studio effort is a step back to what has made them so successful, while also forging new ground. The album is split into two sections, the first part includes the bumping club-pleasers, and the second contains the much mellower trippy, stoner medleys.

The deciding line here is "My Elastic Eye/The State We're In" (sung by Beth Orton). Although this distinctive change can be identified, it seems this album is a more progressive record than their last contribution, *Surrender*. Tracks fuse into one another, and the mood makes a definite transition through the middle tracks. "It Began in Afrika" takes us to a distant place, with the distinctive thump of a conga drum.

"The State We're In" echoes the build of Underworld's "Born Slippy," while "Denmark" sounds like the rising and falling of a wah pedal.

My personal favorite is the sick funk of "Pioneer Skies", with hints of 1967 mixed with the synths off Pink Floyd's "Time." Their *Come with Us* tour has a local stop on April 19th, 2002. It includes Chemical Brothers/Paul Oakenfold at the Hershey Center in Mississauga. Good times guaranteed for all.

Stuart Reed

Editors Note:

*I don't know why there is a promotion for a Chemical Brothers show in Toronto, but for some odd reason, Stu seems to think it reflects the quality of the album.*



# Clash of the agreeable sounds

Amanda Fitzpatrick

This Saturday, March 9th, Radio Laurier will host its first annual Battle of the Bands at Wilf's.

Six bands have been chosen from a field of 22 applicants to compete for the coveted first place, with the winning group receiving half of the night's admission proceeds and their name on a plaque that will be displayed in the Radio Laurier dj booth. Participating bands include the Jive Talking Robots, Locus (no affiliation to Laurier's off-campus university students), The Pylons, Fabi Republic, Kenghk and Admiral. All of the performers bring their own musical tastes to the plate, with styles ranging from punk and hip hop with the Jive Talking Robots, to rap metal with Kenghk and ska with The Pylons.

Kicking off at 8 pm, these six bands will be pulling every trick out of the bag in order to wow the crowd with their musical expertise.

This is not your typical battle of the

bands, however. The remaining half of the two dollar admission proceeds are going to World University Services of Canada (WUSC), in order to help refugee students study at Laurier. The battle of the bands coincides with Radio Laurier's 50 hour dj marathon, taking place this weekend, with all of the money raised also going to aid student refugees at Laurier.

WUSC is an organization that is made up of a network of individuals and post-secondary institutions who believe that all peoples are entitled to the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a more equitable world.

The Student Refugee Sponsorship Program assists student refugees who have been displaced and who are searching for an opportunity to continue their post-secondary studies in Canada.

After an increase of WUSC fees was denied in the last student elections, Radio Laurier dj's decided to raise funds by having a battle of the bands and a marathon.



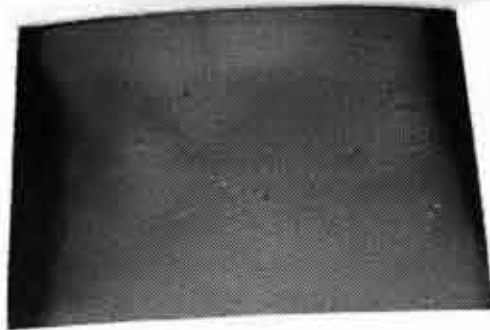
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# Trauma in Toronto

*Despite perfect record, women's volleyball team falters in playoffs for second consecutive season*

**Rich Kawamoto**

When you put your heart on the line for something that can only be achieved over a four year span, destiny plays an instrumental role.

The Hawks met up with their destiny last weekend at the University of Toronto. The Golden Hawks women's volleyball team fought with passion and pride but came up short, losing in the OUA semi-final three games to two to the host the Varsity Blues.

Slotted as the favourites to capture the OUA crown much like the year before, the Hawks came out firing on all cylinders but were unable to take the first two sets. However, the following two games proved to be owned by the Laurier women, as they took both in convincing fashion.

"We had endless determination," noted 4th year libero and team co-captain Lisa Wallace. "We never gave up on each other and knew that we were going to fight to the end. We just played with everything we had."

The fifth set was a battle that saw the Hawks and Blues trade shots of power and precision. The back-and-forth affair gave fans what they paid their admission for - it was volleyball at its finest. But the effort the Hawks put forth was to no avail. They could not overcome the fifth set adversity, drop-

ping the final game 15-9.

"When the match ended, it felt as if everything we had been working towards shifted directions," remarked Wallace, who was the lone tournament all-star going to the Hawks.

"But we never gave up and we believed that it (the victory) was ours up until the fifteenth point. That just shows the belief that we all had in each other," she concluded.

"The girls never got flustered, never panicked and showed the utmost determination for the entire match," said Hawks head coach Dave McIntyre.

"They played their guts out and it took a very strong and talented team to beat us. They (U of T) brought their 'A' game and played exceptionally well."

This saga is much like the picture that was painted one year ago. After being touted as national contenders, the Hawks were eliminated from the playoffs by the University of Guelph, ending their season prematurely. But this year's Hawks were one step further to Canadian supremacy. Small steps can lead to huge victories down the line, and that's how McIntyre looks at it.

