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WLUSA strike continues

Services halted while Staff Association and Administration continue negotiations

Stefan Sereda

Escalating rumors gave way to a considerably devastating legal walkout of Laurier's Staff Association this past week.

WLUSA began their strike on Monday morning after negotiations between them and the University fell through.

The picket line stems from the university's main entrance on University Avenue and Mid Campus Drive to locations on Bricker Avenue, 202 Regina Street (The Registrar's Office) and 232 King Street N. (Career Services).

The greatest point of contention between University Administration and WLUSA is Article 3.8 which deals with contracting out positions. WLUSA maintains that Article 3.8 should be deleted as it infringes on their job security by allowing their positions to be contracted out, especially in emergency situations and during peak periods.

To compensate for the inevitable increase in student enrollment brought on by the double cohort, the university also plans on limiting the benefits received by staff.

Article 3.8 also makes it possible for WLUSA to be informed in

advance about the university's plans to contract out.

The WLUSA strike has not gone unnoticed as thousands of students who are directly and indirectly being affected by the staff association's call to action. Administrative Assistants are not available to sign add/drop forms; selected labs and tutorials have been cancelled for the duration of the strike; and the bookstore is slow in printing and receiving some course packages.

Although WLUSA has released a document listing the temporary changes in services available since the Staff Association went on strike, students may be affected in unforeseen ways, such as the circulating complaints that some profes-

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sors are considering canceling courses because of unavailable course packages.

University Administration has released bulletins which state that the University is doing its best to reach a settlement with WLUSA as

quickly as possible. Measures being taken by the school to deal with some of the inconveniences caused by the dispute include extending the add/drop deadlines with the approval of professors whose courses are being joined, and hiring temporary replacement workers.

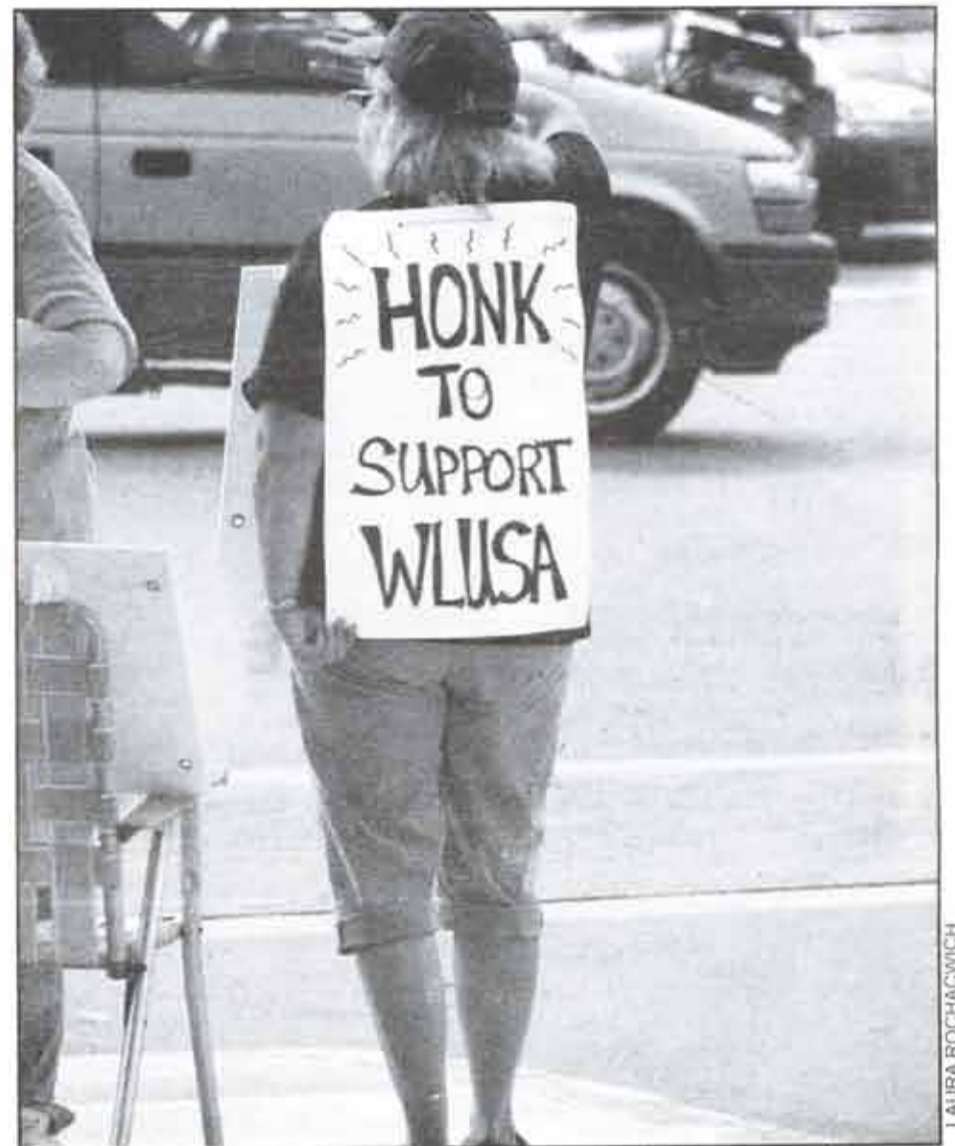
In spite of these University actions, WLUSA does not suffer from a lack of support. Some students, student workers and faculty members have shown support for WLUSA's actions by refusing to cross the picket line and by joining the picketing staff. Professor Jodey Castricano from the Department of English showed her support for the Staff Association by wearing a placard which read "Faculty Support WLUSA." Four Conrad B3 residents and their don also joined the picket line on Wednesday afternoon to show their support.

Picketers have also been met with a large amount of student indifference and occasional hostility, however.

Those on the picket line are unsure of when an agreement will be reached between the two parties, but express hope. Undoubtedly their determination has not let up: picketers can be seen around the campus from early morning well into the night.

In addition, representatives from WLUSA have expressed no concern over the Administration's hiring of a security company to videotape the picketer's actions, which the school insists is common practice in labor disputes.

WLUSA was contacted in regards to contacting a number of mediators to



The horns sounded loud and clear this past week from sympathisers and supporters of WLUSA.

this issue before the outside firm was hired, and agreed to their hiring since videotaping all nearby activity will protect both sides should an unfortunately hostile incident occur.

Both sides also managed to agree on a media blackout for the length of the strike.

University Administration con-

join the two parties at the bargaining table. Negotiations will resume on Tuesday at 10 am, when John Mather, Senior Mediator for the Ministry of Labour, will sit in on the talks.

Cord EIC ousted

Martin Asling

Student Publications president David Field has announced that Maneesh Sehdev has been terminated as Editor-in-Chief of the Cord Weekly, citing performance issues such as office hours and logistical problems with advertising, stressing that it was not a 'content issue' that led to his firing. Wilbur Mclean has been named temporary Editor in chief.

Five members of The Cord's editorial staff have met this move with resignations in protest.

Opinion Page Editor, Dillon Moore, one of those who has resigned, rejected Field's claim that the firing was based on performance. Moore believes both that the stated reasons for firing

are insufficient and an excuse to fire him for content reasons, particularly for replacing the words clublaurier.ca, typically printed under The Cord banner with virtualcrack.com, on the fifth issue, as well as a more general personal antagonism towards him.

He sees Fields' use of performance as justification as a means to avoid having consulted with the editors before the firing.

To dismiss an editor in chief on the grounds of content, a two-thirds majority in the editorial board and board of publications consenting to this would have been necessary.

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Members of WLUSA have picketed from morning to night since the strike began last Monday.

Residence bylaw under attack

UW's Feds, WLUSU and Conestoga Students Inc. look to overturn 75 meter rule

Stefan Sereda

First it was smoking within ten meters of any building, now the buildings themselves are being forced to keep their distance. A city bylaw has come under fire from the Federation of Students at the University of Waterloo.

U of W students are demanding that The Corporation of the City of Waterloo repeal subsection 4.1.9 of bylaw 00-140 in its entirety. With regards to this bylaw, all lodging houses, including university residences, must be built with 75 meters of space between them. All lodging houses constructed within a 75 meter radius of any other lodging house will not be licensed under this bylaw.

While the bylaw does not apply to previously established residences, as the universities expand outward all new residence buildings will have to be licensed. This reduces the amount of available space with which to construct residences. This poses a severe problem for the local universities as enrollment for the schools is expected to dramatically increase

in 2003.

In reaction, the Federation of Students at the University of Waterloo is taking several measures to combat subsection 4.9.1 of the municipal bylaw. The U of W Student's Council will be directing the President of the Federation of Students to articulate students' concerns regarding the subsection to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Waterloo.

In addition, the Feds will be calling off all negotiations and discussions with Grand River Transit concerning the implementation of a Universal Bus Pass until subsection 4.1.9 is repealed in its entirety.

A campaign is also being launched by the Feds to "enumerate and encourage student voters for municipal elections and educate them on municipal issues." This campaign is being extended outward towards WLU and Conestoga College. The U of W Federation of Students would like to open discussions with WLUSU, Conestoga Students Inc. and the Graduate Students Associations at WLU and U of W alike so that students throughout these campuses



There won't be anymore of this clap-trap around here.

will be similarly encouraged to take part in municipal politics.

Furthermore, the Feds are determined to approach the municipal governments "to request collaboration for the enumeration of student voters."

In summary, the U of W students are attempting to build an alliance between the three major post-secondary schools in Waterloo to overturn the subsection of the bylaw preventing the construction of "affordable, high-quality housing" in close proximity to the schools. Should this attempt fail, the Federation of Students will have to renegotiate their agreement with Grand River Transit on

the issue of a local bus pass.

The GRT presented WLUSU with its "universal pass program" back in 1995. This program would have incorporated a transit fee into the incidental fees paid by students. All full time students would have had to pay the fee, and in return they would be given an identification card and unlimited use of the bus system. This mandatory fee would be significantly less than the fee paid by individuals choosing to purchase a bus pass.

Previous data compiled by the GRT showed that approximately 1,500 trips to WLU were made on a daily basis on transit, while nearly 2,000 were made to U of W. Similar

programs with local transit companies have been established at five other major universities in Ontario: Western, McMaster, Guelph, Trent and Queen's.

While the possibility of a universal bus pass is at least as far in the future as February, the issue may be a hotly debated one. While students may object to paying a mandatory transit fee, a universal pass could alleviate some financial problems for off-campus students relying on daily transport. Moreover, the GRT's offer could be a helpful solution to some of the problems springing from the latest residence crisis.

