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An Ingenious Idea?

Author introduces ingenuity as indispensable

DAVE FIELD
CORD NEWS

Author Thomas Homer-Dixon was at Wilfrid Laurier University on 12 March 2001 to discuss his book *The Ingenuity Gap: How can we solve the problems of the future.*

The Laurier Bookstore and Development and International Studies sponsored the event.

According to Homer-Dixon the Ingenuity Gap is the gap between the rising need for society to find solutions and the inability to do so.

Currently, there is an information overload, forcing decision-makers to sort through more and more information to reach a decision.

Due to a cognitive overload, decisions now have to be made as fast as possible. Adding to this, the situations, according to Homer-Dixon, have become more complex, leaving ambiguity in knowing what works.

Another problem suggested by the author is that of time lags; the impact of decisions is often not felt until much later.

He brought attention to the example of global climate change; what is done today will not dramatically affect the climate for probably another 30 to 40 years.

That same time lag applies to any current solutions towards preventing climate change.

The last suggested problem is the inadequacy of experts. Homer-Dixon mentions that society cannot always rely on the outside experts to find a solution. It is not always possible to solve every problem through science, and society has become too dependent on this notion.

Homer-Dixon said that there are two types of ingenuity; technical ingenuity and social ingenuity.

He stated that ideas for insti-

tutions need to be put forth in order to bring the technical ideas.

The requirement for ideas and solutions are growing faster while the ability to supply these solutions is slowing down. There are more individuals, groups and entities today, creating more linkages that are of higher density.

He went on to discuss the fact that future costs are not included into today's costs.

For instance, the cost of today's fuel consumption does not take into account the cost on the environment that future generations will endure.

He further described how society could not expect science to fix all our problems, providing the example of Fusion Power.

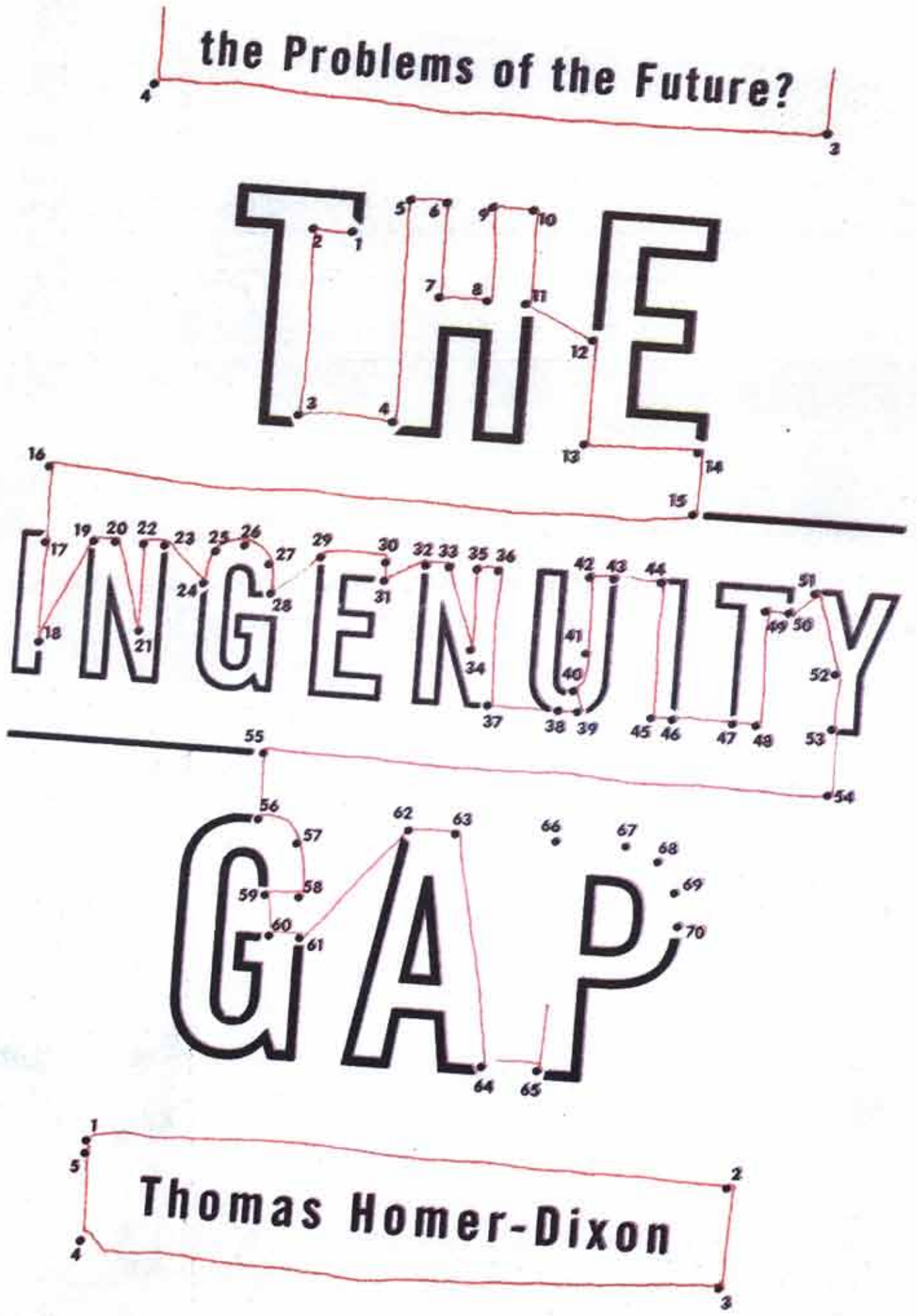
In the 1950's it was said that Fusion Power would be available by the year 2000; now it is not expected for at least another 50 years.

"You do not know where the breakthroughs are going to be," said Homer-Dixon.

Another aspect discussed was the role of communication technologies, such as the Internet, and its effect on democracy.

Homer-Dixon suggested that this technology can "block institutional reform" and cause decision makers and society to be overwhelmed with the issues. This is "horrific to decision-makers".

"The problems we face have not been addressed to this



point," concluded Homer-Dixon.

There was no answer to society's problem suggested during the lecture.

However, he did express the need for us to "take our foot off the acceleration" in an attempt to reduce the rate in which we require new ideas.

Being proactive is necessary so that society can "get ahead of our problems".

During the time allotted for

questions, the discussion seemed to take its toll on the author. In an attempt to answer a question from someone in the audience, Homer-Dixon said that he started to feel faint.

The question period was quickly brought to a halt, and it was quite evident that Homer-Dixon was not feeling well.

When he sat down he was sweating profusely and drank

water. Although not looking much better as a few minutes passed Homer-Dixon did start to sign the books of some people in the audience.

The author showed no signs of wanting to go to health services by the time the event came to a close.



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Dini Petty Speaks

Women Fostering Leadership Host Event

DILLON MOORE

A culmination of a lot of hard work and planning, the first annual Women Empowering Others Gala, was witnessed by a sizeable crowd in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall last Wednesday, March 7th.

Amy Gaukel and Dr. Deborah VanNijnatten, two members of the loose-knit Women Fostering Leadership group, opened the evening. Said Gaukel: "By empowering others we all move forward. Tonight is about empowering others."

This message of empowerment was echoed in the words of Dini Petty, who was the keynote speaker for the night. Drawing on her experiences in life, and her numerous careers including helicopter pilot, news anchor, talk show host and children's author, Petty attempted to tell the young women in attendance those pieces of wisdom which she wishes she had known when she was their age.

In relation to the many opportunities that opened up for her in her life, Petty remarked that she is a strong believer in synchronicity. When something

didn't work out – her career as a singer, for example – something else, like the opportunity to fly a helicopter for City TV, seemed to come along. "It's in the journey of life," she said.

"Little girls are taught to be nice and to be good so everyone will like you," continued Petty. Because of this, women do not put themselves first, and do not look after their own well

"By empowering others we all move forward. Tonight is about empowering others."
- Amy Gaukel

being as she feels they should. Petty also described the four steps a woman should take to take care of herself. These included staying healthy with food, water and rest, attaining self-confidence, achieving good self-esteem and listening to their instincts.

"Leap and the net will be there" is how Petty described

her attitude towards risk, an appropriate motto for a self-described "novice" skydiver with 55 jumps. She also noted that it makes no sense to not take risks for fear of embarrassment, because everyone has a certain amount of embarrassment that they will encounter in their life, regardless of the decisions they make.

In facing those basic anxieties that everyone seems to face, including death, rejection and a meaningless life, Petty put forward two ideas that she wanted people to keep in mind. Always be self-directed, and never take it personally.

She ended her talk by reading her current project, a poem called "The Queen, the Bear and the Bumblebee." The work is a poem for children with a simple message: liking one's self.

The night also saw the presentation of achievement awards to Jaime Miller and Carly Volkes, two students at Laurier who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and devotion to the community. In addition to the recognition, they will also receive part of the Trans-Canada Trail dedicated in

their names.

The night also featured a performance by Fashion 'N' Motion, musical performances by students Naomi Williams and Ashley Steinhoff, a presentation on behalf of Big Sisters of Canada (who were the featured charity of the night), and a reception after the show.

Charmaine Cunningham, Executive Vice-President of

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- Dini Petty

University Affairs and one of the organizers of the Gala was "really happy with how it went." She also stated that she was excited about the people in attendance, and especially pleased that some first and second year students might have been influenced to do something special.

The Women Fostering

Leadership group is hopeful that this Gala will become a tradition. Cunningham also hoped the awards would become traditional, as a way of encouraging younger students, and rewarding those who have given much to Laurier in their years here.

The group began as a collection of various female students and faculty who met bi-weekly to discuss whatever was on their minds. The Gala was planned this year to further the goal of the group, which is stated as being "To promote women's leadership on our university campus." It has still not been decided whether the group wants to become an official club or not, but they do hope to encourage women on campus to get involved.

Cunningham stated she was very thankful for all the help that was given by various individuals and groups, and really proud of the group's accomplishments.

"This is something the campus needs, and something that needs to be continued."

A discussion on your cash

JORDAN FURNESS

Sounding much like a broken record, WLU President and meeting chair Dr. Robert Rosehart insisted repeatedly that the budget is extremely tight this year and that new expenditures can only be made after cutting expenditures in other areas.

The university's commitment to hiring faculty, in order to balance the student-to-faculty ratio has restricted expenditures in many areas. Currently, 84% of the WLU budget is spent either directly or indirectly on salaries.

This year's budget is also affected by uncertainty regarding provincial funding, meaning the budget will not likely be finalized until after the release of the provincial budget, which will be announced in June.

Transfer payments from the government generally have come at about this time each year but now are not expected to arrive until June.

Further, the government is grappling with the ever-looming double cohort in 2003, which has caused further delays and increased tension with the government.

Last year WLU received an additional \$3 million from the government's performance and accessibility funds. This was an unexpected bonus because WLU had budgeted to receive just \$670 000 from the accessibility fund but ultimately received \$2.04 million.

Dr. Rosehart is unsure whether the

two programs will be as kind to WLU this year, pointing out that some universities did not receive anything from the funds last year at all.

The Budget committee presented two budget models. The pessimistic model predicts deficits ranging from \$632 000 to \$5.333 million through 2004. The optimistic model's deficits ranged from \$929 000 to \$1.155 million over the same time line. These budgets predict annual tuition increases of 2%.

Business students, in particular, cannot complain about these increases if

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they look down the road at Western where deregulation of the undergraduate business program will see fees rise to \$14 000 per year. Currently, the SBE at WLU charges approximately \$4 000 each year.

Two presentations were made during the meeting. The first was by Mitali De, regarding the MBA program. Fees for the program are slated to rise from \$8,332 to \$11,000 next year. The funds will allow the hiring of another full-time faculty member and reduce the need for part-time faculty.

Additionally, class sizes are reaching 75 students, a figure deemed unacceptable for the participative nature of the MBA program. Future MBA students will

also be pleased to know that the increase was justified in part to increase the image of WLU as a quality MBA school.

While not claiming to be a tier one MBA program, where fees range from \$25-\$40 000 per year, Dr. Rowland Smith, VP Academic, commented that there is a perception of the program being a Wal-Mart MBA.

Nonetheless, this is the first increase in two years and De did not expect the tuition increase to be a trend for future years.

The second presentation was made by

Raj Govindarajan, the IT expert who pleaded for more money to improve the "glaring lack of (IT) facilities" at WLU. Citing a need for \$900,000 over the next three years, Raj identified three key areas that need to be addressed.

First on the agenda is the replacement of the Banyan Vines system. The company that developed the long-time backbone of Laurier computing is no longer servicing Banyan thus leaving the school adrift in a sea of decrepit technology. Govindarajan believes \$250,000 is required to replace the system and estimated the changeover to be complete by May 2002.

