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Understanding O-Week

ASAD KIYANI

Liz Cook is going into her third year, and this is her third Orientation Week. Her first one was as a Frosh. The most recent two, she's volunteered to put on the radios and flashlights of Foot Patrol and walk during O-Week. As she walks down the hall, the grin is still there on her face, her wavy brown hair is still cut not too short, not too long and her T-shirt is still the reassuring blue of Foot Patrol. The only thing that seems different about Liz is the sling her right arm is in.

It's the second day of Orientation Week and the casualties are mounting. By the end of tonight, ERT will have handed out one bandage and 2,000 or so people associated with O-Week will have lost even more sleep. The trouble is just beginning.

MONDAY

Treasure Island is the theme, but to this jaded observer, it seems to be an obvious alias for Survivor. Unlike the game show however, the Laurier folk seem to actually be having fun. For the past three years – this is my fourth O-Week – I have participated in and observed O-Week without really understanding it. With this the last O-Week I'm likely to see, I seize the opportunity to try and discover what is so alluring to so many about a week I've come to detest.

11:02 AM

On the way to the laundromat to remove some unsightly stains from my pants, I walk past about 12,000 frosh, parents, staff and volunteers littered throughout campus. I laugh to myself – it truly is amusing to watch so many sheep being led to the slaughter.

11:13

Those stains aren't coming out and the crowd isn't thinning either. Dr. Rosehart looks haggard and ragged at his tent by the line-up. At least the lemonade looks good

3:11 PM

Students' Union VP: Student Activities Michael Bartlett is delivering a speech to the off-campus frosh. "It seems kind of childish now but wait until you leave the gym tonight. It'll blow you away. It's blown me away



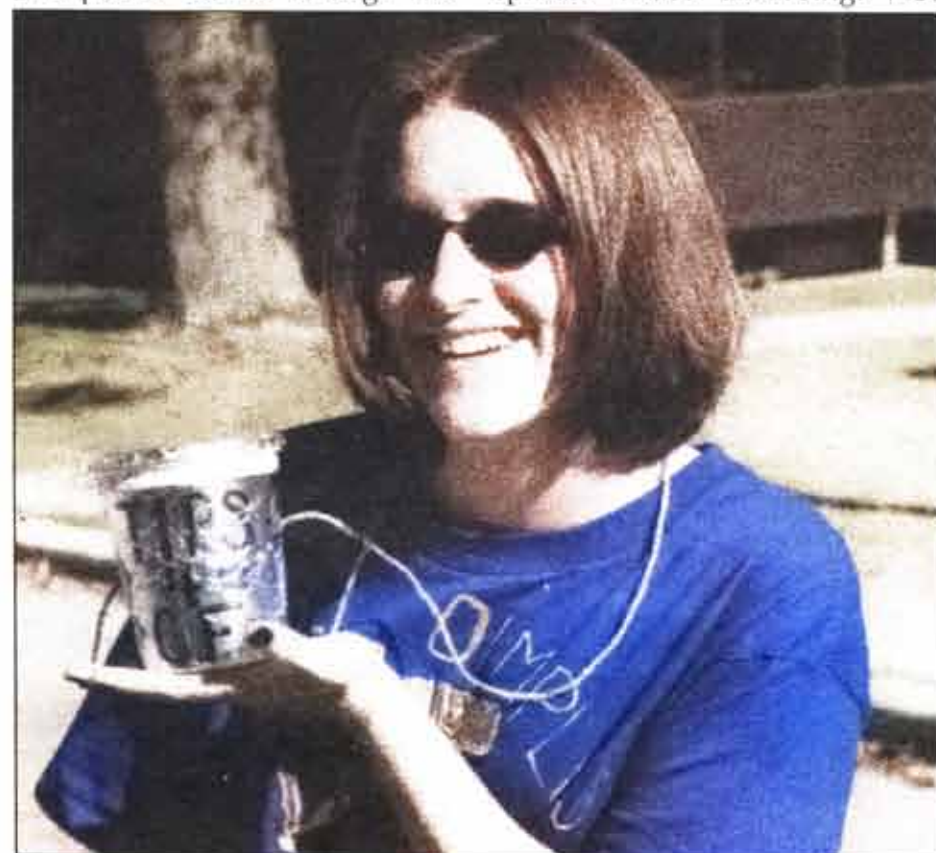
Frosh go mad mad mad as Orientation Week 2000 - Treasure Island begins.

for the past five years." Maybe that's the key, then – the Opening Ceremonies.

6:11

Prior to the Opening Ceremonies, the Green Team are practicing their cheers. The discomfort of such obvious public embarrassment is all too obvious on the faces of the frosh. The only reason they keep going is because everyone else is. It's always easier to do something unnatural when everyone else is doing it as well.

Green Head IceBreaker Brian Costello tells the Adventurers they are by far the best frosh team out there. I suddenly feel a wave of warmth and peace course through me



Foot Patroller Liz Cook poses with her CF cup

when I close my notebook and realize the cover is green. Maybe there's something to this after all.

7:20

The apparent embarrassment of massive amounts of nonsensical cheering seems to have been erased from the minds of the frosh. Why?

7:22

I figured it out. The only thing

because there's an entire gym full of drugged-up kids, but because I just realized I've been drugged up the same way for the past three years. The nerve!

8:04

I need to pee. Elysa and Bev needed to pee as well, but now are having a smoke. What do you like the most about Opening Ceremonies. "The spirit, there's tons of spirit."

"It was super, but I had to pee."

How do you like Laurier so far? "It's awesome, we love it." What re your Icebreakers' names? "My God, I don't even remember their names," exclaims Bev. What do you think of the Opening Ceremonies? "It was super, but I had to pee."

Maybe the drugs are wearing off.

8:42

Rick Bronson, the same comedian who's opened at O-Week for the past three years, is back on stage. I despise him. He's not funny, his routine is grating and tired to me, and the jokes are ridiculously offensive. He screams at one photographer, "I'm gonna' make you my bitch!" I wish the Women's Centre was there. Bronson kills it for me – I pack up and leave. I don't know quite yet what O-Week is all about, but I can guarantee it's not about ignorant

remarks like Bronson's.

DAY 2

"I hurt it moving today," explains Liz. As a Footer, she was helping students truck their stuff up to their rooms all day on Monday. Lifting one particularly large hockey bag, she felt a sharp pain in her shoulder. And now the arm is in a sling. Still, she's walking tonight, and as it turns out, she will walk ridiculously far. On one excursion, she and her partner end up thirty minutes past Highway 86. That's an hour's walk in the freezing cold, with her arm in a sling, one way.

Right now however, she cheerfully jingles a cup labelled 'CF Tips' in front of me. She's raised twenty dollars so far, plus the twelve dollars in pennies she saved and rolled up over the summer, specifically for Shinerama. I think I might be starting to get it.

DAY 3

I'm slowly becoming less and less a part of Frosh Week. Without the threat of discipline hanging over my head, I begin to shy away from the herds and constant direction of the sea of rainbow people.

Watching the Shine-Off, the last event I'll watch all week, my cynicism is confirmed. Some yahoo from some party TV station shouts, "We're here for one reason and one reason only – to see how well you party!" If that's the only reason we're here, then I'm leaving. As I turn to walk away, I see Liz. Her arm isn't in a sling anymore, but it's still limp at her side. She jingles the 'CF Tips' cup again and tells fellow Footer Mylagh about her day.

"I rolled all Nat's money last night. She said I could have all the pennies – SEVEN dollars worth!"

Seven damn dollars. Not a big deal. But to this skeptic, it's just about enough. If there's a reason for the madness of Frosh Week, this seems like a good one. I may not fully understand the methods, and I may not really appreciate the cheering and I may not like the groupthink mindset that dominates the week, but I think I'm starting to understand the reason behind it all.

Just in time.

Telephone Chat-Lines – Almost Mainstream

Social interaction is a basic human need. People who are tired of the same old, same old can generally add a little excitement to their lives by meeting new people. Meeting new people can lead to the creation of another group of friends, new activities and even a new love interest.

When it comes to meeting new people, some take a wait and see attitude and rely on things like chance meetings through friends, the workplace, health clubs, or might even decide to heavy up on the bar scene. Other people who are tired of waiting and want immediate interaction choose to interact with people over the Internet or through a telephone chat line.

For many people the internet option works fine if pure boredom relief is the ultimate goal. The major downside to this format is not really knowing what the person at the other end of keyboard is really like or where they are from. They could be

young, or old or even male or female, and you wouldn't know it. It can be pretty emotionally upsetting to find out that you thought you were having fun with a 25 year old female when you eventually find out you were actually messaging a man twice your age. Even if an interesting relationship does develop, the chance of actually meeting an internet friend has been shown to be extremely slim.

To overcome some of the downside to internet chat, the last few years has seen telephone based chat systems become widely accepted. A telephone based chat system confidentially links both men and omen primarily from the local area. It offers all the same interactions as if you were simply talking on the phone, but your true identity is not revealed to the people you are talking with – until you're ready to reveal it. Telephone chat is usually always free for women and can be a great way to meet someone

new. From the conversations, you will be able to easily identify that you are talking with someone of the opposite sex and also be able to get a good idea of their age. Then, if you do decide you want to actually meet face-to-face with someone, the telephone chat system is locally based, and the other person is likely from the same area as you.

One telephone system called the GrapeVine, actually combines the benefits of internet chat with telephone chat. In addition to being able to interact with local callers, it also lets you interact with other callers from right across Canada – if you choose to do so.

More than ever, people tired of things like the bar scene have turned to the fun and discreet world of the telephone chat system. Whether you're looking for your soul mate, or just to have a few hours of fun, check out the advantages of telephone chat.

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New terrace in da house

New and improved food is coming soon

MATT CADE
DANIELLE FIELDER

Soon the scaffolding will come down, and you'll get your eats. Come September 11, a few of the vendors in the Food Court will open for business. Mr. Submarine, which last year offered only limited selection, will be extending full service beginning Monday.

The improved Mr. Sub will join the new Pizza Pizza Pasta Pasta outlet to complete a dynamic trio of lunch delights.

The remaining food vendors will fall into place during the rest of the month. In the first week of class, the Pita Shack will reopen. While functionally prepared to pump out the pitas, it is still awaiting some last minute aesthetic additions.

A hint of the Orient, or maybe just some refried veggies, will arrive in the form of the Golden Wok. It is a Mongolian style grill, and for your viewing pleasure, your Asian style food is prepared before your very eyes. Spice up your life in late September with a sampling of succulent stirfry.

The biggest addition to our fair terrace, however, is the newest burger joint on the block, Harvey's. A &W has up until recently held the monopoly on the burger business at Laurier, but Harvey's made an offer that the Student's Union couldn't refuse.

According to Student Union President Jeffrey Kroeker, the

decision to add the burger chain was an easy one. "The package presented to us by A&W was much less impressive than the one from Harvey's." Included with this package, Harvey's has offered to help pay for the renovations and to contribute a larger cut from sales than A&W offered.

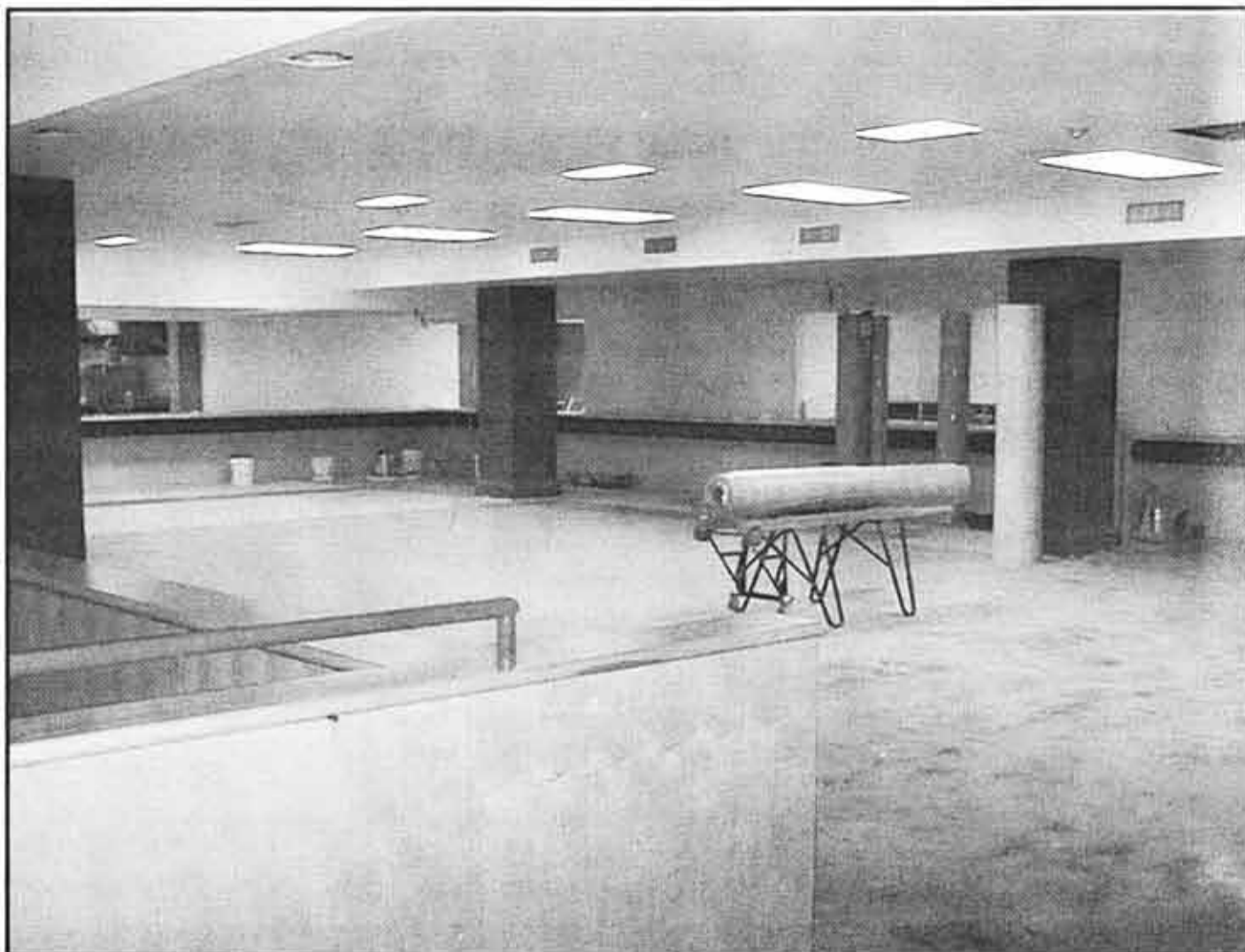
Furthermore, Harvey's has promised to be more flexible on issues such as menus and hours of operation. The beautiful hamburger can be yours some time in late September or early October.

