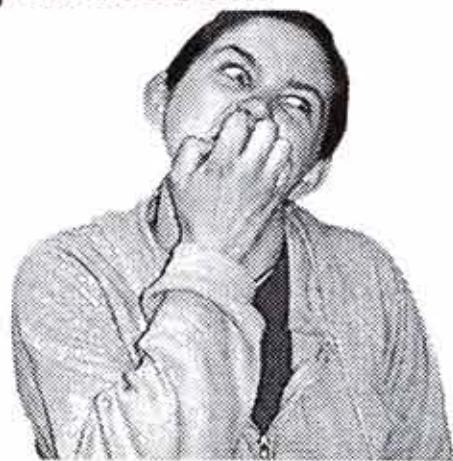


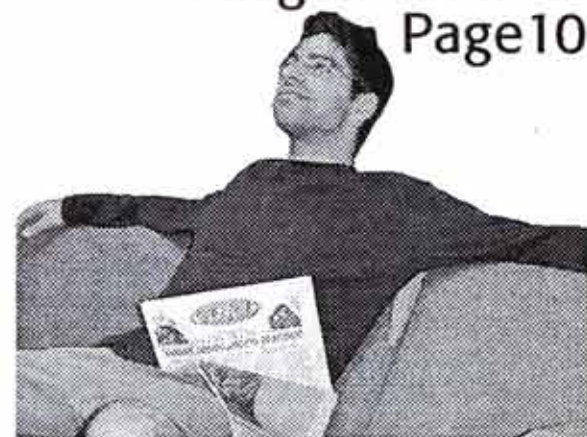
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Orientation Week 2001

Discovering the power within

James Gangl
2001 Orientation Team Coordinator

By this time in the summer you have likely been bombarded with countless papers, pamphlets, registration forms, and beige envelopes of various shades. You have decided to come to Laurier. Congratulations...but what's the big deal?

From the moment you set foot on the Laurier campus your life will begin to change. You may not recognize this change immediately, but it is there. Coming to university is possibly one of the most profound decisions you will ever make and the transition to university life can be a little overwhelming. That's why Orientation Week exists. It is designed to help you get accustomed to your surroundings and the challenges that await you.

The Orientation Team, composed of 17 highly talented individuals, has put together an action-packed week that will give you a taste of university life. The days are filled with off-the-wall activities and the nights are crammed with concerts, comedians, and revelry. The week also includes academic seminars that will open your eyes to the demands of student life. Unlike most universities, Laurier's Orientation Week is a full 7 days that will introduce you to all aspects of university living.

The theme for Orientation Week 2001 is "Laurier's Forces of Nature: Discover the Power Within". This theme represents the greatness of minds and personalities within Laurier's walls. Since the student body makes up our wonderful university, it also represents the unimaginable power



Frosh have fun! See? They pull ropes, paint t-shirts, and even wear their hats sideways!

each one of us has within ourselves to change the face of the earth!!

During Orientation Week we encourage you to use your strengths to improve the world around you. As a result, the week comes to a climax on Saturday,

which is Shinerama Day. This is a day when the entire university goes out into the community to raise money for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Put simply, this week is utterly amazing. The excitement begins

from the moment you arrive and does not stop! I hope your summer is going well, but I know your September will be absolutely fantastic!!

For more information please visit our website: www.wlusu.com.

A thought or two from your Head Ice

Your Head Ice Breakers

So here you are, perusing another piece of mail from your new university. Well chums, let me tell you, this isn't just any old piece of mail...this is the Cord: the best gosh-darned campus newspaper this side of the Mississippi.

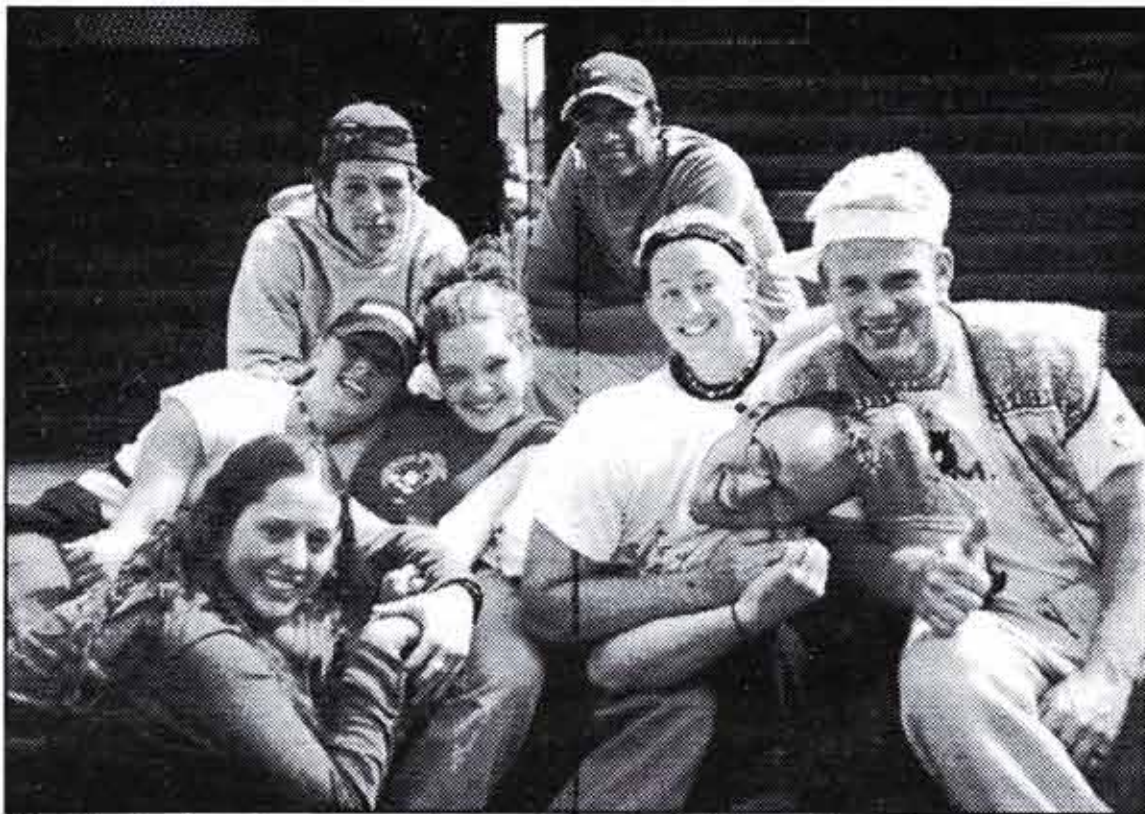
Fortunately for you, your first issue of the Cord contains a doozy of a feature cover story, brought to you by your 2001 Head Ice Breakers. We are the zaniest, craziest, most spirited Golden Hawks you'll ever come to meet.

What exactly is a Head Ice Breaker? So glad that you asked. Essentially, we are the Grand Masters of Funk. Eight fun cats that will lead you through one of the greatest weeks you'll ever have: Laurier's Orientation Week 2001.

O-Week is kinda like one of those trips you can win on the *Price is Right* Showcase Showdown, only we're not going to give you any "have your pets spayed or neutered" propaganda, and we're not going to Italy.

Instead, starting Labour Day, you will spend seven fun-filled days and nights with both the 2001 Orientation Team and us: your trusty Head Ice Breakers. This year's theme is Laurier's Forces of Nature, so you can rest assured that some wild and crazy times are brewing for you and the rest of your new WLU posse.

Upon your arrival at our own little para-



Head Ice Breakers, Laurier superfans, and cast of the highly anticipated summer blockbuster film, "Full House: The Movie." (Not in picture: Comet.)

dise known as WLU, you will join one of four colour teams lead by your Head Ice. The GOLD Lightning are headed up by the dynamic duo of Benny "Brother Shamus" Seewald and Zoë "Don't call me Jennifer" Neuman. They will be sure to electrify the week. But they won't be too successful if the fiery RED Volcanoes have anything to spew about it. This red-hot crew will be lead by Lindsay "Cunny-Cat" Cunningham and Ryan

"Burrito" Barretto. To balance the fire from the liquid hot magma, the cool BLUE Tornadoes will be hangin' 10 and blowing you away. Erin "Wahini" Finn and Steve "Kiwi" Teskey will be leading this gang of y'all. And then there are the GREEN Earthquakes who will be quaking things up. Laura "Prime Time" Meyer and Ryan "Gnomie" Robertson will

After you find out your colour team, you will meet your ICE Breaker. An ICE Breaker is like a number 2 pencil...only rather than using it on multiple choice tests, they are there to be a friend who can show you the ins and outs, ups and downs, and 'all-arounds' of WLU throughout the year. Your ICE Breakers will be with you and your brother/sister floor the entire week taking you through the greatest week EVER! Fun times, indeed!

You will spend all week getting to know your new Laurier pals during an assortment of activities, games and social events. Trust us: O-Week is something you will never forget, and the friends and memories you make during the week will last a lifetime. It is the beginning of the next phase of your life, and the time where you will truly become an integral part of Laurier's close-knit community.

We, the Head Ice Breakers of Orientation Week 2001 are spending our summer getting ready for your arrival... we'll be counting down the days (84...83...82...) until you get here and we hope that you are genuinely excited for the week as we are. Have a phenomenal rest of the summer and get ready for the adventure that lies ahead so you can Discover the power within!

Sincerely, your powers that be, Benny, Zoë, Lindsay, Barretto, Teskey, Finner, Meyer and Gnomie.

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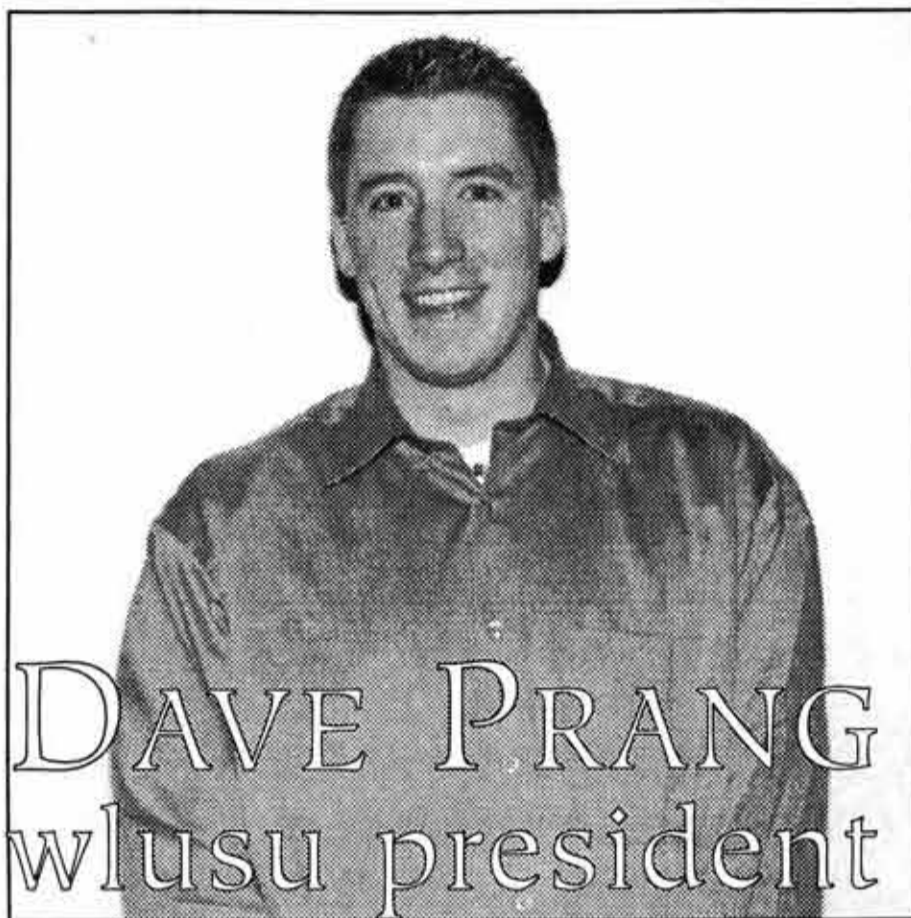
Dillon Moore

Jump, cheer, dance, wake you up at 7:00 o'clock in the morning - during orientation week, frosh might think these activities seem like the only things that senior students at Laurier are willing to do to contribute in some way to your university experience. For those of you who've had enough of pom-poms and face paint, and who desire to see more suits and skirts (or at least khakis), fear not - the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) might have just what you're looking for.

David Prang was elected to the top position of Students' Union President this past spring with a decisive win over his main rival for the position, ex-WLUSU Chairman of the Board Eric Davis. Prang's campaign image became the "average student" at Laurier, a clear counterpoint to the friendly, but formal and business-like manner of previous President Jeffrey Kroeker.

Having been there himself, Prang has some advice for first year students entering Laurier. "Be your own person. Do not follow anyone else. Choose your own path through university, branch off and try different things."

Our President seems excited about the coming year, and stated that he has "tons of events in planning." As a two-time residence



DAVE PRANG
wlusu president

Once again everyone, Mr. David W. Prang.

Don, and a resident in his first year, Prang is focused on providing the same sort of positive experience living on campus that he has enjoyed. From special speakers, to floor events in the Students' Union facilities, Prang thinks those in residence have a lot to look forward to. With so many frosh left out of residence this year (but hopefully not left out of the fun), Prang predicted that the off-campus student community-forming group LOCUS (Laurier Off-Campus University Students) would take on more

members and greater importance. He also added, however, that the Students' Union really has no affiliation with that organization.

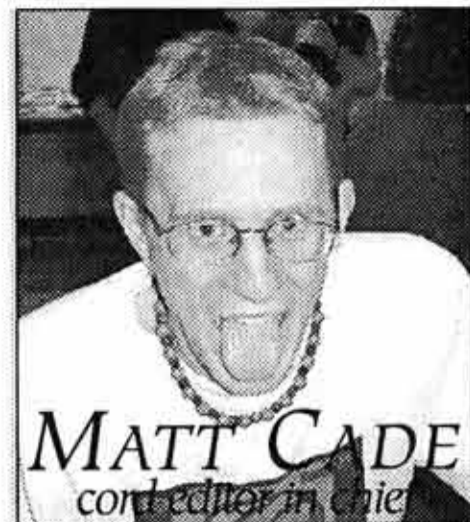
Frosh will have a number of opportunities open to them this Fall that are not ordinarily available. A by-election for two positions on the Board of Directors will take place, and first year students of 18 years or older who are interested in taking part in the politics of Student Government can launch a campaign. The First Year Council, an organization that

serves as official representation for all first year students at WLU, also has available eight hired positions that provide a good opportunity to get involved with the inner-workings of Laurier's Students' Union.

This year will be witness to a variety of construction projects taking place on campus, including expansions to the dining hall, and growth of classroom spaces. Prang admits the construction will be a hassle and a disruption to the flow of classes, but says the intent of the Students' Union and administration is to keep the hassle to a minimum.

Prang's motto, "I Love Laurier", was everywhere during his campaign, and his plans for the upcoming year include being present at many of the places and events that have made him feel this way about the school. He acknowledges that, in his view, perhaps because of a heavy workload, past executives were not as active in student life as they should have been, and he hopes to be more visible to the general school population.

It will be seen in the coming year whether our new Students' Union President will follow the aggressive style of his predecessor Kroeker, who was constantly wrangling with the administration over important student issues, or whether Prang step out in an entirely different direction.



MATT CADE
cord editor in chief

The Cord Weekly: A Tradition worth Noting

What you hold in your hands is by no means a Laurier marketing tool.

It is also not another reminder that you've made a fantastic decision by opting for Wilfrid Laurier University as your post-secondary institution.

It is, however a handy little tool and, if used properly, it will become an invaluable asset to you during your years served at WLU.

The Cord Weekly is Laurier's official student newspaper and has existed, in some form or another, since 1926.

It is also produced entirely by students which means that, week in and week out, we try our darndest to keep you up to date on everything from student politics to student athletics. Sometimes we even try to make you laugh by including photographs of strange people with wack tongues. Sometimes we try to make you laugh with words like wack.

This particular version of The Cord, in case you hadn't already noticed, is all for you: the First Year Student. Peruse it. Cuddle with it. Do not, under any circumstances, however, inhale it.

Check out the News section to find out what's happening with food and housing at Laurier these days. Read Student Life if you're curious about the kind of stress you'll soon be under. Peruse International to learn about possibilities for exchange programs. And read the Classifieds for a laugh.

In all seriousness, though, The Cord is here to keep you as students informed and also to provide a means by which the student body can check their student government and university administration.

Perhaps most importantly, however, The Cord offers Laurier students a forum in which they can be heard. Write letters when you are happy. Write letters when you are mad. In fact, write letters whenever you like.

Make a habit of reading the Opinion section and take note of what students are talking about. Chances are pretty good it's something that is affecting your life, whether you know about it or not.

It's not easy to be on top of everything going on around here, especially in your first year of university. So let us do the work for you.

Read The Cord for information, and read it for amusement. Just don't use it to burn down the Peters Building. It won't work. I've tried.

