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Discord Over Dining Hall Kroeker claims improper consultation; Rosehart says "nickel and diming"

CORD NEWS DAVID FIELD

Discussion between the university administration and the student representatives from the SSAC Committee is continuing with each side taking differing positions on the proposed Dining Hall renovation.

The proposed \$3.8 million renovation of Health Services, the dining hall, and Paul Martin Centre is needed to meet the current and future needs of the university. The current dining hall is 47 years old, with only three more

years left until the original expense 15 paid off.

"From day one we [the Students' Union] have endorsed the need for renovation," stated

body for residence life."

The seven student members of SSAC, the body that decides student service matters, recommended a mortgage plan to pay off the money in 96 months instead of the proposed 180. Additionally, the student part of the SSAC committee proposed a 5% tax built into the price of food, removing the \$100 cap.

users of these facilities," stated Kroeker in support for the tax.

Rosehart responded to the tax by asking why cash sales

Rosehart also these promised the student should are

"Students are not the only

should be

taxed when sales be encouraged. As well, there not enough cash sales to make the tax worthwhile

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STUDENT ART 19 SHOW A-GO

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MORE ART, ON THE ICE



Meditation, by Kelly Steen, is one of the many all-student works currently on display in the Robert Langen Gallery in The Aird Building. See Student "Art", page 16,

Survivor Laurier Turns Into Game of "Simon Says"

CORD LIFE KNIGHT TIME AND NEANER

On Friday night, after 53.5 hours in a cage, only two students remained for the final vote at the Turret. Simon Worley and Krista Schiestel faced a jury of their fellow Survivors to determine who would walk away with the big screen TV and white water rafting trip. In a climactic 5 to 2 vote, Worley, a second year business student, was named Laurier's Ultimate Survivor. In the final immunity challenge on Friday night at 6pm, the three remaining Survivors, Mark, Simon and Krista, were required to balance on a paint can and keep their arms extended at a 90 degree angle, which proved to be the great equalizing event. After 12 minutes, all of the survivors began to suffer from muscle shakes and fatigue and Mark (with a bum right shoulder), was the first to drop below the level. Krista followed shortly, knowing from a previous conversation with the others that she was not the target for their votes. This gave Simon immunity status for the 4th time. With



yes, there were alliances...and plenty of them. Simon eagerly admitted his two conflicting alliances and when asked, confidently agreed that the contest had turned into a game of "Simon Says" fairly early.

Jeffrey Kroeker,

Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union President.

The issue that has arisen, a the0me seen multiple times this academic year, is centred on improper consultation with the various student representatives.

Students will have to cover \$1.5 million of the dining hall renovation cost.

The proposal to cover the cost entails a \$100 fee placed on future university meal plans. Therefore, a student would have to pay \$2400 for \$2300 worth of purchasing power.

WLU President Robert Rosehart said that the Inter Residence Council supported this \$100 cap, when the organization agreed to the renovation proposal.

Inter Residence Council is not a consultative body for university politics," said Kroeker. "It is a programming

\$1.5 million. "It] extreme nickel and

contribution

would not

exceed

diming," said Rosehart. "People are getting what they pay for."

Rosehart also promised that the required student contribution would not exceed \$1.5 million. The university would cover any further expenses incurred from the project.

Rosehart added that even with the \$100 fee, the prices are still competitive with other area universities.

At this point, Rosehart said he considers this as the best solution, even though his opinion could change by the time the decision is made this Friday.

Students, according to Rosehart must pay this money (\$1.5 million), because the Ontario government does not allow the university to subsidize auxiliary operations, such as the dining hall.

This is BEFORE he won.

Krista and Mark's votes virtually null and void, Simon was the only one required to vote, giving him the power to choose his opposition for the final tribal council. Simon voted off Mark, the "Colby" of the cage, as he was a deemed the biggest threat. This left him facing Krista in the final showdown.

Each of the last 7 survivors to leave the cage had a chance to ask a question of the final two or make a "Sue-esque" comment about their experience in the cage before voting for the winner. The questions got pretty heated, and to answer the most frequent enquiry of the week,

During the game, the strategies of the Survivors varied. Neil MacDonald stated that his strategy "was to ride the mullet all the way to the big screen TV", whereas Shaun Miller, like many of the other Survivors, attributed his long stay in the cage to his alliances. Shaun said, "I was in an alliance with both Neil and Mark and honoured them to the end. Mark hurt me when he elected not to honour the alliance, but now I realize it was necessary for him to stab me in the back in order to survive...no hard feelings though."

At the end of the vote, the survivors recognized the camaraderie of the game with a toast. Despite some tense moments in the cage, a majority of the contestants walked away with positive memories of the game. Mark Minor happily noted, "the three days in the cage were the most fun days I've had all year."

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To the members of Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications (WLUSP):

An issue arose that the Board of Directors feels it must inform you of. The 2000-2001 Vice President: Finance and Administration was let go for violations of various policies of the corporation. However, the full damage did not come to light until after his dismissal. This damage includes stale-dated cheques, unremitted payments, and incorrect/missing entries into the general ledger.

To determine the damage, and to help to repair the department, the accounting firm of Collins Barrow was called in by the Board to perform an audit and provide general professional assistance. At this time, it appears as though there was no fraud or theft, and the Board does not anticipate such potentialities. The Board has given Collins Barrow full access to all financial records, and they assure us that our proactive initiative has minimized damage.

The results of the audit will be made available to all members of the corporation when it has been completed. The Board is instituting new policies to ensure that such a lapse never occurs again.

In the interim, the department is being headed by newly selected 2001-2002 Vice President: Finance and Administration, Edward Schall.

Any further questions regarding this matter should be directed to either the President, Christian Pearce (at extension 3565), or the Chair of the Board, Robert Borek (at 465-3133).

Robert Borek Chair of the Board

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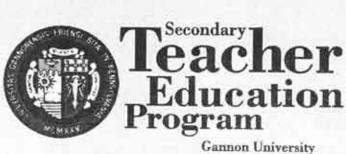
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Some discussion on the future of public opinion and market research in Canada... 87% of those in attendance enjoyed themselves

DAVID FIELD

The Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP) had its first formal event on 23 March 2001. This Friday event included a collection of former Wilfrid Laurier University students who are currently working in the public opinion field.

After a brief opening address by WLU President Dr. Robert Rosehart, Steve Brown, the Director of LISPOP, then spoke to the audience.

"This is our coming out party," said Brown.

He added that to discuss Issues in Public Opinion and Market Research, the symposium topic, LISPOP decided to go to those people they already knew.

Brown, in introducing Darrell Bricker, President of Public Affairs Practice at Ipsos-Reid, recalled the time when he was a student at WLU.

Brian Mulroney.

"The most marketable thing [to employers] in Political Science is statistics," stated Bricker,

Speaking about the public opinion sector in Canada, Bricker said there were three things that would challenge the current methods of conducting public opinion research: the Internet, foreign ownership, and the lack of trained talent.

"The 2000 federal election was the last federal election where a majority of public opinion surveying is done over the telephone," boldly predicted Bricker.

The Internet is a possible way to get past the declining telephone response rates to surveys. public opinion Additionally, four days to conduct a poll is too long during an election period, said Bricker.

The next issue Bricker addressed was that of foreign ownership. There currently is not a solely domestic public opinion firm that can endure the expense needed to invest in the new technologies, especially the Internet. This will cause current Canadian firms to fall further behind unless a larger international firm purchases them.

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The final problem that plagues the growth of public opinion in Canada, according to Bricker is the lack of qualified talent. Without the qualified employees public opinion companies are unable to grow.

After the half-hour address to those present, the symposium went into a panel discussion.

The discussion analyzed issues such as the increased usage of panel studies, industry regulation, and how the media interprets the data the public opinion firms publish.

However, the featured speaker, who rarely let others answer questions from the audience, dominated this discussion. At one point Bricker even acknowledged the fact that he seemed to do all the talking. After that statement he continued to field all the questions.

The entire panel seemed to praise the new existence of LISPOP, and the organization the panel expressed hope that it will solve some of the industries problems like finding qualified employees, being an industry watch dog and public informant.

WLUSP VP Finance replaced

DILLON MOORE

Those readers of the Cord who pay close attention when perusing the paper's masthead may have noticed that the name next VP: Finance & to Administration, the in Administration section, has changed.

Eddy Schall, the Cord's Photo Manager, has taken over a little early the paid position that he was meant to assume for next year. This is due to former VP: Finance & Administration Dharmesh Makwana being asked to leave.

Student Publications President Christian Pearce said that the dismissal of Makwana was the result of a number of negligent actions. The final problem that forced the dismissal was the discovery that a number of cheques written by students for yearbooks had not been cashed on time, and were now useless. Pearce maintains that Makwana had been reminded of the need to cash these cheques, but had not followed through and done it.

This incident was not the first to cause trouble for Student Publications. Over the Christmas break, Student Publications' account was allowed to sink to nothing, as no income was deposited. As a result, a number of cheques bounced. Pearce has said that he had come very close many times to asking Makwana to leave, but for personal and professional reasons had deemed Makwana worthy of another chance.

Government. As a result, money plus interest is still owing.

Pearce is not too worried about the financial situation, despite the fact that the corporation is taking a hit on interest. He did not want to speculate on the reasons for Makwana's performance on the job. He also was quick to quell any rumours that might get started, declaring that there is no evidence of any embezzlement or misuse of funds, and therefore no reason to believe that any such activity occurred.

Makwana admitted that he did not do his job to the best of his ability. A number of personal problems, including a cancer scare with his father, are what he attributed to his inability to perform the tasks required of him.

On his situation over the year, Makwana stated: "I really had a fear about losing family members. Coming into the office was just killing me."

He has no regrets that he was let go, and feels that he probably should have resigned from the position sooner.

Most important to Makwana is that Student Publications is still strong, and he hopes that people who want a clear story of what happened will come to him with their questions.

The lesson of this experience has not been lost on the staff of Student Publications.

Said Pearce: "I've told Eddy from the beginning that the lesson from this is that if you've got something to do, do it."

Schall, presently working through this past year's records, is excited about the next year, and thinks the extra time spent working in the position will be invaluable. He expects that safeguards will be put in place that will prevent this sort of

"I am delighted to see Darrell back at Laurier," said Brown.

Darrell Bricker began recalling the last time he spoke at Laurier, when he was then the Director of Research for the Office of the Prime Minister for

Schall and Pearce are currently working long hours to determine the exact state of finances Student at Publications. A recent and surprising discovery is that taxes were not entirely paid to the thing from happening again.

WLUSU management committee hired

KEVIN RAMZI NASIR

Doing the math on the hiring of next year's WLUSU Management Committee (MC) sounds like a beer commercial. 17 candidates, 51 hours of interviews and deliberation, 5 successful applicants: For all you do, this MC is for you.

From 1 pm Friday March 2 to 1 pm the following Tuesday, WLUSU President-elect Dave Prang and his hiring committee immersed themselves in a 51hour hiring marathon for next year's appointed Vice-Presidents, which will constitute five of the nine-member MC.

After reviewing applications,

conducting first- and secondround interviews, and deliberations, four days of near-straight hiring had passed.

Including elected officials, at least four of next year's MC are Political Science majors, none are visible minorities, and three are women (up from one woman in the past two years).

Four are running for the University Senate (three current MC members sit on Senate), and at least four are members of a Sorority or Fraternity, down from six this year.

Ben Durrer, who was one of the directors responsible for marketing the failed LIFT proposal to students during the last elections, was appointed VicePresident: Marketing. He served as Vice-Chair of the Board this year.

Michael Fox, who served on the Finance and Building Committee as a 1998-1999 Board member and is the current head of the Sigma Chi fraternity, was appointed Vice-President: Finance and Administration.

