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Hampton Visits Laurier

NDP leader discusses minimum wage increase

CORD NEWS
SHEY YLONEN

Last Thursday, The Grad Pub was site to a speech by Howard Hampton, the leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party.

Hampton, on the invitation of the Department of Social Work, came to discuss the topic, "Alternative Social Policy: Is there any hope?"

Hampton began his speech before a packed audience with a brief introduction into his diverse background. His previous stints as a teacher and lawyer, before entering politics, were quickly mentioned.

Continuing on, he outlined the three current issues, where the provincial governments "market oriented" approach was failing. These issues, the increasing privatization of health care, the environmental deficit, and the state of education are "issues that touch people in a personal way".

In fact, Hampton was confident that these issues will be the downfall of the Harris Government, but "social issues are going to cause the most destruction", and will be the most difficult to repair.

Specifically, Hampton made mention of social housing projects geared towards senior citizens, as a hot issue that will affect the Harris government at the polls, because of the high turnout of seniors in elections.

Although social policy was the proposed topic, Hampton, observing the substantial university-age crowd in attendance, chose to speak about the growing divide in minimum wage between the United States and Canada. He mentioned that the U.S. has increased their minimum wage 40% in the last four years, with little harm to the economy.

Introducing his campaign to raise the minimum wage, he distributed to the audience

"political currency", dollar bill impressions complete with a smiling Hampton and "7.50 per hour" marked as the denomination.

Citing 'U.S. Studies', Hampton proclaimed that the United States increase in minimum wage, contradicted economists views, helping low-income workers find jobs, without raising inflation.

In closing his speech, he maintained that he is optimistic about Ontario's future, and that "government has an important role in life".

In bringing social issues to the front in a "practical political approach", Hampton believes he can deliver his message with success at the polls.

After the speech, an official question and answer session was held, followed by an opportunity for members of the audience to speak to Howard on an individual basis.

Chris Lobsinger, a student in



EDDY SCHALL

Howard Hampton discusses social policy at the Grad Pub.

the Masters, Social Work program, felt that the speech was thoughtful, and that Hampton's practical strategy of "combining idealism with pragmatism", will

particularly appeal to low-income voters who in the past have chosen not to vote.

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Who's Golden? Hawks Thrash Gaels

CORD SPORTS
BRIAN THODE

October 21st, was sunny, warm, and a beautiful day for Laurier Football. It was not such a great day for the Queen's Golden Gaels. The Hawks rained down on the Gaels all day and sent them back to Kingston with their worst loss in school history. By the time it was all over the Hawks had collected 9 touchdowns and a 67-7 victory.

Laurier's last game against Queen's was in the 1991 Churchill Bowl where the Hawks defeated the Gaels 42-22 on their way to the Vanier Cup. The Gaels, 1-5 coming into the game, were deceiving as they play in a very strong conference.

Queen's only win of the season came last week against Western and as Coach Rick Zmich noted, seeing Queen's upset Western "helped the team to focus."

The real story of the game was not in the offensive fireworks, but in the strong performance by the offensive line and by the depth which the Hawks enjoy at key positions. The offensive line suffered several injuries early in the year and it was not until the game against the University of Toronto that all the pieces were put



MARK BELCASTRO

Running back Justin Praamsma (7) celebrates another Laurier touchdown.

together the way the coaching staff intended.

In their second game together, they controlled the line against Queen's, providing plenty of time for quarterback Adam Lane to throw the ball and creating gaping holes for the running game.

This became important as running

backs Justin Praamsma and Alex Torrie both went down with minor injuries in the second quarter (both are expected to play next week). Third stringer Marvin Williams came into the game and took advantage of the big holes to rack up 191 yards on 16 carries and 2 touchdowns.

Coach Zmich saw the game's high point total as a testament to the diversity of the Laurier offense with "more targets" in the passing game and "depth" in the running game. Early in the year, opposing teams saw Andre Talbot and Justin Praamsma as the only offensive threats for the Hawks. However, with his fourth and fifth touchdowns against Queen's, Chad Mac Avelia established himself as a consistent offensive threat. Also Alex Torrie, Jon Low, and Marvin Williams have proven themselves as solid runners who can carry the load with Praamsma out of the game.

Lost in the offensive explosion was another outstanding performance by the Hawk defense, who for the third straight week have limited their opponent to just one offensive score and less than two hundred yards in total offense. Eric Schwab and Rohan Thompson had sacks for the Hawks while Carvell Johnson and Donnie Ruiz each had an interception.

Next Saturday marks the end of the regular season as the Hawks make the short road trip to Seagram Stadium to play an away game against the University of Waterloo. Coach Zmich described his team's motivation simply as "trying to finish first".

INSIDE: THE SYSTEMATIC PROBLEMS WITH WALKERTON'S WATER, A NEW STUDENT-VENTURE AND ONE RICH LAURIER STUDENT

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Against Violence

EMILY CADE

On Thursday October 19, the Women's Studies 100 class held a special event called the Clothesline Project.

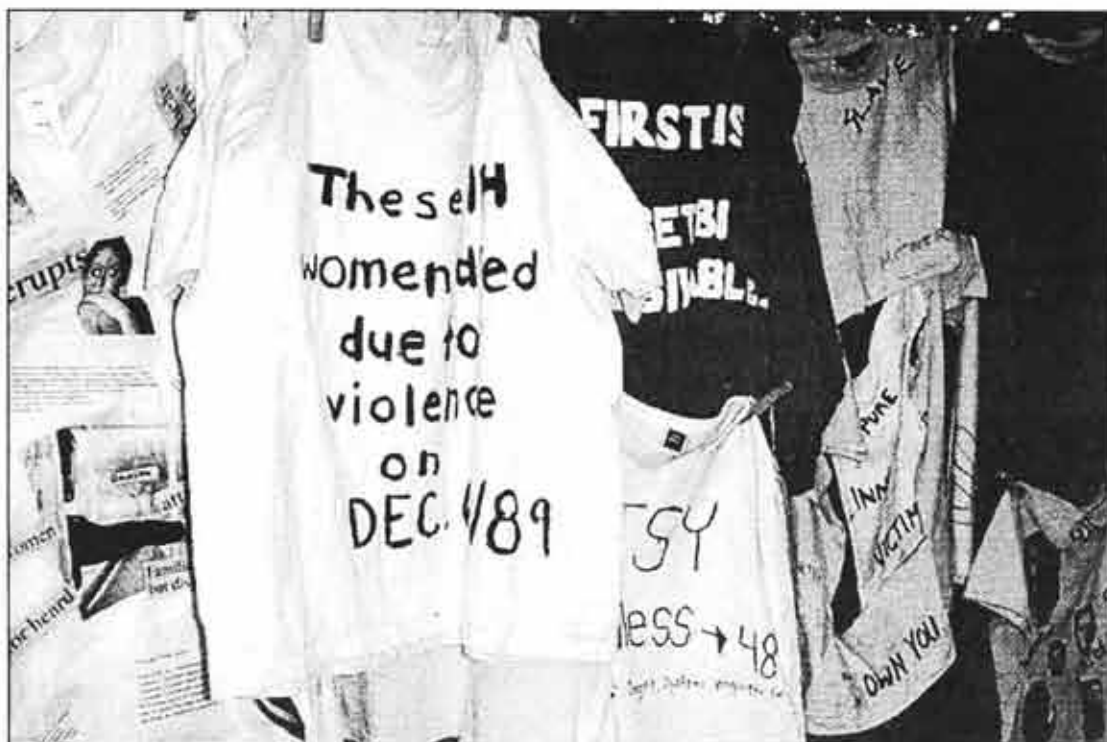
The Teacher's Assistant, Laure Lafrance, explained that violence against women is something that is real and can happen to anyone.

A representative from the Women's Center explained that 63.5% to 83% of all assaults are committed by those the victim knows, 30% occur in the victim's home, a woman is battered every 14 seconds, raped every minute, and every day three to four women are killed by their partners.

The message in the seminar was for the students, mostly young women, to learn that they have the right to say no and they do not ask for "it".

The seminar taught that the men who commit these crimes do not feel that they have done anything wrong.

They see their act as something that should be acceptable, and do not feel that they need any



Women's Studies 100: a public expression of violent experiences.

help.

The root of the problem, according to the seminar, is that 62% of women who are assault-

should always tell someone what has happened, then criminals would be caught and prevented from repeating the crime.

clothesline.

Each group brought different experiences they had either experienced first hand or had

Each group brought different experiences that they had and that was that, kids.

ed do not report the crime.

If the women learned at a young age that it is not their fault and they

After this information was conveyed to the students, they began coming up in groups with their shirts for the

learned about through other means.

One girl spoke of the father of a friend abusing her, while another spoke

of a close friend who had been raped by her stepfather for years.

The class also spoke of the Montreal Massacre that was responsible for the deaths of nineteen women in an engineering school in Montreal.

Many issues were touched on: child abuse, rape, battery toward women, and spousal abuse, but no matter what the issue is, the message is that any abuse is wrong.

The shirts were hung on the clothesline throughout the class and many students also brought in shirts that they did not write on for donation to charity.

The shirts were then brought to the Women's Center and hung in the window, which is located beside Macdonald House Residence.

The event was important as it brought awareness to the issues that can happen to anyone at any time.

Several people in the class had experienced some form of abuse.

Hampton: A Little Closer

MATTHEW CADE

Howard Hampton, provincial leader of the Ontario NDP party, was at Laurier last week to speak with graduate studies students from the department of Social Work. Before he made it over to the Grad Pub, however, he was able to sit down and discuss a few other things including tuition, university privatization and the Walkerton tragedy.

Ever sympathetic to the greatest of the university students' plights, Hampton began by discussing his thoughts on rising tuition costs and student debt.

"Right now, learning is more important than ever," he said, "and yet the federal Liberal and provincial Conservative governments are making it more difficult for students to access post-secondary education."

According to Hampton, the deficit should not be used as an excuse anymore for consistently raising tuition.

"The province could easily afford to address high tuition fees, but they won't do it," he said. "Right now we live in a knowledge economy, a knowledge society. This society should be open to all of us. Tuition should not be prohibitive."

When asked what action he would take to remedy the situation for students, Hampton did not hesitate to indicate that his first step would be to put a freeze on the tuition costs as they stand. Following this, Hampton suggested an annual 10% decrease in tuition, both this year and next.

"It's all quite affordable," commented Hampton, "and in fact it's something that we've proposed as a private members bill. Access to higher education will be better for all of us and will create more social cohesion as well as a more productive economy."

According to Hampton, tuition hikes are not the only area where the provincial government needs help. When asked about the tragedy in Walkerton earlier in the summer, Hampton described the whole incident as the "first step in the undoing of the Harris government."

He expressed his concern for the victims and also described his feeling that the government was underinvesting in environmental protection, education and social infrastructure.

Said Hampton: "Their underfunding has resulted in tax cuts which only benefit the well-off. However, tax cuts will not provide us with safe, clean drinking water. Some things in society shouldn't depend on how much money you have."