"To be a great team, you need to go through this process," McIntyre said about taking things one step at a time. "You always learn something from every match



Not the game in question, but who's kidding who? We're not about to send a photographer to Toronto.

and from the loss to Toronto, I now feel that I can prepare my team a little bit better for big matches."

The extraordinary season for the Hawks was again recognized twice by the coaches all across Canada.

Second year middle hitter Cathy Ingalls was selected as a first team all-Canadian and Coach McIntyre was honoured with the CIS women's volleyball Coach of the Year. These were the seventh

and eighth awards dished out to the Hawks this season.

The women placed two players on both the first and second OUA all-star teams (Lisa Martin, Ingalls, Paula Watson and Ashley Millen). Watson also earned the OUA Award of Merit and McIntyre was named OUA Coach of the Year.

"Being named coach of the year is a reflection of my staff and, most importantly, my athletes," says a humble McIntyre. He guid-

ed his team to a perfect regular season record of 18-0.

"But now that I've been honoured, I have to continue building the program to be successful. Hopefully, I'll do the award justice."

The women's volleyball team has been plagued from achieving what they had in them to achieve, for two consecutive years now. Let's hope the plague is cured before next year's season.

## Women's hockey takes silver at CIS

**Continued from cover**

On Saturday the Hawks played what was arguably their best game of the season, taking on the Regina Cougars in their home rink. Laurier came through with another squeaker of a win, with a final score of 2-1.

**Laurier 3, St. FX 2 (OT)**

Throughout the first period WLU controlled the ice, but unfortunately was not able to get enough shots on net in order to produce any goals. The Cougars continuously challenged the Hawks, but were unable to capitalize on any of these chances.

Second period action saw Laurier's Krissy Thompson, put away a marker by knocking in the puck during a scramble in front of the Cougars' net. Regina quickly came back, scoring a goal midway into the period to tie the game.

In the third, Golden Hawk Jen Wilson scored a pretty game winning goal, shooting from just inside the blue line and putting the

puck in the five hole of Cougars' net minder, Laura Paradis.

Ashley Stephenson received the Player of the Game award on behalf of Laurier, playing a solid defensive game and with one assist on the night.

On March 3rd the Hawks could be seen live on TSN, facing off against the veteran-laden, #1 ranked Alberta Pandas in the CIS gold medal match. The Hawks' berth to this Championship game represents Laurier's most successful women's hockey season to date.

The first period saw the less experienced Hawks a little overwhelmed with the strength of the Pandas, and Alberta was quickly able to take advantage of Laurier's state of shock by scoring three goals.

Mandy Kinjerski put one up on the scoreboard less than four minutes into the game, while tournament MVP Danielle Bourgeois added two goals on behalf of the Pandas before heading back into the dressing room.

Although the Hawks were outshot by the Pandas 23-3 in the first, it was Alberta that

was caught by surprise in the second period. The Hawks came out during the second with intensity. Rookie Hawks, Chantal Legere and Amanda Joseph scored one goal each for Laurier, with fourth year forward, Jenn Neilson assisting Joseph's marker.

However, the Pandas were able to restore their two-goal lead with another goal of their own by the end of the second period.

The Hawks refused to give up throughout the third period, and continued to pressure the Cougars' All-Canadian goalie, Stacey McCullough. However, the Pandas secured the gold medal with a goal by Krysty Lorenz. Eadie received the Player of the Game award for Laurier.

**Laurier 2, Regina 1**

With a final score of 5-2, the Golden Hawks suffered their first loss of a very successful 2001-2002 season. Although Laurier had to settle for the silver at this tournament, this is certainly nothing to be

ashamed of.

"Our goal was to get to that game," said Assistant Coach Roly Webster. "With this game the girls have gained a huge experience...the biggest thing is going to be getting back there (next year)."

"Now the bar has been set," added Head Coach Bill Bowker. "We have to survive success...the team will never want to stand on the other side of the blue line again...we have to continue with hockey excellence."

"It was an unbelievable honour just to be there," added Bowker. "Never mind, it was a huge thing to win the silver," he ratiocated.

Indeed, with 14 strong rookies forming the foundation of Laurier's hockey future, there can only be further successes in the years to come. So the hockey Golden Hawks should hold up their silver medals with pride.

Second in the nation and first in Ontario, a silver medal in the CIS Championships makes the Hawks very golden, or at least near golden in the hearts across WLU.

For Laurier women's hockey, the future is needless to say, very promising.