Another member of the 1998-1999 Board was also appointed to next year's MC. Andy Pushalik, incoming Vice-President: Student Services (Foot Patrol, ERT, Peer Help Line), was the Board's First Year Council representative that year.

The Vice-President: Human Resources Development position was awarded to Laure Lafrance, who has been heavily involved in Laurier's off-campus Dons association, LOCUS.

Student Activities insider Maja Yuricek was appointed Vice-President of that department, which brings us Laurier Survivor and Fashion 'N' Motion, among other events.

February's WLUSU/SP elections saw Prang elected along with David Wellhauser, next year's Executive Vice-President: University Affairs.

Paul Tambeau, and Kristi Edwards were also acclaimed to the Board of Directors, to which the Management Committeee reports. The incoming Board has selected them as Chair and

Vice-Chair, respectively.

Of course, there were also the usual political niceties. On the Wednesday prior to interviews, candidates had the opportunity to strut their stuff at a wine and cheese with the current and incoming Boards at Lucinda House - the official residence of the University President, even though he does not actually live there.

And Prang had only nice things to say about the process. "The caliber of candidates, their desire, love, and dedication to the Laurier community was overwhelming," he said.



It's such a bag

BREAK ENTER & THEFT FRI MAR 16/01 - MON MAR 19/01 Person(s) unknown entered an office in the Aird Bldg, broke into a locked cabinet and removed a quantity of cash from a petty cash box. Waterloo Regional Police Forensic Identification Unit was called to fingerprints. dust for Investigation continues.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 MON MAR 19/01 A Library patron reported the theft of some of the contents of her wallet when it was left unattended for a short time on the 6th floor of the Library.

NOISE COMPLAINT 2330 HRS WED MAR 21/01 An officer responded to a complaint from a resident of Willison Hall of a lot of noise coming from Willison Field. Participants of the "Survivor" contest were cheering others on. They were asked to keep the noise down and complied.

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the area of the Concourse when it was reported that he was stopping people and asking for money.

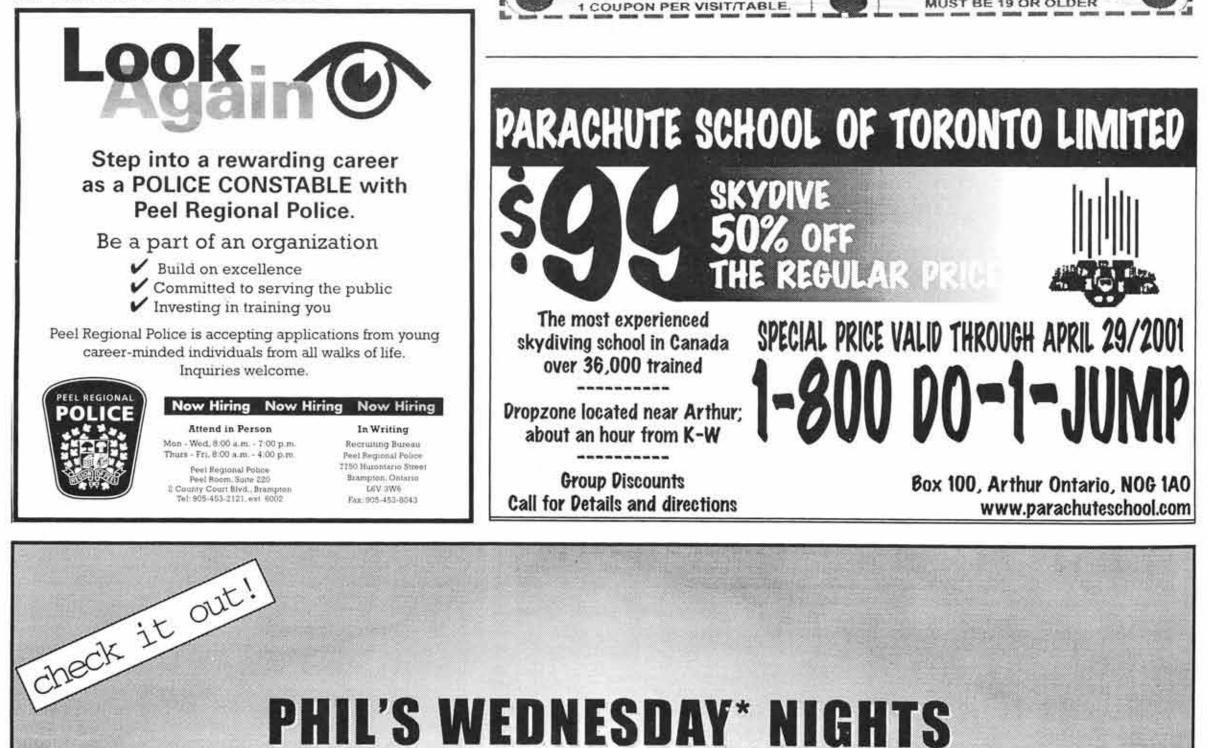
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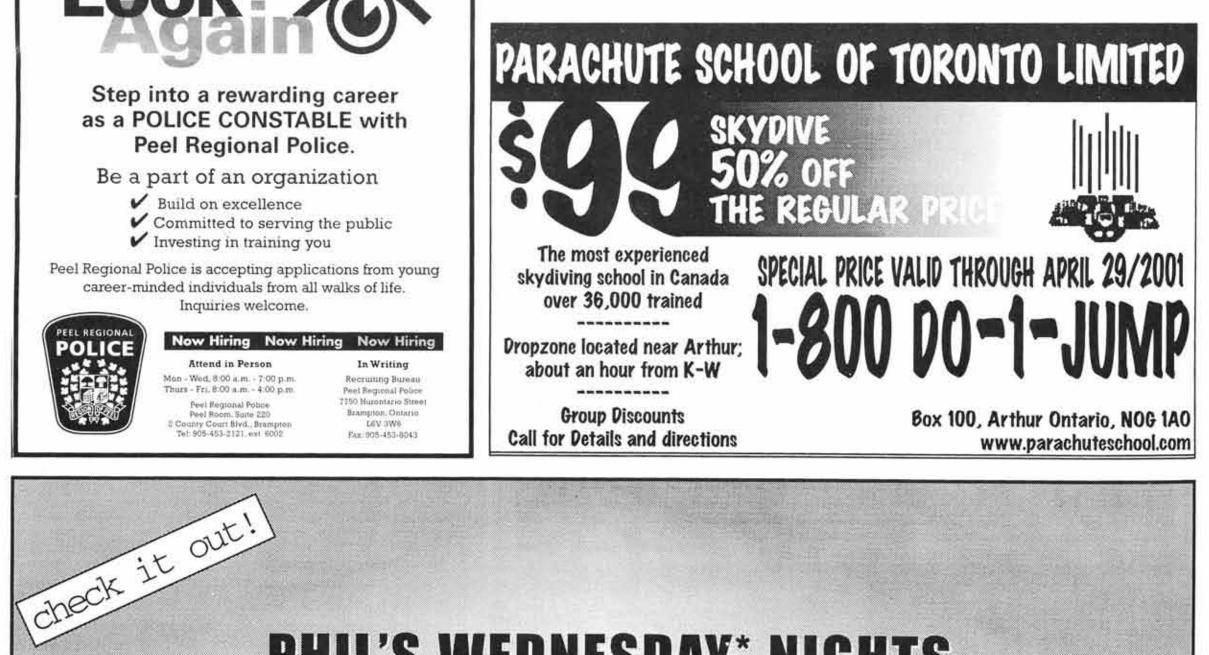
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CAUSE DISTURBANCE 2355 HRS FRI MAR 23/01 Four guests of a resident at University Place were evicted after security received a complaint that they were acting in a disorderly manner by throwing chairs and newspapers from the front entrance. They cleaned up the mess they had made before leaving.

NOISE COMPLAINT 1635 HRS SUN MAR 25/01 Five females were evicted from the Alvin Woods Bldg after receiving a complaint from a faculty member about their boisterous behaviour.









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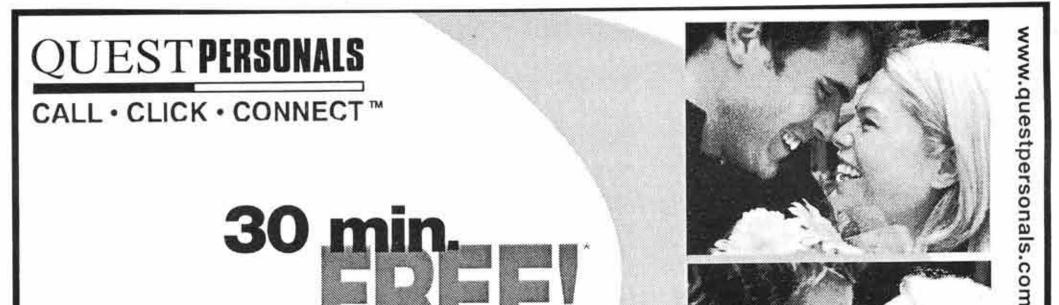
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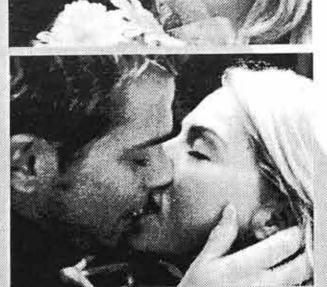
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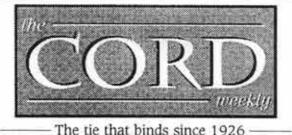


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These people ain't seen a brown skin man since their grandparents bought one. Zack De La Rocha

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The Last Call

"Hey, put that thing back in your mouth, man; it looks like a bug or something"

opinion

-Tony Montana

So here I am, four years wiser, with a piece of paper that makes me legitimate, in thoery. I have survived the grind; I now have something to hang on the wall, reminding me of the endless amounts of reading and work that I have endured. I also look back on all the hours spent doing nothing in the Tourque Room, the Navy Seal team of Willison B2 (1997-98), crappy food at A&W, the all-nighters when Tim's kept me alive.

I will be reminded of the days spent ballin' at the Athletic Centre, the endless hours in the cold tub. The missions we ran, the road trips, the rookie parties (yes, they do happen and are absolutely hilarious), Johnny Pussy and his endless web of stories, Johnny Romance and his endless web of women, and El Rancho (needs no clarification).

Louie's, Philthy's, Cocktails, the Lyric, Rev, Fiasco's, Wilf's, and the Turret (by the way, when did the Turret go fantasy? Is it Meow, Venus, or Pallazzo's now?). Sure they all sucked at times, but in their own unique way, they were hype. I know sometimes these places are too typ and full of classics, but hey, it's Waterloo, you better get used to it. What is typ you might ask? Well,

DINING HALL

Only \$3 Million, what a deal!!! It's

nice to see that Laurier has decided

to renovate our cafeteria and charge

first year students for it. It makes me

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typ is when you are in the Concourse and somehow you think you are at the York Lanes all of a sudden. Tightup skirts, Fendi bags, invicta napsacks, pure DKNY, Diesel, Replay, leather jackets, talking on your cellphone to your roomates, chilling in the Tourque Room for twelve hours for no reason at all other than just to be seen or see who is there. You know who you are and you are living

When I do look back, the things that stick out are the friends I have made.

quite a typ, or need I say Gino, lifestyle.

When I do look back, the things that stick out are the friends I have made, and that is the one thing that will stay with me after I am gone. As for the Hecksher-Ohlin model, well I can't even remember it now.

What is a friend anyways; isn't Laurier so small that we are all friends? Sure some of us are, but the dictionary says that a friend is: (1) A person who knows and likes another, (2) A person who favours and supports, (3) A person who belongs to the same side.