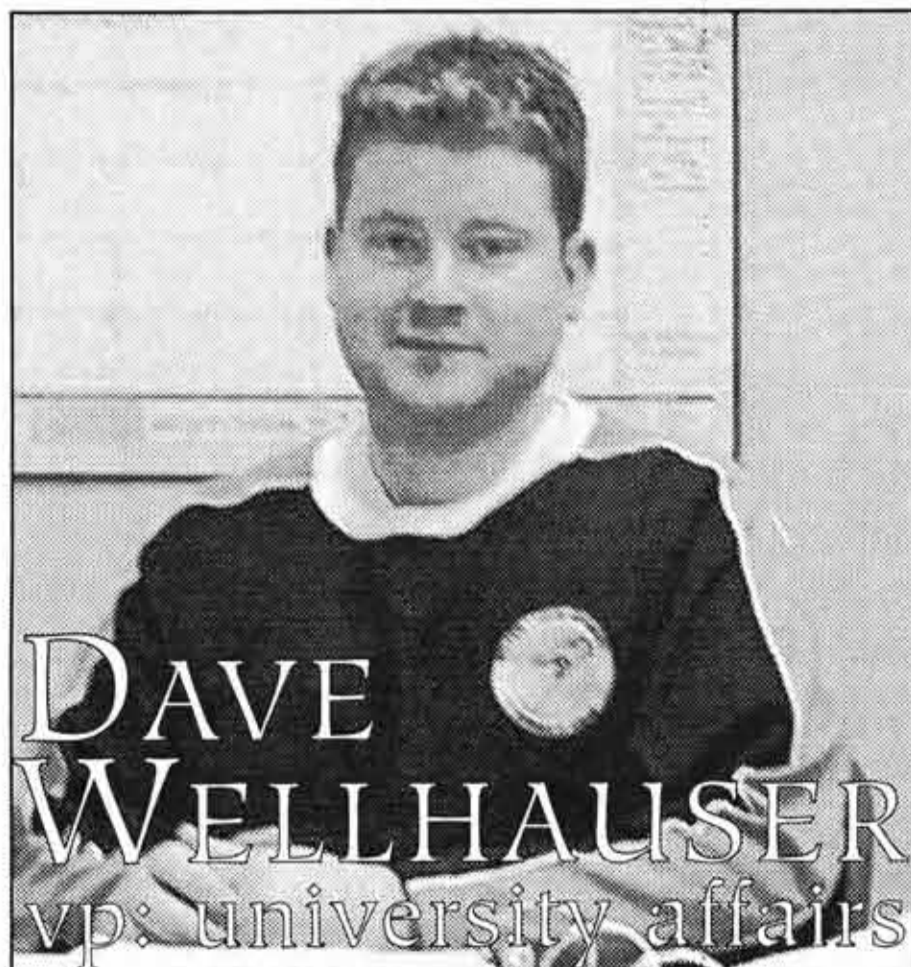
Jennifer Martin

Dave Wellhauser has never shied away from campus involvement. Just last year he was President of the Environmental Club for which he was named 'President of the Year' and his group was voted 'Most Active Club'. This year Dave brings his energy, enthusiasm and experience to his role as Vice President: University Affairs for the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union.

Responsible for 7 different coordinators and organizations that service the Laurier community (including Canadian Heritage, Environmental Awareness, and the newly formed Academic Issues Committee, Dave carries a great deal of responsibility to the students. In addition to these duties, Dave also sits on the Board of Directors, the Management Committee and the Student Services Committee.

The Vice-Presidency also carries with it another office: membership in OUSA, the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance that works to lobby the provincial government on student issues. This year he is a member of the steering committee and serves as the representative for Laurier at municipal, provincial and federal levels.

One of the overwhelming issues that students, and consequently, Dave are dealing with is



DAVE WELLHAUSER
vp: university affairs

What are "university affairs", anyway? I certainly don't know...

that of student debt. With the cost of university rising, students are finding themselves in a greater and greater debt, putting them at a great financial disadvantage when beginning work after school. OUSA is currently working on lobbying the government in a "more tangible" way, says Dave. The alliance is gathering photos and profiles of students to present to MPs in order to give faces and names to the issue of student debt.

With respect to concerns about the double cohort of students set to hit Universities in the near future, WLUSU is "being vigilant and watching out for the interests of students".

At this point University Affairs is forming committees to look at issues dealing with the double cohort and making plans to add more spaces for volunteers within various campus groups. There is also a Student Housing Task Force dealing with some of the con-

cerns.

The VP is maintaining caution, however. "This is a touchy issue", Wellhauser explains. Since the exact enrollment figures aren't available and government funding is calculated on a year-to-year basis, there is no way to know yet what the situation will be a few years down the road.

Although the nature of his office dictates that Dave maintain an interest in students, his enthusiasm for his role is genuine. Above all, he wants to "empower students to be successful by giving assistance and providing any resources I can to facilitate that."

He is also quick to point out that there are resources available, both Student's Union and otherwise, and welcomes new students. "I'd encourage new students to become involved - you'll make lasting friendships. Campus Clubs are an awesome way to get involved. If you have any particular hobby or interest, usually you can find that."

But above all else, Dave has made himself available to students. "I'd encourage any students with questions or concerns about both internal and external responsibilities of the University Affairs family to contact me through the summer or throughout the year at (519) 884-0710 ext. 3434 or by e-mail at dwellhau@wlu.ca."

What a guy.

Laurier's housing shortage

Jennifer Martin

Housing is not cheap, never has been cheap and never will be cheap. With university enrollment in Waterloo on the rise and rental rates increasing right alongside, it's hard to get a break for even one of the bare necessities.

Unfortunately, the situation doesn't look to be improving much, and with ever-increasing enrollment coupled with the coming influx of double cohort students in 2003, housing will be getting more and more difficult to find.

The Student Housing Task Force was established in 1999 to create a list of recommendations to improve both the quantity and quality of student housing in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

It consisted of representatives from the University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University, Conestoga College, the building industry, and residents of Kitchener-Waterloo.

Though it is often times described as a crisis situation, people involved are unwilling to refer to the situation in such drastic terms. Dan Currie, a planner for Waterloo Development Services explains "that it's not a crisis, but it's a concern" and Dr. Bob Rosehart, President and Vice-Chancellor of Laurier admits that although it is "tight" it is not a crisis.



With the vacancy rate at 0.3% in Waterloo, it is becoming increasingly difficult for students to find a place to live. This, for example, could be your house a year from now. But it probably won't be. No room at the Inn.

The recent report offers a variety of suggestions ranging from reducing development charges for student housing to increasing the availability of public transit, from having universities house 35 percent of students on campus to establishing a ranking system for student housing.

Many people are pleased with the proposals offered in the housing plan. Dan Currie commented that the report was "received very positively" by the Waterloo City Council and pointed out that the goal of the committee is "to deal with student housing issues proactively rather than reactively."

Mike Belanger, Director of Residential Services at WLU is enthusiastic about the report. Although the 35 percent of students that the report advocates living on campus may seem like a high number, he claims that "we'd like to be able to accommodate more senior students," which would then "reduce the demand on the private market."

His concern is that with so many students seeking off-campus housing, rental prices will rise even as some students are forced to take "less than preferable housing".

One of the largest concerns facing first year students is residence

accommodation. The prospect of finding an off-campus room for someone unfamiliar with the city can be daunting, and so residence usually becomes the first choice of many first year students. Laurier is expecting to have 200 to 250 new residence beds for 2002 with another set ready for 2003. Where these rooms will go is as of yet unclear, although the university is aware of potential properties in the vicinity. Decisions regarding new residences, however, will not be made until the spring of next year.

Yet not all participants are completely enthusiastic about the ideas

presented in the report.

Although Dr. Rosehart is willing "to look to the report as a guide," he is "not entirely sure that we can buy into the 35 percent. The report ignores the fact that one university in town has hundreds of acres while one barely has any land".

Dr. Rosehart sees off campus housing as a good thing. Ideally, he sees Laurier as taking care of the housing needs of first year students while Waterloo becomes responsible for housing for senior students.

Interestingly, the projected increase in students from 2000 to 2005 is 1,237 for the University of Waterloo, while Laurier is looking at 2,086 more students, almost double that number.

Yet even with these apparently high numbers, WLU will still be looking at a 27 percent increase in growth, a bit below the projected national average of 31 percent.

It is vitally important that student housing increases alongside enrollment levels without quality loss, and the housing report serves as a good guide.

It is doubtful that all suggestions presented in the report will be followed, but although Mike Belanger does admit that the report is "like making a wish list" where all wishes will not be granted, he does acknowledge that "I think we are prepared to move forward".

Food and meal plan prices are on the rise

More than just structural changes are in the works for dining at Laurier.

Dillon Moore

The Food Services Management Board, a body that consists of administration and students, is implementing a series of changes to dining hall and food plan policy that will affect students in the coming school year.

Changes to prices mean returning students will find either that their favourite meals are no longer the same deal they once were, or that the price has improved. First year students living in residence will have a larger pool of dollars with which to purchase food from the Dining Hall and other campus food outlets, but they will be paying for the increase.

Each of the three mandatory residence meal plans, which used to sell for \$2300, \$2500 and \$2700 respectively, will each increase in price by \$100, to make the prices \$2400, \$2600 and \$2800. Students will have to pay the extra \$100 to purchase the meal plan, and will then have more funds committed to being spent on Laurier meals, instead of on fare from one of the many in the surrounding area. The \$100 will be split evenly between regular and alternative dollars.

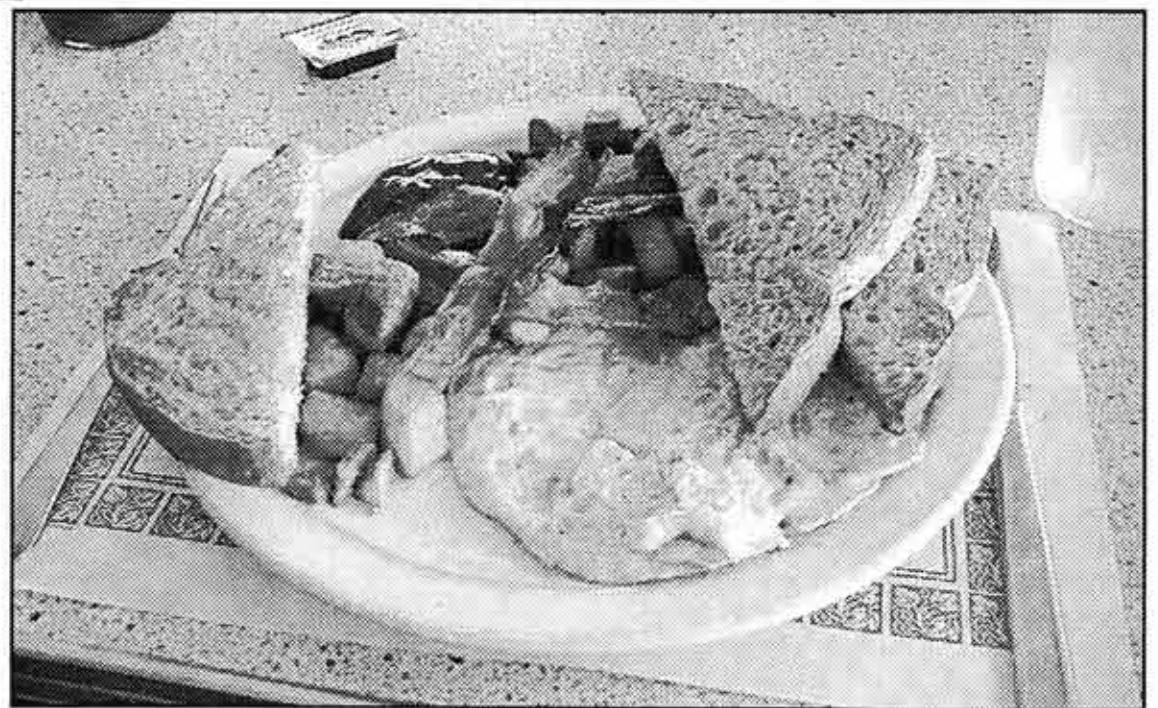
Director of Residential Services Mike Belanger says the decision to make the meal

plans larger was the result of many students running out of money in their plans during first year, as well as an economic decision made so that food services will continue to support itself in the coming years. This will be the first major change made to the commitment level of the food plans made within the past five years.

WLUSU President and Food Services Management Board member Dave Prang pointed out that this will still leave Laurier with some of the lowest commitment levels of university food plans, and the lowest commitment level for a large meal plan. There will be no change to the optional meal plans for off-campus students.

The timing of the increase in commitment level was determined by a need to increase the level at some point in the next few years, but to also avoid increasing it at the same time that the Dining Hall expansion levy is tagged onto the prices.

Also in the works is a new pricing system that will usher in an average price per item increase of 1.9%, or roughly the core consumer price index. According to Belanger, the price increase was called for to keep up with the forces of inflation. The prices have not been adjusted for three years, which was the last time Food Services made money. This was followed by a year in which it broke



With food prices at Laurier moving up this year, students may be forced to feed on some more economically practical meals such as this \$3 masterpiece from Mel's Diner.

even, and last year Food Services lost money.

The price of food will also be adjusted to take in the whole cost of each item, including its material cost, its preparation cost and the cost of serving it. Traditionally pricing has been less formal and more arbitrary, meaning that the price for some items was not reflective of their actual cost.

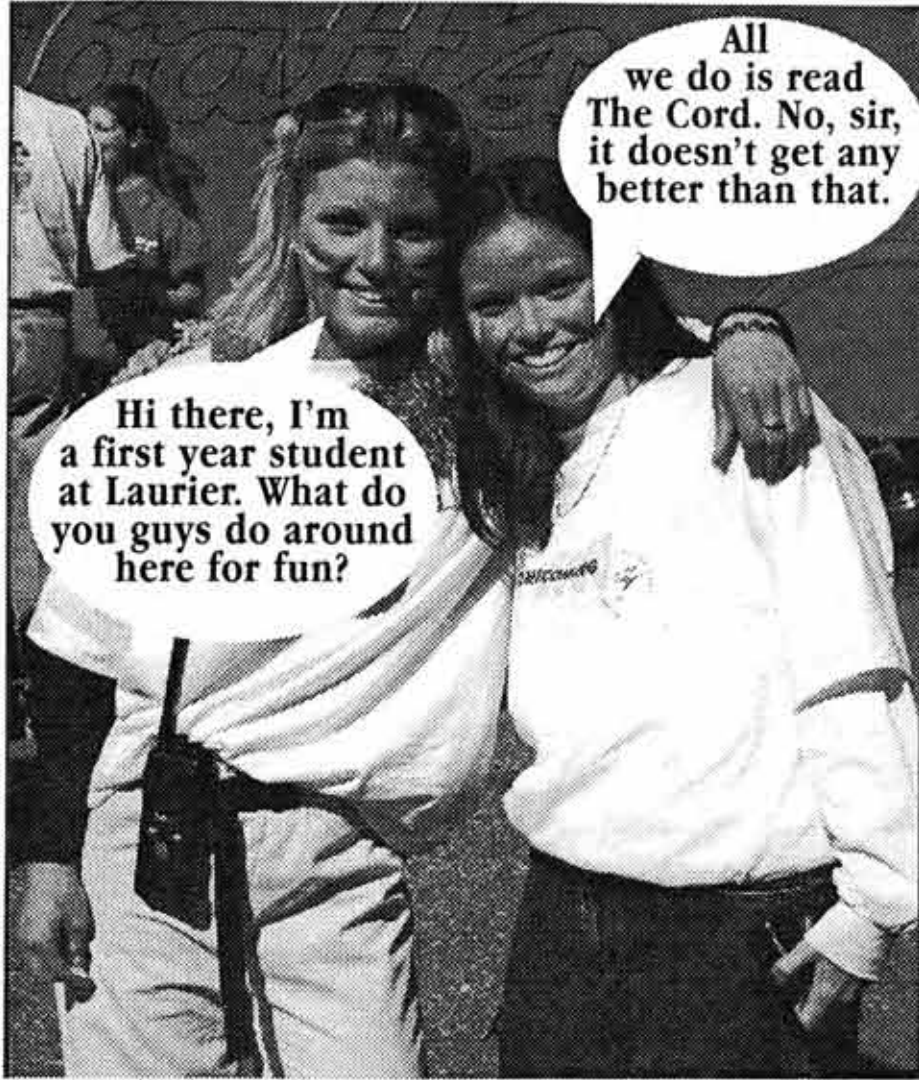
Although the change in prices will not take into account the base price of the unit or the quantity sold, (meaning that it is technically possible to see an increase in the price of costly and popular items and a decrease in the price of unpopular or cheap

items), Belanger says these factors will all be "part and parcel" of the pricing adjustments, and steps will be taken to ensure students are not being gouged.

"Food Services is intended to break even and provide maximum value," he said.

Belanger and Prang agreed that profit is not a motive, since all gains are funneled back into the facilities or into reducing the cost of services for students, although Belanger does expect to see more business as the Laurier facilities improve.

Changes to the pricing structure have yet to be made, so students will have to wait to see how the alterations will affect them.