# A gallery of all-stars


Players and coaches from a number of teams receive OUA recognition




**Chris Keith** (Men's Basketball)  
 OUA Rookie of the year  
 OUA Second team all-star  
 OUA All-Rookie team



**Todd Cooney**  
 (Men's Basketball)  
 OUA All-Rookie Team




**Peter Campbell**  
 (Men's Basketball - Head Coach)  
 OUA Coach of the Year



**Sarah Zagorski**  
 (Women's Basketball)  
 OUA Rookie of the year  
 OUA Second Team all-star



**Paula Watson**  
 (Women's Volleyball)  
 OUA Award of Merit  
 OUA Second Team all-star



**Cathy Ingalls**  
 (Women's Volleyball)  
 OUA First Team all-star



**Ashley Millen**  
 (Women's Volleyball)  
 OUA Second Team all-star



**Lisa Martin**  
 (Women's Volleyball)  
 OUA First Team all-star

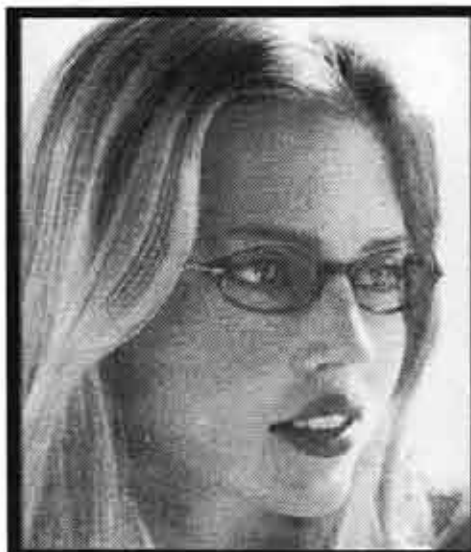


**Dave McIntyre**  
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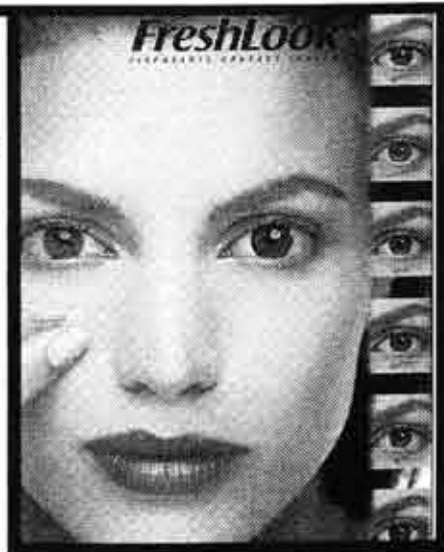
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# Clash of the Titans, Round II

*Should varsity athletes receive extra benefits due to their sports participation?*

## Tale of the Tape

**Height:** 5'8"  
**Reach:** 35"  
**Professional record:** 23-0-1, 20 Ko's  
**Pre-match comments:** Hey! Ain't I beat this sucka before? Someone best be tellin' this chump that I be da Queen Ant and he ain't nuttin' but my drone! Get it right! I'm at the top o' my sand hill and I ain't never comin' back down!

## The Queen Ant



## Athletes deserve it

### Caitlin Howlett

Are you sick and tired of watching the elite of the school by-pass the lines at all the bars around town including the Turret? Get used to it, because it isn't going to change, nor should it.

Athletes have always reaped the benefits of belonging to a team or club. It goes hand in hand with being a skilled competitor who provides both entertainment and pride for people such as yourself, the Laurier students.

Athletes work doubly hard throughout the season with 6am practices and a full day of classes, then off to the gym for more training; let us not forget the game in Windsor or Kingston and writing exams early, or better yet, on the bus.

Kudos to the multi-sport athletes like Tara Ross, who have a part time job, go to school full time and partake in two varsity sports.

So why shouldn't they jump the line at the Turret or receive VIP access at Fiasco's or Louies – although I am not sure jumping the line to jump into a pool of bar juice [that stuff that doesn't come off your sex boots] is exactly a perk, but alas, to each his own.

The average student might reply, "Well, I work 30 hours a week and pull off a GPA of somewhere in between 10 and 12, why shouldn't I get to be first in the line?"

It's not the GPA, or the 30 hours of work a week that separates the two types of students, but what the athlete gives back to the school. Varsity sport provides an image of success and excellence for a school such as Laurier. Just look at the success of 2001-2002 Golden Hawk varsity teams. Women's hockey and volleyball have dominated the scoreboard with undefeated seasons and rosters so full of talent that awards are popping up in places no one knew existed.

Providing a service such as Foot Patrol or ERT, the athletes do not. However, they are volunteers in a sense that they are devoting much of their free time to a cause they believe in. They know that their hard work will pay off in the long run.

Foot Patrol reduces the chance of being attacked by a midnight stalker on your way home from the science building, while Cindy Eadie stops a breakaway from archival, U of T – both are potentially unpre-

dictable and scary situations, but with a little skill and a lot of heart, both get taken care of.

Honour students don't volunteer their time to earn Laurier a fifth place ranking in MacLean's magazine; they pay for it in the form of a hefty sum. The remainder of the perks go directly to the individual, such as scholarships and job offers fresh upon graduation. Their 11.25 GPA doesn't fare so well when put against a banner that hangs in the AC displaying CIS soccer or OUA hockey champions.

Benefits such as walking through the backdoor at Fiasco's is not the reason an athlete decides to try out for a varsity team, it's simply a perk, much in the same way that there are perks to being a top-notch student or a volunteer for WLUSU or WLUSP. If you want to complain about unfair perks for any member of the student community, jump on the anti-elitism bandwagon and good luck to you.

As a former varsity lacrosse player, I'm not able to jump the line, despite the fact that the women's lacrosse team won the OUA championship in 2000. I am not immortalized in time, unlike a few football players and my esteemed editor Mariana Hrkac. And for those who still reap the benefits even though they no longer play or go to WLU (you'd think six years was enough). Well, they must have done something right. Either that or they are just very good looking.