Webster's says a friend is a supporter, ally, comrade, associate, advocate and defender. To go even further, a friend is one that will enjoy the good times, always making them last longer. A friend is there for you when you need someone to hang out with through all your stupidities. A friend is there to give you a hand and help you up when you have fallen, listen to your problems and try and help, not just kick you while you are down.

I am glad to have found out who these people really are and when I can count on them. That is what University is all about; there were many lessons in the classrooms, but the majority of what I learned happened outside class. So cherish your friends, what they mean to you, and think of which ones will survive the long haul.

Lastly, if you haven't learned anything yet, chew on this: not even in New York can you get the access to capital markets that you can in North York.

It's been real, see ya if I see ya!

"Say goodnight to the bad guy" -Tony Montana (forever)

BASIL BOTETZAYAS SPORTS EDITOR

The opinions expressed in this editorial are those of the author, and do not necessarily reflect those of The Cord Staff, the editorial board, or WLUSP.

ers in the Terrace on Monday just in time for "Laurier Day", or as I like to call it, "Lie to the Children Day". Hey, how about for next year's Laurier Day we get that Harvey's?

Paul Cargill

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As I do every week, I opened The Cord tonight in hopes of staying

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wonder if anybody who has made this decision has eaten in our cafeteria recently? First off, a meal costs about \$10.00, the prices of everything are inflated In fact, it costs \$1.50 for a 600ml Coke when in the machine across the hall, they sell for \$1.25. The difference being that the school prefers to simply gouge first year students who have purchased a meal plan rather than trying to attract the 5000 other students who are at the school to eat there by making it competitive with any other restaurant in the area. There is nothing wrong with the building that the cafeteria is in. The tables and chairs could be replaced, and it might need a new coat of paint but it doesn't need a \$3 million renovation. If the school is really looking to try and improve the cafeteria, why don't they try keeping it open? I wrote a letter earlier this year on the subject of maybe opening the cafeteria to students on weekends. I realize that it may sound a little radical to some people, but STUDENTS EAT ON WEEKENDS. This school is way too obsessed with style over substance; who the hell cares what the cafeteria looks like, it's a fucking cafeteria. On a completely different note, it's nice to see that the school got all those comput-

Alumnus

As WLU Alumni, I was embarrassed for the first time to be associated with Laurier. At the University Cup Men's hockey tournament this weekend in Kitchener, the Golden Hawks did themselves proud by playing tough in a tournament in which they were not expected to even be in. They beat St. Thomas, which was also a surprise. What was embarrassing was the lack of support shown by the WLU students. Both St. Thomas University and St. Francis Xavier University brought large contingents of fans from the east coast to cheer on their hockey team. In fact, at the WLU vs. St. Thomas game, the STU fans easily outnumbered the WLU fans. Had Laurier made it to the finals, they would have been hard pressed to come close to the support St. FX had. I'm not sure where the blame lies, but there is no excuse to see a HOME team so poorly attend a major competition for the National Championship. I hope that the Cord praises the effort the Men's hockey team put out and thoroughly scolds the students for such poor support.

informed of the issues and events surrounding the WLU community this week. You see, having taken this year off from school to pursue an internship, I cannot help but feel somewhat out of the loop. It's a damn good thing I also got a copy of this week's Waterloo Chronicle or I would have been no further ahead. Had I only read The Cord, I would not have been aware of the March 30 premiere of 247 High Street, the "newest student feature to come out of the crucible of independent filmmaking at Wilfrid Laurier University" (Waterloo Chronicle, March 21, pg. 21). I would have no knowledge of "the diverse talents of Wilfrid Laurier University students, faculty and staff" being showcased during the 20th annual Laurier Art Show opening at the Robert Langen Gallery this week (Ibid, pg. 21). Nor would I be able to congratulate any members of LSFL for their fund raising efforts in aid of the Waterloo-Wellington chapter of the Sunshine Foundation of Canada (Ibid, pg. 5). Correct me if I'm wrong, but does the donation of \$5000 not warrant recognition from "Laurier's Official Student

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Newspaper"? However, this week's Cord was not without merit. I can now grocery shop with confidence knowing that by avoiding Kraft products, I am ceasing to support tobacco giant Philip Morris. Good thing I didn't read this month's issue of Adbusters or I might be presented with the almost exact information. And I must commend your Sports staff on a well-written summary of last week's hockey game between Laurier and Waterloo. It's fortunate that I cannot attend this year's CIAU Men's Hockey University Cup because I might have cared that Laurier is playing host to this annual event over at the Kitchener Aud - the underlying purpose of the game your staff covered. While Student Publications constantly laments the presence of corporate dailies on campus, it seems ironic that I now must turn to a similar publication in the Chronicle to stay abreast of Laurier news.

subjects, please see the July 20, September 7, September 14, November 8, March 21 issues, this week's insert, as well as this week's Entertainment section. Back issues are available in the WLUSP office. -A.K.

HORROR!

I just had the horrific, fascinating experience of attending class. Today's subject was how Nestle (and other companies) illegally market baby formula to third-world countries. And why is baby formula in a thirdworld country so terrible? Well, because the formula is prepared with unsterilized water, or the powder is overly diluted. Why is the formula improperly prepared? Well, because the instruction labels are often printed in English. Why not in that country's language? Well, because if the instructions aren't printed in English, then people could read other information on the label, such as the legally required statements "Mother's milk is best", "this formula is only for babies older

than 4 months", and my personal favourite: "this product is only to be used on the advice of a physician". Information like that is bad for business.

But lecture content was far from being the most horrifying part of the class. Horror is truly the only word for the class discussion period. One brighteved young lady proudly informed the class that she took a parenting class in high school, and she knows that bottle-feeding can provide nutrition that a stressed-out, tired mother might not provide (living in abject poverty is rough, especially when exacerbated by the costs of unnecessary, expensive baby food). Another keen-witted young gentleman provided his own enthusiastic follow-up: "Ya, and who says you have to feed babies milk? Why not apple juice?" (Enough said.)

Annually, 1.5 million babies die from the malnourishment and disease resulting from inadequate or improper formula-feeding. How comforting to know that my classmates feel sitting in a university classroom qualifies them as expert enough to challenge not only the guest lecturer, but also the findings of the World Health Organization. The horror I felt today came from watching my peers jump on the "west-and-the-rest" bandwagon in a class designed to produce a global perspective. Onwards, euro-capitalism!

Alanna Sinclair

TIM PHILLIPS Tim's Last

This is my last column for The Cord, so excuse me if I sound sappy and sentimental; I'm only trying to be profound. I have spent the last four years of my life in the Business program here at Laurier. My academic life has, for the most part, been very boring. I don't blame the profs or the subject matter or

Column

my fellow students for my boredom. You see, I'm a slave to my environment. The Peters Building as it stands now is grim, dim, lifeless, and sterile. The stairwells

are far too narrow. In fact, the other day, I came within mere centimeters of clubbing a poor girl in the head with a bag full of textbooks as I scouched by her in my haste to leave the Peters Building.

The PRISM labs are unventilated saunas where Business and Economics students converge to work tirelessly on that nuge assignment due tomorrow or scour the P drive for the lecture notes from all the classes they skipped or distribute porn to their friends via e-mail. Thus, as a business student, I support any changes or additions made to the current building.

I don't know what all the hullaballoo is about. There

seems to always be a lot of hullaballoo when the administration of this school wants to make any sort of changes, no matter how necessary said changes may be. The people at this newspaper sure love to complain. 100% Co-op - BAD!; Renovations to the school -BAD!; Happiness - BAD! Oh look, I'm complaining too. I'm such a hypocrite. I'm really in no position to criticize this fine newspaper, given that I have never read an entire edition.

just read the headlines, get angry, and hold it inside like any busy, responsible business student does. Life would be so much easier if I was a nihilist. Enough com-

plaining. Since this is my last column, I feel like I should do something special. The Oscars have inspired me to devise a Thank You list. I would like to thank the following for making my time at Laurier such a success:

- -The Beautiful Girls
- -The Ugly Girls

I don't know

what all the

hullaballoo

is about.

- -The Custodial Staff
- -Myself
- -The Cast of the Young and the Restless
- -My Partners
- -Everyone who was ever nice to me
- -Everyone who pissed me off -The Beautiful Girls

Thanks for making MY time a success. Tim -Maneesh



BETHANY CARTER Au Revoir, Mes Amis

Gavin Graham

In one week from today, I will have unofficially completed my fourth and final year at this fine institution. While I say this with great anticipation and excitement, I have also come to realize that closing this chapter of my life will be bittersweet.

Three years ago, I probably could have left Laurier without a second thought. You see, I simply wasn't enjoying myself. I was in the wrong program, I self, perhaps my personal recipe for entertainment will be of assistance to you - or perhaps not. In any case, here it is:

First, find some friends. It doesn't matter how many or how few, but they must be happy, funny people (crazy is optional). Nobody likes to hang out with someone who can't laugh at life.

Second, find things to do. I'm not just talking about homework and television watching here. The little things you do every day can be a great source of enjoyment. For me, it's things like people-watching on the

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didn't get along r with my roommates, and I was stuck in a go-nowhere relationship. Needless to say, my first year at Laurier wasn't exactly an amazing experi-

It doesn't take much to make the most out of your time here at Laurier.

ence. Things got better though. I changed everything that I was unhappy with and started to have fun. Not just with friends, but with school. It's true - I have actually enjoyed learning.

This past year has by far been my most academically rewarding and socially entertaining. I have met so many interesting, happy, funny, crazy people. I give them (along with my awesome philosophy professors) almost entire credit for the great year I have had.

It doesn't take much to make the most out of your time here at Laurier. In my experience, it's the little things that make my days so much fun. If you find that you're not enjoying your-

benches laughing friends our crazy yoga teacher. It's eating bruschetta and root beer at Wilf's or doing a crossword puzzle before class.

These activities certainly are not life altering, but they have great entertainment value.

Finally, lighten up! 1 know this is easier said than done, but I truly belief that it's good for the body and the spirit to relax and have fun. Of course, it's important to get good grades, but you should also enjoy your learning experience. Remember to laugh. Be nice, talk to people, smile!

Your university experience is what you make of it. It doesn't last though, so don't let it pass you by without creating some great memories. I've had an amazing time - Thanks, everyone.

No Bethany, thank YOU! -Maneesh

international

Estonia in the Winter It's cold. It's close to Russia. It's quite curious.

JOHN CARLAW

Spending time in the Baltic States offers a great opportunity to learn about issues in both the 'East' and 'West.' This past academic year, from September to February, I took part in a Canada World Youth Volunteer exchange program to British Columbia and Estonia where I made many friendships while getting the chance to learn about another part of the world and Canada.

Estonia lies near St. Petersburg along the border of Russian and across the gulf from Finland, having regained its independence from the USSR ten years ago.

Memories of the occupation period are not distant. Many of the country's current political and economic goals, such as joining the EU and NATO, are geared towards preventing the country from ever being absorbed again by Russia.

ponents enhanced my learning during the exchange. I lived and shared ideas with a counterpart from another country, lived in wonder-

ful host families in Canadian and Estonian communities and completed volunteer work from the locals. placements.

Getting to know a group of young people from another part of the world was a great experi-

exploring the histories and politics of our nations.

In both countries we performed culture shows and made presentations to schools and host communities including a 'Canadian-Estonian Disco' in Estonia.

Volunteer work projects included making dinner and spending time with children of problem families in Estonia and helping with an Amnesty International dinner in B.C.

My own Estonian work placement involved teaching English to small groups of enthusiastic Russo-Estonians at a local post-secondary school. Here students helped me adapt to the school and town despite my lack of Russian language skills.

Fortunately, our entire group was enthusiastically welcomed into the community as reflected by plenty of favourable coverage by the local media.