Man slain in nearby parking lot

Stefan Sereda

Waterloo regional police are currently investigating the possible link between a nearby fight and a vicious neighbourhood homicide, the year's second. Detectives believe that there may be a connection between the dispute which took place a few blocks away and the violent beating of a 26 year old Mississauga man

Byeong Ju Lee, the victim of the violent crime, died in Sunnybrook Hospital late Tuesday night. Found in the parking lot of a Canadian Tire gas bar at the corner of Weber and Columbia at 3:20 am that morning, police believe Lee died from head injuries inflicted with a blunt object.

With no identified suspects and police still attempting to gather witnesses, detectives are now questioning whether or not a connection can be made between Lee's death and a disturbance in the nearby parking lot of an apartment building.

Staff Sgt. Adrian Darmon, head of the Waterloo Regional Police's homicide branch, affirmed that police have very little information regarding the slaying, and are attempting to retrace the victim's steps.

The apartment building, located at 332 Regina Street North, is about three blocks

from the Canadian Tire. According to local reports, the disturbance took place between 2 and 3:30 am on Tuesday. Lee was found by John Lane, a newspaper carrier for The Record, at 3:20.

Any link between the events is yet to be determined, and police are still uncertain as to whether or not a murder weapon was used. Homicide detectives are currently waiting on the results of an autopsy which took place in Toronto on Thursday.

Scant information is known by the police regarding Lee's reason for being in the parking lot, how long he was planning to stay in town, what his purposes in Waterloo were, whether or not he had familial or friendly connections here, and whether or not he was employed.

What is known is that Lee was single and had family living in Mississauga.

While little has been found connecting anyone to the crime scene, it is known that the victim was found lying face down without any shoes.

Prior to Lee's death homicide detectives began canvassing the area within one kilometre of the crime scene for witnesses. In addition, forensic officers gathered evidence from where Lee was found and tactical officers did a grid search of the area in an attempt to gather clues.

"Theories as to whether or not the slaying was drug or gang related remain open to exploration, police say."



This police truck on Regina and Hickory indicates the ongoing investigation into the death of Byeong Ju Lee.

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Though police do not believe that the public is at risk, it is recommended that citizens park near a street light, or have someone accompany them when entering a park-

ing lot at night. Police can not yet affirm if the slaying was a random act.

It is also asked of anyone with information about the slaying to call the police at 653-7700, ext. 766, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (1-800-222-8477).

Bag o' crime

MISCHIEF MON SEPT 09/02 - TUE SEPT 10/02

Person(s) unknown broke the glass panel in an exterior door on the west side of the Alvin Woods Building.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 MON SEPT 09/02 - TUE SEPT 10/02

Person(s) unknown stole a bike from the bike rack at the Peters Building.

MISCHIEF TUE SEPT 10/02 - WED SEPT 11/02

A University Place resident reported that person(s) unknown scratched his vehicle on both sides as well as the rear and hood of the car.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 TUE SEPT 10/02 - WED SEPT 11/02

Person(s) unknown gained access to a vehicle parked in lot 23 by cutting the convertible roof and removed a portable CD player.

CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON 0100 HRS FRI SEPT 13/02

WLU Officers and Waterloo Regional Police responded to a report that an individual had what appeared to be a length of pipe, and that the individual seemed very agitated.

The individual was located and identified as a WLU student. Another student was identified as also having the item in his possession at one point. The length of pipe was identified as being part of a table lamp and was seized by Regional Police.

The student originally in possession of the item had brought it from home when he heard of an altercation involving a friend. The student who was in final possession of the item had retrieved it from his friend in order to prevent an altercation. The matter will be forwarded to the Judicial Affairs Council.

MISCHIEF 0225 HRS FRI SEPT 13/02

A WLU student was apprehended when he was observed running overtop of a vehicle parked in lot 20. The matter will be forwarded to the Judicial Affairs Council.

MISCHIEF WED SEPT 11/02 - THU SEPT 12/02

Person(s) unknown smashed the rear window of a vehicle parked in lot 10. There was also some damage done to the roof of the vehicle.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 1700-2100 HRS FRI SEPT 13/02

Person(s) unknown broke into two lockers in the men's change room at the Athletic Complex and took personal belongings.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE 0255 HRS SAT SEPT 14/02

A vehicle which appeared to follow some WLU students into lot 13 was stopped and the occupants identified. The occupants indicated that they were "just cruising". They were identified and issued with written trespass notices.

FAIL TO REMAIN MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION 0250 HRS SUN SEPT 15/02

A report was received of a vehicle parked in lot 7 being struck by another vehicle which left the scene. Damage was to the left rear bumper of the parked vehicle.

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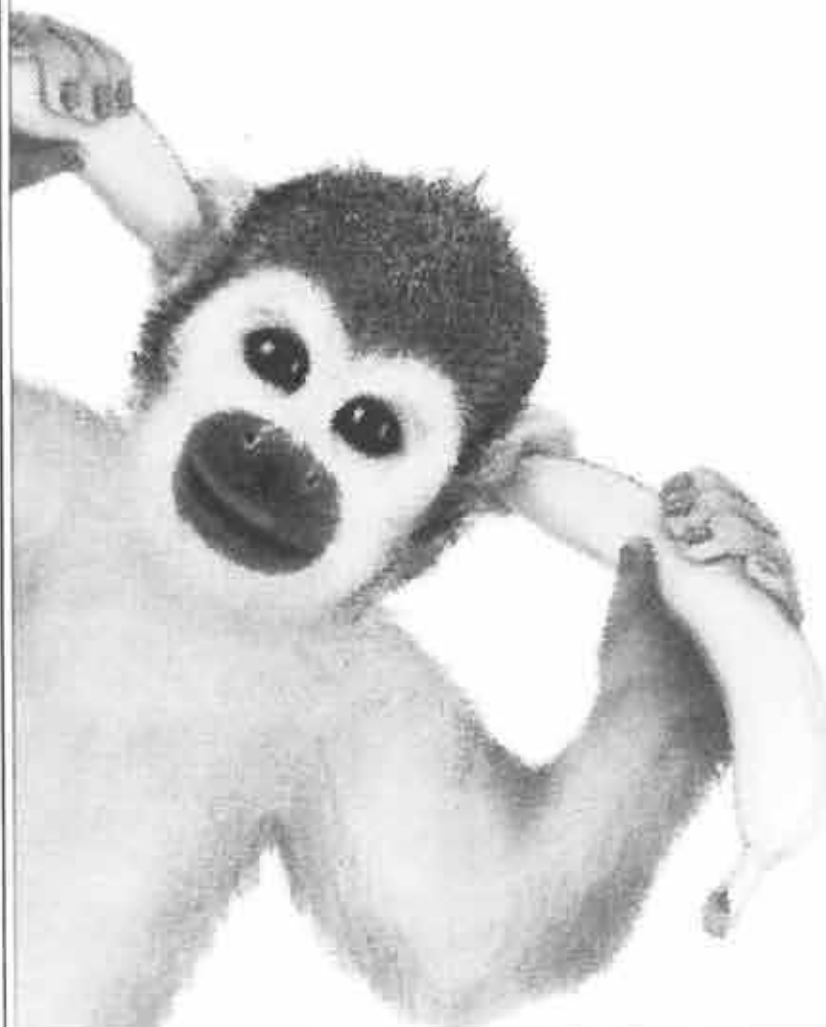
Cord EIC terminated

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Field says Sehdev was fired because he did not increase his office hours and help with advertising as requested numerous times. Moore counters that the office hours and help in advertising Field were looking for were unprecedented, as no other Editor-in-Chief had to do it, to which Field responds that other Editor in Chiefs were more available in general as well.

Maneesh was unavailable for comment at press time. A more detailed analysis of the firing and controversy surrounding it will be forthcoming next week.

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Services affected by the WLUSA strike

Academic Department Offices & Faculty Offices

- Administrative Assistants will not be working.

Athletics

- AC will be open
- Full-time Athletic Therapists will not be available
- Practices and games will continue as usual

Bookstore

- Staff are out on strike, but service has not been disrupted

Business Office

- May offer restricted hours to accomplish priority tasks

Counselling Services

- Three counselors will be in the office
- Emergency cases will be prioritized
- Will be providing daily walk-in service; there will be no appointments

Career Fair

- Buses will be loading on Seagram Drive near Rink in the Park on September 25th

Co-operative Education & Career Services

- Ensuring that placements are available for co-op students is a major priority for the Co-op Office. Placements will be available, but they may be delayed
- Staff will be out, students will still be working, so both offices will be open
- Service will be much slower than usual

Classes

- The University's insurance provides coverage for activities taking place on campus. Coverage is not provided for activities taking place off-campus, this includes classes

Dean of Students' Office

- Posters are being stamped in the WLUSU Offices on the 3rd Floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre

Health Services

- Two nurses will be on duty
- Service will be slightly slower
- Doctor's appointments will continue as usual
- There will be NO evening hours

HUB Information Desk

- Service will continue as usual

Information Technology Services

- One staff person will be in the office
- Service will be much slower than usual

ONE Card Office

- Service will be slightly slower

Parking

- There will be a several minute wait to get into parking lots on campus

Residential Services

- Will be largely unaffected
- Service in the office may be slower than usual

Registrar's Office

- There will be 5 staff on, normally there are 30-35
- Transcripts will still be processed
- Hours will be limited to 9:30am - 1:30pm

Labs/ Tutorials

- Some labs/ tutorials have been cancelled, others will continue as usual.

Special Needs

- The office normally has 9 staff, during the strike there will be one manager working
- Service will be very limited

Student Awards

- Service will be provided at the Registrar's Office wickets for the duration of the strike
- Hours will be limited to 9:30am - 1:00pm
- Deadlines will be accommodated

WLU Dining Hall & Food Services

- Service will proceed as normal
- Delivery trucks may choose not to cross the picket line, so food selection may become limited

WLU Security

- Will operate as normal

- Will not escort people through picket lines

Writing Centre

- Will be closed for the duration of the strike.

Laurier Library Services

Available

Limited service available in the library building (open 8:30-4:30):

- Course reserves
- Pickup of books and articles from Guelph, Waterloo received by Sept 13.
- Library registration (to check out books and use online resources)
- Access to books with call numbers beginning with H, M, or N (books with other call numbers and all journals will be unavailable until later in the term because of ongoing construction), Government Documents and Reference collections

- Archives and Special Collections (hours 8:30-12; appointments recommended)

- Computers for using the Library's electronic resources

- Book returns and renewals

Unavailable


- Interlibrary Loan
- Delivery of books and articles from Guelph, Waterloo, Brantford and the Annex
- Access to books with call numbers other than H, M, or N; access to print journals, microfilm and microfiche
- Payment of fines
- Photocopiers (Both second and third floor of the library have a photocopier available to students or photocopying can be done at the Hub)

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We're Watching You

WLUSA staffers have noticed a few new guests at their picket lines. WLU's administration has hired a security company to monitor the actions of picketers in major locations.