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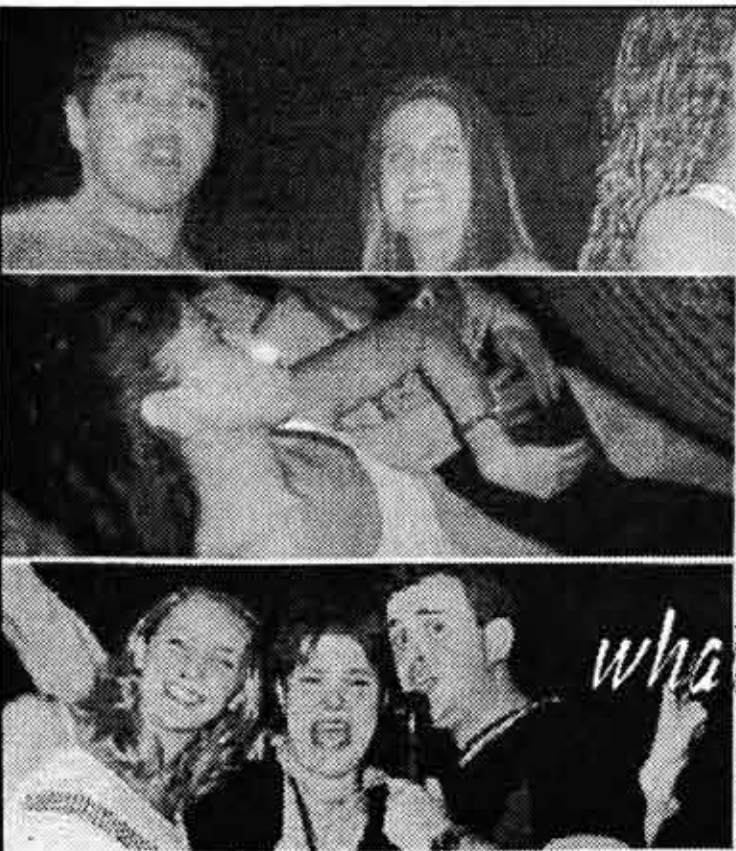
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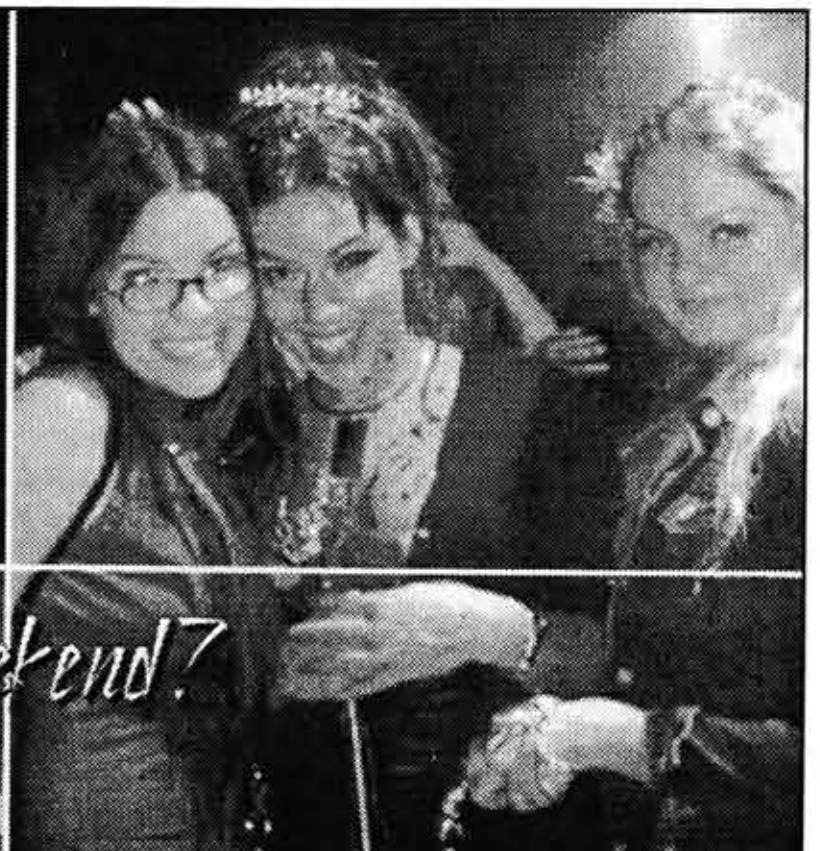
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Something Different

Ever since the day you first expressed interest in coming to Laurier, you no doubt have accumulated a mass of information describing in outrageous detail how wonderful your life will become if you do indeed decide to attend school here.

These packages and pamphlets likely looked and sounded much the same. In fact, I am quite sure that, were you to eat them, they would also probably taste the same.

For the record, I am certain that Laurier is a good school. Some might even say great. If you're one of the many who opted for WLU because of its size and familiarity, for example, I've no doubt you'll enjoy your years here.

But my beef is not necessarily with academics, nor is it with the size of my classes. Rather, the thing about Laurier that haunts me is the degree of "sameness" that persists on campus. This is why I persevere in my hopes for something different.

On the surface, you see, Laurier is something of a melting pot. In your first weeks here you will learn, for example, that you should only attend bar X on Wednesday, bar Y on Thursday and bar Z on Saturday. For some reason it is part of the culture at Laurier to only want to be where the crowd will be.

This quality of sameness is both alarming and distressing for a couple of reasons. First of all, university is supposed to be a place where students can participate in a learning process through a free exchange of ideas and opinions. In

class, professors do a good job of ensuring this kind of learning can happen. Outside class, however, is a different story.

An undercurrent of ultra-conservatism exists at Laurier that is not immediately apparent. This is not to say that people are bad or even that they are confused. However, it does mean that in many ways people and organizations on campus are resistant to change and that

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they do not know how to handle criticism.

Because of this desire for many students to be where the action is, Laurier is also sometimes hampered by people who are involved in things for the wrong reasons. Do not be one of these people. There are several million organizations and clubs that both the school and the Students' Union offer to kids like us, and they all can be a lot of fun. It is a shame that their quality can be diminished by those who only seek to improve their resume.

Finally, it is important to note that at

Laurier a vast majority of students are politically apathetic. By this I do not mean that those leaders running the student government are doing a bad job. Rather, I am simply trying to suggest that when only 6% of students turn out to vote for student senators, a vast majority of them are missing something extremely important about their university life.

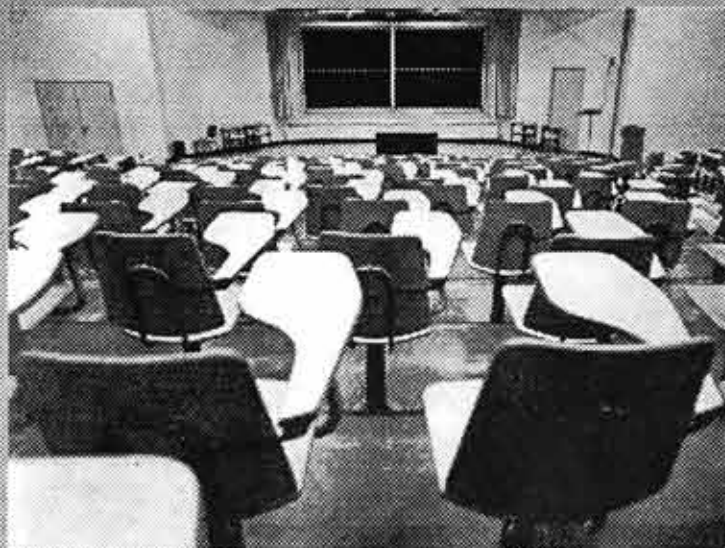
That, of course, is the bad news. The good news is that it is only on the surface. Don't let me make you believe that Laurier is a backward thinking institution nor that people here are evil. But expect more. Demand more. Be different. Pay attention to what's really going on around you and work to change what isn't right.

Although it wasn't planned, it is no mistake that every opinion piece this week is delivering a different version of the same message. To make your experience at Laurier one to remember, don't simply become a part of the process. Speak up when you see things you don't agree with, and participate for the right reasons. From all of us here at The Cord, please - bring us something different.

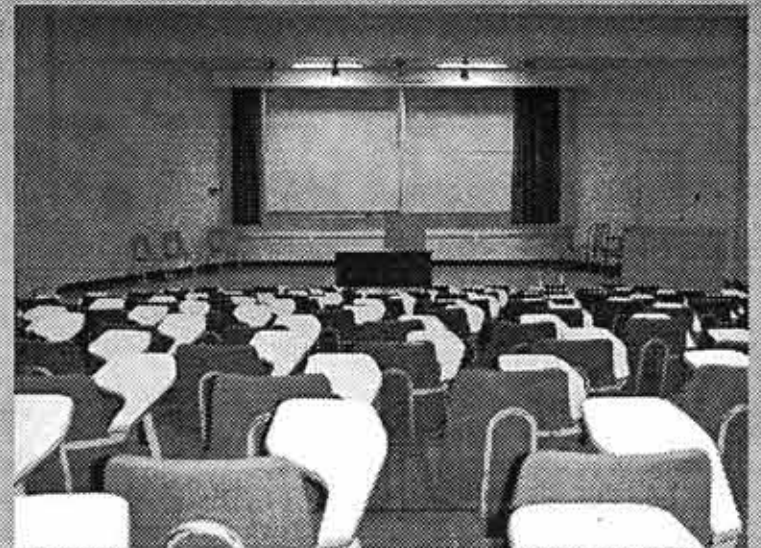
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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LAURIER'S SECOND LARGEST CLASSROOM



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1E1 - CIRCA NOW

let's see, there's a new white board and, um...uh...

LETTERS

IGNORANCE AT LAURIER

Tonight was a Wednesday night. As you'll soon find out, that's the big night at our campus pub Wilf's. Tonight saw the typical drinking and dancing and talking and fun stuff that take place on bar nights at Laurier. It also saw an extraordinary exhibition of ignorance, intolerance and homophobia. Sad to say, such behaviour is not nearly as atypical as it should be, especially at a university.

In Wilf's tonight was a friend of mine who was wearing a pair of goggles

around his neck. As he was standing in the bar, a fellow student came up to him and mumbled something unintelligible in his face. When my friend asked what he said, another student explained what it was: "He said 'You're a fag.'" And then this fellow student, until then a complete stranger to my friend, promptly head-butted him.

No one was hurt and the WWF-wannabe was removed by the bar's security, but that's not the point. The point is this: Even though you're coming to an institution of higher learning, don't expect anything to change. You're still going to see racist slogans on desks and in the washrooms and hear the

same trash spoken around you. You're still going to be sexually harassed and intimidated. You're still going to have to deal with ignorant and, whatever their standing in this university may be, fundamentally uneducated people who have intolerant views.

On a side note, the best part is that my friend who got hit is white and the guy who hit him is brown. As a brown guy, I find that fantastic. I mean, I'm glad to see that we've all progressed to the point where we can hate and hit each other on an equitable basis. To someone who's experienced sexism

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[yes, it too runs both ways here], racism, homophobia and drunken obnoxiousness throughout my four years here, that's terrific. I'm ecstatic that we've finally arrived at the point where we can be just as ignorant as all the people we've been condemning and defending ourselves against for years.

I'm not a coconut showin' out for a white school. I'm a guy who's ashamed another guy got drunk, said something incredibly ignorant and then followed that up with a good shot to the head. And I'm ashamed it happened here.

But I'm not surprised. Nor should you be. Welcome to Laurier.

Asad Kiyani

CONSTRUCTION

Where are we expected to study with minimal distraction, sufficient light and comfortable chairs? The Library seems to be the only option. But their no drink and no food policy makes it rather unfavourable. The Concourse and Solarium would have been the hot spot, but the constant banging and drilling sounds are not my preferred ambiance. Let's say I want to go outside and sit on the bench and enjoy the sun. Boy, is it ugly! Where did all the greens go? Those photos on Laurier's web site must have been tampered with on some sort of high-tech computer program. I sure as heck can't find them on campus. We were never given the heads up on all this construction which is

affecting my learning environment. Classes are being distracted and students can no longer hear their professors, not to mention the inconvenience of walking around the building instead of directly from the DAWB to the Peter's building. I realize Laurier needs to expand to accommodate the growing population, but please forewarn us.

Joanne Malar

I LOVE LAURIER

I must express my extreme happi-

ness with the offering of alcohol at the new Concourse Patio. You see, having Wilf's, the Turret, the Grad Pub and the Hawk's Nest on campus just wasn't enough. Making profit off peoples' addictions is the way to go. I guess that's why you can buy cigarettes in the Centre Spot too, right? Hey, how about opening a new venue that sells crack? It'll be called The Crack Hut and can be located in the Terrace since there are already so many empty spaces there.

Have you ever wanted to ask something, but been too afraid or intimidated to say anything? Have

you ever been told that what you think or believe in is offensive or immoral? Have you ever changed your opinion on something and tried to stop anyone else from having that opinion simply because you don't believe it anymore? Is it really a lot harder to stand up for what is right when your paycheque is on the line?

If people refuse to change, progress can never be made. And trying to fix something only perpetuates its existence. Never apologize for doing what you know is right.

Manny Weirido

Play me a new tune

Scott Cairns



This snail-pace/narrow minded attitude is a school wide phenomenon. Wilf's, Laurier's on-campus pub, seems to invite only the most insipid troubadours to grace their stage, and their popular Wednesday nights are aurally no different than an average night of watching Much Music. You might be thinking "But it's just frigging music." And hey, that may be so, but the music scene at WLU is a microcosm of how everything works here.

Please, above all else, know what you're getting into by coming to Laurier. There are no jungle nights, no hip hop nights, no jazz nights, very few punk bands, no lap-top P.A.'s from obscure American electronic musicians and as it stands, very little room for something different. I will put money on the fact that you will enjoy Laurier. I will also put a silver dollar on the fact that you will be less than impressed by the music that fills the fake streets of WLU.

Now I KNOW that the kids are alright ("oh what, oh what I hear"). And I KNOW that my girlfriend's 17 year-old brother is listening to Hieroglyphics and Swollen Members right now.

Given that, I KNOW there's got to be at least of few of you who know where I'm coming from. All of this may throw a negative spin on your perception of the world that you're about to enter. But let it be known that you've got the power to change things around here.

When you get here, find out how you fit in and change things as you see fit. I'm pleading to you cats, because by fourth year, you will all be too molded and filled with bureaucratic nonsense to genuinely affect the sorry musical state of this school.

Enjoy your stay at Camp WLU - but please make sure not to leave things the way you found them.

The average Laurier week includes two club nights, one pub night, and personalized DJ music from 8 until 10pm each day. On top of that, there are at least a couple of bands coming in to play their hearts out during a normal Laurier seven-day period. With that much potential for good jams, why is the state of music at Laurier always a little less than so fresh and so clean?

University is the one time in everyone's life where there is unquestionably a chance to experience something new and different without being forced into the popular norm. This goes big-time for music. I came to Laurier with an encyclopedic knowledge of hip-hop, but fairly infantile exposure towards other music of a similar DIY mentality.

Since then, I've been turned on to punk, pre-fusion jazz and electronic as well as dub through many people who share a similar openness to music. So where's my beef? Well, it's the fact that despite the diversity of tastes at this school, the music played here always seems to be so played out.

My man Eddy Schall shared his sentiments in a past issue of The Cord by expressing his dismay at the fact that the Turret refuses to update their club music selection. It took them six months, for example, to play Outkast's "Ms. Jackson", two years to recognize that Puffy was not the apex of hip hop, and they STILL won't drop M.O.P.'s "Ante Up" even after a solid year of nagging.

Get Up, Stand Up

Anthony Iantorno



Contrary to popular belief, I really do like Laurier a lot more than it may normally seem. Sure, Laurier has its problems, but the fact of the matter remains that other institutions of higher education most likely have the same ones. As it stands, society in general is not perfect and probably never will be.

So why, at times, do The Cord and I come down on the school in such a harsh manner? The answer is quite simple. The general student population at Laurier (for the most part) does not seem to care much about what goes on around them. The fact is that most students spend their years at Laurier in a bubble of delusion, simply wading through until the day they receive their degree.

Sure, continually broken bank machines and long line-ups at the registrar's office irk some students, but overall, nothing is done to correct these kinds of problems.

In light of this, and in order to overcome the ignorance surrounding us, we often take an extreme view on things to overcompensate

for the incognizance of the masses. What does this accomplish? Well to tell you the truth, not too much. It makes most of us look jaded, opinionated, and overtly left wing - as well as continuing to piss off a lot of people.

So where do we go from here? How can we overcome these barriers and make Laurier a better place to be? In my opinion, the first step is to establish the appropriate mindset before even setting foot on the Laurier campus. Frosh should come to Laurier with a list of ideas in mind of what they would like to accomplish in their four years at Laurier.

My involvement with a wide range of campus clubs and organi-

zations remained almost negligible until last year when I became involved with Student Publications. This timing was unfortunate, as The Cord turned out to be a great medium for me to channel my efforts for positive change at Laurier.

My four years at Laurier have quickly passed and in the meantime, I have wasted a lot of time and let many opportunities for involvement and change slip through my fingers. Now in my last month and a half at Laurier, I am left with a feeling of dissatisfaction in regards to the way my university career has panned out.

Although The Cord may not be for everyone, there remain many opportunities at Laurier for your involvement. What it comes down to is a matter of personal preference. The most important thing is to remember that nothing will change unless there is a driving force behind it. And in the end, a driving force of one is better than no force at all.

Get involved, get vocal and stand up for what you believe in.

Survival tips for life at Laurier

Amy Wright



It's going to be interesting. This is one guarantee I can offer without any hesitation in regards to your upcoming Laurier experience.

I remember being concerned about whether or not my roommate and I would get along (we did), whether or not I would like Frosh Week (I hated it) and if my first year would live up to all my expectations (of course it didn't). While those may be your largest concerns at the moment, they are destined to become very minor details in a much, much larger picture.

During the past two years, I've learned the value of tolerance and respect, both for others and myself. I've realised that I have the freedom to do whatever the hell I want and the only person I'll have to answer to is myself. But the most important thing I've learned in the past two years is that an opinion should never be silenced.

I grew up in a public school system that endorsed the theory

of a woman's biological makeup rendering her "naturally" less intelligent than her male counterpart. I had a science teacher who called every single one of his female students "Betty" and never bothered to learn our names. This had an effect opposite to silencing me. Rather, it only made me more determined to make myself heard.