During my exchange, we Many quality program com- also visited the historical cities

of Tartu, and capital, Fortunately, our the Tallin. On our entire group was enthusiastically welcomed... last day in Estonia we were able to celebrate _ Independence

Day in Tallin in an Estonian Pub while singing folk songs that we had learned

The northeastern town of Sillamae, where I volunteered in Estonia, was interesting for many reasons. It was a centrally planned industrial and military town re-settled by the USSR and built by German prisoners of war following WW2. The town was closed to outsiders from the





Two views of the capital city of Tallin.

1950s until the late 1980s.

Only ten years after having regained independence there are still some tensions between Russians and Estonians. Memories of fear and rights abuses under Soviet rule have not quickly faded from collec-

ethnic Estonians living there. This was a unique place from which to develop a perspective on this country, because nationally 38 percent of the country is Russian, while the majority, 65 percent, of the population are ethnic Estonians.

Historical and economic

adjusting from being the largest group in the USSR to a minority in Estonia. Current challenges there include high unemployment, a lack of Estonian language skills and industrial pollution.

Layoffs from privatizations and a lack of export markets have hurt the town. It's primary export market was the Soviet Union, which is no longer seen as reliable. Estonia has been reasserted as the national language, and is legally required for many jobs in the country. Sillamae is working to adapt to these new realities. Estonia, like other post-communist states, is working to build its society, national institutions and economy.

This exchange provided me with many memories that will last for a lifetime and gave meaning to many concepts that I had only read abut in school.

ence. We seized the chance to introduce each other to our cultures respective from 'Canadian Wedgies' for the males to Estonia's saunas to tive memory, while economically many Russians may have felt more secure fifteen years ago.

Sillamae's population is predominantly Russian with few

forces and industrial practices have left the town that welcomed us facing a number of particular challenges that it will hopefully meet. Russians are

For anyone interested in Canada World Youth's programs, you can visit their website at www.cwy-jcm.org.



SAUDI ARABIA

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David, which everyone knows is

connected to international Zionism

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Nintendo spokesman said that the

company did not design to Pokemon

items with religious symbols in mind.

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have led to the ban. The Pokemon-

craze has happened in several other

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They also charged that most of the

In response to these allegations, a

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The highest religious order in the The Supreme Court has decided to consider whether the execution of Muslim state has banned the popular children's game of Pokemon, saying mentally ill is constitutional. They have agreed to hear an appeal from a it promotes Zionism and involves gambling. The religious edict issued death row inmate in North Carolina over the weekend said the Pokemon whose execution was stayed earlier video game and playing cards heve this month.

> Lawyers for Ernest McCarver maintain that his execution would be cruel and unusal punishemnt citing the 8th Ammendment. The judges will also hear arguments from lawyers defending inmate John Paul Penry who is awaiting execution in Texas. The court used Penry's conviction in 1988 to rule that mentally ill people could be executed for committing murder.

> Twelve states do not have capital punishment and another 13 prohibit the execution of mentally ill killers. More that 700 people have been executed since the death penalty was reintroduced in 1976, including 85 people last yeaR.

KENYA

Police have a suspect in a dormitory fire which killed over 50 high school students in a town outside of Nairobi.

130 students were asleep in the boys dormitory when the fire broke out in the early hours of the morning. The fire burned the rafters of the dorm and briought down the roof onto the bunk beds.

The fire has claimed the lives of 58 boys and injured 28 more.

People at the co-ed school have reported that they smelled gasoline.

Police are investingating reports that the dorm was fire bombed.

One of the doors is reported to have been locked and iron burgler bars prevented escape via the windows.

GERMANY

Riot police have removed about 400 protestors who held a sit-down

demonstration to block a train carrying reprocessed nuclear waste from France. Earlier a similar demonstration a few miles away was broken up a by a massive show of police force, in which a number of people were injured and dozens were arrested.

Thousands of demonstrators are determined to stop the train from delivering the reprocessed nuclear fuel to the town of Gorleben. More than 15,000 police officers have been deployed in the biggest such operation in Germany's post-war history.

The Government, including the Green Party ministers, argue that the country has a moral duty to take back its reprocessed nuclear waste, but opponents see disrupting the shipments as the most effective way of forcing an early shutdown of the nuclear industry.

The confrontation follows a highly charged debate in Germany about nuclear power.

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Slovakia.

student life Student: Go Abroad How do you get those fanastical overseas jobs?

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Do you want a chance to work abroad? AIESEC Laurier may be just the right program for you. The program, is run as the Traineeship International Exchange Program (ITEP). The question is, who is AIESEC? And how does ITEP work?

AIESEC's website and Satbir Walia, who has been involved with AIESEC Laurier for a year and a half now, provided me with a page of details and were kind enough to answer my questions regarding AIESEC and ITEP.

According to AIESEC's website, their mission is "to develop students through an international internship exchange. AIESEC participants develop a strong understanding of the forces shaping their world and an equally strong desire to act. You understand and manage exchange - then you go on one."

"AIESEC is an international organization with more than 750 local committees in more than 85 countries across the world," adds Sabir. "AISEC Laurier is one of the 28 local committees in Canada."

If you are interested in joining AIESEC as a general member, the fee is \$10.

ITEP is a short term work exchange targeted at university students or recent graduates. On average, the length of the exchange ranges from two to eighteen months and ensures arrival, and community integration activities.

"The way this exchange works is when an organization in our community accepts a foreign intern, it also gives a local Canadian student the opportunity to go on an exchange abroad," explains Satbir.

Not only is the concept of working or studying abroad interesting, but the process is as simple as counting one-twothree.

So what do you have to do? According to Satbir, "find a local company to accept a foreign intern and you will be given the opportunity to go abroad when you want and where you want."

Once that is done, AIESEC will provide you with the tools to do the job through training. However, it is highly recommended that you bring some sort of enthusiasm.

Overall, the ITEP process can be completed in five stages. First of all, organizations state their needs, for example, what their ideal intern would have in terms of education, language, work experience, region or country of origin and duration and timing of internship.

Secondly, potential interns need to state their skills in terms of education, language, work experience, and availability.

Next, the organizations' needs and potential interns' skills will be entered into an online matching engine called INSIGHT. Matches will be made



AIESEC Laurier student. Tim Pearce, on his trip to India.

and the potential intern's skills.

Fourth, organizations will be given a chance to review and approve the best available candidate.

Finally, AIESEC will take charge and secure the work permit and visa, find the intern a place to stay, introduce the intern to the local community and culture, accompany the intern to the first day of work, and service the intern and the organization throughout the work term to ensure mutual satisfaction.

AIESEC has a pool of jobs ranging from accounting and finance, marketing, computer science, economics, to teaching and a varity of other possible placements. They also have a

consists of companies such as Royal Bank, Shell, Scotiabank, Price Waterhouse-Coopers, TransCanada, Bell Canada, KPMG, CIBC, Consumer Gas, Ericsson, and many others.

"Interns need to pay a \$400 fee that goes directly to AIESEC Laurier and AIESEC Canada," said Satbir.

Before going abroad, interns are required to pass an interview in front of a local review board to verify that their resume is wholly accurate. As well, a mid- and post-evaluation is administered to ensure that the internship is running smoothly.

Robert LeBlanc is a student who spent his exchange at Skopje, Macedonia for a little over a month. He admits that he was initially disappointed bank in Skopje called Tutunska Banka. However, his point of view quickly shifted after he felt the professionalism and support from members of AIESEC Skopje, his experience working in the International Division, the opportunity to attend several economics and management seminars and a Career Day. He concludes that "The AIESEC community was incredible. Someone was always willing to go out and show me a good time."

So, are you itching to find out more about ITEP? For the most updated information, or if you would like to discuss further opportunities with AIESEC Laurier, please send an email to get_real_job@hotmail.com to arrange a meeting time.

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I have always pictured myself having children. It is odd because I am sure that I will have children, but I am not sure if I will be 'married.'

I do not want to have children so that I could dress them up in Gap Kids clothes. I do not want to have children to see my genetic material re-interrupted in another form. I definately do not want to have children to make myself feel full.

I want to have children so that I can see an individual develop and be an integral part of that development.

For my parents, raising kids was about obtaining happiness through material benefits. They wanted their children to become lawyers and doctors. While I hope for some level of material well-being for my children, I hope that they are happy as individuals regardless of what form it

takes.

I want to provide them with that opportunities to find that happiness.

Yet, there are those who would say that a gay man (or a lesbian for that matter) having children would be incredibley selfish in that the child would have to face obstacles that they would not normally have to face,

Children face obstacles, regardless of who their parents are. If a kid is born with a big nose, because of her father, the child would face obstacles that she would not normally have to face if her father did not have a big nose. The same could be said towards fat people, ugly people, smart people, dumb people and skinny people. Yet these people have children all the time.

Everyone has issues and everyone has obstacles. What matters is not the obstacles themselves, but rather how the parent responds to

the child facing them.

An empirical study done by Bigner, J.J., & Jacobsen, R.B. in 1989, among 33 gay fathers and 33 nongay fathers, found that fathers of both types were simillar in the level of involvment and level of intimacy with their children. Gay fathers

> Children face obstacles, regardless of who their parents are.

were generally more strict, but were also more responsive and took an active role in the socializing of their children than their non-gay coutnerparts.

A batch of similar studies have also been conducted on lesbian and bisexual parents and the results have been similar. The results indicate that queer parents facing more societal obstacles in rearing their children took a more active role in buffering and supporting their children. While these children had faced obstacles in that their parents were queer, their parents had responded accordingly.

A second concern with queer individuals raising children is of course that the children turn out to be gay.

Bailey J.M., D., Bobrow and others found in a studdy of 55 gay and bisexual men who had a total of 82 sons at least 17 years of age, found that more than 90 percent of the sons' sexualities could be rated as being heterosexual.

The idea of raising queers seems ridiculous to most queer parents in that no one had taught them to be

"gay parenting"

queer. My parents did not give me sodomy lessons and I am not going to give them to my children.

What my children wll teach my children is an understanding of what diversity is and the ability to decipher what society dictates (including their parents) to make up their own minds.

Consider that in the United States there were 100 000 children who needed to be adopted and that there are only 20 000 parents willing to adopt in 1999. It seems foolish to deny these children of individuals who want to raise them.

I have not decided if I am going to adopt, have one of my friends carry the child or, if science permits, carry the child myself. But I know I want to have children and that I would be a good parent.

I just hope that when I hit my late twenties I will be legally able to do SO.

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ECHNOLOGY. is it going too far?

ELIZABETH NARDELLA

Sure, we're getting places, with our funky computers and cute phones, but are we going a little too far? **DANIELLE** FIELDER considers the advances of today's technology and their potential implications,

MANHIND, TECHNOLOGY AND TIME

For decades, science fiction tales have predicted that technology would bring about the downfall of man. Even as far back as the Industrial Revolution of the 1880's, man has voiced his concerns over the place of machinery in human life.

In our time, technology is simply a given: we cannot survive without it, nor can we remember a time when we did. Computers, cell phones, DVD and VHS players, televisions, CD players and dozens of other electronic devices dominate every aspect of our lives. Our society is precariously balanced on a series of computer programs, and if they were to crash, chaos would certainly ensue.

Is there an inherent danger in allowing technology to rule our lives? If so, what is the future course of humanity in the face of a growing cybernetic influence?

On January 1, 2001, an article that

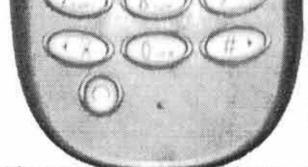
POPULAR CULTURE PREDICTIONS

appeared in the Toronto Star discussed computers and their relationship to time.

It suggested that with the advent of the clock, mankind began to be ruled by time, as each day was more rigidly structured by the hour. We are, of course, still very much ruled by the clock, as time schedules are what give shape to our lives, and they contribute to the stressful nature of our existence.