As for waiting in line at Phil's on the weekend, most varsity athletes are working too hard trying to catch up in their reading and studying than to put on their best pleather outfit and drink till they regurgitate it all. In no way am I attempting to disrespect the unique patrons of Phil's, but I think the only people jumping the line at Phil's are those that get nice and cozy with the bouncers.

Perks or no perks, I respect the athletes. They work harder than the average bear; they represent a huge part of what our school strives for in terms of excelling in athletics and academics, and act as the fire starter for that purple and gold spirit.

The next time you think about cursing VIA's (very important athletes) at the Turret, maybe instead you should shake their hand and say thank you – after all, if you can't beat the elitism, why not join 'em?

## Delivery Specialist



## Tale of the Tape

**Height:** 5'9"  
**Reach:** 37"  
**Professional record:** 22-0-3, 21 KO's  
**Pre-match comments:** I crushed her the first time, and you best know that just like UPS, I'm gon' deliver again! You also best know that it ain't gon' take no five business days. It'll be over before the delivery truck even leave the lot!

## Sports aren't special

### Derek Iwanuk

Don't you hate it when you are standing in line at Johnny Fiasco's on a Saturday, in the middle of February at midnight after you have been waiting a good hour in line, and a bunch of cheerleaders with their little VIP cards prance in front of you and walk gingerly through the doors?

Meanwhile, you are still standing there, freezing your ass off for another good hour before you realize it's not worth it and decide to head home.

Does anyone else see a problem with this? I don't mean to centre out the cheerleaders here either. It's every organized sports team at Laurier; well, at least the popular ones. Maybe the curling team does not get into Fiasco's that easily, but for most other sports teams, it's very simple.

And again, not solely Fiasco's but other bars in the Kitchener - Waterloo region that are usually impossible to get into on a Saturday night.

There are several arguments that support the athlete's claim. One of them came from a former athlete herself, who still supports the idea of varsity participants getting into the bars past all the other less-worthy grunts standing in line.

Although her name will not be released for privacy purposes, we will call her "Mariana Hrkac," just a name out of the blue.

She states that because athletes devote countless hours to their respective activities, they deserve some sort of a reward to complement their dedication and commitment. Sure, I agree that some athletes are very devoted to their sports and that their

countless hours of dedication should be rewarded in some form. But isn't their dedication rewarded in playing the game that they love? Their passion for the sport, their love for the game, is this not enough of a reward for the hours spent practicing and playing?

What about those people working on the Cord who spend countless hours putting together the very paper you hold in your hand right now.

What about those on Foot Patrol and the Peer Help Line, who go out of their way to

try and make the university a safer and more accomodating environment.

In fact, does Foot Patrol or the Peer Help Line not deserve this special treatment more then the female lacrosse team? Volunteers around campus are giving something back to

their school - they are providing a service, profit-free for all Laurier students.

To aid fellow students seems to me to be more honourable and worthy than someone who plays for the fun of the game. This is not a shot at anyone on a sports team, as I respect all of the dedication you put forth to your sport. But I think its time to let some of the other people who put in hours and hours of work to interests of their own get some recognition and respect, even if those interests are not necessarily as glamorous as the football or hockey teams.

These guys deserve a break too, or maybe no one deserves a break at all.

These are just a few thoughts from an unworthy grunt freezing his ass off in the line at Phils on a Saturday night.

**"To aid fellow students seems to me to be more honourable and worthy than someone who plays for the love of the game."**

### Who do you think won the Clash of the Titans, Round II?

Is the 'Queen Ant' ruler of the hill or should she be stepped on?  
Is the 'Delivery Specialist' always on time or does he get lost along the way?

Weigh in with your opinion by e-mailing [letters@wlusp.com](mailto:letters@wlusp.com). Maximum 350 words. For complete letters policy, see page six.

# Cord Sports: Not flimsy



# Keeping campaign promises

As the year comes to an end, Union reps reflect on a job, well, done

Julie Pong

The one issue this year that stands out in the minds of Laurier's administration, Students' Union and community is growth and its effects on campus.

Growth at Laurier was an issue that Dave Prang, WLU Students' Union President, did not anticipate last year when he was vying for the position. The controversial issue of housing an extra 400 first-year students in residence was a problem that consumed much more of his time than he had anticipated. On top of this there were issues on campus regarding the dining hall, the setback with Harvey's and, of course, space issues on Laurier's campus in general. Prang felt firsthand the scope of responsibilities that concern the life of the Students' Union President.

Reflecting on the position he held as President, Prang believes that the past year was "the best job I felt I could ever have. I have a few regrets, but I absolutely loved the opportunity. Not only was this position so much fun, but it was truly a unique opportunity, from the people I met here, as well as outside of Laurier."

Taking the initiative to be more visible on campus is something Prang believes he has done more than others in the past. He wanted

to be more accessible in a less formal way. According to Prang, his increased visibility took the forms of walking through the Concourse, eating in Wilf's or the Terrace and other places where the majority of students frequent during the year.