Citing a need for greatly increased bandwidth, Raj has also proposed a

\$500,000, three-year enhancement of the system's bandwidth with \$300,000 of that spending occurring in the first year. Other expenditure needs include replacing servers, improving backup and archiving capabilities, and upgrading hardware and software throughout the system.

A major source of the funding was hoped to have come from the LIFT proposal. The defeat of the proposal in the recent student elections left only \$300,000 confirmed for the IT upgrade meaning that funding must now be gathered in a piecemeal fashion.

Anticipated contributions include: \$400,000 from the provincial government's Access fund, \$150,000 from Campaign Laurier, and \$100,000 from vendor discounts.

Other issues raised included a rant from Dr. Smith questioning the purpose of the budget meetings. After noting the absence of the budget chief from the meeting, he claimed that the budget is far too vague.

Dr. Rosehart disputed that fact pointing out that the budgeting process used to be a primarily closed-door process and that individual requests are heard.

The real problem, Rosehart believes, once again turning on the broken record, is simply that there is not enough money to satisfy everyone.

2001 ELECTION WRAP-UP

The Co-op vote and a Lee

KEVIN RAMZI NASIR

Christina Lee is believed to have performed a miracle. Friends are petitioning for her canonization by the Pope, even though she is still alive. Lee is getting this attention for saving a near-extinct species of student: the voting student. This species is vital because it lives in a life-sustaining symbiotic relationship with students who give a damn, which supports the entire food chain of the Laurier community ecosystem.

A non-voting virus has afflicted the species' co-op herds - students who migrate away from their indigenous territory (WLU) in search of sustenance. Now the entire ecosystem is in jeopardy as more students join the infected co-op herds.

Christina Lee, the Chief Returning Officer for the last WLUSU/SP election, introduced email voting for co-op students, this year. Her team sent out messages about the election to co-op students a few days before the vote, and let them reply in the form of an email. Usually, co-op students are sent mail-in paper ballots, but with little or no time to respond. Co-op students living out-of-the-loop in a different city or even off campus in Waterloo have lit-

tle incentive to jump through the required hoops to vote.

While email balloting is more cumbersome to tally, the system's effect was remarkable. In 2000, only one co-op student voted by mail-in ballot (a typically insignificant number), compared to 18 co-ops who voted by email this year.

"We increased co-op voting by 18 times," gushed Lee. There are 227 students on co-op term right now (all in third year Business or Economics) meaning co-op voter turnout was 8%, still less than a third of the whole school's 25%.

But why should we really care about low co-op voter turnout? It appears that whether the School of Business and Economics (SBE) will adopt an automatic entry co-op program is less a question of 'if' than 'when.' Once a solid proposal is put together by university administrators, expect the concept to be implemented.

The latest official figures from last November show Business, Psychology, and Economics (including General) students are the most popular undergraduate majors at Laurier, representing 21.6%, 9.2%, and 7.5% of the population, respectively. So it would not be unrealistic to project that

about a quarter of Laurier students could be enrolled in SBE co-op should the plan go through.

More specifically, 2205 full time students are now enrolled in Honours Business or Honours Economics at WLU. At the school's three-year average enrollment growth rate of 9%, there could be over 2600 such students, all in co-op, by September 2002, the earliest any program could be implemented.

While that may seem far away, now is exactly the time to start planning. Some say that proxy voting is enough - allowing another student to vote on your behalf. But it is unlikely that co-op students are using proxies, since proxy forms are usually made available at the same time as co-op ballots are sent out - too late.

Instead, they have become a trendy way for candidates to ensure a minimum number of votes on election day. Proxy votes have been attributed responsibility for current WLUSU President Jeffrey Kroeker's win last year, and well-placed sources tally at least 270 proxy votes used this year.

"According to our by-laws, there is no proxy of voting

allowed," says Nicholas Hill, Vice President: External for the University of Regina Students' Union. "This issue of co-op students has been broached, but it was found that an accurate and accountable system could not be established for proxy voting."

Simon Tunstall, who ran for WLUSU Executive VP: University Affairs and sits on the University Senate, believes there is still a place for proxy voting, if students are sick for example, but proxies should be limited to "one per person, because any more calls into question the person's motives." Online voting is an alternate solution popular among student representatives - this reporter couldn't find one WLUSU representative against it. All seemed to believe online voting would increase turnout. But the experience of other universities is instructive.

"We do our voting on-line only," says David Braun, USC President at Western. "There are 44 hours where students can vote." The day before the vote, students are sent an email and hyperlink to a secure voting site. "We didn't see a great change with voter turnout going on-line, but we did save a pile of money," he said.

Other student governments are also moving online for the same reason. Said Brian Lack of Elections McGill: "I am very concerned about abuse, like a candidate at a bar with a wireless laptop or in the computer lab soliciting votes. My main motivation is the \$15,000 it could save us per year."

Similar savings at UBC may "then be used to launch an advertising campaign," plans UBC Alma Mater Society President Maryann Adamec. "Our hope was that online voting would also make it easier for co-op students to vote," says Dave Drewe of The University of Waterloo Federation of Students. Instead, this year's new system, with seven days of polling replacing two, saw turnout languish at 7%, down from 8% last year, and 17% the year before. Leaders at Laurier should be pleased that the last WLUSU/SP election saw some candidates connect with voters enough to noticeably increase voter turnout. But a lasting change will only occur once a culture of widespread student engagement has been established - evidently an arduous task itself without the prospect of so many students living in different cities, let alone the school's fast pace of growth.

New Wok'n PC's

MATTHEW CADE

The computers that were promised nearly five months ago finally arrived last week in the Terrace to rave reviews.

"I've never seen anything like it. I mean, it's black and has pretty buttons, and there's this new-fangled internet on it and everything," said biology student Jon Smith.

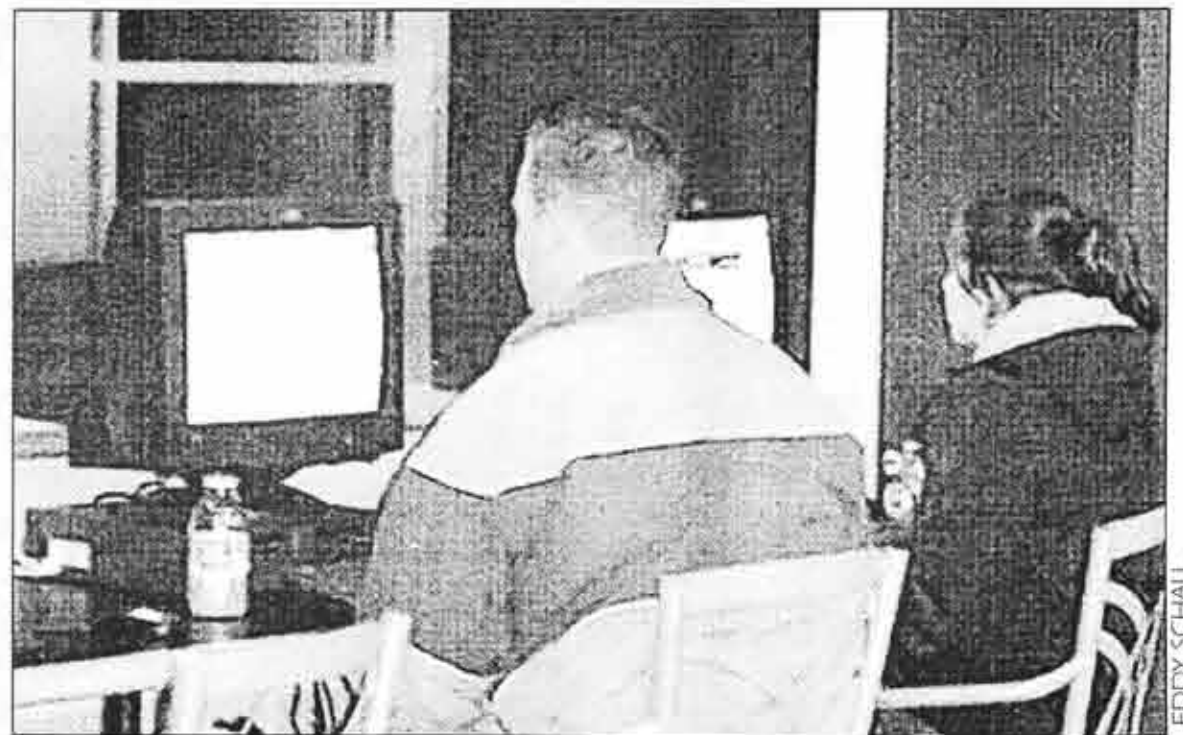
"There was barely any Coke in the keyboards when I finally got around to using them. I mean, sure, they were a bit greasy and I had to pick bits of pizza and

stir fry off, but in the end it's great to eat and surf the net at the same time. I liked drafting for my baseball pool. It was such a draft."

Sara Cabiddu, 4th year English and Comm Studies student and hardworking Pita Shack employee also found the terminals to be convenient.

"You can't create any new documents on Word or Powerpoint," said Sara, "but you can open up the ones on your own disk. It's pretty good."

"I don't know what will happen on bar nights, though."



EDDY SCHALL

Health Carnival comes to town

RAYMOND SUN KIT ON

Last Wednesday, Laurier hosted its annual wellness fair in the Concourse to raise health awareness on campus. The event was officially called The Health Carnival and ran throughout the day.

The difference between this wellness fair and prior ones, is that this fair was an optional assignment for WLU kinesiology students in KP242.

According to Marcia Brown and Kristen Parker, two students on the participant recruitment team for the event, "the Health Carnival was an alternative approach to looking at health."

They also said that their purpose was,

"to stress the message that health is not just the absence of disease."

The focus of the event was geared towards holistic approaches based on

spiritual, physical, and emotional well being. One of the main goals of the Health Carnival was to include the surrounding community of both Laurier and Kitchener-Waterloo.

The booths on display included

National Service Dogs, yoga meditation, massage therapy, and Community Health Department of the Region of Waterloo. For the five hours during

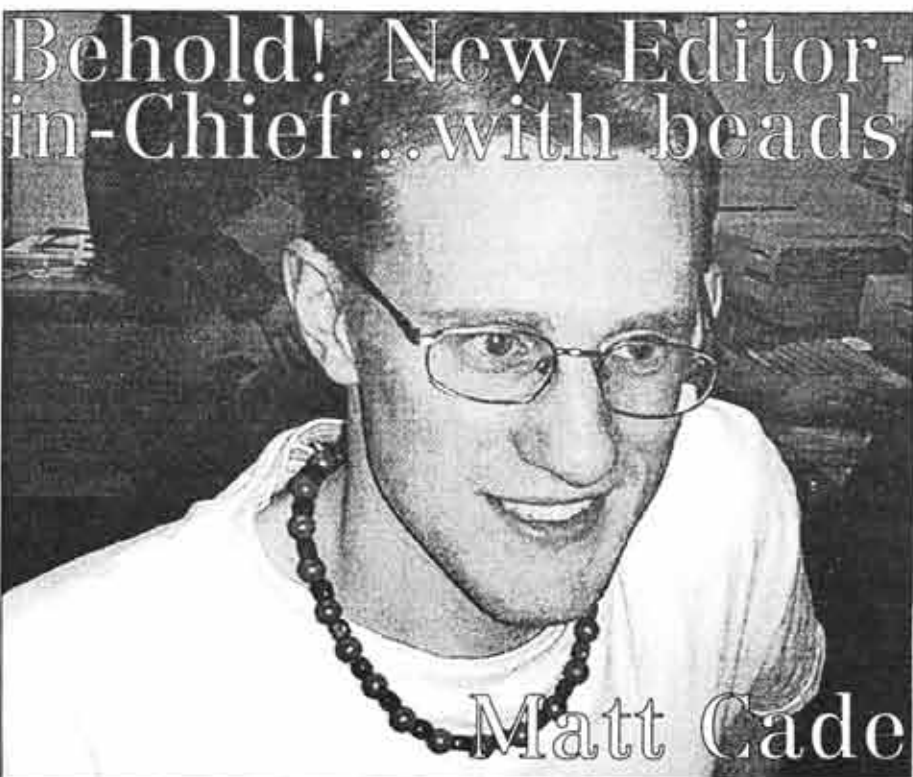
which it ran, the Health Carnival held active demonstrations which included a puppet show by The New Kids on the Block, and a presentation by the National Service Dogs.

The Health Carnival took place in

coordination with the 10th anniversary of Special Needs. Wendy Baxter, the KP242 professor in charge of the Health Carnival, said "she was happy about how it turned out."

