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# Discussing globalization

*Author speaks about its negative effects on Mexican workers and factories*

Corwin Leifso

Renowned sociologist Maria Patricia Fernandez-Kelly visited Wilfrid Laurier University Thursday to participate in the Laurier Interdisciplinary Lecture Series. The title of Fernandez-Kelly's lecture was "The Silence of Free Trade: Mexican Maquiladoras and Globalization," which fits aptly into the "silence" theme of this year's LILS.

Fernandez-Kelly is the author of "For We Are Sold, I and My People: Women and Industry in Mexico's Frontier" which was nominated as one of the best 25 monographs of the last 25 years by Contemporary Sociology. She also co-produced an Emmy Award winning documentary: The

Global Assembly Line. She personally has over two decades of work experience along the US-Mexico border and other impoverished areas of the United States. Her publications, which "show passion" according to Dr. Andrew Lyons who introduced her, focus

**Wages are kept to a minimum by stripping workers of benefits and safer work environments.**

mainly on how structural economic changes affect real people.

Her focus this lecture was on the effects of Globalization on the Maquiladoras. The Maquiladoras are hundreds of manufacturing

plants in Mexico along the US border, many of which are subsidiaries of large US based corporations. Legislation in Mexico allows for raw goods to be imported and finished products to be exported with ease as part of Mexico's develop-



Author and Emmy award-winner Maria Patricia Fernandez-Kelly talks free trade and wishes Laura could have caught her at a better moment.

advent of computers has eased this process so there is a minimal loss in efficiency. This opens up access to cheap labour forces in countries like Mexico. Wages are kept to a minimum by stripping workers of benefits and safer work environments.

Consequently, Fernandez-Kelly feels the voices of workers in places like Mexico have been silenced. They can not fight for benefits and improved standards because labour costs would be raised as result. Increased labour costs force corporations to move their factories to cheaper places to stay competitive. So, even if the workers were to gain their benefits, they would most likely lose their jobs.

According to Fernandez-Kelly, labour wages in the US and Canada have dropped as well. However, because the workers in these countries are the benefactors of the cheap, foreign manufactured products, why would anyone complain? Cheap commercial havens like Wal-Mart exist because of globalization. In the land where Martha Stewart is Queen, who would dare break the silence?

ment strategy. For the US, this means they have a close supply of virtually tax-free labourers who will work for practically nothing.

Globalization, Fernandez-Kelly

explained, is the geographical expansion of companies. So management can be located in a central country, and manufacturing can be placed anywhere in the world. The

# Men's basketball undefeated in tournament

Craig Reaney

Laurier's reputation for producing less than stellar men's basketball teams may have to be re-evaluated after this past weekend's tournament. The tournament took place at WLU's Athletic Complex and its participants consisted of three Atlantic Conference teams and Laurier's Golden Hawks.

**LAURIER 85, ST. MARY'S 82  
LAURIER 80, DALHOUSIE 75  
LAURIER 71, ACADIA 67**

The tournament began on Friday evening with Laurier doing battle with the St. Mary's Huskies. The first half of play was characterized by polar extremes. At times, Laurier was a calm, yet exciting team to watch. On other occasions, the game was filled with turnovers and bad decisions.

In contrast, the second half told a different story as the Hawks came out flying. The combination of improved shot selection as well as better rebounding allowed the Laurier squad to lead by as many as fourteen points in the early stages of the half.

But a blow out was not in the cards. St.

Mary's crawled their way back to within three with less than a minute to go. Fortunately for Laurier, an off-balance three point attempt by a St. Mary's guard was off the mark, eliminating the possibility of overtime. The final score was 85-82 favouring the Hawk's.

The tournament continued with Laurier facing the Dalhousie Tigers on Saturday afternoon. It was clear that Laurier meant business right from the opening tip, as their communication on defence was impressive. The Hawks played with higher levels of confidence and their turnover numbers decreased accordingly. A larger portion of the game consisted of exciting plays with fewer poor decisions made by WLU.

Though Laurier's consistency improved, the score at halftime did not represent this. Dalhousie was up 38-37 after the first twenty minutes of play. Unlike the previous game, the Hawks came out flat at the start of the second half.

The score was close throughout the rest of the game, but it was WLU's Todd Cooney who would make a clutch play as time wound down. He received a long outlet pass over the Dalhousie defence and converted the layup for an easy two. It put Laurier up by five and sealed their second win in as



We're pretty sure at least one of these guys plays for Laurier. We don't know much.

many days. The final score was WLU 80, Dalhousie 75.

The final game of the weekend for Laurier was against the Acadia Axemen. This game was more one-sided as the Axemen took a commanding lead right from the get-

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# Environmental initiative

*New environmental renewal project starts with trees, while aiming for bike racks, composting, and more on campus.*

**Brent Reaney**

When Don Crowther shoveled the first pile of earth around the edges of the new trees by the Science Building Monday morning, it marked the beginning of a joint environmental renewal project headed by the administration and the Students' Union.

The project calls for \$20,000 to be spent during the fall semester on trees, bike racks, a reusable coffee mug campaign, composting programs and environmental awareness campaigns.

Recently, the administration and the Students' Union both agreed to put \$6,000 towards the purchase of new trees to be planted on campus.

Environment Minister Elizabeth Witmer and Waterloo Mayor Lynne Woolstencroft attended the ceremony and have both committed to donating a tree in order to help the school achieve its

goals.

The trees were purchased as part of a city program called Trees for Life. Through the program, institutions are "offered a 15% discount on the cost of trees in order to make it more affordable for them to green the urban space," said Elizabeth Podgurny, co-ordinator of the Environmental Awareness Committee.

The \$12,000 is expected to buy over 60 new trees to be planted on campus.

"Some of the trees are in the ground and within the next two weeks we should be able to see and enjoy the rest of them," said David Wellhauser, Executive Vice President of University Affairs.

Wellhauser now plans to work with Ron Dupuis, WLU's Assistant Vice President of Physical Resources, to develop a long-term environmental plan for the school over the next few months.

"As excited as I am about this

**"Some of the trees are in the ground and within the next two weeks we should be able to see and enjoy the rest of them."**



Planting trees... or craftily burying the evidence?

initiative, it is also long overdue. I sincerely hope that this is not just a one-time occurrence," said Wellhauser.

Podgurny is taking steps to make sure that this is not the case as the Environmental Awareness committee has secured 10 com-

posters and wants to start a pilot composting project later this year once they've discussed the merits of the idea with the food services and residence life committees.

While she is eager to get things rolling, "we're still in the planning stages," said Podgurny.

Due to a long dry summer and recent campus construction that necessitated the removal of many dead or obtrusive trees, as well as to a sudden rash of vandalism in recent weeks, the trees that will be planted are much needed.

## Confronting tragedy through faith

*Members of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim religions gather at Laurier to discuss faith in the context of tragedy and hope.*

**Stefan Sereda**

Last Thursday, a group of about forty students and a few members of the community met at Laurier for a casual and intimate multi-faith forum.

The forum, which had been in preparation since September 13th, was organized by Paul Thomas of the Laurier Christian Fellowship, and by the Chaplain's Office at the university.

The forum featured a panel of members of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities. Dr. James Diamond, professor and chair of the Jewish Studies program at the University of Waterloo,

Jonathan Schmidt, a Lutheran-Christian Chaplain at Laurier and the University of Waterloo and David Wharnsby-Ali, an educational consultant for the Waterloo-regional Islamic Information

Service were all given a chance to speak on behalf of their religion, in light of the recent terrorist attacks and the ensuing response of America.

Special emphasis was placed on the perspectives that each religion has regarding the concepts of tragedy and hope.

Each panelist was given a chance to speak chronologically according to the time their religion originated. The panelists were all given ten minutes to convey the teachings of their religions regarding tragedy and hope.

All the representatives read scripture passages and then related them to the issues presented by the moderator.

All three speakers noted that in each of their religions, the issue of presenting God with challenges is raised. In fact, Dr. Diamond highlighted that the word Israel literal-

ly means "he who struggles with God and prevails".

Wharnsby-Ali stated that challenges are often associated with the question "Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?" The teachings of the three religions differed, however, when attempting to answer this question.

While Diamond asserted that the Jewish faith teaches that God suffers with His people in times of hardship, Schmidt felt disaster to be the result of human free will and inequality.

Schmidt made an example of a hurricane that once struck Central America. Although the hurricane had killed or destroyed the homes of thousands, if the same event had taken place in Florida, the disaster would have only harmed people numbering in the tens. This is due to inequality, since America has insurance services to cope with the damage and much more capital is available to provide security for the American public.

The chaplain also underlined the fact that if human will is the source of disaster, it is also the

source of hope. "We are all saints and sinners," Schmidt said, "and we are God's will...working towards establishing His kingdom here on Earth."

David Wharnsby-Ali commented that the Muslim faith views tragedy as a humbling experience, a test of faith, a reminder that others have to live under worse circumstances, at times a method of martyrdom, and a way of rekindling faith in God.

Wharnsby-Ali made the case that this final explanation has been most apparent in the aftermath of the recent terrorist attacks in the United States, as millions of Americans have come together with a renewed sense of faith in their country and their respective religions.

When the floor was opened for discussion with the audience, the issue of America's retaliation

towards the terrorist attacks was quickly addressed.

All of the panelists agreed that President Bush's decision to bomb

Afghanistan should not be justified with a few selected scripture passages used out of context. Diamond, however, noted that a teaching of Judaism insists that "if there is something wrong, you

attack it, and you get rid of it." However, he also qualified this statement, saying "but that in no way justifies these acts."

While these opinions brought forth some heated debate, the members of the three faiths all gathered together and, in a manner of speaking, "broke bread" at the closing of the forum and feasted on Timbits in the spirit of Mr. Wharnsby-Ali's opening remark, "peace be with you."

**Special emphasis was placed on the outlooks that each religion holds regarding the concepts of tragedy and hope.**

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# Forum on military action

*Laurier community vocalizes opinions on military action in Afghanistan.*

Jesse Stanson

September 11th will long be remembered as a day when much of the world stood united in horror. The repercussions and mourning caused by this terrorist act will be felt on a global scale for some time to come.

Here at WLU when Dr. Peter Eglin spoke out about the Afghanistan issue in the Concourse, he received a large response from the Laurier community. As a result of student interest, the Students' Union Board of Directors felt that a proper forum for students to express their views should be made available.

On October 18th from 1 to 4PM an open mic forum, mediated by Matt Park and Peter Turkington

of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union Board of Directors was held in the Turret. According to Turkington, this was designed to be a healthy opportunity for students to "vent their frustrations regarding the issue."

The event was attended by a small number of students, but those who came were vocal on the subject. Everything, from how students felt the morning of September 11th to views on the American aggression in Afghanistan, was discussed.

As the forum progressed, people left and new people took their place. For most of the event there was a steady group of 15 to 20 students sharing their views and concerns at any given time.

One student spoke of how food

aid was insufficient and how western nations have the resources to feed the refugees caught up in the turmoil. Another student voiced her concern regarding her family in Pakistan. Further concerns were raised about the killing of civilians in Afghanistan.

"At the end of the day, a dead civilian is still dead, regardless of location," remarked one student.

Opinion varied on whether the American action against Afghanistan was strictly a deterrent

against further terrorism, an act of vengeance or a combination of the two.

Dr. Rosehart arrived late and

spoke to the few remaining students. Via a phone interview he told the Cord that he "congratulates the students that attended," and said "that for a student population of 8,000 I would have liked to have seen more

students attend. "I encourage students to take every opportunity to travel. You can get only so much out of a textbook and newspaper.

It is far better to have the luxury to see it first hand."

Rosehart's personal view on subject was that people are getting too into the psychology of war. The victims that died in the tragic events of September 11th are being lost in all the news broadcasts and people seem to talk only about who is getting bombed and what strategic points have been hit.

He finished off by saying that he supports Canada's involvement in the fight against terrorism, but was not sure what role the Canadian people should play in this world event.

All in all, students at WLU seem to have a genuine concern regarding this event and the repercussions surrounding it.

## Laurier gives its support to United Way campaign

Siobhan Bhagwat

The Kitchener-Waterloo United Way is an outstanding organization that supports a wide variety of invaluable and necessary services that help make Waterloo Region a great place to live. Every year United Way asks the community for help in sustaining the many organizations that rely on them.

The organization supports fifty agencies including Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the Learning Disabilities Association, the Red Cross, the Food Bank of Waterloo Region, the Working Centre programs for the unemployed, the Independent Living Centre, RAISE Home Support Service for the Elderly, and Mary Place. All these organizations depend on United Way for the funding of their various projects, making United Way a very important establishment.

This year Laurier intends to raise \$55,000 in donations and increase faculty and staff participation rate from 38 percent to 40 percent. According to Wally Pirker, at last count on Monday night, Laurier had raised approximately \$29,000. So far over one 115 faculty and staff members have donated to this cause.

There are many ways for you to support

this cause on campus. You can use the pledge cards. If you have not received a pledge card you can call Kathleen Woodcock (ext. 2028), Wally Pirker (ext. 2036), or Frank Millerd (ext. 6033) to receive one. When you pledge or donate money before 4:30 p.m. on or before October 25 and October 29 in Wally Pirker's office (P2088), you are eligible for the Early Bird Draws. Prizes include a poetry reading by Vice-President Dr. Rowland Smith, bookstore gift certificates, and a University Cup jacket.

On Tuesday October 23, Wednesday October 24, and Thursday October 25 all coffee outlets on campus will be receiving donations through the Buy a Coffee - Give a Coffee program. When you buy a coffee (or any other drink) you will be asked if you would like to match your purchase by donating the price of a medium coffee to the United Way program.

If you want to have fun while supporting United Way the Students' Union is hosting a pub night on Saturday October 27. Laurier's United Way campaign is off to a great start and will hopefully continue with its initial momentum. All they need is for you to show your support for this cause.



This year, Laurier is showing its spirit by helping the United Way



Speaker shocks audience, attempts to lead auditorium in a game of "dirty charades."



Although technically this did not happen, if it did and you were the news writer covering the event...you would get to cover it! Yes, you!

Become a news writer.

Come to the general meeting this Friday at 2:30 in the Student Publications office and talk to Jenn or Dillon.

## Lunchbox of Larceny

**THEFT UNDER \$5000 & POSSESSION STOLEN PROPERTY 0150 HRS THU OCT 18/01**

While on patrol, officers observed two males exiting the rear of the Nichols Centre in possession of a case of beverages & a bag of buns. When the suspects observed the officers they dropped the items and fled. One suspect was apprehended and subsequently charged with theft and possession of stolen property. The apprehended suspect was a non-WLU male.

**MISCHIEF THU OCT 18/01**

Grounds crew reported that person(s) unknown destroyed an apple tree near St. Clements House.

**PUBLIC MISCHIEF 2125 HRS THU OCT 18/01**

Person(s) unknown activated the emergency button in the elevator at University Place and began to yell for help. On arrival, officers could find no one in distress.

**THEFT UNDER \$5000 THU OCT 11/01 - FRI OCT 19/01**

The Coca-Cola representative reported that person(s) unknown broke into two vending machines at the Science Bldg. An undetermined amount of coin was

removed.

**MISCHIEF THU OCT 18/01 - FRI OCT 19/01**

Person(s) unknown tore out two bushes in front of Willison Hall.

**SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE 0515 HRS SAT OCT 20/01**

Officers responded to a report of a woman wandering around the halls at Conrad Hall. On arrival, officers found a young woman with the duty don. The woman appeared confused and claimed that she did not know how she got there. Investigation revealed that she was a guest of one of the residents and she was left in the care of her friend.

**THEFT UNDER \$5000 FRI OCT 19/01**

A WLU student reported that her bike had been stolen from the bike racks on Mid Campus Drive.

**MISCHIEF 0200-0235 HRS SUN OCT 21/01**

The glass in a door on the second floor of the Nichols Centre was found smashed.