Because of unanticipated issues that arose this year, Prang was not able to fulfill all of his desires that were proposed in his platform twelve months ago. When it comes down to it, the growth issue took over and other issues had to be set aside.

Dave Wellhauser, the Students' Union Executive Vice-President:

**[Wellhauser wishes] that everyone would express themselves the way they want to, that maybe everyone should wear reflective vests?**

University Affairs, said this year was also very exciting for him, and is sad to see it coming to an end. Wellhauser, clearly proud of the Students' Union here at Laurier, believes that "We are the best, or among the best, Students' Unions." He emphasized his

belief that the Students' Union does a fantastic job of offering student services and helping to provide a great campus culture.

Both Prang and Wellhauser commented on the great rapport between the Students' Union and Student Publications. A relationship that Prang feels is much better and stronger than initially expected.

Wellhauser, however, feels that Student Publications could have

been tougher on the Students' Union, voicing opinions and other ways in which they could improve.

What Wellhauser hopes to see next year is the same push towards a greater integration between students and the Union.

Taking a similar initiative as Prang, Wellhauser wished to be visible to the student body. Sitting in the Concourse on a weekly basis, Wellhauser sought out to hear complaints and receive feedback from the students.

"Students do not feel comfortable coming to the office, therefore more soliciting needs to be done so that students do come to talk to us."

Wellhauser would also visit the music lounge to try to talk to facilitate interaction between the Union and the student body; however, he feels that one person truly can not do it all. What he was happy with, however, was the fact that you could see more people from the Board of Directors making themselves known on campus.

Wellhauser's platform also provided a variety of issues, like an improved community sponsorship to Laurier Athletics, more additions to the One Card and an increase in parking time on surrounding streets. Some of these issues were dealt with this year, some are still in progress and a few were not looked at at all.

"If the growth issue had not come up," Wellhauser believes that more attention could have been given to issues of concern to him. Unfortunately, Wellhauser says that his "personal goals had to take a back seat so that the needs of the



Wellhauser. Artist, Veep, blue haired cover boy. See Blueprint Magazine.



Dave Prang. The man, the legend. He has one heck of a welcome too!

students could be met."

Happy with the successful year of all the committees in the Students' Union, Wellhauser believes that its success must be carried on in years to come.

If there is anything that Wellhauser wishes to communicate to the students now, it is that everyone would express themselves the way they want to, that

maybe everyone should wear reflective vests; we should have fun and all act like the university students that we are.

*Editor's note: For more on Prang, Wellhauser and the rest of the Brady Bunch at WLUSU, turn to News for the big bad Board Report.*

## International Week of the Woman

Jennifer Asselin

I am woman, hear me roar! These are the words you will be hearing throughout the week as the world celebrates International Women's Week.

Observed world-wide since 1908, this week is dedicated to the idea of community and the unification between women and society.

WLU and the Women's Centre are pleased to be hosting a large variety of events throughout the week from March 4th-8th.

The week began Monday with Part 1 of a communication skills workshop for women. Part 2 will take place

next Monday, the 11th. As well, the outstanding performances of The Vagina Monologues, a play focusing on women and the issues they face on a day to day basis,

took place on Friday, March 1 and Monday, March 4.

On Wednesday, the week will continue with a "Clay Goddess Workshop" in the Fine Arts Studio located at 65 Lodge Street from 10-12pm. For this particular outing, there is no need for creative geniuses. People are encouraged to just have a good time with others who may share the same thoughts and feelings that are allowed to be creatively

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expressed through this particular mode.

All those who enjoy a little festivity should also be aware of the celebration in the Concourse on Thursday. This event will prove to be one of learning and laughter as people participate in a drumming circle, painting, cake and plenty more.

On this day there will also be a forum on "Your Take on Feminism," which is taking



A vagina and a monologue. Ahh, women.

place at the Paul Martin Centre from 10:30-12:30pm.

Lastly, as the week comes to a close, we observe the actual "International Women's Day" on Friday, March 8th.

On this chosen day, we are asked to take what it is we have learned throughout the week of events and find our own way to celebrate women.

Rightfully so, this year's week has been given the theme of "Working in Solidarity: Women, Human Rights and Peace." This is, in part, a reflection of the all too recent events of September 11th, as well as what is currently happening in Afghanistan; the new found observance of the terrible treatment of Afghan women has brought new light to this day of observance.

If you are interested in finding out more about the mentioned events, contact the Women's Centre at ext. 4444.

As well as the activities mentioned above, there are a number of things to get involved in around the area, so keep your eyes open for flyers and information.

Lastly, it is important to mention that you do not necessarily have to be a woman to take part in the celebration of International Women's Week, but you must have respect and pride for women.



# I'm not dumb, I'm on academic probation

When your grades start to slip and your future is in doubt, you get probed.

Kent McCrea

So maybe your first year hasn't been so successful academically speaking, or maybe it was your second year or whatever. For better or worse, it's starting to look like your school career might have just slid into a little jeporady.

Whatever might have happned, now you are in a jam and it is time to start thinking about if and how you are going to get out of it.

Academic probabtion commences when you don't meet the GPA or course requirements for your program of study.