Kingwell Introduces New Ideas

DILLON MOORE

The Paul Martin Centre became an arena for heated debate last night, when Canadian philosopher and writer Dr. Mark Kingwell arrived to read from his newest book, *The World We Want: Virtue, Vice and the Good Citizen*.

Like his first book *A Civil Tongue: Justice Dialogue, and the Politics of Pluralism*, his newest work deals with the concepts of citizenship.

Reading from the book, Kingwell illustrated his belief that we now inhabit a world where "national identities and institutions may no longer serve—a post-national, even post-cultural, world." He asked, "What does it mean to be a citizen in a world of fractured identities, global monoculture, and crumbling civic nationalism?"

The example he provided of this modern-day confusion was a Canadian plane Kingwell flew on, in which he realized almost all of the various people speaking were not speaking in English or French. He pondered what could be the common national tie between these world-travellers. Kingwell

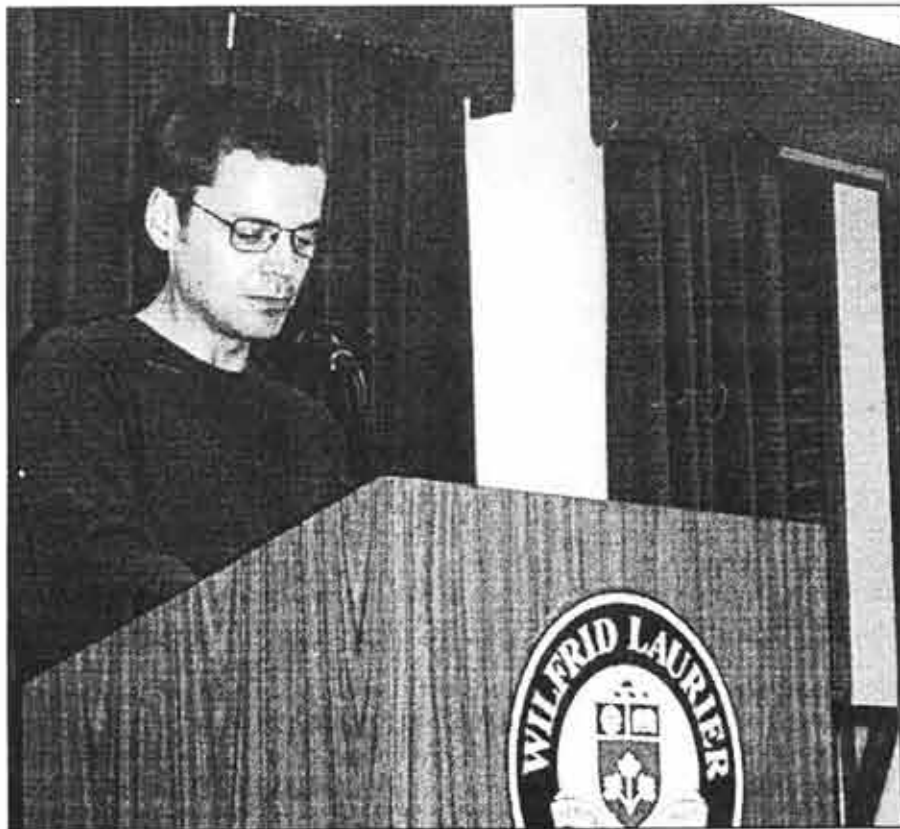
decided, "It is time for us to rethink the idea of citizenship."

When questioned what he meant by "inclusive and participatory model of citizenship," he stated, "ability to reason makes us legislators" which in turn "makes action the condition and task of citizenship."

A member of the crowd asked whether Kingwell thought that people could be concerned enough to accept the responsibility of participatory citizenship. Kingwell responded that he hoped so, as a cynical optimist who "hopes for the best, but expects the worst."

Much of the discussion was on the topic of World Government powers. Kingwell expressed his concern that the basis for current World organizations, such as the World Trade Organization, is governance and not government. This is a situation, which adds up to "influence without accountability."

The concept of growth in Gross Domestic Product, is in Kingwell's opinion "self-defeating". He pointed out the O. J. Simpson case actually produced a GDP growth; hardly a



Mark Kingwell studies his notes as he lectures in the PMC.

model for a prosperous society.

Kingwell cited the protests in Seattle and Prague as examples that people are waking up to this accountability problem. The problem that he now sees the protestors facing is a double bind. If the protestors cease violent action, the press reports that the movement has begun to fizzle out. To continue violent action means that the protestors are dismissed as violent anar-

chists.

No stranger to creating strong reactions, Kingwell complained that the problem with social criticism now is that it's too non-threatening. Recalling the sacrifice of Socrates for his principles, with tongue in cheek, he rhetorically asked the crowd, "Wouldn't it be great in a way if we could actually get people so riled up they wanted to kill us?"

LISA POWELL

Radio killed the video star

LUKE JOHNSTON

Do you miss the hum of your favourite tune on your way to class? It's almost the end of October and the halls of Laurier are still silent.

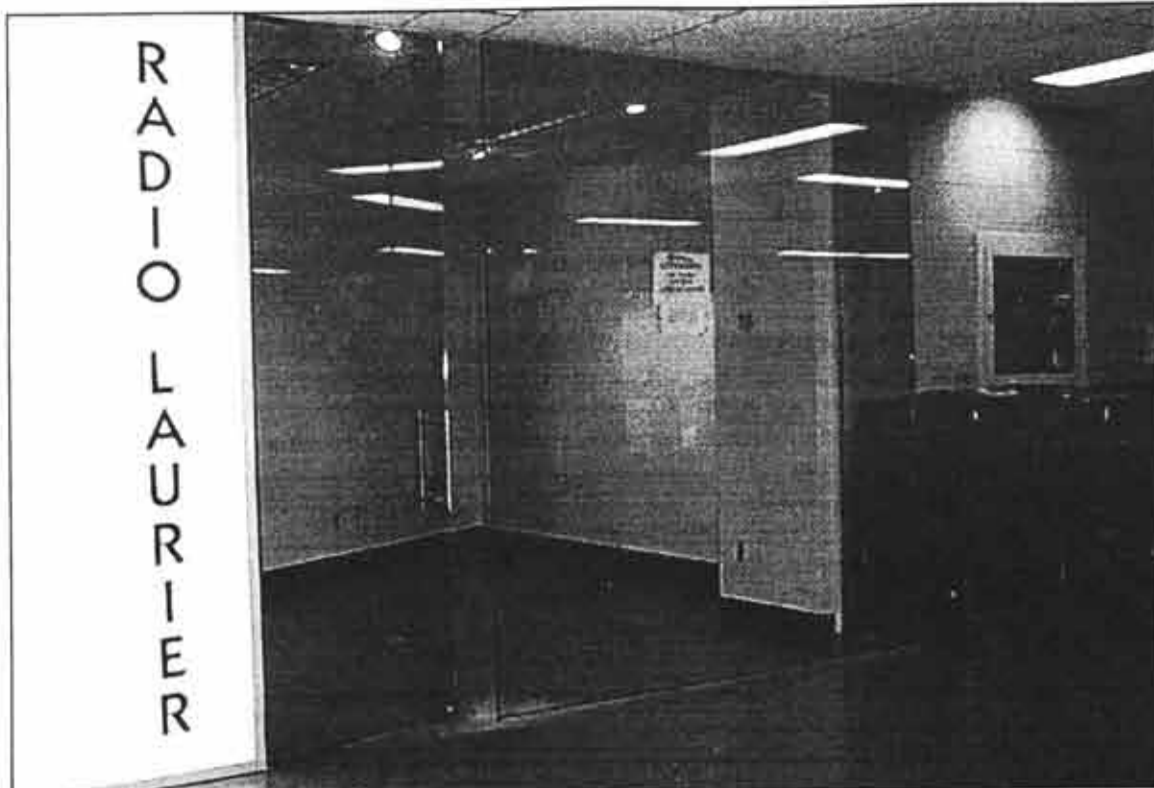
Before music can once again fill campus, our radio station requires construction and equipment. However, it may not be too long before a new and improved version of Radio Laurier is on the air.

The empty radio booth in the concourse is quite noticeable, and students have begun to wonder when the station will be on air.

Originally, organizers in the student union planned to have the station ready for the beginning of the year. However, the large amount of construction going on all over campus has pushed Radio Laurier down the priority list.

The good news is that the final stage of construction is set to begin this week. According to Adam De Cloet, the V.P. of Marketing and the supervisor of the project, "physical construction should be finished by the end of October."

De Cloet went on to say, "the set up of equipment will take a few more weeks after that, and the station should be on air by mid-November."



The new Radio Laurier booth - before construction began again.

Once it's on the air, Radio Laurier will be a more professional, formatted and structured station.

The D.J.'s have already been selected and await the chance to get started. Each radio show will be on at the same time every week.

This structure is intended to give the programming a tighter feel and enable listeners to know when their favourite

show is on. Under the new format, Radio hosts will have to adhere to tighter broadcasting regulations.

The rules governing on air material will be the same as those enforced by CRTC for public stations.

According to Beth Willis, the director of Radio Laurier, "the language used by the DJ's will not exceed the language used by characters on the Simpson's."

Additionally, the songs played on air will be radio-edited versions. Along with profanity constraints, DJ's will be required to play at least 15 percent Canadian content each hour.

Radio Laurier Officials hope that these regulations will enable the station to go public within the next few years.

The on air programming will be very diverse. Students can expect to hear a variety of music shows including: top 40, Electronica, folk and classical.

The station will also feature programming focused on gay and cultural issues. Also, a regular news show and an open forum for various organizations to advertise their events will be broadcast.

The Radio station also hopes to be available on the Internet. If the station's Internet streaming is successful, Radio Laurier will be Ontario's largest school station on the web.

The web streaming is intended to reach a wider audience and capture more advertising revenue.

The total cost of the Radio Laurier project still hasn't been released.

However, if the station lives up to its promises, students are sure to think it is well worth the money.

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"It hasn't hit me yet, it was just pure luck"

DAVID FIELD

Imagine being randomly chosen from a phone book listing and being woken from sleep by a phone call telling you that you are now \$100,000 richer. This was reality for third year economics student Justyna Kowal.

On Friday, October 20, 2000 she was contacted while sleeping by radio station 96.7 CHYM FM and the morning show hosted by George Michaels and Tara Connors.

The Waterloo native was called at 7:20, and was asked to give the "Phrase that Pays". Justyna was able to provide the correct answer, "any time is CHYM time, now give me my money."

Said Justyna: "I didn't know they had a \$100,000 draw. I thought it was \$1000."

An hour after winning she went down to CHYM FM to receive the massive presentation cheque, and then had to go write her Economics 310T mid-term at 2:30 P.M. She said that winning the money "wasn't dis-

tracting to me at all," while she wrote the exam.

"It hasn't hit me yet," was Justyna's response to winning the money, "it was just pure luck." Justyna did not apply for the contest, and does not listen to 96.7 CHYM FM. She explained that the only reason

she knew the "phrase that pays" was that everyone she calls has it as their answering machine greeting. That way if you are not home you could still win the money.