**PUBLIC MISCHIEF 2220 HRS THU OCT 18/01**

Person(s) unknown activated an emergency call box at Laurier

Place. On arrival, officers searched the area but could find no one.

**CAUSE DISTURBANCE 2155 HRS SAT OCT 20/01**

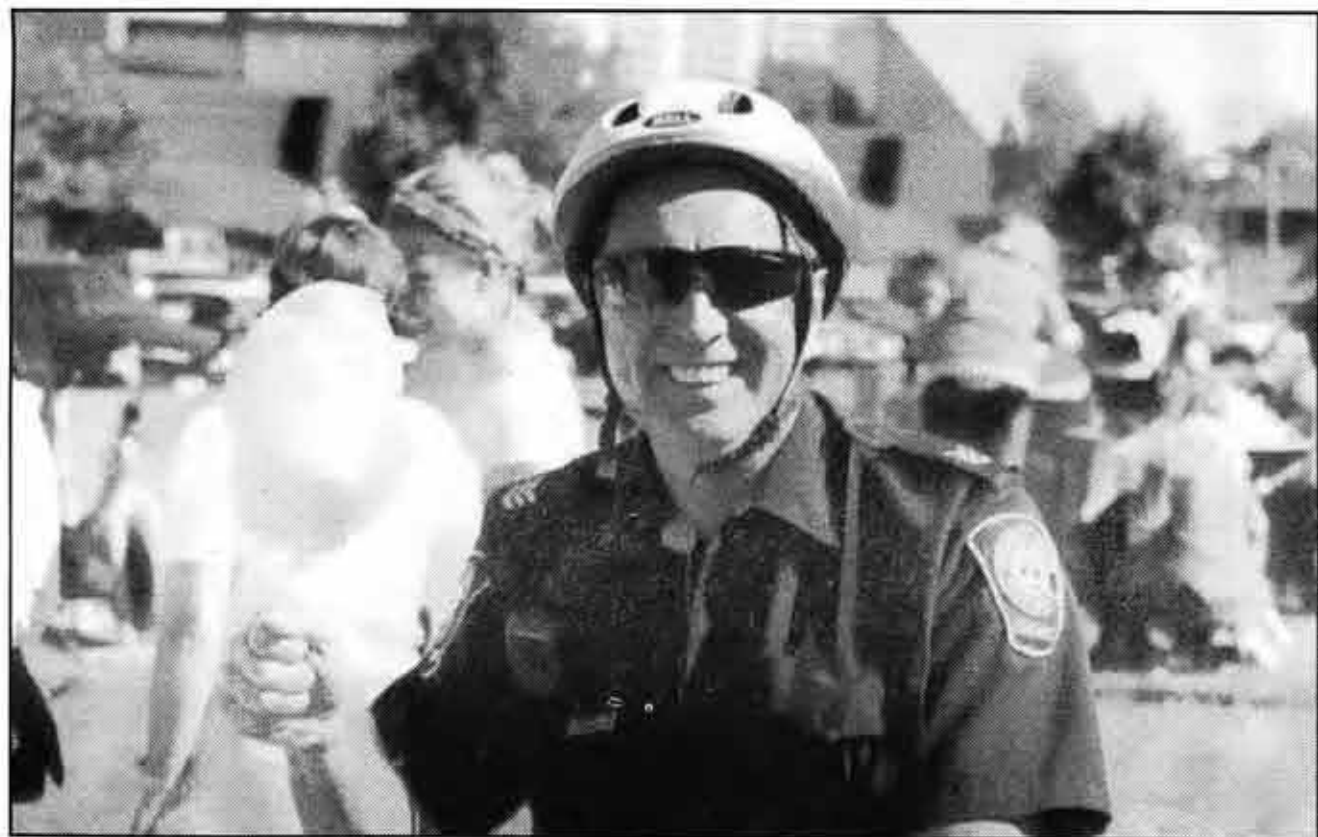
Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress at the Grad Pub. On arrival no combatants were found but as the officers were leaving the pub a number of Waterloo taxis arrived. Apparently a male passenger had assaulted a Waterloo taxi driver and the cab driver struck the male suspect in the mouth with a flashlight. The suspect and a friend exited the cab and fled prior to the officers' arrival. Waterloo Regional Police are investigating.

**FOUND DRUGS 0230 HRS SUN OCT 21/01**

The Turret Manager turned in a small quantity of marijuana he had found. The drugs were turned over to Waterloo Regional Police for disposal.

**MISCHIEF 0220 HRS MON OCT 22/01**

A Bricker resident was observed kicking and damaging one of the lamp standards at the rear of Bricker Residence. The matter will be forwarded to the Judicial Affairs Council.



Candy is dandy, but cops are tops!

COURTESY OF WLU SECURITY

## Board Report

Dillon Moore

### Re-zoning passed by Council

On Monday, October 22, 2001, Waterloo City Council voted to approve the application that will make the building of a new residence on Seagram Drive possible. A number of delegates from Laurier's administration and Students' Union President Dave Prang attended the meeting in support of the proposal. The application was met with one major concern from the owner of a neighbouring property who was concerned about the cost and nuisance of a new sidewalk to service the new residence. Prang spoke at the meeting and attempted to express the positive impact that the residence, and its staff, would have on the surrounding area. The residence is scheduled to be built and operational by the start of the next fall term.

### Aramark representatives visit again

Representatives from Aramark, the company that is developing the new food services building, visited Laurier again last Friday looking for student input. Despite increased efforts by the Board to create interest in the development of the new food services building, Aramark representatives were once again greeted by an empty conference room. The Board members and Cord staff present heard an outline of the menu options that are being considered by the company. The representatives stressed that the approach to food they would like to follow in the new food services will place more emphasis on freshness and choice. Plans for the building alterations were also available for viewing. The proposed changes, still pending discussion, will increase the size of the serving and dining area through an expansion

of the building towards University Avenue. The new dining hall is scheduled to open in September, 2002.

### Remembrance Day Service being planned

Planning is underway for a service on November 8th to commemorate the sacrifice of Canada's veterans and fallen soldiers. Thanks to the planning of Jeffrey Kroeker, the Science Building atrium will be the site of this special Remembrance Day service. Among those scheduled to be on hand are Attorney General Hilary Weston, MP Andrew Telegdi, MPP Elizabeth Witmer and Waterloo Mayor Lynne Woolstonecroft.

### OSAP questions addressed

Board member Reagan Watts announced his intention to bring more information about the OSAP process to Laurier students, citing the large percentage of students who rely on it and the general lack of understanding about the process. He presented the possibility of printing up a pamphlet or brochure to inform students, and of bringing an expert on OSAP to the university to share her expertise. Watts also has plans for a Concourse open forum.

### Other business

- Responding to a query from Board member Myles Wilson about the Harvey's restaurant policy on re-filling pop, Dave Prang clarified that patrons were allowed to refill the pop containers they were given at that visit, and that Harvey's employees had been instructed to look out for anyone abusing the system.

- BOD member Andy Bruce was elected to the position of Director to the Standing Committee on Elections & Referenda.

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# Silence Equals Consent

The issues of freedom of speech, its limitations and the continuing presence of apathy on this campus have been very prevalent in recent weeks. It seems the status quo has been pushed more than ever at Laurier, especially during these strange times. Some may refer to this problem as political correctness, but to understand this issue clearly, one must not resort to labeling. Since so few at Laurier are willing to speak out against anything, it is assumed that things will progress in the direction they always have. For the powers that be, silence equals consent. Therefore, some of the most questionable displays are allowed to continue simply because there is never debate or opposition to them.

For example, imagine a female Laurier student walking into the Concourse one day to discover a series of t-shirts hanging from the rafters blaming all women for the actions of a few. How would this woman feel, knowing that she had nothing to do with the actions of those few, but is led to believe that by being female, she has somehow contributed to the problem? By this logic, all Muslims should be responsible for the recent attacks on America, a notion most understand to be absolutely ludicrous.

However, this blatant non sequitur is never called into question. Society continues to applaud completely irrational causes rather than question the legitimacy of these causes. Why is this? Because it is much easier to stay with the status

quo than take a stand on an issue. However, this is not to say certain causes are not worth pursuing. But the presentations some choose to use to advance their causes can often be ridiculous.

During the last few months at Laurier, having a different point of view from that of the majority has proven to be worthy of scorn from those obsessed

Some of the most questionable displays are allowed to continue simply because there is never debate or opposition to them.

with pushing their agenda on everyone. What we have actually discovered at Laurier in the past few months is questioning Israel makes you an anti-Semite, questioning any feminist campaign makes you a woman-hater and standing up to voice your opinion makes you annoying and crazy.

Disagreeing with a point of view does not make you anti-anything, it means you are able to think critically and work towards a better, more equitable solution. The practice of labeling is responsible for preventing certain points of view from appearing in public debate forums, a practice that is entirely contrary to the true purpose of a university.

Appeasing various groups with spe-

cific liberal agendas should not take precedence over debating the legitimacy of those whose only purpose it is to further illegitimate causes. For example, in an incident last summer, a man was beaten up while walking in a park late at night. This man chose to focus on the fact that he is homosexual as an explanation of why he was attacked. However, this park is quite widely known as a rough area in which many violent incidents occur and roaming it late at night is asking for trouble. Sure enough, many within the gay community used this incident as a rallying point to push their own agenda. But does it not make more sense to address the unsafe nature of this park rather than try to convince thugs to be more sensitive to the plight of homosexuals? Doing the latter gets us nowhere and leaves us arguing about useless facts while more people are beaten up every night.

Refusing to speak out against something incorrect only results in the eventual acceptance of false beliefs. Don't be so sure what you're being presented with is necessarily the truth. Not everything is black and white. Wake up.

MANEESH SEHDEV  
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## LETTERS

### MEN IN TIGHTS

Let's create a vision. Cue the make-out music. Legs split. Breasts heaving. Backsides bending. Girl on girl action. Tight sweaters...oh mama. Sounds like the makings of a damn fine porno movie. Now let's add a guy in short shorts. What the hell? Get out of my fantasy!

My rant for today deals with the male sex invading one of society's few female-dominated activities. No, not the porn industry...cheerleading, of course! Should the hairier half of society be given the right to frolic with God's most gorgeous creation like a barrel of monkeys? The male cheerleader. For many people, these words create a vision of a man dressed in a woman's uniform, chirping rhymes and waving batons. It's the prototype of a threat to masculinity.

When you get right down to it, male cheerleaders add no high-driven interest to a good game of football. What is it that drives these male cheerleaders towards a life of feminized contortionism? Perhaps it's like any professional athlete- competition and love of the game. Should it be left to their bigger-bosomed, well-shaven counterparts? I'll let you be the judge of that.

Bruce Viron

### BE RESPONSIBLE

Last week's issue of the Waterloo Chronicle included two articles on the topics of Alcohol and Laurier students.

Andrea Bailey's article about the kick-off of the BACCHUS alcohol awareness week featured students as mature adults who promote responsible drinking and responsible actions.

From a different perspective, Rick Currah, a resident of Waterloo, wrote a letter to the editor complaining about the theft and property damage caused by students during September. Currah noted that there is an immediate increase in mischief within his neighbourhood once the students return from the summer break.

I am very proud to tell people that I am a Laurier student because I truly believe that we have a great reputation with the K-W Community.

Unfortunately, we students are faced by many negative stereotypes in our community. This belief exists despite our hard work, commitment to charity, and our willingness to volunteer. It becomes very difficult to combat these negative stereotypes when our peers reinforce them through irresponsible actions.

Please take the BACCHUS message to heart - have fun, be responsible on the way home from the bar, and help prove to our neighbours that we students are a positive part of this community.

Ben Durrer

### SPEAK UP

You know what's great? People in our Students' Union are doing something about the growth problem on this campus. On Thursday November 6th from

10:30- 1:00 in the Paul Martin Centre, there is going to be an opportunity for students to address their concerns to a panel. I have the great opportunity to sit on this panel and listen to what you have to say. It's impressive to see that the whole event is student driven. Our Students' Union has worked hard to organize this event and they have worked together. I'm excited to be part of such an innovative event. Please come and be part of the process.

Kiran Kharaud

### RELIGIOUS DISPLAYS

An interesting point was raised in the letter section of last week's Cord regarding the still erected cross over at St. Michael Campus. In that letter, Joe questioned the nature of our campus, specifically our position as a non-partisan institution. I'd like to address another, more prominent display of religious exhibitionism that occurred last week, the Laurier Christian Fellowship's "Church in the Concourse."

I applaud LCF in their efforts as a Campus Club, and their members who seem to be disproportionately active as volunteers in both the Laurier community and the Kitchener-Waterloo community as a whole. However, their decision to turn the Concourse (Laurier's busiest hub of traffic) into a place of worship is both intrusive and irresponsible.

As I moved from meeting to meeting tonight, I had to pass through the gath

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 ering four times, each time being subjected to public displays of faith, as I'm sure countless others had to endure while making their way to night class. This flies in the face of Laurier's position as a non-partisan institution, and creates an environment where students are unable to avoid a religion to whose teachings they may not choose to adhere.

Further, the students utilizing the Torque Room as a study area were forced to read over the amplified sounds of live music and testimonials. In the middle of what many students are terming their "hell week" (midterms and assignments are due), one of Laurier's few study areas was rendered useless for those who wished to read in relative peace and quiet.

Nobody should question the right of LCF to hold Campus Club status and as such to utilize the resources available to them at Laurier. More importantly though, is that nobody should challenge the right of each individual Laurier student to walk to class, free from religious celebrations being conducted in their path.

After drafting this letter, it came to my attention that the gathering was held in the Concourse due to the BSA's bachelor auction in the Turret. However, I still stand in opposition to both the public location and timing of the event.

Gavin Graham

EGLIN ROCKS

Although this letter comes two

weeks after the event, I am writing in regards to Professor Eglin speaking out against the US led attacks against Afghanistan. Although I do not agree wholeheartedly with every aspect of Dr. Eglin's discussion, I truly admire his dedication and commitment to the cause. It is not often that you find someone who believes in a cause so greatly that s/he will stand and speak to an audience for hours on end. I consider myself lucky to have Dr. Eglin as a professor because his passion is also exhibited in his lectures. I hope the next time the opportunity arises for you to speak up for something you believe in, you will seize that opportunity.

Jessica Metzger

REFLECTIONS

After six months as Executive Vice President of University Affairs, I have one thing to say. Students united will never be defeated. It is true, united we stand, divided we fall. Constant and never-ending

improvement is what we need to strive for. I hope you're happier now than you were 6.1 months ago. If you're not, e-mail me and I'll work to remedy your complaint.

Dave Wellhauser

Size does matter

Terri Ramsawack



son returned she answered, "They do come in that size, but we do not carry them in that size." I was not sure what to think. Was she being honest or was she implying that I should take my business elsewhere?

What was even more disgusting is the fact that my smaller roommates probably would not have found much either. I was looking at some of these clothes and realized that the girls who fit these clothes either don't have any hips (good luck having kids),

I realized this week after a trip to our local shopping mall that I am not a welcome visitor to most of the stores. Not because of my sex or my race, but because of my general appearance.

This week was the fall sidewalk sale. So I headed off in hopes of finding some great deals and good buys, but all I found were sizes extra-small, small or eight. Now, I have no problem admitting that I am not a size eight or a small, but I didn't realize that I wasn't even a size in some of these stores. There were a lot of great deals for those who are lucky enough to be petite, but for those of us who are slightly more curvaceous, all we were offered were socks and jewelry.

It is very disappointing to find out that in some stores, my size doesn't exist. Are they trying to say that they don't want my size in there? Is it because they think that I won't look good in their clothes? Is being an average sized girl not fashionable at all? I went into one particular store and asked if they had a pair of jeans that I liked. When the sales per-

Is being an average-sized girl not fashionable at all?

or are as flat as a pancake. Now I don't want you to think that I am jealous of these girls, because I realize that I am who I am, and cannot be them because it is not in my nature.