As Canadians, we have the amazing opportunity to live in a country that embraces the freedom to speak. Use this to your advantage. And do it in whatever manner you feel comfortable. I personally found The Cord to be

an ideal medium to express my own feminist concerns. But if you don't feel comfortable writing about it, then find another way to express yourself. You can always come up to the Cord office and talk to me -- mine is the cushy office in the back. I only let Matt Cade put his EIC nameplate on the door so he feels like he's actually contributing to Student Publications. Whatever.

It is important to remember that during your time here, your intellect should be stretched and expanded. Don't allow the reverse to happen. Many students end up graduating with a close-minded, elitist attitude resulting from four years of being taught that a university education somehow makes you better than others.

Well, I can tell you right now that it doesn't. And I can also tell you that unless you say something, you'll never be heard.

Welcome to Laurier.

First Costa Rica, then the world

*As students, we have the opportunity to travel.
Aislinn Clancy tells us why we should take advantage of it.*

Aislinn Clancy

Sunrise at Revolution Square, "sports day" in a Jamaican one room school house, a Brazilian soccer match, New Orleans at night, The Cliffs of Mohr on a clear day, a two hundred-foot, three-tier waterfall, live Irish music in a packed pub, a Latin dancing competition...the list goes on. These are the moments that have made the efforts of travel worthwhile.

I'm spoiled, it's true, and I have Laurier to thank for my most recent adventures. At WLU, students have a unique opportunity to do and experience many great things. This past Winter I spent four months teaching English as a Second Language in Costa Rica.

Over my past three years at Laurier I have experienced one "once in a lifetime opportunity" after another. You only live once, and just because you're a penniless student doesn't mean that with a little hard work and courage you can't see the world.

When I arrived here for the first time three years ago I found I was able to turn my passion for travelling into an educational and economically feasible experience. The four months I spent in Costa Rica this past Winter cost me less than what most people pay to stay only a week at an all inclusive resort in Mexico or the Dominican Republic! You make what you want of your time at Laurier, and if you keep your eyes and your mind open, you won't miss terrific opportunities like this.

Whether it's a course abroad, a student exchange, a job in foreign country, a trip with a campus club, an international conference or a volunteer research project, there is a wide variety of opportunities at Laurier's front door. My own international experiences have come travelling both with Habitat for Humanity's WLU Chapter and with a Development and International studies course, as well as working abroad on my own.

Habitat for Humanity is a charitable organization that raises money year round through in efforts to fund building projects both in Ontario and internationally. In the past three years, students working for Habitat have built homes in North Carolina, Mississippi, Costa Rica and Jamaica. And Jamaica wasn't any vacation. Our group ate typical dishes, stayed in a local community with a population of only a couple hundred people, and learned a bit

of patois of course "Wha gowan!"

As a Laurier student you also have the opportunity to travel and earn credits at foreign institutions through either independent studies courses or those organized by the school. The faculty of Geography, for example, has sent students to both Africa and Costa Rica. The faculty of Development and International Studies offers a course in Cuba for three weeks and this year organised one in Guatemala for two months.

There is also the opportunity to find these types of courses offered through other Universities, either with WUSC or other conference and research opportunities. This method of travel provides an excellent opportunity for you as a Laurier student both to experience the things you have been studying and to bring an international perspective into future courses.

WLU also has a very strong international exchange program that sends students from all faculties to Asia, North America, Europe, Australia and South Africa, for between two and eight months a year. You pay the same tuition costs as you would in Ontario but have to fund the rest of your trip. The school helps you plan your trip and aids you in your orientation after you have made it through the application process. This kind of academic trip often has to be planned in advance, but if you feel the need to flee the campus and the country, it's easy to alter your schedule so that your travel needs may be met.

I spent the past term on a leave of absence so I could teach English as a Second Language abroad in Costa Rica. Using www.daveseslcafe.com I was able to find jobs all over the world from which I could choose according to my interest. Within the ESL program there is a great social network of teachers and staff that help you to become integrated into society. Many provide language courses and some help you find a place to stay. It's also always nice to speak English.

What was especially great about the program is that experience isn't necessary. I had never taught ESL before and I didn't even need to know how to speak Spanish. Ironically, I had to work hardest at re-learning my English grammar. In Costa Rica I



Top: Group shot from Habitat for Humanities first day of building in Jamaica.

Bottom: Habitat for Humanities Sports Day at a schoolhouse in Jamaica.

was able to see a lot of the country with hundreds of gorgeous sites all within a few hours of my home in San Jose. Above all else, it was safe, I got paid, and I learned how to Latin dance and speak Spanish!

There is, of course, more to do internationally as a student than

summer visitors, pubs and hotels all over Southern Ireland, Great Britain and Scotland are always in need of staff.

There are recruitment agencies to help you find these kinds of jobs. Otherwise the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) can provide you with your work visa and a little help to find some connections.

I worked in a small town called Clifden and life there was like a soap opera. It was right on the water and in the mountains in Irish cottage country. I lived with travelers in their twenties who were from all over Europe, Australia, New Zealand and North America. We worked

hard and partied hard, while trying to save for school.

Do your homework, budget your time and money and watch for important information. If you're not too foolish and not too careless there is nothing to worry about. Inquire about everything. Work visas can be a pain but depending on where you go you might not need them. When I phoned the Costa Rican Embassy they told me to work illegally! While in Ireland I had a European Union passport, so I didn't need a visa. Feel free to go with the flow!

Remember, anything is possible if you put your mind to it! Take the "once and a lifetime opportunities" offered by the school if you can. If not, make them on your own.

Happy Trails!

This kind of academic trip often has to be planned in advance.

teach English as a Second Language. In fact, before my Costa Rican experience I spent a four-month stint in Ireland serving the masses of tourists that invade Great Britain every summer. Because of the vast number of



World Watch



SWITZERLAND

The cost of medicine is once again a concern of the international community as members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) discuss the issue in Geneva. The matter has become an issue due to the inability of developing countries to afford medicine to treat diseases such as AIDS. New drugs are covered by international patent rules for some 20 years. As a result, they remain expensive, making it virtually impossible for patients in poor countries to access them. However, under WTO regulations, member countries must protect international patents, paying whatever price pharmaceutical firms demand.

U.S.A.

Mexican-American drug lord Juan Raul Garza was executed on Tuesday, June 19 at the same Terre Haute, Indiana facility as Timothy McVeigh eight days earlier. Garza, the leader of a large Texas-based marijuana smuggling ring, committed a drug-related murder and ordered the deaths of two other men. President George W. Bush stated that he strongly believes the death penalty to be a deterrent to crime. A small group of about 50 anti-death penalty protestors gathered outside the facility.

ASIA

Kofi Annan has been appointed a second term as United Nations

Secretary-General. It was Asia's turn to appoint the next Secretary-General, but Anwaral Chowdhury, President of the UN Security Council, claimed the African Annan was appointed again as a "goodwill gesture" in recognition of his progress on the reform of the UN and his achievements in international diplomacy. The last Asian Secretary-General served in the early 1970s and Asia has been denied the opportunity to appoint a Secretary-General twice since Egyptian Boutros Boutros Ghali left the post.

ALGERIA

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika has refused to leave

office despite ethnic tensions that have resulted in 90 people dead in the last two months. The protestors, many of whom are from the northern region of Kabylia, have been clashing with the government due to police brutality and poor social conditions and unemployment. Some believe Bouteflika's resignation would ease the conflict into a peaceful solution while others believe it would lead to military repression. Bouteflika was elected president in 1999, although all other candidates withdrew citing election fraud.

CHINA

The World Bank will loan China \$100 million in order to help the environmental recovery of the Liao River Basin. Authorities plan to reduce pollution in the basin and have the water ready for agricultural water supply or general

amenity use by 2010. The loan will also be used to establish municipal utilities capable of managing the treatment facilities, to upgrade basin-wide water quality management and offer technical assistance and training. The estimated project cost is \$203.6 million, some of which will be financed by the loan, with local governments financing the remaining costs.

INDIA

The mysterious "monkey man" that supposedly claimed three lives in New Delhi, the capital of India, was simply the product of the city's collective imagination. Police have branded last month's reign of the "monkey man" nothing more than the product of "mass hysteria." Forensic experts and psychiatrists agreed that it was merely a figment of the imagination. Or was it..?

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Don't stress...yet

A recent poll completed by 312 WLU students revealed that university life is stressful. Are you feeling it yet?

Kevin Klein

The idea that university is a stressful experience is not news to many, but both the degree to which it exists and solutions to the problem are things being debated at Laurier right now. So far, the most popular idea seems to be to create a Fall Reading Week.

The question facing other students, the student senate, and faculty is how to deal with the high stress level facing Laurier students and the possible practicality of a reading week in the Fall term.

A sub-committee of the Senate Academic Planning Committee including Dr. Andrew Lyons, Chair of the Sociology Department and Eric Davis, a student representative, developed a survey attempting to poll student opinion on the kinds and amount of stress in their lives.

Davis said the idea for the sub-committee arose during the previous school year as a result of discussions about the stress-load on students and the unfortunate suicides of Laurier students this past year.

"I would never want to see something happen like last year again," said Davis. "Students want more spacing in assignments and exams and for their professors to be more understanding as to the

stress they are under."

312 students from many different faculties completed the survey during the last week of classes.

A summary of the results include:

- Most students believe their lives at Laurier are stressful. 13 per cent reported their lives were tremendously stressful, 27.9 per cent said very stressful and 36.7 per cent said quite stressful. When these three categories are combined, a staggering 77.6 per cent said their lives are at least quite stressful.

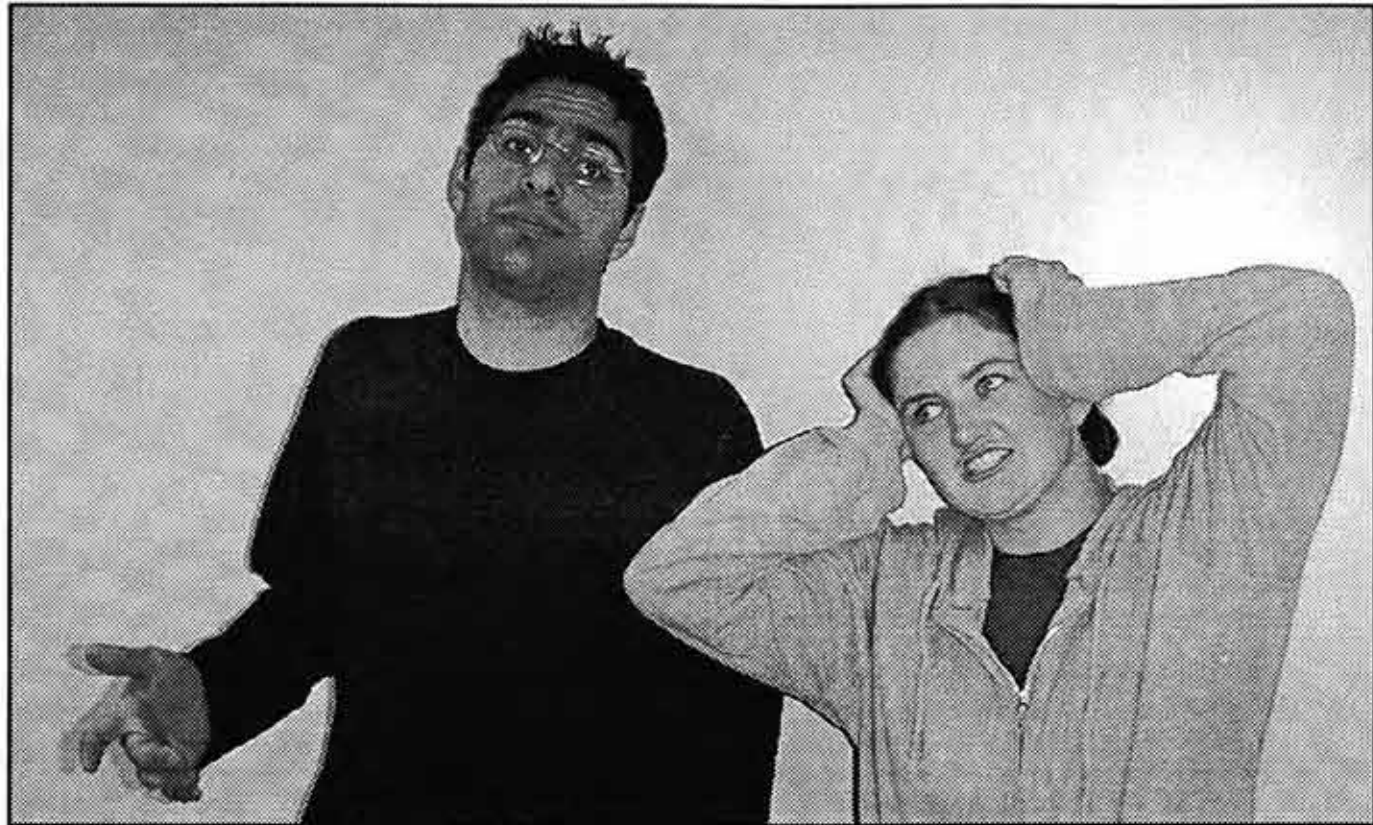
- Only 3.6 per cent say their lives are not stressful

- There is a strong correlation between gender and stress. 60.3 per cent of males and 83.3 per cent of females reported that their lives are tremendously, very or quite stressful.

- The top three causes of stress according to the survey were exams, assignments and time management.

- The idea of a Fall reading week was put forward as a possible stress reliever. 78.4 per cent of students were in favour of a Fall reading week but this percentage dropped to 63.1 per cent if this resulted in shorter exam periods. Furthermore, only 45 per cent supported the idea of a Fall reading

Most students believe their lives at Laurier are stressful.



According to a recent poll, more female than male students at Laurier are feeling the stress brought on by university life. Kevin and Amanda, caught here in a very natural pose, seem to prove the pollsters right.

RAYMOND SUN KIT ON

week if it were to involve the Fall term beginning before Labour Day.

Both Dr. Lyons and Davis agreed that the timing of the survey could have had an impact on student responses regarding amount of stress, with the last week of classes being a hectic time.

"Because we had limited funds, we handed out a restricted number of surveys during the last week of classes," said Lyons, "so that may colour responses. This is a preliminary survey and it may be necessary to do a follow up."

For Lyons, the results were not surprising.

"The lives of students have always been stressful," he said. "You could go back 40 years and find life to be stressful. Students are stressed and we're not surprised."

Davis felt it would be beneficial to expand the survey to include

more students, and to ensure that each faculty is properly represented. He also proposed the idea that a survey be completed around Thanksgiving, the time of the proposed Fall reading week.

The idea of a Fall reading week was originally on the table for the SAPC and, according to Davis, there has been some research into it but there just hasn't been the time to fit it in.

Originally, the Spring reading week was established because all programs were full year, and it was a good time to prepare for finals.

"I personally feel the Fall reading week would be great if, and it's a big if, it didn't affect Orientation Week and the final exam schedule," said Davis. "In the Fall it's incredibly problematic. I just can't see it happening unless we can find the days."

Lyons, a former professor in

the United States university system, said there was a sentiment in favour of a Fall reading week among students.

"Our academic year is much more congested than a lot of U.S. systems," he said. "We go at it helter-skelter and finish a few weeks earlier than universities stateside. We cram a lot of learning into a shorter period of time compared to U.S. universities."

Davis also said the discrepancy between gender and stress levels can be attributed somewhat to the number of females who completed the survey. However, he did say it would be interesting to see more accurate comparisons.

"It would be interesting to see if females are more prone to stress than males."

Vocal Cord

Is your life as a university student stressful? And what is your favourite stress reliever, slugger?



No, I don't think it's stressful. My favourite stress reliever is watching TV and relaxing.

Erin Parsons
Business Graduate



Yeah, it's very stressful. Going to the gym is a major stress reliever; I go every day and play baseball between classes.

Christine Healy
4th Year Business



You're gosh darn right my life is stressful. That's why I play the guitar and day-dream.