As Harvey's continues construction upstairs, the lower level is also undergoing a plastic surgery of its own. The area that was once the lower level of the terrace will become a trendy internet café.

There will be couches and comfy chairs and many variations of coffee that you will have great difficulty pronouncing and ordering.

Yogen Fruz and delicate pastries will tempt your taste buds, and heck who can resist some free Internet access. Sure, you can get that anywhere on campus, but can you hang out in your favorite chat room while you sip a low fat skim milk mocha triple decaf grande latte?

Derek Simon, the VP Finance for the Union, stated that the fast food joints and the internet café differ in many ways, but the internet café will provide a very relaxed atmosphere. This cozy café swings into the lower



Miscellaneous construction indicates good things in the works.

levels sometime in October.

With all these great vendors looming on the horizon, the question remains; Why can't we enjoy it now?

According to the Union, the construction market has been incredibly tight lately and back logged contractors have made it difficult to complete any of the jobs on time.

Construction isn't the only element affecting the delay in Harvey's arrival, however. The restaurant chain and the Union were embroiled in contract

issues for several weeks. As of this September, A&W's contract with the University was up with an option for renewal

Trent Olney, the owner of A&W, said the Union's decision to go with Harvey's came as a surprise. "We thought that our reputation was exemplary and that is why we were quite shocked when we heard the news." Olney sought legal advice on the matter, and found that the company was entitled to a five-year extension.

The parties settled the matter,

and in the end, A &W bid farewell to Laurier. This legal wrinkle caused a further delay in the construction of Harvey's.

Your friendly neighbourhood Terrace is getting a real makeover this fall, and regardless of construction delays, legal battles, and missing floors, the finished product is sure to please. With the addition of three new fast food establishments, and a trendy coffee/web bar, there will be something for everyone, and it will be worth the wait.

Concourse, Bookstore get a makeover

Common area was badly in need of a facial

DANIELLE FIELDER
MATT CADE

While the Terrace additions near completion, another round of improvements are coming to a concourse near you.

This summer, plans for a new and improved concourse, bookstore, torque room and an upscale café got underway.

The major changes include the move of Purple and Gold into the bookstore, which has been extended to meet the needs of both facilities, and the movement of the One Card office from its position beside Purple and Gold. The entire lower level, which once extended into the Torque room, has been gutted in preparation for a whole new look.

The concourse itself already looks spiffy, if a bit like a gymnasium, sporting new skylights and funky fluorescent lighting. On one end is the One Card

office, and in front of it facing the concourse will be the Hub, which includes the copy centre similar to last year's set-up, and an information kiosk full of cheerful folk willing to answer any and all questions from students and staff.

What used to be the Torque room, a study area for students made up of two separate rooms will now become one large room. The newest addition to the concourse area will be a café, similar to the one in the Terrace, but on a much larger scale. The café is rumoured to provide seating for up to two hundred, and will offer a wide selection of coffee-type products. This installment replaces The Second Cup on campus. Tim Hortons will also expand to

meet the demands of herds of students screaming for coffee and doughnuts, opening in the Science Building and appearing elsewhere on campus in as yet unnamed locations.

Yet another addition to the concourse will be Radio Laurier, which moves from its home in the Turret and finds a home next to the bookstore. There will be a see through booth, and a la 90210, you can wave to David Silver on your way by and request some easy listenin' tunes. No, this isn't built yet, but soon.

According to the Administration, the building project cost the school an estimated \$1.25 million dollars to complete. Although the school hoped to have the

You can wave to David Silver on your way by.

additions ready to open for September 11th, in all likelihood it will be closer to the week of the 17th. This assumption is largely based on the fact that large plastic sheets still grace the bright banana colored concourse, covering a large gaping hole.

Another project in the works is an outdoor patio that will be built outside in the courtyard that connects the solarium to the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. Students will be able to access the patio from what was once the Torque room. Watch for the patio to arrive in several weeks.

The administration is already looking to make additional improvements to the school next year, with definite plans to redo the dining hall. A new chef has already been hired, which is a positive since it is the only option for on-campus food for the next little while. Revenge of the Administration? Maaay-be.

Newsbites

ARCHITECTS
ANNOUNCED
FOR SCHLEGEL
CENTRE

Zeidler Roberts Partnership of Toronto has been chosen as the architect of the new \$12.9 million Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies. The Schlegel Centre will be located between the Frank C. Peters Building, the Arts Building and the library. Construction should be complete at the end of September in 2002.

USER FEES
INTRODUCED
FOR B.C.
KINDERGARTEN

Children in British Columbia started kindergarten, some through user-fees. For an extra \$350 a month students may stay all day instead of only half days. The new fees have some saying that B.C. is stepping towards a two-tier privatization of the British Columbia school system.

TENSIONS HIGH
IN BURNT
CHURCH, N.B.

Native fishermen and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans clashed August 29, 2000 after the DFO seized 900 lobster traps and sunk two native boats. The fishing conflicts in Burnt Church between native and non-native fishers have stemmed from The Marshall Decision made by the Supreme Court of Canada giving Natives the ability to fish despite current federal regulations.

3 U.N. WORKERS
KILLED IN WEST
TIMOR

Four U.N. peacekeeping helicopters went into West Timor on September 6, 2000 and evacuated 50 U.N. workers from Atambua. Three U.N. workers were killed when East Timorese refugees and pro-Indonesia militia went on a rampage in the border town.

SCRAP CAUSED
CONCORDE
CRASH

A 43-cm by 2.5-cm piece of metal off a Continental Airlines DC-10 likely caused the crash of a Concorde jet outside Paris, France on July 25. The DC-10 took off from the same runway four minutes prior to the Concorde. It is suspected that the metal piece destroyed the left forward tire of the Concorde, which damaged the gas tank and caused the huge flame seen from the back of the plane. Air France CEO Pierre-Henri Gourgeon mentioned that the Concorde may fly again by May, 2001.

McGuinty takes Harris to task

Liberal slams premier on education

How would you evaluate the provincial government's funding of post-secondary education, especially with regards to the last budget?

I give it an F. If you take a look at the last five years, and look at the fifty states and ten provinces, we come 58th out of 60, in terms of funding increases. At a time when most of the modern industrial countries have an increase in funding for post-secondary studies Mike Harris has been cutting it and increasing tuition fees. Today in Canada, we have the second highest tuition fees and the second lowest levels of funding on a per-capita basis...The adult population of Ontario is investing far too little in the younger population. The educated generation is investing far too little in the yet to be educated generation.

People talk about the Irish economic miracle - what they call the Celtic Tiger. Ireland was a European basket case. Then they developed a strategy to turn that around. One component of that was to eliminate all tuition fees. They said, we're gonna make a deliberate effort to invest in our young people, develop the best brainpower, get the best jobs. Mike Harris is going in a completely opposite direction.

Which direction do you see yourself going in? Would you eliminate all tuition fees?

Can't afford it right now. We committed to a reduction in tuition fees at the time of the last election. We're working hard to win government again. So one of the things we're going to be doing in the interim is pressing Mike Harris to recognize that an important part of a strategy for sustainable prosperity - yeah, we're enjoying the bubble prosperity right now - but part of sustainable prosperity is to invest in our young people. The motivation here is purely self-interested. If young people so well, we do well.

How would you view the provision created by the province for private universities?

You got some extra money around? Put it into public schools. Put it into the public system. You show me a so-called private university in another jurisdiction and I will



Dalton McGuinty to Sean Strickland: "You've got green stuff in your teeth. You are never going to get re-elected with green stuff in your teeth."

show you public money whether its in the form of student assistance, research grants and the like...If the government's got some money around, as they do, they should be investing in the public system

What do you find as positive about the university system right now? What's good about what goes on right now?

Well if you take a look at what's happening in Ontario today

"Right now we are closing doors on young people."

graduates from any Ontario university today, in good standing with good marks, has access to a grad program anywhere in the world. That's not a question.

We have a very good reputation world wide. Again, my concern is that the Harris government has now opened the door to private universities and we've got skyrocketing tuition fees and we're in the process of sending the wrong kind of signals internationally, which is we don't value our universities.

K-W has a large reputation as a university town and the commitment they have to education is evident here. Does the Liberal party have the same commitment throughout the province?

I think there is a growing respect for post-secondary education by

Ontarions generally. I can tell you on the basis of my travels this summer, pretty much everyone recognizes that in a knowledge-based, global economy, the key to success is higher learning.

I'm one of ten kids; my dad was a university prof. One of the ways we were able to find opportunity here in Ontario was we were all able to go on to affordable universities and colleges. I'm of the principle that where you begin in Ontario

should in no way determine your outcome. If you work hard, you should be able to go on and make of yourself whatever.

Right now were closing doors on young people because of the costs connected with pursuing post-secondary studies.

In terms of the public school system you mentioned that where you start shouldn't determine where you end up. But in the inner cities, tax levels from the area determine funding levels for the schools. How would you address that?

That's changing now because of the new funding model the province has put in place. The province is setting all of the funding of schools and they have removed the ability of local school boards to levy money and to supplement

money sent to the schools by the province.

But you put your finger on an important point which is that the province doesn't distinguish one community from another in terms of needs. For example in Ottawa - my wife's a teacher - in her class, she had 26 students. 23 didn't speak English or French or at home. Well, we have a lot of English as a second language concerns, same as they do in downtown Toronto. Kitchener-Waterloo also has a significant New Canadian population. Well, I think we've got a responsibility. At one point in time, when my family came over here, they didn't speak English either. They spoke Irish - Gaelic. Those of who have arrived so to speak have a responsibility to make sure we keep the door open for those coming after us and Harris is not doing that.

In terms of your itinerary in the past few days, have you met with any representatives from either of the two universities or Conestoga College?

Not this time around, but the last time around I spent time with reps of both universities. I did a university run.

My daughter is off to university this year and I'm real concerned about the university experience she's going to have because I don't think she's got a single class that has less than 400 students. What kind of university experience is that? We can do better; we're going to have to do better.

FILE PHOTO

Alliance vs. Liberals: The Battle Begins

Tension rises as the war of words starts up

DAVID FIELD

September has arrived and it will be a very interesting month for all Canadians. Around the middle of September the Canadian edition of Who Wants to be a Millionaire debuts as well as the 2000 Summer Olympics from Sydney. Just before all this action Canada's political scene will become very interesting. On September 11, both Stockwell Day, leader of the Canadian Alliance Party, and Joë Clark, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, should be able to win their separate by-elections and take a seat in the House of Commons.

Once these two opposition leaders take a seat in Ottawa the Liberal government will be on the attack. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien started his attack in Winnipeg on Stockwell Day, and started to define the differences between the Liberals and Canadian Alliance.

However, while attacking Day and calling his party the "unholy Alliance" Chrétien also went after some of his own Liberal Members of Parliament. Chrétien called members of his caucus who would prefer to see Finance Minister Paul Martin as the Liberal leader "Nervous Nellies".

Rather than gaining new support from these MP's who are mainly from Ontario, Chrétien has further distance himself from those who are vital to his winning a



Confused Alliance.



Happy Liberal.

third consecutive majority government.

The battle between the Liberals and the Canadian Alliance is mainly being fought in the Province of Ontario. It is Ontario that the Canadian Alliance has

overcome.

Chrétien may end up losing Lloyd Axworthy from his cabinet and the crucial Foreign Affairs portfolio. Not only a valuable asset to the cabinet, Axworthy

Day does seem content on letting loose the ghosts in Canada's political closet.

the most to gain and the Liberals the most to lose. Both Jean Chrétien and Stockwell Day have some hurdles to

is also very influential figure in Manitoba politics, a position that would need to be filled.

Stockwell Day on the other hand has recently recruited two former Quebec separatists into his party. Nic LeBlanc and Richard Belisle are former Bloc Québécois Members of Parliament. They might help the Canadian Alliance gain entrance into Quebec but may abandon Ontarians who do not like the idea of a national party sleeping with the enemy.

Day has also mentioned that his party may look at reducing the GST. This tax has been a Canadian sore point for years, and is a good promise in order to base an election on. It worked for Jean Chrétien in 1993 even though the Liberals never followed through.

What makes Day think Canadians will fall for the same promise twice? However, Day does seem content on letting loose the ghosts in Canada's political closet.

Regardless of the tiny fights going on between party leaders, one thing is for sure: Both the leaders of the Liberals and Canadian Alliance are talking a lot about tax cuts; that can only mean that a federal election is going to happen very shortly.

Having the power to call an election remains the one advantage to being the Prime Minister and governing party.

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Boards give bori-bore

DAVID FIELD

In the first Board of Directors meeting before the new school year, many items on the original agenda were postponed until the next meeting on September 13, 2000. Held in the Library Board Room while Frosh Week preparations went on throughout the campus, the meeting started right on time. The Chair of the Board Eric Davis informed the board that Anik Merchea, a director, officially resigned from his position. Davis also informed the board that WLUSU.com, the Union's web site, would soon feature Board of Directors agendas and minutes.

The Board's Marketing Representative Kally Lomonaco updated the Board on its marketing plan. Lomonaco said that she would like to distinguish the Board from the Union, much like Foot Patrol. That is why a new logo for the Board is in the works and other ways to increase the exposure of the Board. She also stated that she would like to start preparing a campaign to help promote Student elections, so there are more names on the ballots and more students casting them.

The last item of business was a proposal presented by Eric Davis to change the manner in which the Students' Union hires volunteers. Instead of having every volunteer ratified by the Board, this new process "would

be put in the hands of the Management Committee" as stated in the proposal. The Board would only deal with the ratification in extreme circumstances.

At the end of the meeting the Board was informed that the Business and Economics Department will hold a consultation period September 27 and 29 on the issue of 100% Co-op.