"Although this is part of our course requirement," said Baxter, "I am proud of them."

The Health Carnival was the first of three events for Baxter's class. This week there is also the Gladiator Games to be held on Thursday 15th, and a 10 km road race on Sunday the 18th.



Behold! New Editor-in-Chief...with beads

Matt Cade

EDDY SCHALL

After two years as an editor, Cade has been hired as the 2001-2002 Cord Editor-in-Chief. With his blend of funky hardstep, jazzy influences, and overall hip-hop cvilness, Cade will be a strong leader for the paper next year.



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Free Trade Flaws

If you went from morning to midnight thinking narrowly about all the stupid bologna that makes up a day in the life of YOU, well... first of all, pull your head out of your ass! And second, don't even bother reading the rest of this editorial. I'm not trying to come off as some hyper-riotous do-gooder, but the fact is, the following editorial pertains only to those that sometimes like to think outside of their own pastel, strawberry flavoured sphere of influence. That said, let me bring you the goods.

So have you ever wanted to be knee-deep in a fully active militarized zone? Maybe you just haven't had the scratch (dough, money) to leave your country for some crazy foreign activism. But what if I told you that people from all across the world are coming to Quebec City for this exact reason?

Here's the thing: the good ol' Francophones in Quebec's quaint little capital have the dubious honour of hosting "The Summit of Americas", a gathering of top government officials and seedy corporate bigwigs from all over the Western Hemisphere. This three-day festivity will feature unforgettable h'or d'ourves, informative conferences, and all under the guise of creating a new, more expansive free trade agreement. Did I mention that the very idea of this sucks?

Most of upper town Quebec City is being shut down for the sake of three "important" initialisms - The WTO (World Trade Organization), NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), and the newly developed FTAA (The Free Trade Area of the Americas). NAFTA is essentially North America's call for greater priva-

tization, with corporate ideals becoming a more "collective" thing (with respect to Canada, USA, and Mexico.) NAFTA failed. Big. Americans lost 1 million jobs, and yet still, 1 million Mexicans work for less than minimum wage.

The Free Trade Area of the Americas takes the work of the WTO and couples it with the failing ideology of NAFTA. The big difference this time is the inclusion of another 34 countries in the mix. I'd love to tell you about all the crap that the FTAA will drop on to our communal heads, but the text that they've been creating is still considered "secret", and thus not open to the public. Quebec City

The protest taking place in Quebec City is fully endorsed by most faculties at Laurier.

will play host to the development of the full FTAA text, which will still be secret to the public as they convene. A little strange, isn't it? Half of Quebec City will be closed down for something people have no full concrete knowledge about. Damn suits.

Although their specific agenda may not be clear, it certainly isn't difficult to read between the lines. Social critic Gerard Greenfield said it best: "Free trade is not really about trade. It's about expanding the rights of corporations and placing corporate profits before the interests of working people." Under the WTO's undeniable quest for full, corporate global-

ization, developed countries with rich companies will prosper, and developing countries playing host to rich companies will feel the brunt of this commercial prosperity. If you think Canada has nothing to do with this, think again - the WTO granted Canada the right to impose a \$2 billion trade sanction on Brazil. Does that sound like free trade to you? It sounds like the WTO chumping a weaker economic power to me.

So up with anti-capitalist convergence! Down with neoliberal globalization! Okay... that was a little stupid - but the fact is, there are powerful people out there that are about to make some big mistakes. I may not have convinced you of that, but I encourage you to find out where you stand on all of this. The protest taking place in Quebec City is fully endorsed by most faculties at Laurier. In fact, it seems that every faculty has stamped their approval on to all protest advertisements... except the business faculty! But if you're interested in participating on April 20th and have an exam, talk to your faculty's Dean. Amnesty is a lovely thing!

Needless to say, I'll be there with my dad's pepper spray (just kidding), as well as my fiercely pro-Cuba roommates. We'll be the ones in the front with smiles on our face and tear gas in our eyes. See you there.

"The Revolution won't be no rerun brother. The revolution will be live."
 - Gil Scott-Heron

SCOTT CAIRNS
 ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

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LETTERS BEEFS

GENDER

Congrats on an interesting series of articles on gender (Pandora's Box, issue three). A refreshing change. Sort of. I have just a couple of little questions about the "The Gender Gap" piece, about university administration: 1) Why were all the female staff members' names blocked out? Intentionally or not, you managed to delete the presence of those few women who actually have some authority around here, tipping the gender balance still further in favour of the males - even on the pretext of advocating for the women. Oops? 2) Why not show the Students' Union organizational chart as well as the university administration's? It seems to me that our own elected representatives don't do any better at reflecting Laurier's gender balance than the school officials. I wonder what that says about our school's concern for equality?

A concerned (and under-represented) estrogen-infused reader,

Anne Whitcombe

The blacking out of names was to (1) force people to study the chart [there were several discrepancies] and (2) act a bit more symbolically. - A.K.

I'm a 'geek' and damn proud of it. If writing to The Cord just a little too often makes me a 'geek', well I can't complain about the title, I'll just have to take it with some pride. But to answer the question I get a little too often now, why do I - or does anyone - write to WLU's 'official newspaper', I thought I would explain. By writing letters to The Cord, I'm using 'my right to complain'; to be able to demand for the best and for the true value of what I have paid for (an enhanced education and experience). The letters section is an open forum for students to express their concerns, their opinions and their 'beefs' with the school as a whole. If I don't use this 'right to complain', then how will anyone know that change is needed? If I don't utilize this open forum, then who will hear my message? Each of us has our own 'beefs' with the school, and although ideally we would all like to believe Laurier is perfect, it isn't and probably no institution is. However, to leave anything at just that would be a failure to recognize the potential for change. By not identifying that change is need-

ed, we would be cheating ourselves of what our money or time is worth. By understanding that change is needed, those who have some influence to change - us, the students, student representatives, administrators, etc. - can recognize these problems and work to provide what we are lacking. So when you do get the opportunity to voice your opinions, take it; and by doing so, you use your 'right to complain' and help the process of identifying what changes are needed. Then we can continue to improve our school and adapt to student needs. For example, First Year Council (FYC) is holding a 'Beef of the Week' campaign. This is an opportunity for students to voice their concerns on different issues, such as last week's issue, the LIFT project and this week's issue of the Dining Hall's food. By promoting this campaign my intent is to send a message. My message being: If you have a beef about anything, use your right to complain and voice your opinions! And don't worry about being called a 'geek' - I've got your back!

Ami Shah

Space restrictions mean we cannot print all the letters we received this week. They will be printed in future issues. - A.K.

BETHANY CARTER

Look Out, It's Everywhere

The role of media and advertising in contemporary society has come to the forefront of my interest in the past few weeks. Taking notice of the abundant and pervasive nature of advertising within western culture has prompted me to contemplate this topic further.

The more I think about it, the more I am tempted to argue that advertising is nothing more than propaganda. While most of us are willing and able to recognize propaganda of the past,

fewer of us realize that mass media (especially advertising) is the modern propaganda weapon of choice.

Propaganda disseminates ideologies. It works to change, promote, or create beliefs and ideals. It seems to me that this is exactly what advertising does. Gone are the days when advertisements sold mere products. Today they sell dreams, attitudes, and desires. Now we have detergents that not only clean our clothes, but at the same time, liberate us.

Western culture provides both the basis and the need for advertising. While our individualistic society enables advertising to take hold, it also perpetuates a need for propaganda. We form our attitudes, ideals, and norms largely through mass media. Advertising exploits this

by offering solutions to our problems in the form of material products.

Many people lack critical judgment of the mass media, and are thus perfectly suited to its propaganda. Even when we do realize the propagandistic effects of advertising, we still watch television, buy magazines, listen to the radio, and above all, consume products. The attraction of the media seems to be irresistible.

Some reason that advertising does nothing more than cater to the demands of the public. They argue that individuals have the freedom to choose the media

they enjoy and the products they consume. But do we really have choice? Sure, we can choose between Coke and Pepsi, Nike and Adidas, but these choices

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are very limited, and usually without true alternatives. The illusion of choice can be quite convincing; however, we must recognize the fact that the effects of media and advertising are unavoidable.

The media do not merely exist within society, rather they are essential element of western culture. Contemporary culture is so media-saturated that many of us have become incapable of judging and forming opinions of our own. We simply cannot escape the propagandistic effects of media. Our only defense - if it is a defense at all - is to remain critical of media and advertising rather than absorbing it passively.

Porn

Pornography has existed since beyond memory. Before video cameras, film and penal implants, porn was still an essential part of the lives of men (and women). However, it was not until the 1960's when the women's movement finally found its voice and pornography became a central issue. Since that time, two distinct streams of thought have developed out of the North American feminist debate on pornography. On one side, there are the "anti-pornography" feminists, who argue that pornography degrades women, lies to women about their sexuality, and encourages violence against women and children. On the other side, there are the "anti-censorship" feminists, who feel that the anti-pornography movement is misguided and advocates censorship, which, in the final analysis,

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ends up hurting women's equality efforts. However, it is a difficult task to rally for or against something that is not easily defined.

Many within the anti-pornography movement distinguish between "pornography" and "erotica". While pornography damages the lives and esteem of women, erotica - consensual lovemaking between two adults - validates women's will to pleasure and celebrates female nature. Despite this distinction among most mainstream feminists, the leaders of the anti-pornography argument take a more hardline approach. While they fight most vigorously against the most blatantly violent and exploitative forms of "filth", they also make generalizations, condemning all pornography. Quite simply, they feel porn is bad.

Feminists must narrow this gap between the two important factions if they hope to eliminate those subgenres of pornog-

raphy, "the filth" that prey on children and abuse and torment women. In order to do this, all reasonable women must come to the understanding that "pornography" is unacceptable, while "erotica" is acceptable, even celebrated. Women must understand that porn encourages men to believe that all women want sex all the time, and that 'no' really means 'yes'. All women must realize is that by reducing women and children to sexual objects, pornography threatens the physical security and self-esteem of all women and children - especially the ones involved in the creation of pornographic materials. Once women come to the consensus that the harm of allowing pornography far outweighs the freedom of speech issues, that will be the day that the world is a better place for all women; free from the indignities of pornography. That will also be the day that monkeys fly out of my butt.

