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Orientation Week Arrives

Stefan Sereda

The unmistakable shouts and yells started Monday, the jams were kicked out by Tuesday night. The school year opened with the usual fanfare: O-Week.

Powered by 2,100 frosh students who moved into residence and driven by a massive team of volunteers, Orientation Week 2002 is well underway. Designed to make first year students feel welcome at Laurier, the week is aimed building community and school spirit.

The Monday move-in went smoother than last year: with enrollment down and more residence space

the school's administration was able to keep their promise and rid the campus of triple rooms. While last year's jaded group of freshmen temporarily withheld their bitterness, the new group of Golden Hawks met their frosh groups and leaders, divided up into red, blue, gold and green and started the chants. Then they

took to the Athletic Complex for opening ceremonies, beginning a week of cheerful cacophony which can often be heard in and around campus.

While Laurier's frosh week has its mainstays, fresh ideas are still being added. Regatta games featured old favorites such as the tug of war, but it also added in some downright raunchy fun, namely a game where the winning team was determined by who could make a longer line out of removed articles of clothing.

On Tuesday night Laurier was host to an on-campus party, where frosh could rock their socks off at Wilf's, give

up the funk at the newly-improved Turret, or get down like James Brown at a dance party in the Quad.

Amid all the partying the students were exposed to the usual club fairs and had the opportunity to attend "Academic Integrity" sessions, giving them the chance to hear some of the faculty lecture.

And of course, there is Shinerama. This year's fundraising campaign aimed at generating money for research to fight Cystic Fibrosis has big shoes to fill, and Jess feet to fill them. Last year Laurier's frosh set a Shinerama record and collected nearly \$120,000, but this year there are approximately 300 less freshmen. Still,

Shinerama leaders are rallying the group for the main drive on Saturday, where frosh go out into the community to raise money and spread Laurier's school spirit. This year's goal is set at \$90,000.

Indeed, the fun is just beginning for the first year students: after the Wednesday night Sloan concert extravaganza and comedian at Wilf's, there is a trip to Bingeman's Amusement and Recreation Park on lined up for Thursday, the Friday cheer-off and talent show in the Athletic Complex, and the closing ceremonies.

Other events, such as the movie night on Thursday night, have been planned in order to provide next year's frosh with non-alcoholic opportunities. Who could guess what else they'll think of..?

Enjoy the free food and parties while they last, frosh: memories are swell, but free stuff is scant, at best.

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Above: A packed AC hosts Opening Ceremony celebrations.

Below: Eager off-campus students check out the Locus presentation in the Concourse.

Staff Association threatens strike

Thomas Thompson

With the boisterous cheers of frosh echoing throughout the campus and the clusters of O-week activities it is easy to forget that there is a very serious issue that is being played out in the Laurier community. The contract between the Wilfrid Laurier University and the Wilfrid Laurier University Staff Association, which represents the clerical, support and technical staff of the University, has expired this June and has entered into a period of renegotiations.

Perhaps one of the most popular misconceptions that has been spreading around the Laurier campus is that WLUSA will be going on strike. This is not the case but the possibility of a strike does exist at this point, and if a collective agreement is not reached before September 13th both parties will be position to create a legal work

stoppage. In other words there can either be a strike by the union where the staff refuse to work or a lockout by the university administration if the negotiations fall apart. This is a situation that could have a profoundly negative effect upon the life of the Laurier community.

If there is a work stoppage, many frontline services in the University would be affected, such as the Registrar's office, Health Services, classes and labs and many of the services that are a part of the daily life on campus. Both sides expressed strong interest in reaching a collective agreement as soon as possible.

"The University wants an agreement and is prepared to work towards a fair settlement to prevent work stoppage," Philip Wong, Assistant Vice-President of Human Resources for WLU and the chief negotiator for the University, commented Wednesday afternoon. Yet the process has been a

long one that started at the beginning of the summer. Time is of critical importance for WLUSA as well.

WLUSA president and chief negotiator Dr. Bruce Wolff said that many of its members were eager to have a collective agreement in place before the beginning of the fall when the entire University community is occupied by one of its busiest times of the year. Wolff indicated that when they had entered into negotiations that WLUSA had asked for very little when they first submitted its proposals to the University in order to save time since the last agreement took 25 days over a nine-month period. Wolff went on further stating that he had no idea that the process was going to confrontational.

Both Wong and Wolff each said that they had believed that the process is a give and take process yet they still have a lot of issues to resolve.

While neither party were in a position to divulge the specific factors they were both willing to describe the process that they have undertaken.

There are two basic aspects that are part of the collective agreement. The first is the contract language, which outlines items such as the conditions of work, how to handle grievances, and health and safety. The other aspect of the contract is the monetary aspect, which encompasses wages, benefits and vacations. When it comes to making a collective agreement Wong said that often both parties usually focus on the language before they engage in discussion about the monetary issues.

Wong mentioned that it has been monetary issues that have been a concern for the university.

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Constructing a university

Touch-ups and renovations cause a plentitude of inconveniences around campus. Construction on the whole remains behind schedule.

Stefan Sereda

Construction at Laurier may have slowed down, but at least the Pyramids took longer to build. Sacrifices must be made as the school tries to improve its facilities.

Inconveniences abound as finishing touches are placed on many of the various building projects around campus. While the new complexes are for nearly complete, renovations still persist.

Waterloo College

The new Waterloo College Hall residence opened for the influx of frosh on Monday, complete save for its food service area, scheduled to be completed in October. Final site cleanup and landscaping are also scheduled for October.

Schlegel Centre

Office furnishings are being moved into floors two and three of the Schlegel/SBE Building this week, with desks and seating already installed. The project is on schedule and classes will be open as of September 9th. In addition, the Schlegel/Peters link will be ready for traffic some time during the first week of classes. The Albert Street parking lot and landscaping project is set for October, but pedestrian traffic routes are already in place.

Library

While the first three floors of the library were supposed to be ready for use by early July, they will remain unfinished until next week. The opening of the seventh on-campus coffee shop located on the second floor is also standing by until later on in the month. In addition, the majority of research materials in the library remain unavailable as renovations to floors four through seven

will continue into October.

New Quad

Anxiously awaiting its first video dance party, the new Schlegel/Arts/Alvin Woods Quad should have retaining walls, sidewalks and other hard landscaping by Monday. Sod, shrubs, trees and furniture will be put in place shortly thereafter.

The Turret

Functional and aesthetic improvements to The Turret, WLU's on-campus nightclub, are complete and the club is ready for business. Conveniently, the Health Services offices are also newly renovated and ready for use on the morning after.

Dining Hall

The dining hall is still closed, with minor construction still continuing. Additional staff is being trained for the servery

and new furniture was moved into the enlarged dining area on Thursday. The elevator at the east end of the cafeteria is complete but it awaits a license which will hopefully be issued at the end of the second week of September. Arrangements have been made with the special needs office for any handicapped individual requiring assistance. The adjacent areas on the second floor of the Paul Martin Centre are still under construction.

Conrad Hall

A storage area in Conrad Hall has been converted to fourteen more dormitory rooms, complete with a washroom and lounge. Furthermore, interim quarters for the Graduate Student Association have been established on the lower floor of the Student Services Building, as well as a faculty staff lounge.

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The inside of the nearly completed dining hall. Are those study carrels?

St. Michael's

The St. Michael's parking lot has been expanded to 270 spaces, 150 spaces above the initial figure. Personal safety features such as lighting, video cameras and a safety pole have been added to the school's latest paved paradise.

thirty to forty-seat computer room. Student lounge space, faculty offices and a bookstore have also been added.

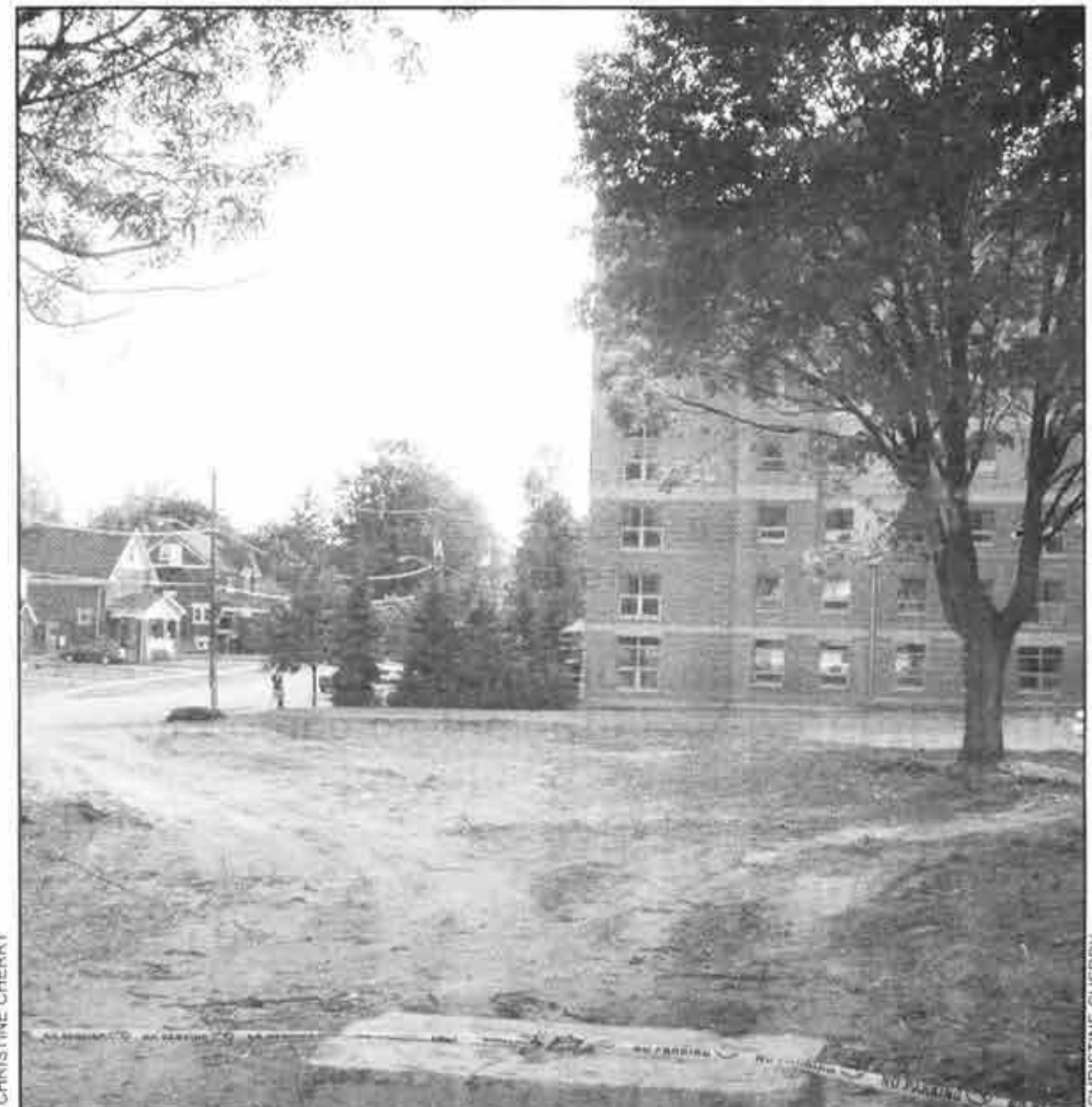
Brantford Campus

Down the road apiece at Laurier Brantford serious renovations have been made to Grand River Hall, adding twenty-seven beds to the third floor apartment style residence. On the first two floors a 125-seat lecture hall has been installed, as well as two thirty to forty-seat classrooms and one

Stefan Sereda was temporarily employed at a water treatment plant where he enjoyed the company of dead geese. For any and all inquiries regarding deceased animals, please contact Stefan



There are supposed to be classes in here next week?



The future grounds of an academic building... the former grounds of security.

News Bites

New library head

Sharon Brown, former head of general reference at the Robarts library at the University of Toronto, has been appointed head of Laurier's library for a five year term that began in July. One of the first tasks facing Brown is the reopening of the library when construction in the building is complete.

New VP: Finance

Jim Butler has been appointed as new Vice-President of Finance and Administration by the WLU administration. Butler previously served as an administrator at the University of Windsor for fourteen years. Butler's responsibilities include areas such as finance, human resources and physical resources.

McMurray re-appointed

David McMurray has been appointed to a second term as Assistant Vice-President: Student Services and Dean of students. The second term began in July and will last for five years. McMurray replaced Fred Nichols, who served as Dean for thirty years in 1997.