WLUSP did stuff too, only with less jollies...

The next Board meeting will be held in the Students' Union Board Room on Wednesday, September 13, at 5:30.

Student Publications did stuff too, only not with as much money, jollies or Klondike ice lollies.

The focus for Student Publications changed slightly throughout the summer months. Student Publications had thoughts of publishing a magazine but according to President Chris Pearce "we put that idea aside". The reason was primari-

ly that the resources were not available. Instead the organization has put its support behind a new feature length film entitled, "247 High Street." The film will feature a cast and crew made up of Wilfrid Laurier University and local performers.

Pearce said that he "would like to see the Students' Union help sponsor this project together with Student Publications." Student Publications was very successful during the summer increasing advertising revenue for the WLU'er to \$18000 and reducing the cost of publishing it to \$9000. Also in advanced preparation the Keystone has already received over 200 orders. Student Publications also setup a new web site (<http://www.wlusp.com>) which contains an outline of what should be present within a few months.

There were complications during the summer as well. The Dean of Students pulled the Cord Frosh Mailer from the Frosh Mailer. According to Pearce the incident "put a lot of stress on the organization". The Cord Frosh Mailer was later included in the Frosh Kits distributed to the Frosh this week. Pearce said that for the future he would advise other administrations of Student Publications not to go with the Frosh Mailer because the Dean of Students has the final say and The Cord does not maintain full editorial control.

Gnomes AWOL

DAVID FIELD

At Wilfrid Laurier University there are some common occurrences every year such as Frosh Week, Octoberfest, and exams. However, one local resident has had her garden gnomes and other lawn ornaments stolen repeatedly throughout the past academic year. This has happened again and again over the past few years.

The homeowner has asked not to be identified because she lives in the area and has for many years. She stated that last year alone she lost four garden gnomes, four lamb ornaments, and eleven other garden ornaments. She does not know who has taken her gnomes, but she said she does suspect university students from either Wilfrid Laurier or Waterloo.

The concerned resident has contacted both Wilfrid Laurier and Waterloo University security, but they have no answers. According to her, the security forces have told her that they will keep an eye out. She also stated that her garden items tend to be taken more during specific times like Octoberfest or when Universities hold scavenger hunts. The local resident

had also called the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union office to make sure there was no scavenger hunt planned for Frosh Week.

"I'd like it to stop!" was her response to the question of what she wishes would happen. The garden ornaments and gnomes have been taken inside- she is not taking any chances with the new school year. She said that she does not expect the items to be returned. "I have more or less forgotten about it."

Last year alone, she lost four garden gnomes!

Some of the items have been found by the owner further down her street, on other people's lawns and gardens, and from all around the area. She has lived in the house her par-

ents built over sixty years ago her entire life and has seen Wilfrid Laurier grow from just a few buildings to its current size.

"You get all kinds of entertainment here. No need to go and see a show." She stated while recalling an incident when a male university student living across the street from her, stood on the roof his house and proceed to moon all the cars that passed by.

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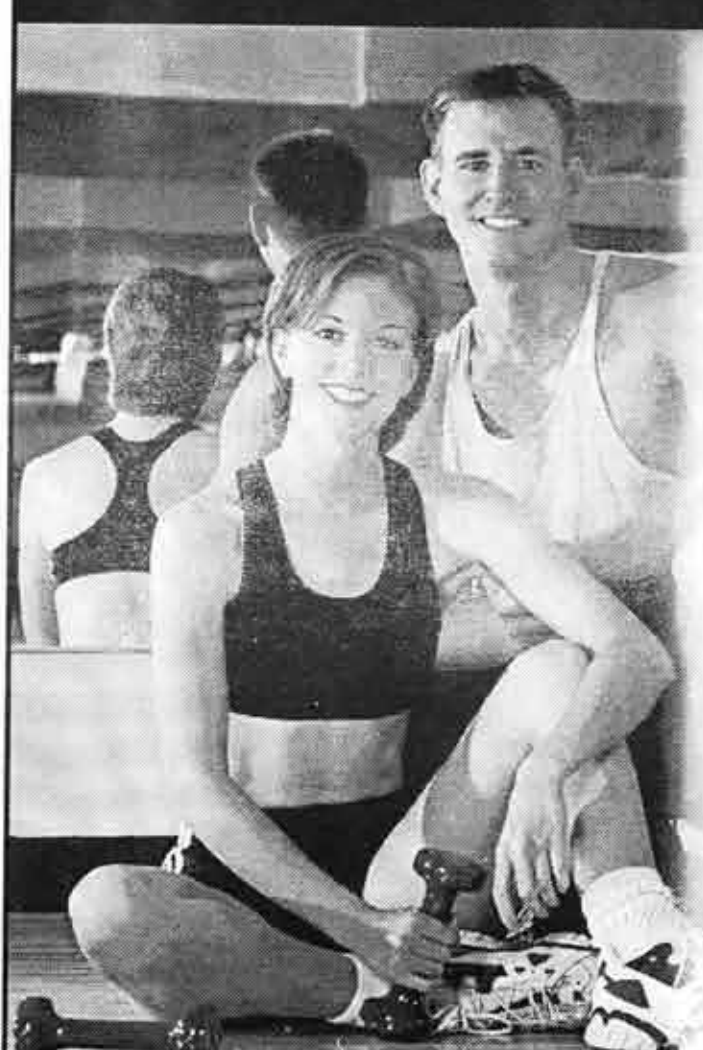
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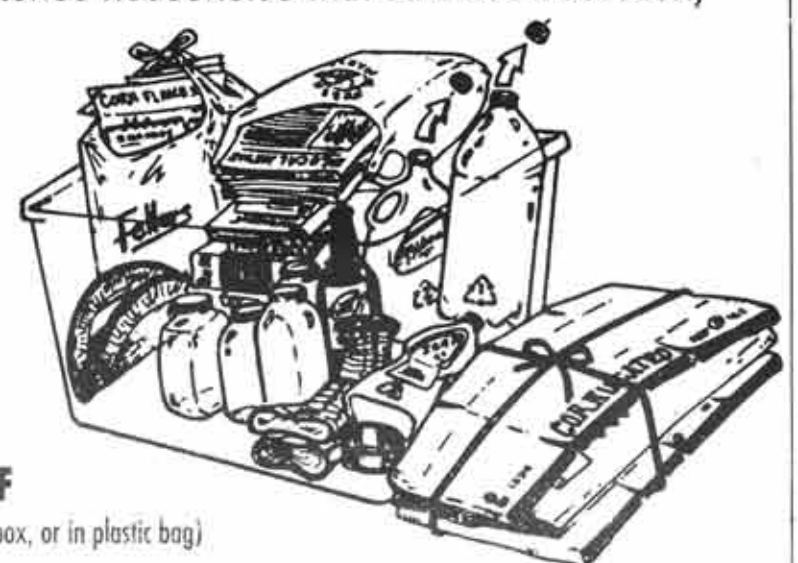


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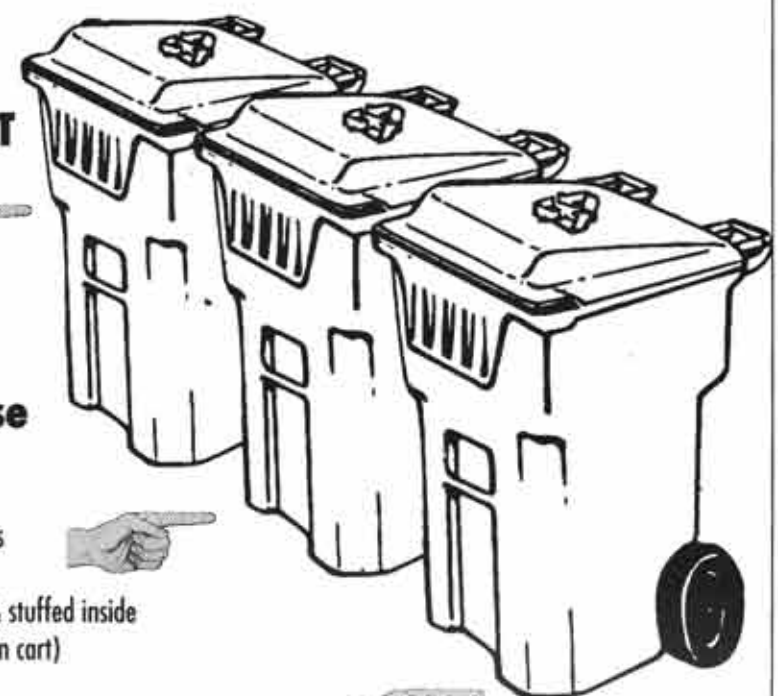
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Asad: We should be done in record time. My eyes really hurt. I'm a tad horny. And that damn BAC-CHUS fool can't get over this skirt. Go figure - it's probably a closet thing. Welcome back everyone.

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EDITORS COMMENT

Change Things

Welcome to Laurier. I'm glad you all made it here and I'm sure in the next few days, months and years, you'll all come to learn a whole heck of a lot about a bunch of things. I know I'll never forget the day my Astronomy professor demonstrated not only a crazy optical illusion but also the flexibility of the elderly. The sight of a semi-retired, white-haired professor standing in front of 250 strangers with his head stuck between his legs and his butt six feet in the air - well, that's an education worth paying for.

I'm sure the university administration - remember all those deans and doctors and that crazy guy with the Mace or Holy Grail or porch light from the Opening Ceremonies - is also glad you guys made it here. They're glad because there was a time, a couple of months ago, when they were sure you would pack up your stuff and run off to Western, screaming that Laurier is a concentration camp of a school.

Every year, we at the Cord put together a special edition of the newspaper aimed directly at incoming first-year students. Over the summer, the administration collects and mails this issue out as part of that big fat package you receive in July.

You may remember that you didn't receive one in the mail this year. That's because we, naturally, screwed it up. Being the newspaper that we are, we delivered them a newspaper. Upon receipt of said newspaper from said newspaper producing body, the administration said they didn't want an actual newspaper sent out. What they wanted, in their own words, was "a soft-sell marketing tool."

Oh. Sorry, my mistake. I apologize. I thought I was hired by students as the editor of their newspaper. In actuality, I was really part of the administration's - massive propaganda machine. Silly me - I always get confused on little things like that.

My dementia, however, is another story. The reason the administration

wanted "a soft-sell marketing tool" was because they didn't want to scare you from coming to WLU.

Yet, when you pause to think about it, you really wonder who has the dementia - me or the administration. They thought you were going to get the Frosh Mailer, freak out and say, "Hey, it's the middle of summer, every other school in the country has set their enrolment and confirmed the registration for all their spaces so how about I withdraw from Laurier and spend the next two months banging on their doors that I know will never open anyway?"

Demand to know why you have to pony up \$125,000 to cover them.

I say that every student smart enough to get into university knows that the world - which includes Laurier - isn't perfect and improvements can always be made. Who better to make those changes than the newest, brightest and most enthusiastic of our students? Who better to address the real problems of this school than the people who will be most affected by them? Who better to tackle the difficulties, accept the challenges and move towards the proper solutions than the students that are most directly connected to the campus and its life? Nobody.

Yet if you try and educate students, the administration jumps up and shouts "No! Not at an institution of higher learning!" If you try and describe reality to students, the administration jumps up and shouts "No! It's about marketing, not under-

standing!" If you try and do something to improve the school, the administration jumps up and shouts "No! Students don't know what students want or need!"

Well, that's one way of looking at things. We're going to take a different tack and try this whole education thing one more time, so pay close attention.

Right now, according to the university's own documents, there is a \$250,000 deficit that the administration and students will have to split the cost of. The Director of Athletics spent \$44,620.97 more on Printing and General Supplies than was budgeted for. What was he printing? The Dead Sea Scrolls?

The Deans of Students are in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. The Director of Athletics is in the basement of the Athletic Complex. Go knock on their doors. Demand to know why you'll likely have to pony up \$125,000 to cover them and their overdrafts. Ask for a copy of the budgets so you can see the figures for yourself. Over 70% of the money they spend comes directly from students and you have a right to know where it goes. And talk to your Students' Union leaders. They're all around during Frosh Week. Remind them how important this issue is to you.

Above all, and this is the one lesson I hope you learn in your time at Laurier, demand accountability from everyone. University is a valuable experience as well as a costly one. If you're going to pay what you do, then it only seems fair to demand the highest level of service and accountability from everyone - your administrators, professors, representatives and journalists.

ASAD KIYANI
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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WOMYN'S WORDS

Sax and Violins

AMY WRIGHT

So, I'm going through this Beatles phase. While I've always been a huge fan of their work, I would merely place their albums in regular rotation with the rest of my CDs. Every couple of weeks, I throw on The White Album, or Sgt. Pepper and sing along to my little heart's content. But lately, their albums have taken up permanent residence in my CD player, along with a healthy dose of Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Simon and Garfunkel...and the list goes on. In pondering why I'm suddenly obsessive-compulsive about such artists, I've realised it is possible to experience nostalgia for an era in which you never actually lived. And the reason I'm longing for the days of musical yesteryear? I am becoming increasingly disgusted with the music of my generation.

I've always considered myself

fairly open-minded when it comes to music. Even though you could not pay me the \$20 it would cost to purchase a Kid Rock CD, I can appreciate that he is a musician attempting an expression of some sort. But with much of the music being released today, there is nothing artistic to

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appreciate. The lyrics in half of the music played on the radio are blatantly offensive. I'm not talking about music involving expletives or sexually explicit content - that is to be found in virtually all music, I can accept that. In no way do I suggest censoring freedom of expression, I am merely arguing that in much of "modern" music,

there is no longer any expression at all. We listen to music because it evokes something in us. In its purest form, it is an art and a continuing reflection of our daily lives. It makes us THINK. Where has this music gone?

A certain infamous blond-haired, blue-eyed rapper could serve as an example. In one of his songs, he imagines a domestic dispute with his wife. A portion of the lyrics are devoted to the fantasy of strangling her. Many fans would argue that this could be defined as expressive, but I am revolted.

It is astounding how many song lyrics are consumed with utterances of violence. I would never be so naive as to suggest we live in an ideal society where violent acts are never committed; I grasp the reality of our modern world. But if such music serves as a reflection of who we are now, I fear what we are going to become. Bob Dylan couldn't have possibly known how right he was. The times, they are a-changin'...