Justyna was the fourth person called that morning, after the first two went unanswered and

the third the man said, "I don't want any." With the money, Justyna said that she was going to pay off the loan on tuition, go on vacation, and invest the rest. She then quickly added that she was also going on a shopping spree because, "you can never have enough shoes."

Have the new ATM's across from Wilf's and in the Terrace been an improvement on the machine that existed previously?

PHOTOS BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS



No, only because it wouldn't connect to my bank and I couldn't use the damn thing. Also, my fingers are too fat for the buttons.

Michael Semansky
4th Year Political Science



Somewhat because it's great having two machines. But every time I've come here, the first one I've gone to hasn't worked.

Angela King
4th Year Music Therapy



No, because I am a CIBC customer and now I have to pay a charge. That, and I also have friends who have used them who tell me they're always broken.

Lauren Dennis
2nd Year Archaeology

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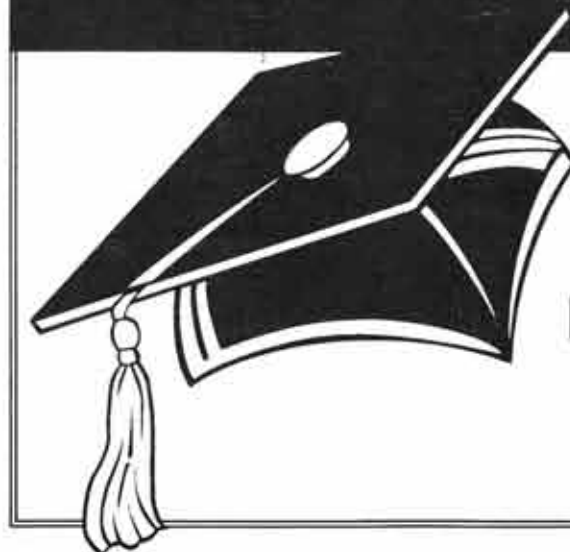
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Sunday, October 29, 2 p.m.–5 p.m.

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Tuesday, October 31, 5.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.

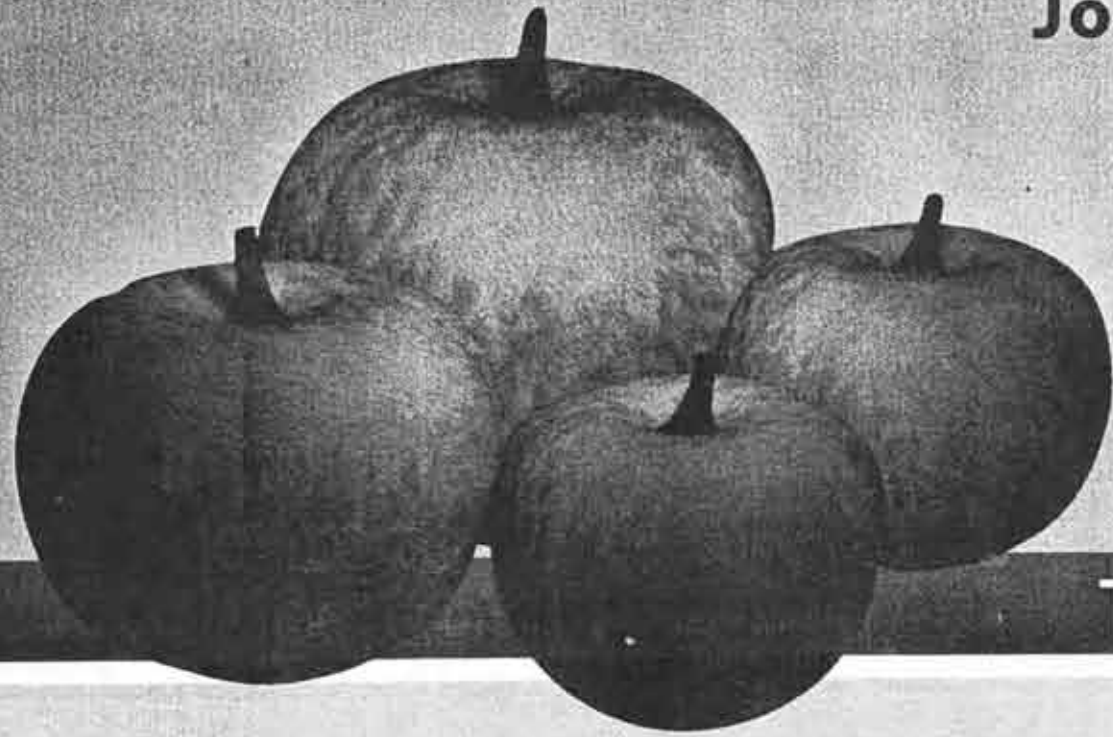


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Jimmy Cliff

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EDITORS COMMENT

Why I'm Tired Of Being Carded

I've been able to drive for seven years now. Been eligible to vote in every major election since '97. Attended Laura Allen's lectures three long years ago, and yet I still can't go to a bar without being carded.

I'm the person who holds up the line at the Turret. The bouncers scrutinize, examine, question and interrogate until even I don't believe my actual age. Once inside, I hear the typical questions: "Do you live in rez?" or my personal favourite, "What high school did you go to last year?" Five guys will hit on me during the night, all awkward and unsuspecting - all frosh.

And my usual response is to laugh it off, because 'when I'm thirty I'll still look twenty.' But who really wants to look significantly younger than their peer group? I want to have kids by the time I'm thirty, not be mistaken for the baby-sitter.

These days, the market is saturated with skin creams and make-up products that promise to transform any woman into a younger, more radiant gal. Personally, I'd like to keep my 'fine lines.' Bags under my eyes? Bring 'em on. I need all the help I can get.

I guess I should be thankful that society doesn't acknowledge what Dr. Michael Roizen calls "real age." Roizen first appeared on Oprah to launch his new book and philosophy. "Real age" predicts how close you

are to death, regardless of chronological age. By looking at certain factors such as lifestyle, medical history, nutrition, exercise, and social support, a person's real age may be significantly lower or higher than their legal age. He says that flossing, exercise and sex can add years to your life. Smoking and stress, on the other hand, make you older.

Being anxious to know my real

I want to have kids by the time I'm thirty, not be mistaken for the babysitter.

age, I took the set of tests found at www.realage.com. Turns out I'm really 15.1 years old. Certainly not what I wanted to hear.

The actual act of being carded is a mere inconvenience, but as I enter the world of work, the subject has dire implications. My education has groomed me for a promising career in business. And yet I fear that poten-

tial employers will unconsciously question my maturity.

My most recent humiliation occurred while waiting in line to see the 'The Exorcist.' The pimply-faced ticket boy asked my age. Dumbfounded, I handed over my ID as he proceeded to tell me how security recently busted a crowd of 16-year olds sneaking into the R-rated movie.

That's when I decided to take matters into my own hands. This called for something major. A life-change, if you will. Yes, you know what I'm talking about - the haircut. In a world that breeds sophistication, I decided that my only recourse was to chop off my girlish locks. (And yes, I do read Cosmo).

And maybe it won't turn me into the corporate leader I'm destined to become - it's too soon to tell. I just want to be able to walk into a liquor store without being carded at the "in" door. Second, I wish everyone would stop asking 'what grade I'm in.' Finally, when I graduate this spring, I want people to know it was from University, not High School... although two out of three ain't bad.

CATHY SWEET
 BUSINESS EDITOR

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LETTERS

YO' MOMMA'S NOT YO' MAID NO MO'! (PART DEUX)

Isn't this university great? I mean, here we are in a place of higher learning where we can share opinions and ideal sand broaden our minds. We have the pleasure of intellectual stimulation every day of our lives! I guess that's why we can't be bothered to clean up after ourselves!

It's great! I love walking around campus and tripping over ten copies of The Toronto Star. I love the sight of Tim Horton's cups scattered across the ground! But what tickles me pink is how the intelligent peo-

ple of WLU believe that their garbage will grow legs and dispose of themselves!

Ok, that concludes the sarcastic portion of the letter. Now it is time for the facts. If you don't clean up after yourself, you are a MORON. A STUPID ASS MORON. That means that you need your Mom or Dad at school to tell you to clean up after yourself. Well take this letter as a favour. Cut it out and carry it with you at all times. It is not the duty of Physical Plant and Planning or the Custodial staff's job to pick up after you lazy punks. So if this letter is too hard to understand I've done you another favour and condensed the basic steps for you to these five points:

Once finished your coffee, newspaper or whatever:

- 1) Get off your ass.

- 2) Walk to the garbage or recycling bin.
- 3) Place waste in appropriate bin.
- 4) Walk back to where you were sitting.
- 5) Sit your ass down.

Please note that for steps 2 and 4 there may be some heavy exercise involved so be sure to stretch. Also note that for step 3, there may be a severe mental challenge of deciding which bin is the appropriate bin. The garbage and recycling bins have been colour coded for your purpose. If you can't figure out the differences in the recycling bins, read the sign or get someone to help you sound out the words.

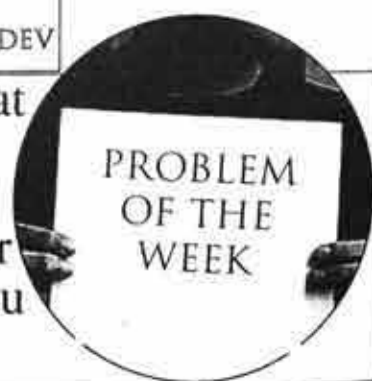
Still don't get it? Clean up, dammit.
 Just clean up.

Kiran Kharaud

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK MANEESH SEHDEV

Problem: "Greetings, Maneesh. I don't spend enough money at Laurier and wanna be ripped off some more. What do I do?"

Solution: "Well chief, try using one of the new Automated Teller Machines in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. They'll give you your money and take about half of it too!"



MORE LETTERS

NEW RULES OF THE ROAD

I have been noticing, over the past few weeks, a certain degree of hostility expressed by motorists as I bike my way to school. While considering possible causes for this, I realized that part of the reason may be that some motorists may see cyclists as rebels, existing outside the normal rules of the road. With that in mind, I would like to present the following Code of Conduct and Behaviour for Cyclists: I will obey all traffic signs and lights. I will have a bell on my bike, and I will use it to signal pedestrians about my presence. I will remain in the right lane of traffic, except when turning requires me to move from it. I will signal properly when turn-

ing or slowing down. I will chuckle silently every time I hear someone in an SUV complaining about gas prices, because my gas is free! I will be respectful of other vehicles on the road, and of pedestrians. No matter how often, or how loudly, motorists tell me to get off "their" road, I will NOT do so, because the law prevents me from cycling on sidewalks when other alternatives are available (i.e., roads). I will not, however, respond to them in the same manner as they give me, no matter how much they might deserve it. I will feel good that I am doing something that benefits both myself and the world around me. Lastly, I will make sure to come out to the Critical Mass Bike Ride this Friday afternoon, leaving the WLU Library at 4:35 pm!

Ryan Harron

Progress In The Name Of...

I heard that they're thinking about increasing the speed limit on the 401 from 100 km/hr to 120-km/hr. It seems that people are going too fast.

