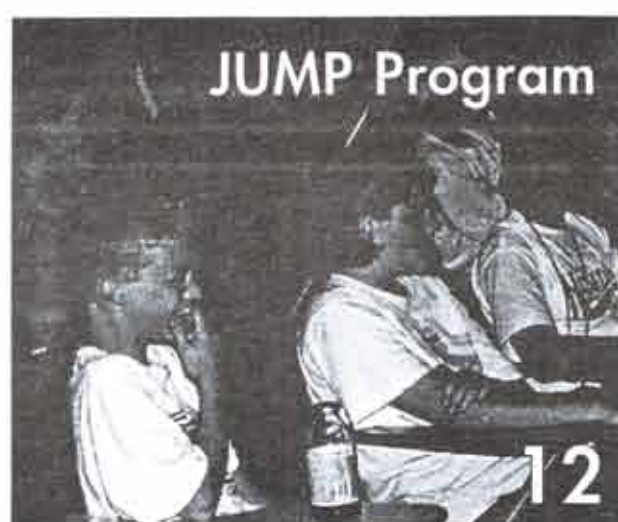


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WLU closes Paragon deal

SARAH SCHIEFER

Laurier's next step in solving its shortage of student residence space took place this past Monday, June 1 as the purchase of nearby Paragon Park was finalized.

The acquisition of this valuable property nestled between Albert and Lester St. brings with it about 240 spaces for students in residences ranging from townhouses and maisonettes, to one, two and three-bedroom apartments.

Laurier in fact had an opportunity to purchase this same property in 1988 but did not feel the enrollment at the school

would grow to a point where such housing would be necessary for students, a decision which has definitely cost them in the long run.

A recent information meeting led by Dean of Students David McMurray, Director of Housing Mike Belanger as well as current Paragon Park tenant, Professor James Skidmore was held in the Paul Martin Centre for the residents of the Park.

The meeting was held in an attempt to answer any concerns and questions they may have had about their leases, rent changes or the Park in general.

The overall concern seemed to be the maintenance of the Park's unique architectural structure once Laurier takes over, a concern which was met with assurances from both McMurray and Belanger that there are no immediate plans to change the structure of the Park's buildings.

The intentions seem to be leaning towards making this complex housing for graduate,

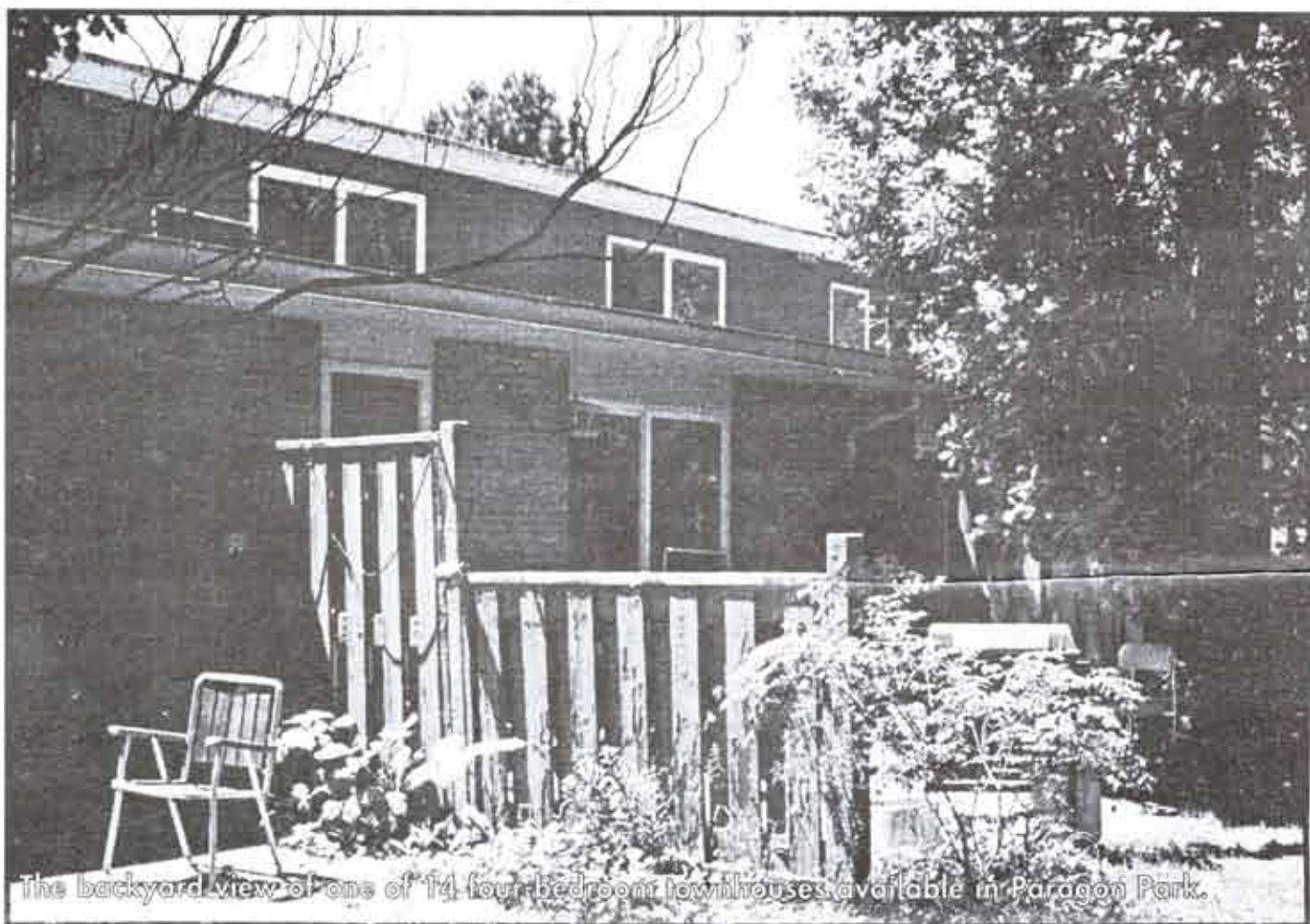
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international and senior students, a plan which seemed to appease those residents most concerned with the well being of the community atmosphere of Paragon Park. This will be new

to Laurier as at the present time, the university offers no such housing for senior students.

Emotions at the information session ranged from understanding to outrage at having to leave. Wayne Campbell and his wife, both alumni of WLU, live in Paragon Park and he says about his having to move, "I'm disappointed. This is a beautiful place to live. This is my home," an attitude which seemed to be shared by most of the crowd.

However, there were some who felt more heated about the situation. Shirley Barth, one of the senior citizens who rents an



The backyard view of one of 14 four-bedroom townhouses available in Paragon Park.

CHRISTINE CHERRY

apartment in Paragon Park along with three generations of her family, a son and daughter and their children as well says, "If I have to become a student

want it to come down to taking legal action, but if we need to, we will."

Laurier has taken much care in making the transition from

ing Laurier students sign new leases and hopes to have an exclusively Laurier housing complex by June 2000.

The tenant's desire to remain living in Paragon Park is understandable.