Don't get me wrong though, there are a few stores that do actually carry normal sizes, and that are more than willing to help you find clothes that flatter you. But these stores are as hard to find as a needle in a haystack. Needless to say, I came home with one shirt and a bunch of hair accessories. At least I got to buy something.

A new philosophy

Sean Geobey



Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "There is a fine line between the sublime and the ridiculous." Napoleon was a pretty bright guy. Ruthless, bloodthirsty, megalomaniacal, but bright nonetheless, so I bet he knew what he was talking about in this case.

That being said, I strive towards the sublime whenever I can. However, like most people I have only the foggiest notion of what the word "sublime" means, and have not the will to check a dictionary and find out.

On the other hand, we all understand the ridiculous. Consequently, I say go hard for the ridiculous. Once you hit a stop, turn right and BOOM. Sublimeville. While I cannot be certain about my ever hitting the sublime, I must say that I have apparently hit ridiculous often enough. Following this philosophy, I have to give some degree of respect to any organization that follows my "ridiculous-sublime" philosophy. Although I do not like giving any real life examples, a hypothetical is okay in my books.

For example, let us assume there is a tyrannical fundamentalist government somewhere. What if

this group took their name from a word meaning "student", and then proceeded to annihilate everyone in their country capable of passing a high school literacy test. Pretty crazy, huh? Or what if they decided

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to destroy the two largest statues representing one of the world's oldest religions, while all the leading clerics of their own faith beseeched them not to do it. Kinda kooky for religious folk. Calling yourself a peaceful movement and advocating a simple and moral lifestyle is not all that kooky.

But doing so while starting heroin-fuelled crusades against all your neighbours is definitely a wacky move.

Then let's say they decide to go around and ruthlessly attack anyone who goes so far as to have photographs or drawings of people. Moreover, what if they did that and then, a few years later, gave out huge posters of an international terrorist to anyone who would take them. Man is that ever some zany stuff.

Now, you might think that I am using this column to criticize some foreign government I do not particularly like. You might even say my attempts at doing so are about as subtle as a volcano. Perish the thought. I am but an entertainer, and a relatively poor one at that. I mean, come on, I just used Napoleon as an intro for a meandering diatribe about fundamentalism.

However you look at it, I am just here to add a bit of levity to the pages of this wonderful paper by telling a couple of jokes here and there. That reminds me, did you ever hear the one about the peaceful military superpower?



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# Examining the UN

*Changing times and recent reforms have improved its performance*

**Paul Thomas**

Despite its problems and failures, the United Nations reputation as a forum for global peace received a strong boost last week when the organisation and its Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, were jointly awarded the 2001 Nobel Peace prize.

The Prize, which was divided equally between Mr. Annan and the United Nations itself, is the first received by the entire UN system (previous awards have been given to specific UN agencies, like UNICEF), and the second received by a Secretary-General.

In announcing the award, the Nobel Committee stated that the "end of the cold war has at last made it possible for the U.N. to perform more fully the part it was originally intended to play. Today the organisation is at the forefront of efforts to achieve peace and security in the world, and of the international mobilisation aimed at meeting the world's economic, social and environmental challenges."

The Committee also praised Kofi Annan for his life long devotion to the UN. They stated that "he has been pre-eminent in bringing new life to the organisation."

Under Mr. Annan's leadership the UN has become far more active in conflicts throughout the world, and has taken a lead role in tackling several major issues, such as the global HIV/AIDS epidemic.

What the Nobel Committee failed to mention, however, is the painstaking process of reform that the UN has undergone in order to

reach its current state of efficiency.

Since the UN was created 56 years ago, and the Cold War ended ten years ago, why is the UN only receiving the peace prize now?

The United Nations was officially founded in 1945 at the end of World War II in "order to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." The UN took the place of the League of Nations, which was established at the end of World War I but failed to prevent World War II.

It was hoped that the UN's two main principles - that all states were sovereign equals and that no state could interfere in the affairs of another - would allow the UN to become a universal forum where states could gather for the peaceful resolution of their disputes.

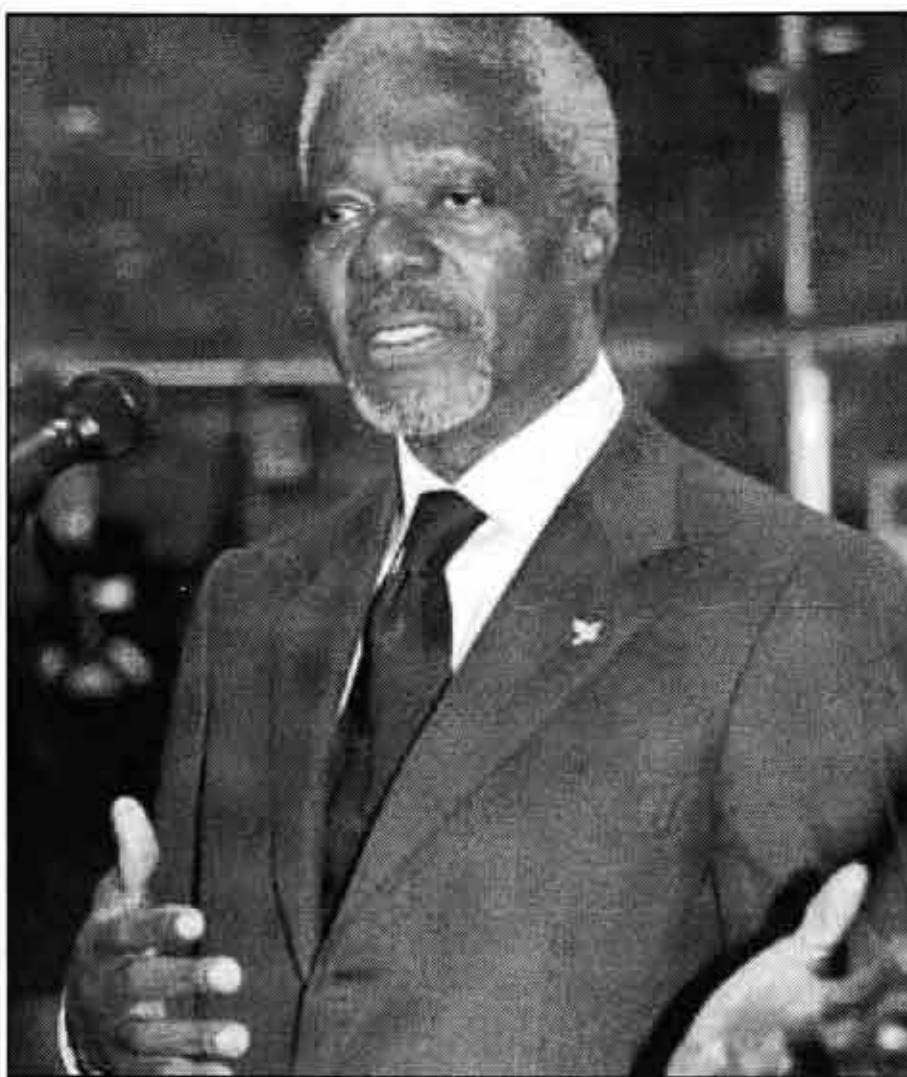
But the ideal of the UN as the protector of global peace was quickly disrupted by the start of the Cold War in the late 1940s.

The conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union carried over into the Security Council, where both countries

had the power to veto any proposed activity. As a result, few concrete actions were taken during the first 45 years of the organisation, except for those that were non-threatening to either side (the notable exception being UN authorisation of the Korean War, which was achieved during a Soviet boycott of the Security Council).

During the same period, the process of decolonization greatly increased the number of states in the world, causing the number of UN members to rise from 51 in 1945 to 189 today.

**When the Cold War ended in 1989, the United Nations once again became a centre for global politics and international cooperation.**



Kofi Annan and the UN won the Nobel Peace prize earlier this month

Unfortunately, each of these new members wanted their citizens to be represented within the UN's structure and staff, leading to a significant, unneeded increase in the UN's bureaucracy and budget.

Combined with the Cold War conflict, this increase in staff and budget produced a United Nations that was large, inefficient, and generally ineffective. To make matters worse, many less developed states began to see the organisation as a tool of US imperialism, while the US began to believe that it was paying too large a share of the costs.

When the Cold War ended in 1989, the United Nations once again became a centre for global politics and international cooperation. Encouraged by the success of the UN mandate in the Gulf War (1990-91), the organisation

became increasingly active throughout the globe, launching more peacekeeping missions in the period between 1991 and 1993 than it had in the previous two decades.

However, this optimism soon turned to despair and disgust with the horrific failures of peacekeeping operations in Somalia, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia. UN troops were simply unable to stop the conflicts and protect civilian lives. 800,000 people were massacred in Rwanda alone as UN forces failed to intervene.

Following these failed missions, many countries again lost faith in the UN as a global peace-maker. Several states, including the US, began to fall behind on their payments, causing financial crises that crippled the organisation on

several occasions.

When Kofi Annan became Secretary General in 1997, the UN was the target of almost unending criticism and was owed more than \$3 billion by countries world-wide. Since then he has transformed the organisation with his "quiet revolution" which has greatly improved the UN's efficiency.

Today, the UN's operating budget, specialised agencies excluded, has been reduced to about US\$2.5 billion bi-annually. (By comparison, Nortel Networks lost US\$ 3.5 billion in the third quarter alone).

Its workforce has also been reduced to 8,700 from a high of more than 12,000 in 1984, while several of its secretariat bodies have been consolidated for greater efficiency.

Even the United States has been impressed with the extent of Annan's reforms. In 1999 Congress agreed to pay \$1 billion of its back dues, albeit on the condition that the US share of annual funding be reduced from 25% to 22%.

Despite its recent progress, the UN still has many problems to overcome including several deep divisions amongst its members. This was dramatically illustrated in September at the World Conference Against Racism (the United States and Israel walked out of the conference after Islamic states attempted to have Zionism identified as a racist philosophy). But despite these problems, there is now optimism that the UN may finally be able to play the role for which it was intended.

In its closing remarks, the Nobel Committee stated its belief "that the only negotiable route to global peace and co-operation goes by way of the United Nations." Whether or not the UN can live up to this expectation remains to be seen.



## World Watch



### Northern Ireland

The Ulster Unionist party, the largest Protestant party in Northern Ireland has resigned from that Nation's unity government. Leader of the Ulster Unionists David Trimble indicated that this was in response to the fact that the IRA has not disarmed as they had agreed to in a 1998 peace accord.

The Unionists hope that this move will force Britain to shelve the eighteen-month coalition between Protestant and Catholic political parties, which included the militant Sinn Fein.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid had delayed taking any action to resume direct rule in hopes that the IRA will begin a process of disarming this week.

### China

Leaders of twenty-one Pacific Rim countries met in Shanghai last weekend for the APEC Summit.

The focus of the summit quickly turned away from its usual discussion of global economic development to the Sept 11th terrorist attacks on the US. Bush urged Asian-Pacific leaders "to save the civilized world" and join the "war on terrorism." The summit condemned the September 11 attacks as an assault against humanity.

Malaysian and Indonesian leaders stated their objections to the American bombing in Afghanistan. China and Russia have supported the US but wish to see a quick end to the bombing campaign. Jean Chretien met with Mexican President Vicente Fox to discuss the possibility of harmonizing North American security policies.

### Israel

Ten people were killed on the weekend during Israel's incursions into the outskirts of six towns in the West Bank. The Israeli assault, the largest since the Peace Accord in 1994, was in response to the assassination of Israeli cabinet minister Rehavam Zeebi last Wednesday.

Palestinian authorities have arrested twenty members of the militant group that is responsible, but have refused to extradite them.

Israel states the purpose of the assault was to protect itself from further attacks and has maintained its position despite international opposition.

### Mexico

Prominent Mexican human rights lawyer Digna Ochoa was found murdered last Friday. Ochoa had defended both anti-logging activists and guerilla sympathizers who had been jailed for supporting Zapatistas in Chiapas.

Ochoa had been receiving death threats since 1995. A note found with her body indicated that if the work of her Human Rights Center continues others may suffer the same fate. Daniel Wilkinson, a researcher for Human Rights Watch in New York, criticized the Mexican Authorities for failing to investigate the death threats and for creating an environment where such extremism is tacitly permitted.

*Compiled by Thomas Thompson*



# Opportunities abroad: sequel or prequel?

Chris Scriven

What follows is the second half of the Cord's attempt to inform students of some prominent volunteer and work opportunities abroad. Take advantage of one of these or search for others; there are more programs out there geared to university students and young people than you might expect . . .



## Canadian University Services Overseas

CUSO is a Canadian organization that works with "people striving for freedom, gender and racial equality, self-determination and cultural survival." CUSO accomplishes this by sharing information, human and material resources and promoting policies for developing global sustainability.

Positions at CUSO vary; one that might be of interest is that of a Cooperant. Cooperants undertake diverse assignments with overseas partner organizations and are involved in such programs as building and supporting co-operative housing, literacy programs and human rights work. Cooperant positions are located in a variety of areas including Belize, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Jamaica, Mozambique, Peru, Solomon Islands, South Africa and Vanuatu. These positions usually last for 2 years, but there is some flexibility.

Upon acceptance into the program, CUSO pays some costs such as airfare, housing, a monthly allowance, end of service payment and insurance. In addition, CUSO offers four weeks of vacation during the contract period.

Application and deadline dates are available to the public on CUSO's webpage at [www.cuso.org](http://www.cuso.org). Check soon, because many of the application dates are fast approaching.



## Olympic Aid

Olympic Aid is an international program set up in support of every child's right to play as stated in the 1989 United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Olympic Aid has designed a program, called

Coach 2 Coach, which is a program of sport and play for children in refugee camps and villages and that trains local community members to deliver these programs.

Each position in Olympic Aid lasts between 6 months to one year, and there are multiple departure dates. The program's current focus is on African countries, but in the near future Olympic Aid hopes to be established in Latin America as well.

All costs are covered by Olympic Aid, which includes transportation to and within the host country, room and board, insurance, sporting equipment and educational material. Olympic Aid also provides training for each of the participants before arrival to the host country. Applications and further information are available online at [www.olympicaid.org](http://www.olympicaid.org).

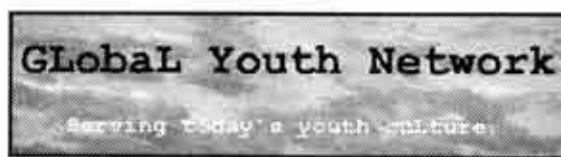


## JET – Japanese Exchange Teaching

The Japanese Exchange Teaching (JET) program seeks to enhance internationalization in Japan, by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other nations. Participants serve in local government organizations and in public, private, junior or senior high schools. As of 2001, JET had 6,190 participants from 39 countries in two programs: Coordinator for International Relations and Assistant Language Teacher.

The Coordinator for International Relations assists in projects related to international activities as well as working as an assistant in language instruction. An Assistant Language Teacher aids in classes taught by Japanese foreign language teachers in junior and senior high schools. These positions require that the participant be a Canadian citizen, have a bachelor's degree as of July 27, 2002 and have a functional command of Japanese.

These programs last one year, starting on July 28, 2002 or August 4, 2002 and consist of 35 hours of work per week for the year. Air travel is included in the program, however the participants themselves incur accommodation costs. The deadline for these programs is November 23, 2001. For further details and for information on their new Sports Exchange Advisor program go to [www.japancg-toronto.org](http://www.japancg-toronto.org) or [www.embassy-japancanada.org](http://www.embassy-japancanada.org).



## Global Youth Network

Global Youth Network is a non-profit organization based out of Youth With a Mission Kitchener. It was founded locally in 1995.

The main component of Global Youth Network is their university program, which runs each year in various post-secondary institutions across Canada, including the University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Guelph, McMaster University, the University of British Columbia, the University of Manitoba, Brock University, and Conestoga College.

The program provides students with the opportunity to join a team at their school in the fall which will meet throughout the year to participate in global education of them-

selves and their communities, and to collaborate in fundraising and other planning for the trip. In May, they travel to a developing country for one month and work alongside people and organizations there, assisting in sustainable development projects and experiencing life in the Global South.