Is the majority going too fast or is the minority going too slow? When will these "primitives" wake up and smell the java? (Coffee is so twentieth century.) The days of horse and carriages, family dinner table discussions, and simple joy are gone. Long live speed, expediency, and cynicism.

Take, for instance, Woodstock '99. The 30th Anniversary of free love and the fight for peace and civil liberties was celebrated amid reckless violence, arson, and rape. This is the way of the future. Who needs free love when free sex is so much more convenient?

People blame it on the boring little bands - Korn, Limp

TIM PHILLIPS

Bizkit, Kid Rock, etc. They're too aggressive and they lack morals, shout the banana bread mothers. But there have always been aggressive bands. The Who and the Doors could incite violence in the blink of an eye.

DIFFERENCE - 30 years ago the vitriol was in the name of

Who cares if you ejaculate on the face of common decency?

idealism. Oppressive cops, ugly politicians, judgmental shitkickers, and the white-collar elite were the enemies.

Today, there is no cause. Causes are too corny. Instant self-gratification is the name of the game. Feel good fast. Look out for number one. Who cares if you ejaculate on the face of

common decency?

So I climb in the Benz about seven. I know it's only five blocks away, but I heard there's a 15% chance of precipitation. And you know what that rain does to my hair. I immediately head for Tim's. I don't know how I'd make it through the day without my caffeine fix.

The line is huge and doesn't seem to be moving.

"Hey, what's the hold up?!" I pound the horn. Still not moving.

Shit! I hate the zit-faced slackers. Never get an order right. Always take their sweet time. Don't they know that some people have lives?

Shit! How long does it take to pour a pot and count some change?

Man! I guess I'll have to get on the cell. Tell them I'll be late.

Hey, wait a second. What are they doing gathered around that car? What's that old guy doing with his head down on the wheel? Don't tell me he's...

HOLY SHIT!!! Now I'm going to be late for sure.

BETHANY CARTER

Things That Make Me Go *&%@!

As a new opinion columnist at The Cord, I have spent countless hours - okay, minutes - pondering just what topics I should write about. I could discuss issues that are of the utmost importance to students... but how much fun would that be? Instead I have opted to abuse my position as a writer for personal gain. I feel the need to vent some of my frustrations.

Some of you might identify with my pet peeves while others may be offended by them (in which case you're probably one of the people who really piss me off!). In any event, I have compiled a list of things that really annoy me:

People who attend stats class looking as if they have spent the last three hours doing their hair/nails/make-up. Please take note: YOU ARE NOT AT THE TURRET! Please trade in your heels and halter tops for something else - anything else. It's stats class for crying out loud!

Close talkers. You know the ones; they can't say two words without getting right in your face. Here's a hint: If you find that flecks of spit are landing on your conversation partner's cheek, then you are probably too close. Back off!

'Short-long hair': You know, the 'mullet' or 'white trash hair'.

This style was made famous by such stars as Michael Bolton and Billy Ray Cyrus. What amazes me is that people still think (or ever thought) this style looks good! Just a suggestion: if you ever find yourself at the hairdresser thinking, "hey, I'd probably look really good if my hair was short on top but long on the sides and back", THINK AGAIN!

Hardcore cell phone people. They're constantly on the phone whether in line at the bank or on their way to class. And for some mysterious reason, these people seem to think that once a phone is up to their

ear, the rest of the world cannot hear them.

People who insist on walking through a hugely crowded dance floor with a cigarette and/or drink(s) in hand. I guess they just don't notice all of the people they're burning/spilling on (are you catching the sarcasm here?).

People who blow their nasty, snotty noses in class. Even worse than this are the people who proceed to 'dig around' in their noses with a Kleenex! (Do they think that thin layer of tissue makes it okay?) If you're thinking to yourself, "hey I do that sometimes", please stop!

Well, there you have it - things that drive me nuts. I know what you're thinking, "wow, this is one nitpicky girl", but I'm really not...honest! Make a list of your own and you'll see...YOU'LL SEE!

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Albright in North Korea



Korean leader Kim Jong-il and Madeleine Albright meet.

YVONNE FARAH

United States Secretary of State Madeline Albright and North Korean leader Kim Jong-il have had unprecedented talks in the last week.

The meeting has put aside more than 50 years of animosity and distrust and are meant to lay the ground work for a visit by President Clinton before he leaves office. North Korea is one of the last nations of the Cold War era that has not been visited by the President of the United States.

The U.S. delegation had previously expected only a brief meeting between Albright and Kim. However, expectations were quickly surpassed.

After the talks, Ms. Albright said, "We must each meet our responsibilities to eliminate threats, reduce tension, build confidence and expand ties...we must each do our part if the Cold War of truly to end and gone with it the division that has caused such suffering to the people of Korea."

Korean authorities said improving relations between Washington and themselves was "very important to the security of the Korean Peninsula and the Northeast Asian region as well."

raised in the meetings between Kim and Albright, no deal had been reached.

The American government is also asking the communist nation to break all and any ties with terrorism. North Korea has been included on the U.S. list of states supporting international terrorism since the late 1980's.

In 1988, North Korean agents bombed a South Korean airliner, killing 115 people on board KAL Flight 858.

South Korea, which is also rebuilding ties with North Korea, welcomed Albright's visit.

"We must consider as desirable the North Korean moves to set up new relations with the outside world", said a South Korean presidential spokesperson.

North Korea is suffering from a severe food shortage, and has been participating in the United Nations World Food Program.

The United States, according to Madeleine Albright, has contributed nearly 1.5 million tonnes of food to the program.

Also planned on Albright's tour are visits to South Korea and Japan, two nations with vested interest in North Korea's future dealings with the outside world.

Ms. Albright was met by a very low-key ceremony playing-down the significance of her visit.

In response to the question of whether or not the relationship between the United States and Korea was moving too quickly, Albright responded, "We're not moving faster than it makes sense."

Despite the positive overtones projected by the visit, U.S. officials have warned that several major differences still remain between the two nations.

Of primary concern is North Korea's missile program and its export of arms to Iran and Syria. Although those issues were



Madeline Albright dances along with North Korean children.

Peace Eludes Middle East

YVONNE FARAH

In over three weeks of clashes more than 120 people of been killed and no end seems in view.

The Sharm-el-Sheikh conference brought about a ceasefire for a few days but the violence erupted once again.

The United Nations narrowly passed a resolution allowing the High Commission on Human rights to go and investigate the situation in Israel and

the Palestinian territories.

While in Israel, Prime Minister Barak has called for a 'timeout' on the peace process for the time being. At the same

time, Barak is attempting to create a national unity government between himself and Ariel Sharon's Likud party. Without the coalition, Prime Minister Barak could be facing a minority government and the possibility of having to call an election with more than two years left in his mandate.

By trying to bring Sharon and the Likud into his government, Barak is trying to do what many Jewish Israelis want him to do. Sharon is seen as the last hope for ending the violence of the past few weeks through his promotion of more force to deal with the Palestinians. If Barak gets his way, Sharon will be deputy prime minister in an emergency government.

For Palestinians, it is

ironic that the man they accuse of triggering the current crisis with a controversial visit to a Jerusalem holy site on September 28, is seen by the Israelis as the person to stop the violence.

The meeting of the Arab League was held October 20 to 21 and proved to be of very little consequence.

The summit's only resolution was that a fund of about 1 billion American dollars would be set up for those Palestinians who have been affected by the

clashes.

The demand for a United Nations tribunal for alleged Israeli war criminals, the need for a United Nations force to protect the

Palestinian peoples from Israelis was also decided upon. The consideration of cutting off ties with Israel was also agreed upon. However, this is only applicable to nations such as Jordan and Egypt who have peace treaties with Israel.

The resolution agreed on by the Arab leaders was cautious and came short of any real action against Israel, and only focused on the Palestinians' suffering.

Some radical nations, such as Iraq and Libya, called for military action against Israel. However, calm and moderate voices prevailed and no Arab nation has decided to take any sort of action, military or otherwise, against Israel.

Barak has called for a 'time-out' on the peace process.

South Africa

An independent group which monitors conditions in South African prisons says the death rate among inmates has increased by 300 percent since 1995. It has been attributed to the dramatic increase in overcrowding and the spread of HIV.

The South African government is already looking for ways to reduce its prison population, which is proportionately one of the highest in the world. It is not uncommon to find one prison guard in charge of 300 inmates held in huge communal cells. Almost a third of all prisoners in South Africa are awaiting trial.

Given conditions inside the nation's jails, they will consider themselves lucky if they make it to

court alive and in good health. However, the only way the prison population will shrink is when crimes levels fall, and the courts manage to speed up the process of bringing offenders to trial.

Russia

Divers cut a hole in the inner hull of the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk on Sunday, as they work to retrieve the bodies of 118 dead sailors. Several severe weather conditions exist which will make the task difficult for the divers, including gale force winds and stormy seas.

Families of the sailors have asked the Russian government not to risk the divers' lives by rushing the operation to raise the bodies. Norwegian

divers have done most of the survey work and drilling, but only Russian divers will enter the Kursk. All of the sailors aboard the submarine died after two explosions sent the craft to the seabed during naval manoeuvres in August.

The reasons for the disaster, which shocked the nation, have never been fully explained to the Russian public.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's navy fought back against a suicide attack on a naval base by Tamil Tiger rebels who used explosive filled boats and shot down an MI-24 helicopter, killings its crew of four. At least 18 combatants were killed, six on the government side and 12 rebels, while 43 sailors were

wounded.

The reports from the incident have been conflicting in the manner of how the day developed. More than 63, 000 people have been killed in the 17-year war between the Sri Lankan government and the Tamil rebels.

United States

President Bill Clinton signed a law imposing a stricter national standard for drinking. The new law has set the standard at 0.08 for drunk driving by the year 2007.