It is a quiet community surrounded by large trees and lush gardens.

The community atmosphere is perfect for senior students whose lifestyle may differ from that of a first-year student.

Rent will be more than living in dorm-style residence but less than living in Bricker; there is no doubt there will be numerous applicants.

If I have to become a student again, I will.

again, [to remain a resident of Paragon Park] I will."

These sorts of comments were followed up with questions about what would happen if residents did not leave by the end of June 2000 to which Belanger answered, "We by no means

public to student housing as easy as possible on tenants offering higher leniency on rent payments during the first month of transition and giving the tenants over a year to find new housing.

The school is now only allow-

Schlegel Centre turns ceremonial sod

KRISTINA SPENCE

The sun shone brightly on Saturday, May 28 as an intimate group gathered to celebrate the ceremonial sod-turning for the Schlegel Centre

for Entrepreneurial Studies.

The entire Dallas-based Schlegel family, Robert, Myrna, children and grandchildren, were in attendance for the festivities.

Also present were several university offi-

cial and senior administrators from various faculties.

President Robert Rosehart explained that the morning's activities were, "a ceremonial start for this project."

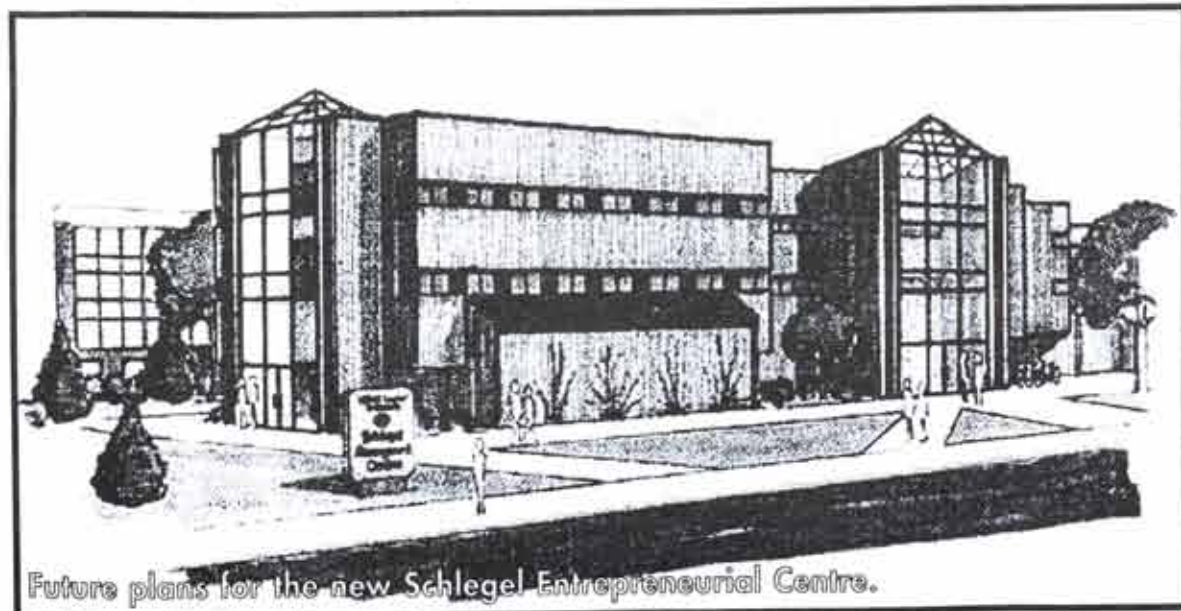
Following the luncheon held in the Solarium, a proposed model for the Schlegel Centre was revealed.

The model has been circulated around campus for the past couple of months and is now what Rosehart deems, "a refined, mixed version."

"The project will be done in conjunction with the rebuilding of the library," Rosehart added. "And we've conceptualized a building without taking away any parking."

Actual construction for the Centre will not commence until next spring. However, it is hoped that the building will be completed in 2001.

The Schlegel Centre is one of five



Future plans for the new Schlegel Entrepreneurial Centre.

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CHRISTINE CHERRY

"Millennium Projects," currently in the works at Laurier.

The other four are the Library renovations, an addition to the Peters Building, Athletic Complex improvements and a new Laurier Campus Care Centre.

Funding for these projects will be sought from the government, corporations and the Laurier community.



Election rundown

A super glut of party propaganda

KRISTINA SPENCE

After four years of political controversy, Ontario elects a new government tomorrow.

Polls predict either a landslide Conservative win or a neck-and-neck battle between the Liberals and Conservatives.

This campaign has been marked

NEW DEMOCRATS:

- Roll back the 30% tax cut.
- Increase health care and education funding.

by above average mud-slinging by the parties, corresponding to an ever-increasing focus on the leaders, and resulting in greater disenfranchisement of the citizenry.

Such things we eschew.

Hence, in support of enlightened balloting, The Cord proudly presents you with this handy-dandy guide to voting in Ontario and the riding of Kitchener-Waterloo.

In summary, the three main parties' advertised priorities are as follows, in the order presented:

NEW DEMOCRATS:

- Roll back the 30% tax cut.
- Increase health care and education funding.

LIBERALS:

- Increase health care and education funding.
- Balance the budget.
- Cut taxes and pay down the debt.

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES:

- Cut taxes
- Target abuse of the system by squeegee kids, young offenders, welfare recipients, and teachers.
- Balance the budget.

In Kitchener-Waterloo, the candidates are Richard Beecroft (Natural Law), Helmut Braun (Independent), Elizabeth Witmer (Progressive Conservative), Judy Greenwood-Speers (Green Party), Ted Martin (New Democrat), Lou Reitzel (Family Coalition), and Sean Strickland (Liberal).

Description of Riding

Kitchener-Waterloo is composed of the former provincial ridings of Waterloo North (75%), Kitchener-Wilmot (3%), and Kitchener (35%).

The total population of the region is 102,643 at last census.

The average household income

was 52,881 in 1996, and the region's main industries are in the manufacturing, educational service, and retail trade sectors.

The Green Party

Here is what Judy Greenwood-Speers has to say about the election:

It was at the suggestion of Dr. David Suzuki, (no short-sighted Canadian), that I became involved in the Green Party, a suggestion for which I am very grateful. The long-term, holistic, view that the Green Party holds is very much in keeping with my personal and professional philosophy.

Locally, I have been an advocate of improved health-care, education, and environmental policy and I am well-known within municipal, provincial, and federal political circles, as well as in the media through regular columns and occasional television and radio interviews.

I am pleased to have joined the Green Party for the upcoming provincial election and look forward to helping bring the Green Party's platform to the limelight.

In addition to my academic, professional and community activities, I was a Waterloo City and Regional candidate in the 1997 municipal election, earning over 3,500 votes.

Local Platform

Shortsighted impact of downsizing of acute-care and chronic care beds and inadequate funding for home-care services.

Need for improved legislation and standards of professional care provided in for-profit long-term care settings. Return of the public health unit to provincial responsibility and funding from municipalities.

Placement of Reg.N. and R.P.N.s within all schools with the mandate to teach health and be first contact for the students regarding health issues.