Far left, WLUSA members picket on University Avenue while one of the new security vans monitors their behaviour.

Left, a shot of the van with its two patrons and the video camera visible between them.

"I don't think we're doing anything wrong," said Susan of the registrar's office, picketing on Thursday. "They're looking for any infraction so they can have something."

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Shinerama and O-week:
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Upcoming Events:
WLUSU Applications DUE Sept. 20
The New Deal @ The Turret - Sept. 20
Homecoming - Sept. 20-22
Marketplace - Sept. 24-25
WLUSU Board Meetings Tuesdays at 5:30 in the WLUSU Boardroom

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Message from the President

Welcome back!!

I hope that everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to an exciting year here at Laurier. In an effort to keep everyone better informed as to what is happening on our campus, the Students' Union will be using this space throughout the semester to ensure that you know all the latest news and how it affects you. In addition if ever you have any questions or concerns please feel free to use our new email address:
student_comments@wlu.ca

Get Involved:
This week is WLUSU's Get Involved Week. Information on the different work and volunteer opportunities that are available in WLUSU will be available in the Hall of Fame all week long. Applications are due Friday September 20 by 12:00 pm.

WLUSA Strike:
Obviously this will be a big issue affecting the lives of students at Laurier. If you have any questions regarding the work action please contact the

Andy Pusharik
WLUSU President

Students' Union Offices located on the third floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Center. The Students' Union does not support work action of any kind that disrupts the lives of students and we will do our very best to ensure that your interests are heard and protected.

WLUSU Business Operations:
Over the summer WLUSU focused a great deal on our business operations. The Pita Shack has been re-configured, there are new menus at both the Golden Wok and Wilf's, and the NEW Turret is now in full operation. We look forward to your comments on these changes and any ideas you may have to help us better serve your needs.

I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you this year and ensuring that we continue to provide for your needs as a Students' Union.

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-Wilbur

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Integrity Impaired

Caitlin Howlett



Sports Editor

There are only two individuals who I have met at Laurier that from day one said to me without saying a word, I have integrity. I met one in my first year at Laurier, and the other only five months ago. They both showed me at different times over the course of our relationships that standing up for what they believe in was not a hard thing to do, and that worrying about the repercussions of their actions was a foolish thing to do. These two people shall continue to remain nameless, because they hopefully know who they are, but this is for them and all those who stand alone because they chose to.

The majority of Laurier students, as I see it, are exactly the same. They wear the same clothes, from the same stores, they listen to the same music and go to the same bars every week. Many are involved in some aspect of the school whether it is athletics, WLUSU, WLUSP, various campus clubs or food services. They sit in the same boring lectures, complain about professors who don't use PowerPoint and when it comes time to cross the Concourse, they say hi to the same people they said hi to the day before.

The small minority of students that do not fall completely into this category, have, believe it or not, a mind of their own. They have something that many students at Laurier lack, integrity. The ability to think, feel and say what they

believe in no matter what the repercussions may be. They respect one person and one person only, their self. They never once compromise what they believe in for the sake of someone else or something else. It might sound selfish, but what it comes down to is being responsible for you and who you are. Why should you sacrifice your morals for

Street and Bricker Avenue show a tremendous amount of integrity. They believe in something so strongly that they are willing to sacrifice virtually everything in order to maintain their sense of self respect and keep their sanity intact.

I also see integrity in yet another part of the student population who is a minority, the disabled. Take for example, the blind. Laurier is host to several visually impaired students, all with varying degrees of blindness. Every day these students must physically tackle a challenging campus terrain with the use of a cane or for the first year at WLU, seeing-eye dogs. For the typical Laurier student, the hardest thing about getting to class is getting there on time, but for visually impaired students, the most difficult aspect about getting to class is getting to class at all. Before the introduction of seeing-eye dogs on campus, I was always appalled to see visually impaired students struggling in the Concourse or Tork Room as typical Laurier students lacking any integrity or common sense, hurried by, never once stopping to aid them in any way.

In the end, it is up to the individual to decide whether or not they can show some integrity and uniqueness. I am elated to say that I have had the pleasure of working with several individuals at the Cord who represent individuality, uniqueness and integrity. I wish many of them were still here to guide the student population via their words about issues that surround us and affect us as university students. I hope that one day, it will not take a single event to illuminate the integrity of those around me, but that their integrity will be in a constant light.

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Why should you
sacrifice your
morals for someone
who does not
respect you in the
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someone or something who does not respect you in the same light you respect yourself?

In the last few weeks, I have been witness to several people who I deem to epitomize this thing called integrity. They are not obsessed with money, pop culture or Laurier. This same group of people made decisions that changed the course of their futures, but not once did they second guess themselves or the cause for which they stood either against or for. In many instances, these people not only showed that they would never compromise their integrity, but that proving a point was more important than something they belonged to, no matter how much blood, sweat and tears they put into it.

Not only do we see integrity in a small number of students, but in the staff as well. WLUSA members who are currently on the picket lines as I write this are exhibiting their adherence to their own moral code. Regardless of whether you as a student or faculty member feel the strike is necessary or not, these people who pace back and forth along University Avenue, King Street, Albert

LETTERS

I SUPPORT WLUSA

I support the WLUSA strike. I am sure you've heard all the arguments about wage increases versus cost of living increases, job security, etc., but there are other elements to take into account. These are elements that cannot be measured by a number on a pay stub or service bill. These are dedication and support. Having worked for a variety of departments on campus, and having been a student here for many years, I have learned that the employees of these departments have a dedication to their job beyond the call of duty. They are just as concerned for the reputational quality of the school as anyone else, whether student, faculty, or administration. They have given their careers to Laurier (some for decades). What dedication are they being offered in return? Four months notice before they're fired?

As a student operator I have experienced a very intellectual and supportive

environment, where people really care about each other. They want me to do a good job, they want me to be treated right, and they want me to get something out of working with them. They deserve to receive the same kind of support from those above them. The support staff at WLU make a major contribution to the reputation that this school rightfully boasts of being a place of learning and growing. Dedication and support are things that cannot be bought for cheaper

Ian Carruthers

WLUSA IS GOOD

Dear President Rosehart,
As a graduate student at Wilfrid Laurier in the second year of the MSW program, I am very concerned about the Staff Association strike. Mr. Butler states in the official press release on the Laurier website that students are the first priority and that the goal is to have us "incon-

venienced as little as possible." I have a problem with this. As a student I believe that a strong, healthy, respectful community on campus is the learning environment that I'm paying \$13,000 (in tuition alone) for. I am capable of appreciating the big picture rather than simply the "inconveniences" that I will surely encounter as our vital staff association members fight for their rights as employees of our University. With your salary you are clearly not alarmed at the reality that you can't obtain your OSAP right now, but let me assure you that if students truly were your first priority you would put "our" money where your mouth is and settle this strike in a respectful manner NOW. Each year graduate tuition goes up substantially and yet many staff association members haven't had a cost of living increase since 1997? I find that disturbing! Ensuring that employees who have worked for years to make Laurier a respected and well-run university are not phased out in lieu of the no-bene

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fits, contract crowd is the minimum respect due. When I graduate, I don't aspire to work at a public institution that operates far more like a corporation each and every day.

Instead of cramming every last money-ticket student you can into the school, and building so quickly that we don't even have access to ESSENTIAL resources such as the library, why don't you try to foster a strong work and study environment where students who are paying NOW can study with full services and reap the benefits we are paying more than enough tuition for NOW! I hope that the administration and student publications will provide a forum for students to voice their views on the current situation as it unfolds.

In solidarity with the members of WLUSA,

Naomi Ives
2nd year Masters of Social Work student

CAMPUS TRASH

Dear EIC:^w however you are,

I am writing with respect to certain areas on campus and the state they are left in after a full day of classes. Countless times I have made my way into the Torque Room after a night class only to find it littered with newspapers, food and debris from students who frequent it.

If students honestly expect the best from their campus and what it has to offer, then why on earth do they treat it so poorly. From

sections of the Star plastered to the seats of the couches in the Torque, to tables left strewn about in the Concourse or the teetering piles of garbage left overflowing on the trash receptacles, this campus is treated with poor disregard and so are the people who work to keep it clean.

I believe that some students, not all, but some, are naïve enough to think that the people they see maintaining areas such as the Torque Room who are commonly referred to as P, P & P, are responsible to pick up after their lazy-ass. This is simply not the case. Just like your mother told you she was not your maid, neither are any of the custodial staff who work hard to preserve the neatness and cleanliness of our campus.

I ask both the students and the faculty to think twice each time they depart from their seat in the Torque Room or bench in the Concourse and ask themselves, did I leave that empty Coke bottle on the floor or that

paper on the table? We all know how much we hate to clean up other people's mess, so instead of leaving it for someone else, do us all a favour and pick up after yourself.

Jenny Bricker
First year Communications Major

SATAN @ LAURIER

Dear Maneesh,

I was glad to read your opinion piece in the September 11th issue of the Cord titled Concourse a con. For two years I have been making numerous attempts to bring Satanists onto the campus, more specifically, into the Concourse.

I invite you to contact me personally.

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75 metres of hell

Sean Geobey



Welcome to September. At this time schoolwork is fairly light, the weather is still nice, the casual attitudes of summer have yet to wear off, and life is pretty good as a student.

Pretty good unless you're looking for housing that is.

Students living in Waterloo face a severe housing shortage, as any student currently being offered a basement closet for \$375/month can attest. Many houses available to students are overpriced, unsafe or both.

With the double cohort looming, it is natural that we ask what the City of Waterloo is doing about the situation. Well, the good news is that the City is doing something, the bad news is that they are making the situation worse.

Their greatest offense by far is what is commonly known as the "75 Metre Rule," which is a housing policy that covers most of Waterloo's residential space. According to this by-law, a house holding three or more students cannot be licensed within 75m of another licensed student house.

Since the 75 metres are measured from the edge of each property, this means that if you live in

a student house there can be no legal student houses next door to you, next door to your neighbours, across the street or behind you.

The 75 Metre Rule was instituted to prevent the emergence of student ghettos and to ensure that the city remained clean and comfortable for all its inhabitants. Its result has been the complete opposite. Landlords with monopoly power over the student housing market, due to their ownership of all the legal housing, either charge outrageously high rents or drive down their costs by ignoring vital repairs. Indeed, many landlords do both.

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Students trying to avoid the perils of regulated housing markets are instead forced to turn to illegal housing. Unlicensed and unregulated, these landlords face no inspections and are ultimately

accountable to no one. Besides, the typical student response to poor property conditions is to suck it up for eight months then find a new house.

Even if we move away from a house, its problems remain. These houses will remain fire-traps, ill-maintained, and forever be seen as ugly blots on our community landscape.