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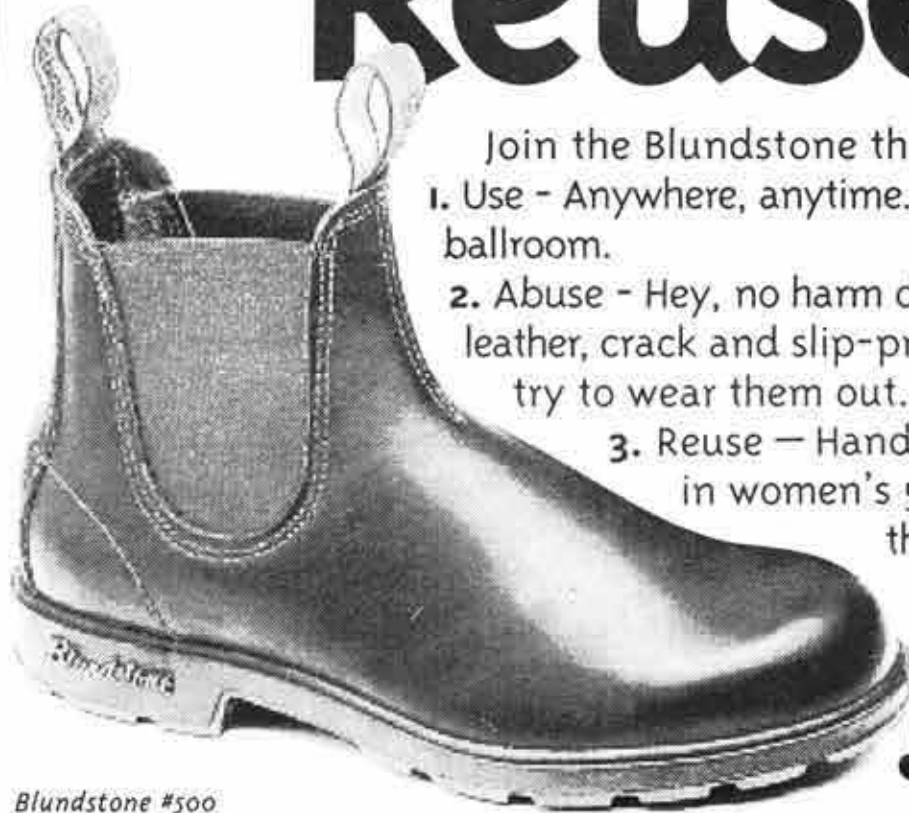
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LAURA CAREY

The May E. coli crisis in Walkerton began long before 2000. The lethal bacteria present in the water system made routine appearances in the town's water system and yet was ignored for decades. Inefficient, unsanitary wells combined with farm runoff and a lack of chlorine led to the May 2000 epidemic, but it could have happened at any time.

As far back as 1977, the contamination of Walkerton's wells was impending when Well 5 was drilled. Previously existing Wells 1 and 2 produced clean, safe water but of high mineral content, giving it a strong taste. Well 3 also granted access to good, clean water but could not provide enough for use by the whole town. There are no known records of a Well 4.

Well 5 was drilled in an area of "low-risk" for contamination, near Wells 1 and 2. Well 5 was drilled 15m into the ground, while the others were 76.5m. 15m does not leave thick enough surface material to filter out bacteria before water enters the well system. Well 5 was improperly sealed, as was the test well, allowing rainwater and farm runoff to leech into the drinking water. There was a "high-risk" barnyard a mere 100m away from the new well site. The worker who drilled Well 5 recognized all these factors and advised that the well never be put into operation. Instead, it became one of the town's

sources.

Well 5's water was very poor in quality, showing sporadic contamination by fecal coliform bacteria caused by human or animal waste. The Ministry of Environment's Owen Sound office investigated and found fecal coliform bacteria in Wells 1, 2, 3 and 5 several times over 18 months. The wells remained ministry approved, in light of

check it out and found that the well was high in nitrogen, indicating that farm runoff was present. Minor repairs were made. Again it was thought that Walkerton's water would be safe if it was properly chlorinated.

Also in 1983, the Ontario government introduced the "closed loop" communication policy regarding fecal coliform bacteria in drinking

wells, artesian Well 7 is under natural pressure and flows upward even without the pump running. A consulting engineer designed an overflow pipe to discharge water in a nearby low-lying area., creating a swamp. A cheap plastic flap-gate valve was all that kept the swamp water from backflowing into the well. Well 7 was built with one chlorinator, even though provincial standards require a backup.

Private testing laboratories began to spring up all around Ontario as the environment ministry started charging for routine testing. Walkerton chose to test its water in private laboratories because it was cheaper. This was the beginning of the end for the "closed loop" program with the ministry.

Between 1995 and 1998, E. coli and other bacteria signature of contamination were found in Walkerton's water system five to seven times a year. The community was never informed. Two years before the May 2000 epidemic, the Ministry informed the town's medical officer of health, Dr. Murray McQuigge, that Walkerton's water supply was being routinely infected with E. coli. No action was taken.

May 9, 2000. The chlorinator at Well 7 was not working. The well continued to pump although there was no chlorine in the water for nearly 7 days. No one from the ministry was alerted.

May 13. A torrential rain

storm sent muddy, bacteria-riddled swamp water rushing into Walkerton's water system via Well 7's discharge pipe. The chlorinator was still broken. At Well 5, farm runoff and rain entered the drinking water. The Well 5 chlorinator was working, but the small amount of chlorine could not compete with the exponential growth rate of the bacteria. No one from the ministry, health office or community was notified. E. coli 0157: H7 laden water was delivered to Walkerton's taps.

The outbreak began on May 13, 2000.

On May 14, several children and adults in Walkerton reported coming down with flu-like symptoms.

May 15, well water and pipeline samples were sent to a private lab in Orillia for routine testing.

May 16. The shocking results returned from Orillia. The water in Well 7 contained more than 200 E. coli organisms per 100 mL. This is over twice the amount considered unsafe to come into contact with skin. No amount of E. coli is acceptable in drinking water and yet no one alerted environment ministry or provincial health officials.

May 17. Walkerton residents reporting bloody diarrhea, vomiting and stomach cramps.

May 18. The Walkerton PUC revealed word that the entire water system was infected by E. coli. PUC manager Stan Koebel did not inform the ministry or public

Officials ignored obvious signs of E. coli presence for decades.

the fact that Walkerton would address the issue by chlorinating the water before it was deemed drinkable.

In late 1982, Walkerton decided to create Well 6. The well ended up being dug in "high-risk" territory of fractured limestone near a low-lying marshland. Fractured limestone forms honeycomb-like chambers through which water flows freely, giving no chance for harmful bacteria to be filtered out of surface water. A Walkerton councillor voiced concern that cattle feces in farm runoff would flood the well with bacteria. Nothing was done.

In 1983, when Well 6 began pumping, a neighboring farmer's marsh and well dried up.

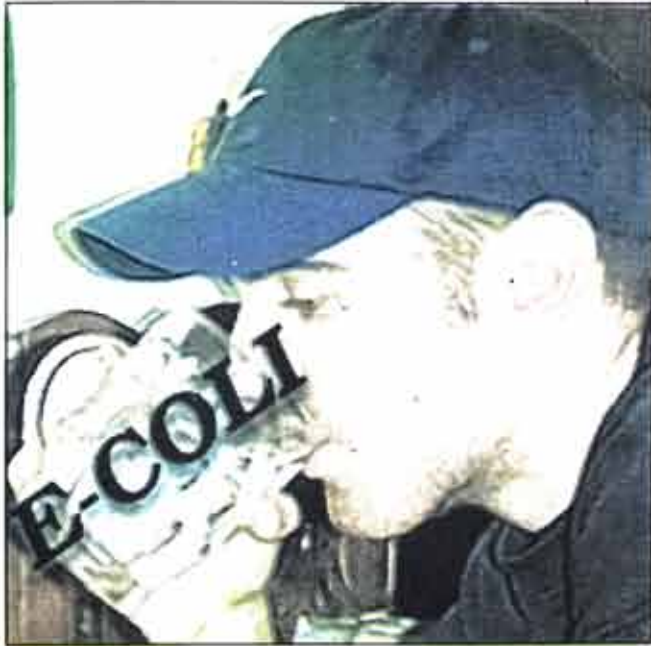
A Ministry ground water technician was assigned to

water. The policy strictly states that no amount of fecal coliform bacteria is to be detected in any sample of either raw or treated drinking water. If the bacteria is found, the testing laboratory must immediately notify a senior official within the Ministry of the Environment. The Ministry official has the option of either taking emergency corrective action or calling the local medical officer of health. At the time, the Ministry's in-house laboratories did the testing.

In 1985, Walkerton drilled another well. Well 7 was built 200m from Well 6, 76.2m into the limestone. The Ministry approved the well even though it stood on high-risk land. Well 7 became Walkerton's main source for drinking water. Doubt in the safety of the other

THE WATER WAS ROUTINELY CONTAMINATED BY E. COLI AND COLIFORM BACTERIA OVER THE LAST TWENTY YEARS. THE AUTHORITIES HAD NO LESS THAN FIFTY OPPORTUNITIES TO FIX THE PROBLEMS. NOTHING WAS DONE.

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health officials. Two ill Walkerton children referred to Owen Sound were suspected to have E. coli and tests were ordered.

On May 19, tests confirm the children had E. coli. An epidemic is feared and the Bruce-Grey-Owen-Sound Health unit is informed. The PUC assures that the water is safe and secure. Patients continue to flood to Walkerton's health care with bloody diarrhea. The Walkerton PUC tests the chlorine in the system and finds 0.1 mg per litre of water, half the amount that is normally used. During such a crisis, the chlorine should have been four times the level of what it was.

May 20. The health unit called the PUC and spoke with Koebel a second time. Koebel said Walkerton's water was not contaminated. An anonymous tip sent to the Spills Action Center in Toronto encourages seeking the source of E. coli in Walkerton.

On May 21 a boil-water alert is ordered by the health office and on May 22 the health office asked the Ministry of the Environment for help. Water experts were sent to Walkerton.

The next day, the health office is

issued lab reports showing the contamination in the Walkerton system. Koebel was called one last time and broke down, admitting the Well 7 chlorinator had not been working, and that a sample from more than a week earlier had shown E. coli in the water system.

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When all was said and done, six people had officially died from the E.Coli outbreak, with over 2,300 more having suffered from it in some form.

The Process of E. Coli Contamination

1. Drink the contaminated water
2. One day later, begin to suffer violent flu-like symptoms
3. As symptoms worsen, the victim begins to suffer from nausea, bloody diarrhoea and bloody mucus.
4. The symptoms worsen but the victim is not likely to die unless he or she is a young child or a senior citizen, or if he or she is afflicted with a particularly potent strain of the bacteria.
5. Learn your lesson: either boil your water or drink bottled water. It tastes better than Waterloo water anyway.

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Players Keep It Nice

Theatre introduces new season of acting fun

J. MOTTLEY

The University Players are poised to begin another season of performances for the good people of Laurier and Kitchener-Waterloo.

This is the University Players first year in the new, lean and flexible black box theatre at 65 Lodge St. The studio theatre was officially opened last year and was the home to several student productions. University Players producer Adam Qualter is excited by the challenges offered by the new space. "After watching some of the difficulties faced by productions last year, we

switched to a new thrust stage configuration. The emphasis shifts from the scenery to the actor and no seat is more than four feet from the stage," explains

Qualter. In an astounding display of design ingenuity, the stage area was enlarged, the seating capacity was increased and the sight lines were vastly improved.

Enough context- what's actually happening with theatre this year? The University Players

first production is Keeping Tom Nice by Lucy Gannon. The play introduces us to Tom (25, severely physically challenged, wheelchair-bound and unable to speak) and his family who has cared for him since he was born. The struggle to keep Tom nice has taken its toll on the family and Tom.

Keeping Tom Nice is a powerful and intense journey into the disintegration of a family. No one is to blame for what happened to Tom but that does not make the situation any easier. In Keeping Tom Nice personal dignity, family loyalty, guilt and the notion of what is best

An intense journey into the disintegration of a family.

for a child take many forms and pose searching questions. The answers are not as ready.

Keeping Tom Nice features community actors Henry Shields and Judy Walder and Laurier students

Nick Trussell, Ayanna Dick and Melicent Lavers. The show is stage managed by University Players regular and third-year English major Andrea Buhr.