In the past, they have sent teams to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Nicaragua, and Macedonia. Each year a different location is chosen for each participating school, and students who join the team study their destination country in preparation for their trip.

The teams are led by students who have previous experience with the program. New students who join a team are encouraged to help our program continue by volunteering as an intern leader and assisting in organizing a team the following year.

Those interested in more information can contact Laura Haylock, a past participant and WLU student at [loarah@hotmail.com](mailto:loarah@hotmail.com).

## The Cord's International Notices

1) The Waterloo Public Interest Group (WPIRG) will be hosting a free Teach-in On Racism and War at the University of Waterloo this Friday evening, October 26th and also on Saturday the 27th. Friday's events will include a forum and a lecture by Senator Douglas Roche at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Bread Not Bombs." Saturday's events include a peace ceremony, another forum and a panel on "Terror, Justice and War." Admission to the sessions is free, and community members are encouraged to attend. Full details are available at [www.wpirg.org/teachin](http://www.wpirg.org/teachin).

2) The Global Studies Club speaker series continues next week, as Ezat Mossallanejad, a representative from the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, will examine "Torture at the Threshold of the New Millennium." The gathering will be in the Grad Pub Tuesday, October 30th at 4:00 p.m., the standard time and place.

3) The Laurier World University Service of Canada (WUSC) branch is recruiting new members for its local committee. WUSC is a charitable, non-profit organization that sends Canadian volunteers overseas, sponsors student refugees, provides development education, implements CIDA development programs overseas and manages scholarship programs. More information is available by visiting [www.wusc.ca](http://www.wusc.ca), or by contacting Karen Strang, International Student Co-ordinator at 884-0710 ext. 6840 or [kstrang@wlu.ca](mailto:kstrang@wlu.ca).

*The Cord welcomes submissions to this magical box of information. Examples of suitable submissions include guest speakers, trips to conferences and other opportunities for students with an international focus.*

*Please forward suggestions to the International Editor's mailbox in the WLUSP Office or e-mail events to [john.carlaw@wlusp.com](mailto:john.carlaw@wlusp.com) for consideration.*

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# Everywhere is war

## A history of the not-so-new threat of international terrorism

Kristin Tracy

It is an easy feat to keep a safe distance from any unfavourable news or events occurring across the sea. It is the simplest thing to browse a newspaper heading and utter a remark such as, "horrible" or "what an atrocity!" and then turn away and continue on as usual without much further contemplation. We live on a relatively safe continent where war, strife and severe poverty are foreign issues, which do not often grace our conversations or our daily lives.

Consequently, we can remove ourselves emotionally and psychologically from the fear and pain produced by these distant threats.

It is when the violence and the atrocities traverse the sea and hit home that we begin to really see the implications of that which we have ignored.

September 11th, 2001 will forever remain a memorable date in the minds of us all. The attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the hijacking of four American airplanes by terrorists was something North America was neither prepared to see nor to experience.

As the twin towers toppled, so did our wall of protection we had so carefully built to filter out haunting realities.

With the death count reaching nearly 6,000, the western world was thrust into a dizzying state of shock, disbelief, fear and confusion, and was entirely unprepared to deal with terrorism on such a large scale.

There are many different definitions of what terrorism is, but most correlate to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, which defines terrorism as 'the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.'

According to the Terrorism Research Center,

international terrorism refers to acts committed on an international scope, which is not controlled by any government.

The attacks on September 11th fall into this category, which is not surprising, as international terrorism is quickly becoming the most dominant form of terrorism around the world. Domestic and state-sponsored terrorism is becoming less and less of an issue as international terrorism has gained significant ground.

Concentration of international terrorist attacks in the last ten years has

It is when the violence and the atrocities traverse the sea and hit home that we begin to really see the implications of that which we have ignored.



British soldiers make plans facing the night and the desert sunset in Oman on October 23, 2001.



A Pakistani protester demonstrates against American attacks on Afghanistan.

focused around anti-American sentiments. In 1996, about one-fourth of the terrorist attacks worldwide were anti-American. These international terrorist groups are becoming less dependent on state sponsorship and are instead forming loose, transnational affiliations based on religious or ideological symbolism and a common hatred of the United States. The result is that terrorist attacks are more difficult to detect and prevent.

On February 26th, 1993, a first attempt was made to bomb the World Trade Center. This explosion left a 30x30m opening in the underground parking garage and filled the entire north tower with smoke. The bombing left six people dead and a thousand injured. This was horrible but miniscule in comparison to the September 11th attacks that destroyed both towers entirely. The bombing in 1993 was considered an international terrorist attack because most of the suspects arrested were foreign nationals.

Some of these suspects were also closely connected to others who were arrested in July of 1993 for planning to blow up selected targets in New York City, including the United Nations building and the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels. Upon reflection, the events of 1993, foreshadowed the horrible events of September 11th.

Perhaps the past should be the first place to look when anticipating and attempting to protect ourselves against the threat of further terrorism.

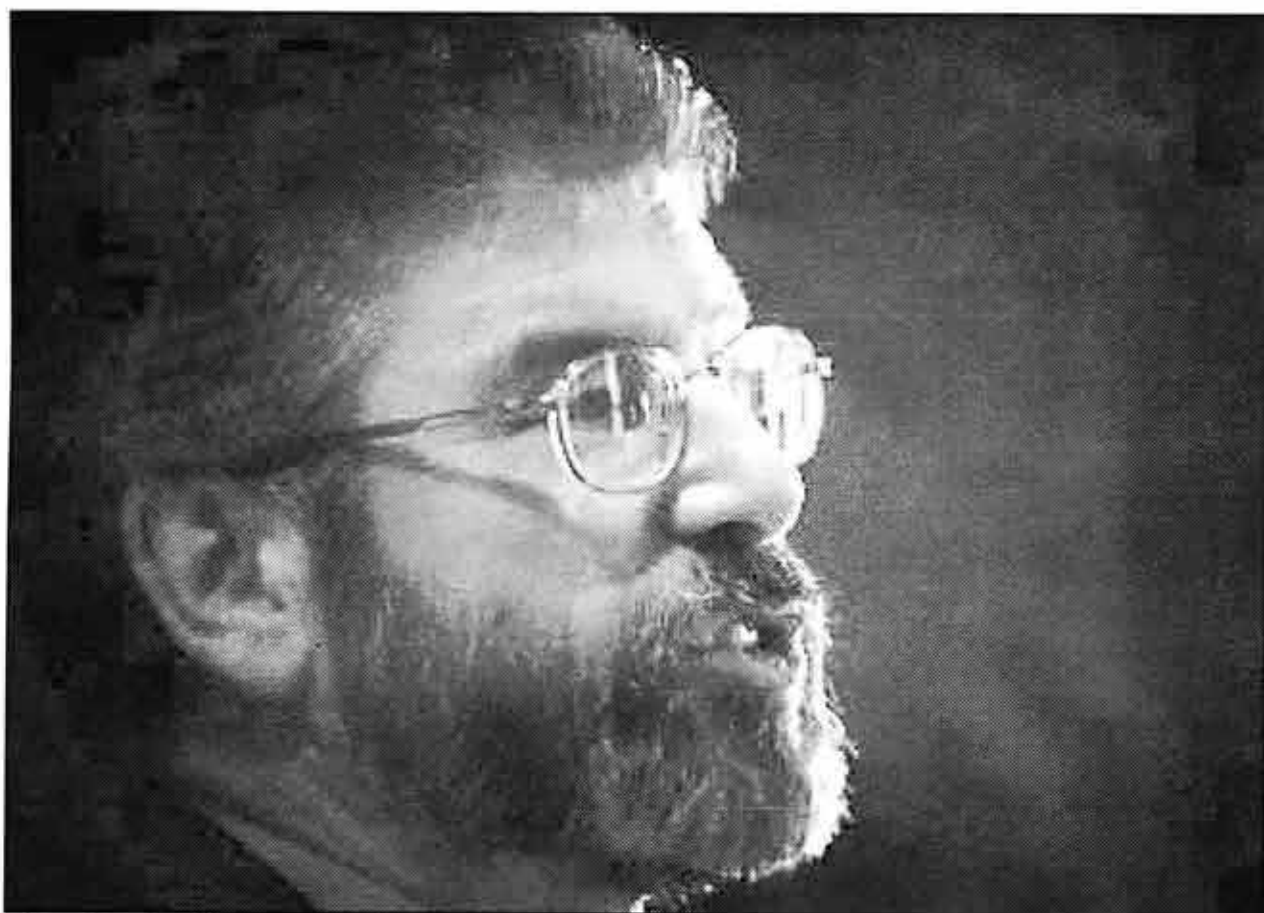
Terrorism is not a new concept but rather an ancient one, which has

changed direction and definition over the years. Various terrorist groups such as the well-known Irish Republican Army (IRA) have been around for decades. The IRA was formed in 1969 as a covert wing of Sinn Fein, a legal political movement set on removing the British from Northern Ireland and unifying Ireland. This group has Marxist undertones and is organized into smaller sections under the leadership of the Army Council.

Support for the IRA extends to several hundred fighters and thousands of supporters among the local and international Irish Catholic populations.

The IRA uses bombings, assassinations, kidnappings, extortion and robberies to exercise their claimed authority. Before the IRA declared a cease-fire in 1994, their main targets were British Government officials, British military in Northern Ireland, and Northern Irish Loyalist paramilitary groups. After breaking the cease-fire in 1996, the IRA's attacks included bombing campaigns against train and subway stations and shopping areas in Britain, as well as a British military facility in Europe.

These bombing campaigns have forced Britain to remove any public garbage disposals from city streets, as these are common places for bombs to be planted. Such a large terrorist organization, which carries out so many small attacks, also carries with itself a large budget that is funded by sympathizers in the United States and members from another large terrorist organization called the Palestine Liberation



Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams speaks to the press in West Belfast, Northern Ireland about efforts to rescue the peace process, October 22nd, 2001.

Organization (PLO).

The PLO was created in 1964 to speak for Palestinians everywhere. Palestine has always been a nation, but lacks a physical geographic state and so the PLO was created in order to be a voice for the Palestinian nation. This large group was created with good intentions, but soon split up into small groups to pursue their own Palestinian goals. Some of these smaller groups wanted to unite the Arab world even if it meant overthrowing existing regimes. The largest groups attracted supporters by attacking Israel directly through small-scale terrorist assaults.

One of the largest and well-known groups of the PLO is called Abu Nidal Organization (ANO), which is led by Sabri Al-Banna. The ANO split from the PLO in 1974 and created an internal body consisting of political, military and financial committees. Strikes have been made by the ANO in over 20 countries around the world including the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Israel and various Arab countries. The Rome and Vienna Airports were attacked by ANO in December of 1985, as well as a synagogue in Istanbul in 1986 and a day-excursion ship in Greece in 1988.

The ANO is also suspected of assassinating the PLO deputy chief and security chief in 1991. Support includes a few hundred people, mostly positioned in Iraq, plus overseas support. Aside from the extensive structural damage the ANO has caused, almost 900 persons have been injured or killed.

Many terrorist organizations have been formed in an attempt to establish homelands or regions for a certain nation. Such is the cause of the Basque Fatherland and Liberty organization, otherwise known as Euzkadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA). This group was founded in

1959 with the aim of establishing an independent motherland based on Marxist ideas in the northern Spanish provinces and southwestern French provinces.

Bombings and assassinations of Spanish government officials, especially security and military forces and politicians

out the world.

Chemical or biological terrorist threats are the most dangerous of all. They offer a much more encompassing danger to larger populations than a simply focused bombing. Furthermore, they are hard to stop once the chemicals or viruses have spread. The

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and judicial figures, have been the ETA's primary forms of violence. ETA members have also been trained in the past in Libya and Lebanon. All of these attacks have been financed through kidnappings, robbery and extortion and have taken more than 800 lives since the ETA started lethal activities in the 1960's.

More recently, the ETA broke its cease-fire in 1999 with the beginning of an assassination and bombing campaign that has taken 23 lives and injured 50 persons as of the end of 2000. Well-supported and strong, some ETA members have received shelter in Cuba and South America. Furthermore, there appears to be ties between the IRA and the ETA through the groups' legal political entities.

Although the majority of terrorist attacks include assassinations, bombings and kidnappings, there remains a serious threat of the most insidious and dangerous kind. Much of the world has not yet seen the effects of a new kind of terrorist attack, but the idea is fresh on the minds of government security forces through-

zations or fundamentalist groups can gain access to these powerful chemical or biological substances and use them to further promote their goals.

Iran is said to have several thousand tons of chemical agents. In a recent report, the CIA declared Iran is believed to have stockpiles of such chemicals as nerve and blister agents, cyanide, phosgene and mustard gases.

Aum Supreme Truth, which is also known as Aum, is a Japanese cult established in 1987, which aims to take over Japan and then the world. Aum was approved as a religious entity in 1989 under Japanese law and ran candidates in Japanese parliament elections in 1990. The cult began declaring the end of the world would be spurred by the United States starting WWII with Japan.

The Japanese Government revoked its recognition of Aum as a religious group in 1995, but in 1997 decided not to invoke a law against the group, which would have declared it outlawed. A new leader took control of Aum in 2000 and has since changed the name to Aleph, while claiming they have newly rejected the violent and apocalyptic teachings of its founders.

On March 20th, 1995, Aum members simultaneously released the chemical nerve agent sarin on several Tokyo subway trains. Twelve people were killed and up to 6,000 people were injured. Other Aum attacks in 1994 include the use of mysterious chemical agents and attempts to use biological agents, which have all been unsuccessful.

There are approximately 1,500 to 2,000 known members of Aum, which appears to be in decline since the Tokyo subway attacks when membership was thought to be about 9,000 in Japan, and over 40,000 worldwide.

Terrorism has, in the last

several weeks, filtered fear into the minds of people worldwide. September 11th pulled us out of our safe environments and forced us to see what has been developing for years. Though September 11th's attacks were unparalleled on the scale of previous attacks over the past century, the threat of terrorism is not a new issue. Groups have been using violence for years as a demonstration of their groups' goals and beliefs.

Terrorist groups aim to get attention and garner support for their cause through violence. They attempt to coerce with an iron fist instead of using legitimate protest or through other acceptable political forums. We must listen to them, not to support them, but to understand what drives their vicious activities and exploits so that we may stop the unnecessary violence at the root cause. We must not support the achievement of their aims through violence but rather band together so we may create international standards against the anger and violence promoted by these misguided groups.

As globalization bridges gaps between countries around the world, it becomes glaringly obvious that any event, whatever its size, can affect the entire world. We are not immune. Our close bond with other countries may be our only possible hope in preventing further violence against property and innocent people.

Above all, the scope of terrorism is much too far-reaching and encompassing for any one country to combat on its own without the co-operation of world nations.

Each of us bears the responsibility to care for the other in our actions each day and to treat others fairly and well, for that is where nationhood starts.

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Northern Alliance soldiers stand at the front line in Khorog, Northern Afghanistan, October 23rd, 2001.

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# A Story on struggle

Birdsell's latest book explores the history of immigrant Mennonites.

Siobhan Bhagwat

*The Russländer* is a sweeping saga that is both intimate and deeply moving, according to McClelland and Stewart Inc. It tells an intimate, human story of friendship, betrayal, love, and loss. This is the type of novel in which the reader can easily be lost in the world that has re-created the vivid descriptions of people and emotions making it impossible for the reader not to become totally enthralled with the novel.

The author of this marvellous literary work is Sandra Birdsell. Birdsell is an award winning Canadian author. Her first novel, *The Missing Child*, won the W.H. Smith/Books in Canada First Novel Award. Her second and third novels, *The Chrome Suite* and *The Two-Headed Calf*, were short-listed for the Governor General's Award for Fiction. Birdsell is also the author of *Nine Travellers*, *Ladies of the House*, and *The Town That Floated Away*. *The Russländer* is her seventh book.