It would be easier to live as a student in the KW area if we had more choice in our housing, but the city insists on maintaining a by-law that enriches absentee landlords, all at the expense of students and the residents that live beside them.

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September 17, 2002

To The WLU Community,

As of September 12, 2002 the Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications Board of Directors (herein WLUSP BOD) has made the decision to terminate Maneesh Sehdev as Editor In Chief of the Cord Weekly.

After much deliberation and many attempts to deal with the situation at hand, it was decided by the WLUSP BOD that termination was in the best interests of all parties involved. The procedures followed were in accordance with the WLUSP by-laws and the Cord Constitution and are fully supported by the WLUSP BOD.

Due to these circumstances, publication of the paper will be delayed this week, but it is our every intent that the Cord will resume its regular production schedule. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the procedure that was followed please contact David Field, President, or Lynette Clarke, Chair of the Board of Directors. Thank you for your understanding and we will make continued efforts to keep the students of WLU informed of this situation.

Respectfully,

David Field

David Field
President, WLUSP

Lynette Clarke

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Chair of the Board of Directors, WLUSP

US attack on Iraq eminent

The White House will launch unprovoked attack regardless of diplomatic efforts

Alex Diceanu

Dick Cheney's recent admission that US forces will attack Iraq regardless of whether UN inspectors are allowed in Iraq or not, have dealt a severe blow to hopes of a diplomatic solution that might prevent another devastating war in the Middle East.

Although Cheney's comments were made recently, according to the Guardian, one of Britain's major newspapers, the White House had apparently taken the decision to launch an unprovoked attack regardless of any diplomatic efforts as far back as February 14th of last year. Quoting senior US officials, the paper reports that an unprovoked attack on Iraq would be precipitated by the American government provoking a crisis at the UN over the return of weapons inspectors to Iraq. One official is quoted as saying, "the White House will not take yes for an answer." President Bush's recent speech at the UN, followed by his government's bombing of Iraqi military installations immediately after Iraq's offer of unconditional access for weapons inspectors, seems to have set up this scenario.

America's blatant attempt to push the situation towards inevitable war has caused widespread condemnation and anger.

According to the same sources, the Guardian reported the US government would launch a campaign of sabotage and information warfare prior to any attack. Evidence of sabotage against Iraq has taken the form of increased bombing campaigns over Iraq's southern and northern no-fly zones, illegally imposed by the US and UK. There have already been over 35 bombing raids against Iraq this year, nine of them in the last month alone. The latest reported bombing raid involved anywhere between 70 to 100 planes.

Little is known about the ongoing campaign of information warfare against Iraq

However the administration's information warfare efforts have been directed at undermining attempts at a diplomatic solution and legitimizing an unprovoked attack on Iraq in the eyes of its own people as well as the international community.

Immediately after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks the White House attempted to link Iraq to the events by claiming a meeting had taken place in Prague prior to 9/11 between Mohamed Atta and an Iraqi official. However Czech officials quickly dismissed this claim. The White House then claimed Iraq might have been behind the anthrax attacks but this claim was also revealed to be false when the source of the anthrax turned out to be domestic.

The White House then decided to switch tactics and play the weapons of mass destruction (WMD) card claiming Iraq had undermined the UN weapons inspection programs and is close to building nuclear weapons therefore justifying a military assault. In response Iraq has made a number of diplomatic moves all of which have thus far been ignored or undermined.

For example, early in the summer, the American response to UN-Iraq talks was to "leak" news that the CIA had been authorized to capture or kill Saddam Hussein. The same tactic was used to undermine UN-Iraq talks in early July when yet another US war plan was "leaked" during negotiations. Perhaps most telling is the fact that in August, during its turn as president of the Security Council, the US refused to discuss the issue of weapons inspectors. On at least one occasion, an American bombing raid coincided with an Iraqi offer.

America's blatant attempt to push the situation towards inevitable war has caused widespread condemnation and anger. Nelson Mandela has stated that "the United States is a threat to world peace" while a respect former Labour MP in Britain has angrily called president Bush, "the most intellectually backward American president of my political lifetime, surrounded by advisers whose bellicosity is exceeded only by their political, military and diplomatic illiteracy."

The White House's assertion that Iraq is close to possessing nuclear weapons and hence presents an immediate threat has also been questioned and largely dismissed by a chorus of experts as well as by Washington's inability to provide any convincing evidence.



Inspectors like the one pictured above could be in Iraq with in days

As recently as September 11, 2002, the New York Times reported that the Pentagon lacks accurate information regarding Iraq's weapon capabilities. A study carried out by the International Institute for Strategic Studies which raised the possibility of Iraq obtaining WMDs in a few months has been dismissed as "speculative and meaningless" by former weapons inspector, Scott Ritter. Current UN chief weapons inspector Hans Blix has also said there is not a strong case against Iraq in regards to WMD.

Evidence seems to support their assertions. The International Atomic Energy Association has declared Iraq nuclear-free. The Gulf War destroyed much of Iraq's infrastructure and military capabilities and the UN embargo has since prevented Iraq from rebuilding. Further, despite Iraqi interference, over 90% of Iraq's WMD were destroyed by weapons inspectors before the inspection team was pulled out in light of evidence that the US had used the team to carry out spy operations against Iraq. Perhaps the most telling evidence comes from former US Secretary of Defense William Cohen who, in a briefing to president Bush prior to taking office, advised Bush that "Iraq poses no threat to its neighbors" or the US.

Most recently, the White House's inability to convince the world that Iraq presents an immediate threat has caused the administration to shift tactics again and argue that war against Iraq is justifiable on the simplistic grounds that Saddam Hussein is an evil person and thus "regime change" is required. Dick Cheney's admission that "regime change" and not weapons inspectors is the goal of the US government signaled this change in strategy. US officials have since bombarded the media with facts regarding Saddam Hussein, numerous

domestic and international crimes.

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However, a brief look at Iraq's history reveals that most of Saddam Hussein's crimes were carried out with active US support including the gassing of Kurdish civilians in northern Iraq and the use of chemical weapons against Iranian troops causing the death of over 50,000 Iranian soldiers. A 1994 US Senate Committee found that "the US provided the government of Iraq with 'dual use' licensed materials which assisted in the development of Iraqi chemical, biological and missile-system programs..."

Critics point out that although the US had condemned Iraq for consistently undermining international law and pursuing WMD, the US has yet to support the International Criminal Court, has consistently broken international law including the most basic of human rights and it continues to retain one of the largest WMD arsenals in the world. In light of these facts and according to the US's own criteria, it would seem that Washington has unwittingly offered itself as an appropriate target for regime change.

WORLD WATCH

MIDDLE EAST

Israeli troops continue to surround Yasser Arafat's compound in the West Bank, Ramallah. This was in retaliation to the suicide attack in Tel Aviv that has left six dead. Already two large explosions have been reported from within the compound and one of the buildings that was demolished is said to be directly behind Arafat's current location in the compound.

The Israeli military has made no com-

ment, while soldiers patrol the streets making access to Arafat's office virtually impossible. During Thursday evening, approximately 20 Palestinians wanted by Israeli authorities surrendered, but the army is demanding that more figures surrender.

WASHINGTON

President George W. Bush will meet with Russian foreign and defense ministers at the White House to secure military support

against Iraq. Bush is requesting a UN resolution to establish a deadline for Saddam Hussein to comply with UN demands, but Russia has rejected the idea of US force against Baghdad. Sources suggest that Bush will be forced to offer some sort of economic incentive to persuade the Russians.

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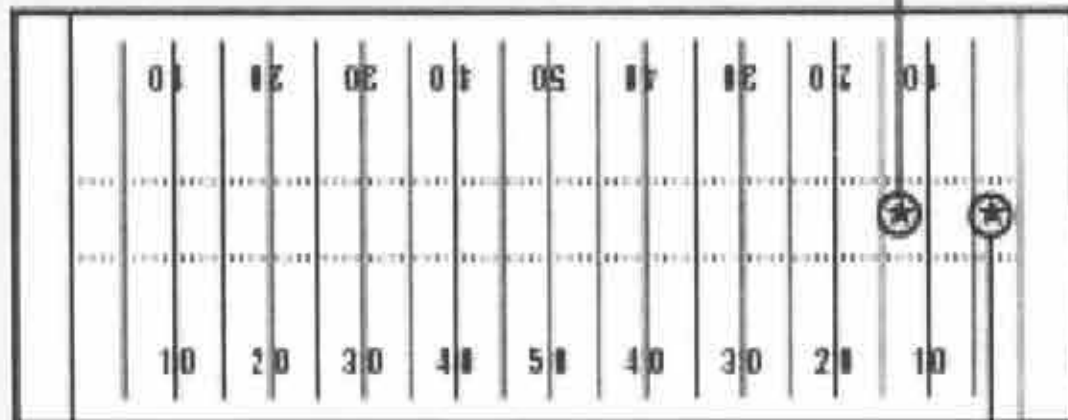
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Many students have one of these in their wallets. But what do they not know?

Amy Wright

For four months this past summer, I worked in the Business and Strategy Department of one of Canada's largest banks. This department researches credit card competitors, and comes up with new and inventive ways to match or exceed the products and services offered.

I had the opportunity to learn a great deal about the manner in which the credit card industry operates, and how exactly the companies make their money.

If you're considering obtaining a credit card, or already have one, there are catches and loopholes about which you are probably unaware - as they are usually included in the small print. This is where credit card companies make their money; consumers are swayed by very low interest rates and sign up for cards without fully understanding the terms of the agreement. Here are just a few of the well-hidden fees that may be causing you to lose more and more money, just for maintaining or signing up for a credit card.

I didn't sign for this!

Monthly Maintenance Fees: Rather than charging an annual fee, some credit card lenders choose to impose a monthly fee, ranging from \$6 to \$12 a month. While most people are not overly concerned with \$6 a month, this monthly fee is actually totalling \$72 a year, which in some circumstances may add up to more than an annual fee.

Cash Advance Fees: Cash obtained from an ATM machine using a credit card is considered a loan and you will be charged interest as soon as this money is withdrawn. In addition, you will be charged a transaction fee from both your own financial institution, as well as the bank that owns the ATM machine.

amount, you will be charged a late payment fee. Again, your interest rate can be raised or your card cancelled.

Deceptive Ad Scams: The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has recently begun to take action against companies who are deceptively promoting their credit cards. Such advertisements often make it appear that all the consumer needs to do is make a phone call to receive a credit card. This number is most usually a 1-900 number, a call for which the consumer will be charged. The consumer is asked to give her name and address, and is given a list of banks offering the credit card. Often, she is referred to another 1-900 number to obtain more information.