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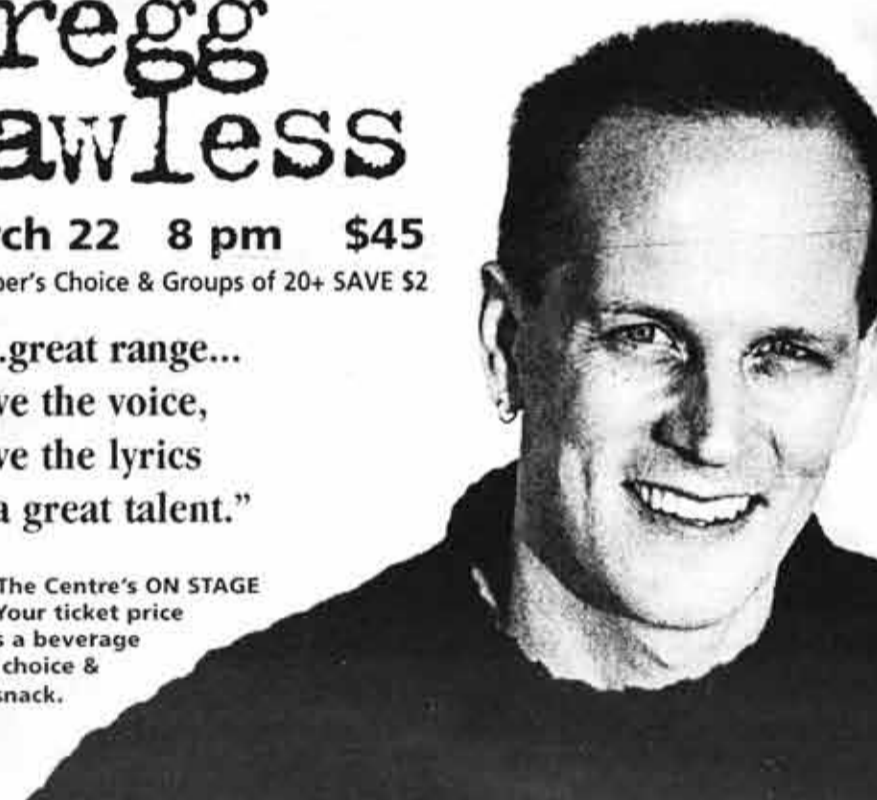
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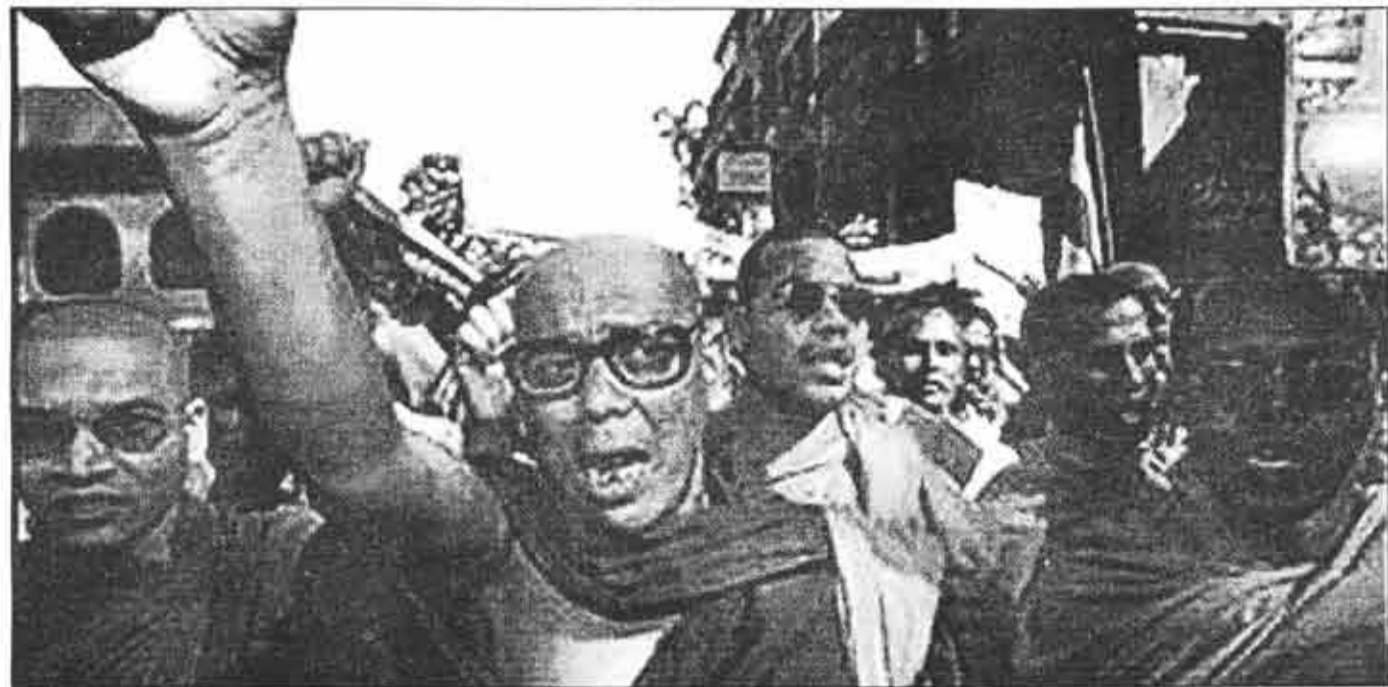
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Taleban tale-bash statues



Indian Buddhists march in protest against the Taleban's decision

YVONNE FARAH

After weeks of protest and pleas, the Taleban government in Afghanistan has blown up two Buddha statues.

This issue has gained international recognition in the past few weeks.

The Taleban government had announced that they were going to destroy Buddha statues because they were against the beliefs of Islam.

The international community had pleaded for the government to reconsider their position.

In defiance, the Taleban proceeded with the demolition of two ancient monuments, one which is thought to be the tallest of its kind in the world. It is reported that the Taleban's defence minister overlooked the project which happened in the last week.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan described the acts as a disservice to themselves and to Islam.

Mr. Annan also received confirmation that the statues had been destroyed from the Taleban Foreign Minister.

The Secretary General went on to say that the demolitions would not help fundraising appeals for aid for the Afghan people, although no government had categorically refused to give aid if the moves went ahead.

The monuments, once a big tourist draw, dated back to between the second and fifth centuries AD, before the creation of Islam, when Afghanistan was the centre of Buddhist learning and pilgrimage.

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Appeals from around the world have been made towards saving the statues.

As well as diplomatic appeals from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Japan, a delegation from

the world's largest Muslim body, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, had travelled to Afghanistan to try to change the government's mind.

The Taleban foreign minister said that the move had the support of the ordinary Afghan people. He also said that the decision was "totally an internal religious matter."

He admitted that although the artifacts had a cultural value they were contrary to their perception of Islamic beliefs.

He dismissed opposition from other Islamic countries saying they were motivated only "for the sake of reconciliation."

They have also somehow hinted that the imposition of sanctions by the United Nations which were increased may also be behind the decision.

The Taleban have said that the sanctions, which include an arms embargo and a ban on the national airline Ariana outside the country are unfair.

Therefore, when Western connections were cut there was no reason to preserve the statues.

Zapatistas March for rights

YVONNE FARAH

In what can be seen as a triumphant arrival, Mexico's Zapatista guerrillas entered Mexico City on the weekend.

A crowd of more than 100,000 people jammed the streets to greet the group as they finished their two week peaceful tour of Mexico to gain support for the nation's Indian population. The Zapatista leader, known as only Subcomandante Marcos addressed the crowd. He called on the government to recognize the country's indigenous population and look towards other principles instead of money.

Huge crowds of people lined the streets chanting "Marcos, Marcos" and showered the Zapatistas with flowers and confetti.

The leader of the Zapatista is shrouded in a veil of mystery and myth. Those who follow the charismatic leader describe him as a true national figure who can speak for the poor and dispossessed of the country. His opposition, however, see him as a demagogue who is an irresponsible dreamer and blackmailer.

Although both sides would agree that he is responsible for placing the impoverished state of Mexico's indigenous people in the spotlight, both locally and internationally.

He has never been seen without his trademark black ski mask and very little known about his past. But he adored like a pop star. He has said he will remove his trademark mask when all of the Zapatista demands are met.

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Recently elected President Vicente Fox welcomed the rebels, saying their arrival was the start to peace talks.

This is the first time the rebel group had openly ridden into Mexico City since the revolutionary leaders, Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata, the group's namesake, did so in 1914.

Subcomandante Marcos has said he will remain in the capital until the constitution is changed to recognize the rights of the Indian population.

The rebels are to be meeting with a congressional peace commission within the week. Although the President supports their cause, the congress is said to be divided and hostile.

The Zapatistas began their uprising in Chiapas in southern Mexico seven years ago. Their demands are that the government withdraw some troops from the region, to release prisoners and to amend the constitution to guarantee the rights of the Indian people in Mexico.

President Fox, who has only been in power a little bit over 100 days, has sent an indigenous rights bill to the Mexican Congress. He has also freed dozens of prisoners and closed several military bases. However the Zapatistas have condemned the moves as nothing more but than publicity stunt.

The President has offered to meet with Subcomandante Marcos personally but the meeting is still unconfirmed.

Fox has said that the fact the march was taking place was proof that political reform was happening.

Palestinian Authority

Nail-like projectiles have been removed from the bodies of two men killed by Israeli soldiers. The ammunition which is known as flechettes, look like nails and have tiny fins on the end. This is the first time in the past five months of violence that these particular weapons had been used against the Palestinians.

The Israeli army has only said that they were using the "means best suited to the over-all security conditions and specific concerns".

Kuwait

An American Navy airplane has accidentally dropped a bomb killing five Americans and one New

Zealander. The six soldiers were at an observation post about 35 kilometres away from Iraq. The airplane was on a training exercise when it dropped the explosive device "on or near" the soldiers position.

Indonesia

President Abdurrahman Wahid has rejected calls to step down. He has claimed that the nation would break apart if he left office. The nation's economy is feeling the political uncertainty that is present because the stock market is at a two year low. The parliament has threatened to impeach him because of two corruption scandals and has been asking him to resign. In a move to help the domestic climate Wahid also announced that fuel prices would

rise until next year. However this move may strain the relationship with the IMF

United States of America

The United States has banned all meat imports from the European Union following the first case of hoof and mouth disease in exported animals, in France. They have also announced that all meat imported from the European Union since the date the disease was found would be quarantined.

India

The president of India's ruling party has resigned over corruption allegations, which he has denied. Bangaru Laxman, president of the

Bharatiya Janata Party, resigned after an Indian website accused him of taking money in connection with supposed defence deals.

The website said two of its journalists had posed as businessmen for a fake company, trying to sell fictitious hand-held thermal imaging devices to the Indian military. They used hidden cameras to videotape politicians, bureaucrats and army officers accepting money from the two journalists. The most dramatic clip shows Mr. Laxman taking a wad of currency notes and placing them next to him. The receipt of commissions in defence deals are illegal in India.

Mr. Laxman has said that he took the 100 000 rupees, or \$2,170 American Dollars as a donation for his political party.

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I'm not angry... I'm MAD

Sometimes it feels as though bad situations get the better of us. Violence and hostile feelings are not the answer. Here's a closer look at anger and how it can be managed.



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If something doesn't work out as you planned, don't blame yourself. Rationalize.

LYNNETTE VISAYA

The life of a 20-something year old in university is not easy. Balancing school work, social events, family and friends can create a lot of stress in one's life. On top of personal ordeals, many people get upset with not having time to do everything they want to do. Often, this results in anger.

Anger is an emotional state that varies in intensity from mild irritation to intense fury and rage. It is one of the most frequent psychosomatic incidents that is experienced by everyone at one point or another. It is a combination of various bodily tensions. Those people who feel angry usually view the world as insulting, assaulting, frustrating, unfair and irritating.

However, don't think that anger is a bad thing. It is a very normal, and usually healthy human emotion. When individuals are frustrated or irritated by an event, it is easy to feel angry about it. Anger is an instinctive, natural expression. Usually, the response from an angry person is aggressive which is meant as a self-defense mechanism when we are attacked. Therefore, it is necessary for our survival.

But, there is the chance that one's

anger can get out of hand. It is at these points when anger has to be controlled. Even though it was mentioned that it is a normal emotion, anger has the potential to be destructive against others as well as yourself. This doesn't mean that you cannot express your anger because you can. The three main ways of expressing this emotion is through expression, suppression and calming.

The best way to show your anger is by expressing it. By expressing your anger it doesn't necessarily mean through aggression, but by being assertive about it. Express your feelings while maintaining respect for yourself and others.

Suppressing anger can be detrimental. Often, people try to forget about their feelings by placing their focus on something positive. The problem with this method of coping is that your feelings may turn inward towards yourself.

Finally, not expressing your anger can lead to even more problems. It can lead to pathological expressions of anger, (like getting back at people indirectly and not telling them why) or lead to a

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Anger Leads to Violence

Recently, research has been conducted at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

on 500 individuals who suffer from the inability to regulate their emotions. Many of the subjects studied have been diagnosed with aggressive personality disorder, have had childhood brain injuries, and are convicted murderers. Therefore, by no means does this necessarily mean that all angry people suffer from the same mental health problems.

Psychologist Richard Davidson and his colleagues at the university studied about the relationship between distinct regions of the brain such as the orbital frontal cortex, the anterior cingulate cortex and the amygdala with violent behaviour.

The orbital frontal cortex plays a great role in impulsive outbursts, while the

personality that seems perpetually cynical and hostile.

It is important to deal with angry feelings. If they are not kept at bay, it can lead to emotional and physical problems.

Physiological Effects from Anger

Studies carried out on angry individuals found that many of them suffered from similar physical symptoms. Among these symptoms are increased heart rate and blood pressure, as well as augmented levels of energy hormones, adrenaline, and noradrenaline. They also show that men are more prone to heart problems from anger than women.

Anxiety from angry feelings play a large role in psychosomatic illnesses. Also, it's these increases in adrenaline and heart rate that induces people to act on their feelings through fighting and violence.

Another symptom that individuals who feel angry at times suffer from are headaches. The type of headaches that are a response to anger are more "psychogenic." It is a feeling of pressure at the top of the head, pain in the scalp, or a "band" about the head. These symptoms usually last for short durations and disappear after the anger has subsided.

cingulate cortex of the brain responds to conflict. The amygdala plays a crucial role in the production of fear response and other negative emotions.

It was found that many of the subjects studied lacked normal brain activity in these regions of the brain. Also, the amygdala had increased activity which explains how threatening situations can become explosive in some people. The studies also show consistency with the areas in the brain that were dysfunctional.

The history of individuals who suffered from early childhood brain injuries shows that they have verbal and physical abusiveness, and intermittent, explosive anger. The people who show these signs of abnormal brain activity and history are more likely to be violent individuals.

Davidson said that it is absolutely important that all people should regulate their emotions. However, such mental illnesses that result in violent behaviour are the extreme case of anger.