In a General program, it automatically starts if your cumulative GPA falls below a 4.00 but is still above a 2.00.

For the Honours programs, because the criterion for academic

probation vary quite a bit, you are better off reading the specific requirements for your program found in the WLU Undergrad Academic Course Calendar.

automatic. The academic chair and dean of your faculty decides on a case by case basis whether you should be allowed to remain in your Honours program. Either way, notice of having been placed on probation will first appear on your end of semester marks, along with the set deadline for your probationary period. If after that deadline you haven't met the minimum thresholds for your program you will then be kicked out of the program. So basically, the sooner you identify that you are heading for academic trouble and start to plan around it, the better off you will be.

The first step should always be a trip to your faculty academic advisor. They will take a look at your specific situation and make suggestions that could help you

get off AP or avoid it entirely. Your academic advisor will probably make a few suggestions - the most obvious is to just study harder, do better and get the

marks to bring your average back up. However if you have a few marks that are quite low and dragging down your GPA, the most common piece of advice is to

All in all it can be pretty spooky stuff but I guess you do what you have to do just to stay in school



Academic probationers are locked in the Hub and forced to do homework. I swear it's true. Sucks, eh?

repeat these courses. Only the most recent repetition counts towards your GPA, even though both marks will remain on your transcript. Any given course can only be taken twice, so it's important to pay a bit more attention the second time around.

In the event that you fail a mandatory course for an honours program there may be a way to salvage things. One example is first

year business - you need to complete all of your business credits by April 30th, which leaves no time for a second chance at a course in the summer. However, for non business credits the deadline is June 30th, so it's still possible to pick up Math 130 during Intersession.

Despite the mass collection of rules posted in the Course Calendar, several students have

indicated that the whole experience is a bit confusing. Sometimes it can end well, but another person I spoke to recalled two past roommates who first went on academic probation and now no longer go to Laurier.

All in all it can be pretty spooky stuff but I guess you do what you have to do just to stay in school and beyond the reach of the real world.

Why does it say paper jam, when there clearly is no paper jam! WHY DO YOU PUT COMMAS WHERE THEY CLEARLY DON'T BELONG? -SPOOKY

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# Embracing e-investing

*Sounds a little confusing, doesn't it? It's not. Here are the ten things you should be looking for in an online brokerage.*

**Marc Henein**

Five years ago no one knew what an online brokerage was; today they have a large piece of the brokerage market. This market share is increasing at a rapid pace due to an increase in technology and the Internet. If you don't want to get left behind, you may want to consider riding this new wave of innovation. In starting an account with an online broker, there are ten important factors that you should consider before you ever open an online account.

Now before you begin, you have to figure out where to invest your money. The better-known online brokerage houses are TD Waterhouse, Etrade Canada, Merrill Lynch, HSBC, CIBC, Investors Edge and BMO Investor online. These brokerage houses are more beneficial to people who will utilize all the services offered and are willing to pay the price. If you were looking for a "no-frills" online broker, eNorthern would probably be your best option. They offer great bargains but are lacking in the availability of research materials which you'll hear about soon.

The first thing to ask before you open an online account is how much in commissions you will pay for each transaction. Don't be fooled, the price you pay is probably reflective of the kind of service you receive. The normal range is

from about \$10 to \$35 a transaction and you shouldn't be looking to pay more than \$30 a trade. The second aspect to look at is the other fees you may have to pay. These can include either annual fees, inactivity fees, or fees for not keeping a minimum balance. If you work out how many transactions you will make a month and the minimum balance required it is simple to avoid these fees. Thirdly, having a minimum initial deposit is also a key factor, especially for students. Some online accounts such as TD Waterhouse have no minimum deposit where others have \$500 minimums.

The fourth thing to check into is the quality of customer service.

The most important aspect would be how their web site handles compared to the other sites. Check for speed and simplicity for finding what you need. If you would rather deal with a live person, call their 1-800 numbers and ask to see how long it takes

before you can talk to an actual person. Also check out how close their nearest office is.

One of the most sought after aspects in life, and the fifth thing to look at when investing in an online brokerage, is simplicity. If this is important to you look into opening an online account where you currently have your bank or credit card accounts. By doing so you can consolidate all your pins, making for one easy access code



Terri embraces e-investing in this exclusive caught-in-the-act shot!

for all your banking needs. The sixth aspect to look out for is quality of research. Although there is plenty of research on the Internet, check to see if the online broker will charge you or if their research is free. Generally, the type of research you're looking for is analyst reports, real-time quotes and detailed financial data.

The seventh thing to look for in online brokers is the possibility to buy mutual funds. You can usually buy mutual funds from any mutual fund company but if you prefer mutual funds over stocks then check out the availability of this option. Online brokers also offer no-load funds, which are mutual funds with no transaction costs. These are typical funds that can be found in online brokerage houses. The eighth thing to look

for is the investment product selection. Things you can't buy through brokerage houses generally are options, government and corporate bonds, as well as making over-the-counter bulletin board stock trades. If you're a young investor it's generally better to stick with normal stocks but if you want these special investment opportunities, see if your online broker can offer them.