"I've been writing all my life!" Birdsell exclaimed when asked how long she had been writing. She went on to explain that "writing was a natural form of statement" for her. She kept diaries while growing up and as a young adult had many pen pals. In high school she entered a poetry contest sponsored by the school and won. This was one



Sandra Birdsell discusses her latest book at the Paul Martin Centre.

of her first prizes in the literary world.

It wasn't until after her two older children had finished school that Birdsell began to write professionally. She had entered a non-fiction story, *I'll Come on Sunday*, in a contest sponsored by *Writer's Digest* and won it. First prize was a portable electronic typewriter.

At thirty-seven she began taking creative writing courses at university and began meeting other writers. She published her

first short story collection when she was forty. So far she has published seven books since she first began writing professionally.

"I feel that that is quite an accomplishment," concluded Birdsell when speaking of her published books. She read from her latest novel, *The Russländer*, on Monday October 22nd in the Paul Martin Centre.

The Mennonite Historical Society of Canada explains on their website that the term *Russländer* was developed in Canada to

identify the Mennonite immigrants from the Soviet Union who came to Canada in the 1920's. In her novel Birdsell explores the lives of Mennonites who endured the Russian Revolution and World War One. An elderly Katherine (Katya) Vogt tells the story to a reporter.

This novel deals with a subject that is extremely personal to Birdsell, whose mother is Russian Mennonite and whose father is French Canadian Catholic Cree. In this novel, Birdsell looks at a life very similar to that of her mother's family. In fact, her mother was the original inspiration for Katya but as the character of Katya began to evolve, she became a different person. Katya's experiences are the result of a great deal of research on Birdsell's part.

Birdsell researched the lives of people who lived during that period of time in order to make her characters believable to her audience. She researched her novel by travelling to the Ukraine, Poland, and places where her family had inhabited. She also listened to oral tapes, utilized archives, and immersed herself in the culture.

This novel is very rich in history and is an excellent blend of fiction and reality. The effort that went into creating this book was well worth it and it is a definite must read for people who are interested in Mennonite history or just want to enjoy a good book.

LAURA ROCAEWICH

## Dancehall Superstar

Noah Deszca

Existing at one time as a multi-movie theatre, the Lyric nightclub is easily one of the largest live music venues in Kitchener-Waterloo. Up until Beenie Man's arrival on the evening of October 14th, promoters were expressing serious concern over the estimated turnout. Advanced ticket sales had not done as well as anticipated and it was uncertain how many people would pass through the doors for the Sunday night event.

The night's opening acts played to an audience that was dwarfed by the massive venue. As the hours and acts passed, the fear of a Jamaican dancehall legend performing to a relatively empty house was quite possibly becoming a reality.

Finally, at around 11:30pm, people started filing past the doors en masse and proceeded to quickly fill the area directly in front of the stage. Within fifteen minutes, the Lyric had come to life and the air became filled with the anticipation of seeing a rare live performance from a dancehall superstar: Beenie Man.

The diverse audience (consisting of bandana-toting teenagers, well-groomed yuppies, and leather-clad females) didn't have to wait long for the main event. Beenie Man took the stage to an eruption of applause and proceeded to deliver a live set that exem-

plified why he remains one of dancehall's undisputed kings.

Unlike the deejay and emcee ensemble that is commonplace to most dancehall concerts, Beenie Man's stage was filled with the presence of a full piece reggae band. Through creating complex musical breaks and solos, Beenie Man's rhythm section proved themselves as exceptional reggae ambassadors to Kitchener-Waterloo.

The set itself flowed seamlessly from old school and dub-oriented dancehall into new sounding hip-hop/reggae favourites, pleasing all Beenie Man fans, new and old alike. In an instance that can only be described as the highlight of the evening, the band broke into a calypso jam and Beenie Man sang an upbeat rendition of Mr. Vegas' classic reggae anthem "Wave." Throughout the entire evening, Beenie Man had the audience dancing and flailing limbs into the air. His energetic performance raised the temperature inside the Lyric nightclub to sweat-inducing levels.

Beenie Man deserves recognition for his ability to bring Caribbean heat-waves to places as distant from the West Indies as Kitchener-Waterloo on freezing October nights.

## A man on a mission

Melissa Allen

Kardinal Offishall, a street smart, and talented lyricist/artist/producer has a vision. That vision involves not only bringing hip hop back to its roots, but also taking this music genre to new heights.

He is quoted as saying, "I want to change people's thought processes and create an energy that floods people's systems when they think of hip-hop. I want to bring some meaning back to the music, but I also want to bring back that energy and drive that inspires people." It is evident that he is one of the few 'commercial' hip hop artists today that considers depth, going back to one's roots and good vibes as essential towards producing good hip hop. This could very well be due to the fact that he's a born and bred Canadian, more specifically, a Torontonion, where hip hop itself is in its infant stages relative to its US counterparts.

Jason Harrow (aka Kardinal Offishall) began writing lyrics when he was just 10 years old and has spent 13 years showcasing his emceeing talent. His audiences have included Nelson Mandela, and he has performed with such critically acclaimed artists as the Beastie Boys, Run DMC, Gangstarr and The Roots.

Kardinal has already won 2 Juno Awards: Best Rap Recording for The Rascalz's "Northern Touch," as well as Best Rap



Kardinal Offishall: taking hip hop to the next level.

Recording for Choclair's "Let's Ride." This year, his single "BaKardi Slang" received a Much Music Video Award nomination for Best Rap Video, alongside a nomination for the People's Choice award for Favourite Canadian Artist. He also received a SOCAN award for the single "Husslin". If it isn't evident that Kardinal is becoming one of Canada's fastest rising musical talents, then the fact that he has recently worked with such artists as the Wu-Tang Clan on their track "Careful" and has co-produced a track with Rah Digga on Mastermind's *Volume 50: Street Legal* album should confirm it.

Before fulfilling his childhood dream of signing with a major label in August 2000, Kardinal formed The Circle, a collection of aspiring hip hop artists including Toronto residents Choclair, July Black, Solitaire, Tara Chase and Saukrates. The Circle, led by Kardinal, founded the production company called Silver House and the Girl (S.H. A.G.), who aided in the production of Choclair's *Ice Cold* album. Kardinal achieved an

underground following when the independent label The Beat Factory released *RapEssentials Vol. 1*, which included the Kardinal track "Naughty Dread" – a successful hybrid of hip hop, reggae and dance hall.

On many of Kardinal's tracks one can hear his Jamaican influences, which can be credited to his growing up a Jamaican-Canadian in a city where the Caribbean community is close-knit. It is because of these influences that Kardinal's work is so original and distinctly Torontonion.

With the release of the first of his Firestarter series of albums entitled *Quest for Fire, Vol. 1* this year, the success of the first single "BaKardi Slang" and the popularity of a second track, "On Wid the Show," it is evident that Kardinal and his signature style, are here to stay.

This fabulous talent will be performing on Hallowe'en (that's October 31st) at the Bass-Ment in Kitchener.

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# ear candy



**The Tea Party**  
**The Interzone Mantras**

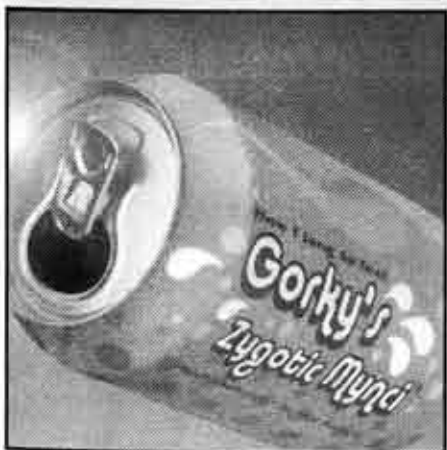
*The Interzone Mantras* finds The Tea Party returning to slightly more experimental territory than their last release, *Triptych*, but only in limited ways. The band flirts with experimentation but fails at doing anything more than hinting at something more complex. Each attempt is only used in the four minute rock song format, without any expansion upon the original flirtation.

Ironically, the band sounds best when trying to be Led Zeppelin. The few Zeppelin-esque songs are among the best on the album, while everything else sinks into Tea Party obscurity, sounding just like everything else they've ever done.

The Tea Party could be a great band if they would actually try to take the chances they always speak of. Using different instruments for an entire song would be a start. However, they seem to lack the talent for making arrangements, something that will always make them just another Led Zeppelin imitator, rather than an original.

Unfortunately, the promise of more Eastern-tinged music ends with the cover of the album, as The Tea Party is quite content to include different instruments for the first 30 seconds of a song before returning it to familiar territory for the remainder.

Sir Maneesh Sehdev



**Gorky's Zygotic Mynci**  
**How I Long To Feel That Summer In My Heart**

The feeling that emulates from Gorky's Zygotic Mynci's latest release is one of joy after stumbling upon a lonely cowboy on a hot summer day.

*How I Long To Feel That Summer In My Heart* is the seventh release from the Welsh band.

The album continues to keep Gorky's traditional sound of mostly acoustic instruments and soft vocal harmonies.

The opening track "Where Does Yer Go Now?" is an accomplished musical arrangement which took 8 years of revisional work. Written in 1993, the band perfected the song with their natural harmonizing ability. Also, the eclectic sound of various strings instruments ranging from banjos to violins and various keyboards creates a full, warm and layered sound.

On the other hand, "Dead-Aid" carries a less complicated effect by spacing out the instrumental element of the song. This helps the soft vocals of Richard James stand out despite its quaint audibility.

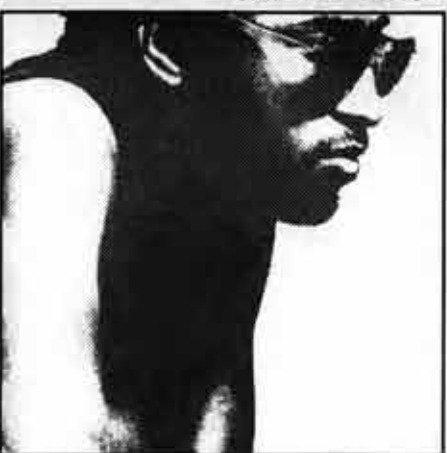
Generic percussion (due to the overdone snare, high-hat, bass drum combo) does not create the eclectic sound for the rest of the album that the band accomplish with the first track. The unsettling ear can easily become desanitized from the albums sound.

Furthermore, the album can be summed up as the alternative to country, except that it has a country element still left in it. The inclusion of banjos, violins, twangy guitars and the harpsichord meet the qualifications for a time slot on the CMT channel.

Also, like many Welsh bands, their sound contains elements similar to those of the Beatles' *Magic Mystery Tour* (deja vu? see Super Furry Animals review from the September 12th issue).

So, if you are into raiding your dad's old vinyl or spending an evening with your mom listening to the Everley Brothers, Gorky's latest release just may be for you.

Lynnette Visaya



**Babyface**  
**Face to Face**

Listen up avid R&B fans...the latest Babyface album is pretty much the same flavour of what we've enjoyed from past albums, and many of other R&B artists. Babyface continues to sing sweet melodies about all the same themes: loving, cheating, missing, begging, fixing, loving, and cheating again...reoccurring subject matter in the world of R&B.

Babyface does have an edge on most of his competition- he actual-

ly writes and produces his pieces. Also, it's rather difficult to deny his ability to carry a nice tune over his pretty face. His voice is always a pleasure to hear, and I might suggest that its a good choice for bedtime tunes.

Most tracks carry a quicker beat than those previously presented in Babyface's albums. The beat, coupled with the tale told in each song, resembles the ironclad mold of all contemporary R&B. It would be a nice change to see some variation in themes. Perhaps critics who find nothing but reason to ridicule and belittle these artists' work, will find something of value in what they have to say.

As the album goes... I'm so sorry baby, I didn't mean for it to happen. "Don't Take It So Personal," it wasn't about you at all...I still "Wish U Was My Girl." "I Keep Callin' cuz you got me real "Stressed Out." You my "Baby's Mama" and you know we gotta "Work It Out," for our baby boys' sake. "What If" I told you I was "Still In Love With U." I know he doesn't mean a thing to you. "How Can U Be Down" feelin' that way? "U Should Know" you got me feelin' "Outside In/Inside Out." Please don't leave me. "Please Don't Go."

Mariana Hrkac



**The New Deal**  
**Jive Electro**

If you've got a pair of headphones, you better get them on and get them cranked up. The opening words of "Back to the Middle" sum

up the high-octane sound that these three Toronto-based musicians produce, merely using the tools of drums, bass and keyboards.

Through fusing sounds typical to turntable wizards, and with the ideal rock sound evident in the improvisational journeys plotted by jam bands, the New Deal coin themselves as 'live progressive breakbeat house'.

The tracks that appear on their *Jive Electro* self titled debut are made up of countless grooves that the band intertwines within their live shows. What we hear on the album is actually the band playing live, without the help of sequencers or samplers.

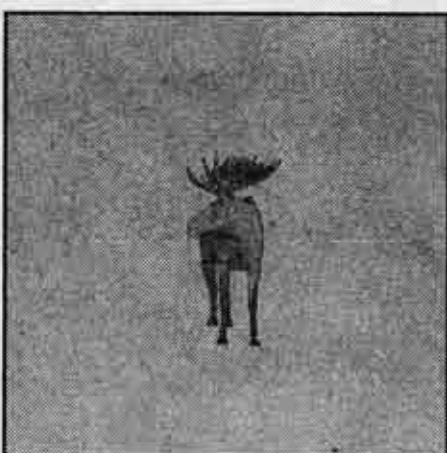
The music, though, is like the cover suggests, 'straight out of outer space'. In my opinion, it is a mixture of the best music genres today: funk, jazz, and the never-ending peaks of house and trance. The intrinsic production of three instruments creates a sound that is creatively their own.

The high-energy funk of "Back to the Middle" sounds like something out of Medeski's playbook. "Exciting New Direction" moves us into a completely different ambient realm, almost on the same plane as Air or Groove Armada. A jazzy bass line and muted trumpets push new levels with "Glide."

"Technobeam," the album's standout track, twists into a dizzying frenzy, proving that there are no limits to the ideas of Dan Kurtz, Darren Shearer and Jamie Shields.

Like with jam bands or DJ's though, the experience doesn't end with the headphones on, it truly begins on the dance floor at the live show...

Stuart Reed



**Hayden**  
**Skyscraper National Park**

Hayden's last album, *The Closer I*

*Get*, was -in a word- overproduced. It strayed from what had made his music so likeable: simplicity. So when 'major label' expectations were not met, he took some time off - 3 years, in fact. In recording his new album, Hayden got back to doing what made 1995's *Everything I Long For* one of the most successful indie albums in Canadian history - making music for the joy of making music rather than to satisfy the rattail-whities at Outpost.

Enter *Skyscraper National Park* and Hayden's triumphant return to simplicity: personal lyrics, sweet sounds, and collaborations with friends (not to mention several appearances of his new falsetto voice). Hayden's songs have a way of creating a rich tapestry in the mind of the listener. In the song "Dynamite Walls," he takes the listener on a trip up north, over music that is sometimes so "on" that it is numbing. "Everyone's watching for animals crossing through the part of the glass that's defrosting/ The engine blazes as the elevation raises, but the dynamite walls contain us." It is these types of "relatable" lyrics that put Thornhill's finest back where he belongs: on a personal level with the listener. It is this unique gift that has built Hayden an army of loyal, militia-like underground followers. The quality of *Skyscraper National Park* - one of the year's best albums - will serve to add to this loyal fan base.

When a new movie comes out and audience thugs be shootin' at the screen, the 's say "dis movie so good I got to bust a cap in here!" At the end of "Lullaby" - the peaceful, symphonic closer of the album. I find myself saying "dis album so good I got to press play again in here!" *Skyscraper National Park* will put Hayden back on top of the indie world and will serve as the perfect companion to take you through the winter.