Placement of cigarettes, and tobacco products in liquor and beer stores only improved local transportation through expansion of public transit with incorporation of light rapid transit, widening of Highway 7 with controlled access/barrier while developing light rapid transit service to Cambridge, Guelph, and Toronto Prevention, monitoring, and effective solutions for identified toxic waste sites in the region

The Green Party's recognition that the three deficits (fiscal, social and environmental) must be seen in one light with an emphasis on long-term and sustainable solutions, is a message worth bringing to the Ontario electorate.

I am committed to working towards sharing this message, and my personal expertise, in the hopes of improving the quality of life for all Ontarians through improved legisla-

tion and enforcement of strong environmental/health standards.

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The Progressive Conservatives

Elisabeth Witmer is a secondary school teacher turned politician.

She first ran for provincial office in 1987, when she was defeated, but subsequently was elected in 1990 and 1995.

She also served as a trustee for the Waterloo Board of Education for 10 years.

In government this past term she has held the positions of Minister of Labour and Minister of Health, and sat on the Cabinet committee on privatisation.

LIBERALS:

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- Balance the budget.
- Cut taxes and pay down the debt.

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The Liberals

Sean Strickland has been the Executive Director of the Food Bank of Waterloo Region for the past nine years. He sits on the Board of Governors of Grand River Hospital and Wilfrid Laurier University. Mr. Strickland was also elected a Waterloo District School Board Trustee and serves as Regional Councillor for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. He worked with Dalton McGuinty to successfully implement "The Good Samaritan Act."

From the Liberal Site:

Here's what we will do to make certain Ontario works for all of us, not just for the next five or ten years, but right through the year 2020.

Clear enforceable standards for health care you can count on. The best education: lower class sizes in early grades, high standards for educators, and affordable universities and colleges.

Tough new laws and enforcement to protect our environment.

A responsible fiscal plan immediate investment in health care and education, a balanced budget, and then tax cuts as the economy grows.

It's a plan based on what I've heard as I've travelled the province listening to people. A healthy, clean Ontario can prosper. A well-educated Ontario can compete. A fiscally responsible Ontario can create and maintain jobs.

That adds up to a high quality of life, not just for the next five or ten years, but right through the year 2020.

(signed)

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The New Democrats

Ted Martin is a University of Waterloo English and Mathematics graduate and former Computer Programmer/Systems analyst. He is involved in the Mennonite Church, used to coach soccer and hockey, and says that he is a "former member, optimists club." He was defeated in the 1997 federal election for this riding, when he ran for the NDP. Presently, Mr. Martin is a trustee for the Waterloo Region District School Board and runs his own computer communications services firm.

From the NDP site:

The NDP will reverse the Harris tax cut for the wealthy few who benefit only those individuals with taxable incomes over \$80,000. We will put the money back into health care, education and our communities.

We will put these dollars into a do-able set of Commitments to working families. The NDP will keep these commitments without raising the deficit a single cent.

Here is where the money — \$1.5

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES:

- Cut taxes
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billion — will go:

Stop the move to American-style, for-profit health care and home care. Cost: \$250 million.

Guarantee assessment by Registered Nurses of all emergency cases within 15 minutes of arrival in hospital as part of a Patients' Bill of Rights that requires accountable, safe and adequately staffed health care, so lives are no longer at risk. Cost: \$375 million.

Cut university and college tuition fees 10%. Put money back into our children's education. Repeal Bill 160, keep community schools open, protect early learning (Junior Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education), and adequately support special needs education. Cost: \$540 million.

Restore real rent control, build affordable housing, and help the homeless rebuild their lives by enhancing shelter allowances and creating supportive housing as recommended in the Homelessness Action Task Force. Cost: \$250 million.

Restore the worker protection laws eliminated by the Harris Government to put the priority on family-supporting jobs, not corporate profits. Cost: \$0

Get tough on polluters. Ensure our children's health by making Ontario a leader in tough environmental standards and enforcement. Implement the Ontario Clean Air Alliance's pollution reduction targets to fight smog. Cost: \$50 million.

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Cord News: Y3K compliant

BoG: Budget, Professors and Y2K

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Budget '99, the need to hire new professors and the development of computer usage protocol and compliance issues were hot topics at the Board of Governors meeting on Tuesday, April 27.

While munching on muffins and sipping tea, the Board congratulated the Students' Union representatives for planning and supervising a successful, non-violent end-of year party.

President Robert Rosehart also invited all members to attend the Spring Convocation to hear speeches from Pamela Wallen on Friday and Marnie McBean on Saturday. Both keynote speakers and a few other notable guests will receive honorary degrees.

Moving onto budget concerns, Rosehart reminded the Board that Laurier 'limited' themselves to an eight per cent increase when the government permitted them to impose a ten per cent increase. This year however, the budget is focusing on something other than tuition concerns.

"The challenge in this budget is that we have put, as a priority, new faculty. There are a lot of trade-offs in this budget but it is the best we can

do under the circumstances," Rosehart said.

After some discussion of minor details in the budget, the conversation turned back to the topic of hiring new professors.

"Many other universities, including the University of Toronto, have announced major hiring processes. The external perceptions of teaching quality will go down...unless we start addressing the hiring of professors," Governor Terry Copp said.