Schlegel gets director

WLU's School of Business and Economics named Steve Farlow as the director of the new Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurship for a term of three years. Farlow was chosen because of his extensive involvement in businesses at their entrepreneurial and primary growth stages.

Debt Reduction a fraud?

The Canadian Federation of Students has declared that the Federal Government's Debt Reduction Program is a hoax. In a news release they described the program as a cruel joke to students citing the fact that in the four years the program has existed it has had impact on student debt.

According to the report, the figures that have been made available the Canada Student Loan Program, indicate that the program has only helped 44 students or 0.4% of its goal.

Medieval Faire in Waterloo

On Saturday September 21st Waterloo Park will be host to the 5th Annual Medieval Faire. The event will feature performances by minstrels, jesters, jugglers and magicians. There will also be games such as Bocci Ball, ring toss, and Archery. Dueling champions and royal intrigue are also taking place that day. Also appearing will be Thomas Thompson in a tutu.

Disabled student swims lake

WLU student Terry-Lynn Langdon recently swam across Lake Ontario from Sturgeon Point, New York to Fort Erie. The marathon swim took approximately 12 hours and 55 minutes and covered twenty kilometres. Langdon, who has had cerebral palsy since birth, used the marathon to raise money for the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy and to bring attention to the feats the disabled are capable of. The marathon raised approximately 10 to 15 thousand dollars.

Compiled by Thomas Thompson

WLUSA negotiations

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He described his roll as a member of the bargaining team is that of being a steward of both tuition fees generated from students are used and money from tax payers that is received from government funding. Wong said that it is important to ensure that there is the best value for these groups while balancing the recognition employees and treating them fairly. Wong also mentioned that WLU has been considered one of the best employers in the Waterloo region and cited the fact that there are hundreds of applicants who apply to work for the University each year. The University valued itself as providing good wages and benefits as well as encouraging an environment where people feel appreciated.

Contract language seemed to be the focus of the WLUSA's concerns. Wolff brought up the fact that some of the issues that prompted the creation of Staff Association in 1995 still haven't been resolved. With the failure to reach a collective agreement this summer WLUSA had a No Board Report issued by the Ministry of Labour, which created the deadline that both parties are now facing.

Discussing this round of negotiations, the third for WLUSA, Wolff said that the University's proposal wanted to roll back gains that had been made in the previous negotiations described it as disrespectful and regressive. Wolff also expressed concern that in his time spent in various university environments that the focus of universities, including Laurier, has shifted away from education and that money has



The Concourse might not look this clean if there's a strike...

become a priority.

"To have the last contract reinstated would be a victory," Wolff said. Reminiscing about the negotiations for the first agreement, which he said went into the twelfth hour, Wolff said that history has shown that deals are made

under the gun and he is hopeful that a settlement can be reached before the deadline next Friday. Wong also seemed optimistic noting that there has not been work stoppages in the past two negotiations between WLUSA and the University.

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Tales of Fantastic Truth

Ape hung

During the Queen's Anne War between England and France in the year of 1705 an Ape was tried and hanged as French Spy. The ape had been found on the English coast at the village of West Hartlepool. The ape, a pet of the crew of small French vessel that sunk, washed ashore on a plank and was promptly captured by fishermen. Not recognizing the creature and suspicious of its appearance and unintelligible chatter the villagers promptly held a trial the next day when the ape was convicted by court martial and hanged.

Dead mayor elected

In 1983 the small town of Ward, Colorado (pop. 125) voted for a mayor who was already dead. The candidate had passed away week before the election. It was mused that since the town

had been considered a ghost town that some of the residents in fitting tribute to both the town and the man to vote for him as its mayor.

Vulcan exists

Jean Leverrier, a French mathematician and one of the co-discoverers of the planet of the Neptune (1846) was convinced that there was a planet between the Sun and Mercury and named the planet Vulcan. People believed in the planet until 1916 when Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity disproved the possibility. Five decades later television writer Gene Roddenberry, creator of Star Trek, would adopt the name as the home planet of the character Spock.

Compiled by T-Squared

They got me on tape!

Security beefed up on campus; drunken Turret-goers flee

Thomas Thompson

The security of the campus has always been an important issue and, as evident by the Bag of Crime section, is always open to greater improvement. This coming academic year is no exception to that. In a discussion with Peter Jorg, manager of WLU's security service, The Cord has learned that there are currently two key initiatives that are being taken to improve security of campus.

The first is the expansion of a residence and security partnership program that has the aim of improving relations between students and the security staff. The program began last as a pilot program in the Bricker residence last year and has now going to include Bouckaert and Little House in the coming academic year.

Jorg described the purpose of the program as a means to build better relationships between students and the security staff. The program works by assigning a specific security officer to visit each of the participating residence buildings on a regular basis in order for the officer and the students to get to know each other. There is the possibility that all of the residences will be added into the program in the future.

The second initiative to improve security involves the installation of additional security cameras on University property. Security cameras are not new to the campus since there had been cameras installed in the tunnels between the Peter's Building and the library that were removed when

construction began on the Schlegel/SBE building.

Currently there is a security camera installed to monitor the FNCC Quad. Six more cameras are to be installed this year, all of them on the St. Michael's campus. Three cameras that were paid for by parking services will be used to monitor the parking lot that is being constructed at the back of St. Michael's and the other three will be installed elsewhere on the property. All of the cameras will be centrally monitored and taped twenty-four hours a day at Security Services office located beside the dining hall.

When asked if there was the possibility of any other cameras being installed Jorg said that if the money becomes available a camera might be installed on the corner of the Theater Auditorium to monitor Mid-Campus Drive.

While some students may casually accept these changes there are others that are concerned that the use of monitoring devices such as cameras further compromises privacy and individual rights. The coming months after the cameras have been installed will test whether they do or do not provide an effective protection and security to the Laurier community and their property.

Thomas Thompson may or may not be a felon convicted of smoking a pound of crack and stealing a cop's car with Wayne Money and Dillon Moore.



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Bag of Crime

THEFT UNDER \$5000 FRI AUG 16/02 - MON AUG 19/02

The Bookstore reported the theft of approx 12 T shirts. The matter is under investigation.

BREAK, ENTER & THEFT MON AUG 19/02 - TUE AUG 20/02

Four offices were entered and two desk top computers, one lap top computer and a data projector were taken.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 1205 HRS WED AUG 21/02

A staff member reported a male individual who entered her office and told her that he was Jesus Christ in another life. The incident was not reported until after lunch. A description of the individual was obtained but he could not be located.

FALSE FIRE ALARM 1818 HRS THU AUG 22/02

Person(s) unknown caused a fire alarm in the Theatre Auditorium by activating a pull station. There was no sign of smoke or fire.

TRESPASS 0255 HRS FRI AUG 30/02

While on patrol an officer observed a male individual enter the Library building. The individual was found and after obtaining identification he was issued with a written trespass warning.

THEFT - MOTOR VEHICLE FRI AUG 30/02

A patron of the Athletic Complex reported the theft

of his vehicle from lot 3. Waterloo Regional Police were notified.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 1415 HRS FRI AUG 30/02

Two lockers in the mens' change room were broken into and some personal belongings taken.

TRESPASS 1800 HRS FRI AUG 30/02

Two non WLU males were evicted from campus when they were observed coming from Bouckaert Hall. They had been confronted by residence staff and became belligerent with them. They were issued written trespass warnings.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 FRI AUG 30/02 - SAT AUG 31/02

WLUSU staff reported the theft of 4 posters from outside the Turret entrance.

TRESPASS 0010 HRS SUN SEPT 01/02

A male student was evicted from the Dining Hall area when he was observed entering from the University Ave side. He was attempting a short cut to Bricker Ave. He was warned and sent on his way.

FALSE FIRE ALARM 0225 HRS TUE SEPT 03/02

Person(s) unknown set off the fire alarm at Conestogo House when they expended a fire extinguisher.

During this time period one warning was issued for a liquor violation.

In Memoriam

Stefan Sereda

The Laurier community was tragically struck by death this past August.

Laurier students and faculty mourn the deaths of Dr. Judith Abwunza and Melissa Konig.

Dr. Abwunza sadly passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2002 of a long standing illness. An Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Abwunza's deep personal concern for people fuelled her scholarship and her teaching. Her book *Woman's Voices, Woman's Power: Dialogues of Resistance from East Africa* displays her affection and admiration for Kenyan women, whom she cared greatly about.



Melissa Konig

Dr. Abwunza's students, colleagues and peers relied on, admired and respected her. Family and friends of Abwunza celebrated her life on August 22, 2002, at 3PM, at the Edward R. Good Funeral Home. In memory of the professor, donations to the Grand River Regional Cancer Centre, Princess Margaret



Dr. Judith Abwunza

Hospital Foundation and Anselma House were collected.

Konig, a second-year honours student at WLU, tragically passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2002, from injuries suffered in a car accident. Melissa, a lover of music and Shakespeare, aspired to teach English to high school students. Melissa achieved her Grade 8 in piano and also played violin, competing annually in the Kiwanis Festival and often winning. Melissa also coached in local Learn to Skate programs.

Police believed Konig pulled out into the path of an oncoming car on the corner of Floradale Road and Line 86, west of Elmira, while driving to the family cottage.

Konig was thrown partially out of the car by the impact and left with serious head injuries. She was airlifted to a London hospital, but did not regain consciousness.

Melissa, survived by her parents and younger brother Bryan, would have turned 20 on September 20th.

A funeral service was held in her memory on Monday at Doon Presbyterian Church in Kitchener.

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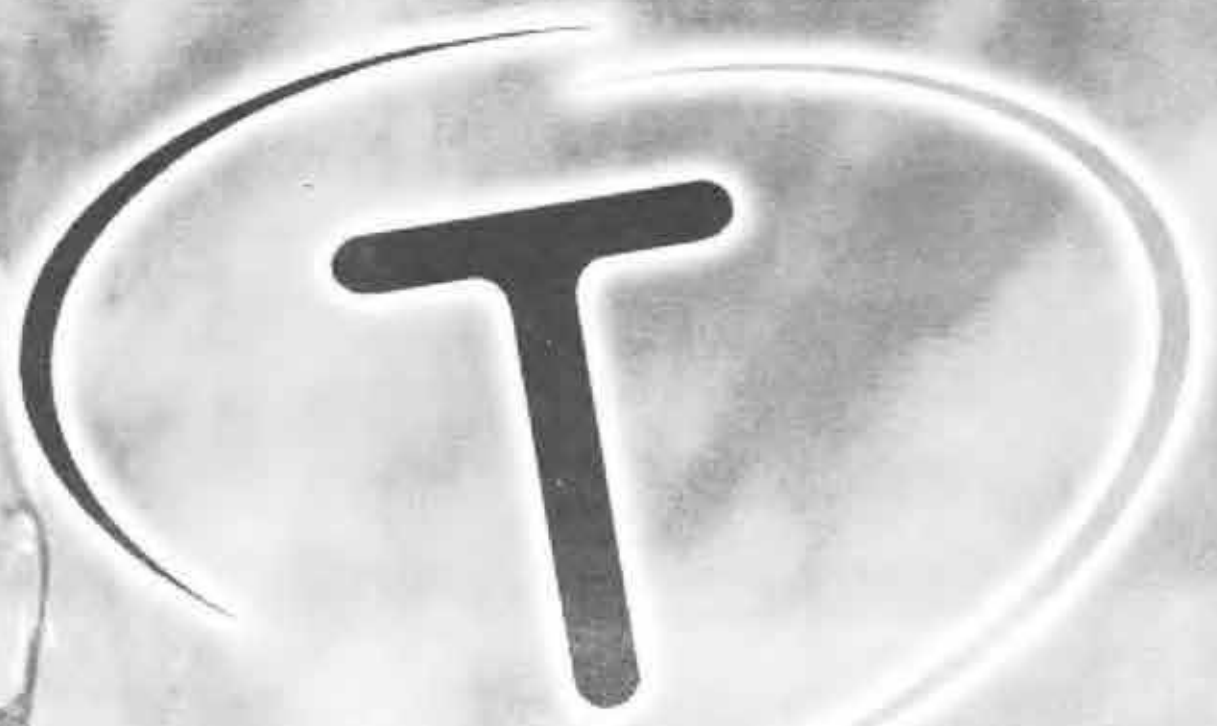
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The world holds its breath



Maneesh Sehdev

Editor-in-Chief

In the last four years, I've heard a lot about myself and this newspaper. I've also heard about the great feeling of dread that has loomed on this campus ever since I got this job. It's amusing. So if you've heard I'm an asshole, think of this... A lot of you have listened to others talk about someone you don't know and have reproduced their opinions without ever knowing the person in question. To me, *that* is being an asshole. So maybe you can understand why I'm less than thrilled to be dealing with a lot of you. I know who you are and what you've said; it all gets back to me.