LETTERS

TURRET TROUBLES

I have a suggestion that many WLU students would like to voice along with me. The "A" team, Radio Laurier, WLUSU and Turret management are responsible for all of the events/music at the Turret on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and other nights. My argument, same with a lot of other WLU and UW students, is that the music is always the same on each night (ie. thursday nights-top 40 & r&b, friday-rock, saturday-everything). The Turret gets real boring by the time November rolls around because it is always the same old and no variety. It's just like anything in life, you have to have variation, or it just gets BORING!

Instead of the Turret earning more money for the WLUSU, students are spending their \$\$\$ at other non-WLU establishments. I know Friday nights are open to different events (ie. alternative night). What I am suggesting is to have different music played on Friday nights THAT IS POPULAR AND EXCITING! The Turret is not addressing the diverse music tastes of all the students at

WLU. There should be different music events on Friday nights.

Here are some popular suggestions that would be a success and many WLU students would enjoy: -Rave/Jungle Music Night; Euro/Freestyle/Dance Music Night; Soca/Latin Music Night; Reggae/Hip Hop Music Night.

All 4 of these suggestions would be very popular and would add variety to the music tastes offered to students who go clubbing. These 4 music nights should be put on at least once a semester to keep things vibrant and exciting.

By reviving the Friday nights at the Turret, the WLUSU would have so much more money in their pockets. 80% of the revenue of the WLUSU is from the Turret and Wilf's. From the extra thousands of dollars generated from these exciting Friday nights, the savings will be passed onto us, the students. We will be able to use the money for whatever we want (ex. lower WLUSU fees, better events, modernizing the Student Union Building and the Turret, etc.). Clearly, a change is needed.

Justin MacDonald

PR Nightmare

MANEESH SEHDEV

Public Relations is a popular term at WLU. Just about every organization here has some form of Public Relations representation. All of these organizations do whatever they can to make sure the best possible image is always portrayed.

When I first came to Laurier I found it hard to believe that everyone was really as happy and outgoing as they seemed to be. Everyone I met seemed to love every thing about Laurier, no matter what it was. It wouldn't surprise me if I started hearing chants about how great the archaic Mach 1 system is by a loud group of WLU students.

So what's wrong with being proud of your school? Nothing at all, but as students, if we continue to accept and promote everything we're given, we'll just become mindless robots. If WLU implemented a rule that students could no longer wear hats, what would happen?

Would we accept it and run around yelling chants about not wearing hats or would we realize that perhaps not everything at Laurier is the way it should be? Unfortunately I think there are a great number of those that would choose to accept the rule

AGAINST THE GRAIN

and gladly be told what to do. These WLU students would continually push the no hat policy until eventually it wouldn't be a violation of our rights anymore; it would be called a 'tradition'. And no one at Laurier likes breaking with tradition, right?

Public Relations is essentially advertising. For example, how many letters have appeared in The Cord that were only written to promote a certain event or

ridiculed for having an opinion that is differing from the majority, and that cannot be tolerated at Laurier.

Imagine what would happen if The Cord stopped printing anything that could be interpreted as offensive by anyone. Every article would be about how great Laurier is and how happy everyone is to be here. To use an earlier example, the Mach 1 system would no longer be called obsolete, but 'a lovely link to our past'. Then all the students here could run around chanting about how great it is to have a link to the past, blissfully ignorant to what was really going on. Remember when Neo woke up in The Matrix?

Some people may believe that I'm just trying to tell everyone they shouldn't be happy about the things they like at this school. However, that is the exact opposite of my message. If you enjoy something at WLU, make sure you do your best to keep it enjoyable for everyone. If something's wrong, don't act like everything's fine; do something to improve it. The image of dirt being swept under a rug comes to mind: at first glance, everything seems fine, but a closer look reveals several problems lurking beneath the surface. Don't be part of the problem. Don't be swept under the rug.

Public Relations is essentially advertising.

group on campus? The rational way to promote a group or event is to purchase an advertisement or classified ad. The problem with writing letters about events or groups is people are using The Cord, the only free press on campus, as a means for furthering their own causes, also known as free advertising. There are also those students who respond to what they perceive to be negative comments about their organization or event with a nasty letter about how evil everyone at The Cord is. Essentially, The Cord is

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Millennium Summit Opens



The United Nations will be currently hosting a record number of world leaders.

YVONNE FARAH

Wednesday September 6, is the first day of a three day United Nations summit which is thought to be one of the biggest meetings of world leaders ever. Over 170 heads of state will attend the summit which will be held at United Nations headquarters in New York.

The summit is expected to help build a clear foundation for the goals and ideals the United Nations would like to build upon for the third millennium. This also seems to be the opportunity for the world to come together to discuss every major social issue that is facing the modern world. However issues such as peace, human rights, AIDS and poverty are at the forefront.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan was the first to address this unprecedented gathering of world leaders. In his opening remarks he remembered the sacrifice of three United Nations aid workers who were killed recently. The three people were slain by pro-Indonesian government rioters in West Timor, earlier this year.

United States President Bill Clinton was the first world leader to address the assembly

after Kofi Annan's opening remarks. He responded to the death of the aid workers by saying he was deeply saddened. "Increasingly, the United Nations has been called to situations where brave people seek reconciliation but where the enemies (of peace) seek to undermine it," said President Clinton. He specifically called on the Indonesian authorities to stop such things from happening. Clinton's remarks were very clear considering the fact that Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid was in attendance.

President Clinton went on to address other nation's specific human rights violations. He denounced the military government of Myanmar for keeping opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi under virtual house arrest. "We face another test today in Burma, where a brave and popular leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, once again has been confined with her supporters in prison and her country in distress, in defiance of repeated UN resolutions," he said.

President Clinton also made a plea for Israel and the Palestinians to reach a final peace deal, "there is not a moment to lose."

No sort of statement has been made regarding whether or not the Palestinian Authority and Israel will meet during or directly after the three day summit.

One notable absence from the summit is the delegation from North Korea. They were on their way to New York but after stopping Frankfurt, Germany to transfer planes they decided to call off their trip. The North Korean delegation says they did not attend because of "rude and provocative" treatment by U.S. security at the airport in Frankfurt before delegates transferred to an American Airlines flight. The North Koreans claim they were strip searched under the orders of the United States government. Washington responded by calling the situation "unfortunate" and denied any direct involvement.

However the summit is one of hope and high expectations. "The problems seem huge," Kofi Annan said "But in today's world, given the technology and the resources around, we have the means to tackle them. If we have the will, we can deal with them."

Refugee records archive destroyed

YVONNE FARAH

A innovative computer project designed for children in the Dheisheh Refugee camp in the West Bank has been destroyed by arson. The computer centre which was a Canadian-funded Internet project, was set aflame last week. The project enabled the children of the camp to reach beyond their refugee camp and communicated with the outside world.

The method used to destroy the computer lab gives the impression that whoever was responsible for the fire, had intended to totally undermine the projects overall goal. The arsonist burned all of the computers and then stole the server that contained the children's web site and research.

The computer centre is located in the small refugee camp of 10,000 people, who live in a crowded and impoverished community near Bethlehem, the one Pope John Paul visited during his tour of the Holy Land in March. The community centre housed the first computer room in the Across Borders Project, a way to connect Palestinian children in refugee camps throughout the Middle East through a network of web sites designed by each camp.

The project was funded by the Canadian government and Oxfam in order to purchase a dozen computers and give the children computer training. The children at this particular camp spent the last year collecting the life stories of refugees in the camps and then posted them on the web site. Other information that was found on the web site was the names of those Palestinians from the camp who were killed by Israeli soldiers,

and information regarding the villages that the refugees fled from during the 1948 war that created the Israeli state.

Their access to technology allowed the children to keep in contact with the children in Shatila, the Beirut camp where hundreds of Palestinian refugees were massacred by Israeli militia during Israel's invasion of Southern Lebanon in 1982.

As positive the ideals behind the camp were, there were those who were opposed to it and what it was trying to accomplish. Islamic fundamentalists made their opposition to the centre's secular and open position well known

in the camp. "Some people in the mosque spoke out against us because we are a centre that lets girls and boys work and play together," said Ziad Abbas, the project coordinator.

Others in the camp look to Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority as a possible contributor to the destruction of the computer centre. The Dheisheh community centre organized a massive demonstration during the Camp David peace talks this summer, fearful that any compromise would result in the Palestinian Authority giving up refugees' right to return to their homes in Israel.

The last group that possibly could be responsible are Jewish Israelis who are trying to silence an effective tool in the demand for the refugees' right to return. Although the project's director is troubled by the fire and the reasons for doing so, he is trying to get the project running again.

"Our voice has to be heard. We're fed up of being in refugee camps. We're fed up of being different from other human beings. We want to go home," he said.

"We're fed up of being in refugee camps."

WORLD WATCH

Bangladesh

At least 50 000 people remain homeless after a 2.4 metre tidal surge hit the island of Sandwip in Bangladesh. At least six people were instantly killed when the tidal wave hit. The Red Crescent volunteers says about 120 000 people have been affected by the flooding on the island and the islanders face an acute shortage of fresh food and drinking water. Torrential monsoon rains and raging rivers have caused the worst flooding in decades in Bangladesh and parts of India, Bhutan and

Nepal. The authorities are still assessing the total amount of damage that the tidal wave could have created.

India

Millionaire fever spreads throughout India, which the introduction of the Indian version of the American hit Who Wants to be a Millionaire? Millions of Indians dream of winning the rupee equivalent of \$340 000, on the game show. The title of the show can be translated to Who will become a Holder of 10 million? (rupees) A local reaction to the show that offers to award contestants so much prize money has been to find ways to bribe themselves onto the show.

Yugoslavia

Opposition candidate, Vojislav

Kostunica, has stated that if he wins the presidency in the country's Sept. 24 presidential election he will allow current President Slobodan Milosevic be sent to a UN war crimes tribunal. Favoured to win the election according to recent polls, Kostunica has stated that the tribunal was making itself illegitimate by acting politically rather than legally. The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia indicted Milosevic and four other Yugoslav officials on charges of war crimes allegedly committed by Yugoslav forces in Kosovo.

Chile

Chilean President Ricardo Lagos announced that over the next five years his government will phase out the coun-

try's century-old mandatory military conscription. Speaking at a military ceremony Lagos stated that the government will offer economic incentives and introduce a new promotional campaign in order to attract more recruits. Defence Minister Mario Fernandez said that the draft would only be used when the number of volunteers did not meet the military requirements.

Germany

Police seized more than 7,500 compact discs featuring neo-nazi music in a major operation launched against far right music distributors. Some of the discs had pictures of Adolf Hitler on their covers. Authorities in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt announced that eleven sites were raided on Aug. 30.

Eye on Human Rights

"The quintessential revolution is that of the spirit. It is not enough merely to call for freedom, democracy and human rights. There has to be a united determination to persevere in the struggle, to make sacrifices in the name of enduring truths, to resist the corrupting influences of desire, will, ignorance and fear." - Aung San Suu Kyi

The last resort of a dictatorial government on its way out, has always been to repress representatives of the forces for liberation and democracy. In Burma (also known as Myanmar) that individual is Aung San Suu Kyi.

Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy and daughter of heroic national resistance leader, General Aung San, has, since her return to Burma in 1988, been a target for victimization by the military dictatorship that has ruled since 1962.

Winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize, Suu Kyi was but two years old when her father was assassinated after leading Burma to independence in 1948.

Suu Kyi would leave the country and then return forty years later to care for her ailing mother. It would not be long before she became a people's leader, calling upon the government to institute a People's Consultative Committee to

balance the internal crisis.

In her first speech at the Golden Pagoda, a gathering that would see more peaceful protesters murdered than Tiananmen Square, Suu Kyi introduced herself to the dictatorship saying, "I could not as my father's daughter remain indifferent." She saw that her destiny as a champion for freedom and democracy was soon to be realized. As her husband, an English scholar, put it, "the finger of destiny does not wait upon convenience."

Suu Kyi, a proponent of Ghandian principles and a practicing Buddhist, would go on to test the limits in her pursuit of justice, pressuring the government to extend freedoms, and giving hope back to the Burmese.

In the late 80's, Suu Kyi was placed under "restricted residence" by the SLORC, Burma's ruling regime, after her popularity grew to encompass the support of at least 80% of the population. Though she was prevented from running in the elections herself, it was clear from the start she was a true leader of the people.

Suu Kyi focused the eye of the world on Burma, and her struggle continues to the day. Most recently, she was locked in her home again after being prevented from travelling with her supporters to do political organizing in the countryside.



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Queer Theory

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NATHAN LUDWIG

Welcome to Queer Theory, a weekly column that is dedicated to the exploration of alternative sexualities. Alternative sexuality being gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Queer Theory is a formative branch of G.L.O.B.A.L. (Gays Lesbians or Bisexuals at Laurier) which seeks to offer a positive environment for Laurier Students who are Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual.

Currently, there is no active coordinator for G.L.O.B.A.L., so if you are interested in the position please contact the Students Union...you are needed. If you have any ideas for future columns or would like to write an article yourself, drop the word a line and we will try our best to get articles that you are interested in.

This week's article is on a bisexual man's experiences of defining his sexuality. It highlights the ignorance and intolerance towards bisexuality that is found in both the heterosexual and homosexual populations. Enjoy.

BI MAN'S BURDEN

What is bisexuality? Does it really exist? Or are they gay or straight people stuck in an identity crisis? Are they fence-sitters that just can't make up their mind about themselves? Should they be forced to choose between the extremes of homosexuality and heterosexuality?

Bisexuality is an aspect of human sexuality that is frequently misunderstood and is hard to explain to would-be lovers. For some bisexuality is fluid; people have "days" where they slide from one end of the continuum to the other. Some

bisexuals believe that everyone has a dual-nature of sorts, only bisexuals have a higher level of self-awareness. Others claim that they are "sex-blind," being able to see men and women merely as people. Or as one friend explained to me "a hole is a hole..."

There is a surprising amount of "biphobia" that bisexuals must face. The reality is that we're too gay to fit into the straight world and too straight to be part of the gay community.