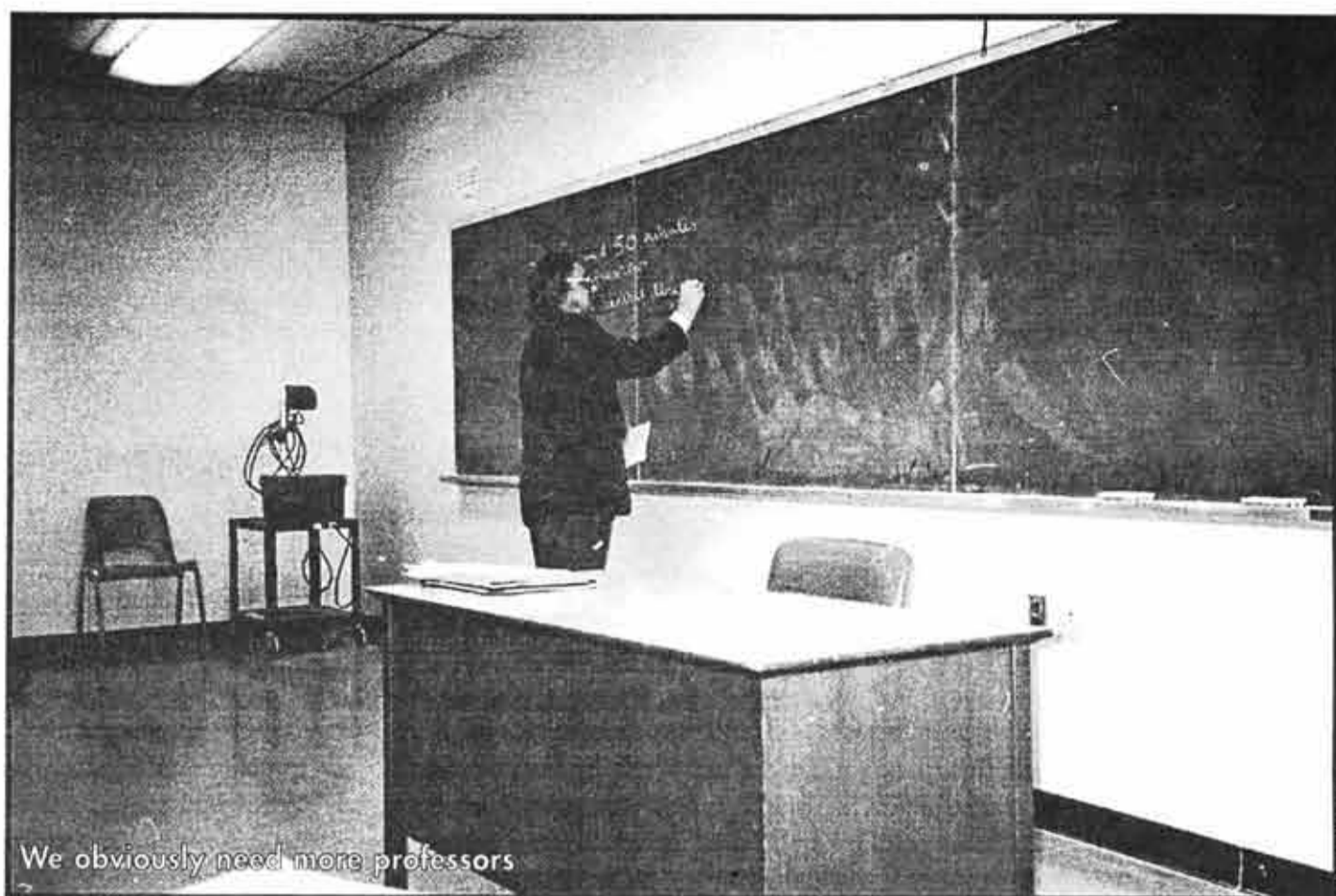
Other members of Board appeared to agree with Copp's concern for maintaining the quality of Laurier's teaching staff but no suggestions were offered to alleviate the problem.

As conversations moved from bursaries, back to tuition, and then to class sizes, Rosehart defended the budget based on the school's current deficit position.

"We will start to talk seriously about the Capital fund if we get some outside funding. We need to put some long term perspective on this," Rosehart said.

After further discussions, the Board passed the budget despite a few opponents.

Dr. Robin Armstrong then updated the Board on the Information Technology (IT) Protocol based on a



We obviously need more professors

LUKE MARTYN

document from the University of Saskatchewan which has been developed by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board.

Armstrong noted that there will need to be a committee to implement the protocol due to "the 'unsaid' areas which need to be worked in

through implementation."

Due to the impending Y2K issues, there is expected to be a large amount of new equipment coming into the school. For instance, the university inventory system itself is not Y2K compliant and the process is on hold until all the new equipment is

purchased.

Armstrong now believes the worst of the computer compliance problems are over and the school can now focus on other matters.

At that time, the Board went into an in-camera session and ended the meeting early.

WLU students: "more pay, more say?"

JULIAN SMITH-NORTON

On April 26, Liberal MPP David Caplan put forward a Private Members Bill to address the question: If Ontario university students are paying over half their institution operating budget why do students have miniscule say on how that money is spent?

The bill would have mandated the existence of six student representatives on the University of Ottawa's Board of Governors.

As with many private member's bills, (which rarely pass the legislative process), "this will be a starting point for discussion on this issue," said Caplan.

When the election was called, the bill was immediately shelved.

Across the province post-secondary student organizations have begun echoing this rallying cry more and more frequently.

"Tuition has been increasing at an incredible rate, and students are now responsible for a much larger component of a university's

operating budget," said Ian Armour, President of the University of Western Ontario Students' Council.

"However, we aren't getting more say over how the university operates, or how the money is spent. As you pay more of the bill," Armour continues, "you would expect to have more say. This isn't the case in university. It's taxation without representation."

According to the Ontario Undergraduate Students' Alliance, most Ontario universities are governed by provincial charter, requiring the legislature to make any changes to an institution's governing structure, including increasing the number of students on university Boards of Trustees and Governors.

"We don't want higher tuition fees" said Colleen Holder, Vice President: University Affairs of Brock University Students' Union. "But if students are footing half of the bill, we want more of a say in how that money is spent.. "We want more seats on our Board of Governors."

Ontario universities are increasingly depen-

dant on tuition for operational costs.

Students are paying from 35 per cent to well over 50 per cent of their university budget depending on the institution.

Ontario is currently behind all other Canadian provinces, and most American states in public funding to universities.

By contrast, students often make up no more than three to five per cent of a Board of Governors. Such is the case at Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU).

Presently the WLU administration and the WLU Students' Union (WLUSU) are investigating ways to increase student representation on the university government.

"One message that I have heard in my discussions with post-secondary students is that of 'more pay, more say'," said Caplan, adding the fact that "Mike Harris has students paying a larger and larger share of the cost of their education. It just doesn't seem fair."

Governments tend to open up their coffers in the run-up to an election, and it has been no different this time around for Ontario.

In this spring's budget Queen's Park offered to fund \$742 million in capital projects for provincial colleges and universities.

Capital projects consist of things like new buildings or renovations to existing facilities.

The news was well received by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) who recently released a study predicting student demand for universities in Ontario could rise by 40 per cent over the next year.

"We know that universities will be facing huge demand pressures in a few years and the government is helping prepare the physical capacity," said Robert Prichard, President of the University of Toronto.

The next step, according to Prichard is to guarantee sufficient and stable funding, saying the government needs to address the other key challenge of "providing adequate investment in operating resources."

While the capital funding was well-received by university administrators, students were less supportive of 10,000 new \$3,500 scholarships for proficient high school students in financial need.

Burke Christian, McMaster Students' Union President said, "yes, more money is being set aside for student aid, but that money is coming directly from our tuition. We're funding that aid ourselves.. It becomes a vicious circle for many."

With polls predicting a Tory win in tomorrow's election, OUSA is critical of the Conservative election platform.

As part of a broader student coalition, OUSA has been pressing all three parties to make a commitment to raise per capita operating grants to the national average by the end of next term of government.

"Both the NDP and the Liberals have now endorsed this position, and I'm disappointed that the Conservatives aren't prepared to make that commitment," said Christian.

Ontario is the last of the 10 provinces in per person funding.

A recent Angus Reid poll indicated that most Ontarians believe that Ontario is a funding leader.

OUSA spokesman Andrew Boggs said that, "they are shocked and dismayed that we are last. In fact, over the last four years alone tuition has increased by more than 60 per cent in most programs."



With more student representation on the Board of Governors, students would have the chance to interact more closely with members of WLU administration. Shown here is WLU President Robert Rosehart, and Robert Hickey, concerned student.

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The Liberal Option

If you are fiscally conservative, do not vote for Mike Harris' Conservative party.

Here are some things you might want to consider.

In a three article feature, the June issue of Report on Business Magazine (Canada's leading fiscally conservative journal) chastises the Harris government for its central planning, inefficiencies, and poor management.