Keeping this in mind, I suppose I should clear up just who I am since very few of you seem to know. The only organization I have ever worked for on this campus is The Cord. I have no interests or loyalties to any group on this campus. I don't consider myself left wing or right wing, I don't do favours and I am not an elected representative.

My job isn't to champion your cause or take sides in a debate. The Cord does not exist for the personal crusades of individuals or groups on this campus. I don't like to sit down in meetings to listen to people talk about how The Cord should cover the latest big event. That doesn't mean I don't like hearing tips on stories, it just means that if you can't say it in under a minute, I'll start thinking you have something to gain or lose by it being in The Cord. I'm not a bureaucrat, I work at a news-

paper...

My wording may be strong but it's only because I don't like my words being skewed. I'm making it quite obvious what I mean so that none of you will miss the point. I'm very easy to deal with when you're not trying to pull the wool over my eyes. And please, stop acting like you don't know who I am! There's nothing worse than talking to someone you know knows you, but acts like they don't.

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And now, since most of you are looking for something about Orientation Week (probably stuff you can crucify me and my staff for later), I will now talk about the past few days.

It may seem odd that all of you first year students did not get to hear from me during Opening Ceremonies this week, but for some reason I was not invited to speak there. Funny, since last year's Editor-in-Chief was invited and he just happened to be a former Icebreaker.? Hmmm...

Despite this, I've had a pretty good time so far this week. Interestingly enough, I've received quite a bit of good treatment from the powers that be at this institution. Some

people have made the first three days a lot of fun and I won't forget that. To name a few, there's Joe and the Radio Laurier crew, Andy and the Management Committee people I've met so far, all the Shinerama volunteers I've met, all my friends at the Turret and Phil Champagne.

However, I've seen quite a few examples of cocky volunteers who are convinced their actions are of the utmost importance on this campus. Some of you need to calm down and take yourselves a little less seriously. If having fun is your goal, don't act self-righteous when others don't share your idea of fun.

There are a few changes with The Cord this year. In short, the Arts section is back, there will be a new general meeting and the staff is crazier than ever. Also, you'll be reading me each week in this section. So, if you've always wanted to work for The Cord, now is the best time. I promise a fun ride for all Cordies this year, and give many thanks to all current and past Cordies for making this so much fun. Keep your eyes open for the first Cord general meeting, at which you can give your opinions, find out how to get involved or spot your favourite Cordies in the flesh.

Now so there are no excuses, my e-mail address is maneesh@wlusp.com and my extension is 3563. Or just find me in the office or on campus to talk to me directly. Letters can be sent to letters@wlusp.com but please read the letters policy first.

In conclusion, I'm the same guy I've always been and The Cord's the same paper. It's just that no one ever told you what I just have. Hopefully I've made a few things clearer and we can get on with this year instead of pretending certain people don't exist...

i've got so much trouble on my mind...

Make up your mind



Dillon Moore

Opinion Editor

While walking around the campus this fall, pause a moment and direct your sight to the far horizon. If the light is sufficient, you may be able to spot distant plumes of smoke rising above far-away figures - the last visible reminder of the once proud Laurier smoker.

This past spring, Laurier administration moved to ban smoking within a distance of 10 metres from university buildings on university property - this distance no doubt scientifically determined as sufficient to make our air pure. While initially controversial, this restriction passed without much outcry; smokers grumbled, some others cheered, but for the main part everyone just rolled over and went back to sleep.

The rules preventing smoking on campus are to be backed by hefty fines handed out to those found in violation. In turn, it remains to be seen what effect the crowds of smokers and resulting mounds of cigarette butts on the sidewalks surrounding Laurier will have on the goodwill of the general Waterloo community.

Not content to just ban the noxious smoke from campus, the administration also moved to ban the sale of tobacco products as

well. In practical effect, this meant the banning of tobacco sales at the Centre Spot, the Students' Union's on-campus convenience store and the sole source of tobacco products at Laurier. This loss of revenue proved to be far more worrisome in the eyes of our student leaders than the threat of inconvenienced smokers. After all, next year's double cohort will bring in a good many students under the legal age to buy alcohol. Profit opportunities from vice are becoming short in supply.

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Given these happenings, a student could be forgiven for being somewhat surprised by the content of Laurier Onecard promotional fliers, which were sent out this summer. Could it be that our righteous and vigilant administration, so willing to protect its flock from the evils of big tobacco, has agreed to allow a tanning studio to be featured as one of the businesses where Laurier Onecard alter-

native dollars are accepted?

Dermatologists routinely advise patients to avoid ultraviolet light, and tans have been referred to as evidence for damage at a cellular level. Arguments for tanning, especially the claim that it's healthier to build up a "foundation tan" before going to a sunny place, are not supported by anything but rumours.

I certainly don't advocate that Laurier should remove this business from the Onecard collection. If anything, its inclusion among the Onecard businesses serves as an example of the difficulty in trying to enforce healthy lifestyles on students who really just came here for a degree. Laurier students will still purchase tobacco, but now they will need to cross the street. Students who tanned before will still tan, but now they can conveniently pay by Onecard.

The issue of cigarette sales on campus will surely not be the final such decision made by our administration. When the next such issue is tabled, however, they might do well to remember that a lawsuit is underway in America, filed by an obese man seeking restitution from the fast food companies he alleges have made him overweight and unhealthy. The definition of "harmful product" is elastic, and each new ban sets a precedent. In considering such issues, the administration may well ask: "do students come to Laurier seeking a degree, or pedantic, moralistic instruction by example?"

Livin' at home...

Alicia MacFadden



"Live at home this summer... sure why not?"

The moment I spoke those words, they began to haunt the next four months of my life. You see, after the end of first year I was actually looking forward to living at home, being pampered by mom and dad, being dangerously close to the mall, and having my own bathroom. One quickly forgets, however, what life is like on the other side.

After having my own house, no duds to closely monitor who I bring into the communal lounges and/or bathrooms, and no mothers to wake me up at 7am in the morning by ripping off my bed sheets and screaming in my ear, I started to really hit my stride. I mean, I could really deal with this living on my own thing. After second year, however, and after spending a little more than expected on the 'necessities,' I came to the realization that I would need to sublet and go home for the summer.

"Hey guys, my parents are gone for the night, let's get drunk at my house," didn't sound so cool anymore, and having my boyfriend sleep in the spare bedroom beside me also didn't feel so grown up.

Anyway, having my brother to diffuse the parental affection from me, I thought it would be alright. I mean, satellite TV, an endless supply of chicken, and all the AC one can handle - sign me up!

But again, I spoke too soon. My brother went to camp and all the 'love' fell upon me. I understand where Eminem's coming from with that whole Munchausen's talk. Frankly, I have suffered with a cold for four months straight and I'm still sick! Now is all this AC really to keep me cool in the summer, or a diabolical ruse to weaken my immune system and prevent me from going back

to school? And the house is riddled with aspartame... is that merely being concerned with one's weight, or do you see a pattern?

I think one can be a victim of too much love, and I am one of those victims! It has been a surreal experience of having my lunches made, my room cleaned up for me, and giving my parents lists of daily tasks I have made up for them to do, the night before. This level of luxury, as I've come to call it, has tainted me from student life. How am I ever going to be able to appreciate my aluminum sided, weed infested, and satellite lacking student ghetto ever again?

I fear I will become one of those woman-child types whose parents dress her up in Tommy Hilfiger from head to toe and force her to get a sensible job... well I say HELL NO!

As a student, get used to being poor. You will probably not have any money for at least another four years, and then tack on grad school, law school, med school, or college. My first mistake was ever going home and re-acustoming myself to the good life. And this isn't even an issue of

wealth; it's an issue of parental suffocation - or just plainly being spoiled. This comes from the guilt of them thinking they haven't spent enough time with you, and the worry that they'll soon become the subject of your long and intensive therapy sessions in years to come. What they don't realize is that we know of this guilt and use it to our advantage. It's sick yes, but when you are a poor

student and need some money for the bar, I'm sure there has been a time when everyone has suggested they're "slumming it" at school for their education. They also pretend that when they have their law degree and are rich some day, this money will be reciprocated tenfold.

Well, you know that's probably not gonna happen, and frankly you'll probably try to live off the rents as long as possible. If at all possible, stay in your little student housing, with your mismatching furniture, and your George Foreman grillers for lack of a real barbeque, and don't set unrealistic goals. Be happy with what you've got, 'cause the chance of you being rich and successful are slim.

Er... I mean, YAY for education!

I fear I will become one of those woman-child types whose parents dress her up in Tommy Hilfiger from head to toe...

Music to my ears

Chris Stewart



Before I arrived at university, I expected to be exposed to an environment that would challenge my assumptions and expand my horizons. I thought that most students' free time would be spent planning ways to topple companies like the Gap and McDonalds. At the very least, I thought that nobody would be listening to pop, dance, and trendy rap like Eminem and that Avril girl who, in my opinion, are both terribly over played and overrated. I discovered I was wrong when I heard Radio Laurier playing tunes that you hear 15 times a day, and I realized that fashion trends still dominated.

But amid the drone was a flicker of hope. There are some spots I think you can find some new and interesting music at Laurier. The first place is the John Aird building.

Wilfrid Laurier University has one of the top music programs in Canada, which means that Laurier attracts some of Canada's finest young musicians on a variety of instruments. There are several ensembles at Laurier composed entirely of student musicians. Some of the ensembles include The Symphony Orchestra, The Concert Wind Ensemble, and The Jazz Band. All three of

these offer you the opportunity to witness live music made by your peers at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall located on the 1st floor of the John Aird. And being a Laurier student with a valid OneCard entitles you to every student concert that is performed on the campus for free. Along with the student concerts are free concerts, put on by professional musicians every Tuesday afternoon.

Here's another idea. The next time you're in the library and you want to take a study break, head to one of the computers and look up some artist that you don't know too much about. Don't know much about jazz but interested in trying it out? Try one of these names if you're hard up for

ideas: John Coltrane, Steve Reich, or Charles Mingus. I also recommend trying to get a vinyl album as opposed to a CD. Then, after you've selected your artist, album title and written down the call number, steer yourself to the floor containing the audio archives. The attendant at the reserve desk can help you find that vinyl treasure. You don't need to bring your own headphones, unless you

really want to. What you'll discover is Wilfrid Laurier's library is filled with amazing music, all of which is free to you, the WLU student.

I don't see it as necessary that we should always be listening to the same things. If people were to look into the wider options available to them here at Laurier, they could discover new likes and become more involved with their school. You really might be surprised at some of the art that our school is capable of producing.

Editor's Note: he's not really Slick...

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Money talks, protesters walk

World Summit on Sustainable Development ends

Brian D'Souza

The World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg, South Africa, finished on September 4th, with much criticism hanging over the ten day event. The two main issues at the center of the summit – environmental issues and poverty – have been approached, but not seriously challenged. On the positive side, both sides of the debate can declare victory – cynics can announce that the summit was pointless and that the problems are far too great to tackle; and the greedy can declare a victory for self-interest and short-term financial gains.

The final outcome of the talks among various world leaders is a 70 page action plan designed to allow developing nations to pursue economic goals while "protecting" the environment. Initiatives include a plan to half the number of people who live without water and sanitation by 2015; tackling the problem of AIDS and restoring the

ocean's depleted fish stocks.

Criticisms of the summit are numerous and far ranging. For example, the European Union lobbied to have the percentage of renewable sources of global energy raised from 14% to 15%, however, this move was blocked by the United States and other more developed nations. There were no plans to end the economic subsidies enjoyed by the agricultural sector in developed countries that harm local food production in developing nations. Furthermore, there was no commitment increasing overseas aid, or canceling current debts owed by developing nations.

Perhaps the real goal of the summit was simply to co-opt a platform for sustainable development and provide a

great photo opportunity for politicians. Talk is a necessary precursor to action, however, it may be unlikely that those in serious positions of power have any intention of challenging the status quo any time soon.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan freely admitted that the summit fell below his expectations. However, he smoothed over the lack of results by saying that "Johannesburg is not the end of everything, it is a beginning."

Overall, the liberal media has not painted a rosy picture of the event, however, coverage hasn't provided the public with a clear picture of all the issues which prevented the summit from actually making an impact.