The ninth aspect to check with online brokers involves other ways you can make your transactions. If you don't always want to make your transactions online, a popular option is the telephone. If you're on vacation and not near your computer, this becomes a very attractive option.

The final aspect to check for when opening an online account

are the freebies involved when opening an account or making a trade. Of course, this should not be the most important part of investing but it should still be in the back of your mind. Generally an online brokerage will grant your first few trades for free or deposit some cash in your account.

With all these factors to consider, it's enough to make your head spin. Let's break this down for you. If you're not making over twenty trades a year, the most important aspect to an online brokerage is customer service. If you are making more trades than that, it's important to look into all of the factors mentioned. Now that we've given you the information, all you have to do is follow it... and fork over the money, of course.

## Weekly Business Joke

A woman called a pet store and said, Send me 450 cockroaches immediately.

Lady, why in the world would you want 450 cockroaches? asked the flabbergasted clerk.

Well, she explained, I'm moving out today and according to my lease, I must leave the premises exactly as I found them.

## Air Canada - Five Stars?

Air Canada President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Milton, announced yesterday that after six months of cuts Air Canada has filed a plan for growth and improvement. Capacity was expected to drop 20% in January, but apparently Canadians no longer feel afraid to fly. The actual drop was a mere 9% from January last year. As well, the September 11th fear was expected to have a longer effect.

However, with the collapse of Canada 3000 last November, Air Canada is now in negotiations for more Boeing 767-300's. Also, they're expecting to add new destinations due to demand, increase the quality of their food back to their surprise meals, as



well as increasing the amount of serving times. Local flights are to expect more snacks.

Air Canada continues to be on a quest to answer the numerous complaints from customers and in-flight attendants. This all means that we can happily return to our nation's only flight service and expect to be treated just like another sardine in an overcrowded tin. It's good to be back.

## One Person Makes a Difference

After one woman's complaint about the strict withdrawal limit in order to keep banks open in Argentina, a local judge decided to turn one of 60,000 complaints into a federal investigation. This included invading banks with troops of accountants to check procedures in not only the bank involved in the complaint, but to all banks throughout Argentina. This includes

Scotiabank's Argentine subsidiary Scotiabank Quilmes.

You may ask how, "does this directly affect Canadians?" Well, generally it wouldn't, but the judge not only took on the bank's procedures, but also ordered a travel ban on the bank's executives, including one executive who lives and works in Toronto. However, by the time the executives found out about the travel ban through local newspapers, he was already home safe and sound.

The interesting part of this investigation is that no charges have been filed and none are expected. Scotiabank, however, has not requested that the Canadian Embassy step in, although banning a Canadian citizen from leaving the country with no charges being filed and none in sight is breaking international law.

## Enron Becomes International Trend

North America is not the only continent in insurance trouble; Australia recently had its own insurance scandal. The second largest insurance company, HIH is currently under scrutiny of the Royal Commission for what is one of Australia's largest bankruptcies. Apparently, the company took out what in normal terms would be called a loan, but made it look as though it was insurance in order to be able to smooth over earnings, reverse losses and inflate profits. Sound familiar yet?

The story starts in 1988 when FAI, a large Australian insurer, overvalued its assets. This enticed HIH, a giant in the construction insurance market, to later purchase it. However, with the age of Enron and the troublesome effects that the collapse caused to our economy, the Royal Commission's findings are causing concern all over Australia.

*Compiled by Eva Pai and Chris Jacobson*



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4 fun yet responsible girls looking for 5th roommate. May to may lease. \$390 a month utilities included. Only a 5 min. walk to campus! Call Carrie at 880-0502

**Three Rooms Available - Spruce**

May to May. Huge kitchen, parking, clean. Looking for quiet, easy going, considerable but fun people to move in with 2 girls. \$355/month + utilities. Non-smokers. Call 886-2825

**Beautiful Apartment For Sublet**

One bedroom available, living with three other housemates. Brand new apartment, furnished bedroom, cable, all utilities included and laundry available. Two minute walk to WLU (Hazel Street) Call Allard @ 725-3493

**House For Rent**

5 Person, 15 minutes walk to WLU. No basement bedrooms, laundry, \$360 + Utilities. 579-5018

**Need A Place To Sublet**

I am looking for a place to sublet for the coming Fall term. (September - December 2002) If you need a person to sublet your room, call Cheryl 747-0760

Females Wanted to share 2 large rooms in tidy 3 bedroom apartment. \$350/month including utilities. Laundry and parking available. September to September lease. Call Julie at 747-7162

**2 Minute Walk to WLU**

Laundry, \$350/month + utilities. Porch, clean, large yard, May to May lease. Best part is you get to live with 3 lively girls and a boy who likes to make drinks. Call Crystal 746-9839

**Roommate Wanted**

2 WLU girls want to share 3 bedroom loft. May to May lease. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, a real dream across from Paddy's Flaherty's. Call Amy at 905-518-9007 or 519-883-9596

**Why Move Home??**

Sublet May - August. Great location at Bridgeport and King (across from Paddy's Flaherty's) 3 bedroom loft with hardwood floors. Must see! Price negotiable. Call Amy 905-518-9007 or 519-883-9596

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**Bursary**

The Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE is offering a bursary for full-time graduate study in Canada. Approximate value is \$2,500. Deadline for receipt of application is April 1, 2001. Please see your Graduate Office for application forms. For further information please contact me at mccooper@golden.net

**ULTIMATE QUESTIONS**

Bible study by correspondence. For a free copy of the course please send your name and address to Bible Study, Zion United Reformed Church 1238 Main St. Gen.del.Sheffield, Ont. L0R 1Z0 or email bible@zurich.on.ca Visit or website: www.zurich.on.ca

**Blood Donor Clinic**

Every minute someone in Canada needs blood. Please give. March 12-15 in the Solarium. 10AM - 4PM. Sign up this week in the Concourse.