For Melicent Lavers, a third year co-op business student, Keeping Tom Nice marks her first dramatic role since playing



The Cord wonders how many of these good people actually go to WLU. 1/3?

Friar Tuck in grade seven. While new to acting, Lavers is no stranger to the stage having performed in Fashion 'n Motion last year and was Homecoming Queen in 1998. Says Melicent, "I find acting much more difficult than I expected but remembering my lines was easier than I thought it was going to be."

While no stranger to the theatre, second-year science student Nick Trussell is also making his acting debut plying Tom. Nick has a great deal of backstage experience in his home-

town of Belleville and decided to audition "to fill up some spare time with something constructive and creative."

The youngest member of the cast is also the acting veteran. First-year business student Ayanna Dick is a graduate of the School for the Arts at Mayfield Secondary School. While at Mayfield she produced and directed for the Sears Drama Festival, was in the cast of several musicals and played such dramatic roles as Mrs. Yang in Brecht's The Good Woman of

Setzuan. She says glowingly of Director Robin Bennett, "He is the nicest director I have ever worked for."

The technical and stage crew, as well as the ushers and box office staff, are all students from Qualter's TR 101 class. Keeping Tom Nice will run Thursday through Saturday, October 26th through November 4th in the Studio at 65 Lodge St. Show time is 8pm, tickets are \$8.00 and can be reserved by calling 884-0710 ext. 4882.

Shower: Propelled by Bathhouse Power



Shower: because everyone loves a bath house.

JEFF WRIGHT

Attention all business and economics students: "Shower" may cleanse your greedy soul. After semesters at Laurier of being taught to be the best capitalist and take-over artists you can be, I warn you that this film takes a different approach to life. The ancient art of social communication and the relaxing practice of bathing are where life is really at. As the story progresses, we discover that herbal tea is much more soothing to the soul than a double latte, and also that a steaming tub is better for conversation than a cell phone.

And it has subtitles, which, love them or hate them, made this Chinese film much easier to understand. It's quite interesting, thinking back on the film, that I don't see subtitles in my memory; instead, all the characters are speaking English. How this mental phenomena occurs, I have absolutely no idea, but I'd definitely put it in the category as one of those 'things that make me go hmmm....'

Directed by Zhang Yang, "Shower" is a pretty simple tale. The brief synopsis I read of the film adequately gave everything away, and "Shower" was kind enough to signal all of its plot twists and

turns many blocks in advance. But this had little effect on the quality of the film. It was one of those films that you have to like... the ones that if you don't come out satisfied, your friends will all suspect you of having a black heart.

"Shower" takes place in an old Chinese bathhouse, where elder men get together to discuss life, play an unusual brand of checkers (my lack of culture precludes me from having any idea what the game actually was), and pit crickets against each other in insectile-death matches. This commune, sadly, is set to be torn down, along with the whole neighbourhood, as the evil capitalists move in with a shopping mall.

The father, Liu (Zhu Xu, in case you wanted to know), owns the bathhouse, and runs it with the help of his semi-retarded son Erming (Jiang Wu, better known as that actor who was 'sure great' in that film I saw last year). The story thickens as Liu's other son, Da Ming (Pu Cun Xin), returns from Beijing under the impression that his father has died. Da Ming has the cool sunglasses, the cell phone, and the nice suits - needless to say, the ancient atmosphere of the bathhouse clashes with his businessman persona.

"Shower" deals with Da Ming's evolution from a pouting miser to an

enlightened man, as he relearns the more basic values of life: water is purity, not everything in life can be determined by an economic principle, and the simple-minded soul generally has a better understanding of the world than anyone else.

Jiang Wu's performance as the retarded Erming was, to use an overwrought word that I really do mean, astonishing. Erming is a simple man, but he loves his life and his job. Always smiling and always receptive to any customer's requests, Erming is the canine by your side who will do anything for you and feel great about doing it. He is like any one of Shakespeare's fools: seeming to say the most nonsensical things, ignored by most of his company, and yet responsible for the most hard-hitting truths of all.

To summarize, the modern shower is the bath of the greedy, lonely capitalist. As efficiency progresses further, the film suggests, a man will bathe in an automated contraption complete with soap spray and gyrating cloths. Akin to a car wash, this fantasy sequence was enthralling, and likely prophetic. Now we have the divide: those who will begin taking baths with friends to increase their sense of community, or those who still agree with Kramer....

Ear Candy: The tastiest ever



Everlast - Eat At Whitey's

It ain't easy for a white rapper to be credible these days. If it's not Kid Rock proclaiming himself American Bad Ass, it's Fred Durst telling you to break stuff, back up, back up, and keep rollin'.

Thankfully, Everlast opts for door number three. Eat at Whitey's, the follow-up to 1998's Whitey Ford Sings the Blues, furthers his folk-hop tradition of combining hip-hop beats with untraditional instrumentation, the most obvious being the acoustic guitar. Not so obvious choices include a string section and beatboxing courtesy of Rahzel.

Other artists have also been

spotted eating at Whitey's. Carlos Santana returns a favour ("Put Your Lights On") with "Babylon Feeling", while N'Dea Davenport puts "Love for Real" on the smooove r'n'b tip. In contrast, "Deadly Assassins" and "One, Two", featuring B-Real and Kurrupt respectively, are the disc's only straight hip-hop tracks.

It may be that Everlast is a victim of circumstance. After a few verses, the first single, "Black Jesus", begins to sound uncomfortably like Kid Rock's "Cowboy". Likewise, one can't help but think of the Shady One when he introduces himself as "whiter than crack, harder than drugs, smarter than thugs, and hotter than slugs."

Being white and making respected hip-hop has never been easy. Caucasia, as a whole, has yet to be fully forgiven for the sins of Vanilla Ice. Eat at Whitey's is nonetheless a diverse collection of songs with some decent beats. Although not a groundbreaking effort, I'd settle for this over Limp Bizkit faster than you can say "Word

to your mother."

Andy Lee



Ninja Tune - Xen Cuts

Over the course of 37 tracks and 3 CD's, Ninja Tune's "Xen Cuts" has more shining little ditties than you can shake a sword at. Ninja Tune's fine underground roster ranges from

Coldcut to Canada's very own Kid Koala, who recently opened for Radiohead in Toronto in commanding form. Some of the most essential music Ninja Tune has released is contained within these CD's, from Saul William's booming, "Twice the first time", to Quannum MC's forgotten classic, "Blue Flames." CD One focuses on Ninja Tune's present exploration of hip-hop, with contributions from Roots Manuva, Latoryx, Herbaliser, and the Infesticons. CD 2 focuses on the hazy and crazy Ninja Tune trademark music from the likes of Amon Tobin, and Flanger, while CD 3 showcases some blasts from the past, such as the brilliant but incredibly rare "Non-Lateral Hypothesis" by DJ Vadim.

After 4 odd hours of strange and brilliant music, you start to get the feeling that labels like Ninja Tune are truly the Blue Notes and Verve's of our generation. It's a bit of a convoluted statement, to make, but then again, its very rare that such a diversity of artists would create such a consistent quality output all on one label. There are always a couple of overripe and unrefreshing moments on each Ninja Tune creation, but to parallel, we can't forget the signing of US3 to Blue Note. In the spirit of the aforementioned US3 however, we can safely say that Ninja Tune's "Xen Cuts" is "Biddy Diddy Bop.... Funky Funky Funky." 'Nuff said.

Scott Cairns

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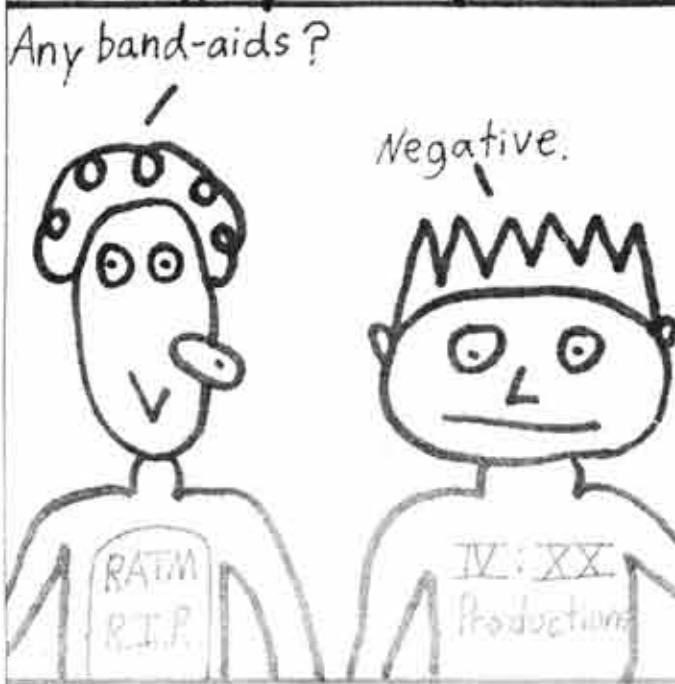
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At any one of our local bars and clubs, all seems well and safe. Most of the time there is not much to worry about, but you should not forget that we don't control the actions of others.

All that this article is asking you to do is to remember that there is no safety in numbers. It is also asking you to take these tips for what they are worth and to gain control of situations that, instead of allowing a stranger to decide your fate. Be smart and alert.

If you meet someone for the first time at the bar, ask yourself if you feel comfortable with this person? Are they being too forceful? Are your friends nearby in case you want to leave?

Don't put yourself anywhere that you don't want to be. Use those vocal cords to tell them that is not where you want to be. Make your voice heard. Don't worry about what other people think.

No matter how "nice" this person seems, don't let your personal judgement fly out of the window just because you've had a few drinks. Often people forget, while under the influence and in the element, that they still are strangers to you. You really don't know anything about

them. Have a good time, but remember that lots of people seem "nice" after they've downed a few beers as well.

Sexual assault can be the result of a loss of judgement. It is unfortunately a part of the reality that we all share.

The possibility for this type of incident rises with the addition of alcohol and other substances. The chance of a female student being sexually assaulted over four years is approximately one in four on a national basis. This is astronomical in comparison

"Nine of ten student felonies involve alcohol and drugs."

to what it could be, if we all watched out for one another and most importantly, ourselves.

On a McMaster web page, McMaster University suggested some tips for avoiding dangerous situations:

- be aware that nothing you do is a guarantee against sexual assault
- be aware in social situations and trust your instincts
- use campus resources if you are in trouble

People on Foot Patrol are there to make sure you get home safely. Use them. Do not leave

the bar with someone that you've just met, and may not trust yet. Foot Patrol can even drive you home, so there are no excuses for putting yourself in any potential predicament.

BACCHUS is also around doing their job taking care of students. With BACCHUS, there is no need to allow someone you don't know to take you home if you are ill. Let them look after you.

As well, don't forget that the Peer Help Line is available if you have questions or need someone to talk to. Peer Help Line is an open ear. Feel free to ask them any questions, they're a fountain of knowledge. That is what they are there for.

Nine of ten student felonies involve alcohol and drugs. More correctly, this means the misuse of alcohol and drugs. Alcohol is a part, however big or small, of university nightlife. Use it wisely. Why let yourself be part of one of these felonies if it can be so easily prevented?