For example, a tabloid-style article from an online edition of the Sun, which slams the delegates, oversimplifies the complex issues surrounding poverty and environmental issues.

Instead of providing the average reader with some insights into the inequalities that cause famine, it points out that the delegates will be eating expensive caviar, lobster and alcohol. While dramatic and illustrative of the disparity between the delegates and the poor in developing nations, it does nothing to direct people towards more sound initiative for sustainable development.

The usual suspects played their violins for the International Press about the destruction of the earth. As a means of protest against the summit,

"The usual suspects played their violins for the international press about the destruction of the earth."



Trade of commodities like these ensure the dominance of certain powers.

Environmental groups staged a walk out on the first day. In addition, they criticized the American government for obstructing a stronger action plan.

Vowing to wear and consume products solely made from hemp won't be bringing the United States government to its knees anytime soon, but in the land of the blind, the man with one eye is king.

Many expect technological advances, such as improved farming techniques and genetically modified crops, to close the gap between "us and them". Colin Powell heavily criticized several Southern African nations, including Zambia, for refusing to consume genetically modified crops. However, the heavily subsidized agricultural industry in developed nations destroying local food production and emphasis on exports of local crops in developing nations to earn needed hard currency has much more to do with famine than the use of various technologies and modern farming techniques in developing nations.

The developed nations are not necessarily undeveloped, rather, they are important components within the developed nations economies. The prosperity of the developed nations hinges upon placing the rights and freedoms of those who reside in less developed nations on the backburner

in order to maintain a high standard of living. The cycle of dependence and debt can be broken – but few are actually willing to sacrifice the current high standard of living enjoyed in the developed nations for the "humane, equitable and caring" global society the world leaders declared they would create at the end of the summit.

Standing in for George W. Bush was the U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell. During his speech, he was heckled by protesters as he attempted to defend America's record on environmental issues. When interrupted, Powell told the protesters, "I have heard you, will you now hear me?"



Dubya's little helper, Colin Powell.



Protestor being escorted outside by security officials. "Zeppelin RULES!!!"

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The story of the grad student who almost never was

Richard Ng

It's difficult not to get somewhat enthralled by the overall energy of Frosh Week. During this time, over 2000 students begin to get acquainted with the nature of University life. I suppose, in a sense I am going through similar motions as well. However, unlike a first year undergrad, I am approaching the start of my first year of Grad School.

As many of my friends did in their final year, I began to contemplate life after University. There was talk of Law School, traveling to Europe, getting a job and so on. I, for one, had no plan at all. I hadn't even really thought about the fact that I was going to be finishing school.

It was at that time I began to panic. I hadn't planned out anything for my future. What was I going to do once I've finished my four year degree?

The answer came to me in a conversation with a friend later that week: "I'm applying for grad school here." I looked at him in shock.

"I hadn't even really thought about the fact that I was going to be finishing school. It was a time that I began to panic."

"Really?"

He nodded his head and mentioned that a Prof had suggested that he apply to Laurier for Grad School. New found ideas of an academic oriented future began to swim through my head. Maybe I could go to Grad School.

After some further research, I decided to go for it. If I'm not prepared for the real world, I might as well settle myself in the academic.

I now have set before me an intensive twelve month program in which I have to take six classes that clock in at three hours a piece as well as a major research paper that will total approximately 70 pages and result in me having to defend it against a select panel of Professors. Aside from the class requirement, I will also be a TA for the department and given the responsibility of helping first year Undergrads get their bearings during their first year of University.

It is at this time that I suppose I should reflect on what it took to get into Grad school. In my first year as an Undergrad, let's just say I had a very unremarkable year. Grad school was not even a consideration. My first term had me fail Economics 120, get a D in History 108, withdraw from Math 130. The lone course that I managed to survive at the time was Political Science 100. It happened to be a full year course so my mark simply read "IP" or In



Now that he has an 'F', this cat is well on his way to grad school.

Progress.

Flash forward several years and here I stand, ready to begin another degree at Laurier. Only this time, I'm getting funding to come back. That's right, the student who barely made it through first year is getting paid to come back and get an MA as well as teach first year students as they partake in

the tutorials I will be running. The education system has an odd way of working things out. The moral of this story I suppose, is to not take school too seriously unless you get threatened with Academic Probation.

After that, the sky is the limit.

How to be a Laurier student

Donald Langley

As a brand new school year begins for most, it means the start of new classes, new adventures as well as new memories to add to the list. But for you, the humble new first year students, this is literally the start of the greatest adventure of your lives.

Granted I'm sure most of you when getting ready to come to university had many thoughts running through your heads, from what if I don't like my roommate, all the way to what if I fail a course, what will happen? This article is not about to answer all one hundred million of your questions but it shall try and quell many of the fears and doubts that you have and will have not only this week, this month or even this year.

University, for most, is the beginning of self-discovery, whether it is emotionally, physically or socially. As a promising young university undergraduate, the world of university can be a daunting experience, sort of like the haunted forest in the Wizard of Oz. Now most of you won't have Dorothy's ruby red slippers to get you by, but thankfully you have many resources to help you.

All the way from your residence don to your frosh leaders from your professors to your roommates. Remember that the ultimate form of voicing your fears and problems is through the wonderful invention called the spoken word.

Many of the resources I have mentioned are all capable listeners and are ready and willing to lend a hand to help you no matter what. Remember that people would rather take five minutes early on in the year to help you understand a concept or help you through a tough situation rather than take two days at the end of a term to actually teach you a full course all over again.

Another piece of advice I can offer is that people love to hear your suggestions as well as your ideas. If you like a certain way a professor is teaching a course let them know. Open communication is very important whether it be in the classroom or out.

Another key point to bring up is don't leave papers to the last minute, even if that night out at Phil's sounds better than actually spending some serious time pounding the keys, trust me, when you get the A on your paper you'll thank me.

University is a world on top itself. Whether it be the debating society, intramural sports or campus clubs you get involved in, getting involved is a great outlet for your different talents. It also affords you with a great way to meet other people. Friends are important and an essential part of the learning experience.

Now with that said, I come to the, as I like to say, the meat (or soy) and potato part of the article. When you come to university, you are bombarded with many new situations and people,



Whether lining up for the first or fifth time, here's some advice for you.

high school was the land of the cliques. But university is the world of originality.

I always tell people to never ever sacrifice their personal integrity to become part of a group, if people do not accept you for you, then they are not worth it. Never strive for less than your best, being an original is what university is all about.

People enjoy those who are original and stand up for them selves and

for what they believe in. Being an original will not only make people like you more in the long run, but also will make you stand out in the crowd.

Whether it be making a name for yourself on Bacchus or becoming a choreographer for Fashion n' Motion. University and Laurier afford you and offer you experiences to shine and become the best individual you can. Remember that now you have entered the next chapter of your lives, "oh the

places you'll go, oh the people you'll see."

"No one is alone truly, no one is alone." Have a great year and remember to get involved. This is the one and only Donald Langley saying: keep it real all you new and returning Golden Hawks.

Vocal Cord:

What is your least favourite memory of first year?



"Waking up in the Cafeteria one morning"

Jordan Leith
4th year



"Registration day"

Giselle Durand
3rd year



"I don't remember first year anymore."

Jennifer Martin
4th year



"I'd like to give a shout-out to Ray-Ray and Big-C! Represent for life!"

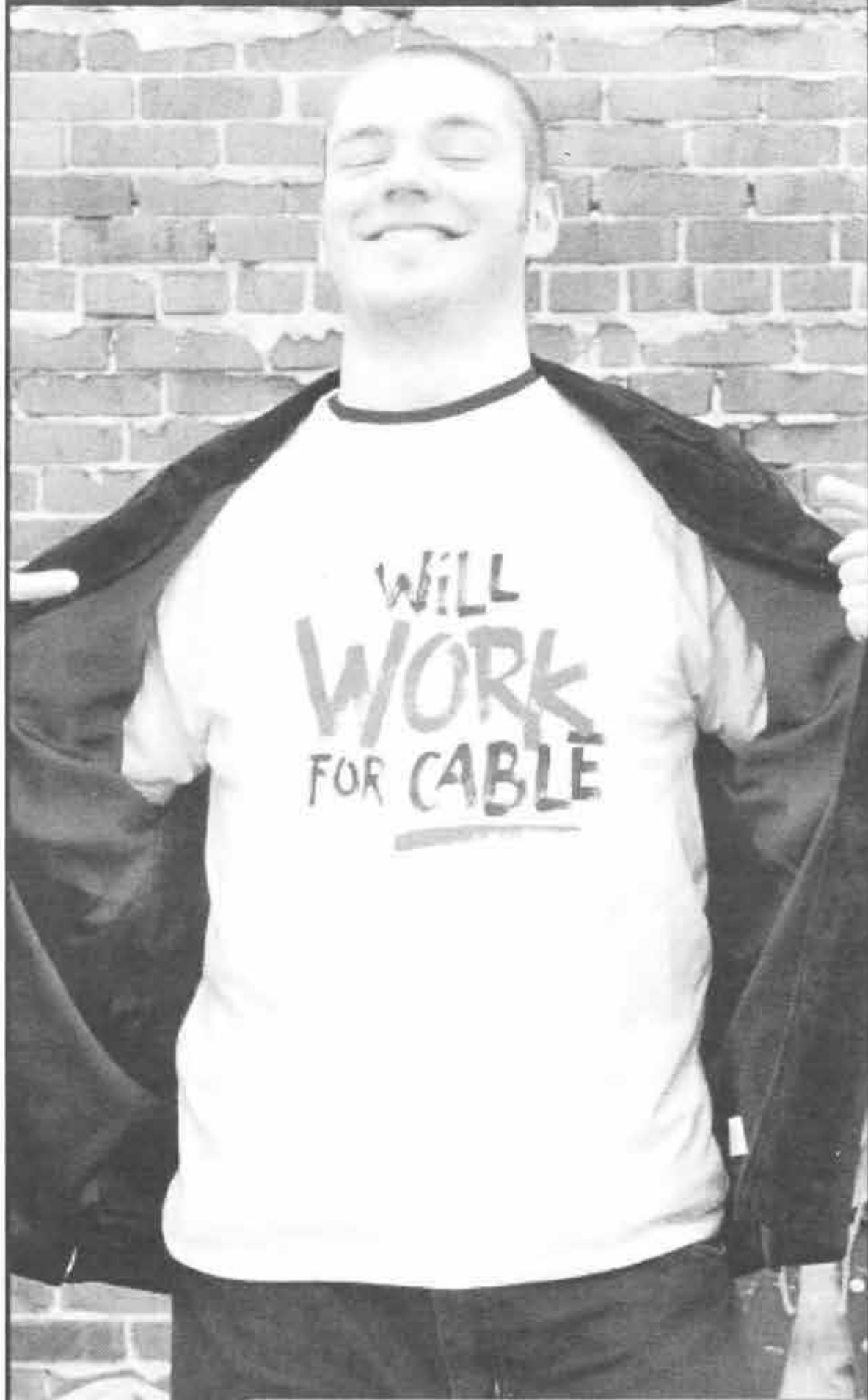
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The Smoke Show

By Michael Millard

Smoking has it rough. Surely, the tobacco industry must wish it were still the 1950's, when there was still some degree of uncertainty with regard to the long-term health risks involved with smoking cigarettes. For years, doctors and health officials have known about the long list of detrimental effects. While tobacco companies have fought these conclusions, arguably every person over ten years of age knows smoking is bad for your health. As the baby boomer generation gets older—a generation certainly less informed about the dangers of smoking in their youth, and one that had a greater chance of growing up with at least one parent who smoked—the risks on their health continue to grow.

So it is only natural that over the past few years anti-smoking bylaws have come into effect in many of Ontario's major cities. No doubt exacerbated by growing environmental awareness among citizens and an increased strain on the health care system, support has been growing for anti-smoking legislation. Notably, Ottawa and Toronto, as well as our own city of Kitchener-Waterloo, have passed bylaws or bans regulating the areas in which people are allowed to smoke.

Kitchener-Waterloo's ban, which took effect

in 2000, but has technically been on the books since 1996, stipulates that no person may smoke in a bar or restaurant, although special provisions were originally made for certain other types of establishment, notably bingo halls and bowling alleys. The now-zero-tolerance policy did initially create uproar among business owners, but the law was eventually accepted. Gradually, most every establishment affected complied, eliminating ashtrays and warning patrons not to light up. Even Oktoberfest organizers, who had originally obtained a special-event smoking allowance, banned smoking amid complaints from regular bar and restaurant owners. Opting to take their chances, and betting that it actually is all about the beer (and food, and so forth), Oktoberfest complied.