Dalton McGuinty, the Liberal leader, received a standing ovation from the Chamber of Commerce of Mike Harris' own riding.

At the beginning of his term, Mike Harris spent \$2 million moving his office up one floor at Queen's Park, so that he could be closer to the Legislature.

The Harris government has spent \$1.7 million on consultants, mostly friends of Mike Harris, for which there is no documented proof that they actually did anything.

The Conservative regime spent between \$50 million and \$100 million (depending on which party you ask) on partisan advertisements prior to the election, monstrosity more than any other ruling party before them.

Ontario is still running deficits four years after the Conservatives took power. In fact, the Harris government has added \$22 to \$24 billion (depending on which party you ask) to

Ontario's debt. Also, Ontario's debt rating under the Harris government has remained exactly the same as that of Bob Rae's much-maligned NDP era.

About two years ago, Elizabeth Witmer's Health Ministry fired 10,000 nurs-

health care and education tell us that he cannot be trusted on social issues either.

What about the NDP, which has promised to increase our taxes and use the increased revenue to raise funding health care

and education system that answers any problems with more money, eventually resulting in a mounting debt that will eventually eliminate Ontario's ability to pay for itself.

That leaves Dalton McGuinty's Liberal Party (Sean Strickland in the K-W riding) as the only remaining option.

The Liberal platform is a beacon of hope for those longing for responsible government. It takes a balanced approach to governance.

For one, the Liberals will responsibly increase health and education funding, to begin to rebuild Ontario's two most important social services.

However, the Liberals will not spend lavishly because they will be busy getting rid of Ontario's deficit and planning for long-term growth in Ontario.

The Liberals will keep the old tax cut in place, but will not cut taxes further until we can afford to.

No matter what one's priorities are, the choice is clear: The only party offering responsible government to Ontarians is the Liberal Party.

You know how to vote June third.

KEVIN RAMZI NASIR
NEWS EDITOR



McGuinty: Leader of the Rebel Alliance

es across the Province. Then, immediately prior to this election, there came a plan to hire 10,000 nurses to fix the problems caused by the initial firings.

The transition costs of these supposed "efficiency measures" have been enormous.

The only conclusion to be drawn is that Mike Harris cannot be trusted to be fiscally responsible. The class war being fought over

and education? Unfortunately, they have no real plan to eliminate the deficit.

In short, if you elect a Conservative government they will leave a burden on our children in the form of a dilapidated education and health care system, without necessarily getting rid of the deficit.

If you elect an NDP government, our children will bear the burden of a health

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GETTING TO KNOW K-W

Dear Editor,

I recently learned some of Waterloo's rules and regulations that each and every one of us is responsible to know! The only reason I found this out was because I got another parking ticket from not knowing the infractions that apply within the city. I would like to pass on my newly attained knowledge to my fellow Golden Hawks and/or other readers of The Cord.

I picked up a booklet titled "It's (Y)our Neighbourhood Guide", published on behalf of Joan McKinnon, our City of Waterloo major. It addresses the rights and responsibilities that as citizens we must uphold ranging from noise by-laws to garbage collection.

I would first like to bring to your attention that whistling and singing are restricted between 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 9:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. Sundays." This clearly shuns any freedom of expression. Consider leaving a concert at one of our local clubs. On your way home, you've no doubt had a few

drinks, enjoyed some good tunes and are feeling pretty good. On your way home you want to whistle a tune, but Nooo! It's after 11:00 p.m. - no whistling allowed!

Furthermore, we are expected to know that "parking is not permitted for more than three (3) consecutive hours on a city street unless otherwise posted." What kind of B.S. is that? I've seen this many times from experience and other students who have three (3) consecutive hour classes. I don't see the connection. Those of us who can't afford the ever-increasing price of parking permits are subject to park on side roads. When I asked the clerk at the city of Waterloo what to do, she answered by saying, "it's a risk that you have to take." What the hell is that? I'm already risking at least \$20,000 in the hopes of getting a good job that will provide me with a better future - I don't quite think that I need any more risks!

I bet you didn't know that, "Parking is not permitted more than 0.15 metres (6 inches) from a curb." With the way these rules are enforced, I wouldn't be surprised to see by-law personnel out on Bricker St. (or any other street for that matter) with a 6-inch ruler!

We all know that winter is a fact of life and let me direct this by-law to those of you who are renting a house or whose parents own one. First, I'd like to say that most of the surrounding homes around Wilfrid Laurier are probably over 70 years old. Houses built 70 years ago have rooftops very high from the ground. My point is that if your rooftop slopes towards a sidewalk, YOU and not necessarily your landlord could be responsible for shoveling the snow and ice off your thirty-foot high, steeply slanted, extremely icy rooftop. It gets better - this must be done every day, before 9:00 a.m! I have a tough enough time scraping the ice off the windshield of my car, let alone a rooftop!

The last by-law that I laugh at and would like to bring to your attention is that regarding garbage. An acceptable garbage container includes "a regular garbage can, no higher than 65 cm, having a removable, watertight lid and two handles." Furthermore, "a non-returnable plastic bag capable of carrying 22 kg without tearing," is needed.

My first argument to that is why would stores sell any garbage container higher than 65 cm? Second, what garbage man/woman wants to undo a watertight lid on every

Lend Me Your Ear

The Decline and Fall of Politics

W. A. FERRIS

Tomorrow millions of Ontarions will go to the polls, which will signal the end of an election campaign that has confirmed the depths to which politics have sunk in the modern era.

Obviously, our political "leaders" have a very low opinion of the intelligence of the general public. How else to explain why every policy and idea seems to be

reduced to as few one-syllable words as possible, in the pursuit of the almighty ten-second news clip? They lavishly use words like "accountability" and "communication," while at the same time not having a clue either what they

mean or how to implement them.

Also, these "leaders" seem to spend an inordinate amount of time thinking up insults to hurl at each other. They seem to mistakenly believe that the ability to heap abuse on their opponents is a crucial quality that the public looks for in a Premier. ("Wow, he used the word 'thug.' I have to vote for him.") Maybe it's just me, but I think that actual policies and beliefs are at least somewhat more important than such insults.

Of course, the media is equally guilty of corrupting politics. By focusing their news coverage around the ten-second sound bite, they rule out any significant debate that could be had on the issues of the day. As well,

the media focuses on the sensational, even if it is either not completely truthful or not relevant.

The media have become the politicians' sidekicks, passing out their irrelevant messages while effectively stifling any real public debate.

However, the politicians and the media could not get away with such a farce if it were not for the gross indifference of the general public. Most people seem to think that, in a democracy, citizens vote once every four years, and can ignore politics the rest of the time. Such a belief is both foolish and dangerous, but not surprising.

People will vote for politicians who promise everything.

In a society that emphasizes blaming others for one's problems, people will vote for politicians who promise everything, confident that they can then blame such a politician if anything goes wrong.

What can be done to rectify the situation? There

are two possibilities. The first is for sincere and decent individuals, who believe in the value of public service, to step forward and assume leadership positions.

However, such leaders would probably be mistaken for liars, or worse, typical politicians.