This article is not trying to make everyone weary and distrustful. It's not saying for you to watch other people's every move. It's only asking you to use your noggin. That melon is there for a reason - to be used, so do it.

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"Gay Rights At Stake"

LUXMEN ALOYSIUS

The smell of an election is in the air. Parliament is being dissolved. Tax cuts are everywhere. Promises are raining down.

Stockwell Day is chopping wood with his granddaughter (she's not wearing safety glasses).

Jean Chretien is talking in a dining room that looks remarkably like my grandmother's (I'll have to call her and ask).

I have a feeling I'll see the rest of the candidates soon.

I have never really worried during elections; none of the parties are too extreme from my views.

This election, however, is different. This election I

am scared. I am afraid of what will happen if the Canadian Alliance wins. I can see (if I squint my eyes and shake my head) of how the Canadian Alliance would be appealing.

Tax cuts would help the average citizens in supplementing their income. Referendum questions on tough issues would theoretically ensure that the majority's will was reflected in social policies. The banning of any attempts for gay rights would seem like a victory for moral fundamentalists.

But the promises of the Alliance party has ramifications. Tax cuts mean cuts on social expenditures. Policies determined through referendum creates tyranny of the unaware majority.

The Canadian Alliance's stance on gay rights is one that is based on pure hatred and ignorance and would erase all the progress the gay community has made.

"I define the family heterosexually," was Day's comment on the issue of gay rights after he was elected as leader of the opposition. This statement comes in stark contrast to the Alliance policy platform that promises equality: "We must treat all Canadians Equally, giving everyone the respect and dignity they deserve under the law."

A few paragraphs later the Alliance pledges: "In addition, we will preserve and

protect the family unit. We will protect the institution of marriage as the exclusive union of one man and one woman."

Sugar coated words to say that if you are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or Transexual watch out.

Day's political record on gay rights is frightening. As an MLA in Alberta, he engineered a Bill that declared that marriage had to be protected in its "purity" and explicitly excludes same-sex couples.

In addition, Day has made

This election, I am scared.

it clear that he would use the "notwithstanding" clause to override the constitutionally-protected rights and freedoms of

lesbian and gay Canadians.

Alliance representatives are just as scary. Myron Thompson, a Canadian Alliance MP from Wild Rose said, "I want the whole world to know that that I do not condone homosexuals. I hate homosexuality."

In addition, Day has said that under his administration, all Bills and regulations will be reviewed to ensure that they are "family positive."

This hatred and ignorant stance towards gay rights has been disguised under the cloak of family rights. Hatred and ignorance are not family values.

Gay, straight or whatever, the moralistic stance of the Alliance has detrimental effects on all Canadians.

For example the Alliance's stance on abortion will take away years of progress that the pro-life movement has accomplished. After appearing on 100 Huntley Street, a christian based television programme, the host of the show said that Stockwell Day was the best option for reversing the legalization of abortion.

What's dreadful about the Canadian Alliance is that it has supporters. People have are voting with their pocket-books and for their personal gains, instead of looking at the ramifications that their decision has on the rest of Canada.

The Dawn of a New Era

BASIL BOTETZAYAS

Having heard the warnings of intense vomit inducing workouts, incoming and veteran Laurier hoop hopefuls dug in and prepared all summer for a new era of Laurier hoops: the Peter Campbell era. Making the trek over to the OUA West division from Laurentian University, where Campbell had established a national hoops powerhouse, may be tricky. An adjustment must be made to the style of play in the West, especially the referee's vendetta.

Campbell is trying to change everyone's perception of these ballers, inheriting a 5-37 record in the past three regular seasons. In an interview Campbell expressed his desire to move the team forward and his caution when dealing with his players not to beat them down with their previous setbacks.

"I have to sell 12 guys, the students on campus, the alumni on the fact that it was a good decision to bring me here. The Laurier family also will realize that we are a team that moves in to the realm of success, as kids who are deciding where to play will have to be sold as well."

One of the biggest challenges facing Campbell is that in the past 13 years he has been "spoiled" at Laurentian having had approximately eight veterans return each year in helping to set the tone in practices.

"I must instill the desire to compete or just find guys who will do that" Campbell foreshadowed.

While none of the current players have played for Campbell in the past, they are working hard and trying to adjust to all the changes as the coach has been keeping it simple going over the fundamentals in an effort to start everyone off on the same page. He has found a nucleus of players that

"I must instill the desire to compete or find guys who will."

can be developed but still are a long way away from where the team will eventually go.

"It is not a year that we can legitimately think it is achievable to go to Halifax (national championship)" Campbell stated.

Rather, the team has not yet set its goals for the season until they get a feel for each other and what they can realistically accomplish. For now the team's aim is two fold, get ready for the season opener on January 6th with the hated cross town rivals the Waterloo Warriors, and to continue to get better, individually and as a team making sure they do things better than they did the day before. In an effort

to do so Campbell said

"I have told the guys after every game to write down what they have done well and what they have done poorly, and before the next game write down two things that they want to improve on".

The Laurier faithful can look forward to seeing former OUA west all star and fourth leading scorer in Canada (1997-1998) Jeff Zdrahal come out of retirement, to help ease the transition. He already earned the praise of his coach as an intelligent player that understands the game exceptionally well.

Joining "Zee" as he is otherwise known are veterans Radhi Knapp, and Adam Rogers inside the paint. These two towers have the potential to solidify the Hawks up the middle, a trait that is attributable to Coach Campbell's most recent teams. Supplying depth on the wings are Western transfer Dan Jonker and Hawk Veteran Rob Duffy while the point will be manned again by Argentino Filia and Darren Viera.

Rookies to watch out for are Matt Miles of Niagara and Rob Tudhope of Peterborough. As of now the starting five have not been determined and the 8 or 9 man rotation is still up in the air as all the players are getting the chance to strut their stuff in the exhibition games.

The unveiling of these new look and attitude hawks will occur this Friday in the AC at 8:00 as they host the University of Toronto Varsity Blues at The Golden Hawk Classic.



Laurier's own Coach Campbell

EDDY SCHALL

Rounding out the other bracket of the tourney will be the hated Warriors from up the street and the perennial powerhouse Ryerson Rams. If a picture can tell a thousand words, then the picture we see this weekend, will also tell us a lot. Let us not be hasty though and judge them on the W and L columns yet.

Rather, by the little things, the attention to detail, fundamentals, are the players leaving their hearts out on the floor, competing on every single play, running after every loose ball and rebound? Is there light at the end of the tunnel our hoops team has been travelling through?

Piscine-ers Produce Points

CASSANDRA ZAWADOWSKI

On Saturday, October 14th, the Wilfrid Laurier varsity swim team started their official season at home against Queen's. With little concrete training under their belt (due to their recent suspension), the

Hawks showed a tremendous amount of heart and character as they duelled with Queen's. On the women's side, the Hawks pulled through victorious as they beat Queen's 100-83. Both the women's 4 x 100m medley and the 4 x 100m freestyle placed first. Other first place finishers included rookie swimmer Magda Vavak who captured first in the 800m freestyle, captain Shelley Babin in the 100m

freestyle, Jamie Penberthy in both the 200m fly and the 400m freestyle as well as Sara Havelkes in the 200m breaststroke. Robin Allen, Jenn Kerr, Lisa Parwicki and Carrie Patterson also had strong performances.

On the men's side the Hawks fell just short of Queen's as the final score was 91-77. The men's team captured first in the 4 x 100m medley.

Other winners included 1st year swimmer Michael Sax in the 800m freestyle, Mike Thompson in the 200m freestyle,

Rich Million in both the men's 200m individual medley and 200m backstroke and Mike Stelmach in the 200m fly.

Other top finishers included Spencer Cowan and the 4x100m freestyle relay team.

Coach Dean Boles said that he was very impressed with the way the veterans stood up and showed leadership and character.

He also added that the new swimmers are a great addition to the team.

The Hawks continue action this week as they battle it out with Waterloo on October 28th at 7 pm at the Athletic Complex.

"The Hawks showed a tremendous amount of heart and character."

Hawks Soaring Into Soccer Playoffs

WOODIE BROWN

Laurier soccer is flying high going into the playoffs. Both teams are ranked in the CIAU top ten and both are the regular season winners of their divisions.

The men's team clinched the OUA West division title last week and with wins over McMaster and Waterloo on the weekend the women's team captured their division as well.

The women's team beat McMaster 2-1 but only after Tammy Scurr scored twice in the last ten minutes. She headed the winning goal off a perfect pass from Andrea Devlin with less than two minutes left in the game.

The Golden Hawks then had to play a make-up game against Waterloo on Monday night to determine the division winner. Tammy Scurr continued her offensive charge in the first half only to see a couple shots tipped just wide of the goal. Finally, Cathy Jackson put a great pass into the box for Lorraine Hodd's who headed home the winning goal.

The women's team not only won

their division but they were also able to end the season undefeated with a record of 6-0-4. Laurier will face McMaster again on Sunday in the first round of the playoffs. Coach Barry McLean stated earlier in the year that it was their goal to return to the national championships and they are now one step closer.

While the women ended the season on a winning note the men lost 1-0 to McMaster in a very close game. McMaster scored on a free kick midway through the first half and were able to hold off the Golden Hawks for the rest of the game. The Hawks controlled play in the second half and even scored a goal that was later ruled offside but they were unable to tie the game.

Losing right before the playoffs would be disappointing for any team but the Hawks are still one of the best teams in the country after finishing the season with a record of 7-2-1. They will now play Brock in the first round of the playoffs, a team they beat 1-0 earlier in the year.

Changes to hazing policy needed

An opinion piece
BY: WILBUR MCLEAN

Hazing is fun. It's not team-building, it's not tradition, it's not welcoming the newest members into the team. It's fun. It's fun to see fellow teammates in a drunken stupor. It's fun to humiliate and embarrass them. It's fun to give the rookies the same treatment that every other athlete received in their rookie year.

This is exactly why the efforts put forth by the administration this year to prevent any hazing from occurring in the future will change absolutely nothing. The board that was created to look into hazing at Laurier had a few suggestions to curb team's desire to initiate rookies. An athletic carnival which would probably be much like the Regatta Games held every year during Orientation Week and an evening social held at the beginning of the year for all athletes were two ideas. Two very poor ideas.

These events would not come close to replacing the fun

to be had during rookie nights by the senior athletes involved. Chances are most teams would continue holding their "rookie nights", as they are called, on top of whatever is decided upon by the board as a replacement event.

If suitable alternative events cannot be found, then the administration should be able to come up with punishments harsh enough to deter teams from holding rookie nights.

Unfortunately, it seems that this has not occurred. The consequences laid down upon the swimming team were minimal and could hardly be considered a slap on the wrist, never mind being a deterrent for years to come. Running seminars and preparing brochures on hazing for future athletes and organizing a charity fundraiser is hardly an apt punishment considering not only the degree of the acts committed but also taking into account that similar incidents have happened in past years with other teams.