Since the zero-tolerance policy came into effect two years ago, coalitions of business owners have tried to combat the legislation. Kitchener-Waterloo business owners have banded together, and have tried to exact some changes to the laws, with only minimal success. Last year, a small victory was gained when it was proved that sections of the bylaw were too poorly worded to be enforced. However, most of this leverage was lost when the distinction between 'bar' and 'restaurant' was largely dropped. Conflict can still be found in the

definition of a 'private party,' with regard to location, invitations, and number of patrons required. In the past, 'smoking parties' have caused controversy since some establishments consider the private party exemption too easy to manipulate. As in Ottawa, where the smoking ban has driven many patrons to nearby Hull, Quebec, the perception among establishments that some are 'cheating,' pulling patrons away from businesses unwilling to flaunt the law, has caused conflict.

Following the announcement of enforcement for infractions of the ban, Laurier eliminated smoking privileges from all campus bars, relegating smokers to small balconies at the Turret and Grad Pub, and to standing in the quad, rain or shine, for patrons of Wilf's. This satisfied the bylaw requirements and let smokers be inconvenienced as little as possible. Tobacco is no longer available on campus. New for fall 2002, however, is a stipulation stating that no smoking shall be permitted within 10 metres of any building on campus. This was further extended to include patios, namely the torque room patio. Effectively, this eliminates much of campus, and pushes smokers to parking lots and larger green areas, or off campus.

The reason for the distance is the effect that smoking has on open windows and doors. Given

the distance people normally stand from a building to smoke, especially if they are planning to go right back inside, unwelcome smoke is welcome to waft through doors and windows into classrooms, offices, and residence rooms.

In Guelph, despite a far-reaching bylaw in the city, two university pubs had been able to keep allowing the habit, since certain student fees supporting the pubs qualified them as 'private clubs.' This distinction exempted the pubs from the regional bylaw, however this fall, a smoking ban has been instituted anyway in both establishments, due to health concerns.

The University of Waterloo has an anti-smoking policy similar to the one in place last year at this school. In accordance with the regional bylaw, which is considered to be one of the toughest in Ontario, no smoking is permitted in pubs on campus. Currently, there seem to be no plans to institute a similar distance-specific rule, however there is no smoking permitted in front of certain buildings on campus. At Ottawa U, in the city with probably the toughest ban in Ontario, there are no plans for a distance-specific ban.

Vocal Cord:



Ashleigh Goodbody and Celine Afarian
2nd year Psychology and 2nd year English

"I think it's stupid because we're outside. I don't know if it's called for. The buildings are close together and there's nowhere to smoke."



Brad Godfrey
1st year Philosophy

"Make it twenty metres!"



AJ Bakker
1st year Physics/Computing

"I'm all for it. Second hand smoke kills and now we don't have to smell it."



Johnny the Squirrel
Unemployed

Hell, I ain't got no job, my bills are overdue, and the repo man be knocking on my door trying to take away my ish... My ish! Who cares about smoking!"

What do you think about Laurier's ten metre smoking policy?

Laurier's smoking policy is...

Proactive

Why not? There is more evidence that smoking is harmful to your health than ever before. In fact, the word 'evidence' is even off-putting. It is harmful to your health. Laurier should just be the first non-smoking campus in Ontario. It would be a great step toward a healthier university community. It's not like Laurier has a huge campus. The sidewalk might eventually resemble the one surrounding my old high school, but it wouldn't be too different from what we have now. To simply step off and butt into strategically placed ashtrays on the sidewalk would be a further encouragement to quit smoking. Speaking of which, Health Services right here on campus is full of ideas and drugs to help people kick the habit. Drop by or give them a call.

It's not like smoking is completely gone, either. If you know where to go, you don't actually have to worry about the ban at all. Just sometimes where you can go is different than where you want to go. Besides, bars in K-W understand the situation and won't usually hassle you about leaving for a smoke and coming back. It's just kind of annoying. Those smoking parties are alright, too.

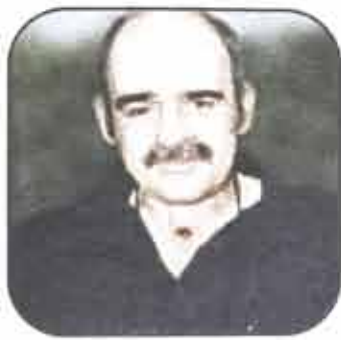
Ask anyone, though. Smoking is unhealthy, cancerous, gross, and it has no place on a campus populated by clean-thinking people. Fine, go home and have a smoke after dinner, or on your drive to work, or have a cigar in the late evening, but just keep it out of our faces. Just like workers have the right to expect safe conditions, bar and restaurant workers should expect the same sort of consideration when it comes to air quality. Clean air is a right, but smoking is a privilege.

Paranoid

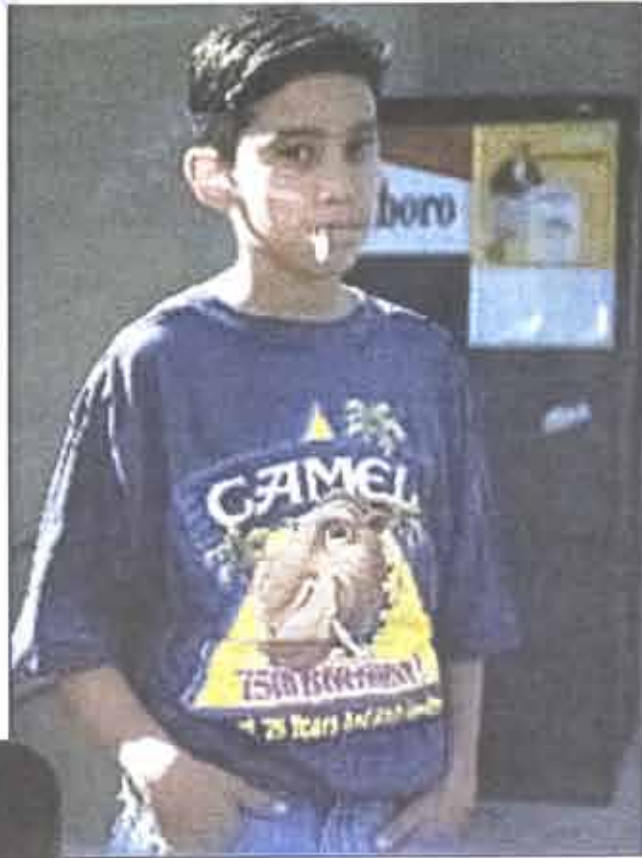
Why is ten metres the magic number, and how can that realistically be enforced? Furthermore, one could argue that there really aren't that many opportunities for smoke to waft into open windows, based on where people smoke and the height of screened windows in the Arts building, Peters building, Science building, Library, and Woods building. Residences have low windows that are often open, but students in residence are encouraged to smoke in designated areas for the most part. Also, it is hard to blame people in this day and age for such casual bits of smoke on a walk by a building.

The rules are not based on anything but health. No mention has been made of fire prevention or crowding as a reason for the 10 metres. Health is a personal choice, as unconscious or involuntary as it sometimes might be. If someone wants to smoke, it is 'their funeral,' as the saying goes. And, there is no shortage of people willing to take the risk. I do feel for the bartenders and waitresses having to work there, but up until a year ago, they would have been working in smoke anyway. There should be a place for them on their own campus without having to feel ostracized or the need to sneak around. It used to be allowed in residence with the permission of your roommate. Now, it's like smokers need the permission of the entire campus. Should a person have to virtually give up smoking in order to attend school?

Besides, smoking is cool. Watch a movie. It feels pretty good too, especially with a drink in the other hand. 'The habit' is here to stay. Face it, smoking is awesome.



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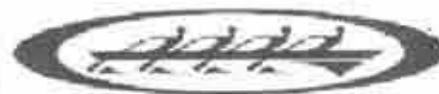


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Sloan plays it up

Corwin Leifso

After being packed into busses like cattle beasts, frosh were treated to the two Canadian alt-rock bands last night at the Waterloo Recreation Complex. Gratuitous floor space let the few frosh who were there create their own islands of personal space to enjoy Sloan and opening band, National Anthem.

National Anthem opened with fairly typical alt-rock, nothing inspiring. But, they seemed to be really enjoying themselves so kudos to them. Downtime between the two bands was filled with periodic chants of "sloan". Chanting during frosh week is contagious.

Sloan came onstage with cheers from the Frosh filled audience. They played a solid set with both new and old songs from their repertoire. The crowd was visibly more excited to see the headlining band, as excited as a group of half drunk frosh can get halfway through frosh week.

Being a University event, the concert was very low-key; moshing would result in a one way bus

ride back to the school. So, other than some rather suggestive arm waving and clapping, the frosh were reduced to standing in place. Some people seemed more interested in grabbing seats on the side than standing on the floor.

Alt-rock song moved on to alt-rock song with no discernable difference which seemed to sedate the already laid back crowd. Still, it was a good show to go and hang out at for a while.

Naturally, the most interesting part of any school event involving bussing is the bus ride. It seemed as though there were as many Bacchus volunteers with plastic bags as there were Frosh on the bus.

A special thanks to all the event staff who vigilantly made sure no one was trying to use flash photography.

National Anthem, which just formed February 2001 in Toronto, is officially launching their debut cd *Sing Along If You Know The Words* on the seventeenth. National Anthem is joining Sloan on their University Tour. In the next few days they will be in Belleville, Guelph, and Oshawa.



Sloan seems to float on a sea of Frosh. Eww, frosh.

ear candy



Beyond the Valley of Murderdolls Murderdolls

I get confused easily. When I hear about a band created by members of Slipknot and Static X, I think: "oooh, it'll sound like a mix of Slipknot and Static X. Cool." Clearly assumption still makes an ass out of you and me. Murderdolls is not the super metal band I dreamed of. Created by Tripp Eisen from Static X and Joey Jordison, better known as number 1 of Slipknot infamy, Murderdolls sounds like a badass punk band made up of 15 year-olds. I used to believe that if someone from a famous band did a side project with someone from another band it had to be cool, like A Perfect Circle.

Most of the Murderdolls' songs are based on bad horror movies, and all horror movies are bad. "Dead In Hollywood", "B-Movie Scream Queen", and "She Was a Teenage Zombie" being the most obvious references to the lyrical inspiration. Kudos, though, for calling a song "Motherfucker. I

Don't Care". That made the five year-old in me laugh. The 21-year old in me is reminded of throwing water balloons at cars as a teenager. Yet another part in me just thinks this a dumb CD.

The easiest way to describe this CD is that it is Ed Wood Bad@. Some people like Ed Wood, others don't. I don't.

Corwin Leifso



Box Car Racer

This irresistible pop-punk has a familiar ring to it, and well it should. Box Car Racer's core is made up of blink-182 guitarist Tom DeLonge and drummer Travis Barker. But that band's legion of followers shouldn't expect just another heaping helping of the boys' snottosed tomfoolery.

Their first side project is a step forward in maturity — at least by blink's arrested-adolescent standards — and thoughtful songcraft. Some unexpected time shifts and clever dynamics, along with a darker edge, make for a

somewhat bold excursion into previously uncharted post-punk territory. It's a welcome shift in direction that bodes well for the future.

Ross MacDonald



Queens Of The Stone Age Songs For The Deaf

While many of his stoner-rock brethren cling to a bludgeon-for-the-sake-of-it approach, Josh Homme is anything but a Stone Age thinker. Fact is, going back to his days with the late, great Kyuss, he's been one of the metal-minded few to take the genre in bold new directions.

And so it goes with *Songs For The Deaf*, the third and best album from Homme's latest vehicle. As usual the emphasis is on his signature brand of desert-baked heavy rock, though he's again moved further from Kyuss' grand psychedelic grunge suites and closer to something that has more of, dare we say, a classic rock feel to it.

Bon Jovi it isn't, however, the

clever mix of the chaotic, the melodic and the eccentric ensuring that radio isn't about to embrace the Queens any time soon.

Ross MacDonald



Silverchair Diorama

If there's a formula for surviving teenage rock stardom, Silverchair have got it mastered. Their secret? Allowing their music to mature as they do. As their first three albums progressed to document the struggles of adolescence, Silverchair's fourth release, *Diorama*, gives its listeners an inside look as one of Australia's biggest musical exports finally come to peace with themselves.