It should be mentioned not to jump to conclusions. Being angry does not mean that you will be a violent person. However, it is important to control these emotions.

Psychological Effects of Anger

If angry feelings are not controlled, it can overwhelm an individual with mental stress and anxiety in the work place, in personal relationships, and in the overall quality of their life. These individuals are also susceptible to becoming overwhelmed by powerful emotions. Some of the events that can conjure up such angry feelings can be internal as well as external. Some people may be angry at a specific individual or event, or some traumatic or enraging events that have occurred previously in their life. Such feelings will continue to accumulate if they do not deal with it properly.

Dealing with your Feelings

If you are having problems with controlling your anger, there are methods for keeping it at bay.

Try using some relaxation tools such as deep breathing and relaxing imagery. There are books and courses that teach such techniques that are useful for when you are in a stressful situation. It is also helpful if you are in a hot-tempered rela-

tionship with another individual - the both of you can use them.

Try breathing deeply from your diaphragm. Picture your breathing as if it was coming from your "gut." Slowly repeat calm words to yourself as you breath such as "relax" or "take it easy." Continue repeating these words to yourself as you breath.

Use imagery as well. Visualize a relaxing experience that is from your memory or imagination. For example, think about laying on the beach on a warm, summer day.

Going to the gym to work out is a great reliever for anger. allowing your body to release a lot of energy helps to calm nerves. Yoga classes are relaxing and calming. They exercise and relax your muscles and make you feel calmer. These techniques are great to use on a regular bases on whenever in tense situ-

and others. Such thoughts are inaccurate and simply make you think that you have justified your anger.

Sometimes it may seem as though that our anger and frustrations do not seem to disappear. That is because some problems are more traumatic than others. They may face people in their everyday living situations, or may be a problem from the past that they haven't dealt with. A saying that many people have heard before is that "every problem has a solution." And when each person can't find a solution to their problems, it becomes more frustrating. Therefore, try not to focus on finding a solution to your problems, but rather on how to handle and face the actual problem. If you approach it with your best intentions and efforts, you will won't lose your patience as easily if things do not work out as you had hoped.

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ations. Managing anger doesn't necessarily have to be controlled by exercising your body. You can also try changing the way you think.

I think, therefore I am

A lot of angry people tend to curse, swear or speak dramatically about their inner thoughts. A good way to make tense situations seem less stressful is to think about it more rationally. For example, when something goes wrong in your day try telling yourself "This situation sucks...but hey, it is understandable I'm angry about it, and I can't change it now," instead of saying "Everything is terrible, and it is all my fault."

Getting angry is not going to fix anything and it won't make you feel any better. Avoid using words like "never" and "always" when talking about yourself

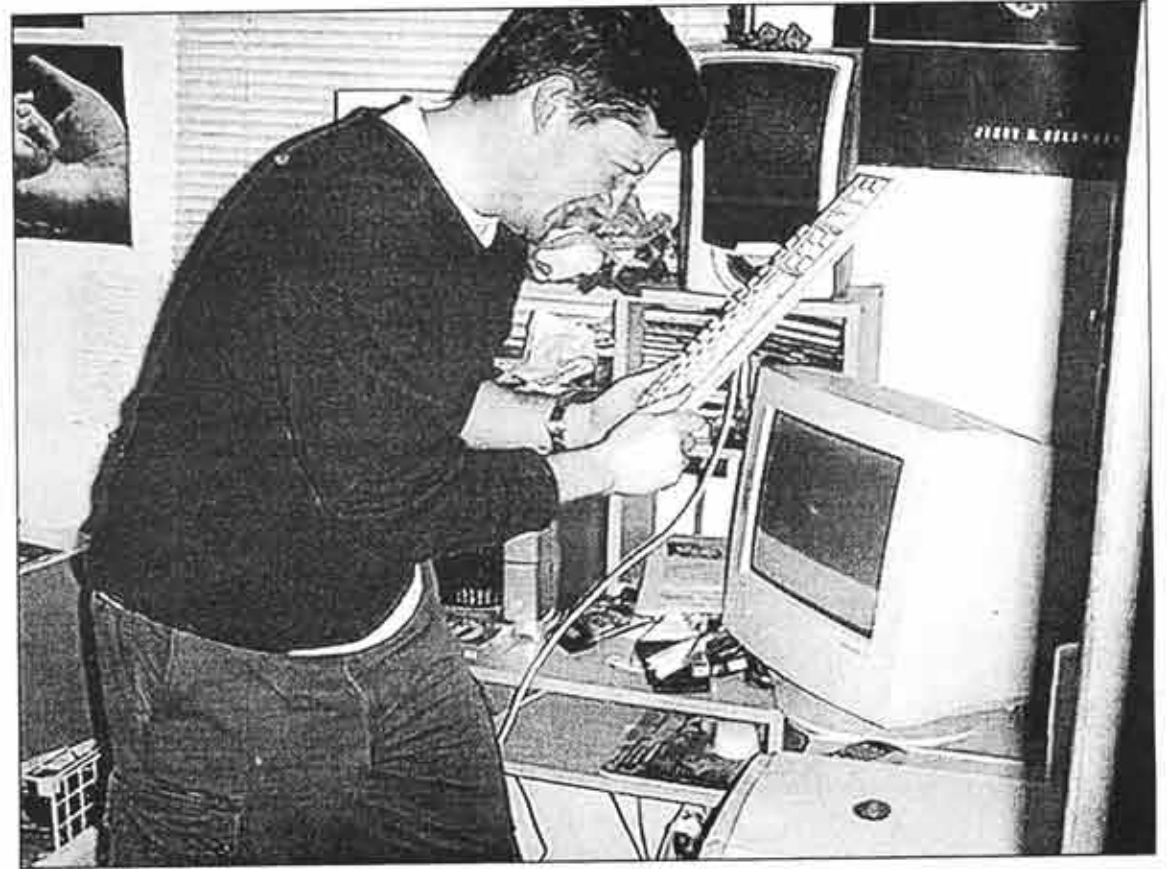
Don't Jump to Conclusions!

Often, in the midst of being angry, people jump to conclusions about why an event happened. Try to slow down and think about what happened before you respond. Don't say the first thing that pops into your mind. Think before you say anything! Also, listen carefully to what other people are saying to you before you respond.

If the anger is way too negative to bear, try using humour to make light of it. It helps you to get a more balanced perspective about what is going on in the heat of the moment. For instance, if you are angry at an individual, try drawing a picture of them as something humourous, like a donkey. This may seem silly, but it will take a lot of the edge off of your anger. Besides, humour helps to mediate a tense situation.

Seeking Professional Help

If you find it difficult to deal with angry feelings on your own, counselling is an option. A psychologist or other licensed mental health professional can work with you in developing a number of techniques for changing the way you think and behave. When searching for a suitable therapist, be straight forward



Express your anger assertively. Aggression will lead to more hostile feelings.

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and tell him or her the problems that you want to deal with about your anger. Follow up with questions about his or her approach to anger management. This is key to helping you cope with your anger problem because if his or her approach to anger is not suited for you, it can create more tense feelings. Try looking up psychologists who specialize in anger management in the yellow pages, or go to counselling services within the university.
Anger is a natural emotion. It is okay

to be angry about a situation or a person. However, do not let these feelings get the better of you. You may not be a convicted murderer with mental problems, or have childhood brain injuries. But, if these feelings are not kept under control you can still cause harm upon yourself as well as on others. Therefore, take some time for yourself and think more rationally. After all, the life of a 20-something year old isn't as bad as you may think.



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Professional help is an alternate method for dealing with anger.

Are You Mad? Then read this:

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This is what rests on the top of the ICQ web site. Instantly, the "customer" is told how easy and free their life will be if they use the instant messaging system.

If you would, please harken back to an article that I wrote a few weeks ago about cell phones, and the sightings of many on campus and in the classrooms.

This article ties in with that one, in that I am trying to find an answer to the question of whether we are too connected? People in today's society are so

in touch and accessible that it is getting ridiculous!

Not only do we have cell phones glued to our ears, but we are obsessed with our computers.

First thing in the morning, people are lined up at the computer stations in the Torque Room to check their email. This is obviously a very important thing to do at 8:30 in the morning.

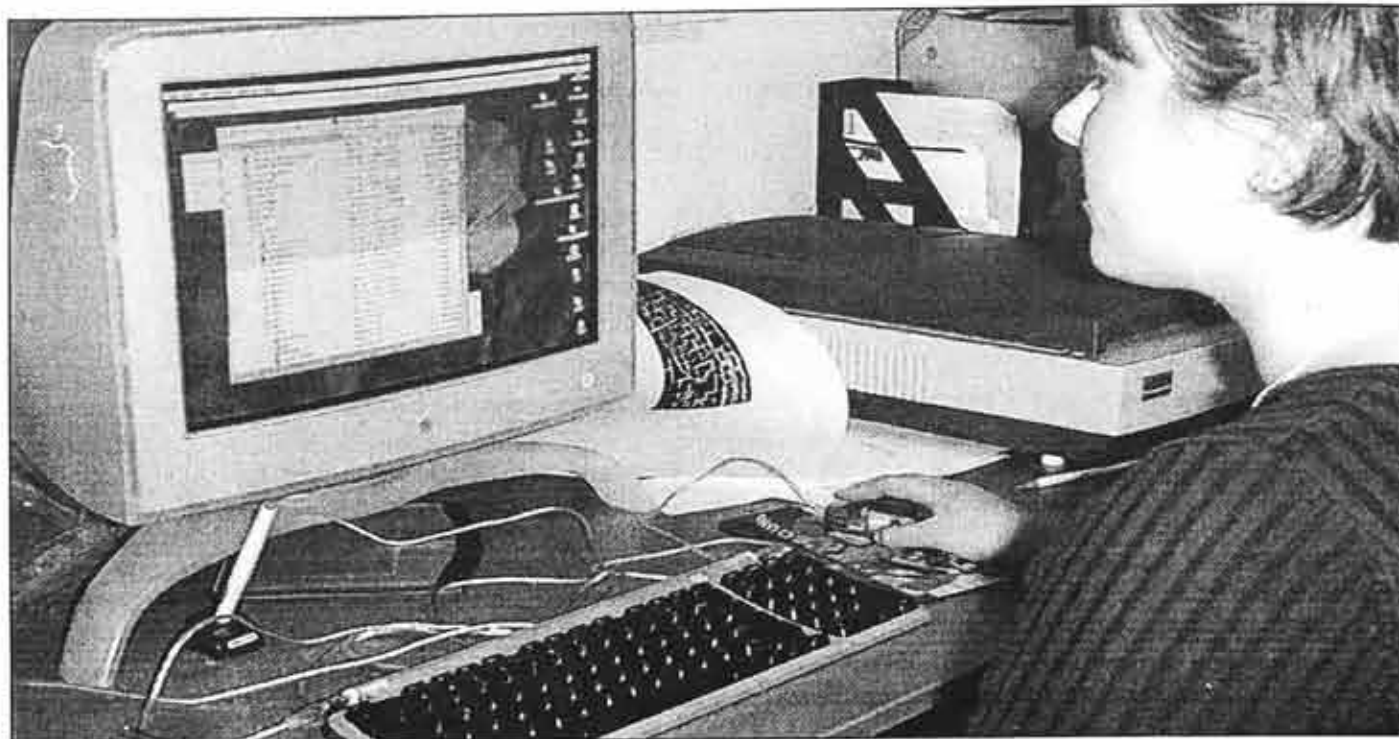
The newest form of email is this idea of instant messaging system. MSN, Yahoo, and many

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other companies have various types of message systems that can be used to contact someone right away.

ICQ seems to be the most popular of these. ICQ searches your

friends out for you and alerts you as soon as they are on-line. ICQ allows you to chat, send



Is this the wave of the future? Well, at least we'll all have great relationships with our computers!!!!

messages to others, play games, or just surf with your friends.

Now, there are a few problems with this. First, you are totally accessible at all times. Secondly, you are limited if trying to avoid talking to someone. Also, you are removing yourself from contact with human beings. So, why is this so widely used?

How does ICQ work you ask? As soon as you install the program, you have to register at a server. You receive a Universal Internet Number and become part of the community. You are essentially now a number. ICQ does not interfere with any other applications that you may be using. Sounds pretty great!?

From the moment that you log on to the internet, the Internet community is informed that you are on-line.

Now, tell me, who wouldn't rather be on-line with all of the other numbers when they could be out putting away a pint or just chilling with friends?

Maewyn Who?

MAN TRAN

If you are like many of your peers, then right now you are counting down the days until you can dress from head to toe in green, guzzle some green beer, feast on bacon and cabbage, and sing along to Irish tunes.