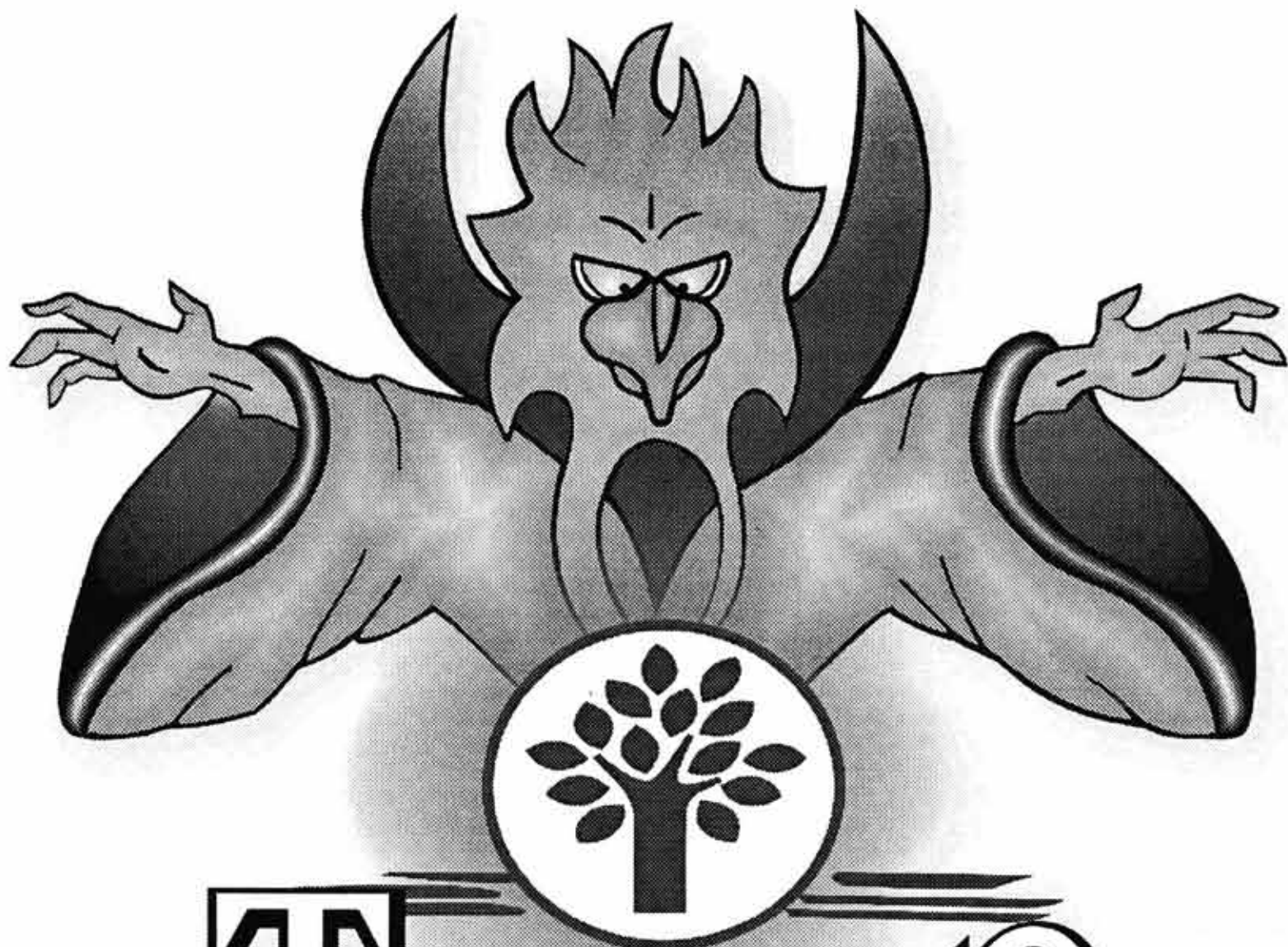
Jacquie Marr
4th Year Anthropology



Yes, but I don't really get stressed. I like going to the bar and drinking to relieve stress.

Diane Charlton
3rd Year Psychology

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the facts and fictions of first year

Todd Farrell and Tannis Fenton

So, you are about to enter first-year university. It's a tough transition and there's no doubt about that. You've got money, moving and an assortment of other wonderful things to stress about. But it won't be as tough as you think, (just wait until you write exams).

There is a lot of hype about the challenges you are about to face, but most likely a lot has been blown out of proportion.

To help soothe any worried minds, we've gathered up some apprehensions people had before entering university to compare the myths with the facts.

Just remember that you are about to have the time of your life and all the other troubles will soon become insignificant.

Myth #1

University students are a faceless number to their professors.

FACT

A lot of people come to university expecting they will be anonymous. Some worry it will be difficult or



Unlike this poor man, you will not be a faceless number here at Laurier.



Note these devout social butterflies. Extroversion will take you far.

ANTHONY TANTORNO

awkward to deal with professors when they don't recognize you or know your name.

It is true that many professors will not get to know you on a personal basis. This is especially true in first year when you are attending larger lectures.

Tutorials, which are typically more intimate than lectures, provide a tighter environment and some professors put forth a commendable effort to learn their students' names.

Tip: Memorize your student number now! Pulling out your student card every time you need to know it gets annoying quickly.

Also, there are many opportunities throughout the year to socialize with professors such as the Biz Bash for first-year business and economics students as well as wine and cheese type department socials.

Myth #2

Meeting new people is hard.

FACT

Meeting people is not hard, unless you are a devout hermit.

If you are going to live in residence, the school has taken the liberty of giving you a bedroom in a building full of other students.

There are also dozens of clubs and organizations

you can join, which provide a bigger base from which to get to know people. (Psst...The Cord is always looking for writers and photographers...).

Nearly everyone in first year is in the same predicament as you, being that no one knows anyone, and everyone is eager to make friends. And one of the most appealing things about Laurier is its size. We're big enough to count, but our size creates a tight-knit community. Use it to your advantage.

Tip: Don't be a devout hermit. Get involved. And as with so many other things, smiling at people always helps.

Myth #3

University schoolwork is gruelling.

FACT

You have come this far and there is nothing in university for which you are not ready. The key to university is learning self-discipline. There is no one taking roll call anymore, but don't let that freedom run away with you.

Falling behind can be detrimental, but by managing your time and knowing where and when you get help schoolwork is completely manageable.

Tip: Keep up with your reading! There are a lot of academic resources at Laurier, such as time manage-

feature

mission: accomplished.

ment and exam preparation workshops.

Utilizing these services early can make all the difference.

If all else fails, be sure to know how your department handles late assignments and extensions. Most professors are sympathetic and allow some leeway if you have a valid conflict.

Myth #4
University students drink. Heavily.
FACT

Ahem....
Tip: Be responsible, know your limits and know when to draw the line.

Chugging can kill. It's on a poster so you know it's true. And it's also in The Cord, so you know it's really true.

There is no doubt university is a lot of fun. You can party every day if you want to, but eventually you will need some down time. Find a place where you can chill out and not be bothered. The library provides excellent peace for studying and the 24 Lounge is perfect for relaxing.

Myth #5
You are going to be homesick.
FACT

Sorry, this is going to be a challenge. The good news is that you are going to be so busy meeting new people and doing new things you will be too distracted to get homesick.

Also... Got a boyfriend or girlfriend that you're leaving behind? Beware of the 'Turkey Drop'. This is the not-

so-witty but age-old nickname for the mass 'relationship termination' that occurs around Thanksgiving.

Tip: Insist that your parents get you a calling card. Also insist they buy you a car and take you shopping. eMail will become your friend. Set up a computer account at school so you can use the school's computers, which are in abundance.

Myth #6
University costs a fortune.
FACT

Again, this is definitely a problem. If you've received your tuition bill, then you know this already.

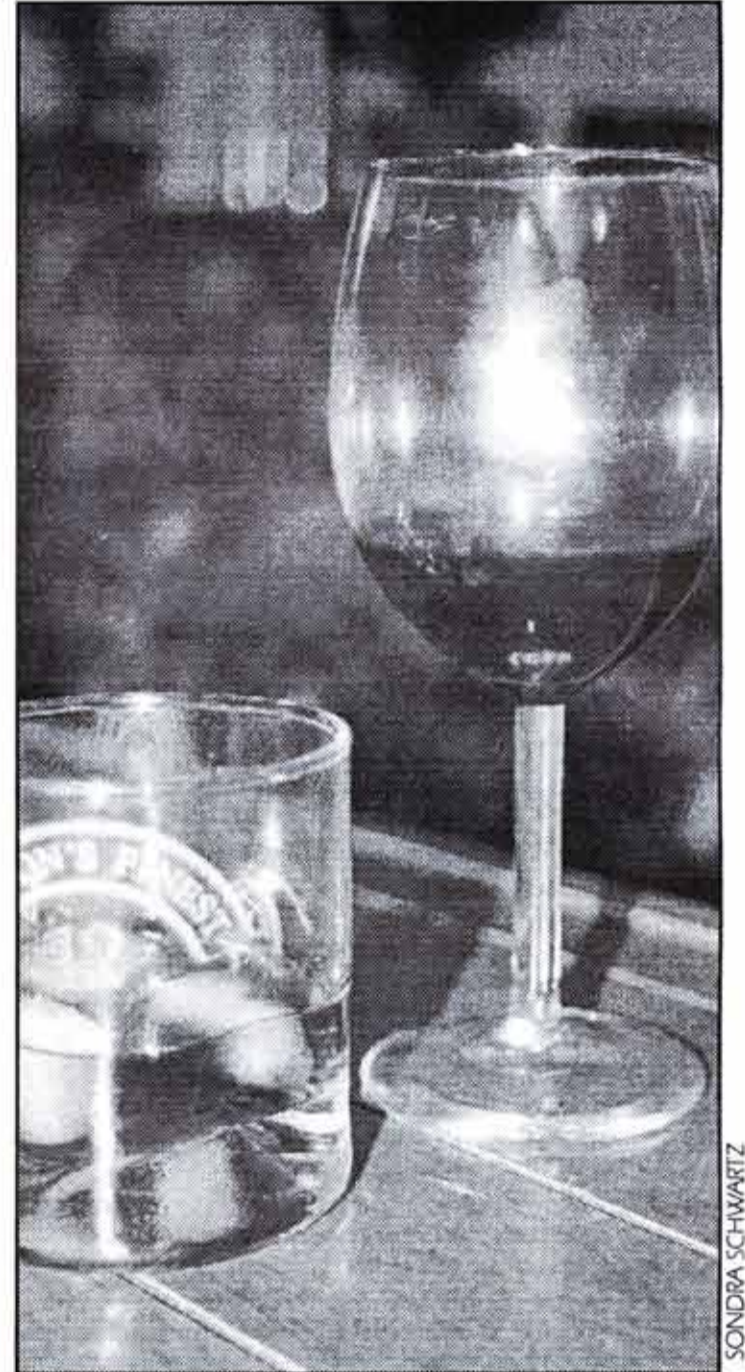
Tip: There are many on-campus job opportunities, which allow students to make some extra money, while respecting their school obligations. Budget your money wisely or you might end up hungry at the end of the semester.

Every time you buy something with your OneCard, which is the all-purpose campus credit card, check your balance and keep track of how much you spend because they've been known to make mistakes.

Myth #7
First-year students gain a few - pounds that is.
FACT

The phenomenon, known as the Frosh 15, *can* be a problem. Remember that eating in a cafeteria ain't no home cooking! It is a good idea to be conscious of what you eat or you may wonder why your clothes don't fit anymore.

Tip: Laurier has some very good (and very free) ath-



SONDRA SCHWARTZ

Be wary of overindulgence...

letic resources, and exercise is the best way to keep off those extra pounds.

Hopefully, these facts and tips will help you in the exciting months to come. Remember, university is more good times than not, so sit back and enjoy the ride...

See you in September.

Make an effort to:

- 1) Get off campus every once in a while, and not just to go to the bar. Waterloo is a good place to be, but you might need to put in some time looking for places that suit you. There are nice shops and parks within walking distance.
- 2) Get to know as many people as possible. If you aren't going to be living in residence, making new friends can be a bit tricky. Make a habit of saying hello to strangers. Except for those ones offering you candy.
- 3) Study hard, but make a point of having fun at least once a week. University is all about balance, so keep your sanity by blowing off steam and maintain your "degree requirements" by getting good grades.

Make immediate friends with:

- 1) Coffee and various other caffeine sources.
- 2) Computers, especially email.
- 3) Someone in each of your classes for note-taking purposes.

Having Fun Without Booze

Amanda Fitzpatrick

So your idea of having a good time doesn't always include absorbing copious amounts of alcohol and hardcore drugs? Or if this does describe you and your liver needs a break from all that action, there are plenty of entertaining and alcohol-free activities right at your fingertips here in the K-W area.

Waterloo is home to the Princess Cinema, an independent movie house which features films and documentaries from all over the world. Admission is cheaper than that of the large theatre chains and you'll be able to see a lot of movies that aren't shown

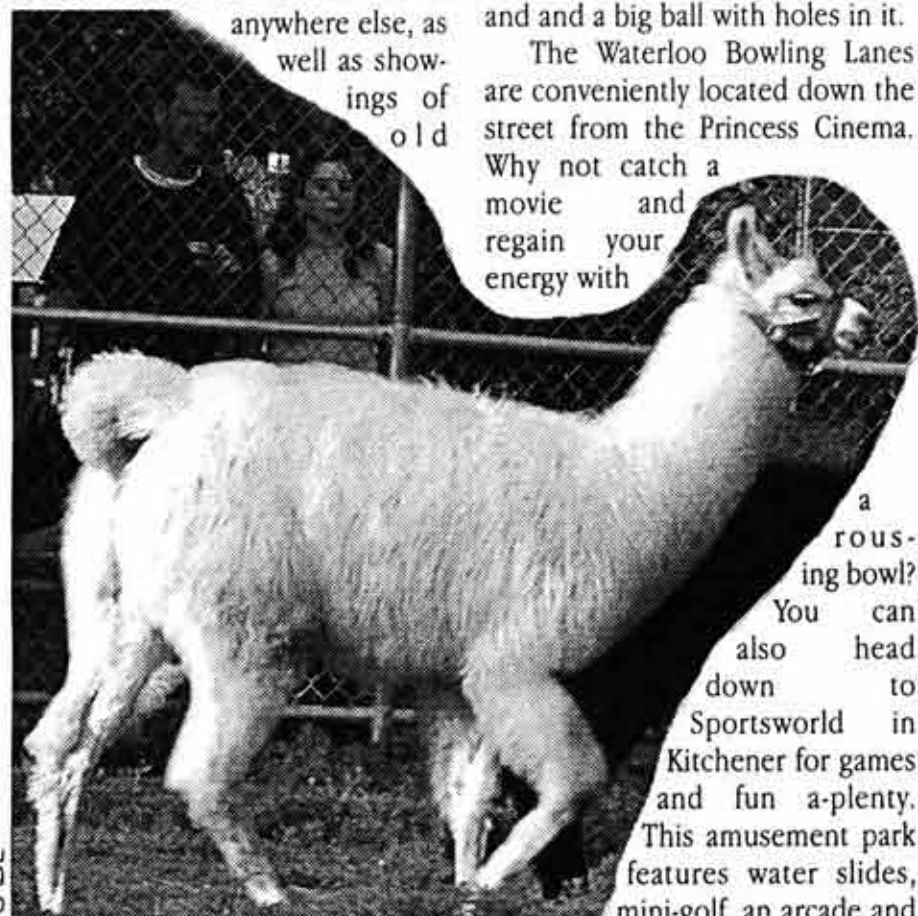
anywhere else, as well as showings of old

classics such as *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Halloween. It's also a short walk from Laurier, which makes it the most convenient theatre in Waterloo.

The Galaxy Theatre at Conestoga Mall is a brand new addition to Waterloo and you will be able to fulfill all your Hollywood blockbuster needs at this fine establishment, as well as get yourself a nine dollar box of popcorn. You can't go wrong there.

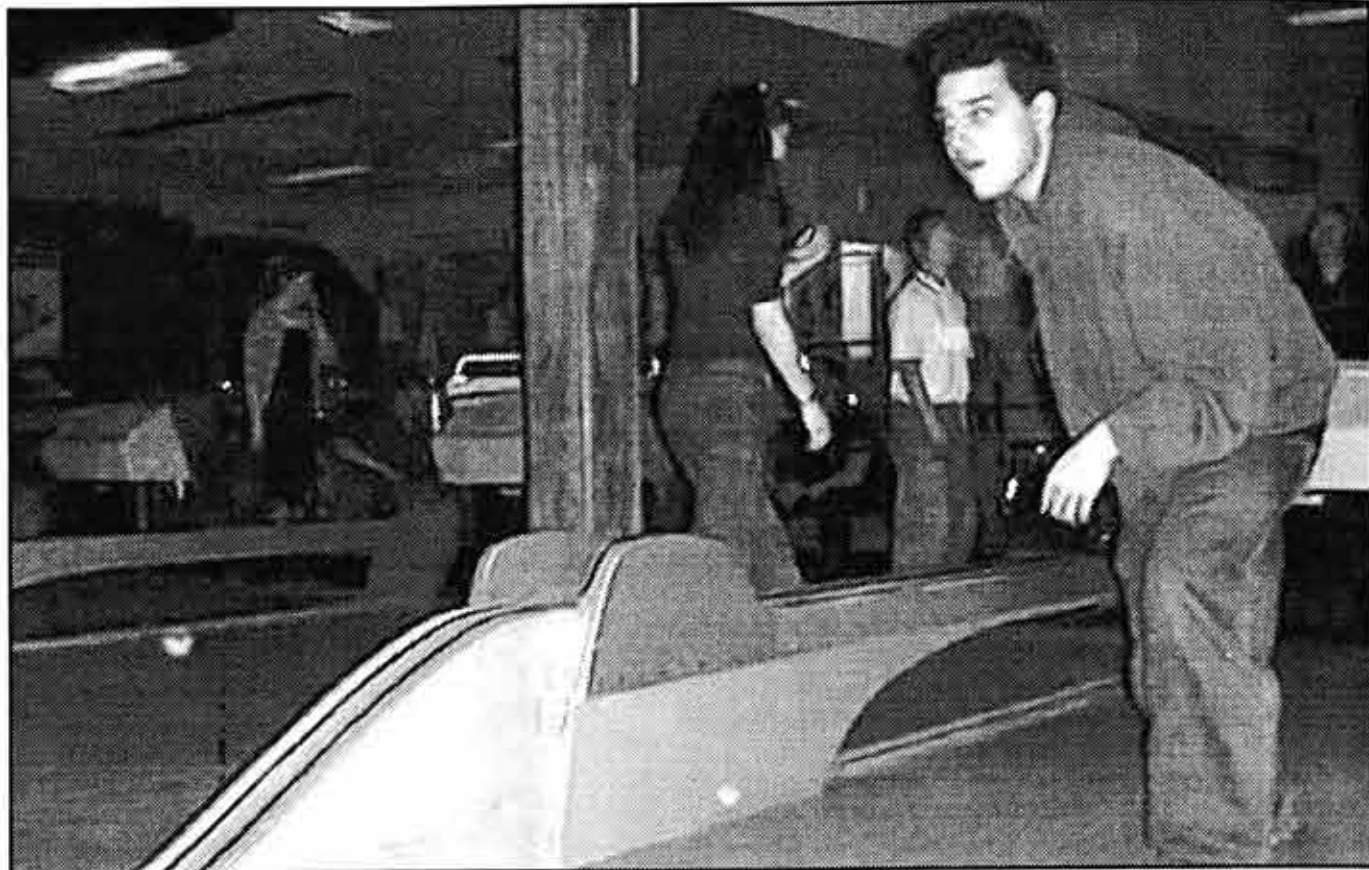
If movies aren't your thing, why not indulge your athletic side and hit the bowling alley with a group of friends? Nothing gets the spirit of competition going more than a stylin' pair of bowling shoes and a big ball with holes in it.