The only other option falls upon us, the general public. We must, as Gaitskill once said, "fight and fight again to bring back sanity and honesty and dignity."

Once the election is over, the general public must become dedicated and involved partners in the political process, rather than mere idle bystanders, so that we can see which politicians are worthy of our trust, and ruthlessly discard the rest.

The Least of All Evils...I Think

ASAD KIYANI

Sometimes, you're forced to choose the lesser of two evils. At election time, you're forced to choose the least of all viable evils.

The least of all evils is Howard Hampton. Generally likable and consistent, Hampton is the straightest shooter of the candidates. Unfortunately, he's about as viable as an aborted fetus. He barely won his riding last time round and looks set to lose on this trip.

While Dalton McGuinty is more fragile than sun-dried snowflakes, at least he has a chance of winning this election. And at least he's not Mike Harris, even if he comes off as a watered-down Harris.

Yet there's no denying what the real Mike Harris has accomplished. His government has said and done some pretty crazy things.

Harris once said, "I will not close hospitals," and then he did. He also promised - on television, no less - to have balanced the books by the end of his first term. It hasn't happened, so Harris' line now is that he actually promised to have them balanced by 2001.

If you think that's crazy, I hope you're not a minority.

baking the beans

"Too many [natives] spend all their time on courts and lawyers and they just stay home and do nothing," said Harris in 1994.

And I hope you don't know what 2+2 is.

After spending \$400 million in severance packages for laid-off nurses, the Tories then spent an additional \$375 million in an election year ploy to replace those nurses. If you're near Oshawa, learn First Aid because there's only one hospital for you and 250,000 other people.

The Tory government seems kind of confused with regards to

social assistance for students with children; they also deregulated tuition for international students as well as graduate, professional and post-diploma programs.

Perhaps that's what Harris meant when he said, "Sometimes, too much knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Good thing he doesn't include himself in that category. Bill 160, rammed through Queen's Park last year, allows the Tories to record the "race, colour, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, sex, orientation...fingerprints, blood type...personal opinions, personal correspondence" of every single school-going child in this province, without telling either the children or their parents.

I think what really confuses Mike is what kind of a government we're supposed to have in Ontario.

"Mike Harris has got to realize this is still a democracy, not a dictatorship," said Tory MPP Gary Carr.

Tory MPP Toni Skarica said, "I've tried to stay principled. Because I was principled and tried to follow democratic principles, I have no future in the Harris government."

Those are the facts. Yet that's only a sampling of one politician's legacy. Is it time to give someone else a chance? Maybe it is. It sure doesn't seem like we could do that much worse than the Tories.

Then again, I didn't think *Barb Wire* could be worse than *Tank Girl*.

The Tory government is confused.

education as well.

"We need to invent a crisis," said (former) Minister of Education John Snobelen. "Creating a useful crisis is what part of this will be about."

At least the Tories lived up to their word. They made post-secondary education an elite institution - college tuition has risen 53% while university tuition has increased 60%. To compensate, they removed OSAP for part-time students, financial assistance for disabled students and

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garbage can to every house in town? Lastly, I work at a local grocery store and I'd say 80% of the garbage bags we sell rip while attempting to tie them, let alone trying to carry even 10 kg.

In conclusion, the City of Waterloo expects too much of its citizens if the only place to get this "helpful handbook" is at the City of Waterloo itself. When asked, the clerk at the City of Waterloo said that all these rules and regulations are listed in the local newspapers and in all university papers, including the Cord. Well, you know what I'll be looking for when this paper reaches my hands!

Jason Kipfer

HEY! CAN I WHINE?

Dear Editor

I sure hope that The Cord, under new management this year, does a better job than it did last year. Unfortunately, I don't see how it possibly can.

With so many of last year's useless 'Cordies' returning, we will doubtlessly have a repeat of the same repetitious drivel as last year.

defaming the good name of The Cord, will likely not even be printed. Allow me to apologize for my straight shootin', folks.

I tried out for a job at WLUSP, WLUSU, BOD, BOG, A.A. and M.A. and I didn't get any of them. Surely they too will "keep on keepin' on" with their stupid ways. Chumps, all of them.

Well, despite my misgivings, I guess I should wish everyone good luck. So, good luck everyone! I hope you put out good papers, do good government things, stop drinking and get smarter, cuz' I sure as heck ain't.

Before you start assuming that I'm just another disgruntled employee, let me put your fears to rest. I have never worked for any of these organizations.

You can't be a disgruntled employee if you've never been employed. Who ever heard of a disgruntled unemployed?

I just have to gripe about things. I have to make preemptive attacks against those who might attack my future efforts, or lack thereof. Please be nice.

I may be chubby and slow witted but we chubby slow witted girls have feelings too.

So to all you chubby slow-witted gals out there, I say, UNITE!

Jim Sturkin

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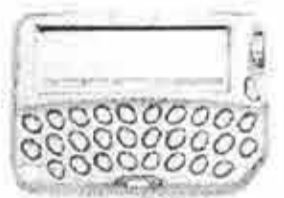
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Around the World in 80 Words

Ominous Plea

Kurdish Leader Abdullah Ocalan offered to end the armed struggle by his rebel forces in Turkey.

Ocalan is on trial for treason and offered to end the struggle in exchange for authorities sparing his life.

Ocalan remarked "I promise to live for peace and brotherhood and I want to work in the service of the state and I believe that for this end I must remain alive." He also added that the number of dead, already at 10,000 could rise to 100,000 if his request is not met.

Will he stay or will he go now?

Nelson Mandela has just two weeks left in his term as South Africa's President, but he has no plans to retire.

Now 80 President Mandela has promised to stay active in the politics of the ANC. "I'll be a strong supporter of the government. If they ask me to render osme service, I will be ready to do it." Mandela garnered a reputation as a President with a sunny disposition, as well as being a force to be reckoned with.

Festival of Democracy

In the wake of the first truly free election since the departure of former president Suharto, Indonesian people have taken to the streets and the polls, this time in peace, not protest.

The campaign, consisting of 48 parties, is the first election in 40 years. The victor, likely Megawati Sukarnoputri, is sure to bring democracy to the world's fourth most populous nation.

More on Timor

Indonesia's leading Presidential candidate, Megawati Sukarnoputri, is making a suprise visit to East Timor. Her Indonesian Democratic Party-Struggle are likely to appeal to East Timor to accept an offer of autonomy instead of independence. They will vote on the issue under United Nations supervision on August 8. While East Timor accounts for only four of the 462 elected seat in the new Indonesian Parliament, they will provide a strong challenge to the incoming president on issues of national unity.

If your doing something of an international variety let us, the Cord, know about it. We'd love to hear what you've been up to. The only criteria is that you give us intriguing stories form beyond Waterloo. No Pete, Bingeman's on May 24 does not count. Chris, see you soon!

The Havana Four

CHRISTIAN PEARCE

On June 27, 1997, a group officially known as the Cuban Dissidence Task Group released a document to the world entitled "The Homeland Belongs to Us All."

The document, authored by four prominent Cuban intellectuals, put into serious doubt the legitimacy of the current regime (if such had not already existed) and the "circular reasoning" that underlies its dictatorial rule of the country.