If so, you might want to mark down Saturday March 17th on your calendars. Not only is that St. Patrick's Day, but that is the day when Wilf's is holding their annual St. Paddy's Day celebration!

As a Kitchener-Waterloo resident, you should be aware that festivities are limited to certain pubs, nightclubs and restaurants.

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However, if you have been around for a year or more, you are probably aware of the traditional line-up starting outside of Wilf's leading to the outside of the Fred Nichols building.

Nonetheless, you also know how much it was worth staying in line, just to get in, have a beer and chill. If you are still in your first year, do not worry it is just like standing in line for the Turret, or

Wilf's on a special occasion/concert.

So, now that you know what you will be doing on St. Patrick's Day, let's take a step back to think about the meaning behind all the celebrations.

Here are some quick facts - March 17th marks the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick (his given name was Maewyn), the missionary who became the patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick's Day has evolved from a Catholic holiday to a more secular holiday.

The shamrock is one of the traditional icons of the day, it is apparently lucky if you find a four-leaf clover.

The colour green was not considered a lucky colour and is an Americanized development not an Irish tradition.

As well, leprechauns do not exist. Sorry to ruin your myth of little green men.

If you kiss the blarney stone, you will be given the gift of persuasive eloquence.

"Be nice to them on the way up. You might meet them all on the way down," is one of many Irish sayings.

Hope that you all have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day!

If you drink excessive amounts of green beer you will start to see little green men. This is a proven fact. Drink up!

queer

"The Fix: Conversion Therapy"

LUXMEN ALOYSIUS

Many coming out stories involve individuals who are asked by their parents to seek some form of therapy to "fix" their sexuality.

According to a survey done by The Advocate in 1997, 42% of gays and lesbians seek mental health treatment. Whether this 'mental health treatment' entails attempts at fixing their sexuality or whether it is to deal with the daily harrows of life is not clear.

Yet, treatments and organizations do exist to 'fix' people's sexuality. What exactly 'fix' means differs from organization to organization and from therapist to therapist.

The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) in the United States is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to the research, therapy and prevention of homosexuality. The phrase "prevention of homosexuality" is found on the front page of their website.

NARTH believes that homosexuality is not biologically determined and considers it a lifestyle choice that can be changed among individuals through education and therapy. NARTH believes that through therapy individuals would come to the inevitable conclusion that they do not have to be queer.

"Fix" for NARTH represents eliminating homosexuality from individuals and society.

Where Grace Abounds (WGA) was born out of the need to fill the vacuum created between the blanket acceptance and approval of sexual behavior of any kind from the queer community and the total condemnation of homosexual behavior from the religious right.

It intends to act as a buffer

The phrase "Prevention of homosexuality" is found on the front page of their website.

zone between the two 'extremes' of the religious right and the queer community, for individuals who attempt to balance their religion with their sexuality.

WGA supports an open dialogue and understanding of an individual's sexuality. Supposedly, it does not attempt to make judgements or blanket statements on what sexuality is supposed to be.

As liberal as WGA sounds in that it supports dialogue about sexuality, it does promote the

idea that an individual can and should change their sexuality.

For example, in their web-site (www.wheregraceabounds.com) when asked if homosexuality can be converted, the organization states, "But many people do overcome their feelings and are no longer caught up in life-controlling sexual sin. Whether an ex-gay ends up married (many do!) or celibate - the healing in their relationships can be profound through the redemptive power of the cross."

WGA is a ministerial organization that bases its beliefs on the religious views of the bible where homosexuality is condemned. It is hardly surprising that as liberal and open as the organization claims to be, that it still comes to the same conclusion as the religious right -- homosexuality is wrong.

The discourse surrounding reparative therapies revolve around the jargon of science, biological and psychological testing and statistics that do not seem to be very clear on determining what causes homosexuality and whether it is something that can be fixed.

Yet the decision to be involved in these therapies is a decision that should be optimally made in the interests of the individual by the individual without coercion for a better understanding of her sexuality.

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Breakin'daBooty in KW

DJ Boogie and friends get dirty with their booty

LUKE MARTYN

A distinct taste of drum n bass, jungle, breaks and booty house are converging in Kitchener Waterloo this Saturday night at Inner City Night Club.

DEJ productions is hosting Breakin'daBooty as its latest addition to the KW party scene, which has been relatively stagnant the past few months. This party is sure to inject some new energy into the arm of tired Toronto commuters.

The main room will play host to headliner DJ Boogie, who's from Minnesota. And if he's from Minnesota, it would also be safe to assume that he is from Minneapolis.

Boogie will get your ass shakin' with some of the dirtiest booty house you'll ever hear. As a DJ in Minneapolis, Boogie spun on KMOJ radio every Friday night in 1996. All dirty things must come to an end however, as his session was discontinued after the radio station's conservative administration found the material too controversial.

This fueled the fire to DJ Boogie's rise to fame and landed him a residency with Liquid Adrenaline. Boogie continues to terrorize kiddies with exceptional stage presence and an

obsession with taking over the microphone.

Providing the breaks for the evening and into the early morning will be Marty Mcfly and Big League Chu. Both DJs are highly recognized and respected in the Toronto Breaks scene. Marty Mcfly is a regular on 1groove.com, an online radio network where selected DJs have a weekly show, where they pimp their talents.

Big League Chu played his first party in 1996, and in 3 years he became one of Canada's most famous breaks icons. Over the years, Chu has come to develop his own distinct breaks style, impressing crowds across the North American party scene. A showman at heart, Chu takes entertaining his fans very seriously.

Headlining the ever-popular jungle room will be Capital J, a relative local to the Ontario scene with a strong following in Toronto. Capital J hails from London and is best known for his work scratching up the dance floors with his happy go lucky antics. Performing on the decks since he was fourteen, Capital J has experienced many transitions in his musical preferences. As usual, MC JD will be providing the voice to Capital J's

DJ Boogie plays some of the dirtiest booty house you will ever hear



Marty Mcfly raises his arms in anticipation of this Saturday's party at Inner City.

set. From performing in a hip hop/punk group, to becoming one of Canada's most respected Drum and Bass DJ's, Capital J will not disappoint.

Supporting Capital J in the room of jungle will be Toronto resident dj Spinz. Spinz has been spinning for almost ten years, and has become a staple in the Toronto jungle scene.

Although his production work is a bit light in contrast to Capital J, Spinz has recently stepped-up to the challenge of producing original tracks. Spinz is expected to release some of his productions sometime this year on his label Blaydrunner Records.

The diverse lineup will please all who are mildly interested, and thrill those who

require a deserved night out.

Ticket prices are a reasonable \$10 in advance at Speed or Shakedown St., and \$15 dollars at the door.

Instead of paying for gas and heading to Toronto... or Detroit, buy your mom some flowers.

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Kardinal Offishal - COMPUTER ANIMATED!

SCOTT CAIRNS

Federation Hall will be playing host to Kardinal Offishal on Saturday, March 17th. The event is being hosted by Brown Eyes Entertainment - a company headed up by Wilfrid Laurier's very own Mista Jiggz. The company has been running successfully for three years, with parties being run in both Waterloo, and Kingston.

The event is being organized in conjunction with the Indian Student's Organization. Tickets are \$10 in advance, with all proceeds going to the India Earthquake Relief Fund.

Toronto talent Baby U will be opening for Kardinal, with a Three-Turntable Hip Hop showcase. This will no doubt garner some attention for this "up and coming" artist. Three Turntables is no laughing matter. The last person I saw using Three turntables was my roommate Gerald, and it nearly ripped his arm right off!

For those not in the know, Kardinal Offishal is one of Toronto's premier MC's. His new single, "Bakardi Slang" is being played to death on radio stations all across Canada. Offishal's previous album, "Hustlin" went multi-platinum (?) in Canada, and was in heavy rotation on Much Music for way too long. My favourite part is when he changes into a computer animated chump, and raps to a dazzled little girl. There is also a part in the video where simply by changing outfits, he has so many girls wanting his ass, that he has to swat them away! Its GOLD! This one is for the T dot O dot.

Queer film fest

ANTHONY IANTORNO

From Thursday, March 15th to Sunday, March 18th the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG), along with Gays & Lesbians of Waterloo (GLOW) and GenX are proud to present the first annual queer film festival to celebrate 30 years of GLOW.

The festival will feature films which depict images of gay and lesbian lives and issues, and emphasize issues of multicultural diversity, gender and AIDS. Featured films include *Boys don't Cry*, *The Celluloid Closet*, *Ma Vie En Rose*, *Chocolate Babies*, *Show me Love*, and *Relax! Its Just Sex!* The festival hopes to encourage audiences to engage in the discussion of cultural identities and aesthetics. They will also offer an opportunity to see and discuss the thematic and political concerns raised by the work of lesbian and gay filmmakers.

In addition to films and discussions, two parties have been planned including a Boyz and Boys & Girls and Girls Night at UW's Bombshelter on Friday, a party at Club Renaissance on Saturday, and a Wine and Cheese on Sunday at 7pm.

Films will be shown at the University of Waterloo, Davis Centre, Room 1302. The film festival is "pay-what-you-can" admission (except for the first night which is \$2) with the proceeds going to the Aids Committee of Kitchener-Waterloo. For more information call 888-4882, or visit wpirg.org/rainbowreels.

Queer Candy



Daft Punk - Discovery

posed to be. "Discovery" is supposed to pound you in the head until you're too tired to stand. It's supposed to make you shake your booty on a grimy floor at the Renaissance. I'm relatively sure that making a fully flowing and fluent album was secondary in their minds, but hey! that's just me.

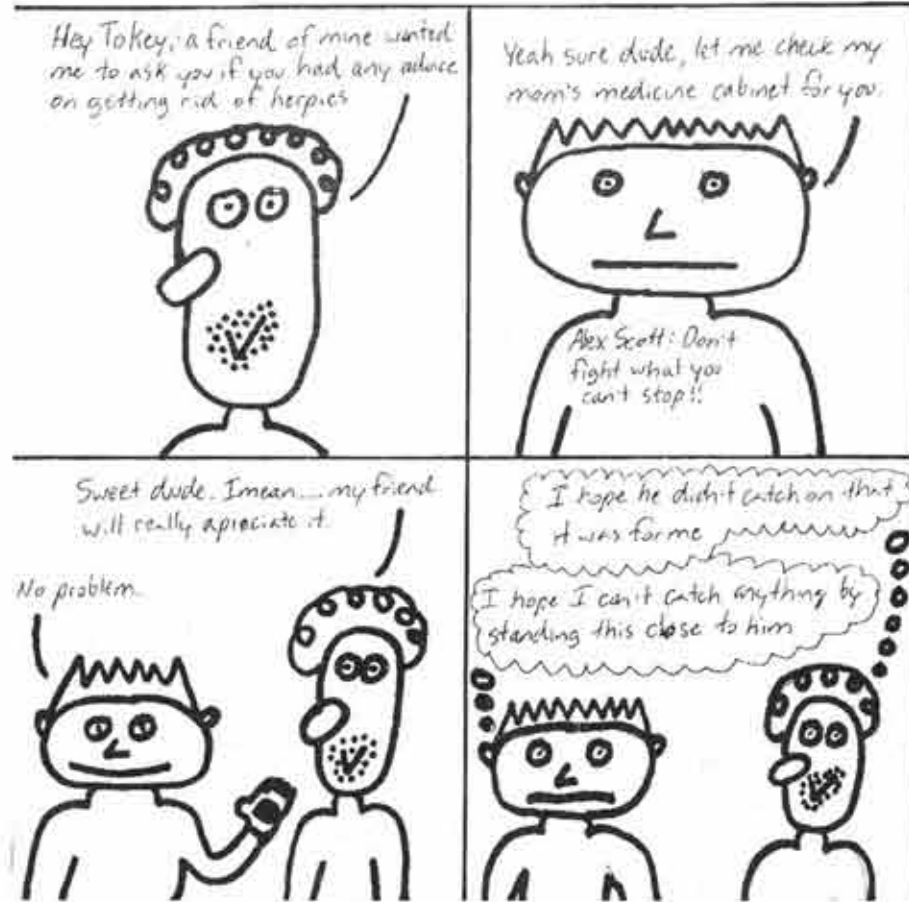
That said, there are some slamming anthems within these 61 dirty minutes. The acid funk stink of "Aerodynamic" will make you rock like a motha. The 80's pop pastiche of "Digital Love" will make you nauseous from the thought that you're actually enjoying it (and

believe me, you will.) "Superheroes" would probably make for a very good gay anthem (at the very least, it makes me question my sexuality simply for enjoying it so much.) What else? Oh! I love singing robots, so "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger" is my personal favourite.