We occupy a realm in between that is at odds with the

For women, bisexuality is chic.

demands of the gay and straight world. We feel pressure from the mainstream and the gay community to conform to one side. Many gay men even see bisexuals as wanting the best of both worlds.

Bisexuality is received differently when it is practiced by men and women. For women, bisexuality is chic. It is the fantasy of nearly every straight man to find a bisexual woman, or at least a woman who can at least pretend to enjoy having sex with women, so that he may watch "girl-on-girl action."

Bisexuality, for men, is seen as a state of confusion that must be resolved by giving ourselves to one strict identity or another. We're pressured to choose sides and take a more linear path to

sexual fulfillment. But the question of our true sexual nature is more complicated than that.

To gay men we're fence-sitters, enjoying the best of both worlds. We haven't completely committed ourselves to the gay lifestyle and are still rewarded by acceptance from the mainstream for living our double life.

Women fear that we'll cheat on them with other men because bisexuality, to them, means that we desire the company of both sexes, even when we're in a satisfying relationship.

I don't know if bisexual men cheat on their lovers more than "exclusives." It may be that we do as a whole. But relationships aren't about probabilities and figures. Relationships are about two individuals coming together to share part of their lives together and finding some sort of union.

Relationships are also based in trust. In every relationship we enter, we leave ourselves vulnerable to the possibility that our lover may cheat.

Right now I believe that I'm a non-practicing bisexual man. I've been in a straight relationship for over a year. I've been faithful to her. Can I still claim bi-status? Maybe I've made my decision. It's all a question of identity.

It's your decision to make whether you see yourself as bi, straight or gay. It doesn't matter what society or your community deems to be natural sexual behaviour, you have to live your life being faithful to the person that you believe yourself to be.

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- In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
- Every time you lick a stamp, you are consuming 1/10 of a calorie.
- A pig's orgasm lasts for half an hour.
- Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.
- Only one person in 2 billion will live to be 116 or older.
- You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than a poisonous spider.
- Over 1000 birds a year die from smashing into windows.
- More people use blue toothbrushes than red ones.
- The average Canadian drinks over 600 sodas a year.
- People with strange names:
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- You will eat about 35,000 cookies in a lifetime.
- The world's oldest piece of chewing gum is over 9000 years old.
- There are more plastic flamingos in the U.S. than real ones.
- Windmills always turn counter-clockwise, except for the windmills in Ireland.
- Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.
- The name "Wendy" was made up for the book "Peter Pan".
- Banging your head against the wall uses 150 calories an hour.
- More Monopoly money is printed in a year, than real money printed throughout the world.
- On average, people fear spiders more than death.
- Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.
- A man named Charles Osborne once had the hiccups for 69 years.
- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- Matt Cade is a lemming in disguise.
- Fidel Castro has politically-outlived eight U.S. Presidents.

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VOCAL CORD

What worries you the most about coming to Laurier?



"Dropping the soap in the shower."

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ON CAMPUS

Are you looking to explore the Laurier spectrum? Here's a starting point:

EQUALITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE

The equality awareness committee is one of the newer yet most respected groups on campus. Run out of the VP: University Affairs office, Equality Awareness Devotes the bulk of its time toward social work within the community. At the beginning of the year, it recruits participants for the annual Kitchener AIDSwalk and later on runs the Laurier Red Ribbon Campaign. As well, the committee runs a white ribbon campaign in December as part of the Montreal massacre memorial. In the second semester, the bulk of the work is directed toward the Awareness Through Arts Gala. The Gala showcases performances from a variety of cultural backgrounds in a celebration of diversity. It is undoubtedly one of the most underappreciated events on campus, with dancers, musicians, artists and guest lecturers that come together to demonstrate the vitality and value of difference. [EMAIL co-ordinator Heather-Ann Mendes at mend8860@mach1.wlu.ca]

GLOBAL

Global stands for Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual At Laurier and has existed in a number of forms for the past twenty-odd years. GLOBAL aims to act as a resource to meet the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students at Laurier. A new initiative to rekindle interest in the club has started this year, with a move towards making it an official Student Service.

Part of the organization's aim for the upcoming year is not only the strengthening of the group, but the education of the school. A campus-wide anti-homophobia campaign is only one of the events planned, as well as biweekly coffee-houses starting later this month.

GLOBAL is in need of strong leadership and member support, including a new president. To get involved, email global@wlu.ca.

It's not easy to be different, no matter what level of school you're at. In elementary school, it isn't so bad, unless you're overweight. In secondary school, god forbid you wear tapered jeans. In university, well, it isn't nearly that bad. Sure, you have people who still care deeply and passionately about those superficial things, but for the most part, it's cool to be different at university.

Still, like everywhere, there is a mainstream at Laurier. Drinking and booty calls are the main attractions of university. If such hedonism isn't your thing or if you're looking for something different to do or if you're trying to make up for your numerous sins, there are a number of outlets for your aggression, passion, guilt or boredom. Each one runs in a distinct direction from the more popular stream and goes out of its way to promote the more socially-conscious and culturally aware aspect of university life. Take a gander and join up - they're all worth the effort.

L.A.S.A.L.A.S.

Laurier's Association of Spanish and Latin American Students is probably one of the best known campus clubs around. Phenomenally popular are the club-directed Latin Dancing classes, which bring the dance-crazy out in droves. Salsa, merengue and tango are just some of the more popular classes offered by the group. As well, LASALAS frequently brings in guest speakers on human rights issues affecting Latin America and devotes a good deal of its time toward the cultural education of Laurier. LASALAS has also played host to inter-university conferences and takes a tremendously active role in the Laurier community.

You can get in touch with LASALAS via email: sanc7340@mach1.wlu.ca

WOMEN'S CENTRE

The Women's Centre is intended to deal with sexual harassment, rape, abuse and a general lack of counselling for women-specific needs. It also looks at the gender imbalance in campus leadership, where most organizations are run by men even though they are outnumbered as a whole by women.

The Women's Centre runs a memorial for the Montreal massacre and is involved in the White Ribbon Campaign as well. On September 21, they will help recruit participants for Kitchener's annual Take Back the Night Walk. Drum circles, speakers and awareness campaigns are also a large part of the Centre's repertoire.

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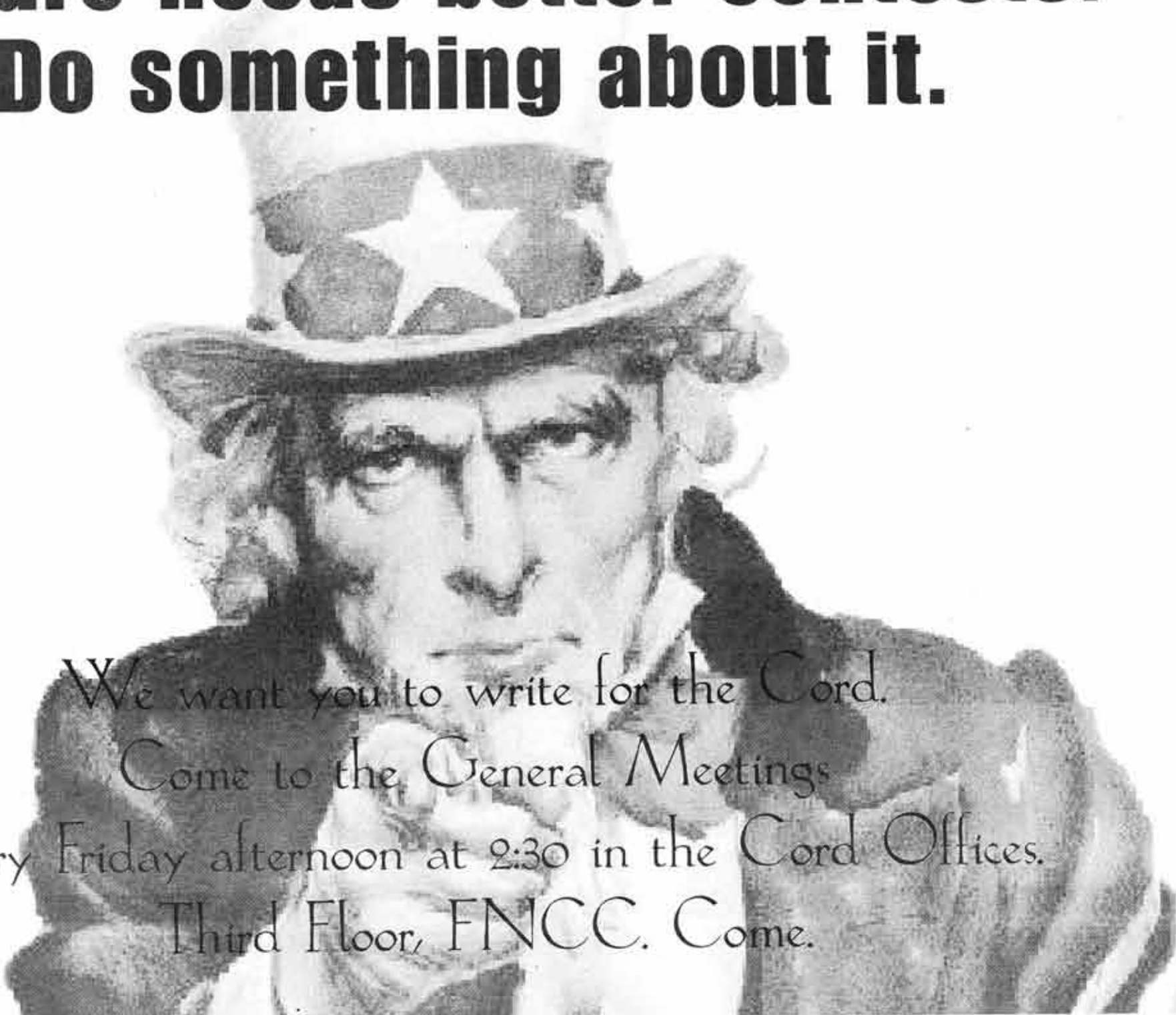
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STUDENTS

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The Association of Black Students is more commonly known as the ABS. While relatively small and unknown among the majority of students, the Association is gaining stride. In conjunction with groups such as LASALAS and the Equality Awareness Committee, the Association is attempting through discussion forums and cooperative events to broaden cultural awareness at Laurier, specifically with regards to issues concerning Black students.

Email the club at wlu_abs@hotmail.com

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Frosh week of discontent

A brief guide to finding alternatives to frosh week festivities.



It takes a lot more than movies and popcorn to keep the attention of this year's frosh.

LUKE MARTYN
SCOTT CAIRNS

Frosh week for many is full of fun and happy happy excitement. For the rest of us, frosh week can be a little less than exciting. I remember arriving the first day and wondering if there were many people here with similar interests to me. Sometimes the events matched the feeling in my throat: A little too dry.

Once again, unfortunately, the fine people on the Orientation Committee have somewhat failed to provide entertaining alternative events. The entertainment people here at Cord are aware of this shortcoming and want to help you enjoy the final days of frosh week. This brief guide will help your vocal cords from becoming raw and damaged for the remaining semester.

Some of you may be wondering how to get out of going to the frosh events without offending the icebreakers. There is no way to avoid this as they are a sensitive bunch who do not take rejection easily. During my frosh week the breakers were thoroughly upset that I did not want to participate. I did not pursue this further because I was new, and didn't want to hurt anyone's feelings. Do not fall into the same trap, it is all part of the master plan to keep frosh within the collective.

There are breakers who may be an exception to this rule, but

their partners most likely, are not.

Jane Bond

To start your adventure of fun, the Jane Bond is an alternative to the usual pick-up joint prominent within Waterloo. They have been known to feed the kids with acts like Tristan Psionic and Bob Log. If you prefer the music of the jungle persuasion, Leeroy Brown spins every Thursday. Jane Bond also boasts a fine diversity of nights, including an all funk spectacular every week, as well as abstract hip hop/abstract miscellaneous set on Friday nights. Let it be known that they're also probably the only place in Ontario that would ever get a Japanese Pop star like Kahimi Karie in to play for approximately 10 people. Cool indeed.

Dooley's

For a more standard fare, check out the grotesquely large Dooley's on University Avenue for some fast action billiards. They've got enough tables to make a football field out of pool felt, and enough balls to fill one of those kids' fun rooms in Ikea. It isn't necessarily a large stretch from the everyday, but it's better than a kick in the nuts.

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OC has failed to provide entertaining alternative events.

served, but also incredibly popular. The fact that the Cord staff has spent 5 hours encapsulated over a game of chinese checkers with Honey Dew Melon Teas in our hands is testament to the attraction of the Bubble Tea.

Fed Hall and The "Bomber"

So tea and pool is too high school for you? Perhaps your best bet will be the University of Waterloo's Turret/Wilf's mirror images - Federation Hall, and the "Bomber." Although the Bomber and Fed Hall are considered to be typical university bars, they seem to be more pro-

gressive than one might be led to believe. Whether you want to or not, you'll be going to Fed Hall all the time in second semester when the Turret's setting becomes a bore. This is of course no real problem, since Fed Hall is a fantastic looking bar with an unparalleled "Party-Party" Thursday night.

You do, however, have to cope with the annoying tendencies of our faithful Waterloo friends down the street, but hey, nothing is perfect. You could of course get all of your friends and their friends to take over Federation Hall and make it an all Laurier night, which no doubt has been done before.

As for the Bomber, it could be compared to Wilf's, but the music and the dj's tend to offer a more than the usual top 40 mix cd's.

University bars will never stop playing Home for a Rest until Spirit of the West decides to stop touring and hang up their dull skates. If you're looking to perform in front of a crowd, an open stage with a weekly local host will fulfill your needs every Thursday night. If you want a copy of your performance, the Bomber will record your live set on cd for \$4.

The Banke

Located across from city hall in downtown Kitchener, the Banke is home to a diverse selection of live music. DJ's are a staple at

the Banke ranging from Jungle, DnB, Progressive House and Techno. When the djs aren't spinning and tweaking knobs, local bands are always tearing-up the stage.

There are some talented punk bands that have played the Banke, as well as the usual power pop and Metallica cover bands to round out the unlikely combination. If you're tired of the typical university crowd, this place is far enough to deter most students from paying for a cab. Cab rides mean drinks wasted, and that's a sin.