Likewise, as the article suggested, the arrival of computers altered forever the nature of human life. In many ways, technology is very wrapped up with time, as it seems at times that humanity is in a hurry to speed up the pace of technological advancement.

Are we attempting to move too closelywith the speed of time?



Fifty years ago, many predicted that we would be far more advanced than we are at this point in history. In the 1950's, a corny science fiction television program called "Space 1999!" suggested that by that year man would have colonies on the moon, and that we would live harmoniously with smiling metallic robots that performed menial tasks for us. Of course, who can forget the crazy Jetson family, who seemed to have so much fun with their endless futuristic gadgets. However, the notion that technology is a friend to mankind has not always been endorsed by science fiction tales of the last few decades.

Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey captured the imagination of its viewers when it appeared on the scene in 1968, and presented a computer that could see, hear, speak and think. The super-computer, named HAL-9000, becomes even more human than the astronauts he interacts with, but with frightening results. When he suspects



that humans might be trying to outwit him, he retaliates against them. Dave: Open the pod bay doors, HAL. HAL: I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that

Dave: What are you talking about, HAL?

HAL: This mission is too important for me to allow you to jeopardize it.

Dave: I don't know what you're talking about, HAL.

HAL: I know that you and Frank were planning to disconnect me, and I'm afraid that's something I can't allow to happen.

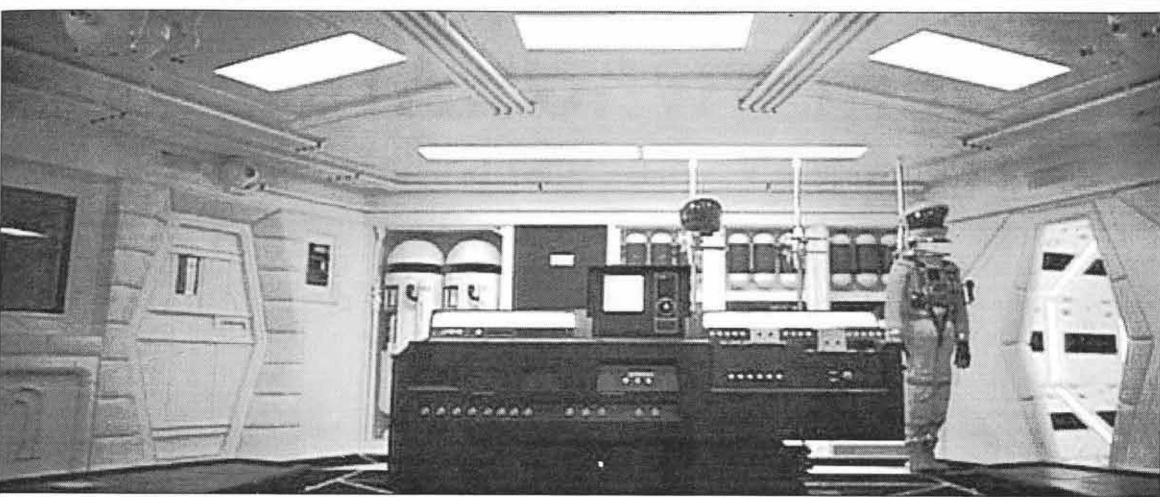
The theme of super intelligent computers outwitting man has appeared in many other sci-fi novels and movies, including director Ridley's Scott's 1982 film Blade Runner, which tells the story of renegade androids that overrun Los Angeles in the year_2019.

In more recent years, dazzling special effects have accompanied weightier

themes, as movies such as Terminator 2: Judgement Day and The Matrix have heralded the destruction of humanity at the hands of machines. In some ways, these movies tend to be more for visual entertainment than food for thought, but similar kinds of themes crop up again and again in the forum of modern culture. These kind of prophetic tales serve to realistically suggest the ramifications of an over-reliance on technology, and stand in contrast to stories and films that sugercoat the nature of a machine. Last summer's sweet story Bi-Centennial Man told the story of an android who sought after his own humanity, and resorted to a formulaic fairy tale ending, rather than exploring the conflict between man and machine.

Before he died, Kubrick was working on the movie AI (Artificial Intelligence), which is currently being completed by Steven Spielberg. The movie is loosely based on a short story by Brian Aldiss, which appeared in Harper's Bazaar in 1969, only a year after the appearance of the HAL-9000. The story is called "Super-Toys Last All Summer Long", and tells the story of the interaction between a mother and her little boy, and it is revealed at the end that he is a robot. As the movie's catch phrase states: His love is real-but he isn't.

While popular culture demands that we pay attention to its many and varied messages, we must decide if we truly believe in these sci-fi yarns, or if we are skeptical about the apparent course of humanity in relation to technology. Some may think that simply by suggesting what technology could do, we set ourselves up for future events. However, it is clear in looking into the past that humanity has always pushed past its own boundaries, and just as with the introduction of the clock, technology opened up doors and sent man in a direction from which he could not turn back.



It was Stanly Kubrick in 2001: A Space Odyssey (above) who made the supercomputer HAL and its human-dominating phrases famous (right).

TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY PROPHETS

Just as there are scientists and computer whizzes making advances in technology every day, there are those who foretell the outcome of such progressions, and who comment on the ever-increasing presence of machinery in modern life. In his book, The Age of Spiritual Machines: When Computers Exceed Human Intelligence, author Ray Kurzweil provides an in-depth examination into a future in which the line between humanity and technology fades. He predicts a world where humans will have intimate relationships with automated, or virtual personalities, and where information is fed into the brain along direct neural pathways. Computers will become familiar with all aspects of the human world, and eventually claim their own consciousness. While Kurzweil suggests that the union of human emotion and artificial intelligence can only improve human existence, his predictions are at times a tad frightening in their nature. He does point out the reality of our current condition, as already computers have infiltrated nearly every aspect of our lives, and they continue to gain intelligence. Back in 1997, the computer Deep Blue defeated the world chess champion in a regulation tournament, sparking debate over the relative intelligence of a computer. While today's computers are only a few thousand times slower than the human brain, Kurzweil predicts that by the year 2019, a personal computer (comparable to one of today's models, costing roughly \$1000) will have the computational ability of the human brain. Within the next ten years, he foresees that computers will be small enough to be embedded in clothing and jewelry, and that everyday transactions will take place between a human and a virtual personality. In the years to follow, computers remove the need for the printed word, the need for human teachers in

classrooms, and provide sight for the blind, and lens displays for the deaf. They also remove human decisions from tactical moves in warfare. As time goes computers on, begin to surpass human intelligence over a thousand times. A hundred years into the future, there is no clear distinction between humans and artificial life forms, and life expectancy is no longer an issue.

...This mission is too important for me to allow you to jeopardize it... I know that you and Frank were planning to disconnect me, and I'm afraid that's something I can't allow to happen...

In a somewhat different form of

commentary on the issue of the "humancomputer" relationship, writer Hal (HAL ??) Niedzviecki suggests that we are all, even now, cyborgs, in his book, Identity Vs. Connectivity: Canadian Culture and the Cyborg. The term "cyborg" conjures up images of those nasty man/machine freaks from Star Trek, but is the concept of a human wired to a computer so far fetched? He suggests that the imprint of technology remain on our consciousness continually, as we are constantly wired to electrical appliances, whether it is a cell phone permanently attached to the ear, or metal medical implants inside the body.

The most interesting aspect of this author's argument, however, is that humanity is overcoming what is feared and hated, that of a robotic, inhuman being, by becoming it. In addition, by attempting to make our lives easier, we have created technology with our own intelligence. However, we don't want computers to become too smart, or they



may overtake us. But as Niedzviecki rightly points out, complete intelligence and complete subservience do not match. How long will computers, growing in intelligence with each passing day, remain slaves to our whims? The laughable concept of a robot housekeeper that does as it is bid will never be a reality, as human intelligence has never let itself be a slave for long. If the human thirst for self-improvement is any kind of measurement, we are in for a battle of the minds

with emerging technologies.

Facing an uncertain future

Is the future course of technology exciting in its multitude of possibilities, or frightening in its vision of a world in which humanity is lost? It seems that what the computer age can offer us are both promising and humbling. If the predictions of popular culture are in any way accurate, technology may indeed be our enemy in the near future. As far as the experts are concerned, the fusion of human and artificial intelligence is simply part of the natural course of history. However, this also causes one to wonder if extinction is also part of that natural course.

In any case, it is difficult to imagine a time when the distinctiveness of humanity is lost. It is ironic, of course, to think that man may destroy himself with something he created with great intelligence and forethought. Well, maybe just a little intelligence. Until the future arrives, perhaps we should allow ourselves to be swept along for the ride with technology, immersing ourselves in it, and forgetting we were ever worried in the first place. So fire up the cell phone, get an even smaller PC, and spend more time on the Internet and less time interacting with your fellow humans. Maybe someday you'll be lucky enough to have a robot or cyborg named Hal, who will do your chores for you, as it silently plots take over the world.

entertainment

Students who "Art" Robert Langden Gallery Showcases WLU's Best

JACKY DROUIN

Through the window leading into the Robert Langden Gallery, the figure of a woman is prominently on display: skillfully molded out of wax, the regressive position of the girl is entirely breathless, realistic and gruelingly appealing. But freaky, it's so lifelike.

The life-size statue entitled Krista is just one of the many pieces on display at the tenth annual staff student and faculty art display. For two weeks various forms of art, including knit, stained glass, print and much more, will be open to the students and general public.

"I think it's a great forum for people to express themselves," Jessi Tesolin, the creator of the statue, comments on the two week long art show. The show is an opportunity for those individuals with artistic ability to display their talent and creativity. It's a much-needed visual medium at a school that sometimes forgets that art is essential. This year, the show offers more than the typical oil painting on canvas deal: entries include various techniques and provide a nice mix of art, kind of an exhibition for the best of all art mediums.

Pieces of art include the

stained glass picture by Mike Seto, which combines the art of painted photography within a stained glass. Everything, including the finished frame, has been completed by hand. Sondra Schwartz, in her Design for Textiles class, has mastered the art of knitting copper wire and using glass plate and ceramic beads to create awesome jewelry. While it may not be a popular art form, the knitted copper along with the other textile pieces submitted by Judith Butterworth in the show are absolutely beautiful. Crystal Deams #1, by Butterworth, a textile piece that includes feathers and crystals quartz on a silver screen material looks like something an angel would wear.

This year the Dean's Prize for Fine Arts was awarded to Shannon Feldman, for her two piece submission entitled Rift. The subtle abstract painting, which was hand picked by the Dean, will be on display in his office for the entire year. Ironically, Shannon, who is graduating from Laurier this year, won't really get to see her art on display.

So maybe it is true that your art gets more famous after you leave.

Personal Favorite: A Fine Arts



"Krista" - By Jessi Tesolin - The static overseer of the gallery's new swag.

major by the name of Stuart Cybulskie took to the back of a paper box with black ink, recreating a jazz scene with ink musical stick men (maybe some women) in the drawing entitled Remembering Jazz. In the far left corners, written in cutout letters (similar to a hostage letter) reads 'There will NEVER be golden arches along the way'. The message is subtle yet it shrieks with artistic ingenuity. It's a fun piece of art, classically placed between a traditional oil painting and delicate knit work. Art is meant to make a connection with people, to get their attention and drag them through the same emotions that the artist was going through at the time of its creation. Or simply to recreate the beauty found in every day life that we tend to step over and ignore. The sculpture, Krista, vividly shows how beautiful art can be and Remembering Jazz, through its avant-garde style, guilefully suggests that there's more than what meets the eye.

Whatever message it was meant to say, well, maybe I got it. I may not know art, but I know what I like.