What's more, the group offered a democratic schema for solving the current crisis and recommendations relevant to the implementation of said plan.

Almost immediately after releasing the document to the world all four authors were imprisoned.

Having recently stood trial in front of a reportedly biased court, the vanguard of the small, nonviolent political opposition in Cuba, the "Havana Four", were given prison sentences ranging between three-and-half and five years and have been serving their respective terms ever since.

The sentences have provoked an international outcry as European and Canadian Leaders, the latter traditionally among Cuba's strongest supporters, called upon the Cuban government to release the dissidents or face a review of economic ties

with their respective nations.

"The Homeland Belongs to Us All" represents the first substantial civil reaction to the apparent collapse of the socialist dream in Cuba.

Moreover, it marks a peaceful and democratic alternative which could potentially be utilized in the inevitable transition forthcoming for the island nation.

Such a transition should not come as a surprise. By now most of us are aware that the situation in Cuba has been degenerating for quite some time, and are familiar with the effects that the economic sanctions have had on the people of



that country.

We've doubtless had the displeasure of having to wade through articles soaked in rhetoric and propoganda, detailing the subversive tactics employed by the United States against Cuba.

While the speeches decrying the embargo as a gross violation of sovereignty and human rights have not

escaped our ears.

On the other side, the North American media has made its best effort to demonize the bearded, cigar-smoking icon of the last Cuban revolution, making us all well aware of his wont of using spies, torture, and arbitrary executions to extend a reign which places him in the odious company of sorts like Stalin, Mussolini and Pol Pot.

Regardless of who is culpable for the damage (rational evaluation would tell us it is a case of shared-guilt) such has been done to an irreparable extent, crippling the current regime and its socialist vision for the country permanently.

The systemic failure in Cuba is best captured in the basic premise of the document itself, which asserts that: "Man cannot live from history, which is the same as living from stories. There is a need for material goods and for satisfying his spirituality, as well as to be able to look to the



future with expectations. But there is also need for that openness that we all know as freedom."

The "Havana Four" case represents only the proverbial tip of the iceberg, as repressive conduct has been extended to all those in Cuba who have joined the dissident factions with revolutionary thinking, expression, or reporting.

Tiananmen Square Revisited

ASAD KIVANI

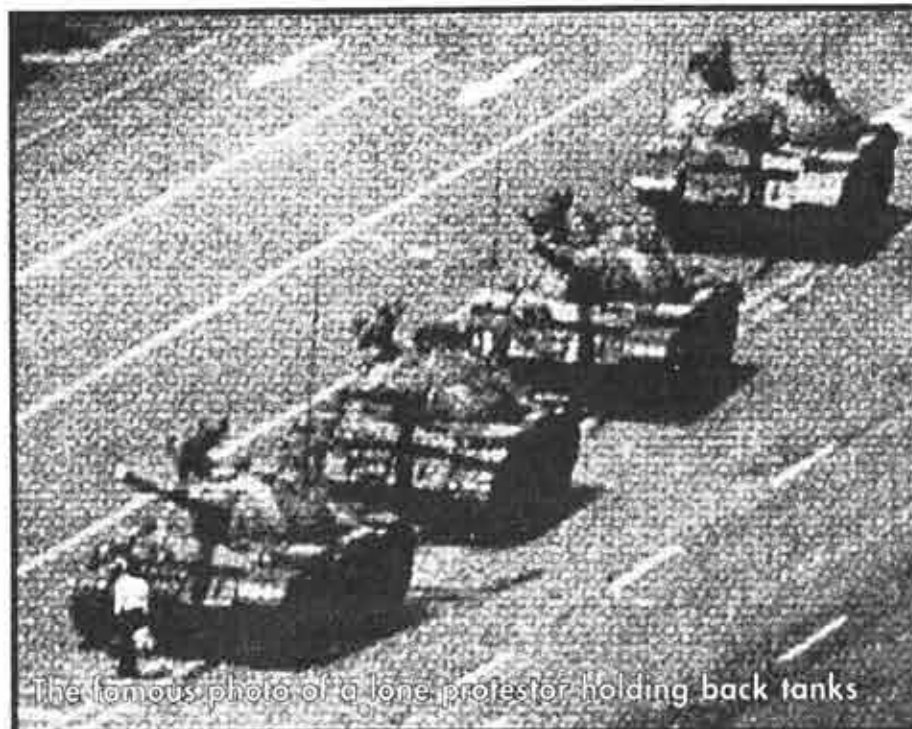
As Ontario prepares to democratically elect a new provincial government, many Chinese will mark the anniversary of what was to herald the rise of democracy in China.

The night of June 3 will be the tenth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre in Beijing. As protesters, (mainly students), marched on Beijing in late May, tensions mounted. Then Prime Minister, Li Peng, declared martial law, leading to an escalation that culminated in the massacre that took place the night of June 3 and the early hours of June 4.

As soldiers rushed the square, they began firing randomly. At first, protesters thought that the ammunition was rubber bullets. It wasn't until they saw their comrades with gaping wounds that they realized the soldiers were using live ammunition.

The indiscriminate firing killed several people watching from nearby apartment buildings. The Army chased demonstrators down alleyways and murdered them in cold blood. In all the confusion, some soldiers even got themselves caught in the crossfire.

The Chinese government's official position is that approximately 300



The famous photo of a lone professor holding back tanks

people, including 36 students died. However, many independent experts feel that the death toll is actually closer to 1,000.

The event was supposed to change the face of modern Chinese politics. Tiananmen was to act as a catalyst for a popular push towards Western-style democracy.

Ten years later, however, that push to Wester-style government has failed. Instead, the push has been toward Western-style economics and materialism.

Many students now deny that there ever was any massacre, despite

the official government position. The current crop of students say that their Army is incapable of such an act. When asked what they will do to mark the anniversary, the reply often is "Nothing."

The democratic dream of the protesters in 1989 has evaporated into a cloud of capitalism and economic growth. The only Western ideal that today's young Chinese seem to embrace is materialism. The mistake of the 1989 youth leaders was to focus on politics not economics. According to them, the only valuable concept to be offered by the West is

not its political structure but its economic philosophy.

As the democracy movement flounders and anti-West sentiment rises, especially in the wake of the NATO bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, small pockets of protest still exist.

Yesterday, a partial list of those who died in Tiananmen was released in New York. Eyewitness reports described the last minutes of 155 who died, including a nine-year-old boy and a man of 61. The list brings back to the fore the brutality of Tiananmen - three people run over by tanks, six killed in their homes, five killed while taking pictures.

This report is to be one step in an ongoing push for an official government review of the actions at Tiananmen. However, their efforts have been futile and continue to meet stiff resistance. Deng Xiaoping, leader in 1989, has since died. Li Peng still holds considerable power in a government that has largely rejected all claims of wrongdoing, as does much of the state-run media.

Yet various Tiananmen remembrance groups promise to keep pressuring the government.

In their minds, the fight for democracy, while lagging, is certainly not over.