Time Square

If you're looking for a short walk from campus, Time Square is always an interesting alternative. Some nights feature live acts, but if you're looking for some "electronic" entertainment, Wednesday evening will fulfill your techno urges. Progressive house and Drum n Bass are also featured on a regular basis. The atmosphere is best described as a loungy bar with pool tables. These traits seem to clash, but it will provide activities for all whether you're a drinker, dancer, or player. Time Square is located on King Street in uptown Waterloo.

Although this guide is limited, it cannot possibly be as limited as popcorn and movies. A night at the Princess Cinema however, is an exception to this rule.

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Semi-Fresh

De La Soul
Art Official Intelligence:
Mosaic Thump

What happened to the Daisy Age? What happened the care free days of doing the baseball and passing the peas? At what point did I fall asleep and wake up to find everything was served with some sort of "hah" or "bling" to it? Okay, I don't actually ever ask these questions to myself, but the fact is, rap changes just like hair styles and old man diapers. You'd be hard pressed to find any Hip Hop faculties using an Otis Reading whistle or stolen beat from Walt Disney record in this day in age, but hey, them's the breaks.

It is of course, of some concern that the hip hop stalwarts of the past have moved with the passing styles into what is considered Jiggy in the year 2000. To De La Soul's credit, it's obviously what sells in this day in age. Taking a tip from their contemporary Black Rob, the new single "Ohh" takes the one word chorus to new levels of catchiness, which goes to show that De La Soul will always be dope, in one way or another.

Still, "Art Official Intelligence" fails to reach the level of well crafted lyrics and incredible beats that are to be found on their first two albums, "3 feet high and Rising", and "De La Soul is Dead." The reasons for this are relatively simple to fans of their first two LP's. Firstly, Prince Paul no longer provides the music for De La Soul to jive over, which is a crying shame, because nobody does hip hop production better than the Prince. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, the zest and liveliness of the 3 voices that compose De La Soul have been all but replaced with a "I've been through it all" sort of monotone that seems to plague every aging MC (See: Drez from Black Sheep, Everlast). Lyrics like "I may be old school, but I ain't no old fool" are said with the utmost boredom, leaving you craving for De La's patented character voices such as the drug addict and the adolescent gang leader.

De La Soul have brought a roster of talent to "Art Official Intelligence - Mosaic Thump" - Busta Rhymes, Chaka Khan and Redman all make lively appearances on various cuts. This leaves you quite certain however that powerful collaborations are not necessarily what De La Soul need to bring back the magic. Close, but no cookies.

Scott Cairns



Big L
The Big Picture



Dope

You know what they say about last words, don't you? They say you can understand the essence of an individual's life through their last words. For Colonel Kurtz, the essence was "the horror," for William Wallace it was "freedom!" For Big L, the essence is The Big Picture; the Harlem native's second and - tragically - final album.

Shot to death in February of last year, Big L was among hip-hop's shining newcomers. Affiliated with the Diggin' In The Crates crew and touted for his precise flow and dope voice, Corleone (L's alias) was, to an extent, the reincarnation of the talent that died with Biggie and Tupac.

The parallels to B.I.G. and Pac go deeper, as Big L should be remembered as yet another hip-hop artist who predicted their own murder verbatim. For the media the death of a music

star exists as an opportunity to sensationalize the given industry and boost record sales. In reality, however, Big L shares the fate of far too many young Black men whose death destroys potential, leaving behind only tears and broken families.

Despite the agonizing implications of The Big Picture - Big L's digital legacy, the album is still liquid-honey for aurally undernourished fans of hip-hop. With guest appearances that range from Kool G. Rap and Big Daddy Kane, to the Guru and Tupac (Makaveli shows up on the sickly ironic 'Deadly Combination'), the fact that L doesn't end up overshadowed on his own album is a testament to his skills. On 'The Enemy', Big L drops a verse already considered a classic for its sheer flow and verbal audacity.

While standout tracks include 'Platinum Plus' with BDK, 'Games' and 'The Triboro' with L's Clik, DITC, Corleone's last opus is dope from start to finish. Word life. Nevertheless, the album ends with Big L speaking on his dreams and the importance of timing in success, an acute twist.

Julius Jones.

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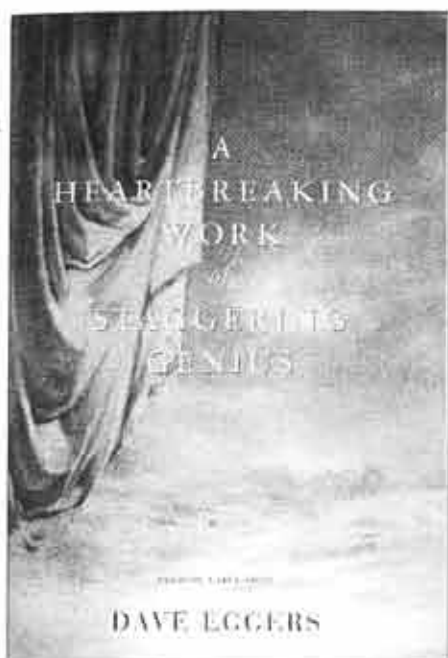
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A touch of beauty



ROSS BULLEN

an absolute maelstrom of publicity and praise, and much to my own personal delight, actually lives up to and exceeds all the hype. His book, "A Heartbreaking Work Of Staggering Genius", a kind of memoir/novel/zeitgeist exploration type-thing, is quite simply the most highly praised novel by a hip young author since David Foster Wallace's 1996 masterpiece "Infinite Jest".

Obstensibly, "AHWOSG" tells the story of how Eggers, at the age of 21 and just out of college, has to kind of "adopt" his younger brother Toph after both his parents die within a few weeks of each other. Eggers and Toph move from suburban Illinois to California, settling in around San Francisco (along with their two older siblings, Bill and Beth). The two brothers wind up living together and a great deal of hilarity ensues. Eggers goes into painstaking detail describing the ins and outs of their daily lives, exploring the logistics of sliding across hardwood floors and describing the curious (both he and Toph are very picky eaters) menu that they typically subsist from.

Be warned: even though this is a very, very funny book (don't read it on a bus or anything if you're easily embarrassed - you will be laughing out loud), it also

contains moments of such profound beauty and sadness that you will truly be caught off guard. Eggers is a fantastic writer and he is capable of writing some absolutely merciless prose.

Of course, there is a lot more to "AHWOSG" than the story of the Eggers' brothers. This book is a dissection of a decade. It explores the 1990's in a way that is neither nostalgic nor sentimental, but still manages to convey some very true feelings about the times in which most of us "grew up" or "come of age" or whatever.

The success of this book represents a huge step into the mainstream for writers of interesting fiction in the '90's and today. With the exception maybe of Wallace (Infinite Jest was a huge deal when it came out), there has been little attention paid to writers who are breaking away from out-of-date postmodern irony (Pynchon, Barth, etc) and are starting to approach fiction in a way that is both absurd and honest. Eggers, especially with McSweeney's, has provided an excellent platform for this kind of stuff and his novel is a huge step in the right direction. Read this book. I personally guarantee you won't be disappointed.



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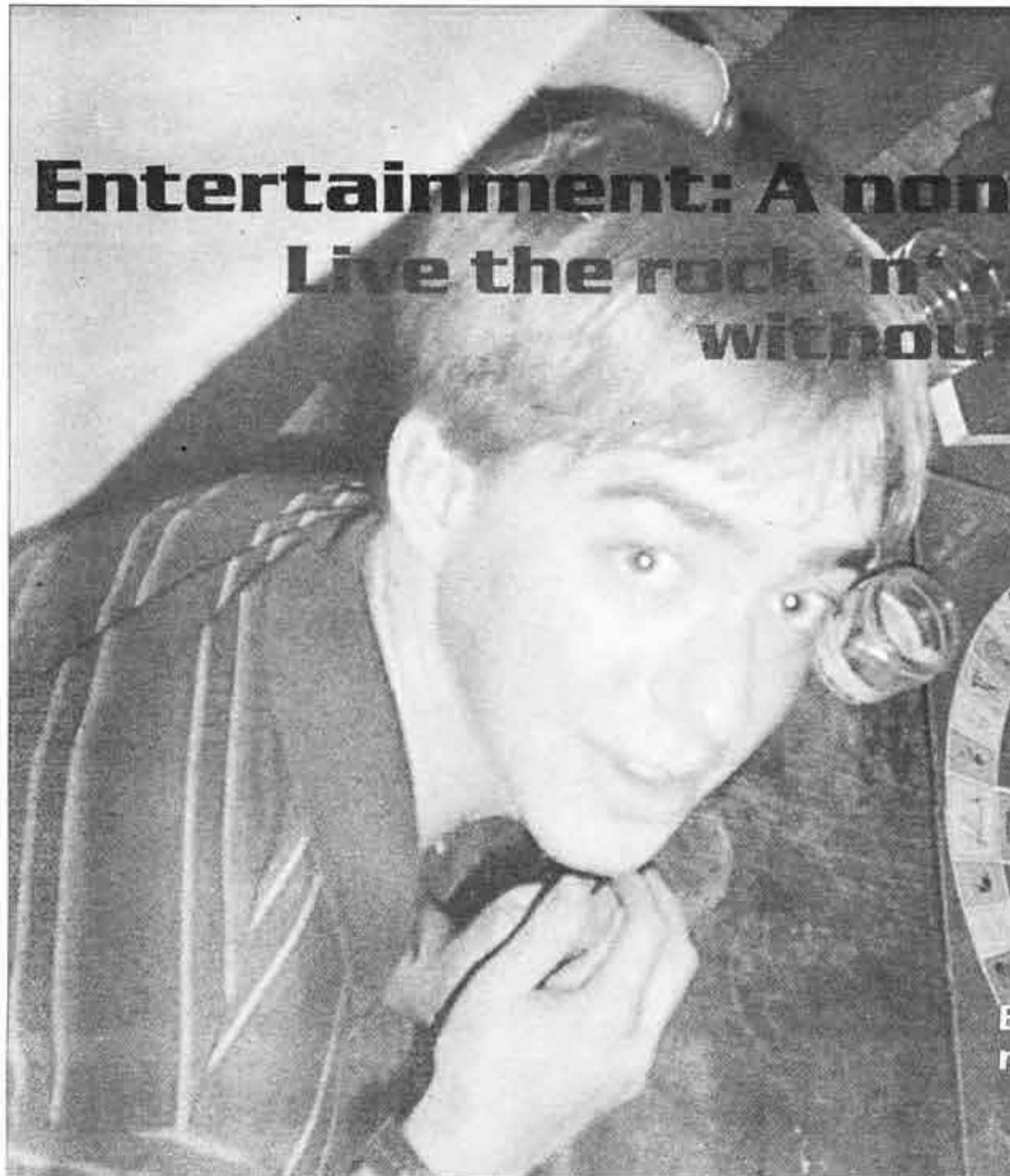
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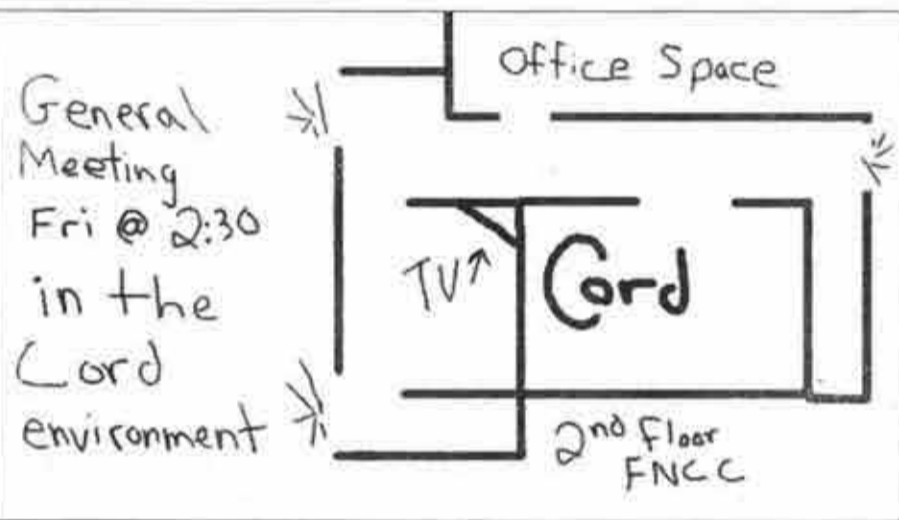
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Morty's gets a makeover, but don't worry, it's still pretty much the same old joint

CATHY SWEET

If it's your first week here at Laurier, I'm sure you're already overwhelmed by the 'in-your-face' antics of your frosh leaders and orientation staff.

But as you chant "GO BLUE TEAM GO!" and decorate the student lounge with crepe paper tails, you must realize that your education has already begun, and it's called Marketing 101. Which team can come up with the most creative advertising campaign, prepare the funniest slogans and project the coolest image?