Ryan Robertson

**Editors note:**

*Yo, me tired. Me so hungee...get me food! How 'bout some poutine? Yeah...poutine...with that gravy oozing off of the fries an' chunks of cheese. Mmmm...*

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# Having a Tea Party in HMV

Andrew Stewart

Last Wednesday night, there were many people lined up outside of the HMV music store on University Avenue for a special event. What special event you ask? Well, it was a private, up-close and personal evening with Canada's own: The Tea Party.

Once everyone was into the store and shifting from foot to foot with eager anticipation, David from EMI music announced that he was proud to present the greatest band in the world, The Tea Party! There was wild cheering and whistling as the band came out from a small back room to take the stage. In an intimate environment bathed in candle light, The Tea Party performed a small set of live, acoustic versions of both new and old songs.

Singer Jeff Martin welcomed the enthusiastic crowd and thanked them for their continuing support. With that he announced that their new album, *The Interzone Mantras* was "one heavy rock album." But this was a special night, and these songs

were to be played acoustically for the crowd.

The first song played was "Angels", which was explained as a song about a guardian angel who has grown tired of his job and ignores his duty. The song received a favourable response from the crowd, which lead to the next song, called "Soulbreaking." This song, Jeff (yes, we're on a first name basis) explained, was a response to a letter he had received from a fan who was a victim of rape by her father. The girl explained that every time her father violated her, she felt as if her soul was breaking. This will be the next single released from the album with all proceeds going to support victims of abuse.

Following that, the band went back to one of their more popular singles from their last album, "Walking Wounded." Suffice to say, many people sang along and were enthusiastic to hear this. Then they came to what they said would be their last song of the night (which was a half truth) and told the crowd the final song was "Requiem." This brought loud cheering, which surprised even the band, who replied: "guys, the disc's only been out a day."



The dude in the toque digs Jeff Martin. A lot of other people dig the dude in the toque.

Upon concluding the song, Jeff made an announcement about the September 11th attacks, and how he too had been glued to CNN for 48 hours following the events. He told the crowd of how he sat down with his guitar to vent his feelings and within five minutes he had written a song he performed solo, called "Leaning on Love." The song went over well, but it seems it will never

make it to a CD, so you may never hear it anywhere other than live.

Overall, The Tea Party sounded smashing and it was an impressive show to say the least. Go see them live if the opportunity should present itself.

# Beyond the Shadows on the Wall

Joshua Curl

Alive.

This may be the only word that can truly describe the compelling amalgamation of music and emotions that constitute the progressive and unique sounds of K-W local band Anxious Blue.

Consisting of Priyesh Shukla (rhythm guitar, vocals) and Trevor Kyle (lead guitar), Anxious Blue cites influences that range from Radiohead and Dave Matthews to A Tribe Called Quest and Black Eyed Peas. But it is suggested that their

music is the result of a cooperation of these individual influences merged through a devotion to their art. "Urban Acoustic Soul" has been the phrase used by the band to identify a genre that best represents the deceptively accessible acoustic guitar riffs and broodingly sensual lyrics that culminate in their moving and inspiring ballads.

The band's first album, *Sunsets In The Morning*, proves to be an immaculate display of their musical ingenuity. Shukla admits that it was conceived to create "a foundation

to make a name for ourselves."

"Since the release of *Sunsets*, Priyesh and I have grown both as people and as musicians," says Kyle.

It can be guaranteed that their growth has been both exponential and profound as will be witnessed with the upcoming release of their second album *Limits Push Themselves*. This album holds the potential to elevate the band to a status of genius with its frank diversity and its tasteful fusion of

genres. Evolving their sound to incorporate fragments of electro, hip hop and progressive jazz, the album also explores the spiritual history of music by encompassing the riveting sounds of instruments such as the sitar, djembe, trumpet and talking drum.

The work of Anxious Blue is compelling, honest and inspiring all at once. Theirs is music for the soul, music transcribed from emotion and experience and delivered with passion and energy.

Anxious Blue as a band, as musicians and as people has a sound to offer that is beyond any type of redeemable explanation or description – they are a band that must be experienced first hand.

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# Men's soccer wins division

*Hawks walk all over Waterloo as they head into the playoffs*

**Derek Iwanuk**

It does not take much motivation to get ready for a game against the cross-town rivals, especially a game that is the deciding factor for the division winner.

The Laurier men's soccer team was psyched as they rolled over the Waterloo Warriors 4-0 at University Stadium on Sunday, launching the Hawks to the top of the division and extending their winning streak to seven games.

## **LAURIER 4, WATERLOO 0**

From the opening kick, WLU had offense on their minds. The Hawks came out aggressively and only fifteen minutes into the game Laurier's Joel Abwunza headed the ball into the net from a terrific pass by Niki Budalic.

The Waterloo defense seemed shaken after the goal and Laurier took immediate advantage. Three minutes after the first score, Steve Cox scored from twenty yards out to give Laurier a 2-0 advantage.

If the Waterloo defense seemed shaken after the first goal, it all but collapsed after the second goal. The defense had more holes in it than swiss cheese as Laurier passed the ball with ease. The Hawks controlled the play the entire game as the lifeless Warriors stood around dazed and confused.

With time expiring in the first

half, Braden Douglas scored with a bullet of a shot which practically sealed the game and the division for Laurier.

As the second half began, Waterloo essentially conceded defeat and substituted most of their bench players in for starters.

Ironically, these bench players were showing more aggressiveness than the Waterloo starters. The Warriors developed some scoring opportunities for themselves, something they were unable to do in the first half.

But it still didn't help them. Goalkeeper Pieter Meuleman did his best impersonation of a wall, making several key saves in the second half.

Later, the Warriors play became simply embarrassing as a Laurier corner kick bounced off a Waterloo defender and into the Warrior net.

This goal proved to be the last of the game, and Laurier coasted the rest of the way. The game ended 4-0 in favour of the Hawks, who finally put the Warriors out of their misery.

After the game, Laurier head coach Barry MacLean commented on the complete game played by his team.

"(We showed) no weaknesses. We played like we have been capable of playing all year. We are definitely ready for the playoffs."

Laurier's Stuart McLaren was equally optimistic.

"We had a mental lapse in play



Waterloo and Laurier's soccer teams take time out of their busy schedules to play 'Heads up, Seven up.' They are trying to earn Bonus Points.

against Western (early in the year), but we rallied for the rest of the season. This is a great way to end the season."

The celebration will not last long, as the Hawks enter the playoffs where they will face McMaster in the quarterfinals.

If they win there, the team will go on to the OUA final four, where a victory will send the Hawks to the national championships. And there they would defend their title as national champs.

### **Laurier Men's Soccer Season Results**

Laurier 4, McMaster 1  
Laurier 2, Ryerson 0  
Western 2, Laurier 0  
Laurier 1, Windsor 0  
Laurier 2, Brock 1  
Laurier 2, Waterloo 0  
Laurier 2, Western 0  
Laurier 3, Windsor 1  
Laurier 1, Guelph 0  
Laurier 4, Waterloo 0  
**Final record: 9-1**

### **OUA West Final Men's Soccer Standings**

	W	L	T	GF	GA
Laurier	9	1	0	21	5
Waterloo	7	3	0	23	13
Western	5	4	1	13	11
Windsor	1	8	1	12	23

# Laurier's Tennis queens volley to victories

**Kirill Bondarevsky**

Laurier's women's tennis team ended their regular season this past week with a strong performance on Saturday, placing sixth in the OUA league standings, two spots ahead of where they finished last year.

The last tournament of the season took place at the Northfield Racquet Club in Waterloo, where the girls faced the both league's top-ranked University of Toronto and their Quebec rival, McGill.

Laurier's top-ranked Nadya Petryshyn and Kim Foote convincingly won both their singles and doubles matches to give Laurier a lead over McGill.

The team's rookie, Sarah Weiss, put on a great performance as she ousted her opponent 6-2, 6-3 to earn Laurier an extra point.

In her final tournament for Laurier, team veteran Ginny Tough won her match in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, to give Laurier its fourth point, clinching the victory over McGill.

An uplifting outcome for the Hawks, the women had the victory in their sights and were ready and willing to battle it out with McGill. Long time rivals of the Hawks, the women were able to get the last laugh of the season.

Toronto, on the other hand, proved too strong for Laurier's less experienced squad. Despite some spirited play from the Hawks,



Laurier's tennis team concluded their season on a strong note with wins over McGill and Queen's, and a valiant effort against top-ranked University of Toronto.

the Varsity Blues handily won the series.

With the win over McGill and previous victories over the Queen's rival, the Hawks ended the season on a strong note, despite the loss to Toronto.

Foote had a notable performance as she launched a comeback from a 1-4 deficit. An exciting display of both determination and desire took place on her part.

Third year team veteran Kerri O'Neill,

credits Co-Coach Tony Cho for the team's substantial improvement this year. The women have clearly made gains over the past year and humbly attribute much of it to the coaching they have received.

"Our motivation and fitness are on another level this year thanks to Tony. This is his first year coaching us and he has a new perspective that helped us develop into better players. The practices are a lot more

intense this year and Tony's desire to see each of us improve as an individual is a great motivation," commented O'Neill.

Weiss also praises Cho for helping her personally improve her game. Sarah speaks of her noticeable individual development thanks to Cho's influence.

"Tony is interested in seeing us develop into better players rather than focusing on immediate results. I learned to stay calm and confident during the matches and my game came a long way since the beginning of the season," reinforced Sarah.

Despite the praise they have admirably given to their coach, these women deserve a majority of the credit for themselves. A great deal of desire and willingness to work hard was what made their improvements possible. That is something that cannot be taught, but comes with the athlete.

With the high level of play demonstrated by the team's top ranked players and the consistent improvement of the younger up-and-coming stars Sarah Weiss, Michelle Chan, Lisa Morris, and Anne DeNure, Laurier Women's Tennis Team has established a good base of talent for seasons to come.

The women's OUA tennis championships are set to take place this weekend in London. Unfortunately for Laurier's women, though, only the top four teams in the OUA qualify and the Hawks' sixth place finish has prevented them from participating this year.

# Football Hawks victorious

## Wilbur McLean

Laurier's men's football team ended their three game losing streak and finished the regular season on a positive note by defeating the Guelph Gryphons 26-13 this past Saturday.

### Laurier 26, Guelph 13

The win also catapults WLU to sixth place overall in the OUA and leaves the team to face the third place Queen's Golden Gaels in the first round of the playoffs next weekend.

The game against Guelph was arguably the most complete game the Hawks have played all year as both the offense and the defense were hitting on all cylinders.

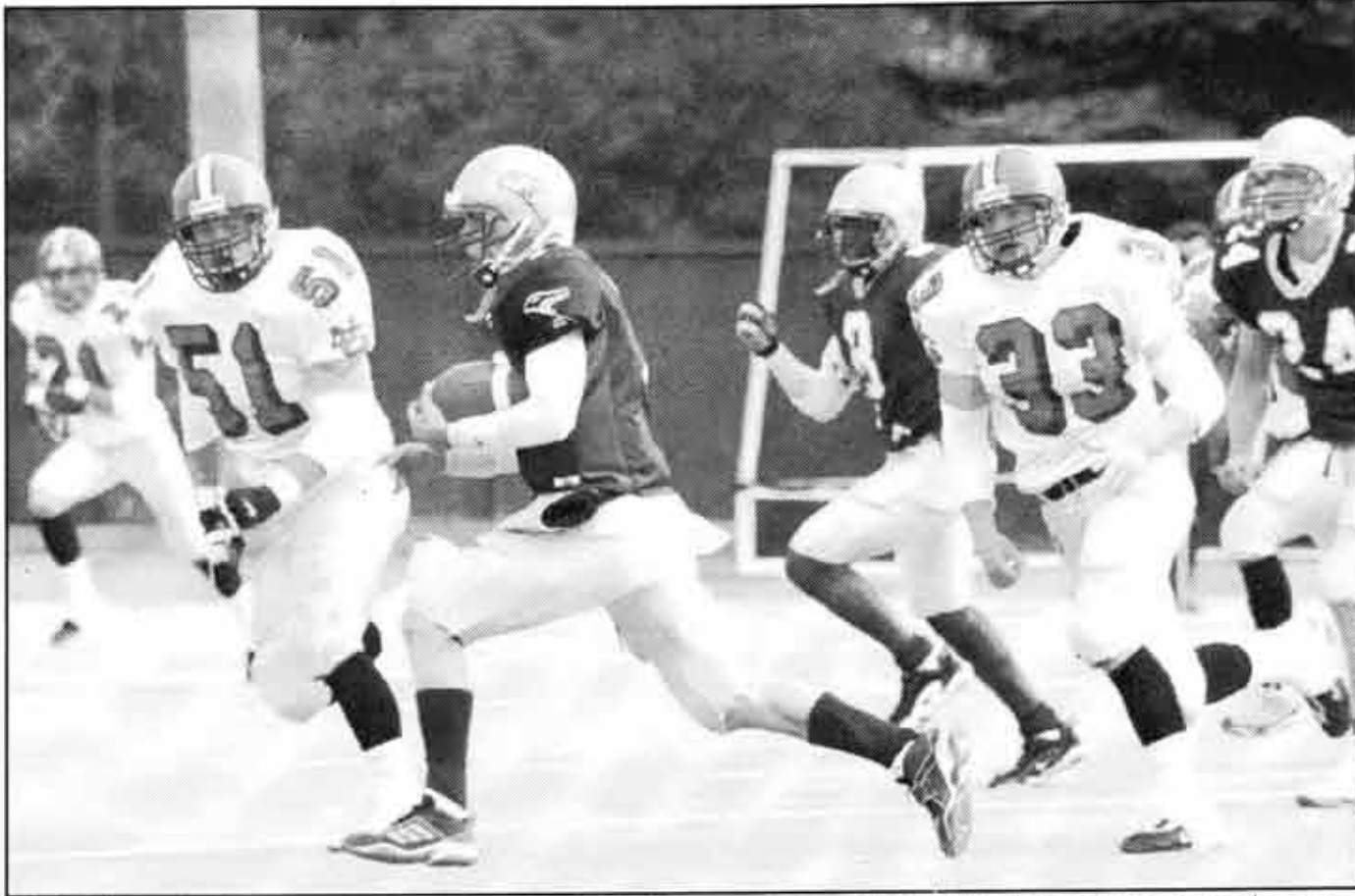
It was the Gryphons that began quickly, however, and on their first drive of the game the team marched down the field. An 18 yard field goal by kicker Norm Nasser opened the scoring.

Laurier responded quickly with a drive of their own but the field goal attempt was blocked by Guelph, and the score remained three zip.

The Hawks did not remain off the scoreboard for long, though.

Kicker Ed Becker picked up a single and, later in the frame, quarterback Ryan Pyear threw a 38-yard bomb to receiver Matt Babel, resulting in a touchdown and an 8-3 Laurier lead.

The second quarter was even



Gaels chase after a young man carrying a football. He is running for the border. I am running from the cops.

more up and down than the first.

Laurier blocked a field goal of their own and the two teams traded singles making the score 9-4.

Norm Nasser, who had only attempted four field goals the entire season, was on fire as he kicked back to back 40 and 52-yard field goals, and gave Guelph a 10-9 lead at the end of the half.

The second half is when Laurier took control of the game.

On their first drive of the act, WLU drove down the field and Becker put up a 22-yard field goal,

pushing the Hawks ahead and giving them the lead for good.

Laurier's defense was also beginning to buckle down, forcing Guelph to punt repeatedly and disallowing the Gryphons any offensive momentum.

Kevin MacNeill led the front as the defensive stalwart posted another strong game with 10 tackles and 2 assists.

The defensive play led to good field position all game long for the Hawks who were able to take advantage late in the third quarter.

Pyear threw a long pass to slotback Mark Paterson. Pyear himself contributed plenty to the cause as he led the Hawks in rushing with 83 yards, making a great run to the one yard line.

The field general then called his own number and dove into the endzone with a quarterback sneak.

From there, the game was dominated by the defense, who gave nothing up to Guelph.

On a potentially harmful Guelph drive, Shawn Shadd ended the threat with an interception, his

first of the season.