Produced by David Bottrill (known for his work with Tool), and with guest musicians like dance artist Paulmac, Midnight Oil's Jim Moginie, and famed Beach Boys collaborator Van Dyke Parks, *Diorama* radiates with the kind of unmatched musical

brilliance fans have come to expect from Silverchair. From the trio's classic dark, edgy rock, and melodic ballads, to their new orchestrated rock-driven pop, and emotional piano-based tunes, the album covers several musical extremes.

Longtime fans of the bands' work will notice the refreshing change of musical and lyrical tone the album takes. While previous Silverchair albums have been dark and moody, *Diorama* is a dramatically colourful album. Spacious, pop-tinged orchestration complements driving guitar progressions, and powerful vocals. Structurally, *Diorama*'s songs break all the rules of the industry, changing from heavy alternative, to soft mainstream rock, to excessive orchestral arrangements within a single song.

If any downfalls, *Diorama*'s only one is the overpowering presence of Daniel Johns. In addition to his usual lead vocal and guitar role, Johns is also credited as a piano and harpsichord player, as author of the music and lyrics, co-arranger on much of the orchestration, co-designer of the album artwork, and holds the title of co-producer over the entire project. But while it slightly disappointing to see only a single member of the band attempting to take on these roles, it's obvious that Johns' unique writing style and strict musical integrity is an essential element in Silverchair's lasting worldwide success.

Katherine Lourenco

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Backtrax: Learning from TV

"Someone squeezed all the life out of these kids! And unless TV and movies have lied to me, it's that crusty, bitter old dean." - Homer Simpson

Corwin Leifso

Women 122

If watching *Good Will Hunting* has taught me anything, it is that the equivalent of a post-secondary education can be obtained at a public library for free. Movies and television shows are ripe with wonderful tidbits of information. An important source of social norms, movies and TV can teach one everything there is to know about how to behave at University. Careful and critical examination reveals a wealth of knowledge for the first time University student to base their personality and life on. Proper application should, logically, result in a very fulfilling University experience without the awkward moments that come by trying to make decisions for oneself.

The most important thing to know before choosing one's new personality is that there are two types of people at University:

jocks and nerds. Jocks are cool and good looking. Nerds are unpopular, awkward looking, and social degenerates. It is very important to remember that jocks hate nerds. Countless number of movies are based on this scientific fact including *Revenge of the Nerds*, *Revenge of the Nerds 2*, *Revenge of the Nerds 3*, and *Revenge of the Nerds 4*. It is the glue that holds University life together in a big, plotless mess.

The New You

Starting a new life and creating a new personality mean that one needs to find a new name as well. Nicknames of choice include: Gimpy, Rocko, Nitz, Boon, Otter, Babs, Flounder, D-Day, Bluto, and Pinto. With a new name, you are officially a new person; free to cause all sorts of havoc on campus.

"The window of opportunity to drink and do drugs and take advantage of young girls is getting smaller by the day."

Movies and television offer us a view into the most secretive and complicated of creatures: women. Through careful study, one can learn how they think, what they do behind closed doors, and why they act the way they do. Most importantly, one can learn how to get closer to them. Basically, it gives one the power of Mel Gibson's character in *What Women Want*. Use this power for good, though, and not for evil.

The TV show *Undergrads* teaches us that by watching porn, one will not learn how to effectively pick up girls. By doing so, one becomes an excellent example of a sleazy date-raper. Not that there is anything wrong with porn.

Undergrads also teaches us that people with serious personality deficiencies can still pick up nice girls as long as they lie and pretend to be someone else. By masking one's true self, one can avoid the severe stigma that comes with an anger control problem.

Any effort you make to score, no matter how noble, will backfire. You can't force it, it has to just happen. Ideally, one must undergo severe personal embarrassment and hope for pity sex.

Your long distance relationship will fail. *Road Trip* is very clear about this. Sex is the most important part of a relationship and two people can't have it if they're hundreds of miles apart. A wise man once said: "the window of opportunity to drink and do drugs and take advantage of young girls is getting smaller by the day." Being in University will not slow the aging process.

Road Trip 100

"Ah, the college road trip. What better way to spread beer fuelled mayhem."

The recommended number of



Homer is the wisest man alive. Listen to him and live happy lives.

people for a road trip is four which is clearly demonstrated by both *Animal House* and *Road Trip*. A vehicle and be easily obtained from a spineless nerdy kid who is too weak to say no. Since spineless nerdy kid never actually owns the car - he is usually borrowing it from family - it is ok to completely wreck it since it's not his personal property. The nerd must accompany you on the road trip so that he can bear witness to the senseless destruction of the vehicle. The destruction of the car will set his nerdy soul free from the bondage of low self-esteem and nerdism. It is the equivalent of Tyler Durden blowing up Jack's apartment in *Fight Club*.

-For extra credit see *Easy Rider*.

The Dean is Evil

The Dean is a close ally of the jocks and he gleefully joins them in the crusade against the nerds. The Dean will stop at nothing to expel the people who disobey traditional social norms, who think outside the box, and who try to shirk the system. The Dean is a mirthless, sour old man who seems to

pranks. Pranks of note include bra bombs, leaving dead horses in their office, and ruining the homecoming parade by ramming other floats.

Class

Class is a relatively small part of your University life. You will, at any given time, only have to worry about one class. Mid-terms are a pivotal part of you university career. They will determine if you flunk out of school. Cramming is the best way to study. Finding a copy of the exam is even better but beware of fake copies left by the evil Jock Frat.

Even if you still fail, don't despair. Get a nerd to hack into the school computers and change your mark. No one will suspect anything when you get an A+ on the exam after attending class once, even if you were drunk that one time.

On second thought, maybe TV and movies don't make the best educational tools.

Corwin Leifso is a tall jerk that enjoys playing the violin and eating vaseline.

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Football heartbreaker

Laurier's men in tights suffer devastating loss in Battle of Waterloo.

Derek Iwanuk

With the majority of the starting line-ups returning on both sides of the ball, the 2002 Laurier Golden Hawks football squad is kicking off the season with an optimistic attitude.

However, this optimism took a severe blow when the Hawks lost an 18 - 16 heartbreaker in front of thousands of frosh this past Monday, to cross-town rival the Waterloo Warriors.

The Hawks started off strong defensively in the first half. After a botched punt attempt, Laurier defense managed to hold Waterloo to no points. As the game continued to unfold corner-

back David Argo picked off a pass from Waterloo quarterback Jordy Holton in the end zone, resulting in a single point.

With four minutes left in the first quarter, the Laurier offence flew into high gear. A 35-yard bomb from 2001 CIS Rookie of the Year quarterback Ryan Pyear to Chad MacAvelia set up a two-yard touchdown by Nick Cameron.

After the first quarter of play, the Hawks looked like all they were billed up to be. However, when the game entered second quarter action the

Hawks' offence went flat. The Warriors took advantage of Laurier's lack luster performance by getting into the end zone on an 8-yard strike by Holton to finish off the half.

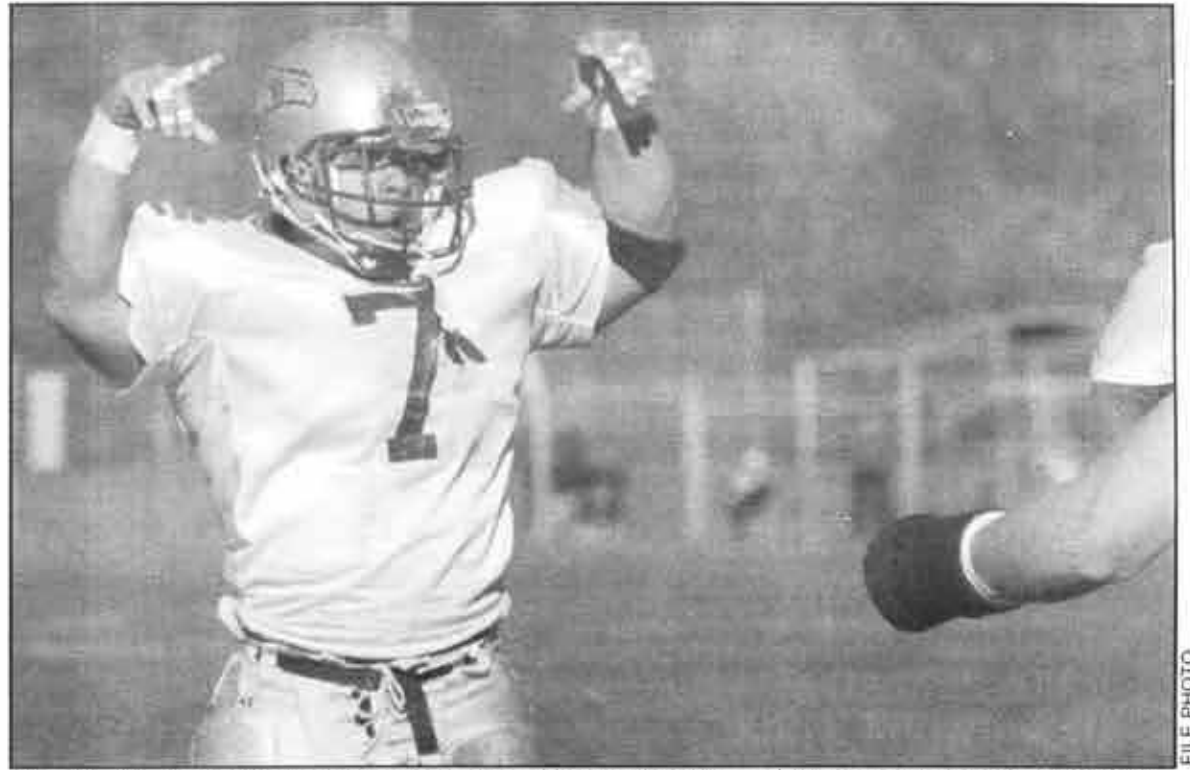
History was to repeat itself in the second half of the game. The Hawks started off strong again, with Laurier running back Derek Medler ripping off a 34 yard run. This play set up a 15-yard touchdown pass from Pyear to Andrew Agro, with 4:40 remaining in the 3rd quarter. A successful two-point conversion from Pyear gave the Hawks a 14 - 12 lead going into the fourth quarter.

"We were unprepared, we had miscues and lack of discipline. We were not ready to play football tonight."

- Coach Rick Zmich

A safety by the Hawks in the fourth quarter extended their lead to 16 - 12, but the Hawks could not put the Warriors away. Costly penalties and a fumble in Hawks' territory with less than two minutes to go had fans and players holding their breaths.

Finally, with six seconds left in the half, the Laurier penalties and fumble came back to haunt the Hawks. Waterloo wide out Ian Forde, caught an under thrown Hail Mary from Holton just as time ran out. A pin drop could be heard as the desperate pass hung in the air followed by the screaming Waterloo fans as Forde came down



"Hey yo, I may not be ready to play coach, but you best know I be ready to funnel. Sheeeiitt."

with the ball.

When asked about the psychological effects of the loss, Laurier Head Coach Rick Zmich, seemed to take most of the blame. "We were

unprepared, we had miscues and lack of discipline. We were not ready to play football tonight. That's my responsibility," said a long faced Zmich.

"We need to execute on offence and cut back on the mental errors," added Zmich regarding the areas of improvement he felt his team should concentrate on. Although this was a heartbreaking loss for the Hawks, they cannot hold their heads in shame for too long, as they prepare to travel to Windsor to take on the Lancers next Saturday. One thing is certain, after Monday evening's loss, the Hawks will be looking for vengeance against the lowly Lancers.

Laurier 4, Brock 3

When not writing for *The Cord*, Derek Iwanuk enjoys pina colodas and getting caught in the rain.

Varsity athletes get down and dirty

Kristen Lipscombe

As you unpack your boxes upon your arrival here at Laurier, be sure to dig up any purple and gold garments and adornments you can get your little paws on (or in true Golden Hawk spirit, should I say claws?). You are going to need all the purple and gold you can get, because supporting our varsity teams is a necessity for every hardcore, faithful WLU student. In order to ensure that you are fully prepared for your ventures out to cheer on Laurier's varsity athletes, we have provided a September run-down of all the sports you should be attending...

Men's baseball

The purple and gold men begin swinging their big bats in early September. The first home game is Sunday, September 8th against Brock at 1:00pm. On Tuesday, September 11th Laurier will look to defeat Waterloo at 7:30pm and on September 13th and 14th the boys are off to the Blue Jay Cup in Toronto, where they will play in the Skydome. The team is back home for September 21st to play McMaster and then will look to strike out the Guelph Gryphons on September 28th.