Deceptive advertisements often leave out crucial information such as: the cost of the phone call, the required security deposit, application and processing fees, and eligibility requirements.

Balance Transferring: Competing credit card companies will often send consumers a blank cheque, offering them the opportunity to transfer any current credit card balances to their own credit card. For example, Royal Bank Visa many send consumers blank cheques, and offer them the chance to transfer their BMO MasterCard balance to a Royal Bank Visa. Consumers are often persuaded by the very low introductory interest rates that are offered. These are known as teaser rates. The

teaser rate is usually between 6 and 7 percent, but after a month or so, increases to a much higher rate. More often than not, consumers are not made aware of the fact that the low interest rate will rise. In addition, there are often application and processing fees about which the consumer is not made aware.

Subprime Lending: Federal authorities in the United States are beginning to take an increased interest in various credit card companies whose portfolios contain a high number of subprime borrowers. Accused of its "predatory" nature, a subprime lender preys on consumers who have poor credit ratings or whose financial picture doesn't fit in with government-backed funding or conventional loans. Cards issued to subprime consumers have exorbitant interest rates, and often serve to keep consumers trapped in the cycle of debt. The Office of Thrift Supervision has begun to investigate several credit card companies who appear to be targeting mostly subprime customers.

What you can do:

It is important to remember that as a consumer, you have options. You should shop around and compare cards before committing to any credit card company. Here are some important things to remember about owning or selecting a credit card.



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- Make sure you understand a plan's terms before you accept the card.
- Hold on to receipts to reconcile charges when your bill arrives.
- Protect your cards and account numbers to prevent unauthorized use.
- Draw a line through blank spaces on charge slips so the amount can't be changed.
- Tear up carbon copies.
- Keep a record - in a safe place, separate from your cards - of your account numbers, expiration dates and the phone numbers of each issuer to report a loss quickly.
- Carry only the cards you think you'll

use.

Signs of a scam

To avoid being victimized, look for the following signs:

Σ Offers of easy credit. No one can guarantee to get you credit. Before deciding whether to give you a credit card, legitimate credit providers examine your credit report.

Σ A call to a '900' number for a credit card. You pay for calls with a '900' prefix and you may never receive a credit card.

Σ Credit cards offered by "credit

repair" companies or "credit clinics." These businesses also may offer to clean up your credit history for a fee. However, you can correct genuine mistakes or outdated information yourself by contacting credit bureaus directly. Remember that only time and good credit habits will restore your credit worthiness.

I'm a victim!

If you are having difficulties paying your credit card bills, or are experiencing debt troubles, you may want to consider contacting a credit counselling serv-

ice. These counsellors will try to arrange a re-payment plan that is acceptable for you and your creditors. Counsellors will also help you to set up a realistic budget. These services are available for little to no cost. In Waterloo, an accredited credit counselling agency can be reached at the Catholic Family Counselling Centre. Call 743-6333 or visit <http://www.catholic-family.ca/creditcounsel.htm> for more information.

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Service Dogs at Laurier



Jeevan and Jessica take their picture with their black poodle and Labrador.

Jeevan Bains

For three students, the beginning of a new academic year also ushers the start of a new stage in their lives. Two completely blind students, Jessica Tuomela from Sault Ste. Marie, and myself, from Oshawa,

received their first guide dogs this summer.

Susan lives with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and utilizes her service dog, a three year old Irish Setter, in dealing with her dissociative episodes. Jessica, a first year student, has a twenty-one month-old black Labrador. I have an eighteen-month-

old black standard poodle. All three of us agree that our level of independence has greatly improved since the dogs have come into our lives.

Since these dogs are new to the job of guiding, it is important that a strong bond develops between them and their owners, so that they can become a successful team.

It is important for the public to understand that these dogs are a crucial part to the lives of the two other women and myself here at Laurier. They are working dogs with jobs to do. If you see them on campus, we ask that you please respect what they are doing by following a few rules.

Rule 1. No petting^W without permission.

When a service dog is in harness it is considered a working dog. A working dog should never be petted or talked to, as this will cause distractions for the dog. These distractions can put the dogs and owners' lives in danger. If you speak to the dog while it is taking its owner up a flight of stairs or across the street, the dog can become distracted, resulting in a possible accident. I personally know this for a fact and it is extremely painful.

Rule 2. Never feed a guide dog.

Service dogs are not allowed to have any human food because it can cause health problems. Feeding guide dogs could also lead to them begging for food

and thus they would not be allowed in food establishments.

Rule 3. Giving directions.

Sometimes it will be necessary to give Jessica or myself directions. It is imperative to give the directions to the owners and not the dogs. The dog is trained to listen only to their master. If you give the dog directions you could be confusing both dog and human.

"I know that people are afraid to ask if I need help," Jessica remarks, "but I don't mind as long as you ask before dragging me off somewhere."

We all appreciate when people assist us, but there are times when we are unaware of the help. I think it's really nice when someone holds the door open, but it makes it easier when the person tells us they're holding the door. It is possible that we will open our own door because we don't know.

We are aware that the dogs are the cutest dogs in the world and the temptation to break these rules is very tempting, but you will be making our lives, as well as the dogs', much easier if you abide by them. Please let us and any dog owners know if you see anyone breaking these rules, and feel free to ask questions about the dogs.

"This dog is not only my best friend, she is my eyes too. Both Jeevan, Sue and I rely on them to keep us safe," says Jessica.

WLUSA strike: a student's perspective

Nicole Wilker

Students around Laurier are left dazed, confused and searching for answers. We have little information given to us regarding the WLUSA strike, and what information we are allowed is not relevant to what we need. The handout that I received from picketers earlier this week was in regards to Article 3.8. However, this particular article does not shed any light for those of us left in the dark about the situation as a whole.

What I as a student, one that is paying excessively high tuition, want to know is how this is going to effect us in the next little while or even in the long-term scope of things.

Throughout the week, we as students have had to adjust our schedules and various aspects of our lives to compensate for the strike. Coming from off campus, I have encountered the picketers and watched the pile up of cars arriving on campus. Delays have not stopped there, however. The Registrar's Office, which has been known for its endless lineups, has only gotten worse. If you did not get your OSAP or course selection done before this week, good luck. Anxiety and anticipation also grow large for those students, like myself, waiting "till further notice" to find out about their co-op acceptance.

The frustration continues to extend outside of the picket lines as it intensifies within the classrooms. Photocopies, unavailable class web sites and handouts, are pebbles in our shoes as compared to the rock known as textbooks. The real annoyance is getting to the bookstore and locating the shelf where your beloved course package should be, only to find that it's not in, and perhaps will never come at all. This is enough to drive someone over the edge into

insanity. Many students are feeling agitated over the constant obstacles such as these that are brought on by the strike.

Patience and tempers have also run thin for students needing to sign up for placements within courses. As Emily Kentner, a second year English student found out, her placement portion for her Educational Psychology course is worth 25% of her final grade. At first with the strike, she believed that this portion of her mark would be lost due to the fact that they could no longer sign up for a placement. Professors, along with students, also have to adjust with the strike.

The class will now be volunteering for only one day of the semester. "It's disappointing" says Kentner, "one of the reasons why I took this course was to gain experience from the placement, and now we only get a small taste of what it is like."

With this inconvenience, many students are taking matters into their own hands and finding their own volunteer placements to compensate for the loss of opportunity.

Perhaps many students will agree with me that the most irritating part of this is the lack of knowledge. There are sources where we can go to gain more understanding, but is what we are hearing truth or rumor? It is also a let down that there are services, which we are still currently paying for, that remain unavailable at this moment.

As the strike drags out, frustration is building within the student population. We can only hope that the student services we've paid for in our long list of tuition fees will soon be up and running. Through the commotion and static, the main concern of the students is getting their education.



Signs like this do little to inform students about the WLUSA labour dispute.

You gotta be shattin' me!

-In Albania, nodding your head means "no" and shaking your head means "yes."

-The guinea pig is from South America, not Guinea, and it is a rodent, not a pig.

-It is illegal to plow a field in North Carolina with an elephant.

-Bruce Lee was the 1958 Cha-Cha champ of Hong Kong.

-Charlie Chaplin once entered a "Charlie Chaplin Look-alike" contest while visiting Monte Carlo, and did not win - he only placed third.

-Donald Duck comics were banned from libraries in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

-The most popular sheet-music song of all time was *Yes, We Have No Bananas*.

-You're just as likely to die by falling out of bed as you are to get struck by lightning: each is a 1 in 2 000 000 chance

-A giraffe can kill a lion with one kick.

-Compiled by Jen McDonald



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Survivor: The Phenomenon

Melissa Allen

In its fifth season, the Survivor/ reality tv phenomenon is still alive and kicking – per-hzzzaps even stronger than ever, contrary to the belief of critics everywhere who were convinced that this television fad would die out in a couple of seasons, max.

With a slew of new and returning reality-based TV shows including Temptation Island, The Bachelor, Meet the Parents, The Osbournes, and now, Survivor 5:Thailand, television viewers are still not sick of reality tv but the question is why? Why are we still so incredibly fascinated with watching couples fool around on each other, millionaires picking and choosing women like a pair of shoes, and 'ordinary' American citizens starving themselves for one million dollars (before taxes)? Have these big broadcasting networks found the weakness in human



"The pretty blonde"

nature in the form of voyeurism and are they exploiting this weakness to the fullest extent? Or have we just found a formula in reality-based programming that works?

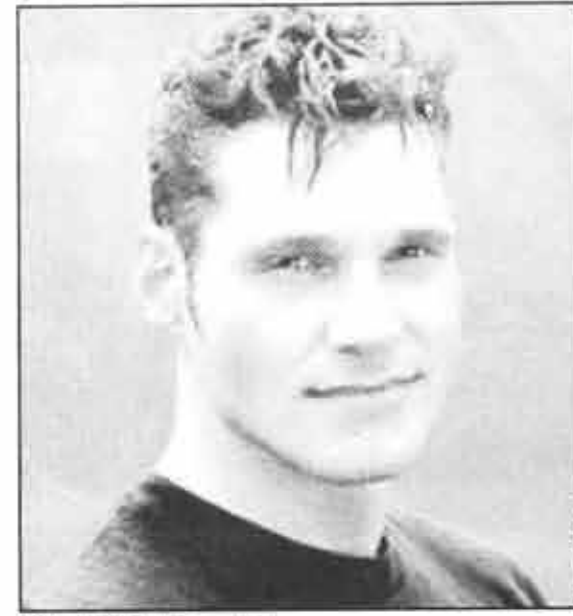
In Survivor 5:Thailand, there does not seem to be any major changes in the basic composition of the individuals that make up the initial 16 survivors, chosen from an estimated 50,000 applicants. In the debut episode, which aired last night at 8pm on CBS, the cast consisted of the usual generic cast-types that viewers seem to identify with: there's Ghandia, a secretary, age 33 from Denver, CO who is "the token black woman" with an afrocentric hairdo; there is Jed, a dental student, age 25 from Dallas, TX; Ken, a police officer, age 30, from New York, NY; and Robb, a bartender, age 23, from Scottsdale, AZ, who all fit nicely in the role of survivor "heartthrob." Jake, a land broker, age 61 from McKinny TX is the "lovable old guy," and Penny, a pharmaceutical salesper-



"The Used Car guy"

son, age 27 from Plano, TX, who falls into the role of "the pretty blonde" and will no doubt charm viewers and boost ratings. These aforementioned contestants from the previous season are reminiscent of Vecepia, Gabriel, Paschal, and Neleh, respectively, filling the type-casted roles found to be most popular in the Survivor series.