The Waterloo Bowling Lanes are conveniently located down the street from the Princess Cinema. Why not catch a movie and regain your energy with



Bobby and Sue tried their best, but Sammy refused to give them their wallets back...

a rousing bowl? You can also head down to Sportsworld in Kitchener for games and fun a-plenty. This amusement park features water slides, mini-golf, an arcade and many other attractions



Some chump tries to pretend he knows what he's doing...

guaranteed to amaze and entertain.

For the more refined, K-W is fortunate to have many theatres regularly presenting plays and musicals on a rotating basis. The Waterloo Stage Theatre, Centre in the Square and numerous other facilities offer a great alternative to getting trashed in a dingy bar and you'll get more culture than the numerous pick-up lines from drunk, sweaty and incoherent bar patrons.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is another good place to immerse yourself in the local culture, as is the Canadian Clay and Glass Museum. These places feature a variety of works by area residents as well as internationally

renowned artists. The best thing about these places is that they're free! They won't cost you a single cent... unless you're lazy and take the bus instead of walking. Then they'll cost two dollars each way. Laurier even has its own art gallery right here on campus. The Robert Langen gallery exhibits both student and outside work by many noteworthy artists.

Waterloo Park is a fabulous way to spend an entertaining day. There is a bike trail for you to take advantage of as well as some fine, wide open spaces that are picnic perfect. It has its very own 'zoo' with some wonderful animals such as rabbits, peacocks, donkeys and llamas. Stay away from Sammy the llama though. I have it on good

authority that he may be evil. The park is located on Albert St., mere minutes away from campus.

If these ideas leave you wanting more, then more you're gonna get. For a really good time, you can get your picture taken at Glamour Shots with some friends. Too expensive? Dress up and try one of those photo booths in the mall. Fun is guaranteed!

If none of these activities tickle your fancy, there must be something seriously wrong with you! There are many things to do in Waterloo that can be great sources of entertainment if you look a bit further than down the neck of your beer. Take a little time to stop and see what the city has to offer you and you'll be pleasantly surprised!

Chantal in the Square -- as good as it gets

Chandor Gauthier

Chantal Kreviazuk was quite relaxed performing barefoot for 1,100 eager fans Wednesday, June 6th at The Centre in the Square.

The crowd was enraptured as the stage lit up in red and she pounded out "Souls", followed by "Dear Life", "M", "Surrounded", "Wayne", and "Imaginary Friend", from her albums, "Colour Moving and Still" and "Under These Rocks and Stones".

Chantal's strong vocals and amazing piano playing also brought to life John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane", Randy Newman's "Feels Like Home", and U2's "Stay".

Kreviazuk also played six of her new songs which brought loud approval from the crowd. "Lovin' In The Morning Light" and "Day Falls" were two such songs. Prompting some laughter from the audience, Kreviazuk explained that each of these songs were apparently about 'spooning', as Chantal put it.

One of her new songs in particular touched the hearts of everyone who heard her sing that night. "Brenda's Song", Chantal explained, was about a relative and a dear friend to her, who had recently passed away.

So great was her Impact that one woman in the crowd stated, "She makes me cry



Chantal Kreviazuk performed in early June at Kitchener's Centre in the Square much to the delight of her adoring fans.

every time."

Chantal reciprocated the crowd's appreciation during the show, telling the audience that her new songs were "all works in progress. I'm blown away by your support... We're having fun!... This is a huge gift for me."

Shawn Camp, from Guelph, commented after the show that Chantal "knows what the audience wants, and she's very playful."

Chantal was so at ease with the audience that she wanted to see more of them -- literally! She amiably requested the house lights be dimly lit so that she could see her fans.

After playing for over an hour, Chantal left the stage, and when she returned to perform her last few numbers, she joked with the crowd and apologized for the delay, explaining that she 'had to pee.' Even her dress was cheeky: long and white, with

splashes of colour on the front, and sheer along the sides, revealing her slender form. Also adding to the mellow atmosphere were three or four candles burning in an arrangement on her piano.

Opening for Chantal was Jorane, a talented young cellist and singer from Montreal, accompanied by Simon Grodin, a wonderful guitarist. During the 30 minute performance, Jorane treated the audience to a variety of songs in French, English, and even a few wordless arrangements.

Jorane explained between songs that she believes the human voice is an instrument, just as her cello is -- hence the wordless melodies. Her music resembles Loreena McKennitt's "The Mummer's Dance" -- mysterious, wordless, and refreshing.

CENTRE HAPPENINGS

Centre in the Square, located at 101 Queen Street N., is an acoustical and architectural centre. It is home to the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra as well as the K-W Art Gallery.

The venue is host to the Broadway Series, and features critically acclaimed musicals such as *Les Miserables*, and *Oliver!*, playing in November. The musical *The Best of Times* will play in July and singer Gordon Lightfoot will be making an appearance in August.

Rufus Wainwright: How can he be so good?

Lynnette Visaya

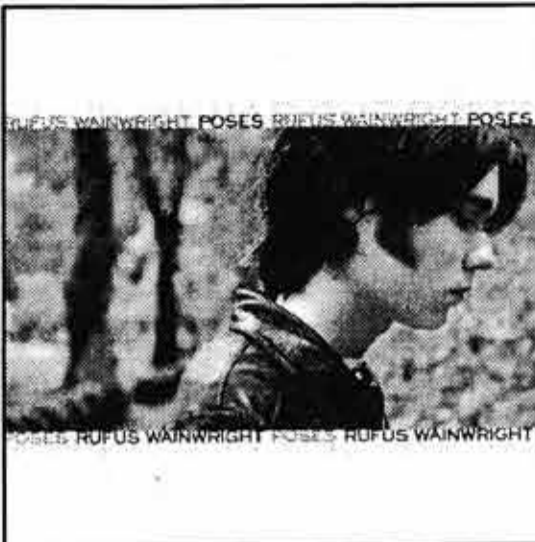
If Rufus Wainwright's new album could be explained in two words it would be 'melodically beautiful'. The Montreal native has released a new album called *Poses*. It is a work of musical art that is a great follow-up to his debut album.

His debut album was ranked as one of the top 10 albums of the year in 1998 by *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *The New Yorker*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Washington Post*. In the same year, *Rolling Stone* named him as Best New Artist.

His melodic, weary voice washes over the smart arrangement of instruments consisting of feedback-laden guitars, drumloops and oboes among others. The melodies presented by his voice at times cancel out the

dark content of the lyrics of various songs. One such dark song is "Poses."

Wainwright described the title track "Poses" as about a young man who eventually becomes a complete drug addict. It starts off with a simple melody played on the piano, then slowly, along with an introduction from hand drums Rufus' voice starts the story of a young man in New York. It is a dark part of Rufus' life that he felt compelled to write about: "I was writing about things in my life as they were happening..."



Come on feel the noize with Rufus' latest!

Another great song included on the album is "One Man Guy" which was written by his father Loudon Wainwright III. The song itself is a great departure from the extravagant instrumentation in the other songs written by Rufus. "One Man Guy" finds its folk roots with just vocals and acoustic guitar.

The tracks on *Poses* were written over the course of several months in which Wainwright was writing prolifically. The subject matter explores more emotional territo-

ry than the debut.

Wainwright worked with producers Pierre Marchand (of Sarah McLachlan fame), Alex Gifford of the Propellerheads, Ethan Johns (of Emmylou Harris fame), Greg Wells of the Crash Test Dummies and contemporary composer Damian Le Gassick. Guest stars on the album include Melissa Auf Der Maur of Hole and Smashing Pumpkins, singer-songwriter Teddy Thompson and Eels drummer Butch.

Wainwright believes the album is a worthy successor to his debut. "I'm very confident about the album - I think it speaks for itself."

Poses is a definite pick-up from the record store. Rufus Wainwright's music and vocals send out a frenzy of emotional lyrics, and beautiful melodies.

BET Awards: The Most Legitimate Show Of The Year



Unfortunately, Janet Jackson could not appear due to an overwhelming fear of possibly melting under the hot lights...

Maneesh Sehdev

After months of hype, the First Annual Black Entertainment Television (BET) Awards finally took place on Tuesday.

It was a night that required a translator to understand the latest lingo spewed forth by our favourite entertainers and saw Jesus thanked more times than all the Crusades combined. In fact, the love for Jesus is so strong from some of these entertainers that they spent lots of money on nice gold crosses to hang around their necks. Nothing says faith like an expensive piece of jewellery, right?

In a shocking move, Brandy appeared without her trademark braids. "Hey, that's old. I'm ready for something new," she exclaimed. But not everyone agreed with this new change in style.

"I don't know what to do," sobbed 17 year-old Tracy White. "I just can't go on with my life knowing Brandy got rid of her braids."

Substituting for a lack of thinking capacity, most performers and presenters appeared with massive amounts of gold on just about every exposed piece of skin.

A lifetime achievement award

was given to Whitney Houston, who took the stage to deliver the longest speech in the history of award shows, never coming remotely close to a point during the entire outburst. Resembling a drowning victim, Houston waved her arms around insanely in a desperate attempt to avoid her slow sink into 'obscure'. "Yeah yeah, representin' in da house fo' all 'da gangstaz in 'dis bisnatch," exclaimed an enthusiastic audience member.

In a moment of complete confusion, Mary J. Blige thanked Houston for giving her the drive to "want to be more than just a singer." Apparently, Blige is the only one who knows what this additional drive has driven her to do since she's done absolutely nothing..?

The show continued with several performances, with just about every performer strangely receiving an award..? Miracles like this can only be attributed to the power of Jesus..Or perhaps it "must be the money."

If nothing else, the BET Awards at least gave eager Wilf's and Turret regulars a plethora of new catch phrases to use while trying to 'look like Nelly's latest video. Good luck posing, folks...



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Radiohead
Amnesiac

So here is a brief synopsis of what the media have already spouted about *Amnesiac*:

Out there, more accessible, less accessible, return to roots, lukewarm, insular, B-sided, oblong, too glitchy, too artsy, not artsy enough, bleak, electronic, electronic with a rock edge, rock with an electronic edge, post-rock, avant rock, shock rock... A perfect follow-up to *Kid A*, a perfect follow-up to *OK Computer*, a perfect follow-up to acid, and the perfect music for a shag. Good, great, beautiful, ugly, and mediocre.

So what could I possibly add to the mix? My personal opinion, I guess. What do they say about

opinions again... that they're like assholes? (Everybody has one).

When I reviewed *Kid A* a while back (before you were accepted to this bloody school), I was hideously excited at the prospect of a new LP after years of waiting (3 actually). *Amnesiac* is obviously not geared towards satiating the "Radiohead urge", and this probably put it at an immediate disadvantage in terms of how one positively or negatively perceives this record.

That said, *Amnesiac* is a beautiful album. Not *Kid A* beautiful... not *OK Computer* beautiful... certainly not *The Bends* beautiful... but *Amnesiac* shines in subtle and distinct ways. *Amnesiac* is Radiohead emulating their favourite music in a schizophrenic frenzy. *Amnesiac* is playful experimentation coupled with finely tuned structural bases. It's patchy, sonically daring, off its kilter, and occasionally incredible. I guess that's my buzzy addition to the media mix. In a word, *Amnesiac* is heady.

Radiohead's fifth long player starts well and ends well. In between is a little suspect, but I'm quite certain that "Packt Like

Sardines" is, at the same time, one of the most adventurous, and yet one of the most melodically pleasing Radiohead songs to date.

Similarly, "Life In A Glass House," Radiohead's pseudo tribute to Louis Armstrong's "St James Infirmary", makes you remember why the band is so vital. Tuneful, lovely, and somehow original despite being a rip off. The magazine *Select* called Radiohead the best rip off artists alive, and I would tend to agree. The term "rip off" sounds so evil though. Perhaps we'll just call it "tribute-worthy"...actually, no. That's lame.

"Pyramid Song" is a great single even if it doesn't get played on the radio, "Like Spinning Plates" is almost as good as "Climbing Up The Walls", "Hunting Bears" and "I Might Be Wrong" are kind of boring, "Dollars and Cents" is 70% brilliant and 30% "Ooooooh...so close", "Pulk/Push Revolving Doors" sounds like something else, but I'm not sure if it's Mark Bell, Squarepusher, or Neu!

Does it matter? I'm tired. Radiohead is Radioheady.

Scott Cairns

Blink 182
Take Off Your Pants And Jacket

No surprises here as the band is quite content to go through the motions, giving their audience exactly what they expect. Each one of these songs is tightly produced and filled with catchy harmonies and melodies. So what's wrong with that? Other than the fact that this is the exact same thing they've been doing for over seven years now, there's the fact that there are about 50 other bands doing the same thing. This is known as the AC/DC phenomenon.

The lyrics come as no surprise either, full of cheap teenage humour, amusing teenage angst and sweet tales of teenage romance. You know, the same things they've always written about. They know their audience well and are quite willing to write the same songs for teenagers even though they're in their mid and late 20s.

This part of the review would offer a few good lyrics from the songs, but there are none here! All

of this has been said before by Blink 182. Apparently, the last two years have had an impact on just about everyone in the world except Blink 182, because nothing's changed here.

The CD booklet is a real treat, full of pictures of the three band members wearing different clothes and trying their best to look cute doing it. Don't be surprised if they eventually start their own clothing line. Another treat is the ridiculous hidden track, which is just like the rest of their songs, the only difference being the acoustic guitar. Even on hidden tracks, Blink 182 is afraid to take a chance of any sort.

If you were to only buy one album of this type of music, *Take Off Your Pants And Jacket* may be for you. However, if you do like this kind of music, you've probably heard all these songs before — they just had different titles the first time you heard them.

It's hard to blame Blink 182 for sticking with their formula, however. They know what sells and will no doubt continue putting out the same album. If one were offered millions of dollars for rewriting the same song over and over, it would be hard to refuse. However, it will be interesting to see which comes first: the band finally trying something different or people getting sick of the same formula and moving on to something else. With this release, it seems as though the latter is more probable.

Maneesh Sehdev



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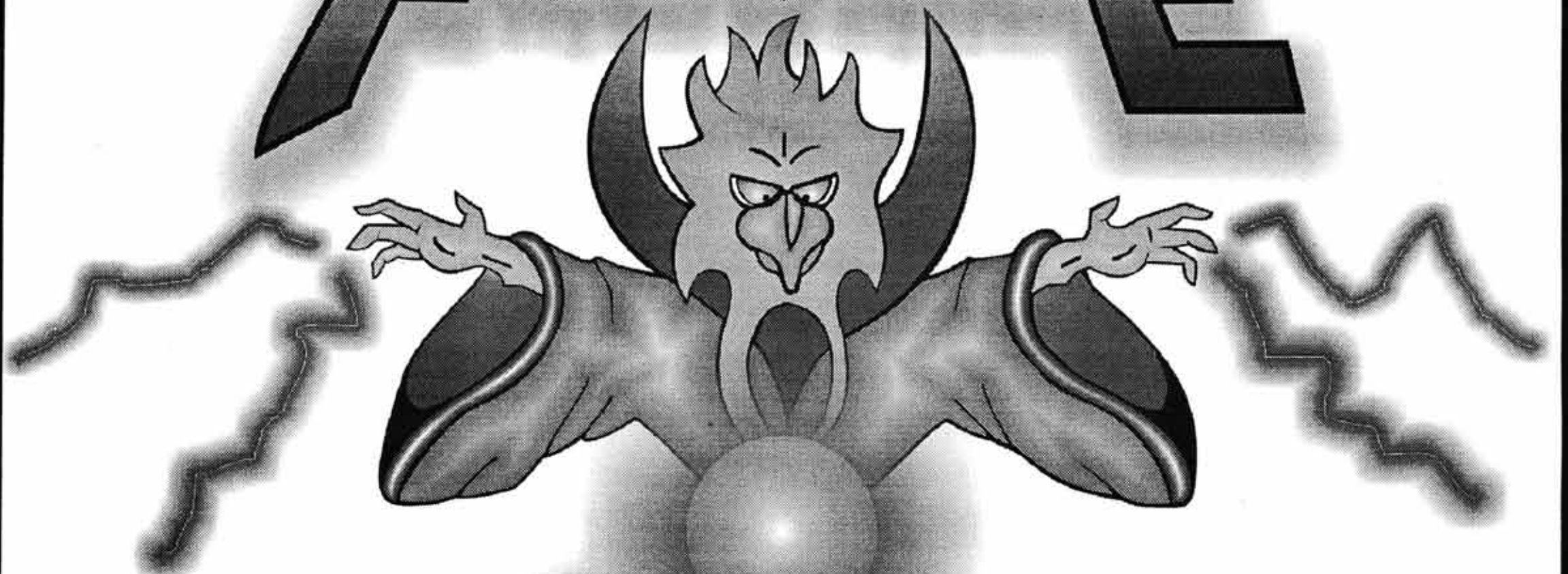
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Golden Hawk athletics: 101

An ex-varsity athlete offers some advice on being a Golden Hawk and how to balance academic, social and athletic life

Mariana Hrkac

"Do you have what it takes?"