Mike O'Neill - Life after Inbreeding

SCOTT THOMAS CAIRNS

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final work, "Winning Hearts"- are presented in full form on this album- with

To all of the Indie kids in the house:

We here at the Cord feel your pain. We are unholy aware of the state of Indie music today, and perhaps even more aware of the lack of good indie on the radio, and in your town. As pop becomes poop, and hip hop becomes jiggy slop- it seems that the time has come to retreat back to our collective adolescence, where local music heroes meant far more to us then Sugar Jones, and grassroots punks filled your living room and played to an audience of jaded high school outcasts. Lets take it back 5 or 6 years... when the army of artists that rounded off Sonic Unyon, Minty Fresh, Go!, and Murder Records blasted through the crappy stereos that we all bought on hour supermarket job wages.

Sigh. It is to dream though. Eric's Trip? Dead. Treble Charger? Sold out. Hayden? He fell off the earth's blue face! The Inbreds? The lovely, loyal, and luscious duo known as The Inbreds? Now we're getting somewhere! Wait! They're dead too? C'mon! Throw me a freaking bone here!

Well, half of the Inbreds are back, and thank Allah for that one! Mike O'Neill, former lead singer of the Inbreds, has finally shook away the shackles that bound him, and recorded his very first solo album on Perimeter Records.



Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl interviewing Mike O'Neill. He's his biggest fan! (apparently).

O'Neill will be showcasing his new work at the JANE BOND TONIGHT, to a potentially sold-out crowd full of Indiecredible Kitchener-Waterlooers. Backing O'Neill instrumentally will be a veritable "whose who" of the Canadian Indie world. Matt Murphy, best known for his pop-rock-tastic work with the Superfriendz/Flashing Lights, will be playing guitar for O'Neill's new pop-ditties, while Don Kerr of the Rheostatics will be kicking it mad-styles on the

drums. Matt Murphy's fellow Superfriendz alumnist Charles Austin will playing bass too- so you have no reason to stay home you crazy sour cream couch potato chip!

Mike O'Neill's first Solo album, entitled, "What Happens now?" lands somewhere between Nick Drake, The Beatles, and (ahem) the Inbreds- and consequently hasn't left my CD changer in quite some time. The glimpses of musical maturity that were heard on the Inbreds

many of the songs acting like Inbreds more poppier moments put to the support of an imaginary orchestra. O'Neill shows a new found confidence in his voice on the album, with songs like "Something Nice" showcasing the wonderful ebb-and-flow of his vocals to the sparse backing of piano and violins. Conversely, songs like "Are we Waiting" indicate that there is still plenty of power pop left in O'Neill's young Oshawan body. My personal favourite is the melancholic sound of "Andy", simply because the xylophone is the greatest instrument on the planet. The last song is pretty cool too- mostly due its commanding use of a toy piano.

I was just reminded by a friend of mine of the letters I wrote to Mike when I was 14- mostly about how much of a hopelessly obsessed fan I was of his work. He wrote back with a million thank you's, as well as a Circa-"Hilario" T-shirt with a dog pooping on the ground, and a cone flag drawn very badly in crayon. It was a good 12 sizes too big for me (I was a late bloomer), but I still wear with pridemustard stains and all (which is weird, coz I don't even like mustard). Anyway, the long and short of it is, it will be a damn good show tonight. Go to the Jane Bond and see Mike O'Neill dammit! It's seven bucks dammit!

Trans-Global Underground

It is rare to have an album sent to us from a major label eclectic as "Yes Boss Food Corner". The Trans-Global Underground consists of members from virtually every continent on the planet contributing a unique sound from their respective cultures.

The cultures collide and the album comes alive with a truly unique sound. All tracks are riddled with instruments ranging from tablas to turntables. There is nothing that this can be realistically compared to. However, if combine Asian Dub you

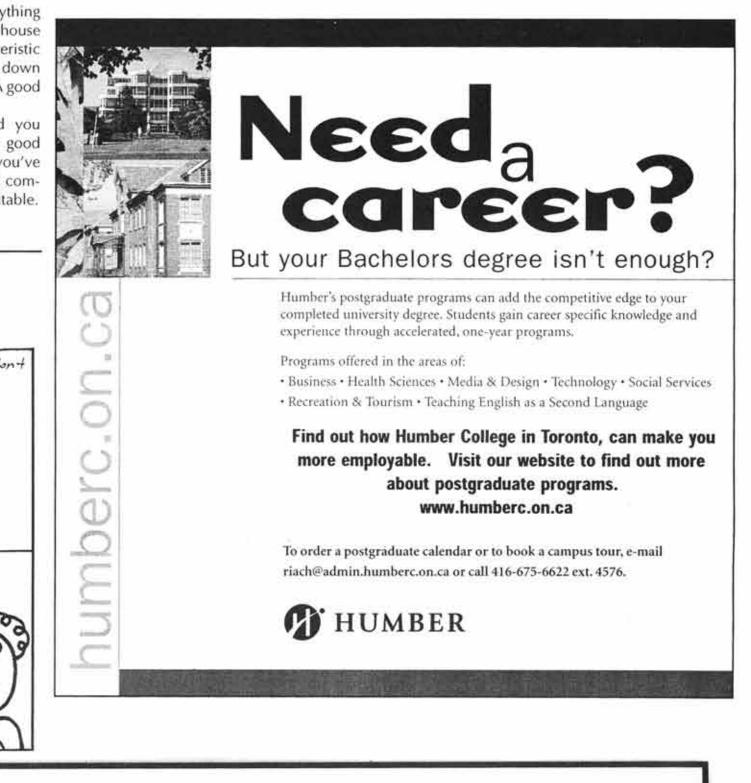
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Foundation and Talvin Singh and create some house music, Trans-Global Underground will be the bastardized result. Don't be turned-off by the house music as it will never sound like anything at the Revolution. Perhaps house music is not a good characteristic to use. How about slowed down hip hop and sped up dub? A good result indeed.

I wouldn't recommend you buy this album without a good listen beforehand. Once you've grasped the lack of genre comparison, a purchase is inevitable.

Luke Martyn

cord entertainment: deadly quick





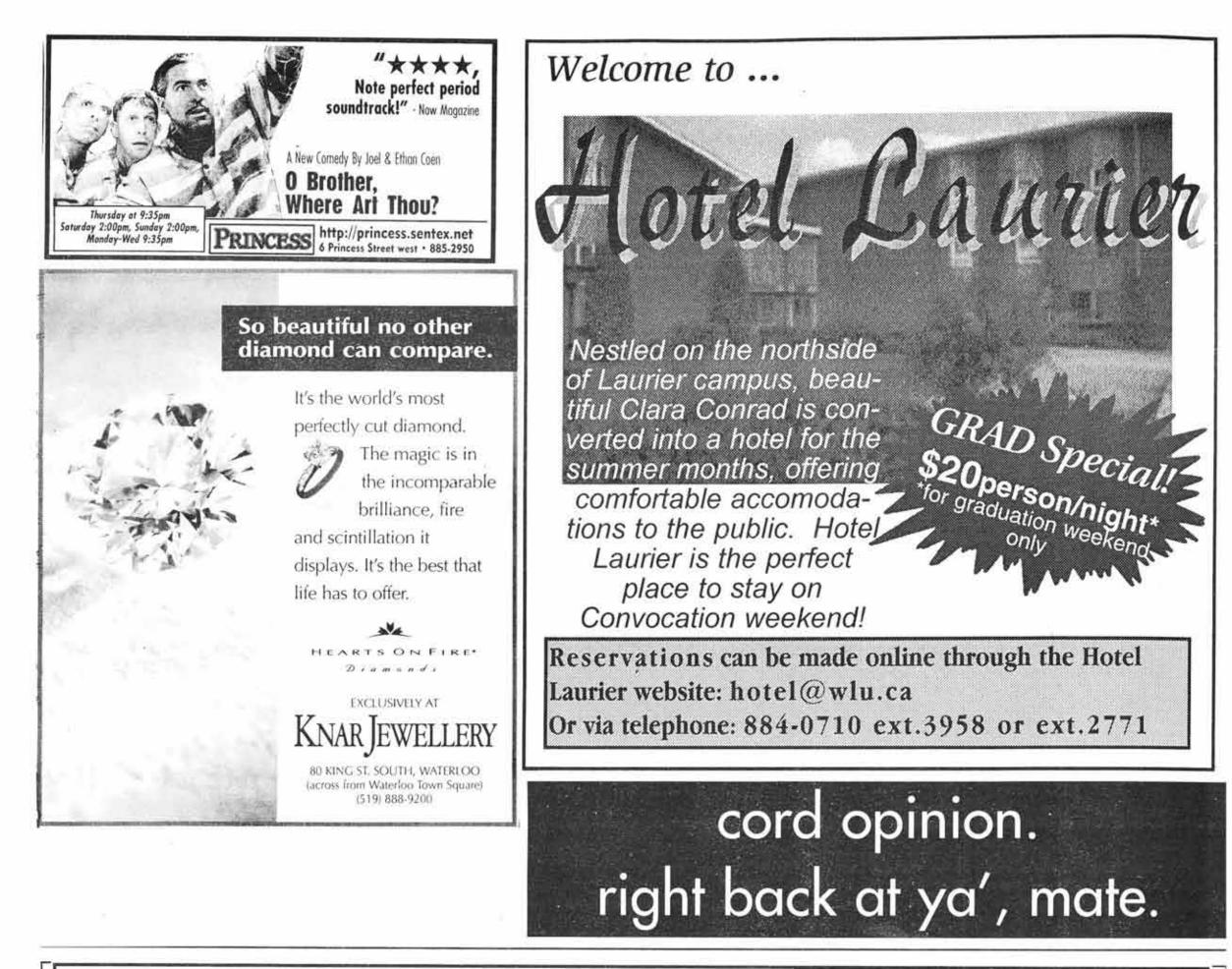
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Anything can happen Unpredictable weekend accompanies Golden Hawks' University Cup exploits

WILBUR MCLEAN

Anything can happen. This motto, which seems to have been adopted by Laurier's men's hockey team applied a number of times this past weekend at the CIAU hockey championships.

Laurier walked into the tournament knowing that they were heavy underdogs, written off by many.

"Anything can happen", noted Head Coach Tony Martindale the day before the tourney began.

WLU's Ice Hawks have faced adversity unknown to any other team playing in this year's University Cup. Losing eight players early in the season is an obstacle most squads would be unable to overcome and one that hampered the team for most of the year.

"All we can do is play our best and anything can happen", echoed team captain and leading scorer Jeff Ambrosio.

So this team walked into the University Cup against Canada's five best university hockey teams knowing that anything could happen, but also being aware that from most, not much was expected to happen.

Being grouped with the St. Thomas Tommies who conquered the Atlantic Canadian champions and Université du Québec á Trois-Riviéres, who

less.

With the jitters shaken off, the Hawks quickly managed to establish their game in the second period of play.

3:58 seconds in, Rick White received a pass in the slot and made no mistake as he rifled it past STU goalie Greg Hewitt to put WLU up.