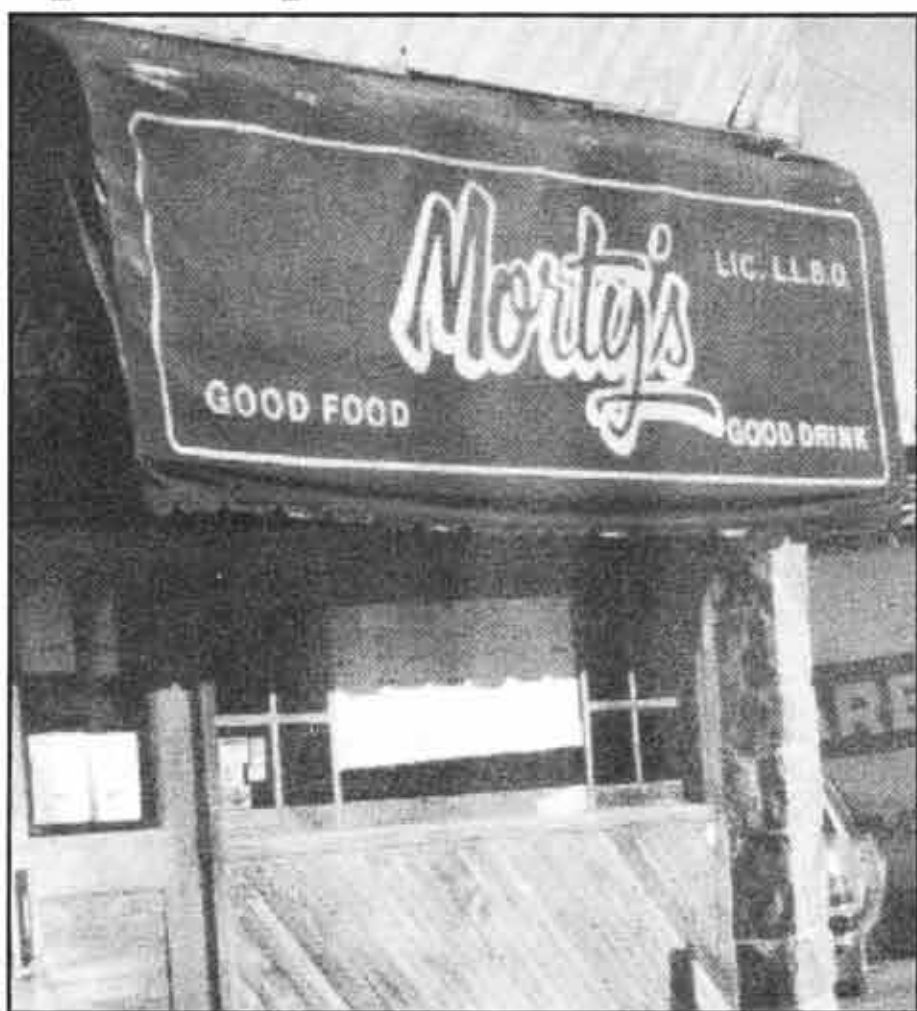
So when this island experience ends, and you venture outside the confines of WLU, you'll realize that the small business community that surrounds the campus is just as anxious to capture the attention of a new group of FROSH.

Managers are going to great lengths to get their name out there. All over town you'll see signs inviting you into their stores with the promise of a special deal.

"Frosh Parents Money Accepted Here" hangs on a sign outside the new Morty's Pub on King street. Jay Taylor, owner and manager, admits that the timing of Morty's relocation was a strategic move.

He explained, "we want to be more appealing to students, the regular customers will keep coming back because of the food and service, but the new layout should keep the students happy. I have a business degree as well, you know."

As part of their advertising plan, Morty's has taken out a full-page ad in the Cord, an idea



I see the difference, can you see the difference? Morty's tries out its new look on Laurier students.

they are testing for the first time. It emphasizes the increased seating capacity while maintaining Morty's familiar image.

Not only has the Pub changed locations, but they've also added patio seating, pool tables, video games and two levels of tables and chairs.

If you've never taken a marketing course before, the first thing they teach you is to identify your target market, in other words, us.

Mr. Taylor aims to attract

more of the student market with the patio addition in an effort to overcome the anti-smoking by-law passed in Waterloo.

We asked some WLU students for their opinion of the new Morty's and we received many positive reactions. A fourth-year student described the atmosphere as "welcoming

and updated."

The students seem to like the extra space that encourages socializing between different tables of friends. One draw-

back is the line-up to get a table if you happen to stumble in past 10:00pm.

The greatest fear is that the 'pub atmosphere' that made Morty's so great will eventually evolve into a dance club with booths.

Morty's is not the only business trying to cash-in on the back to school activities. Forwell's variety store stocks their shelves full of products for O-week.

Sue Wahl, manager, attends many gift shows before the start of the school year and chooses items to cover WLU's four colour teams.

Besides offering new products every week, regular customers will notice that an ATM machine has been installed after

TD withdrew their services. The downside is the \$1.50 service charge on every transaction.

Ms. Wahl is currently discussing the possibility of donating a five cent portion of the transaction fee to student related charities such as bursaries or grants.

We're off to a great start. It seems like everyone wants to help make this orientation week one to remember.

Whether it's ten dollars off 'back to school facials' or fast food restaurants that take turns preparing frosh meals all week, the businesses in this community are showing their true colours by supporting our school activities and joining in the fun.

"The new layout should keep the students happy."

BUSINESS BITES

FIRESTONE DEATHS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED:

New evidence has surfaced indicating that possible safety hazards were uncovered prior to the Firestone tire recall on August 9, 2000. Jon Harmon, Ford spokesman, claims he was unaware of such documents. Ford began recalling its tires in 16 countries outside North America more than one year ago, but did not inform US officials of the problem until the investigation this summer. The faulty tires can be linked to 88 deaths and 250 injuries in the United States.

STOP SPENDING, CUT TAXES AND DEBT, OECD SAYS:

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development advises Canada to lower taxes and debt without increasing federal spending. Currently, half of the budget surplus goes to spending, a costly mistake in the eyes of OECD. Other reports indicate that strong economic growth has not improved the standard of living in Canada relative to the organizations' 28 other countries.

AIR CANADA SPREADS ITS WINGS:

Air Canada is talking with Boeing Co. and Airbus Industrie to expand their air-line and replace the aging fleet. A proposed number of 140 new planes may be purchased over the next 7 years for \$7 billion. The company plans to finance the expansion through leasing and debt. The offer is conditional on Air Canada pilots ratifying a tentative contract. Air Canada hopes the agreement will enable them to expand into new markets.

CRUDE OIL PRICES STILL TO INCREASE:

Crude oil prices remain high, at over \$33 (US) a barrel, yet analysts predict an increase to \$40 or even \$50 a barrel, before the market stabilizes. Members of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) are meeting on Sunday to discuss increasing the production of oil, as they originally promised. However, OPEC President Ali Rodriguez does not believe that a simple increase in production will be enough to stabilize prices. Oil prices are not even close to a top in this market.

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THURSDAY · SEPTEMBER 7 · 2000

Hawks Halted *BOX-er-ama?*

NATHAN HATTON

Little known facts: Laurier is the only university in Ontario currently with a Boxing Club. When Varsity Boxing was eliminated from the curriculum of collegiate athletics in the late 1940's, boxing as an organized pastime amongst students faded. While boxing remained an integral part of many American athletics programs, it wasn't to be the rage in Canada. In 1994/1995, boxing was revived here at Laurier by Economics Student Dan Courtemance, a former Ontario provincial champion and a veteran of 35 fights. Now an executive with IBC Computers, Courtemance has remained as the club's coach for most of the time since his graduation in 1995.

Since 1997, the club has had a membership that has been growing considerably every year. Now, with an extended executive, Laurier Boxing is poised to become a knockout force on the WLU campus. While the main focus of the organization in the past was simply to train its members in the fundamentals of the sweet science, it has expanded beyond those narrow confines to include a heavy emphasis on conditioning and general physical fitness.

This year it is the desire of the Laurier Boxing Club to educate its members and the population in general on the rich history of the sport.

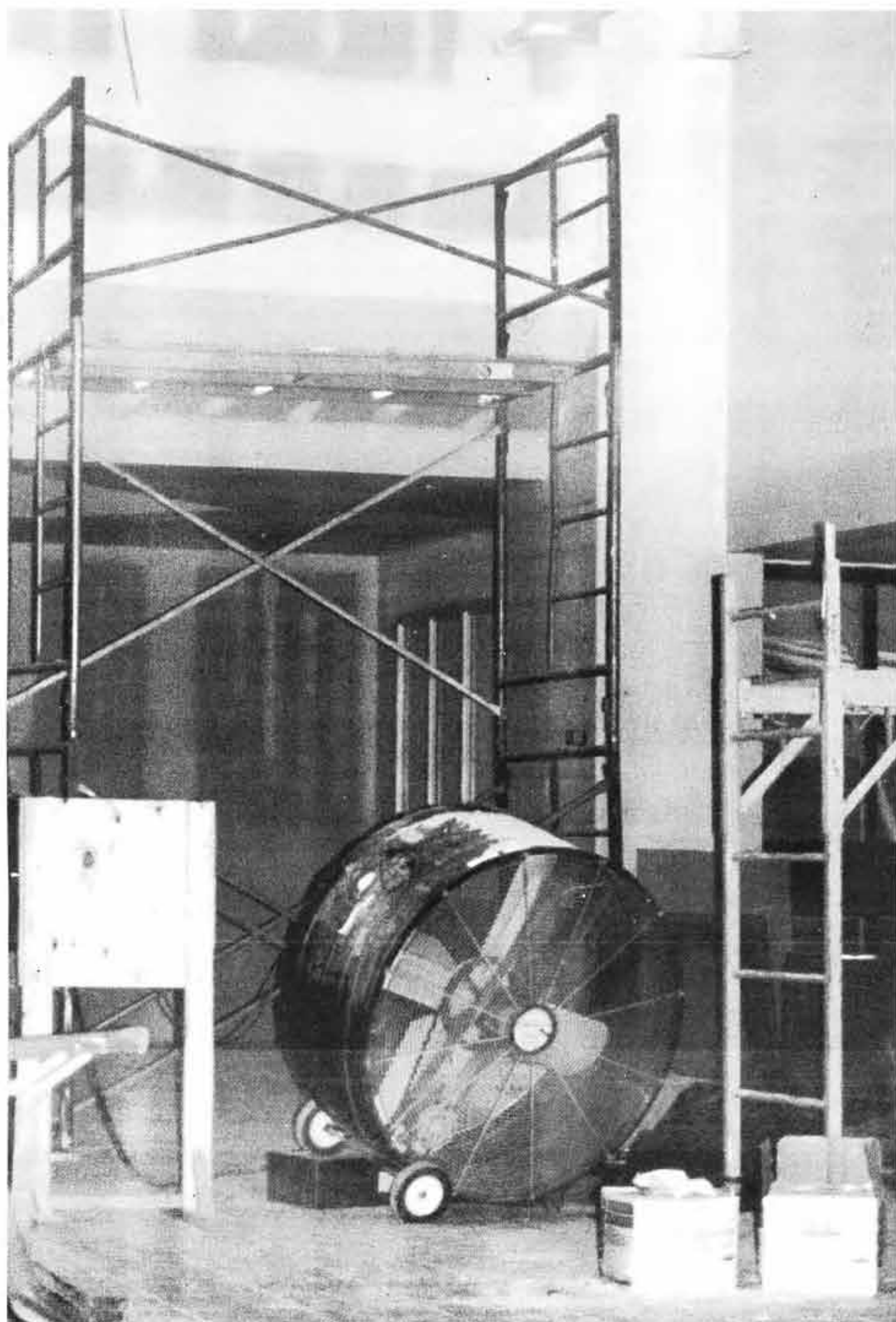
Current club president Gregory Hendry and the rest of the organizing executive and trainers encourage anyone in the school to come out and give the sport a try. Even if you don't become a great boxer, you'll get in the best shape of your life and have fun doing it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Nathan Hatton enjoys marinating in the juices of power boxing brings to his dark soul.*



Here are the three steps towards success in boxing:

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2. Hitting people in the head
3. Towering over their lifeless bodies



While Orientation Week fills the gym to the brim, there's no swimming, dancing or below-the-surface circuit room weight training to be found as construction continues in the Athletic Complex. "But Mom, I washed my gym socks and EVERYTHING! Pooh!"

IN SHORT

CALLING BACK KOJO... KOJO... KOJO... KOJO... COME BACK... KOJO

Already drafted during the 2000 college draft, Kojo Millington has returned to Laurier for another season. In just his second season he became a First Team OUA All-Star defensive end with 6 sacks. Last year he was also named defensive end again, this time with the All-Canadian team. Kojo has just decided to leave Mississauga to return to Laurier. This is his final year of eligibility, though, and it is hoped that this season will be one of his best.

CHEERLEADERS' SUMMER SUCCESS

This summer the Golden Hawk cheerleading squad was proud to attend a UCA cheerleading and mascot camp. They scored fourth in the sideline competition, second for cheering, and second for fight singing. In addition, they won two major awards in the small co-ed team division, one chosen by the other competitors, and one chosen by the camp staff. Mascot Ryan Carter also won an award for his hard work.

RETURN OF HODDS

Women's soccer fans should be pleased to note the return of Lorraine Hodds to the Golden Hawks. Hailing from Burlington, Ontario, Hodds was an integral player for the Hawks from 1995 to 1998, but elected to take off 1999 in

order to pursue other interests. The return of this four time Ontario all star and two time All Canadian winner will certainly be an asset to the team in yet another strong soccer season.

FABULOUS FOOTBALL

And so it begins again. Laurier is preparing to kick off its 2000 football season with an away game against the Guelph Gryphons on September 9. Last year will be a tough act to follow, but the Hawks are expected to have a strong season again this year with minor changes to the coaching staff, 10 of last year's 12 starters returning, and a great number of veteran players coupled with 50 new recruits.

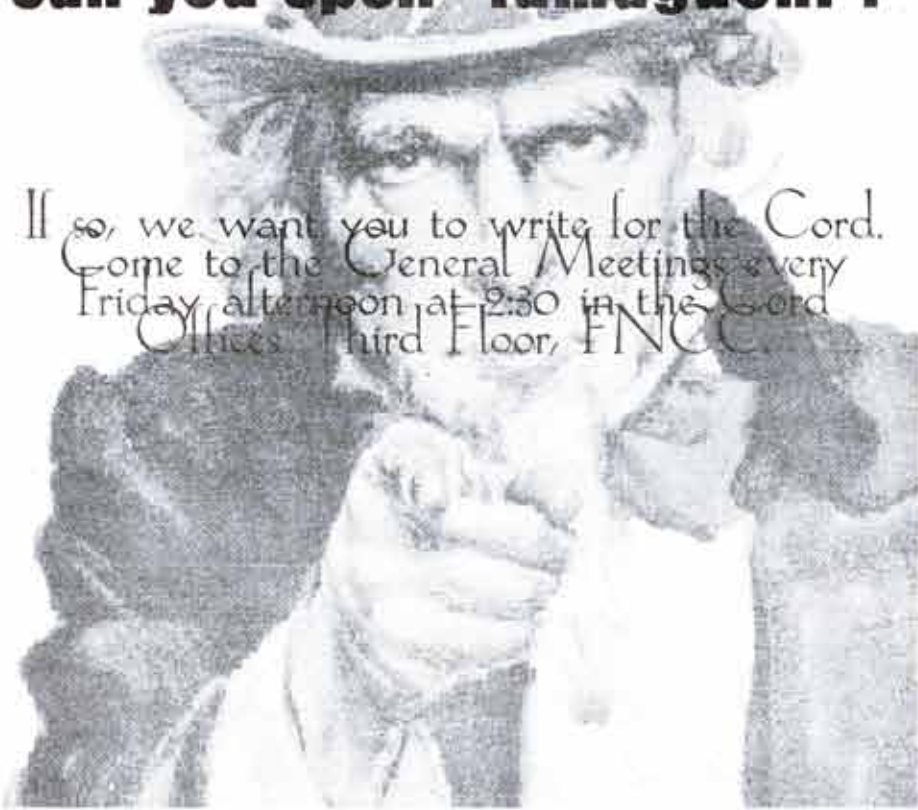


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LOST AND FOUND

Independence Lost

All I know how to do now is chant about colours. I'd write another sentence but no one's told me what to write about, so I'll just stop here.