What exactly do people mean when they pose this question? And what is "it" anyway? For a varsity athlete, the answer is "passion."

The Hawks at Laurier share a passion for something more, something bigger and something better: the drive to succeed and the will to work hard.

Better still is what makes a hawk a Golden Hawk. With these athletes comes a passion to compete, a talent to develop, and an ironclad effort to be the best that you can be.

Undeniably, being your best does not stop in the athletic domain. With your commitment to sport at Laurier comes an exceedingly important dedication to the academic side of university life.

The life of a student-athlete is invariably demanding and hectic. Balancing both school and your

respective sport becomes a juggling act.

External pressures will inevitably arise in the life of a first year athlete. Establishing personal goals and knowing what it will take to get you there is necessary to keep you focused.

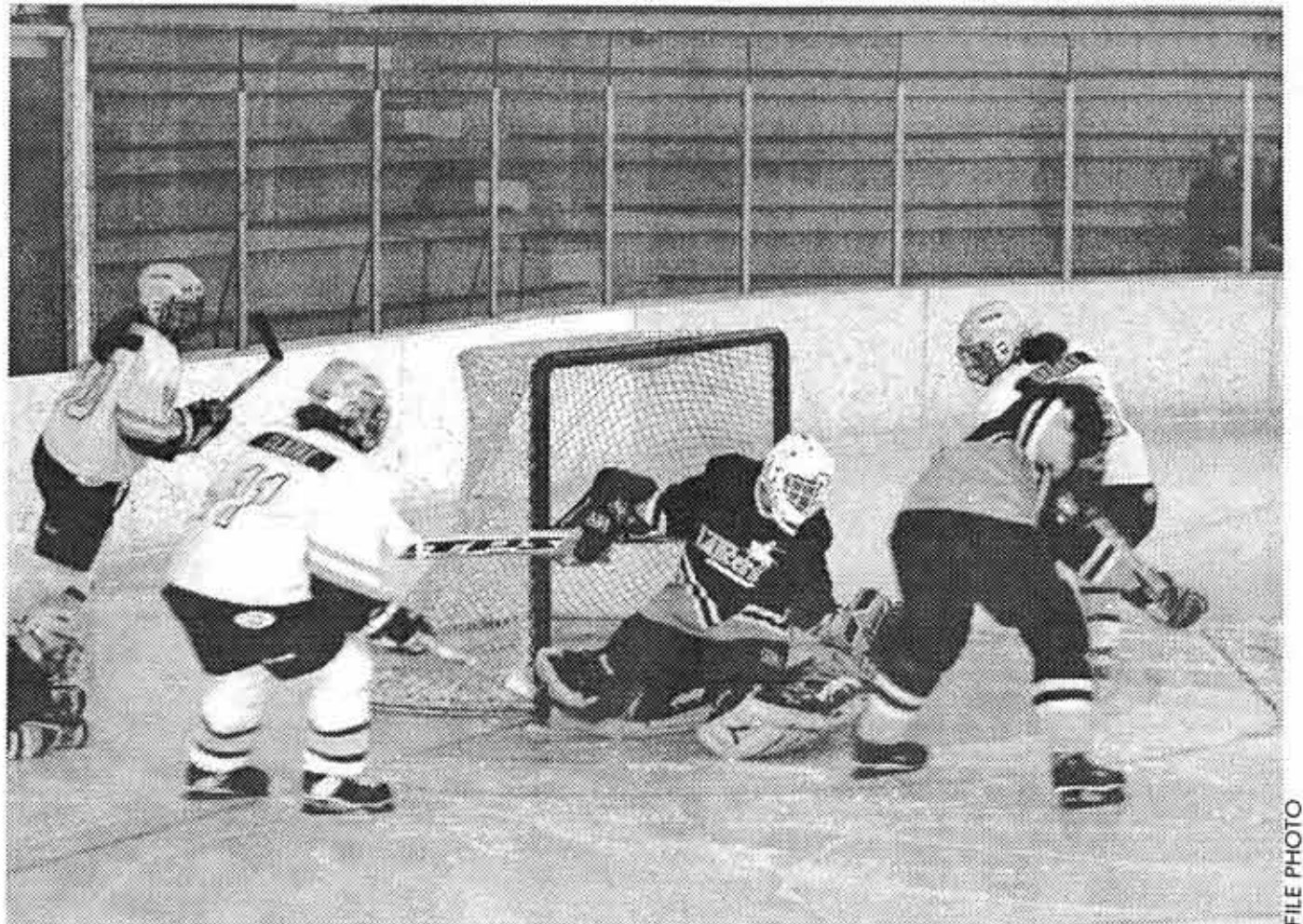
No one is saying that you'll never be able to socialize and have fun with the many new friends you'll meet when you get here. Actually, the opposite is true.

Being a varsity athlete enables you to meet a lot of new people with similar interests and talents. You will have fun but you will also have to sacrifice. A training camp the next day, an

early morning practice, a big play-off game; you will have to set priorities for yourself.

Knowing where to draw the line and making the right decisions will be an integral part of being a successful student-athlete at Laurier.

"If you're not in it to win, get outta here!"



Being a varsity athlete involves more than simply competing. Success requires a complete personal effort.

Every athlete you talk with will no doubt mention something along the lines of time management. Those who survive will in fact become experts on deciding what is most important and how to plan accordingly.

On top of pressures from your studies come the demands from your coach. You're at school to be a student first and being an athlete is secondary. But at no time should school work get in the way of your athletic participation.

It becomes a lifestyle that you must be willing to adopt; a healthy balance between the various facets of your student life. At the slightest sign of distress, the first thing to go will be your social life.

There is always help at your disposal when you need it. If you begin to feel overwhelmed, asking for help early will make an enormous difference. Getting yourself back on track as soon as possible can alleviate unnecessary pressure, and let you get on your way to achieving in both the classroom and on the playing field.

Any doubts? Not to worry. There is a wonderful side to being a varsity athlete. The first thing that comes to mind is the feeling from winning.

The rush of working harder than you thought possible, of rising to the occasion, and overcoming the competition are all feelings you must experience for yourself. Words don't do them justice.

And of course there is losing too. There is no better lesson that can be taught, not in all the classrooms in the world, than that which is realized during competition. Suffering defeat, realizing obstacles, setting goals, working longer and harder, and eventually

overcoming the opposition. Some of us have, through a lack of choice, become experts in this field over the time we have spent as athletes.

In the midst of winning we are happier and in the midst of losing, we are wiser. Understanding this is the true essence of being a success as a Laurier Golden Hawk.

A program built around determination and perseverance will guide you. Do not feel intimidated about being a part of it all. As long as you possess the right attitude, the rest will fall into place.

As you have no doubt already realized, winning is a big part of the varsity experience. Or it should be despite a few struggling teams at Laurier.

To be a varsity athlete is to compete, to compete is to win, and to lose is to be fired. This is what runs through the head of a varsity coach.

Coaches are there to develop and compete, employing the best

you will have no problems.

If varsity athletics is sounding like it may not be your cup of tea, there are a variety of other ways that you may become involved in sports at Laurier. Don't let varsity be your only alternative.

Whatever you choose to do when you get to Laurier, go into it with a positive attitude, and a realistic one. And remember as the expression says, "All that glitters isn't gold."

Do your research, talk to people: current athletes, coaches and friends. Find out what is in store and get advice from people who were once in your very position.

The only way to get yourself ready physically and emotionally is by being informed. It'll put you a step ahead of everyone else and can only help in making you the best student-athlete possible over your career at Laurier.

All too often the potential student-athlete gets caught up in the idea of being varsity. The clout and prestige that is associated with the label soon overshadows the actual experience of competing and developing as a person.

Being an athlete won't make you popular, it won't get you into the bars (anymore), it won't help you get the girls/guys and it won't give you good grades.

What it will grant you is a certain respect that is earned through your ability to be both a successful student and a representative of your school.

Do it for the love of the sport and good things will happen for you, not only next year but as you carry the invaluable lessons of athletics into the larger game of life.

Varsity Sports contact information

Listed is each team's head coach and contact information. **Wanna know more?** Log on to www.laurierathletics.com

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Men's Volleyball
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Note: Several teams exist but are not listed because they do not have varsity status.

Balancing both school and your respective sport becomes a juggling act.

athletes they can find. With this in mind, the goal of winning takes on new found meaning during competition. We are not coaches, but what we do need to understand is that the goals of an athlete and a coach must be compatible if they are together to achieve success.

My advice can probably be best summed up through a quote from country singing sensation Shania Twain: "If you're not in it to win, get outta here!" If you understand and accept that the competition will be fierce, the training demanding and the commitment immense,

Intramurals: the other, other white meat

If your jumpshot is a little rusty but you're still looking to keep that waning athletic career alive, check out the Laurier Intramural program

Wilbur McLean

Are you too short? Too big? Too skinny? How about too slow or just plain unathletic? Do you have trouble determining which foot goes first when you walk?

If you find yourself nodding yes right now, then you're a lot like me and there's a good chance you won't be in the huddle for the football team this Fall, or spiking volleyballs for a varsity team this Winter.

So now what?

Fortunately, for those who are simply not good enough or don't care for playing varsity sports, there are alternatives.

Laurier Athletics offers a number of intramural sports which can be enjoyed by those with varying levels of skill.

The requirements for playing intramural sports are simple: you have to be a Laurier student.

Three different levels of competition are offered. Competitive sports are geared towards those who take the games seriously and compete to win.

Co-recreational sports, on the other hand, focus more on having fun and simply participating. Many

times, the rules of co-rec sports are altered to simplify and enhance the experience for the participants.

The final level of intramural sports is specifically for first year students. Residence teams compete in sports according to the building in which they live. Each residence forms teams that compete against other residences for

For those willing to try something different, there are also several unusual sports to choose from.

bragging rights.

No matter the level of competition, a myriad sports is available to choose from.

Basketball, volleyball, slo-pitch, flag football, indoor soccer, and hockey (both ice and floor) are amongst the traditional sports offered at WLU.

For those willing to try something different, there are also several unusual sports to choose

from.

Snow football, unbelievably, is exactly as it sounds: football in the snow.

Ultimate frisbee can be compared to playing football with a frisbee and innertube water polo is a favourite amongst those who have tried it. It involves competitors - who are in a pool - attempting to score on their opponent's net... whilst seated in the middle of an inflatable life preserver. It is a unique spectacle indeed.

All of these sporting options don't come without a cost, however.

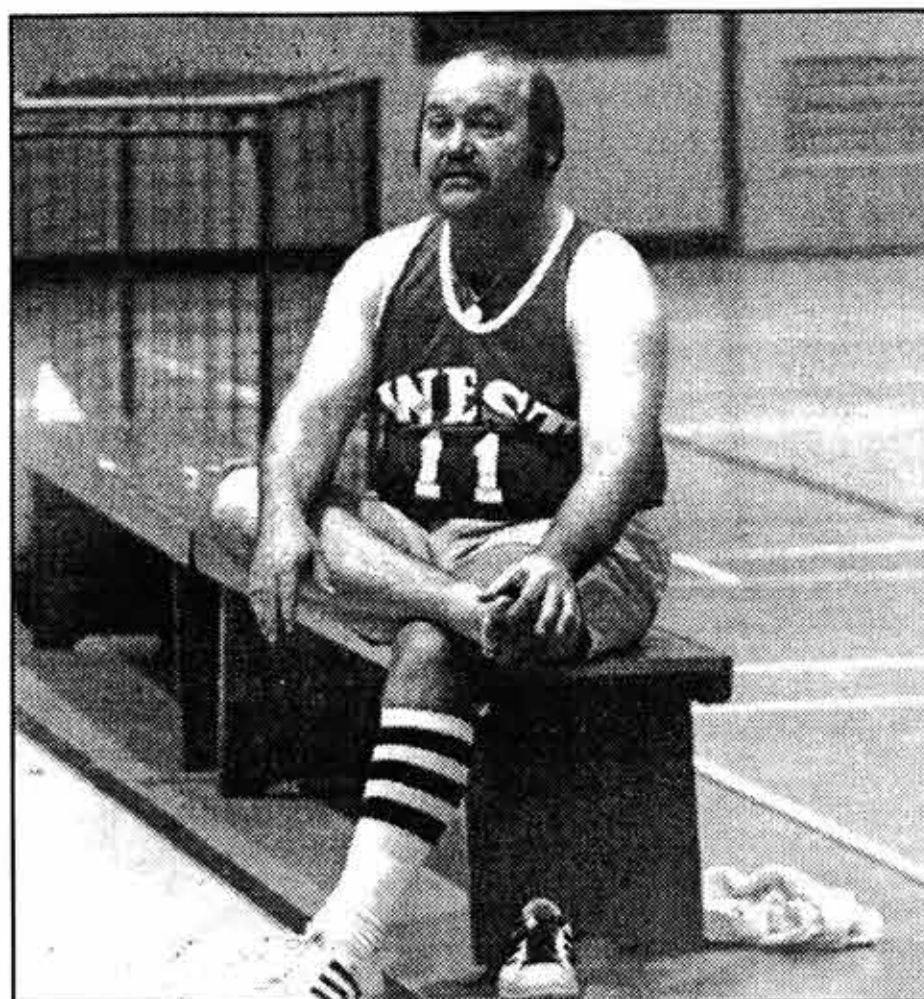
Last year, an intramural team had to pay an \$85 entrance fee as well as a \$30 bond in order to participate (costs may change for the 2001-2002 year). Even though the bond is returned as long as the team does not forfeit any games, it is often the costs which deter students from playing.

This claim is slightly ridiculous though, as a team of ten participants would need only pay \$8.50 each to compete, a paltry sum indeed when considering that seasons run an entire term.

Even for those who don't wish to compete at all, Laurier's recently renovated athletic facilities enable the individual to do as they please.

The triple gymnasium located inside the Athletic Complex has weekly open hours for those wishing to perfect their jump shot on their own or with some friends.

Students such as the gentleman pictured at right is always



If this guy can participate in the intramural program, so can you. Contrary to popular belief, this is not Dr. J.

looking for a pick-up game to join, so if you see him in the gym, be sure to invite him to play.

Fun can also be had for those hoping to get in shape under water or become a bottle-nosed dolphin. Simply take a dip in the Olympic size swimming pool which frequently offers open swim hours.

For those looking to get into shape or tone their bodies, Laurier's facilities are also an excellent choice.

The A.C. is home to two gyms: the upper gym focuses on fitness

and cardiovascular training while the lower gym is home to plenty of big dumbbells... as well as weights.

Few of us may be gifted enough to star on a Golden Hawk team.

But you'll find that you're not the only one who enjoys playing a sport, even if not in a competitive, inter-university setting.

So come September, strap on your velcro, toss on your Iverson jersey, hit the basketball court and scream "Touchdown!"

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Free Money from WLU

Over \$4-million was given away last year by the WLU Student Awards office. Where did it all go and how can you get some? The Cord investigates.

Kevin Ramzi Nasir

Imagine a friend left you a phone message offering part of their money from a recent lottery win, but you didn't cash in because you never got around to calling them back. Silly? Inconceivable? Unrealistic?

Perhaps, yet a similar folly is repeated every year. Many qualified students fail to get their share of scholarship and bursary money because they don't know what opportunities exist, or are just too lazy to apply.

In fact, Laurier gave its students over \$4 million in scholarships and bursaries last year, the Student Awards Office reports. In total, about half of the funds went to first year students, with the remainder going to upper levels.

To help you get your share, The Cord herewith lowers your search costs with our guide to Free Money at Laurier.

BURSARIES

Totalling over \$2.2 million, bursaries comprised just over half of Laurier's free money last year. The difference between a bursary and a scholarship is that, while neither need be repaid like a student loan, bursaries are awarded based on financial need, whereas scholarships are given out on "merit."

The university will accept bursary applications until 29 March, 2002, but funds are given out "on a first come first served basis," so it literally pays to be early. The Student Awards office also generally demands that students meet some basic requirements.

Students must prove financial need by submitting a student budget form including information

such as personal savings and parental income. They must also be registered in at least three courses per term, and have attained at least a 4.0 (C-) Grade Point Average in the previous two semesters (or in other words, not be kicked out of university).