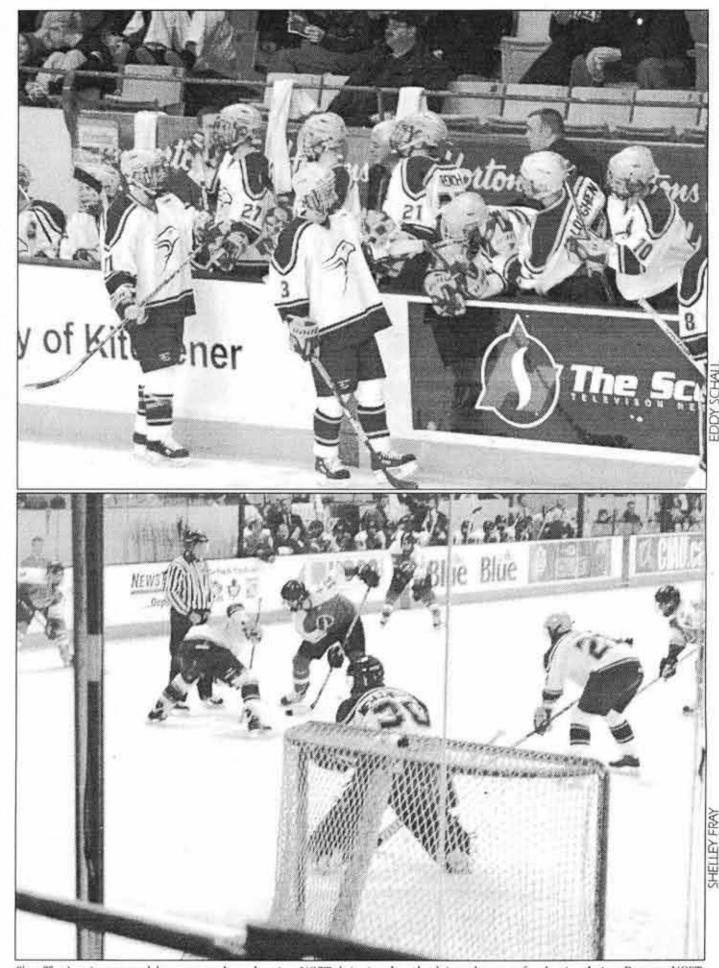
The next few minutes featured more lethargic play with both sides creating very few opportunities and much of the play taking place in the neutral zone.

At 11:01 however, that changed when Mike Hanson of STU skated down the left side of the net and blew one over the shoulder of Marshall, knotting things back up.

One of the surprising aspects of this game was the amount of support for the Tommies all the way from Newfoundland.

After their goal was scored, the crowd cheered and celebrated on their feet for minutes, making it impossible to hear the whistle or the announcer. This was in stark contrast to the subdued nature of the Laurier supporters, who pathetically enough, also seemed to number fewer than the Newfoundlanders.

An STU penalty a few minutes later killed their momentum however, and WLU capitalized when Hawks' winger Joe Pikula laced a shot off of Hewitt with the deflection making its way to White who whacked it into the net for his second of the game, putting Laurier up once more.



defeated Western to become the OUA champions did not make the task any easier for WLU.

Going into Friday night's game against STU, Laurier knew very little about their east coast counterparts except that they were making their first ever University Cup appearance.

The game began with the Tommies showing why they were the heavy favourites. STU created a number of chances early and had a few excellent opportunities to score but the outstanding goaltending of OUA West all-star Chad Marshall kept the game scoreless.

As the game progressed in the first period it became evident that the referees were planning on leaving their imprint clearly embedded on this match.

A number of questionable penalties were called, many of which drew boos and catcalls from the fans, who saw no reason for the zebras to be so whistle-happy.

Despite WLU being on the their heels for most of the period, the first frame ended scoreAt the beginning of the third period, White received a penalty, putting the G-Hawks at a disadvantage. On this occasion though, it would become beneficial for Laurier.

While down a man, left winger Cory McRae intercepted a bad pass by STU and skated in alone, taking a hard shot which was turned away by Hewitt.

Ambrosio, however, followed McRae in, picked up the rebound, deked around Hewitt and backhanded the puck into the net to score a beautiful goal, shocking the crowd and putting the Hawks up by an improbable 3-1 score.

The Tommies didn't let the two goal lead phase them though.

Only 1:20 later, St. Thomas capitalized on the same powerplay by setting up a shot eventually taken from the point and put in past the screened Marshall.

The goal rejuvenated STU

Top: The Laurier team celebrates an early goal against UQTR, bringing them back into the game for the time-being. Bottom: UQTR and WIU prepare for the face-off as back-up goalie Chad Mehlenbacher readies himself.

who created a number of chances for themselves and once again it was only exceptional play from Marshall which prevented the Tommies from tying the game.

With time winding down Laurier seemed content to clear the puck and receive a number of icing penalties in trying to preserve their lead.

Even with the Toms pressing, calling a timeout and pulling their goalie, it wasn't enough as the Hawks completed the stunning upset, winning 3-2.

After the game Martindale attributed much of his team's victory to White who he said "had his best game as a Golden Hawk".

White himself stated the key to the Hawks' success was "everyone ruling us out." The Golden Hawks were now just one victory away from a chance at a CIAU championship as a win in their next game would put them in the gold medal match.

There were an equal number of doubters facing the Hawks in their meeting against the heavily favoured UQTR Patriotés however. The Pats were a team with eight rookies but also an abundance of talent. A team that dominated STU by a score of 6-1 only two days earlier would be no easy task for the Cinderella Ice Hawks.

The gamebegan poorly as the situation looked grim early.

4:17 in, UQTR would stuff a goal past Marshall and just four minutes later, they would repeat

the favour when Sebastian Tremblay would put the Pats up 2-0.

Surprisingly however, the Hawks came right back with two of their own.

At 13:05 while on the powerplay, Ambrosio took a powerful shot from the point which was tipped in by Jason Bullock.

Two minutes afterwards, the Hawks came back again. Once more, it was Ambrosio taking a shot that was stopped by a crowd in front of the goal and eventually smacked in by Bullock at 15:44.

That's where the dream would end for Laurier however.

Twenty seconds after the Bullock goal, OUA rookie of the

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Highs and Lows for One shining moment Hawks at Cup loss in his last ever NCAA home game. Maryland was re-energized, their confi-

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year Alexandré Tremblay would kill WLU's momentum by scoring.

Marshall, a saviour for the Hawks thus far in the tournament would also falter, misplaying a number of pucks. At 17:29, Marshall would stop a shot only to lose sight of it at his feet, the type of mistake which is costly against the Pats as they would stuff it in, regaining a two goal lead. The first period would end with UQTR up 4-2.

It only got worse from there as UQTR began scoring goals in the second period at a rate almost equal to the deterioration of the Hawks' level of play.

The Pats would add to the scoresheet early in the second period, scoring at :50 and 1:44.

Marshall again played at a level below what he is normally capable of, allowing weak goals past him as the game began to get out of hand at 6-2.

is what prompted This Martindale to replace Marshall with rookie Chad Mehlenbacher.

With tensions mounting and WLU playing dirtier and dirtier, Hawk Bill Duncan would commit one of the lowest plays in all of sport when he would receive a game misconduct and a five minute major for checking a UQTR player from behind. The Patriotés player would eventually get up groggily.

WLU would pay for the penalty where it hurt the most: on the scoreboard

The Quebecois team would rattle off three goals on the ensuing five

minute major burying Laurier even further into humiliation by a score of 9-2 which is how the second period would conclude.

With the game out of hand, both teams simply played out the clock and ensured every player received ice time.

Three Rivers would add one more goal making it 10-2 before Laurier would do their best to make the score respectable adding two goals late, one by Sam Simons and the other by Daryl Moor who both managed to put the puck past the Patriotés back-up goalie, who backstopped the final frame.

The final score would be 10-4 sending UQTR into the championship game which they would win the next day by defeating St. Francis Xavier 5-4 in overtime.

With the season closing out by being overwhelmed by a simply better team, Martindale began to wax philosophical about his squad.

"We've achieved alot this year...this team has learned alot about themselves and about life ... You learn alot in hockey and life."

Overcoming all odds for much of the season, this team managed to make a strong showing for themselves on a national stage and with the way the Hawks finished well, things look promising for next season with only three graduating players, though the loss of Ambrosio will be a big blow.

Of course, it doesn't need to be mentioned that with this team, anything truly can happen.



As March comes to an end so does the NCAA tourney. Presently the Final Four are the only ones left standing. Temple, Illinois, U.S.C., and Stanford did not make the cut.

We bid a fond farewell to America's coach John Chaney, and wish him luck in his future pursuits of the final four.

Illinois was an exciting bunch to watch but they are out and we will see more of them in the future.

U.S.C. saw a resurection of its program under Henry Bibby and he is now exploring his options with other employers.

Finally, Stanford gave it a good run, making the elite eight and showing they can ball out there in 'Frisco.

Throughout the year the headline story in the A.C.C. has been the battle of Tobacco road, the showdowns between Duke and North Carolina.

These two titans have slugged it out on many occasions leaving the nation quivering in anticipation of a possible dream final between the two. Yet through all this the subplot has been the battles between Duke and the enigmatic streaky Maryland.

A fourth guarter collapse at home against Duke sent the Terrapins in to a tailspin that saw their tournament chances quickly narrow.

The rematch, saw Maryland make a fourth guarter comeback of their own, vanquishing the Blue Devils in Cameron Indoor Stadium on senior's day, saddling Shane Battier with a

dence had returned as they once again took Duke to the limit in an 84-82 loss in the ACC semifinal games.

In defeat the Terps saw in the Blue Devils the team that they would have to overcome again to win the national championship. The Blue Devils sensed the same thing having battled with the Terps on three occasions.

On the other side of the bracket, Arizona, has the sentimental vote as head coach Lute Olsen lost his wife of 47 years to cancer on New Year's Day, making the Wildcats story a truly remarkable one.

The cast comprising the Wildcats can be described as stacked. With their imposing big man Loren Woods and their talented guards, there are not many holes. Their counterparts on Saturday will be the Michigan State University Spartans.

The Spartans have shown many sides of their game this tournament, displaying why they are the defending champs. They can play up-tempo, they can play halfcourt sets, they can even play defense with the best of them.

If they survived Temple's defense and the attack of Lynn Grier and Quincy Wadley then they can take anything head on.

There is a chance that everyone can see the final that they were supposed to a season ago if the Spartans and Blue Devils square off for supremacy.

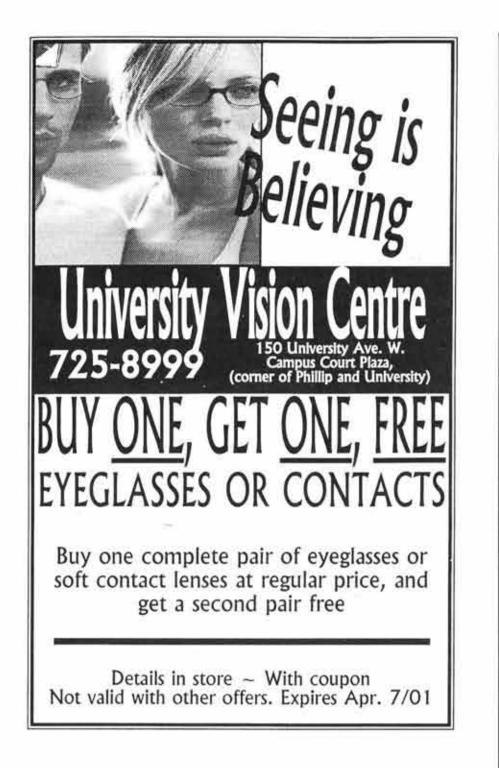
Shane Battier will have his last chance at a championship and Jason Williams is looking more and more like this tournament will be a prelude to him being taken as a lottery pick.