Last year, Survivor 4: Marquesas drew 25.6 million viewers. In this year's edition, with the typical combination of the vastly differing personalities of each character and the plentitude of eye-candy, producers and the CBS network are hoping Survivor 5: Thailand will continue the tradition of strong Survivor ratings. Another key to the success of Survivor is the soap opera-like quality of the series. Producers of the show purposely select contestants with strong personalities in order to ensure that conflict arises from interaction between contestants. Laurier students found watching Survivor



"The NY Police guy"



"The First Asian Contestant"

5:Thailand in the 24 Hour Lounge of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre building were asked what they found to be the most appealing about the series. "I can't stand Survivor" said Ed, a fourth year business student. "But every where I go, people are always watching it" he added. "I like to see the camaraderie that's between team members" said Esmerelda, a first year geography student.

It is evident that the spectator and soap opera element to the show is indeed a key factor that is keeping longtime viewers of the Survivor series hooked, but is Survivor running out of steam in competition with new and returning reality-based television programs? Sit back and watch...or not.

Entertainment Editor Melissa Allen enjoys typing on messenger for several hours at a time and eating pizza.

Turret gets a facelift

Wayne Money

Like many students returning to Wilfrid Laurier this September yours truly is looking forward to many late nights of what else? Partying! And with the recent renovations the campus nightclub the Turret this year is looking better all the time.

In the early months of last year the Wilfrid Laurier Students Union decided it was time to again renovate the nearly 25 year old campus nightclub. In April the motion was passed and a budget was set of \$400,000 to renovate the top floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Center. Eventually the engineering firm of McKay & Wong was given the go ahead and the actual renovation were done by Winnen Construction, and although the final numbers have yet to be tallied it looks as if they came in way under budget. Which is good for all us students, since the students are the ones who ultimately fund all projects undertaken by the Students Union.

So far this year the initial response both by students and staff alike seems to be positive, more students are coming to the Turret and sales appear to be up over the same weeks during last years first three weeks. Chris Stanley – the Turret's manager for the past 2 years, a student at Laurier himself in the early 90's was here when the Turret originally became a nightclub. Stanley is not surprised by the

recent turnout and increase in sales, "The Turret is one of the best looking clubs in the area, not to mention it is close to all the students and the profits go back to the students themselves.

Although no major problems have yet to arise this semester both the students as well as the staff are adjusting to the roomier nightclub. Although no new bars have been added the congestion around the watering spots seems to have declined slightly, and the old dirty bars have been completely removed and replaced by new and classier looking bars reminiscent of a Toronto club. The railings that used to enclose the Turret's dance floor have been scraped in favor of a new open concept in which the dance seems like it never ends.

Although the changes were only cosmetics changes there is definitely a new atmosphere emanating from the Turret, and from the response thus far the Turret is looking at a very prosperous year. As for myself I think the renovations give the Turret a touch of class which it previously lacked and will be spending many a night stumbling home from the Turret.

Wayne Money is a freelance journalist who has no real affiliation with the Cord. He likes to hang out in the office, sit on the chairs and sleep on the couch.

Play that funky music

Jennifer Asselin

Spinning, beat boxing, break dancing, scratching, what's with the strange lingo?! The DJ Spin-off is what it's all about.

As many of you might have heard during a recent promotional stint by Radio Laurier, the DJ Spin-off is coming back to the Laurier campus in full force.

For the third consecutive year, students can take part in this fantastic collision of music and creativity.

As Shem Conover-Arthurs, Executive of Productions for Radio Laurier said, "There's a competition involved but it's also about having a lot of fun."

This year, the radio station decided to "change it up a little," as Shem explained. Because of the past successes of the event, instead of having only 1 competition in the year, there will now be 2 chances for students to get involved. The first of the Spin-off's is to take place on October 16 in the Concourse.

The competition is basically open to all interested students who play vinyl or, if you're not down with the lingo 'Homie G,' records. This means that there are no CDs or other such tools allowed. Some experience on turntables is also essential.

However, Shem stressed throughout the interview, "You do not have to be the best...Do it to support Radio Laurier and definitely for the fun of it."

The number of contestants varies as to how many students are interested. In past years there have been at least a dozen par-

ticipants, making it a good show for not only those who are involved but for those who are passing by as well.

Essentially, the contest is centered on 5-10 minute sets of the DJ's handy work. The contestants are then judged and a winner is chosen.

Prizes are yet to be determined, but they do include a plaque with the winner's name inscribed.

Students are encouraged to not only come out to participate but to watch the excitement unfold as well.

The events will not only play host to spinning but also raises hopes in Radio Laurier to include both beat boxing, recreating music beats with the use of vocal cords and such, as well as break dancing.

But the Spin-off is not the only event to get involved in this year. The radio station will also be holding a Battle of the Bands in October. As well, the 50-Hour Marathon will take place again this year in order to raise money for an international student to come to Laurier. Over all this event proved to be very effective, as radio personalities are on air for 50 hours, sleeping over in the studio and having fun with the listeners.

You can listen to the station throughout the Concourse as well as by logging on to www.radiolaurier.com. Although the new listening schedule is not posted yet, you can still tune in on what's happening at the station.

If you want anymore information about the competition or any of the other events mentioned, feel free to stop by Radio Laurier, located next to the WLU Bookstore.

ear candy



An Ordinary Day in an Unusual Place
Us3
3 1/2 out of 5 stars

This is alright. Jazzy funky group behind that 'Canteloop' song from, like, grade 8. You remember that one with the 'Dip trip/ Flip fantasia' lyric and all the trumpet work. More of the same here, although to better effect, I would argue. Lots of fun jazz grooves with four on the floor-style beats and decent lyrics. The songs switch between jazz diva vocals and an MC called Michelob. His flow is kind of patchy in places, but on a

lot of tracks it seems to fit better that way. The sound ranges from full-on jazz ensemble bits to Massive Attack-style grooves, albeit with piles of horns and the occasionally indulgent sitar (jeez, is that a sitar again?). Michelob wants to be serious, but all I want to do is party.

I remember one time in high school someone threw on 'Canteloop' and my pal Skippy started dancing around all drunk trying to sing along and screwing up all the words. He was saying stuff like 'Dip shit/ Disney's fantasia,' and then I think he bailed and cut himself on a banister. I can see the same sort of thing happening with this record if anyone has the foresight to buy it. 'You Can't Hold Me Down' is the single, and rightfully so, since it sounds like 'Canteloop.' But, the whole record is entertaining, even though I can't immediately think of a proper use for it, other than cleaning my room. It'll come. Give it a listen.

Michael Millard



Eve-olution
Eve
4 out of 5 stars

After the success of her premier album Let There Be Eve... Ruff Ryders' First Lady, followed by her sophomore hit Scorpien, rapper Eve is back with her 3rd album Eve-olution. For this latest album, Eve has brought with her an entourage of celebrity guest appearances including Truth Hurts, Alicia Keys, Snoop Dogg and Nate Dogg, as well as Jadakiss.

Over all, the style of hip hop that domi-

nates this album is the style of hip hop that is most popular at the moment, minus the cash money/bling bling/excessive sexual inuendo found on most other mainstream hip hop albums. In fact, one might even say that Eve is an independent, modern woman, as observed by the 11th track, entitled "Satisfaction" in which she defends her success with pride and lyrical style: Just because I had to make it happen/They never thought that I would make it rappin'/ Anything I need/ Gotta have it, bet I'm gonna grab it. On the 15th track, "As I Grow", Eve talks about the struggles she has faced growing up and making it to the top. In "Irresistible Chick", Eve shows off her talent to the fullest extent with smooth lyrical flow, which is especially impressive against the fast and funky beats produced by Irv Gotti for Top Dawg Productions. Other notable tracks include "Hey Y'All", and the chart-topping single "Gangsta Lovin'", already getting plenty of play time at the local bar/club.

With a role in the new feature film XXX and a fashion line Fetish on the verge of debuting, Eve is evolving – into a powerful force in the entertainment industry.

Melissa Allen

The New Deal

New Progressive Rock Band performs at the Turret Friday



DJ Logic calls The New Deal "kraftwerk for the new millenium."

Stefania Di Girolamo

All music is live music, or at least it should be according to members of The New Deal, a band whose foundation rests firmly on its live act.

The New Deal, whose explosive growth since their formation in 1999 has given acclaim to their live performance, will be bringing their unique music style to WLU.

On Friday September 20th, the Turret will be the next stop for a band whose past tours have included performances with jazz legend Herbie Hancock, Phish's Page McConnell, and Moby's Area One tour.

Classified as "new progressive," bandmates Dan Kurtz, Darren Shearer, and Jamie Shields combine their talents on drums, bass and keyboard to create a sound described as "the kraftwerk for the

new millenium" by DJ Logic. The New Deal breaks electronic music etiquette by refusing to use samplers, sequencers or turntables in their live shows or albums.

Furthermore, the band has built their own mobile recording unit to capture the sound and energy from their live performances. The band's new self-titled album was recorded live to capture the vigor of their live performance. "[On the album] you can hear the energy still," says Shields. "Live performance is key, and I think down the line it will always be key."

The New Deal's talent has already put them on the Jive record label, so be sure to check them out when they come your way. And once again, The New Deal will be capturing the magic that takes place that evening, so be prepared to help create a piece of history.

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Third time's a charm

Football falls to Western as post season dreams fade

Derek Iwanuk

There are certain rivalries in sport that make athletics so special to watch. Such rivalries include Ohio State versus Michigan, Army versus Navy or the Maple Leafs versus the Canadians. When you know that the two teams competing despise each other completely, this makes the game much more compelling to watch and tends to attract more excited fans to the game. In these parts, it is Laurier and Western that have established a heated rivalry. The schools show no love loss. On Friday the 13th, Western and Laurier met in another epic showdown, with the Mustangs edging out the Hawks 20-17 at University Stadium.