**PERSONALS****Sweetheart**

I would like to make a motion to invite you to my cottage this summer. Sister wanna thank your mother for a... PS You so crazy... Creepy Cool J.

**Hey Tanja,**

Happy one year on March 7, 2002. Log on to tanjahmission@hotmail.com @ 4:00pm on the 7th. Love J.C.

**Shooter McGavin,**

Successful Laurier Alumnus seeking partner for golf date. Scenic course, reminiscent of Augusta or St. Andrews. Any takers? Meet at the concourse on March 19th between 11-2pm.

**Boozehound,**

I apologize for Saturday night. I promise never to turn my head again. For the month of March I am willing to give you the upper hand. -One-too-many-pitchers

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
SPRING, FALL, WINTER 2002-2003**

Looking for a part-time job opportunity where you can help others and develop your own teaching and learning skills? Counselling Services is now seeking to hire an upper year student to fulfill the role of Senior Peer Learning Assistant.

The Senior Peer Learning Assistant will aid the Learning Consultant with planning, promoting and facilitating Laurier's Study Skills Program. The Program offers workshops, resource materials and one-on-one consultations to all Laurier students.

**Qualifications Include:**

- \* student entering 3rd or 4th year in the Fall of 2002, with excellent academic standing.
- \* must be empathetic, responsible and self-confident
- \* good presentation abilities, as well as general communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- \* ability to assess situations and tailor suggestions to individual needs
- \* knowledge of, and ability to use computer software, eg. Power Point.

The Senior Peer Learning Assistant will possess leadership qualities and an enthusiasm for learning and helping others. The SPLA will work approximately 5-10 hours a week for 12 weeks each semester. Full training will be provided. Pick up and return a job application, or contact: The Learning Consultant. Counselling Services. Upper Floor, Student Services Centre. 884-1970, extension 2144.

**Application  
Deadline:  
March 8/2002**



Any Questions please e-mail:  
david.field@wlusp.com  
or phone 884-0710 ext. 3565



## Is Hiring Now!!!

Applications are available in the WLUSP office on the 3rd Floor of the FNCC.

### Applications due 8 March 2002 at 4 pm

Vice-President: Finance and Administration [\$8000 Salary] \*

The Cord Editor-in-Chief [\$15000 Salary]\*\*

Keystone Yearbook Editor-in-Chief [\$1000 Honourarium]

BluPrint Magazine Editor-in-Chief

Corporate Secretary

### Applications due 15 March 2002 at 4 pm

ClubLaurier.ca Editor-in-Chief

(1) Board of Director

\* VP: Finance hiring will occur on Sunday, March 10, 2002. All interviews will begin @ 2 pm March 10, 2002 in the WLUSP office.

\*\* The Cord Editor-in-Chief Selection committee will be selected Wednesday, March 6, 2002 @ 5:30 pm in the WLUSP office. **Cord Editor-in-Chief hiring will begin @ 6 pm on Friday, March 8, 2002.** An application and platform are required for this position.

## We are also hiring:

Applications due Thursday, March 21, 2002 @ 4 pm

### Administration

Human Resources Coordinator  
Public Relations Department  
Ad Production Manager  
Ad Production Assistants  
Information Technology Manager [\$500 Honourarium]

### The Cord Newspaper

Production Manager  
(2) News Editors  
Opinion Editor  
(2) Entertainment Editors  
(2) Sports Editors  
International Editor  
Features Editor

Student Life Editor  
Business Editor  
Classified Coordinator  
Production Assistants  
Cord Photo Manager  
Circulation and File Manager

### The Keystone Yearbook

Copy Editors  
Section Editors  
Keystone Photo Manager [\$500 Honourarium]

### BluPrint Magazine

Section Editors  
Photographers  
Production Manager

### ClubLaurier.ca

Events Editor  
Sports Editor  
Interactive Editor

Activities Editor  
In Depth Editor  
Wireless Editor

Brantford Campus Editor  
Layout Editor  
Photo Editor

Partnership Director  
Web Designers  
Photographers

### Electronic Book Department

WLUSP is working with WLU Press in order to create a team to investigate the creation of Electronic Books and the different forms of new media publishing. Full training will be provided and will be a unique chance for students to become involved. This department is open to every student interested in participating in this brand new venture and gaining practical knowledge about this medium of the future. Please visit the WLUSP office on the 3rd Floor of the FNCC for more information or to sign up and be apart of creating a new publishing standard.