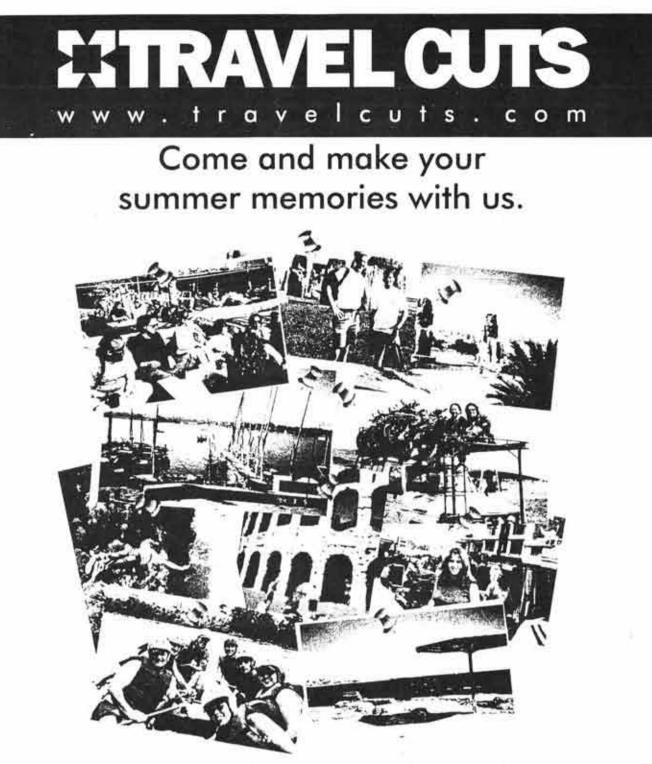
Dave Thomas, Charlie Bell et al. are desperately trying to cement their place in history as the last repeat winners since, well, since Duke turned the trick in 1991 and 1992.

Regardless of who makes the final and who wins it, we are all waiting for that one shining moment that will define this year's tournament.







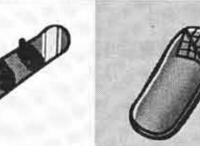


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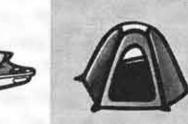






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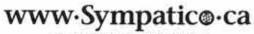








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The Ice Week Cometh

Business students compete for corporate love

business

MARK MORASSUT

Last week, 3rd year BBA students endured the trial and tribulations of the Integrated Otherwise Case Exercise. known as ICE week, the broad internal competition has, according to Dr. A. Scott "become part of the Carson, folklore of the School of Business and Economics."

The objective of ICE week, among other things, is to illustrate, in a realistic setting, the interrelationship between the various management disciplines taught in core Business courses.

ICE week is indeed the culmination of a year of work and provides every student the opportunity to demonstrate professionalism, problem-solving and decision-making ability, communication skills and an understanding of the fundamentals of business and economics.

It all began on Thursday, March 15th when the 3rd year BBA student body gathered in The Turret. At this time we met our group members, whom we would get to know pretty well over the course of the next week. There were 50 teams, each of which consisted of five or six students. Due to the large size of the third year class, it was necessary to run two ICE competitions simultaneously. assigned to Group 1 and anoth-

On Friday, March 16th we all gathered again, but this time in exhibits. The report represented

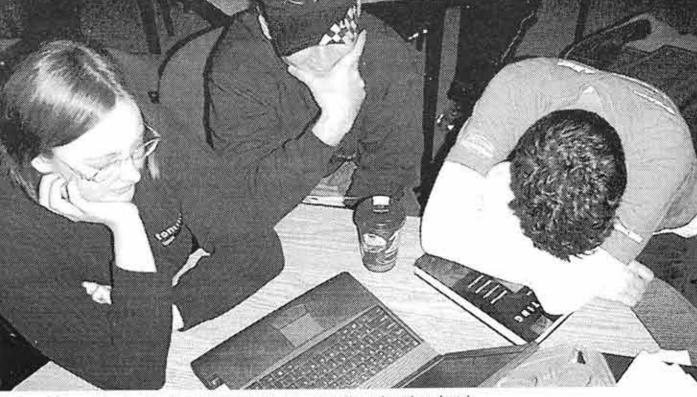
unveiling of the company that would be the focus of our attention for the next week. In dramatic fashion, the name Danier Leather Inc. was projected on the screen before a roomful of wide-eyed students.

Once the obligatory speeches were conducted, each team received their ICE package, which contained a copy of the 24-page case for each member of the team, as well as other pertinent information.

The award-winning case, titled "Danier Leather: Growing Through the Web", was written by Hamid Noori and Annie Warburton. Offering relevant information about the company and the environment it operated in, the case posed this question to its reader: How and where, if at all, should Danier Leather expand its brand and retailing activity in order to reach the 20% annual sales and profit growths the CEO had set as objectives for the company over the next few years.

On Monday morning, a student question and answer session with company executives was conducted. Each team was responsible for sending two of its members to clarify any queries their team might have regarding the issues facing Danier.

At the conclusion of this meeting, it was time for the Therefore, 25 teams were teams to get down to work. We er 25 teams to Group 2. Each had until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday to submit a sevengroup would crown a winner at page written report with up to the end of the week. seven additional pages of P1025/27. It was time for the each teams primary method of



Business kids working to solve Danier problems...too many employees bored on the job.

communicating their solution to the case problem. Therefore, developing a strong report was the backbone of success for each team.

It was a long, and at times,

Developing a strong report was the backbone of success for each team.

agonizing few days. But at the same time, it was very exciting to be a member of a team that product of our thoughts, discus-

sions and research. What was most amazing to realize is that we actually have learned something over the past three years.

Upon submitting the report on Wednesday, each team's focus shifted to the presentations on Friday morning. The presentations offered each team with the opportunity to demonstrate their presentation skills and solidify the analysis and solution of the problem they articulated in their report.

On Friday morning, 50 teams presented to 10 different boards consisting of four professors from the School of Business and Economics. Each team had 15 minutes to present their ideas, followed by a 10-minute question period.

exactly a week since we last sat in this room. The objective of this gathering, however, was to announce which teams would compete in the final the following day.

On Saturday morning, five teams from Group 1, and five teams from Group 2, presented simultaneously to two boards. This time, the boards consisted of business people, including two executives from Danier Leather.

Later that day, one team from each group was awarded top prize, signifying the end of ICE week. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winning teams, as well as everyone else who was involved in this unique competition. It was At 1:00 p.m. of the same day, a truly valuable learning experi-

prepared a report that was the all the teams gathered in ence. P1025/27. It had been almost

BUSINESS BITES

CYBERGRRRLS

A new survey from Statistics Canada shows that women have begun to close the gender gap for Internet use. Men are still in the majority for Web use, but in the year 2000, women have jumped into new technology with 49.6% using the Web compared with 56.1% of men. Although the gender gap has apparently disappeared, there is still a significant disparity between younger Canadians with high incomes and advanced education compared to poorly educated individuals over 55. According to Statistics Canada, the most typical on-line user is English speaking, holds at least one university degree, has a high income and lives in a western city. Calgary is the "most wired" city in Canada, with 67.4% of residents using the Internet.

NO MORE FREEBIES?

Have companies finally started to realize that free content through advertising on the Web is not a profitable endevour? The first lightbulb went on when Yahoo Inc. began charging for its auction services. Other organizations have been quick to follow.

Last week, Britannica.com Inc said it would abandon the read-for-free appraoch that was launched only 17 months ago. Microsoft may even follow suit by launching fee-based services. The problem is that nobody knows how to make money on the Internet. The four largest Web players in Canada; MSN, AOL Canada, Yahoo and Sympatico, are all looking into different strategies to build business models less dependent on advertising.

DEX COMPETITION A SUCCESS LAURIER WINS GOLD MEDAL

On March 9th the first annual DEX and Student Publications case study competition took place. DEX is the WLU business organization that focuses on the betterment of its members in business related activities.

The case study was written specifically for the competition and revolved around sales of the Keystone, WLU's yearbook created by Student Publications. Overall the case competition was a success and provided several fresh ideas for future yearbook sales and marketing techniques. Both DEX and Student Publications benefited from the event and are looking forward to its second incarnation during first semester next year.

Last week-end, four students from WLU along with Prof. Hewick achieved 1st place top honours at the Queen's Entrepreneurial Competition in Kingston.

The competition required each team to submit business plans for new ventures. WLU received one of the highest marks for their written plan and after a two-day rigorous schedule of presentations, they emerged victorious as the top entrepreneurial team in Canada.

The winning business plan was produced by Mark Frederick, Adam De Cloet, Laura Whitmore and Lisa Baber. The plan outlined the creation of an aquaculture farm to raise yellow perch in response to the problem of decreased fishing in the Great Lakes.

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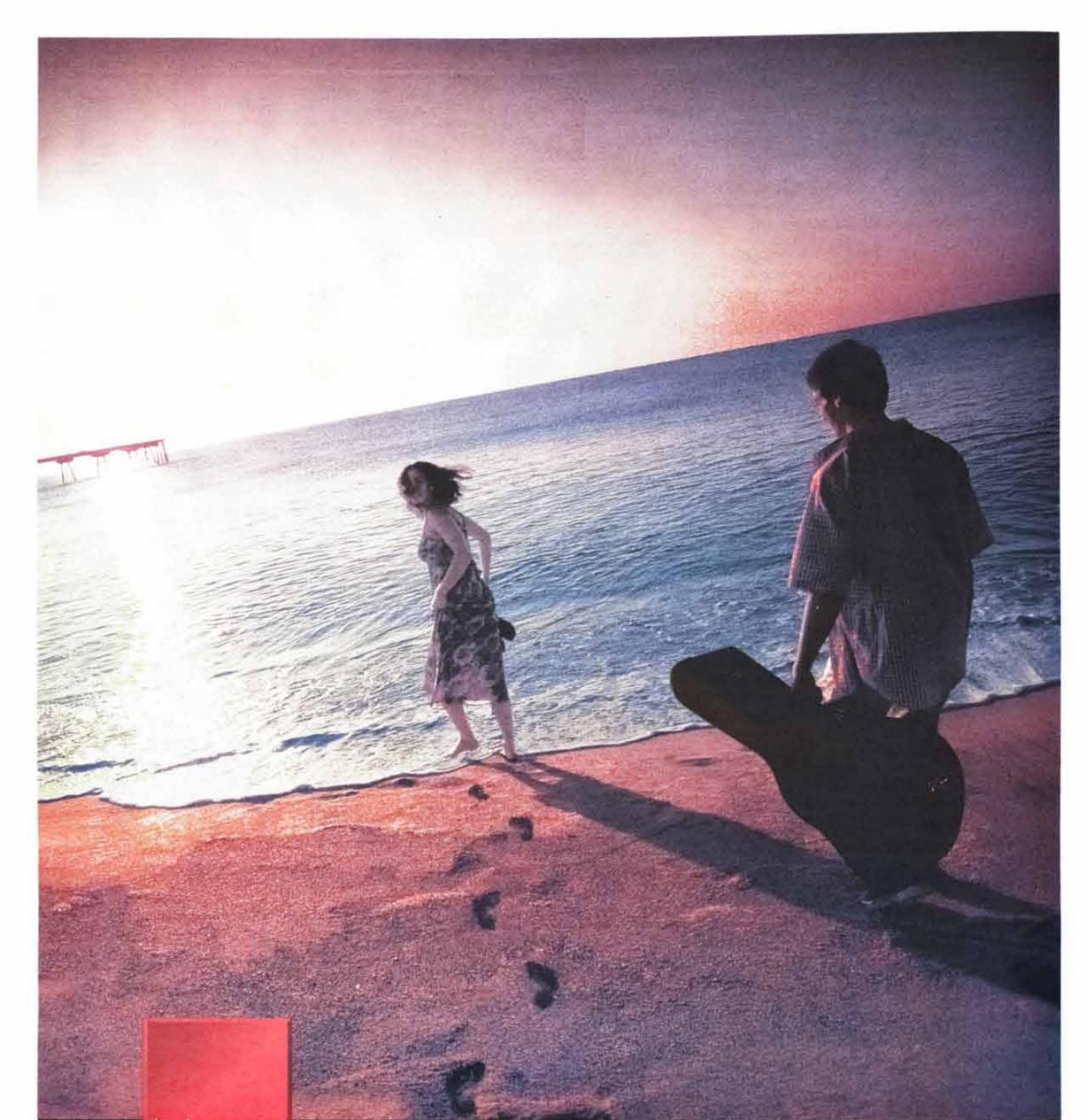
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