Found:

A used book at the bookstore... Ha ha, yeah right...

Pizza Found

Found under a couch in the 24-Hour Lounge. It still tastes pretty good, come get some. Call Matt Cade.

Lost:

Everything since coming here...
-Maneesh

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I have no use for it anymore. They waved alcohol in my face all week and then punished me for drinking it...

Chris Ellis' Hat

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WANTED

Construction Hardhats

Every damn thing here is under construction! I don't wanna be hit by some huge slab of concrete!!

A Rocketpack

So that I never have to walk on the Hawk again! I'd rather poke out both my eyes and bathe in sulphuric acid!

Rocket Shoes

In case you don't have a rocket pack...

A Talking Bed

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Don't Talk To Amy!

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-Maneesh

Cheer Your Ass Off!

I'm starting a new group at Laurier - one that just cheers constantly! All we do is cheer about everything! We promise to be your friends all year and not just the first week! It'll be a blast, so come join!
-Luke Martyn

Get Ready...

The new album from Big Al and Borty Bort is coming soon! You are NOT prepared for this speaker shredding release!

PERSONALS

From Chris Ellis' Hat

Will someone please shut that Maneesh guy up!

Hey, Security Hottie!

I saw you in The Turret line. You held two guys back so sexily. I want you.
-Red Team Frosh Girl

For The Penguin

Your waddle is so sexy. I want you to melt my ice cubes all night long.
-Guess Who

Intense!!

I see you at the gym. You're so sexy, big guy. I want you to melt my ice cubes all night long.
-Not Guess Who

Nathan Ludwig:

That pink dress is very becoming on you. If I were on you, I'd be coming too...
-A Cord Editor (not Matt Cade)

Still S.E.X.Y.

My words melt you like butter in the sun. Your body quivers at the very thought of me touching a single hair on your head. I penetrate your mind like soap in dishwasher. Want some?
--Big Sexy

Hey Ashley!

Where the hell are you? Why am I doing your job?
-Maneesh

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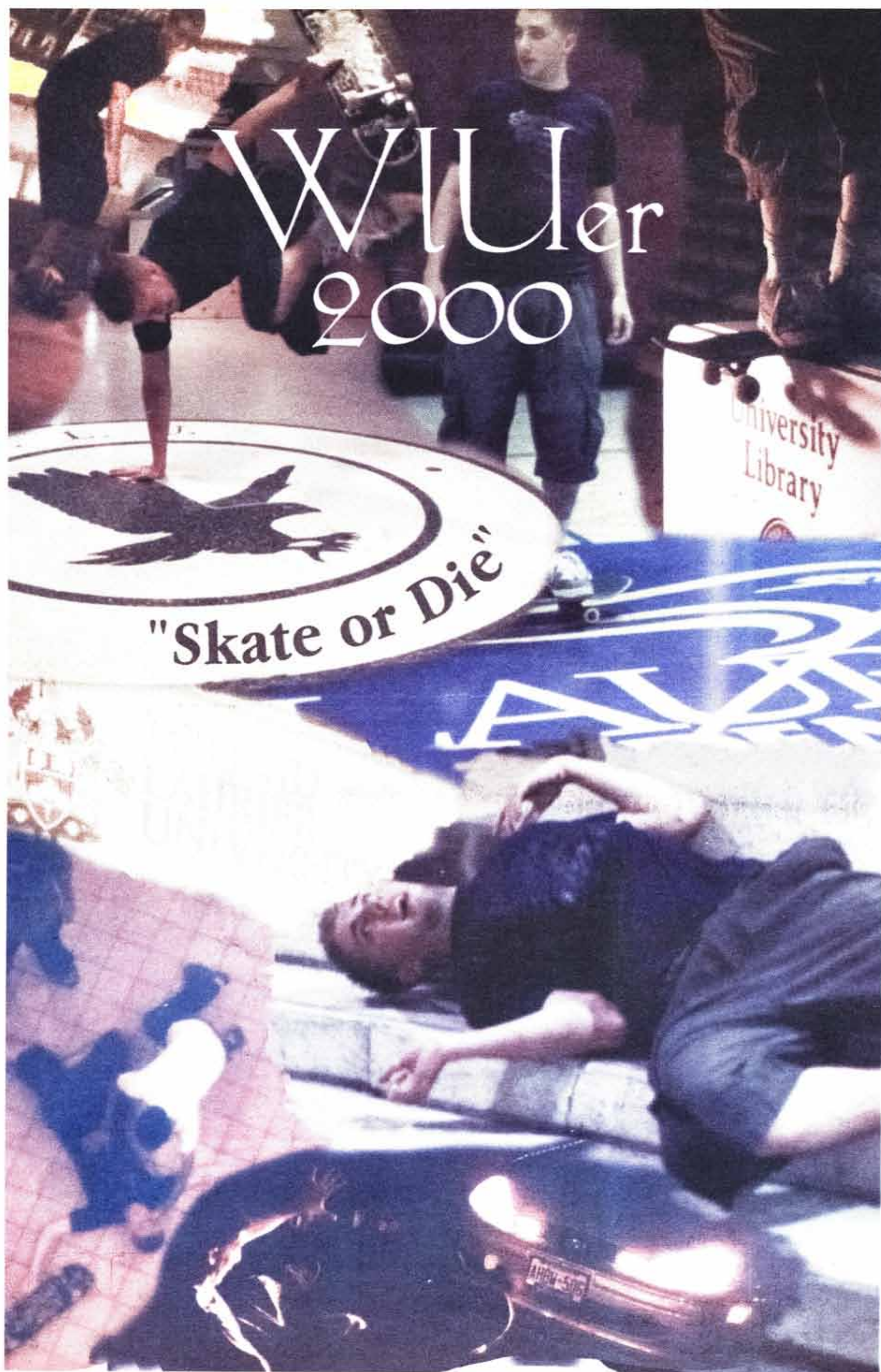


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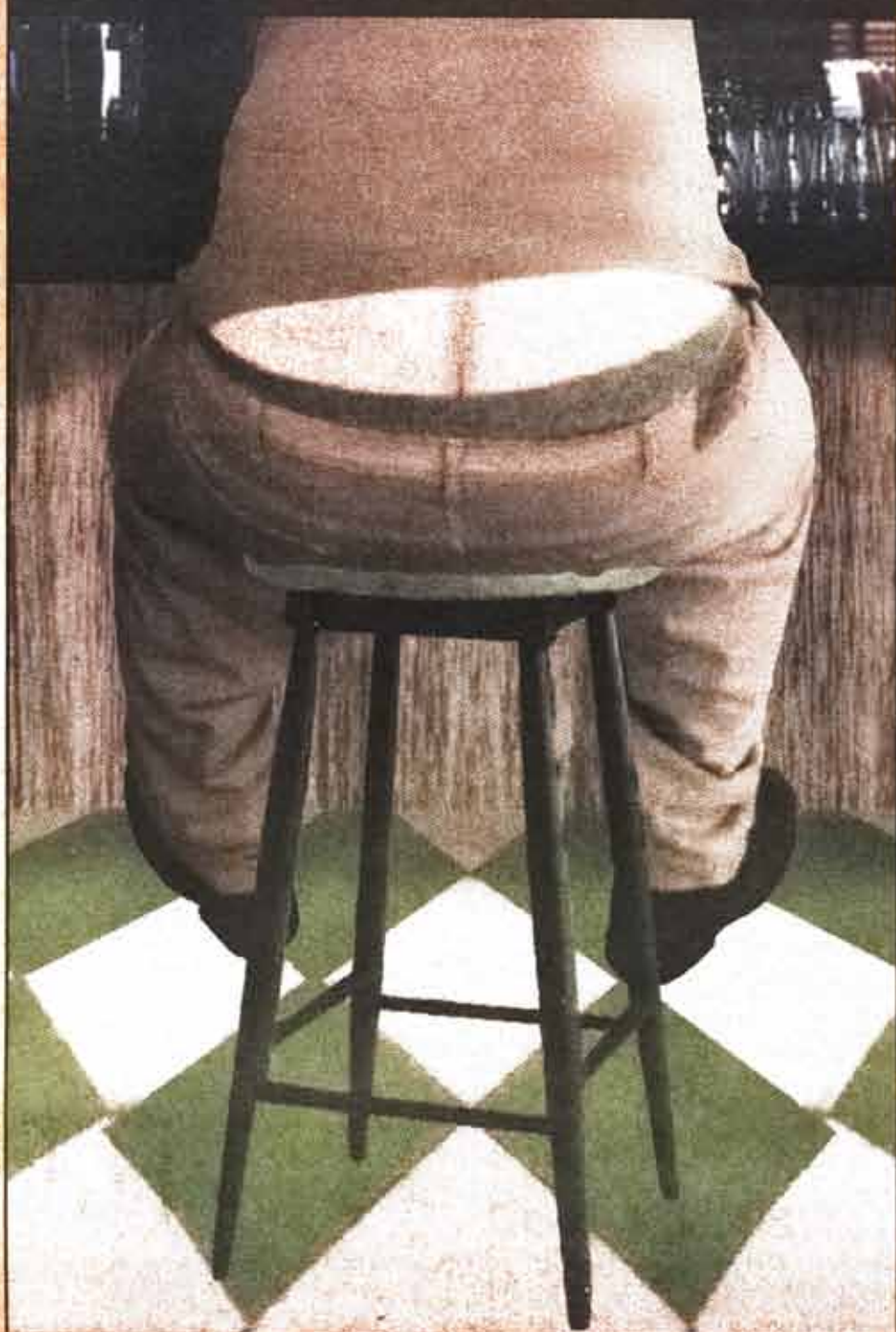
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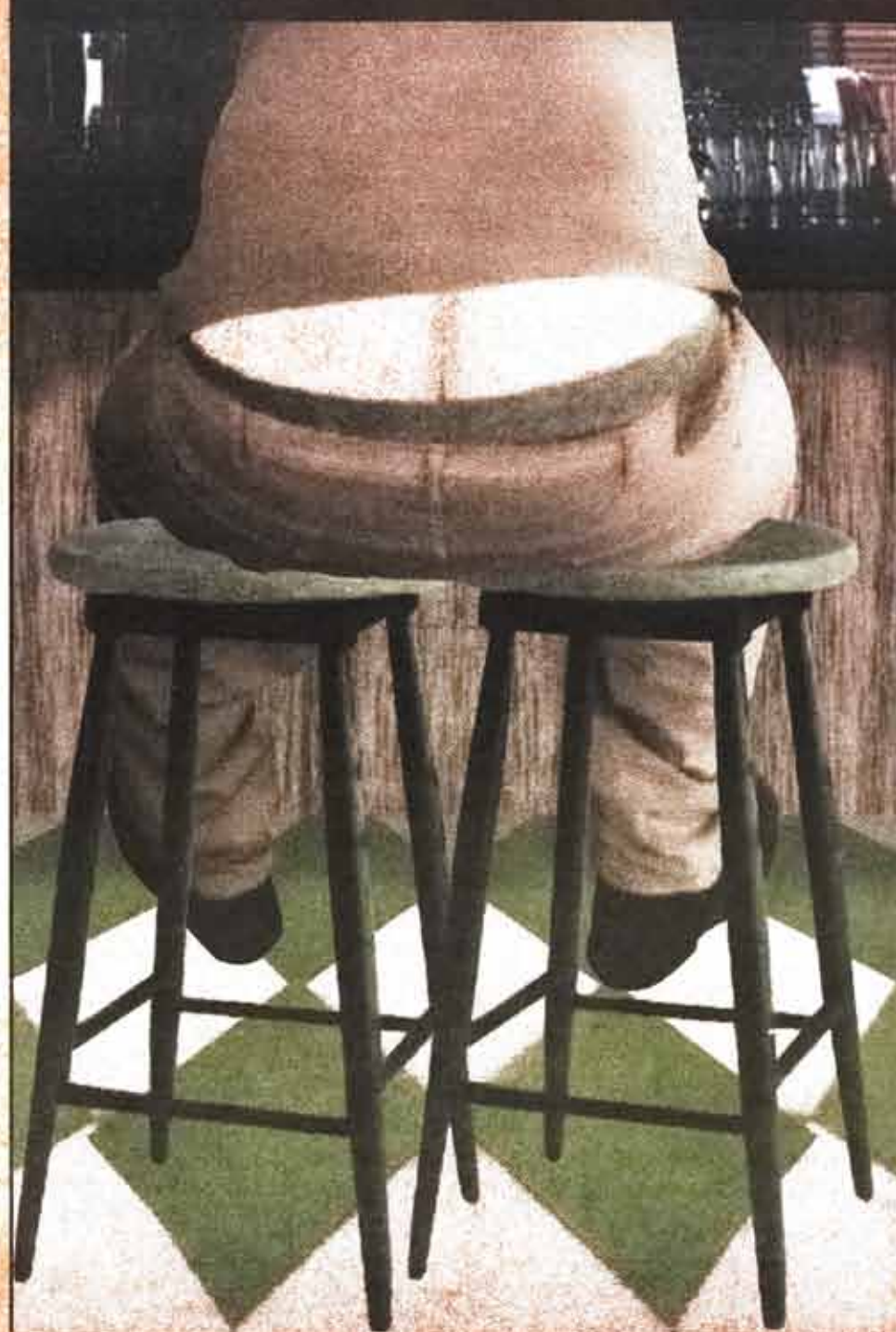


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