Obviously, if these occurrences are being repeated over

the years something is not being done by the administration to stop them from happening. In fact, not all parties were punished for their involvement in

The university needs to adopt a zero tolerance policy.

hazing this year. The women's lacrosse team escaped with no punishment whatsoever but to their credit they did volunteer to also assist with the education of student athletes about hazing. The question however still stands as to why they were let off so easily.

There seems to be a new trend developing amongst WLU

varsity teams. Many teams have now taken their rookie nights off campus in an attempt to avoid any punishment whatsoever. The fact that they will most likely be successful in this is simply pathetic.

As more and more teams seem to be taking on this approach to their rookie nights, the coaches of these teams need to become more responsible as to the actions of their team members. Coaches need to be aware of the happenings within their team and must also ensure that rookies are welcomed but not being singled out for hazing rituals.

Drastic changes are needed. Tinkering with the hazing policy or making perpetrators fundraise for charity is not enough. First, the university needs to adopt a zero tolerance policy. Any athlete found to be involved in a hazing ritual should be immediately suspended from the team. Secondly, coaches need to be given a certain level of accountability and should also face repercussions if it is discovered

that his or her team was involved in a hazing incident. If coaches too face consequences it can be assured that they will take a greater interest in happenings on their team outside of just the playing field.

Finally, the athletic administration at WLU needs to organize a day at the beginning of every school year where all athletes can meet with the administration in a non-threatening environment so that those rookies who are faced with a possible hazing situation will not hesitate to go forth and report the incident.

These steps would aid greatly in eliminating hazing from its traditional stronghold at Laurier. It is necessary to get rid of rookie nights associated with most varsity teams by taking the fun out of them through strict policy and harsh punishment.

However, it seems that right now the administration is content with simply letting the situation remain as is. After all, it seems nobody wants to ruin the fun.

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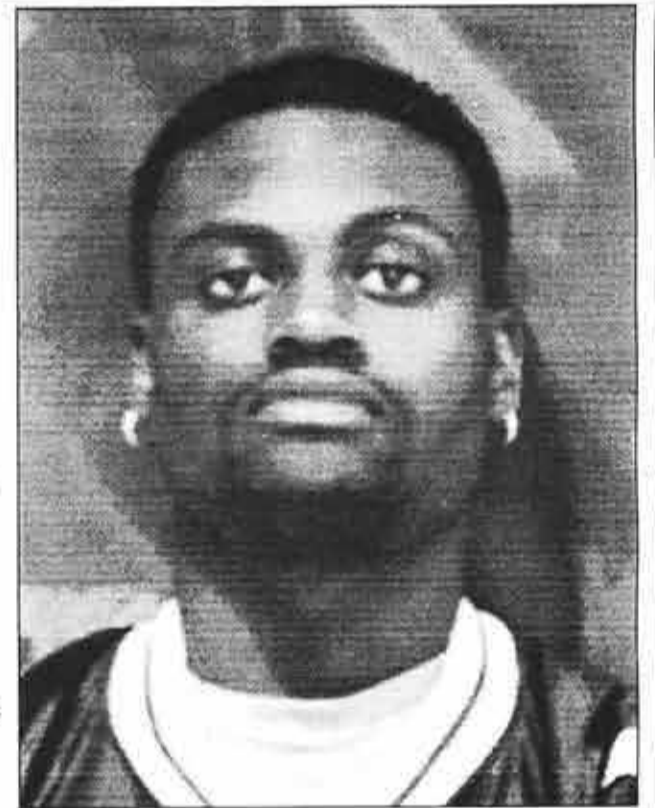
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Player of the Game

Marvin Williams

Williams, a native of Mississauga Ontario rushed for a total of 191 yards and scored two touchdowns in the Golden Hawks 67 - 7 victory over the Queens Golden Gaels this past weekend. Williams has also been recognized as Laurier Universities Athlete of the Week for his tremendous efforts on Saturday. The Golden Hawks freshman running back appears to have a very bright future ahead of him.



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Labatt Players of the Game



Goaltender Chad Marshall did all he possibly could to help the Golden Hawks hockey team escape with a 2 - 2 tie against the Brock Badgers on Saturday night. The third year student from New Liskeard, Ontario stopped all but two of the 44 shots he faced that evening earning him Labatt Blue player of the game honours.



Thanks to the efforts of Mark Dineley, the men's hockey team successfully opened their 2000/2001 season with a win over the Ryerson Rams this past Friday. Mark recorded his first two points of the season scoring one goal and assisting on another earning him the Labatt Blue player of the game honours. Dineley is in his fifth year of eligibility and is studying Political Science.

Treat of the Week: New Online Services for Students at www.services4students.com

CATHY SWEET

When recent WLU grad Amin Lalji witnessed the resentment and criticism caused by certain opinion articles published in *The Cord*, he came up with his own online solution. The 'website 4 students' was launched in early September to provide open forums and improve communication between students in various regions throughout Ontario.

Developed from an online classified site, the company was founded and is run by Lalji in partnership with two UW students, Adil Dharssi and Amit Shah.

The site features a Frosh Survival Guide, complete with textbook tips, first week mistakes and roommate rules. It provides links to news articles of student interest from *The Kitchener Record*, and contains information on 'what 2 do in Waterloo.'

The website's founders have created an interactive experience, a place where students can vote online about current events or visit chat rooms in their respective regions.

But the main selling feature is the "Have Your Say" page.

This is an unedited section where you can express your thoughts to thousands of students across Ontario. By clicking on the appropriate region - Kitchener/Waterloo, London, Hamilton, Kingston or Toronto, - you can narrow your target audience. Lalji and his partners advocate freedom of speech and hope the site will stimulate intellectual conversation.

The company refuses to censor anyone's opinion although disciplinary action may be necessary to promote a healthy discussion.

The company's main goal is "to provide comprehensive services to Canadian students." Other websites that appeal to students, such as

collegeclub.com, are "too overwhelming to cater to individual needs."

In contrast, 'website4students' offers localized content through various affiliates throughout Ontario.

In the future, Lalji and his partners plan on developing the website for a national audience, while remaining personalized through the use of regional links.

Eventually, the company hopes to generate some income

The company refuses to censor anyone's opinion.



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As hits increase, companies that cater to the student population may be willing to offer online coupons or other promotional activities in return for financial support.

Currently, the business continues to focus on site awareness and increasing student interest.

Many students have already taken advantage of student e-mail offered on the website. And the extensive collection of

classifieds have also drawn a crowd. You can search through a variety of items for sale, from musical instruments to student housing.

So, if you find yourself with a few minutes to spare between classes, take a look at www.website4students.com, and don't be afraid to voice your opinions, remember anything goes.

Revisit for upcoming features, such as online recipes and new website links.

Business Bites

Eatons...Sears?

The Eatons catalogue is back as part of Sears Canada's relaunch of the once successful retail chain. The new version contains only 100 pages as a way to remain cost effective. Over 4 million households that already receive a Sears catalogue will get an Eatons one too with their next delivery.

Amazon

As Amazon's customer base continues to grow, shares of Amazon.com Inc. soared more than 12% reporting a smaller than expected third-quarter loss. Its surprisingly strong performance caused quite a stir in the online business world, could it mean an end of losses for Amazon?

Xerox

Xerox unveils a \$1 billion (US) cost cutting plans after posting a 3rd quarter loss of 20 cents per share. The loss is due in part to weak September sales and tougher competition. Xerox has planned substantial job cuts in an effort to improve performance.

Air Canada

Air Canada is no longer permitted to sell discounted fares on routes that compete with CanJet Airlines of Halifax. Air Canada argued that the Competition Bureau, the organization responsible for making the ruling, didn't have the power to issue 'cease and desist' orders in the airline industry.

Boycott of the Week: Biting Down on the Hand That Feeds You

AN OPINION
JACQUELINE DROUIN

On that long drive home on the 401, you can see those Golden Arches rising up in the distance, and a sense of childhood recollection kicks in. Suddenly, an overwhelming surge tells you, "Yes! A Happy Meal will make you happy!" Big Mac, hot apple pie, fries...mmm.

But you will suppress the urge. You will say no to McDonald's. It's time to bite down on the hand that feeds you.

McDonald's and its association with evil is not a new belief: for the past ten years, it has nearly become a social stigma to eat there.

An empty McDonald's bag on your kitchen table can suggest one of three things to a frequenter of your house.

First, that you're all right with

America's attempt at global assimilation.

Secondly, that you're indifferent to the lack of unions in the corporation, which would guarantee McDonald's workers better pay, better working conditions and adequate benefits.

Finally, you're okay with the fact that McDonald's cruelty to animals surpasses that of most fast food franchises.

No, this is not another bohemian attempt to wean you meat eaters off of meat. This is to let you know that McDonald's has been found culpably responsible for cruelty to animals in a court of law in 1997.

Did you know that chickens raised for McDonald's are crammed into crowded, filthy warehouses with less space per bird than a standard sheet of paper. This overcrowding causes disease, suffocation and heart attacks.

Some breeding pigs raised for McDonald's live their entire lives in cement stalls, unable to turn around, lie in a comfortable position, or nuzzle their babies. These stalls are so cruel that they're now illegal in much of Europe.

U.S. federal standards for slaughter say that all animals should be fully stunned before their throats are slit, but McDonald's considers it acceptable if slaughterhouses inadequately stun one out of 20 animals. They even refuse to ask suppliers to hire extra stunners, an action that its own animal welfare experts say would markedly improve stunning efficacy.

While asking people to cut meat out of their diet is impractical (although not impossible) there is still something unfair and downright cruel about having your dinner suffer before eating it.

This can be prevented by pressuring Jack Greenberg, CEO of McDonald's Corporation, to take steps to lessen the suffering of the animals killed for its restaurants.

Pressure Greenberg on his policies about cruelty to both animals and employees who not represented by a union.

For most of you, graduation isn't that far off and you may want to know what benefits you'll be getting while you're asking, "Do you want fries with that?"

JACK GREENBERG CAN BE REACHED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Jack Greenberg, CEO
McDonald's Corporation
1 Kroc Dr.
Oak Brook, IL 60523

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-Ann & Leigh
ann_leigh_sexychicks@hotmail.com

Hey Chicks

Make sure to make it out Wednesday night for the bachelor auction. I bet there will be TONS of great guys there. Laurier 's full of them right?

Ashley: Read This!
Oh, I'll give it to you baby, you just have to wait... SOON. Just remember to bring along my girlfriend, Lovemuffin...
-Maneesh

LOST AND FOUND

Lost:
Once again, all dignity. Stop - light Party? Need I say more?

Lost:
Lost my camera a while ago. If found send me the finished film and keep the camera as a reward.
Contact Liz @ 747-7308

MISCELLANEOUS

Posters!
Imaginus! Not necessary! Why spend money you don't have on over-priced posters when you can just take them off the walls of the school. What better way to remember your night at Treble Charger than to have one of the posters in your room. Good idea heh Luke?


Quote of the Week
'This is the humour of a half-wit'
-J.C.

...And Remember
Don't forget to buy goodies for all those trick and treaters who might stop by your house. Big kids like candy too! So do !!!



Final Answer?

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