Lineman Tony Bretney was the catalyst for the turnover, as his swipe of Guelph QB Tyson Beach's arm led to Shadd being able to pick the ball off.

Laurier could not capitalize on the turnover, however, and later Guelph's Nasser kicked his fourth field goal of the game. This put the Gryphons within a touchdown late in the game at 19-13.

Guelph received their opportunity late to make a game-winning drive with only a minute and a half to go.

Those hopes were dashed quickly, however, as safety David Agro stepped in front of a pass and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown, putting the game on ice for Laurier who went on to win 26-13.

Pyear finished the game with 6 of 20 passing for 148 yards.

Outside of the young QB, the running game was largely stopped by Guelph's defense. Workhorse running back Alex Torrie had just 54 yards on 23 attempts giving him a paltry 2.4 average.

The team now prepares to face the touch Queen's Golden Gaels in the OUA quarterfinal playoffs. Queen's easily defeated Laurier in week 6, 30-8 with Gaels quarterback Tom Denison throwing for 211 yards and standout receiver James MacLean catching ten passes for 135 yards.

The game takes place on Saturday at 2:00 pm in Kingston.

## Women's soccer advance to OUA quarterfinals

### Adam Gonsalves

On Sunday, the Laurier Golden Hawks women's soccer team finished the regular season with a 2-0 win over their visiting rivals from Waterloo.

### Laurier 2, Waterloo 0

With the Lady Hawks having completed a solid regular season with a final record of 7-3, they officially advance to the OUA quarterfinals next weekend to face Guelph.

Initially, both the Laurier and Waterloo teams came out somewhat unorganized. It wasn't until about 20 minutes had passed that the Golden Hawks slowly started to take control.

The strong commitment to defense by Laurier was far too much for the weak Waterloo offense. It wasn't until the half way mark of the first half that the visiting Warriors even got their first real shot on goal.

The Golden Hawks got their first goal on a bouncing shot from Jessie Montagonaw. The goal seemed to light a fire under the Laurier offense as they began driv-

ing their way more consistently to the net.

Coincidentally, it was at this point that the Waterloo defense seemed to run out of gas. The Laurier offense continued to put pressure on Waterloo throughout, leading to several scoring chances before the end of the half.

In the second half, Waterloo seemed to get their second wind and picked it up a bit. As in the first half, though, the Laurier defense stopped them at every turn, not allowing any serious scoring chances on the keeper.

The second goal for the Hawks came late in the second half on a great shot from Tammy Scurr.

All in all, the Warriors were just not strong enough to deal with the surging Hawks. Waterloo took their fifth loss of the season.

After the game, Jessie Montagonaw discussed the team's intensity picking up after her goal.

"We definitely had more drive after the goal. I wish we were able to get things going earlier, but we kept up the pressure and the drive came."

Tammy Scurr played a strong game but was shadowed throughout most of it by the Warrior's strongest player.

She was continuously pushed and forced to the ground. She didn't seem to mind much though.

"I'll take any hit from anybody, as long as it helps the team. It didn't bother me that much because we got the calls. I just kept focusing on the ball and trying to outwork her. I played the game the best I could and we got the win, that's what matters," explained Tammy.

Although she didn't record a point, Kathy Jackson of the Laurier defense played a terrific game. Her strong play helped the Hawks defense hold the Warriors to only a few shots and was instrumental in the shutout win.

When asked about Laurier commitment to team defense, Jackson said: "This team has always and will continue to always be a defensive team. We don't rely on a few people to score. We defend and score as a team."

This win helps the Hawks finish the season on a bright note as the team will hit the road next week for their OUA quarterfinal matchup against the Guelph Gryphons, a team that defeated WLU by a score of 2-0 just two weeks ago.

### Game Preview: Laurier at Queen's Saturday October 27th - 2:00 pm

#### QUEEN'S

#### LAURIER

#### Strengths:

- ✓ Quarterback Tommy Denison has been excellent all year and threw for 211 yards last game versus the Hawks
- ✓ Wide Receiver James MacLean has been unstoppable. Strong candidate for Hec Creighton Award. Caught 10 passes for 135 yards last time these teams met.

#### Weaknesses:

- ✓ Defense has been less than stellar and is vulnerable to the big play
- ✓ Large mental lapse last week caused team to lose to the pathetic Windsor Lancers.

#### Keys to Victory:

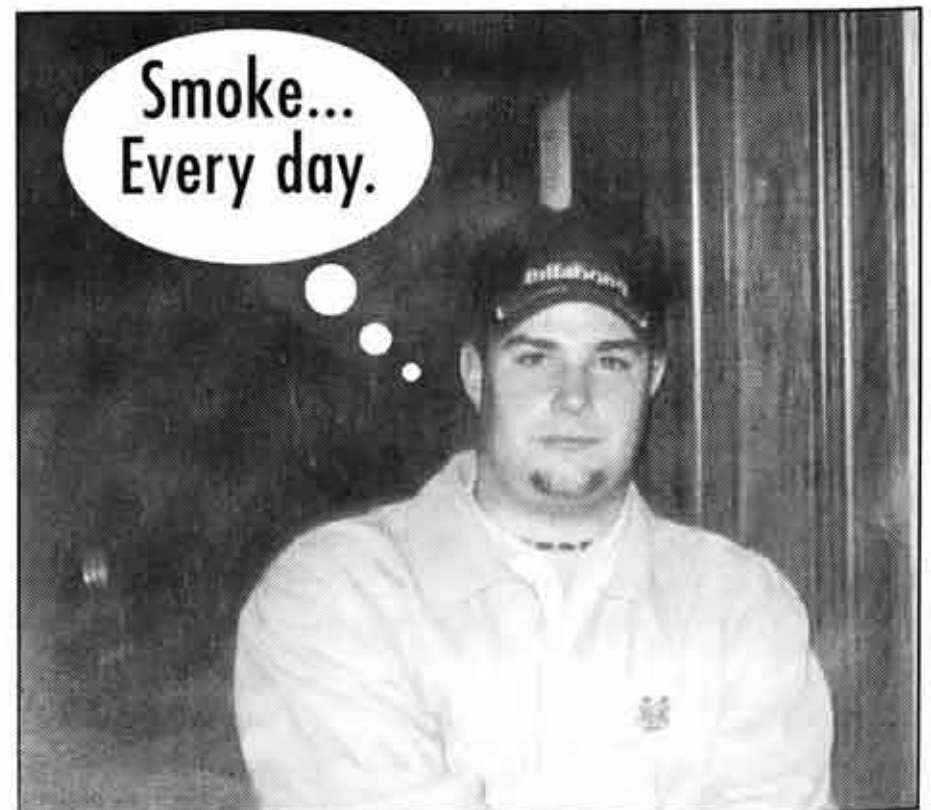
- ✓ Important for defense to stop Queen's. Injured linebacker Rohan Thompson is set to return which should be a big boost
- ✓ Running game - Alex Torrie, Marvin Williams and Mike Force - have to be more consistent than they have been in recent weeks

#### Outlook:

Queen's offense is for real but WLU also has an excellent offense, helped largely by Thompson's return. Look for a close game. -

**Prediction:**  
Queen's 24, Laurier 18

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# Swimmers lacking numbers... both people and points

Carrie Patterson

Laurier swimmers made waves this past weekend as they headed to Sudbury and competed head to head against the Laurentian Vikings. The Laurier men lost by a score of 183 to 76, while the women lost by only a slightly smaller margin, 157 to 98.

**MEN:  
LAURENTIAN 183, LAURIER 76**

**WOMEN:  
LAURENTIAN 157, LAURIER 98**

The Hawks showed a spirited effort, but could not muster much more than a disappointing loss.

Due to the timing of the meet, Head Coach Dean Boles was only able to send a small group of WLU representatives, which included 9 women and 10 men. This was contrasted by a full Vikings team of 20 men and 20 women.

The Vikings victory over the Hawks came as a bit of a surprise considering they were behind Laurier in the national rankings last year. Despite their small num-

bers, the Laurier team was still able to challenge Laurentian in the individual events, winning several gold medals.

The Hawks and Vikings won an equal number of events, proving that Laurentian won the meet based on depth rather than on sheer performance. Had Laurier had enough Hawks to take the plunge, the outcome of the score would have no doubt leaned in their favour.

On the men's side, veteran Mike Stelmach performed exceptionally well, winning all three of his individual events - 200m Individual medley, 200m Fly, and 100m Fly. In addition, Richard Malolepszy had two wins in the 50 and 100m backstroke. Veteran Peter Blaskovitz and rookies Marco Gelago and Rob Aburto added value to the Hawks' scoreboard effort by medalling in their respective events.

The Laurier women came out tough, challenging the Viking women and making it extremely difficult for them to win individual events. Gold medals were earned

by veterans Jenn Kerr in the 200m IM, Jenny Cramm in the 50m Fly, and Mel Francis in the 50m Breaststroke.

The Hawks' sensation, Magda Vavak, shone once again in her individual performances, winning all of her individual events - 100m and 200m Backstroke and the 800m Freestyle.

Magda's hard work, dedication and team spirit will help lead the Laurier swim team this year.

This past weekend she missed the CIAU qualifying time by a mere two tenths of a second. The team will look to her for inspiration and guidance as the season develops.

"This was a totally different team (than the one) that competed against U of T last weekend. They were closer, full of spirit and competed better," said Assistant Coach, Mike Thompson.

If the Hawks are able to improve and take similar steps with each new meet, you can expect great things from them. With this in mind, the Hawks now set their sights on competing for the division team title.



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# Being gay at Laurier

*Homosexual students are left wondering where they fit in, if at all*

**Julie Pong**

Like any community, Laurier has a mostly invisible minority who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

Some students come to Laurier knowing they are gay or lesbian, however, there are others who come to identify with their sexuality only upon arrival at university. GLOBAL (Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual at Laurier) and QWL (Queer Women at Laurier) are two campus organizations that deal with sexuality issues.

GLOBAL's mission is to provide a supportive, positive, safe environment for gay, lesbian, or bisexual individuals in the Laurier community. This organization is committed to educating the student body and raising overall awareness of gay issues.

"Our primary purpose is to provide an atmosphere on campus where students will feel that you are not alone, or that you are not the singular freak wherever you are," said Darryl Byrne, Co-President of GLOBAL.

"Laurier has an extremely gay-positive community. GLOBAL would one day like to be a formalized service, however there needs to be a demand for it. It's not a question of the administration or student government being gay-positive, it's a matter of organization. People have to have the balls to stand out and be different from the crowd."

Despite this positive attitude, gay life at Laurier is not without its share of complications. According



LAURA ROCHACEWICH

Homosexual couples may fear being out publicly for safety reasons.

to Byrne, one of the concerns of gay students is the issue of security.

"Many gays and lesbians would not feel comfortable sitting in the concourse at a booth. They don't want to be labelled "that gay guy." When it comes down to it, they don't want to be labelled on the basis of their sexual orientation," he said.

Because many gay and lesbian students do not turn towards school clubs as a place for socializing and meeting people who share their sexuality, they may seek this contact elsewhere in a more comfortable atmosphere.

Unfortunately the K-W area is lacking in social environments where gays and lesbians are accepted without question.

Club Renaissance is the only gay bar in Waterloo, Kitchener, Cambridge and Guelph. Byrne describes Club Ren as a "club which plays the same music every week, and the same people go there week after week."

Because this is the only alternative, gays can be discouraged by the failure to create environments where they can go to feel comfortable not only meeting people of the same sexuality, but expressing

their sexuality as well.

A gay Laurier student said: "Club Ren is rather snobby. Because this is the only gay club around and everyone knows everyone else, you are expected to talk to everyone you know in the room. If you don't, you are labeled a snob."

While GLOBAL hopes some day to extend its support to the homosexual community through a recognized service for gays and lesbians, at this point in time the demand simply isn't there. Until some of these factors inhibiting the sexual self-expression of the gay and lesbian community are removed, GLOBAL will remain a campus club and not an official student service. Many hope that this lack of formalized support will become a more compelling issue for all students in the near future.

Both WLU and the University of Waterloo create their own nights

on campus which cater to gays and lesbians in their respective communities.

The Bombshelter, an on-campus Waterloo pub, is known to hold "Boyz and Boys" and "Girls and Grrls" nights. Here

at WLU, GLOBAL is holding a social night on Wednesday November 7th in the Millennium Lounge on the Third Floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. Two movies will be shown: "Trick," a movie about

abortion, and "If These Walls Could Talk 2". The event is open to everyone.

GLOBAL hosts periodic informal gatherings for both men and women of any sexual orientation who wish to discuss issues and plan upcoming events. GLOBAL's membership is approximately 20-30 people, 90% of whom are students. QWL, on the other hand, hosts a group for women that provide a gender balance within GLOBAL. If either of these groups do not appeal to you, there are also meetings for GLOW (Gay and Lesbians of Waterloo), and the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee. GLOW hosts a variety of discussion nights from "The Coming-Out Discussion Group" to the "Heart-to-Heart Discussion Group." As well, GLOW and the Regional Pride Committee co-sponsor another discussion group, The Rainbow Community

**"People have to have the balls to stand out and be different from the crowd."**

Conversation Group, which is another informal group that caters to queer people.

While these measures supply a degree of local support, many argue that as a community we must look at

other issues such as the lack of social gatherings in the K-W area for those who are gay or lesbian, and security concerns for those who do choose to express their sexuality.

## Vocal Cord

*Have you ever gone to a gay bar? If no, would you ever consider going? Why or why not?*



I've never been but we tricked a friend into going. I don't think I would go because how would you pick up girls in a gay bar?

**Andrew Pike**  
1st Year Economics  
and Accounting



No I haven't been but I would go because I don't see anything wrong with it. It would be like going to a normal bar but I wouldn't get hit on.

**April (last name unknown)**  
2nd Year Political Science



No, I've never gone to a gay bar but I would totally go with a gay friend. I don't see why there is such a prejudice towards it.

**Mandy Sellers**  
2nd Year Communication Studies  
and Sociology



I have. Somebody from every walk of life goes there. It is an after hours club so people are there until 6 am. It's always a good time.

**Lauren Kahansky**  
3rd Year Communication Studies  
and History

## WLU Walk for Peace

Kevin Klein

There have been a number of people speaking out against the attacks on Afghanistan, including Dr. Peter Eglin, who has taken to voicing his opinion in the Concourse and opening the floor to others.

A WLU Walk for Peace has been planned for Thursday November 1st, at 11 am. Interested students and faculty should meet in the Concourse.

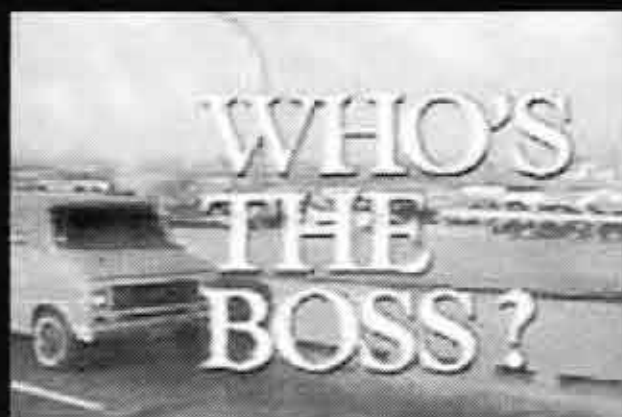
The mission statement for the walk states: "North America needs to focus on rational, long-term pol-

icy changes and peace-keeping initiatives, without violence and vengeance."

The walk will begin in the Concourse, head to the University of Waterloo and return to WLU. This will be a peaceful demonstration and extreme activism will neither be encouraged nor tolerated.

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# To co-op or not to co-op?

Cordie Byron Pascoe explains why it may be a very difficult decision...

## Byron Pascoe

Imagine school's out for the summer. You've already packed up and are back at home. Go out and have fun with your hometown friends. You've got four months to catch-up, relax, party, maybe get a part-time job and unwind. However, that's not exactly the case anymore if you are one of 350 second-year students who recently accepted to join Laurier's co-operative education program.