Cross Country

Laurier's men and women will be running towards victory on Saturday, September 14th at the Guelph Open; on Saturday, September 21st at home in Waterloo (starting at 1:00pm) and on September 28th at the Western Invitational.



Some sports can be an ass-grabbing good time!

Women's Field Lacrosse

The wind begins blowing up the purple and gold kilts for the first Lacrosse home game on September 22nd versus York University, 10:00am at University Stadium. The Lady Hawks then play Western at 1:30pm, on the same day and at the same location. Lacrosse heads to Kingston to take on the Queen's Golden Gaels and McMaster University on September 29th.

Men's Soccer

The men's regular season kicks off on September 15th at University Stadium versus Toronto at 1:00pm. The Hawks' next home game rolls around on September 27th, when they play

Windsor at 6:00pm. On the 29th the Western Mustangs make the venture to WLU to compete against the purple and gold, 1:00pm at University Stadium.

Women's Soccer

The women's team will also get a "head" on their 2002 season on September 15th, taking on the TO Blues at University Stadium, at 3:00pm following the men's first match. On September 27th and 29th, the Lady Hawks play Windsor at 8pm and Western at 3pm, respectively.

Women's Tennis

Laurier's racketeers take to the court

on Saturday, September 21st at Laurier, and Saturday, September 28th at both McMaster and Western.

Men's Golf

Golf season tees off on Friday the 13th at Carleton University. The men then "putt" off to Windsor on September 20th and "drive" back to Laurier on the 27th for the Grey Silo tournament, starting at 10:00am. On September 29th our golden golfers travel to Queen's.

Men's Rugby

The men take to the field for their first home game of the season on September 25th versus Guelph,

4:00pm at Willison Field. On September 28th they take on Western at Willison, at 1:00pm.

Women's Rugby

The Lady Hawks take to the field starting September 14th, but do not play their first game at home until September 28th, when they will out flank Windsor at Willison Field, at 3:00pm following their male counterparts.

Football

Football had its kick off this past Monday night in the "Battle of Waterloo" versus the U of W Warriors. This Saturday, September 7th the Hawks travel to Windsor, and on the 13th the boys are back to play Western on Laurier home turf at 7:00pm. The men will dig in their cleats versus Toronto at University Stadium, September 21st at 2:00pm.

While the aforementioned teams get down to business throughout the month of September, our other varsity athletes will be into intense training for the upcoming seasons during this time. The men's basketball season starts in November and women's basketball takes to the court at the closing of October. Both the men's and women's hockey teams lace up their skates for their season home openers in mid-October, while Laurier's swimmers will also begin to make a splash in October. Keep your eyes open for these and other sports as our varsity athletes look to instill some purple and gold pride in the pool, on the court and on the ice.

Revamped teams look promising

Caitlin Howlett

Women's Volleyball

Intense recruiting carried out by head coach Dave McIntyre of the women's volleyball team could mean the difference between another successful season and a rebuilding year.

Relying on two rookies for previous OUA experience and height, McIntyre hopes that their performances will aid in the tradition of Laurier volleyball excellence. McIntyre's team will be striving toward another perfect season, similar to the one he and his players accomplished last season.

6'1" hitter Megan Stacey, hailing from Widdifield High School in North Bay, is expected to be a welcomed addition to the talented Hawk squad. McIntyre insists that with more playing time, she will only get better.

To help out the left side, hitter Leah Meril from Cambridge will bring valuable OUA experience, necessary for a team that only has one true veteran. Meril previously attended the University of Ottawa, but made the decision to return to her hometown and play for the Golden Hawks.

In an attempt to make training situations more valuable and competitive, McIntyre will be using a former Team Ontario player, Laura Horner, who like Meril, left her university to play for the Hawks. Horner, a 5'9" setter, will not be eligible to play in the coming season due to CIS restrictions on transfer athletes, but her experience will be utilized in training camp and practice.

The loss of power and skill from graduating players Lisa Wallace and Paula Watson has left a rather large void to fill. The only fourth year player holding up the group is Hannah Snider, a

5'11" right side hitter. McIntyre noted that she will contribute three years of starting experience and leadership on and off the field.

With little veteran help, emerging second year players will have to step up to the net, including 5'10" middle hitter Amy Shipway. Shipway will be forced to fill the vacancy left by Nicole Paine, who graduated early. McIntyre admitted that, "whoever ends up filling that role will have very big shoes to fill."

A strong team in place leaves only one thing to question: the competition. "I believe the league will be very tough this season," McIntyre offered, pointing out that Toronto, Western, York and Ottawa will remain their toughest competitors.

Women's Field Lacrosse

Despite popular belief, a women's field lacrosse team does exist and yes, they did win the OUA Championships two years ago. Their faltering fan support and low key profile in the varsity scene have little bearing on their success. The Lady Hawks' fourth place finish last season in the OUA bronze medal game was a far cry from defeat, but rather another chance to honour Laurier athletics in one of the more successful years of varsity sport.

Head Coach Lynn Orth is confident that with a healthy squad her team should have a better chance of capturing the OUA title, much like they did in November 2000. "The reduced schedule should help keep the team healthy," explained Orth, as last year's schedule had many of the teams, including Laurier, playing three to four games per weekend with not a single week off.

In addition, explained Orth, "we

will be even more proactive in our training, conditioning and immediate treatment of injury". This is all in order to keep her previously injury-ridden squad free of any and all ailments.

Extensive recruiting will also help build a healthy team, full of fresh talent and room to build upon emerging skill. Former Guelph coach and Laurier Masters student, Steph Green, will be a welcomed asset as a veteran goalkeeper — an area in which the team struggled last year with the loss of OUA champion goalkeeper, Alrene Straton. A local KW graduate, Kathleen McCrea, has considerable experience playing for the KW Braves in the Under-20 League, as well as playing for the provincial team. "She [McCrae] will be an offensive threat with speed and superior stick skills," boasted Orth, who continued with Allyson Roy of Oshawa. "A defensive player with size and speed, she [Roy] should make an immediate contribution to the back end."

Last year's leading scorer, Vanessa Cowlen, enters her fourth year and will take on more of a leadership position. Orth hopes Cowlen will be able to build upon her already outstanding offensive skills, and compliment the play of her daughter and third year team member, Caitlin Orth. The defense will continue to be held by third and fourth year players, Courtney Campbell and Sophie Kotsopoulos, respectively.

The University of Toronto remains Laurier's toughest competitors because of their graduate program producing experienced player after player. "Brock and Queens may surprise, but any team has the ability to improve dependent upon their recruits," explained Coach Orth. To keep her team competitive in a league full of

experience, Coach Orth will aim her practices toward three key areas: conditioning, stick skills and teamwork. She has also asked all her players to follow the off-season program that was introduced last winter.

Men's Basketball

The basketball fever that spread over Laurier last season is soon to become an epidemic this year.

Seven-time CIS Coach of the Year, Peter Campbell, believes that his top recruits will bring the final pieces into the puzzle. The Hawks fell short in the playoffs in the previous season, but it was the first time in over a decade that they had even obtained a playoff birth. Their 12 - 10 record was by no means poor. Additionally, rookie sensation Chris Keith snagged the CIS Rookie of the Year award, while Campbell was awarded the CIS Coach of the Year for the his first time with Laurier (6x former winner with Laurentian).

"Their ability to learn and adapt to the university level will help dictate how quickly we can compete with the best teams," explained Campbell when questioned about the rookie contribution in the coming season.

Campbell has five rookies worthy of mention that he hopes will be able to make a considerable impact on the team's success in the approaching season. Omar Miles is a 5'7" point guard hailing from Mississauga's Silverthorn Collegiate; and Eric Schmidt is a 6'5" wing from Etobicoke, also from Silverthorn. Rob Innes from Brantford Collegiate will hold the post position at 6'8", while Brett Coulthard of Wingham and graduate of FE Madill Collegiate will be a strong wing player at 6'5". A 6'5" post by the name of Brett Riviere

comes to Campbell from St. Augustine in Brampton.

Campbell hopes that fifth year students Dan Yonker and Chris Caruso, both playing the wing, will step up to leadership positions. Fifth year Kinesiology major and 6'7" forward Adam Rogers will be sidelined indefinitely with a knee injury, which will force players such as Keith, Andrew MacKay and Todd Cooney to play as though they were veterans. "This nucleus [Keith, MacKay, Cooney] with the rookies is the future of Laurier men's basketball," explained Campbell.

All-Canadian Guelph Gryphons will undoubtedly be the team to beat, along with the defending champions, the Western Mustangs. Campbell also suggested that McMaster will offer some tough competition in the coming season.

When prompted about the possibility of bringing home a Provincial or National title, Campbell noted that "our ability to become a team quickly and learn our systems, and how to play against different systems our opposition throws us," will make or break the success of this year's squad. "We have to continue to improve our style of game."

Scoreboard

Men's Football

Laurier : 16

Waterloo : 18

Men's Soccer

Laurier : 2

UQTR : 3

Women's Soccer

Laurier : 4

UQTR : 1

Champs lose

Derek Iwanuk

After every great party, there is always a price to pay the next morning, the dreaded hangover. After Monday's 3 - 2 exhibition loss to UQTR, it appears that the Laurier men's soccer team is still hung over after clinching their second national championship last year.

During the start of Monday afternoon's pre-season game the Hawks resembled the team of a year ago. After missing a couple of chances early on, the Hawks seized a scoring opportunity when Joel Abwunza lobbed the ball over the UQTR goalkeeper.

Unfortunately, this would be the only time throughout the game that Laurier would hold onto the lead. UQTR would score two big goals to finish off the first half, leaving Laurier trailing 2-1.

The second half of the game started with a Golden Hawk goalie switch. With the loss of Pieter Mueleman, one of the best goalies in Canada, the Hawks are currently searching for another talented goalie to join the roster.

This search is coming at a cost. Early in the second half, the inexperienced freshman between the goal posts let in another goal, allowing UQTR to take a commanding 3-1 lead over the Hawks.

Laurier fought hard to get back into

the game. In the middle of the second half, the Hawks mounted an offensive attack against their opponents. After a few close misses, WLU was finally able to snag another goal. However, it was too little too late and UQTR held on for the 3-2 victory. Frustration was visible on the field as Laurier received both a yellow and red card for rough play.

A frustrated Barry MacLean commented afterwards, "we are as not as prepared as we wanted to be. However, this loss is not a concern for us now. If this kind of play continues down the road then it will be a concern."

"We have not made up our minds about who is going to start. But there will be a freshman in goal this year," replied MacLean when asked about the goal keeping, an obvious trouble spot for the Hawks.

As history shows, they have the right to be. In the first game of the 2000 season, the Hawks were blown away 7 - 1, but then went on to win their first National Championship. In the 2001 season, the Hawks lost to Western early in the season and then went on to win the National title for a second consecutive year. It seems as though the Hawks are used to slow starts, so they can only hope that history repeats itself for a third time..

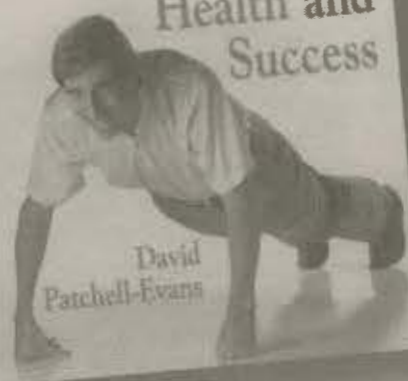
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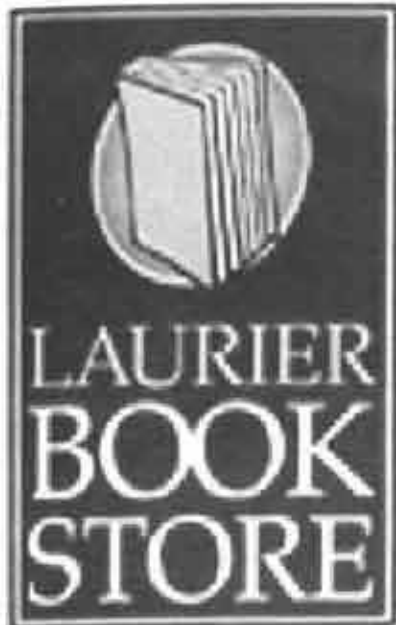
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As students once again crawl on campus, Business students begin to wonder what's in store for them this year.

Eva Pai

Whether you're back for another year in the good old School of Business and Economics (SBE), or if this is your first acquaintance with it doesn't matter, because if you're not ready to take it on now, you'll never be ready.