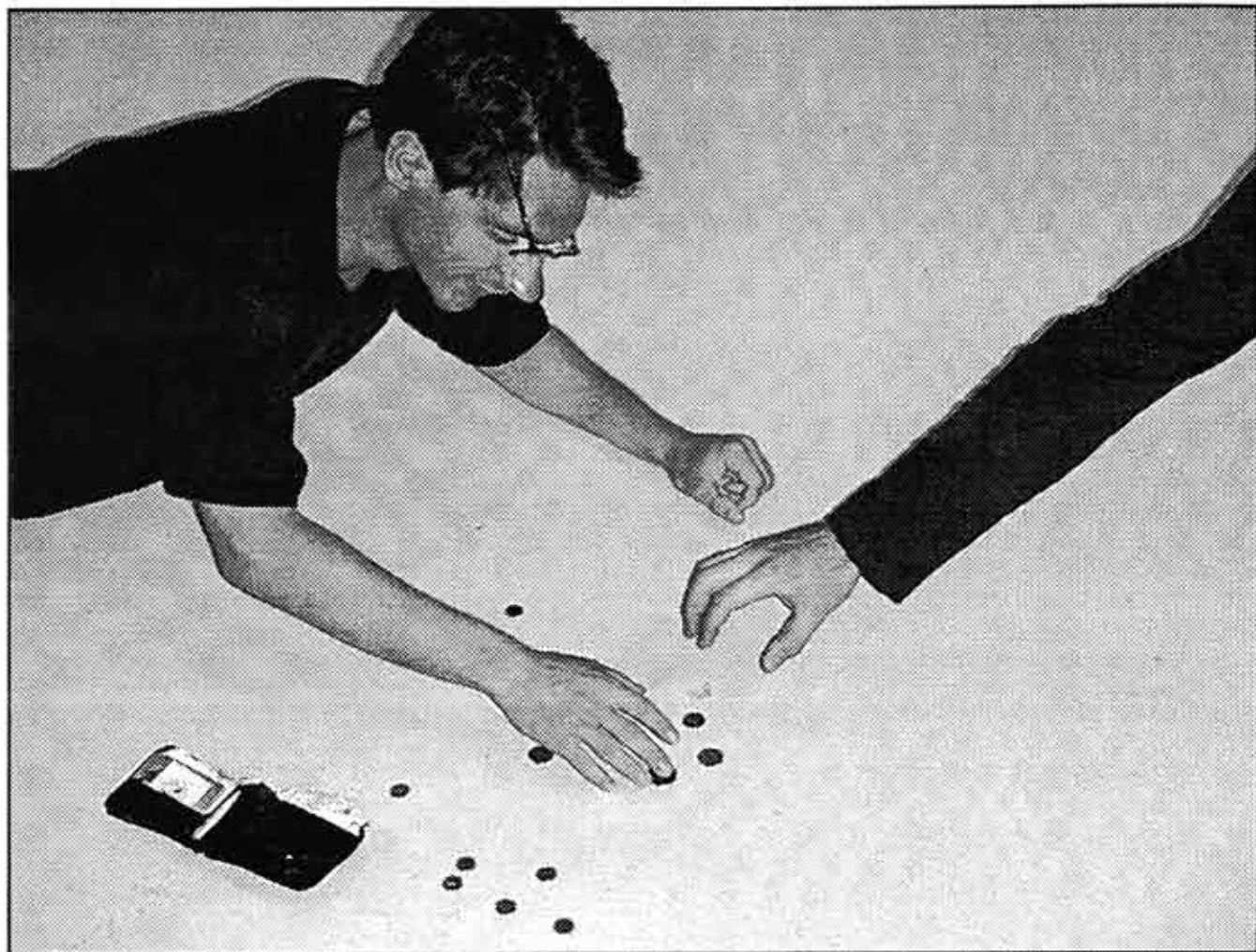
Laurier divides up its bursaries into four main categories. Entrance bursaries, of which \$400,000 worth were given out last year, are only available to Ontario high school students. Applications are sent out every year with acceptance packages. The minimum GPA requirement does not apply, of course, since students entering university have yet to establish a record.

The second class of bursaries at Laurier is tuition bursaries, which the university provides in compliance with provincial regulations. They require that 30% of any tuition fee increase be reserved for full-time student bursaries.

Considering provincial cuts to post-secondary education this past decade and the resulting stratospheric rise in tuition fees, it comes as no surprise that this class of bursaries makes up the bulk of Laurier bursaries.

Thirdly, the university offers approximately \$100,000 in donor-supported bursaries, which are usually worth between \$1,000 and \$1,500. They range from the Jane Elizabeth Eade Bursary for music students in the voice program to the Barkley's of Avonmore Bursary for students from third world countries.

Since these bursaries are made available through endowments from donors, the School of Business and Economics "is doing



Fighting for spare change? Fret not - your friendly neighbourhood Student Awards Office is here to help.

quite well [though] Arts is doing better now," says Pauline Wong, the Student Awards Director.

The university also provides a limited amount of foreign student bursaries for international students "experiencing unexpected expenses."

SCHOLARSHIPS

While approximately 75% of bursary money goes to senior students, the same percentage of scholarship funds go to first year students.

From the university's own operating funds, it gave out \$1.4 million in entrance scholarships, most as part of the scholarship grid. The grid, which guarantees

students more money as their entrance average increases, was recently rejigged.

"We've attempted to level the playing field," says Wong, since SBE students tend to have higher entrance averages and were getting the majority of entrance funds.

Senior students, too, are offered a similar scholarship system. The main scholarship automatically kicks in for students with a GPA of 10.1 (A-) and progressively increases with one's grades.

There are also "named scholarships" from endowment funds. Since they come from donors, they tend to be directed at third and fourth year students, especially

since they tend to look at extracurriculars and leadership.

The number of these scholarships continues to grow, but there are already a fair number. These include the Certified General Accountants Association of Ontario Award and the Irish Scholarship for University of Limerick Exchange Students. The only way to find out if you're eligible for any of these is to find out what is offered.

So how does a humble Laurier student take advantage of all this opportunity? Just drop by your friendly neighbourhood administrative building at 202 Regina street next time you're on campus, and open the door to free money!

Scholarships aplenty online

Kevin Ramzi Nasir

The internet has developed into a powerful tool students can exploit to obtain scholarships.

We all know the advantages of scholarships: money helps fund one's education or makes the sacrifices of education less stingy, and the note on your resume signals to employers and graduate school that you have a stamp of approval from a respected third party.

But the hassle required to find scholarships for which one is eligible and applying for them often acts as a deterrent. Enter the world wide web and its miracle of search engines, portals, and instantaneous email.

The first phase of scholarship development over the web was existing scholarships making information about themselves available online. This is seen today at sites like millenniumscholarships.ca and terryfox.org. terryfox.org explains that the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award was established to "encourage Canadian youth to seek the high

ideals represented by Terry Fox by the granting of commemorative scholarships for the pursuit of higher education." All of the twenty awards given each year is worth \$4,000 a year for up to four years. Information on applying is available on the site.

The federal government's Canada Millennium Scholarships were established in 1998 with \$2.5 billion to be spent between 2000 and 2010. Information on applying for the bursaries, worth between \$1,000 and \$4,000, is available on the site.

The next step in the web's evolution in scholarship applications was allowing students to apply online. The Magna Canada "If I were Prime Minister" contest is a prime example (pardon the pun).

Students can get information on the rules for applying and the money to be

awarded, but they can also email their applications online. For example, this year the scholarship - effectively an essay contest - closed at midnight Pacific Time on June 4th. The site for this scholarship program is

www.asprimeminister.com.

The final and most helpful development on the web is the emergence of scholarship portals. Sites like fastweb.com, studentawards.com, studentadvantage.com, and scholarshipscanada.com all take different approaches, but effectively aggregate the scholarship "search and apply" function into one easy to use location.

Some of these sites are set up in a manner akin to job search portals like monster.ca and workopolis.com. They require an initial time investment in creating a profile (like a resume), but once created the site starts to work for you. Just as one can set up job

search "agents" to automatically notify you of new job postings that meet one's criteria, so one can set up similar agents to seek and return links to relevant scholarships.

In this manner the web empowers students so that scholarships come to you. With the ease of use of the internet, there really is no excuse for avoiding opportunities for easy scholarships. Of course a time investment is required, but thanks to the web students can now get much more bang for their buck.

The Rhodes Scholarships encapsulate so many forgone opportunities. They are awarded every year to 60 university graduates around the world, with eleven from Canada (one per province and the territories). Each scholarship is worth up to \$100,000 and enables recipients to study at Oxford University for up to three years, all travel expenses paid. Yet in BC alone last year, there were only 33 applicants for the amazing award. So don't just sit there - hop online and find yourself some money!

Researching and applying for scholarships involves a time investment, but the web makes it easier.

OSAP for beginners

Amanda Fitzpatrick

OSAP: a giant wad of free money that the government doles out at the beginning of each term like the bunch of suckers that they are.

This is close, but not what *actually* happens when you receive a government loan to attend a post-secondary institution.

Unfortunately, you're going to have to repay this money in the not so distant future. In fact, interest begins to accrue on Ontario Student Assistance Plan loans the day you finish school, and you must start repaying the loan six months afterward.

For Canada Student Loans, the interest rate is either fixed at prime plus 5% at the time of graduation, or set to float at prime plus 2.5%. For Ontario Student Loans, which must be paid within nine and a half years of graduation, the rate is set at prime plus 1%.

But as the day of reckoning is still a good three or four years away, let's talk about how you're going to get that big sum of money. It may seem like an impossible feat, but it really isn't that hard if you start early and remain calm.

If there's one thing that cannot be stressed enough, it is this: apply early. If you send in your application by the middle of July, your loan will be ready for you to pick up in September. It's also a good idea to apply online as your application will be processed quicker than in the mail.

When you go to pick up your OSAP loans, it is important to bring your Social Insurance Card, proof of registration (your pink slip), your student card and your proof of summer earnings. Bringing your last pay stub of the summer will be sufficient as it will have your net earnings on it.

Do not have an estimate in your head of what you earned or go to pick up your loans with a memorized SIN—this will not work. You need to show the Student Awards Office proof that you are indeed who you say you are. Having all of these documents will guarantee that there will be no delays and the lines will go much faster.

(**Tip** - if you can afford to wait a week to receive your loan, do it! The lineup on the first day is long, so if you need the money right away go early and be prepared to wait.)

If you think that you didn't get enough money to see you through the year, you may appeal to Student Awards. For example, if you didn't make as much money as you thought you would or if you had unexpected expenses during the summer, you can make a student contribution appeal.

All you need to do is provide a report explaining your budget situation and a budget summary of your summer expenses. Keep in mind that you need to show receipts, so start saving them now if you think you're going to have a problem come September. Make an appeal appointment with the Aid office during the third or fourth week of school after all the OSAP has been handed out.

It is very important to keep Student Awards aware of all the changes in your course load as this can affect the amount of funding you receive. If your course load falls below 60%, you will no longer be eligible for Canada Student Loans and you may be forced to pay interest on the loans that you received.

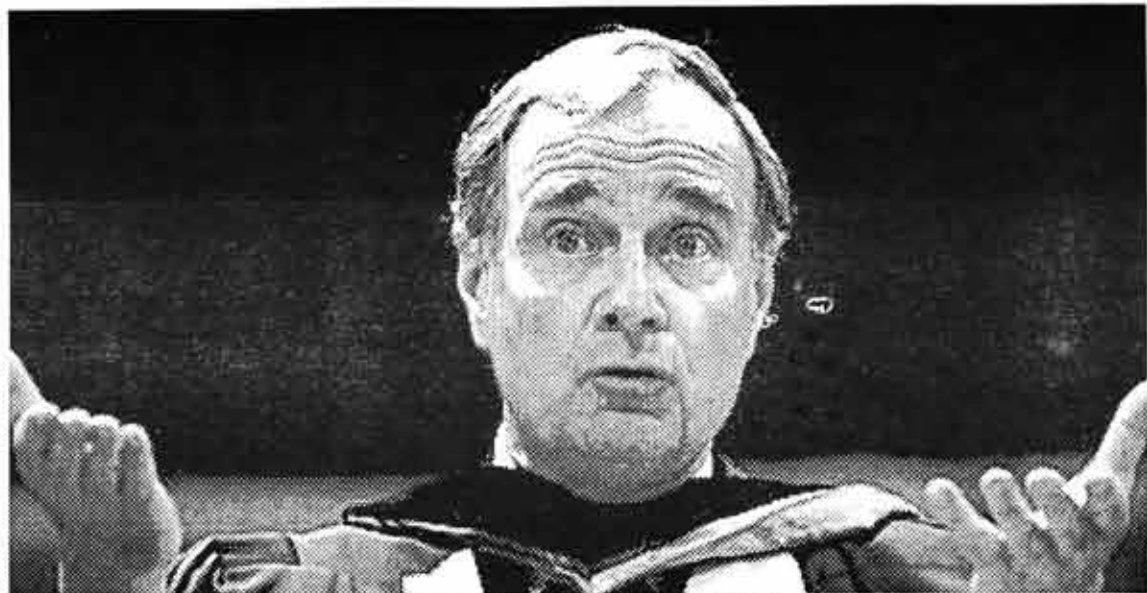
Loans will be handed out at 202 Regina and when you receive your loan, you will actually be getting a big bunch of papers which you can deposit in the bank. After your tuition and residence fees are deducted, you will be left to survive the rest of the term on the remainder. Keep in mind however, that

you receive 60% of your money in the fall with the remaining 40% coming in January so it's a good idea to save or you'll be sorry in April when you have absolutely no money.

The Student Awards Office also provides emergency loans for students experiencing cash flow problems. "In the days of old," explains WLU Student Awards Director Pauline Wong, "the OSAP process took forever and a day. But now because of the improved turnaround time OSAP is providing," Student Awards provides maybe twenty to thirty loans a year. This compares to about 100 loans a year in the past.

Wong also highlighted the woes some students can experience when studying in a province in which they are not a resident. She especially cautions Laurier students who come from Quebec. "They've really tightened the rules" for Quebecers studying in another province.

With files from the archives



Paul Martin, Canadian Federal Minister of Finance, addressed science, business, and economics graduates at the June 1st convocation ceremonies, where he received an honorary doctorate of laws from WLU just as his father did 34 years before him.

Martin told the graduates "if we are to be successful, we must look at this new world with wide open eyes. It means challenging conventional wisdom, testing new ideas," and using "not just the knowledge but the values you have learned at Wilfrid Laurier University."

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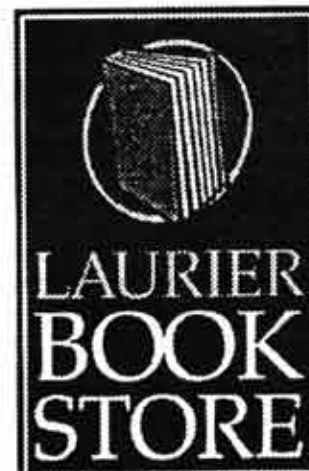
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Eddy S.

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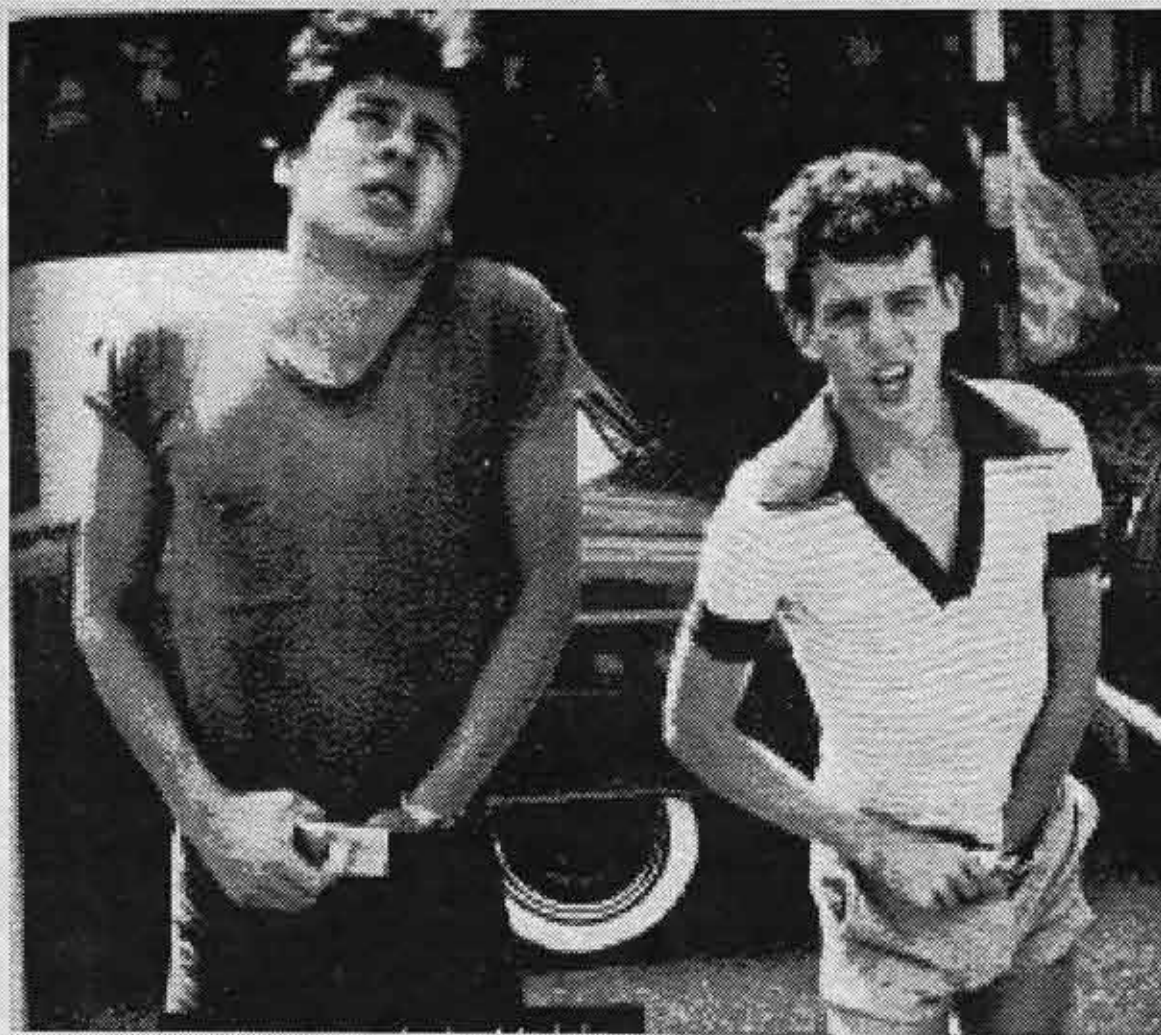
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