On Friday, October 12th, Business and Economics students had to choose between a normal summer at home or, for many of us, a first step into the "real world" of work. That was the day when 274 second-year SBE students (of the 397 who applied) had to make the choice between accepting and rejecting Laurier's SBE co-op.

"Six students have chosen not to accept the offer," says Karen McCargar, Assistant Director of Co-operative Education. Arts Co-op and Science Co-op had 162 applicants and from the 96 offered admission, 75 accepted their offers earlier this year.

For many others, myself included, co-op was one of the main reasons why I chose Laurier. In order of priority, the reasons why fourth year SBE co-op student James Gangl accepted co-op was insurance against unemployment, being a 'monotony-breaker' (breaking up

the school terms), experience, and money.

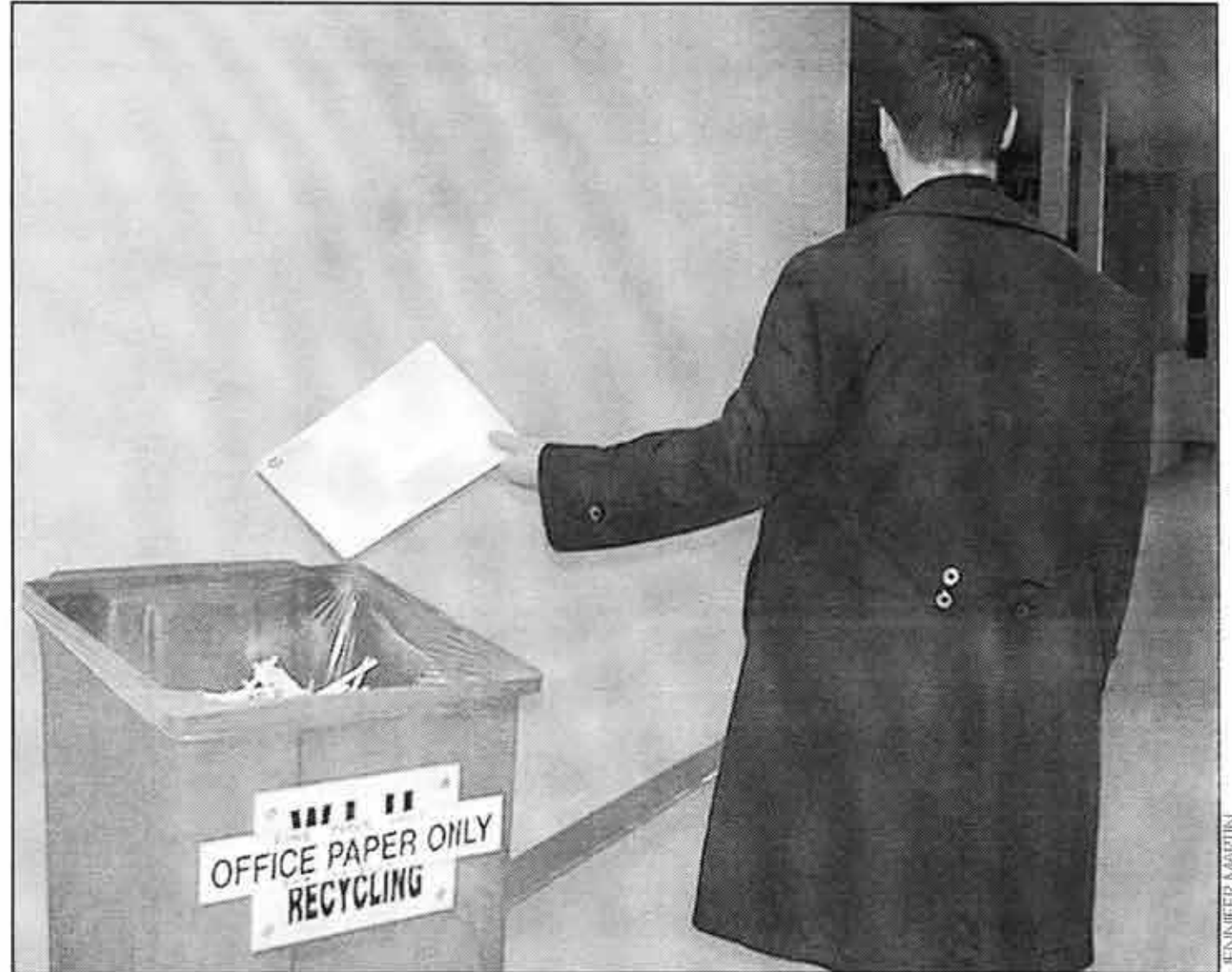
How much do co-op students make? Karen tells me, "Arts Co-op and Science Co-op students averaged approximately \$400 per week on their first work term and \$450 on their second work term. SBE Co-op students averaged approximately \$550 per week during the summer of 2001."

Let's compare the pros and cons. The pros are obvious. One student who was accepted, Heather Schmitt says, "I applied to co-op because it is a great opportunity to gain job experience and meet employers. I thought it was the next logical step on my way to a career in business."

When it comes to cons, you have to face some realities. Where will you live? Back at home? (Can you still handle your parents?)

What about the 12-month lease on your place... subletting? Not to mention the cost. Twice in both your second and third year you must pay the co-op fee of \$432.50 for SBE and \$207 for Arts students. What if you're involved at the school?

And, speaking of summer school, recent co-op acceptor Andre Pires feels that, "it will be pretty interesting." Charles Quenneville is already, "excited for the summer patios" while Peter Pitner "can't see (himself) in school when it's sunny outside." Personally, I keep hearing rumours



Some students are deciding to toss their co-op acceptance in anticipation of other things.

"Six students have chosen not to accept the offer," says Karen McCargar, Assistant Director of Co-operative Education.

about some sort of softball league...

The compromise for those recently accepted is to merely try it out this summer and go from there. It could work out for you, and like most people, you will stay with it for the full three terms. If you don't like your first placement, why not apply for completely different second and third work-term experiences? You can always go back on the general stream for third year, minus a few expenses along the way.

Many of us have held the same job at that corner store, worked for

our parents, baby-sat for the neighbours, or maybe just hung out at that corner store every summer, all our lives. We've gotten into such a routine; that it's like a continual habit that you know you just accept. It's not 'bad', it's just your thing - your summer ritual.

Our lives changed the first day of Frosh Week. When we entered into the university community one of the decisions we made, subconsciously or not, was that things would be different. This is just one of those times when things are going to change for some of us.

Remember Heather from

above? She decided not to accept her offer of acceptance. She usually goes to summer camp, but is still undecided about what she wants to do this summer.

What she is certain about is this: "I fully agree that (co-op) is a great experience, but it's not the only experience. I feel there are so many other things I have to do and experience before I am ready to set in on my career path. I realize that I may be taking the longer route to where I eventually want to get with my career, but I'll get there."

40 years. Here's how it relates to us. Remember when I told you that soon it would be the time to go out, borrow some money and buy a new car? Now's the time to do it! Even if you need to borrow money for a day (to pay off those loan sharks) you can do so at a rate of 2.75 percent which is less than half of what it cost to borrow at the beginning of the year. Some economists predict there will be yet another interest rate cut, but I can't imagine this being the case when it was reduced 75 base points on Tuesday.

The Bank of Canada does warn that "Levels of economic activity in Canada through the second half of this year and the first half of next year will be further below the economy's potential output than previously expected." This likely means that a recession - two quarters of negative growth - is imminent.

## Become a Business Writer

In previous weeks, you may have noticed that I have petitioned for writers but that my email address was either incorrect or cut-off. If you would like to become a business writer please send me an email at [chris.jacobson@wlp.com](mailto:chris.jacobson@wlp.com).

Compiled by Chris Jacobson

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## Equation of Earnings

Engineers and scientists will never make as much money as business executives. Now a rigorous mathematical proof has been developed that explains why this is true:

Postulate 1: Knowledge is Power.

Postulate 2: Time is Money.

As every engineer knows:

**Work = Power x Time**  
since **Knowledge = Power**  
and **Time = Money**, we have:  
**Work = Knowledge x Money**  
solving for money,  
we get **Money = Work / Knowledge**

Thus, as knowledge decreases, money increases, regardless of how much work is done.

Conclusion: The less you know, the more you make.

Note: It has been speculated that the reason Bill Gates dropped out of Harvard's math program was because he stumbled upon this proof as an undergraduate, and dedicated the rest of his career to the pursuit of ignorance.

## Business Bites

### Japan's Deflation

Most economies in the world are constantly experiencing increases in the inflation rate. Prices of goods and services are increasing and if your paycheck does not increase at least as much as this inflation, your cost of living goes down. Deflation is the opposite. Prices are constantly falling. Think about it through your perspective. The CD player you want to buy today for \$200 may cost you \$100 in two months. Why not wait a while and pick up a better model? But in another two months, the price of that model goes down. You continue to save money by putting off spending. In Japan, deflation is so bad that even with a zero percent interest rate, the economy is still not spending any money. This means that even though inhabitants of Japan can obtain money at virtually no interest on a bank loan, they are not doing so. Why doesn't the Bank of Japan increase the monetary supply? Translation: Why don't they print more

money?

According to my substitute economics professor, it is because the Bank of Japan is basically just stubborn. Like here in Canada, the Bank of Japan is not controlled by the government to protect the country from printing high amounts of money and thus contributing to hyperinflation. They're using this power against the government and simply not giving into their wishes despite the consensus that an increase in monetary policy would help to stimulate the economy and free Japan from deflation.

### Who Called It?

Okay, so it's not a big deal that I called this, but on Tuesday the Bank of Canada cut the prime interest rate by 3/4 of a point. Sure, I called 50 base points (half a percent) but so did all the other analysts out there. Canada's new prime lending rate was lowered to 4.5 percent which dropped the bank's key rate to the lowest it has been in

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## EVENTS

## COSTUME PARTY

Saturday, October 27th, Grad Pub  
Starting at 8:00PM  
\$2.00 with a costume,  
\$5.00 without.  
Prizes for best costume, most original costume and door prizes  
Everyone welcome, including non-WLU students

## Tooker Gomberg Screening

The Environmental Awareness Committee Halloween with Toronto Mayor Candidate Tooker Gomberg. Parking space takeover speech and scary Halloween critical Mass!  
Thursday, October 25 @ 7:00PM  
in the 24 Hour Lounge  
email [EAC\\_wlu@hotmail.com](mailto:EAC_wlu@hotmail.com) for more details!

Rabbit, rabbit. Rabbit, rabbit.

## PERSONALS

## STOLEN CABLE

An opportunity to steal cable has presented itself! After several hours of serious consideration we have come to the conclusion that we need a wrench (two would be better) or we won't be able to complete the mission. If you have a wrench you can lend to us for a few minutes we will return the favour by letting you watch our stolen cable! Think of all of the possibilities.

The Devious Planner

## Dave,

Don't worry, next time I'm drunk I promise I will make out with you!

Trashed

## Slow Walking Students,

Speed Up! Please, we can't take it any more! Because of you we are late for class everyday. If you want to walk slowly, take a stroll in the park.

The Bitter Queens

## The Comedians in 304

Thanks for keeping me up until four in the morning the night before my Calculus midterm with the constant thumping on the floor in response to my last classified ad. I am sure I didn't think you guys were as funny as you did. I hope one day I can repay you for the great favour you did me.

Sleepless in Waterloo

## Jaymie,

Your sick mind is a constant reminder of why I have nightmares every single night. Or maybe it is that poster above my bed! Or maybe it is the Iq's that I keep getting on my computer. Which ever one it is, you are really starting to freak me out! Watch out before I strike back even worse. You will pay.

One-Eye

## To whom it may concern,

I will not strut around like I own the place!

Mike Rotch

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you enjoy watching movies? Do you enjoy watching movies backwards?

If you answered yes to the previous questions, do we have the volunteer job for you. 3 Lazy first-years need you to rewind all of the movies they watch when they are supposed to be doing homework. Rewards are possible and a promotion might loom in the near future. Stay tuned for more information.

## TOP BUNK BED FOR RENT IN FIRST-YEAR TRIPLE ROOM

Interesting trades and housekeeping services (including laundry) will be considered. Please respond as soon as possible as we are in dire need of some form of entertainment.

Jen And Meg AKA The Smelly Girls

## Girls on D2,

Just to let you all know, I am not always sleeping. Did you ever think that maybe I happen to be taking a nap every time you come into the room. So why don't you put that in your pipe and smoke it.

Not Sleeping (I Swear!)

## To the 75 Guys of Sept. 17th,

Yes, I AM the girl in the yellow helmet you all kissed. I would just like to apologize for my drunken behaviour. Your willingness to cooperate made my 19th memorable! I guess this is less of an apology and more of a thank you.

The Birthday Girl

## 43 Austin Drive

Saturday, October 13 2001.  
Operation Quadruple Threat a success. Congratulations and thanks to all those involved.

Delta Fockers

## FYC

No, it's not what you think. It's all about the 5, baby, the five. One run wins, and hitting 'em where they ain't.

Meesta Miagi

## Fidelio

That's right. That is the password for the house. Kindly remove your clothes.

## Friends

I'm not sure if any of you realize it, but I am the seventh wheel. I love it, I really do, but no one has ever been more of a seventh wheel than me. Soon, there's no telling when, I will be squeezed from the equation, and the vehicle will function properly with just six wheels.

The Seventh Wheel

## One Hell of a Social

The Turret wasn't ready for us. It's true. Buzz this, bling.

## Dear Lynnette,

Viss-I-a, Viz-I-uh, Visaya.

Shnit.

## The Sound of Music Rocks

Brown paper packages tied up with chain.

Meaghan Oikawa

## Jengi,

Every twenty minutes you come back. EVERY TWENTY MINUTES! Despite what you say, you never actually go back to your room to study. We all know you go sit on your bed and think about how fun it is in our room. Just admit it.

Your Favorite Friend

## Brooklyn

I will get those negatives and blackmail you for everything you are worth. Trust me, it will happen.

Not So Sweet After All

## Sweet But Not Sixteen...

Portly prince looking for miss right! Not miss right now... Likes tattooed women. This single add is not a joke.

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## Loud sensitive single guy...

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## Swimmy Swamy Swahmee...

Sw...Sw...Swanson? Oh! There it is! Samsonite! I was way off!

## Hold! Hoold!

Hoooooold! Hooooooolld!

Mel

## 37 Dicks?

How much? A lot.

Warm plate.

## What do you feed this thing?

Blondes.

## One of these days...

I'm going to get myself organized.

## To my ex-fake boyfriend

You were way better when I hadn't gotten to know you. You're actually kind of rude. I don't like you anymore. You stink.

--Amy.

## My new favourite word.

Arbitrary. It's just so... arbitrary.  
Amy.

## Jessica and Michelle

Where was my tag team session on Saturday?? I showed up with cereal but no one was home. Maybe I should find another team..?  
-Maneesh

## Sugar

Yes, this one is for you... If I were a storm, I would roll my thunder just for you. Now where's my damn Eyore?!  
-Not making a lick of sense

## Wilbur

I feel kind of funny but I don't know why. I'm itchy all over and I think it might have something to do with you.

Amanderax

## To the CORD Staff

I am very happy with all of your hard work. The paper is doing better than I had imagined it could be. Thank you All and sorry for pushing you hard Matt! GOOD JOB ALL OF YOU!!

ELLIS

## The Degrassi Sensation

Everybody wants something they'll never give up. Everybody wants something - they'll take your money - and never give up.  
Zit Remedy

## To all

Long live the deciduous forest.  
Smokey

## Two attractive girls

desperately seeking blond in blue sweater with curly hair and extremely loud voice to open up a can of shut the hell up.  
The Management

## Hey, you look like someone

The call of the masses to yours truly has returned. You are back up in my face. I feel the love. But don't hate me for not saying hi to you in class. It's not really me. Or is it?  
The guy who looks like someone

## Editing papers

and seeing Operas again! Thanks for using my services! -Maneesh

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