Chances are, if you like dancing like an idiot to "One More Time" at the clubs, then you'll like the rest of this album. At least with the album, you have to option of dancing at home alone where no one can see how stupid you look. Stupid. **Scott Cairns**

Listening to this is totally making me feel dirty. I know I COULD be expanding my mind right now with some baroque tripe, or maybe even some jazz dynamics from the Miles Davis Quintet...But Nooooooo... instead, I'm listening to the new Daft Punk CD. And oh lord, it's dirty. DIRTYDIRTYDIRTYDIRTYDIRTY. So good though. I think every time someone slags off "One More Time", it make me like it even more. It makes me remember how stupidly fun it is. It makes me remember that sometimes, music isn't meant to be anything more than a visceral experience.

So yes. Coming from someone who's calling One More Time a "grower", this is a pretty good album. Its nowhere near the genius of "Homework", but then again I don't think it's sup-



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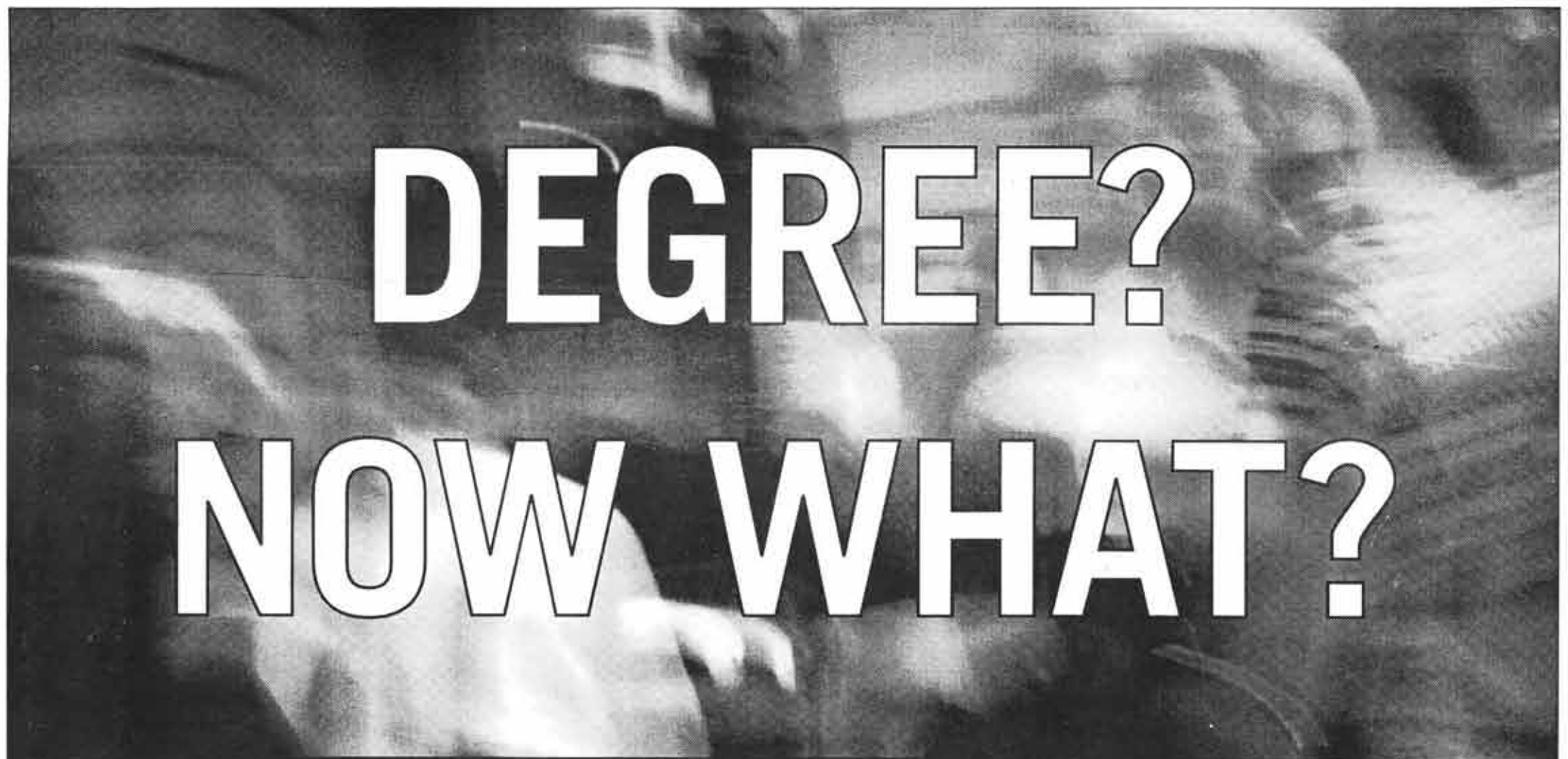
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Hawks Win Thriller

Pikula nets two to lift Laurier over Guelph

WILBUR MCLEAN

The combination of Dan Pikula's smooth stickhandling and Chad Marshall's impenetrable goalkeeping helped lift the Hawks men's hockey team over Guelph in the first game of the OUA mini-series by a score of 2-1.

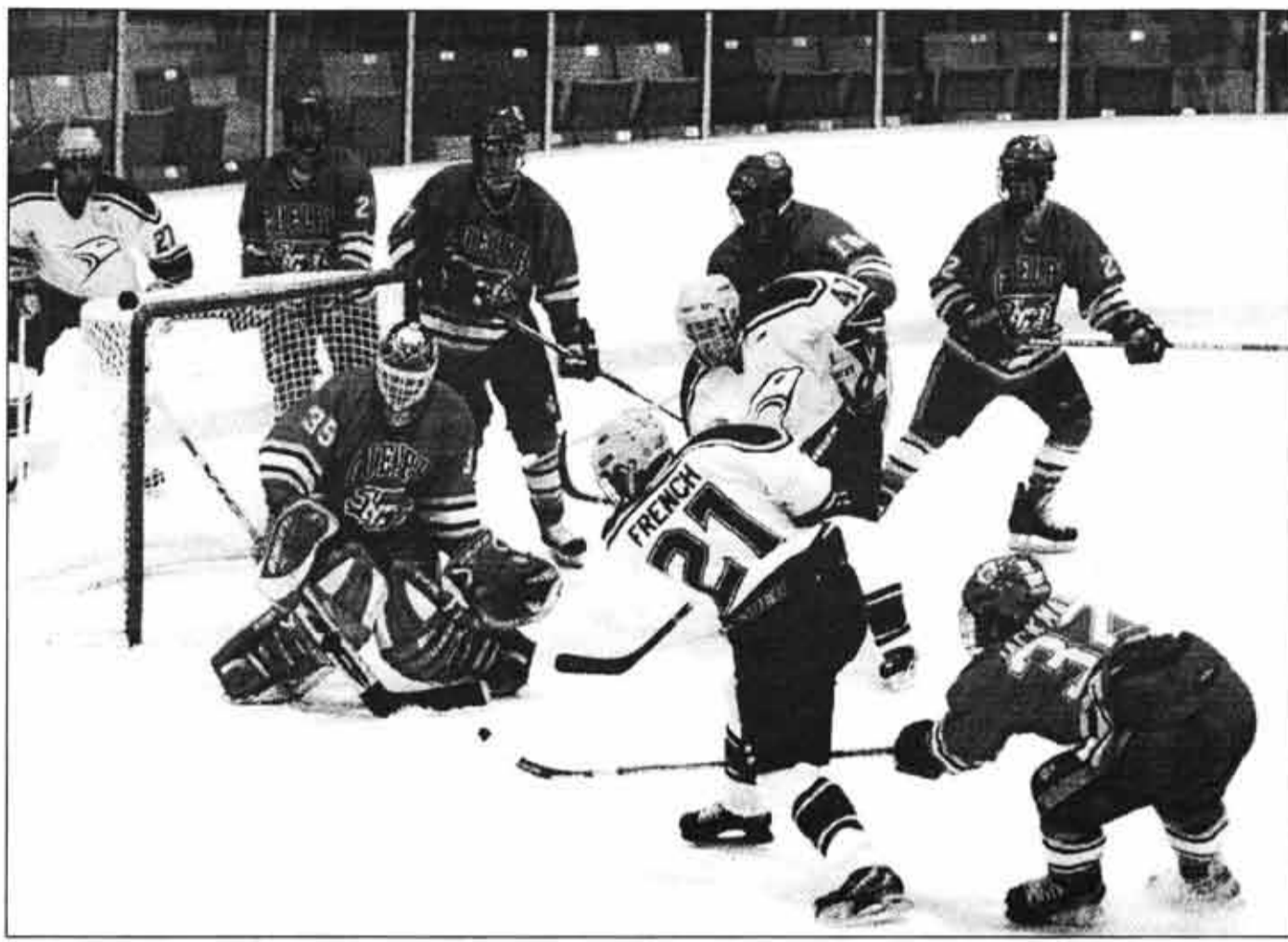
Pikula scored both of Laurier's goals, including the game winner with 1:29 left in the game. Marshall made a number of outstanding saves enabling Laurier to stay in the game and giving Pikula the opportunity to win the match.

The game was the first in the OUA mini-series, the winner of which will represent the host squad at this year's CIAU championships, taking place in Kitchener from March 22nd to 25th.

It had been two weeks since either team had laced their skates, so it was expected that the game started slowly with both teams attempting to remove the rust.

Quickly however, Guelph began to put pressure on Laurier's defence and the Gryphs had a number of opportunities to put the first goal on the board. Only a couple of outstanding saves by Marshall prevented Guelph from doing just that. The first period ended scoreless.

The second period was even more exciting and especially



This is hockey. They're playing the OUA mini-series right now to determine who gets to host the CIAU championships.

fast-paced. As Marshall said "Once we got our legs back under us, everyone seemed to keep going." The period of play began with both teams receiving penalties early on. At 4:04, Laurier managed to take advantage of a powerplay.

Eric Ballantyne pounced on a weak clearing attempt by Guelph and managed to pass the puck in to Pikula who was standing just outside the crease. Pikula made no mistake as he put it into the net giving the G-

Hawks a 1-0 lead.

That lead however was short lived. Six minutes later Al Stewart received a hooking penalty giving Guelph a man advantage.

During the powerplay, Guelph's Marcel Kars caught a lucky bounce and had a wide open breakaway and managed to put the puck past Marshall. The score was 1-1 after two.

The third period once again provided some of the best action that could be seen in

CIAU hockey as the "oohs" of a big hit and the "awws" of a near-goal were heard quite often from the riveted crowd.

As time wound down it began to look as if the game was headed into overtime.

But with two minutes left the Hawks had a number of opportunities around the goal and continually pressured the Guelph goalie.

Finally, it was with 1:29 left in the match that Pikula pulled the trigger on an amazing goal.

The puck was dumped into the Guelph end. As Pikula explains it, "I just saw a loose puck, went after it, kept my feet moving and swept around the goalie and put it in."

Despite making it sound simple, the goal was nothing short of spectacular and as Pikula attests, "it was a great feeling to score."

Guelph pulled their goalie for the remainder of the game and even called a timeout but it was to no avail as the Golden Hawks came away victorious.

"The guys found a way to win", Marshall says.

The team will now watch intently as Guelph faces off against Waterloo in the second game of the mini-series Wednesday night.

The boys will then face off against Waterloo on Thursday. The win gives WLU a huge advantage in their hopes of participating in this year's University Cup as the pressure is now on Waterloo and Guelph to pick up wins. The team with the best record after the mini-series goes on to participate at the CIAU's.

Regarding Thursday's game, Pikula says "we'll just come in prepared to play them knowing what they're about...we know Waterloo well."

Thursday's game takes place at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium. Game time is at 7:30 pm.

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CIAU basketball: Final Eight preview

BASIL BOTETZAYAS

As the NCAA tournament starts, Canada's elite basketball teams fight for their stake in Canadian basketball history. The 'Final Eight' have been set and they are ready for their opening round matches.

The field includes the number one ranked St. Francis of Xavier, which has one loss all season (to the second ranked Western Mustangs).

The Mustangs boast the leading scorer in the nation, Andy Kwiatkowski, who has been deadly for them since he regained his eligibility.

The perennial powerhouse Brandon Bobcats

have secured the third ranking as they look to avenge meltdowns in recent years that have cost them the CIAU championship.

The Carleton Ravens of the OUA East are the fourth ranked team as they beat out the multitalented York Yeomen to make it to the promised land.

The first wildcard bid went to the McMaster Maurauders who have spent most of the year near the top of the CIAU polls and currently find themselves at number 5. The Maurauders find themselves in familiar territory as they have been the bridesmaid on more than one occasion in recent years.