What's funny is that most of us have already conducted business by the time we walk into our first class. Whether you're a Business student or not, you've probably already done some of what most of us Biz students learn in our four committed years here at Laurier: financing, planning, marketing and budgeting.

Before September rolls around, most university students work and/or apply for student loans, to make our invaluable university education possible. In other words, we're dividing our education into equity and debt, two words that you will be hearing non-stop throughout your years in the Business Program.

Whether we invest our hard-earned money from summer and part-time jobs throughout the year or we use what the government is willing to give us through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), we've

already completed our first equity and debt transaction by the time we register to be educated.

Along with that comes short and long-term planning: coming up with strategies on how to survive the year, and possibly even make it a successful one. Although we might not put together estimates, forecasts and business cases, we all have an idea of what we want out of the year and how we're going to get that goal, and have a good time doing it.

Third year mainly consists of team work and cooperation. Throughout the marketing classes we are taught how to work with peers and how to properly market something, or ourselves.

What is neglected is that we probably wouldn't be here if we didn't already possess those skills. In order for us to be admitted into the prestigious Honours Business or Economics Program, we had to sell ourselves and

what we represent, whether it be alone or as a team. If you're in Co-op, chances are that you've already marketed yourself to at least one or two companies and represented at least one in your work term.

Lastly, the one thing that most of us have learned a long time ago, but still aren't quite successful at, is budgeting. Something most of us attempt to do, but never really get good at. Within your first year of living off campus, you are guaranteed to experience this if you haven't already.

When you think about it, we have no choice but to budget, otherwise we're left with no food, no place to live, or no social life by March, because we've run out of money. In extreme cases, by Christmas. This

most vital skill is even more exaggerated in second year accounting... twice, that is!

If you're looking forward to what's coming up, or just wish that the light at the end of the SBE tunnel would hurry up and embrace you, it depends on how you look at it. Look at it as a dread, and you're guaranteed to get bogged down with all the hassles and the work, praying that the year would just end.

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CHRISTINE CHERRY

Some of our future executives.

But if you're looking forward to living on your own and completing another year here, things will definitely seem easier, especially around midterm and exam time and, of course, on Thursday nights.

So, in conclusion, although we already possess a lot of the skills that

are taught to us, they are definitely enhanced and broadened by everyone else's opinions, thoughts and viewpoints. But if it means we all get a job and a better paying one for that, I think I speak for all of us when I say we're here and ready!

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The purpose of your Cord Business section is to provide you with a link between the worldwide business community and you.

This section, just like any other, should relate to any and all of the diverse readers on campus. Diverse in terms of your ideas, expressions, concerns, dreams and aspirations.

If there is a "business story" going on in the world, pick up a Toronto Star if you just want the facts. Read our section of The Cord if you want to know how the story affects you.

We don't list stock prices, but we might tell you how you can buy stocks cheaply online. Check out CNN to see who was the latest to have been singled out for accounting fraud. Read our Business Section to see how your fellow students would act in a similar situation. Would you be the whistle-blower or wait to see if you get caught? How will accounting fraud affect the assumed responsibility of our generation when we take over?

While not all business news will make a difference in every reader's life today; some of it is just plain interesting.

Finally, we research, write and publish campus business stories. We believe there is interest in topics ranging from student entrepreneurial ven-

tures to how new buildings are supposed to be paid for, to whether business student representation is useful, needed and/or effective. There will always be some sort of balance between the satisfaction and frustration that WLU students will have with the School of Business and Economics (SBE). But what are the reasons for these opinions this week?

To the first year students, there are many misconceptions and rumours about SBE that float around your dorm, such as labs and co-op, and topics that you find out about later on, such as the Undergraduate Business Games (UBG) and Ice Week. Truth is, just as the cliché says, if you have a question, there are guaranteed to be a lot of others wondering the same thing. So if you have a question about Business here at Laurier, contact us and we'll see what we can do. Our team isn't Dear Abby, but we'll answer your questions.

Overall, this year's Cord Business section is a look at what's happening in the SBE, combined with comprehensive, well-researched articles on how the business world could affect us today, next week, or in the future.

It's great to have views and opinions about improving the quality of life in the SBE, but the only way to make a difference is to have those concerns and ideas heard by others. Only then can we progress. So please send comments, story ideas and/or general Laurier Business inquiries to bizcord@hotmail.com.



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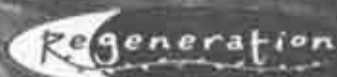
Help me! I'm falling asleep on the job. One of the first things SBE teaches you not to do. But I'm in desperate need of sleep and I'm not getting it as the lonely Business Editor here at the Cord. I need enthusiastic and motivated people who are willing to be part of the new Business Section.

If you want to know what we're about, read the article above and you'll know.

But for now, we'll give you a short synopsis of it.

While thousands of things go on around the world in Business, we want to try to show Laurier's Business and how it affects you. So if you're ready to show the truth, bring out a new side, and are willing to help me get some more sleep, come see me at the Cord office and we'll make you a part of the best team at The Cord.

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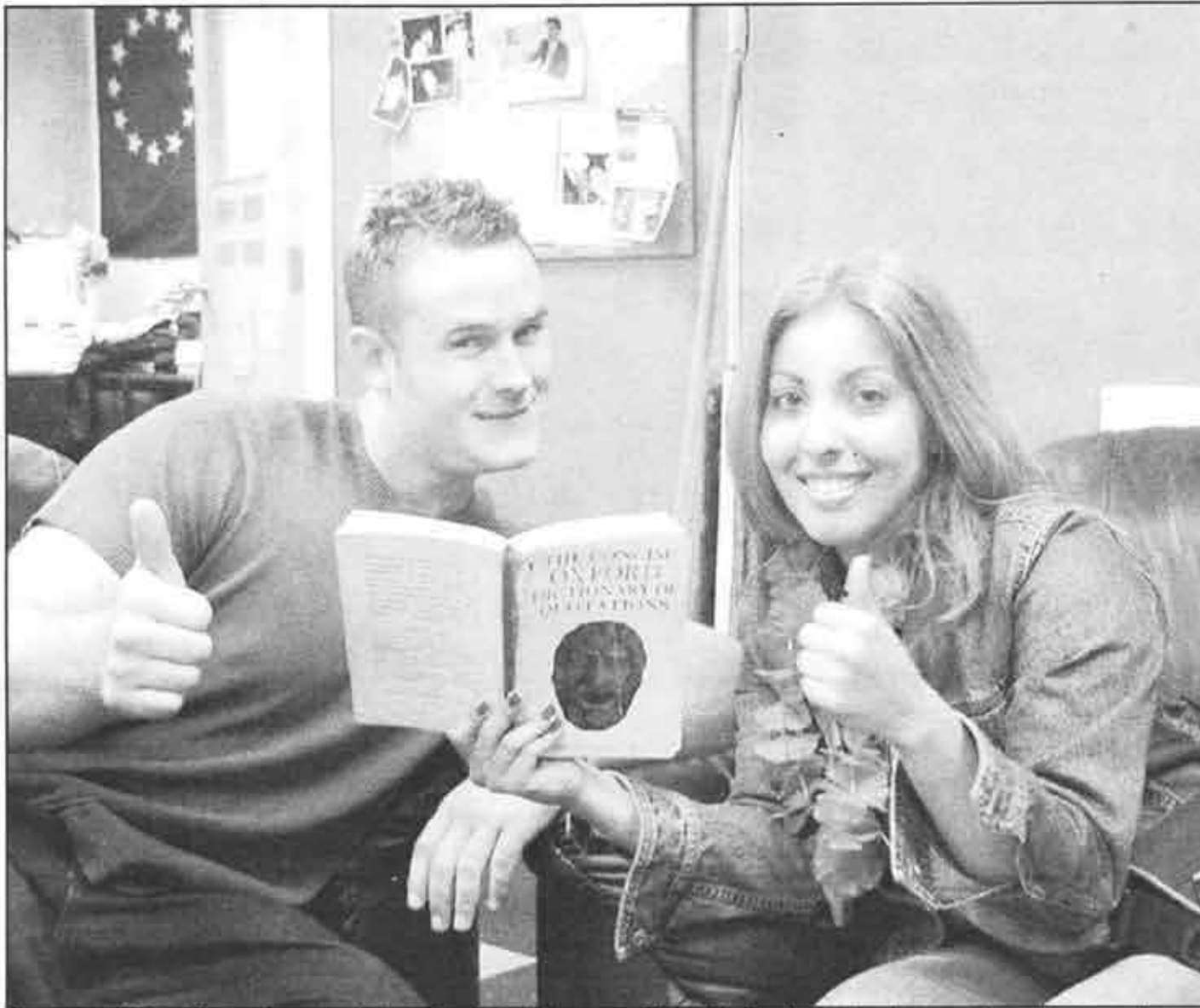
Angela Gismondi

Wilfrid Laurier University has teamed up with the City of Kitchener-Waterloo's "One Book, One Community" program in order to encourage reading as a shared experience. *No Great Mischief*, by Alistair MacLeod has been chosen as the novel to be discussed and debated.

Although the Summer Reading Project is entering its third year at Laurier, this is the first year that it is working in conjunction with the "One Book" program. The purpose of the program is to get one to two percent of Kitchener-Waterloo to read the same book to bring the community together. The Laurier Summer Reading Project will have approximately 150 participants. The students have received the book and have had an opportunity to read it over the summer. The program works as a tool to encourage first-year students participate in a debate and discussion about the novel at a university level. It offers students a chance to be exposed to an academic session addressing the issues presented in the novel.

Robert Campbell, Dean of Arts, hosted an introductory discussion on *No Great Mischief* on Tuesday September 3, along with other members of the Faculty of Arts in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. The different disciplines address the issues present in the novel from different angles.

Philosophy professor Rockney Jacobsen offers a philosophical interpretation of the text. He addressed themes such as memory, tradition and history as they are a large part of the



Angela and Chris Eby enjoy a book that clearly isn't the one this article is about. Don't worry though, she really does have it and is reading it... Not him, though...

novel as well as a fundamental issue in Canadian social life. As well, he spoke about how meaning is influenced by each of these elements and how the novel recognizes the past, yet challenges the past at the same time.

Professor of Religion and Culture, Carol Duncan, presented a thought provoking perspective. She discussed the issues of fate and the question of

human agency, that is, whether people can control the events that occur in their own lives or whether their lives are predetermined by some higher authority. She also called to attention the fact that the novel allows people to take a look at interpersonal relationships as well as wider national concepts.

Anne Brydon, from the department of

Sociology, addressed the importance of the exchange. She believed that the giving, accepting and returning of gifts, physical or otherwise, is a fundamental element of what holds human beings together. On the subject of obligation and loyalty, Brydon suggests that irony exists in a situation where values which are supposed to bring people together actually break communities apart as a

result of the loyalties.

David Black, professor of Communication Studies, discussed oral culture and its role in contemporary society despite the fact that it is often hidden by media culture. He acknowledged oral culture as the source of all other culture in that it is an ancient form of communication that arises from the abilities that human have to create sound. He stresses the power of rhetoric and speech and their immense presence in the modern world through technologies and is constantly changing.

Christl Verduyn, professor of English and Canadian Studies, decided to focus on the language and how it is presented in the novel. She was primarily concerned with how the words work and what makes them work well. She emphasizes the important of transition from one element of the story to another as well as the sequence in which the events are placed and ironies and how these contribute to the effectiveness of the story.

Katherine Elliott, Associate Dean of Students and organizer of the Summer reading project, said, "Hearing all the different perspectives from each discipline and the way that they all come together illustrates the love and the excitement of learning that every university student should share and be a part of." The students will meet the faculty members on Tuesday September 10, 2002 to discuss the novel in more depth. They will be encouraged to share their observations and opinions on the issues presented in the novel.

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Andrea

Thanks for hanging out with me at the Turret on Tuesday night. I told you I'd write you a personal... Now you're famous...

-Maneesh

Johnny from Bricker 4

You looked so hot last night! I can't wait to see you at the big cheer-off! Maybe you can come to my floor and meet my roommates!

-Jenny from Conrad 3

1st year birthday Rachel

What's up girl. Hope you had yourself a good birthday. I knew you were from Toronto, still.

-Wil

Young brown bear

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Jerkass

You stole my beer at Walt's the other night. I hate you. I chewed my candy necklace in hatred all night. I'm gonna take your bracelet so that you can't take part in the cheer-off. Then everyone's gonna be laughing... laughing at YOU!

Thanks

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