Kicker Ed Becker got the Hawks on board first, placing a perfect kick out of the end zone to give the Hawks a 1-0 lead, just after kickoff. The Hawks' defense was solid in the early part of the first quarter, holding Western to three downs on their first offensive series and recording a sack on their second.

However, it was the Mustangs that struck the first major blow. Western quarterback Chris Hessel, hooked up with wide receiver Greg Ross on a 48-yard touchdown pass midway through the first quarter.

The Hawks' defense tightened up as the game progressed. Laurier managed to keep Western out of the end zone for the rest of the

first half, giving up only a lone field goal before halftime.

The Hawks' offence, however, was practically non-existent in the first half. Failed scoring opportunities, dropped passes and numerous penalties cost Laurier and resulted in the Hawks' demise. The half ended with Western achieving a comfortable 10-2 lead over the Hawks.

The second half began with the Golden Hawks digging themselves deeper into a hole. With only five minutes gone in the second half, Hessel hooked up with fullback Michael Bonk on a 5-yard touchdown pass, giving Western a commanding 17-2 lead. As the third quarter ended, the momentum was clearly on the Mustangs' side.

As the fourth and final quarter began, so too, did the Laurier offence. Like Lazarus, the offence came back from the dead, as quarterback Ryan Pyear ripped off a 48-yard run to place the Hawks at the Mustangs' one-yard line. From there, running back Bryon Hickey pounded in the one-yard touchdown to bring the Hawks back within eight points.

Laurier's defenders held Western to a minimum amount of offence in the fourth quarter, allowing the Hawks' defense to shine once more. With time running out in the game, Laurier mounted one last offensive push.

Pyear moved the Hawks up the field with some key passing. Only 2:42 remaining in regulation time,



While this lone individual poses for the camera, the rest of the team turns around to focus on their losing streak

Pyear hit first year wide receiver Joel Wright for a 12-yard touchdown pass to bring the score to 17-15. Being down by two, Laurier needed a successful two-point conversion in order to send the game into overtime. The Hawks got their wish, as Pyear worked with Andrew Agro for the two-pointer to tie the game at seventeen. At this point, the game rested on the shoulders of the defense.

A penalty sent the Mustangs to start at their own 15-yard line. However, the weary Laurier defense was on its last legs. Hessel orchestrated an impressive 90-yard drive in less than two minutes. The game was sealed when Western kicker Nick Spasic, chipped in an easy 3-yard field goal to give the Mustangs a 20-17 lead with only 15

seconds left.

Pyear tried desperately to deliver a miracle, but failed as a Hail Mary pass came up short. After the game there was an unpleasant but familiar look of a team frustrated by coming so close to winning, but not close enough.

When questioned about the possibility of Laurier missing the playoffs, Head Coach Rick Zmich responded positively: "I'm absolutely 100% sure that we will make the playoffs."

Zmich also commented on Laurier's revitalized offence in the second half: We feel a lot better about the offence. We have quite a few young guys out there, like Pyear and Derek Medler [running back], who can contribute to this football team. The defense has

been patient with them. It looks like the offence is starting to catch up."

Although the Hawks have a 0-3 record, all the losses have been three points or less. With what appears to be a recharged offence, combined with a solid veteran defense, the Golden Hawks look to climb back into the top of the standings. The first rung of the ladder comes Saturday, September 21st when the Golden Hawks take on the University of Toronto Varsity Blues at University Stadium during Homecoming weekend.

Veteran Cord Sports writer Derek Iwanuk enjoys frequenting the Turret and stealing the bar tips which he refers to as "spilled coins."

Laurier women's soccer gets wet, wet, wet

Bernard Davison

The thought of a wet t-shirt contest excited the small crowd at University Stadium when the rain began to fall during the Wilfrid Laurier women's soccer season opener on Sunday September 15, 2002.

The Golden Hawks successfully handled a speedy U of T squad, surviving early pressure from the Blues with strong defensive play and hard work in the midfield area. The Hawks' tight defense paid dividends when a commanding Laurier midfield began to force the play into the U of T defensive zone.

Laurier 2, Toronto 1

The Hawks' counterattack was rewarded after twenty-five minutes of play in the first half, when midfielder Tammy Scurr took advantage of sloppy goal-mouth defense by the Blues to make the score 1-0. Laurier continued to pressure the U of T defense, and added to their lead when rookie forward Kyla Rutherford beat the Blues' goalkeeper with a powerful kick at the 40-minute mark. Laurier took a two-goal lead into halftime as the heavens opened.

Rain pouring down around them, the

Hawks managed to tighten up defensively to protect their lead. The Blues, who tried to mount their own counterattack, were unable to move the ball against the Hawks in the midfield. The Blues began to look for the long ball, trying to get their quick forwards into the game again. This change in tactics resulted in a few scoring chances for the Blues, but they were unable to convert any into goals.

Laurier's bid for a shutout was foiled by a late U of T goal in the eighty-eighth minute of play to cut the Hawks' lead to one. However, the Blues were unable to create any more scoring opportunities in the final few minutes of the game and the match ended with a 2-1 victory for the Golden Hawks.

Laurier played an impressive game, despite the rain that saturated the field for the entire second half. Associate Coach Mario Halapir said that the Hawks, "dealt well with the speed of U of T," and was pleased with the "positive results against a competitive opponent." The Golden Hawks were unbeaten in the preseason, defeating UQTR 4-1.

The defensive and midfield units of the Hawks played very well in the second half, as the team settled back to defend their two



These girls look like they are straight out of the Karate Kid...but they are not.

goal lead. The Hawks controlled the play for the larger part of the game and were able to pressure the Blues and reduce the number of scoring chances.

The Laurier forwards forced the U of T defenders into making mistakes in their own end. The result of one of these mistakes was Scurr's opening goal for the Hawks.

Overall the team played a solid game in all areas of the field, to earn a victory over U of T. The Hawks will now travel north for games against Laurentian and Nipissing. The Golden Hawks' next home game is September 28th, when they play host to Windsor at University Stadium.

Men's soccer sends the Blues home crying

Derek Yanuk

Hoping to rebound from an exhibition loss to UQTR, the Laurier Golden Hawks men's soccer team was looking for a big win against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues last Sunday, in what was a rematch of last year's OUA semi-final game.

Excellent defense early on in the game would open things up offensively for Laurier. The Hawks drew first blood early in the game when rookie midfielder Nicholas Blicharski, knocked in a rebound to score his inaugural collegiate goal. Veteran standout Niki Budalic got the scoring opportunity started with a nice free kick, allowing Blicharski to capitalize with the goal.

Like a python, the Hawks' defensive choke tightened.

It would not take long for the Hawks to snag another chance to put one past U of T's netminder,

Yuri Elkaim. In the thirty-eighth minute, Joel Abwunza, would score on a beautiful header, putting the Hawks ahead 2-0. The half ended with the Hawks looking like two-time defending National Champions.

At the beginning of the second half, things would start to get dirty. The Varsity Blues would rack up a total of four yellow cards in the second half of play. Despite the bitter display by the Blues, the onslaught of rough play would not faze the Hawks' determination or concentration. Laurier managed to keep the Varsity Blues scoreless, until finally a Toronto forward would break the shutout by tapping in a beautiful header.

Like a python, the Hawks' defensive choke tightened. Toronto would not muster any more offensive chances after their first and only goal. A scary moment for the Hawks came late in the second half, as two Laurier players collided and appeared to be in a lot of pain. However, the team members were helped off the field and were walking on their own power as the game winded down.

In the last minutes of the second half, The University of Toronto Head Coach Jim Lefkos was tossed for constantly arguing with the offi-



We are not sure who this is, but whoever it is, they look pretty intent on kicking the soccer ball...way to go idaho.

cial. This was the icing on the cake for Laurier enabling the Hawks to cruise through the remainder of the game and earn their first win of the season.

When questioned about the Hawks' turn around, men's soccer Associate Coach Mario Halapir was pleased with the result. "Our preparation was a lot better than in the UQTR game," he commented. "We seem to always have a slow start, but today our guys played

well."

Prompted about the behaviour and subsequent ejection of Lefkos, Halapir offered a little smile. "...this ref can be a little difficult, you don't want to say too much to him."

LAURIER 2, TORONTO 1

This definitely appeared to be an improved Hawks team in comparison to the team that took the

field just two weeks ago. Laurier's performance against the Blues was well balanced and the Hawks' tight defense created some prime scoring opportunities. If the Hawks continue this exceptional play, a three-peat National Championship will definitely be within the grasp of Golden Hawk claws. The next test for the Hawks comes Saturday September 21, 2002, when the boys travel to Laurentian.

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Hockey Ladies

Kristen Lipscombe

Although the women's hockey regular season does not get underway until mid-October, the Lady Hawks are already lacing up their skates for on-ice training and team try-outs. Pre-season exhibition games have been scheduled in order to whip the girls into shape and get a head start on the competition. As defending OUA Champions and 2002 CIS silver medalists, there is no doubt that there will be high expectations for these Golden Hawk athletes.

On Sunday September 15th, Laurier faced off against the Intermediate 'AA' Mississauga Chiefs at RIM Park, for their first on-ice test. Although there are some obvious kinks that the team will need to smooth out before regular season action picks up, the Hawks fared well for their first game of the year.

The match-up was a tightly played battle, with the Chiefs giving Laurier a run for their money. Every period was an improved one for WLU, as the girls stretched out their legs and looked more comfortable as the game progressed. The Hawks managed a 2-1 win over Mississauga, with second year players Ashley Stephenson and Amanda Joseph both contributing goals on behalf of the purple and gold.

"We did well for our first game out," commented Assistant Coach

Roly Webster on his team's performance. Webster added that the team will need to put a lot of sweat into both offensive and defensive systems and that better conditioning will be vital as the regular season approaches.

On Wednesday evening the Laurier women were at the RIM Park arena once again, this time to take on a rookie varsity team, the Waterloo Warriors. The Warriors are joining the OUA West this season and are a fresh addition to an expanding varsity women's hockey league.

The Hawks ripped apart their cross-town competitors, shutting out the Warriors 6-0. Second year Laurier forward Krissy Thompson pocketed a hat trick and was a pivotal player in this match-up. Veterans Jackie Grahek, Kate Macnamara and Stephenson all contributed markers of their own. Goaltender Cindy Eadie, displayed her usual strength and persistence between the posts, stopping a total of 24 shots.

The Golden Hawks are currently in the midst of try-outs and are experimenting with new and old players in order to create a combination of talented players who will be looking to skate to the very top of the CIS this season. With any luck, Laurier will take their 2002-2003 year one step further than last season and will turn their CIS silver into gold.

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Charity Business

Byron Pascoe

Whatever happened to the days when charity meant Boy Scouts selling apples outside of the liquor store for five cents to raise money for their cause of the week? Nowadays charity is big business and there is scrutiny over what percentage of funds should go towards administration. Hopefully, somewhere beyond the red tape, the real reason for giving won't ever be lost...