The Saint Mary's Huskies laid claim to the second wildcard spot as they had to contend with the number one ranked St.

Francis of Xavier in their conference all season long.

Rounding out the 'Final Eight' are the Victoria Vikes and the Laval Rouge et Or at numbers 7 and 8 respectively.

As every season commences, each and every

team in the CIAU shares the dream of making it to Halifax for a shot at immortality.

While they are not playing for the big U.S. networks or NBA scouts these players are playing for the love of the game.

As some of their former high school teammates are tournament bound with

"Canadian ballers often see Halifax as their last stand basketball wise."



Coach Campbell, a frequent visitor to Halifax can only look on this season and plan for future journeys.

high hopes, Canadian 'ballers often see Halifax as their last stand basketball wise.

To many, this is the end of their careers, only the cream of the crop might go on to play in Europe.

Between first round blowout NCAA

games this weekend, tune in and watch because for the most part it is our last chance to see Canadian basketball legends strut their stuff before they revert back to ordinary people like you and me.

Who will wear the glass slipper?



The road may be long, but those that finish the journey never seem tired when it is over.

To the common fan, the tournament gives us an insight into these players' lives. We cry with the seniors that have just been eliminated and never realize their dream of cutting down those nets. We cheer as the Cinderellas gain momentum with win after win.

We even jump up and down as we see the late Jim Valvano run around the court and jump in to his players arms after Lorenzo Neal grabbed a missed buzzer beater and dunked to win the championship and end the Phi Slamma Jamma era at the University of Houston (with Clyde Drexler and Akeem Olajuwon before he wanted the "H" added on).

We even grab our heads every time we see the replay of Chris Webber travelling and then calling the infamous timeout that didn't exist.

We can never forget Christian Laettner's turnaround jumper that sent Duke to the final four. We stand up and take notice as the freshman Grant Hill catches an impossible pass with one hand and dunks it or another freshman Joe Forte unleashes his deadly arsenal of offensive firepower on his unsuspecting defenders.

We applaud the returning senior Shane Battier who twice opted out of entering the NBA draft as a lottery pick and became a two time player of the year, to finish his University degree and attempt to fulfill his dream of winning the championship.

We test our knowledge and luck each year, choosing the results of every game in the tournament in hopes of winning the pot and gaining bragging rights for the year.

All in all, we just sit back and enjoy, the show put before us with its unfolding plots as every year some team emerges to put on the glass slipper and run with the Cinderella label.

As nice as it is to reminisce, that is not going to help you much with your picks so here is brief look at the field. Since the inception of the current 64 team format in 1985, no number 1 seed has lost to a 16 seed.

A number 2 seed though has lost almost every year so look for an upset there. Of the number 2 seeds - Kentucky, Iowa State, North Carolina, and Arizona - there is no clear favourite to lose although the following facts are true. Arizona has had a bad history of choking at the big dance.

This year they were the preseason number 1 yet they played one of the hardest out of conference schedule in country leaving them tired at times in their trek through time zones. Given this, their record has suffered but they are now accustomed to travelling all over the country, a definite positive.

Iowa State has looked strong throuout the year but enter the tournament struggling of late. North Carolina in the first year of the Dougherty era surprised many by beating Duke earlier on but succumbed to the Blue Devils twice later on in the year and eventually going 4-4 in their last eight games before the tour-

namment.

They have an intriguing match-up facing the number 15 Princeton. Princeton has played the giant killer before, beating the defending champion UCLA Bruins in 1995.

The team now coached by the namesake of the legendary Georgetown coach John Thompson is prided on its attention to detail and fundamentally sound basketball.

Finally, rounding out the two seeds, is Kentucky. Kentucky has had an up and down year showing flashes of the old Wildcat juggernaut that was a final four fixture for many years.

As for Cinderella, whoever she may be, it's a good guess to pick a 12 seed as they are usually the most likely to put a couple of wins under their belts and make the sweet sixteen. Dancers to look out for are Hofstra, Utah State, BYU, Georgia State, Hawaii, Butler, and Creighton.

All of these teams could upset, or none of them could, that is the nature of the beast and what makes it so much fun to watch. You never know who will win a given match.

There seems to be a cluster of Canadians in the West. Damian Reid of St. Joe's, Teyo Johnson of the Stanford Cardinals, and Jesse Young from George Mason. Dave Thomas also joins the group with Michigan State.

So as you sit there and make your picks, don't forget to get them in on time and enjoy the show. Don't get too caught up in your own team but watch the whole story unfold.

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Men's hockey has good shot

WILBUR MCLEAN

The men's hockey team has indeed had a tough time this season. From illegal players to overturned wins to inconsistent play, it's been a turbulent year for the pucking Hawks.

While the team struggled to a 9-11-4 record and barely made the playoffs, it was in the first round series against Waterloo where the team managed to gel.

In the end, despite losing the series, the team felt good about their performance and substantial improvement and was able to look forward to the mini-series which is currently being played out for the right to be the

host squad at the CIAU championships

First, let it be known that in the grand scheme of things it does not matter who wins the mini-series being played between WLU, Waterloo and Guelph.

The winner will not compete for a medal at the Cup. In fact, chances are the team who wins the host bid will be grossly over-matched in each of their games.

None of the three teams competing in the mini-series will be able to compete against Canadian hockey powerhouses such as defending CIAU champions Alberta, UQTR, who have won the OUA three years in a

row and Western, who easily topped WLU and Waterloo's division this year.

Thus, this mini-tournament is more for bragging rights and an opportunity to extend the winning team's season for a couple more weeks.

With that being understood, Laurier has an excellent shot at winning. This Hawk team is far better than their mediocre record indicates. Now that the squad's roster is no longer in a constant state of flux and controversies surrounding the boys have finally subsided, the team for the first time this season has been able to do what they're supposed to: play hockey.

And as it turns out they're actually quite good at that.

Coming into the tournament, both Laurier and Waterloo had beaten Guelph fairly easily in their meetings. However, this Gryphon squad has made some great strides over the last couple of weeks as they managed to play an extremely strong game against WLU.

More than likely though, the tournament will come down to the winner between the Hawks and the Warriors on Thursday.

These two teams have played each other a total of seven times this year with their record against each other being a very equal 3-3-1.

One big advantage for the Laurier squad however is the fact that Waterloo has not had the luxury of having two weeks off as WLU did.

That is because the Warriors, as a result of their playoff wins over the Hawks, had to play Western in the OUA semifinals.

Thus, the game between these two equally skilled squads could come down to the fact that Laurier will have fresh legs and Waterloo will not.

So perhaps inadvertently, losing the OUA playoffs was beneficial because now it seems that WLU has an easier and far more legitimate shot at competing at the University Cup.

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Commonspace

A New Internet Philosophy

MARK MORASSUT

Last week I attended a lecture titled, "Bring Me the Head of Ayn Rand!: The Internet and the End of Selfishness", featuring Mark Surman and Darren Wershler-Henry.

Media critics and partners in the Common Group Internet consulting firm, the two spoke about the on-line community, reading passages from their new book *Commonspace: Beyond Virtual Community*.

The quirky title of the lecture can be attributed to Ayn Rand and the premise of *Commonspace*.

Rand, author of *The Fountainhead*, believes selfishness is a virtue of the heroic being. In other words, the moral purpose of a man's life is his own happiness.

The book, however, argues that, "The juice that makes the Internet hum is the direct result of people talking, sharing, collaborating, aggregating, and playing." The interconnection of people and ideas that happens online is commonspace.

In the traditional sense of its meaning, online communities bring people together in the form of discussions. Today, playing games, sharing data, and buying and selling is what encompasses the collective activity that makes up virtual communities, or commonspace, and it is what differentiates the Internet from other forms of media.

But what makes common-



"Commonspace" a new book of Internet philosophy by Surman and Wershler-Henry.

space, you ask. Surman and Wershler-Henry have formulated several core principles in an attempt to answer that question.

First, the Internet is people, or "the many-to-many online world where audiences are simultaneously the performers in the main attraction."

As a result, all of our institutions – Business, Politics, Music, and Government – are creating new business models that facilitate the collective activity of many. For example, Napster was created to facilitate the transfer of MP3 files from one hard drive to another.

Second, together we are bigger than the sum of our parts. For example, the walls between organizations are toppling as businesses begin to embrace the power of aggregated data pools.

Third, in the economy of commonspace, businesses need to share power to thrive.

Businesses are realizing that they can adapt quickly and effectively to their users, their community, and their partners if they empower these people.

Fourth, as the age of the common good is dawning, success is going to be achieved through selflessness. The common good serves everyone involved, creating opportunities for all to prosper. For example, when a business gives away free software on the Internet, they can still make heaps of money from support, consulting, and ancillary businesses.

Finally, 15 minutes of fame is better reward than money. *Commonspace* is driven by the Internet's ability to allow anyone to gain attention.

Find a niche and add the most interesting and innovative ideas you have, and people will flock to your corner of commonspace.

EPOST Services

DAVID FIELD

Peter Melanson, the President and CEO of EPOST, the world's first electronic post office, spoke in the Science Building 7 March 2001. The event was part of the CMA Canada Speakers Series.

EPOST will take some of your existing physical mail and digitize it into ebills, statements, and eflyers. In this manner corporations can choose to send out an ebill instead of a paper bill that costs around \$0.80 to mail, including the paper.

For the corporation sending the ebill the total cost is about \$0.40. That ends up saving the average company 50% on their billing.

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Additionally, the bills and statements will contain more information, to help those who receive the mail to better understand it.

Consumers will also be able to pay the bill they receive online instantly and securely. As well the eflyers will now be interactive with more functionality.

EPOST is a combined cre-

ation of Canada Post and Cebra Inc. EPOST also teamed with financial institutions to allow bill payment; Bank of Montreal was the first of these institutions.

Peter Melanson proposed the venture in 1997, and Canada Post had to make sure there was value to receivers and senders.

Melanson said that the hardest task was realizing that it had to sacrifice some of their traditional lettermail income, in order to continue to make money.

"Canada Post had to eat their own young. If they didn't do it, someone else would do it," explained Melanson.

In studies done around the world Canada showed the highest interest in this type of mail service. Currently, 23% of Canadians pay their bills online.

Since the service was launched in November of 1999, 130,000 plus Canadians have signed up to the service. 90 plus companies have signed on to send mail through EPOST.

Recently, Telus invested \$30 million to gain a 5% stake in EPOST.

"We believe we will be awarded for being first," said Melanson.

The new company was chosen as one Canada's Top 10 Internet companies, according to Melanson.

For additional information on EPOST visit <http://www.epost.ca>.

"Consumer and business confidence has eroded..."

BUSINESS BITES

PREPARING FOR BANK MERGERS

The long awaited financial services legislation is expected to come out this spring, and will potentially encourage a new round of bank merger proposals. The first merger proposition to go before the Competition Bureau would have a significant "first-mover advantage" over banks that wait. The Bureau intends to follow the same process to deal with merger interest as it did in 1998. If the bureau receives two merger propositions at once, it will consider both simultaneously. It will take about five months to analyze the material and make a decision. Finance Minister Paul Martin told the big banks to refrain from proposing any major deals until the new legislation went through.

ROOTS AIR OFFERS BIG COMMISSIONS

The launch of Roots Air has made many travel agents very happy as the company is offering commissions of up to \$500 for domestic bookings. This is an aggressive policy when compared to Air Canada's commission caps of \$60. Roots Air has offered 8% commissions with no upper limit. What does Roots hope to gain? The large commissions are a planned strategy to promote the new airline, set to take off March 26. However, the world's most powerful airlines have been reducing commissions over the last few years without losing customers. Many have already eliminated commissions completely for Internet travel sites in Canada and the US.

LATEST ON JOB MARKET

In February, Canada experienced its largest single-month job loss in 4.5 years. This has been taken as a sign that the US slowdown in spilling over into Canada. Almost 24,000 jobs disappeared in February, but the unemployment rate remained at 6.9% as 14,000 people dropped out of the labour force. Both Canada and the US have experienced large losses in the manufacturing sector. Also, the North American auto-industry has slashed production and high-tech industries are slowing down. Rob Fairhom of Standard & Poor's DRI stated, "A manufacturing recession has signaled eight of the past three general recessions."

STOCK MARKETS IN TROUBLE

Selling hit the TSE 300 composite index, which fell 2.52% to close at 7,930.30 yesterday. This was the first time the TSE fell below 8,000 since Dec. 15, 1999. On Monday, the Nasdaq finished down 129.40, nearly 62% from its peak a year ago.

Subsequently, fear has spread to the Japanese stock market, knocking the Nikkei stock index down more than 400 points, the lowest it has been since 1985.

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