Being charitable is also marketing tool. And why shouldn't it be? Both McDonalds and Tim Horton's promote their children's charity work in their stores and in their advertising campaigns. Tim Horton Children's Foundation promotes its Camp Day program on television commercials. On a specific spring day, coffee sales and other donations go to help under privileged children have a summer of fun at camp. While this worthy cause raised \$4.8 million, this past May 15th, sending 9000 kids to camp, it helps create a strong link between Tim Horton's and the community.

People may not have gone to McDonalds or Tim Horton's any less if they didn't promote themselves as children's charity activists. However, it's brand recognition and association that they have both successfully created.

The question of what percentage of donations should be going to the actual recipients is occurring increasingly. Canada's World Vision chapter sends 80% of their funds overseas, using 15.5% for fundraising such as television infomercials, and spends 4.5% on administration.

The United Way in Canada has an 80 / 20 ratio set for its 125 autonomous local United Way chapters. This means that they 'recommend' that 20% of donations go towards covering costs. Locally, the Kitchener-Waterloo

United Way spends 18% of their incoming dollars on administration and funding. Last year our local chapter raised over \$5 million for local organizations.

Charity can be found all over the place on our campus including Charity Ball, Fashion N' Motion, LUCK (Laurier University Charity Council) and Shinerama. Funds from the Shinerama campaign are given to the CCFF (Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation) for their programs including research, clinics, lung transplants, etc.

CCFF CEO Cathleen Morrison was "absolutely delighted at the results" that Laurier had been able to come up with such a successful campaign this past Orientation Week. When the gross amount figure of over \$160,000 was announced, making it the defining moment of WLU's 2002 O-Week, everyone involved knew that the first-year class had been fully oriented into what Laurier is all about.

When it comes to the business of Shinerama, just like any other charitable event, the CCFF is interested in the gross amounts (meaning the full amount raised), the expenses and net amount raised for the organization from the school campuses involved.

A major initiative and expense of the CCFF administratively for Shinerama is putting on an annual conference for the Shinerama campus leaders. This event, usually held in May at Western, involves delegates from approximately 60 Canadian campuses. Julie Cookson, Director, Development at CCFF, believes it is truly the "key to the success of Shinerama. The conference provides the necessary campaign training and really motivates students to raise funds for the CF cause."

For schools involved in Shinerama, they each have their own methods of raising funds for administrative campaign expenses, so that as much money possible that is brought in on the Shining

Day (Saturday of our O-Week) goes directly to fighting CF. Campus expenses include collection boxes, posters, shipping costs, etc.

According to Douglas Hogg, Carleton University's 2002 Orientation Shinerama Coordinator, "each of



our fresh groups hold their own individual fundraising events over the summer... Shinerama has always been an underlining theme that plays an important part of our Orientation activities. This is why we have no problem motivating our volunteers to program their own events during Orientation Week and the months leading up to it."

This year Zellers, who is a large CCFF supporter, helped offset student expenses by giving Zellers gift certificates to campuses for car wash supplies.

There is a double standard with

pen."

Large events such as Shinerama have a comparative advantage nowadays because of their known brand name and efficiency of scale. The larger the campaign, the more you will save on additional material. The other advantage of having large-scale events is the future. For galas, hopefully sitting in the large dining hall are top corporate leaders and large donors who will be writing the big cheques down the road.

Another payoff for Shinerama other than the money raised is the public awareness. Having 25,000 students across the country not only know about CF today, but remember why it is

important is vital to the future of the foundation.

In 1997 the gross total of Shinerama nation-wide was \$452,920 with 29.5% expenses. Last year the gross total was \$670,580 with 22% expenses. The expense percentages of gross revenue are decreasing and are considerably lower than the 40% to 50% industry average for charitable special events. The top 5 money-makers from 1998 to 2001, raising over \$100,000 net were Dalhousie and Queen's, raising just over \$200,000 was Carleton, with Laurier at \$288,611.42 and Western at \$346,882.94.

Ryan Robertson, this year's Shinerama Co-ordinator, believes that you shouldn't be afraid to go all out and have fun with Shinerama during O-Week. He says, "While it is a serious topic, I decided to be myself, have fun, dance around, cheer and just have a good time. I think that spirit rubbed off on the O-Team and the Ice Breakers, and Shinerama became even more upbeat and fun. That might be why they raised \$21,000 more on Shinerama Day than they did last year."

What charity comes down to is acceptance that you are in business. Whether to provide dividends to shareholders or provide food to the hungry or raise research money, you need to have a comparative advantage and use your resources wisely to ensure continuous vitality.



These 2002 Shinerama volunteers are playing their part in the big expensive business of charity.

CHRISTINE CHERRY

Where's the third hand?

Jen McDonald

Students studying communications, biology, or anyone with a general interest in these subject areas are bound to enjoy John Irving's latest novel, "The Fourth Hand."

It starts out quickly, giving you so much background information you wonder what is left to tell.

The main character, Patrick Wallingford, loses his hand in an unfortunate on-the-job accident. He is a reporter with an international news channel, and due to a bad idea while reporting on a circus story in India, loses his left hand to a hungry lion.

From there he starts to discover what living with a disability is like. From an unsympathetic viewing audience to an equally insensitive ex-wife, not to mention prosthetic devices that just weren't working out, he was having a rough time of it. Add to that the fact that it was getting in the way of his love life, and you'll understand just how difficult it really was for him.

Wallingford is nothing less than a womanizer, which Irving shows very clearly. This storyline, I esti-

mate, takes up at least 80% of this book's content. Not that it's a bad thing, but by the middle of the book, I was starting to tire of Wallingford and his philandering ways. Although, philandering might not be the best way to describe this character, considering he believes, "[He] didn't seduce women; he simply allowed himself to be seduced" (pg. 7).

It is a very satisfying read, because you get to know the characters so well.

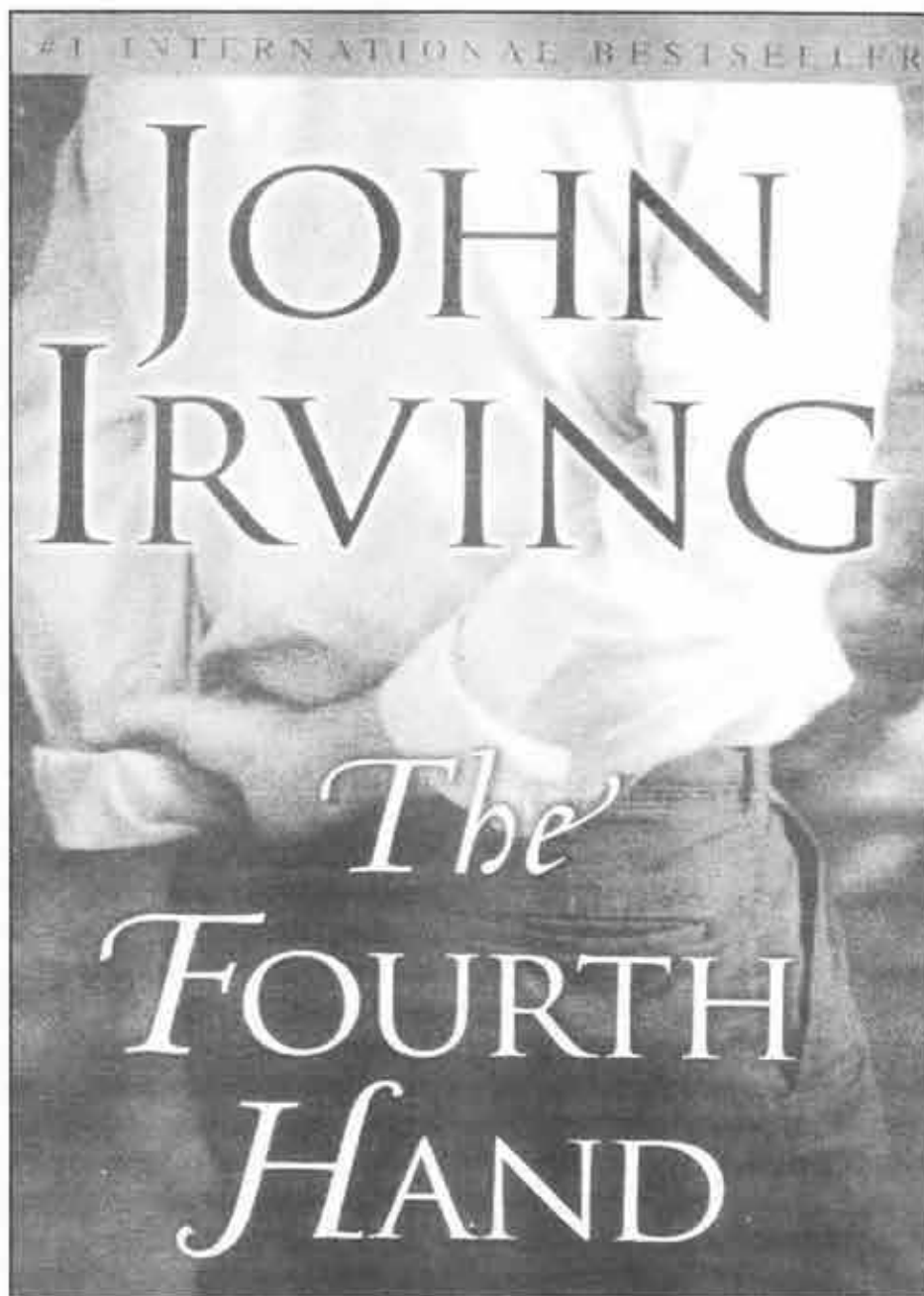
After Wallingford loses his hand, he is put in contact with a doctor, Dr. Zajak, who is a specialist in the area of replacement hand surgery. He has a donor hand for Wallingford, but there is a catch (this is where it gets really interesting). I don't want to ruin it, because it is such a fun surprise, but I'll tell you that it has something to do

with the widow of the dead man with the donated hand. Think about the kind of guy Wallingford is, and I bet you think you can guess what happens with this grieving widow.

You may think that I have already told you most of the plot, that's what I thought too after reading the first couple of chapters, but trust me, there is so much more to come. It is a very satisfying read, because you get to know the characters so well. You aren't left with the question of why this character introduced, because they all are important parts of Wallingford's journey.

There are still lots of twists ahead, so if you start reading this book, make sure it's not right before a big paper or midterm. If you are anything like me, you won't be able to sleep until you finish it.

Jennifer McDonald is a quiet Keystone Editor-in-Chief in her third year who likes to pester Wilbur on a daily basis. She apparently reads more up-to-date novels than any person at the Cord.



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