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Jump Rope for Heart

Raising money in Alex's memory

SARAH SCHIEFER

The energy in the air was abundant on Friday, May 21, when nearly 420 elementary students from Cedarbrae public school participated in a 'Jump Rope for Heart' in memory of their friend Alex Toushan.

On January 24 of this year, six-year-old Alex died in his sleep from hypertrophic cardio myopathy (an enlarged heart) and this event was to help raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The idea for the event came from school guidance counsellor Laura Hagey-Nichols, who graduated from WLU in 1989 with a BA in Physical Education.

In a recent interview, she stated that after Alex's funeral she had never been so touched by a situation before in her life, and that being a parent herself, she could not get it out of her mind and felt she had to do



Alex Toushan

Hagey-Nichols came up with the idea to have her head shaved down to a brushcut should the students collectively raise over \$8,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The day's events consisted of a ceremony in memory of Alex, a dedication of books in Alex's memory, the reciting of a poem

The event reflected the ability of a community to come together.

by Alex's grade one class entitled, "Now We Are Six," the planting of a tree and finally the 'Jump Rope for Heart'.

Inside, the students each visited booths set up by the Heart and Stroke Foundation to teach them

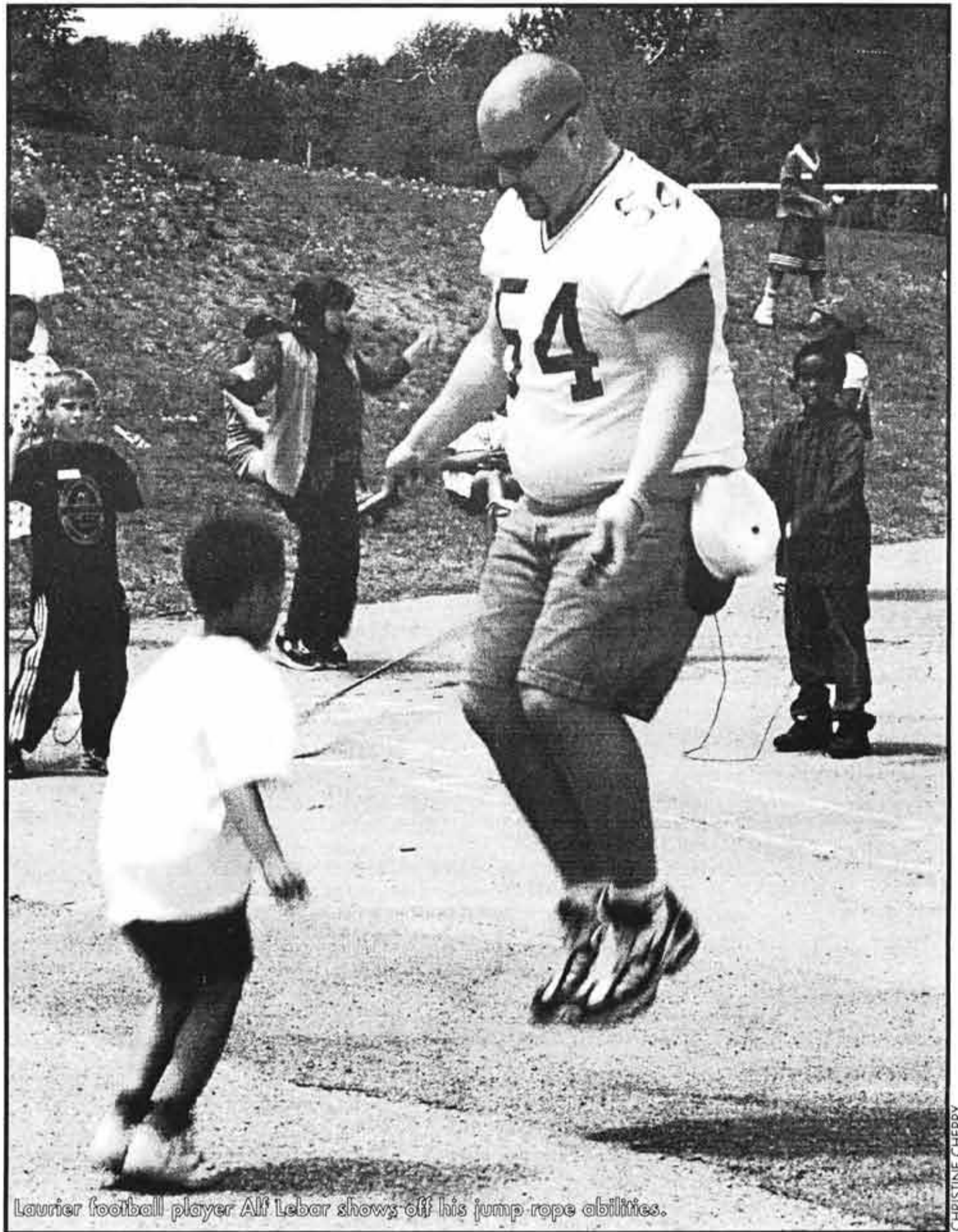
about different ways of keeping their hearts healthy including what types of food they should be eating and importance of exercising.

The skipping challenge saw many donations from local businesses as prizes for the students, ranging from a bicycle from Cyclepath, to Blue Jays tickets from the Kitchener Rangers to golf clubs from Gus Mau. Local food businesses donated refreshments such as apples to keep the students nourished throughout the day.

As a treat for the students and more added incentive to convince them of the importance of staying fit, five Laurier football players along with former five-time Canadian boxing champ Greg Johnson of Kitchener, joined in the 'Jump Rope for Heart' which also worked as part of the football team's spring training.

Alf Lebar, Jamie Hitchen, Adam Lane, Justin Praamsma and Kevin Johnson represented Laurier that day and motivated the youngsters by jumping rope right alongside them.

Assitant coach Wally Gabler says these sorts of community events are beneficial for both the football team's future



Laurier football player Alf Lebar shows off his jump-rope abilities.

CHRISTINE CHERRY

recruitment, in creating interest in young children and perhaps inspiring future football stars and also for the children who get to have some fun while learning and raising money for a terrific cause. It also serves as quite a workout for those members of the team who were there.

This sort of community involvement is a continuously growing trend here at Laurier.

It is reflected in other events such as the JUMP program put on by the school which attempts to show young students and potential future Laurier alumni that university is definitely accessible.

It teaches them through early involvement that there is definitely a place for them here in the Laurier community.

It seemed that all the motivation and inspiration was successful for these students as they raised over \$11,000 for the Foundation and later that day

watched guidance counsellor Laura Hagey-Nichols get her long blond hair shaved off.

tant cause.

From the local businesses who donated food and prizes, to the special appearances from the football team and boxing champ, right down to the DJ who played some

The day was a successful tribute to the memory of Alex Toushan.

The event really reflected the ability of a community to come together to support an impor-

rockin' tunes for the students to enjoy as they jumped rope, all those involved played a significant role in making the day a successful tribute to the memory of Alex Toushan.

There is no doubt Alex would have been proud watching the smiles and hearing the laughter and thanking all those who participated in such a wonderful fundraising event.

something about it. Furthermore, as added incentive for the students to raise as much money as possible



Cedarbrae students learn about heart disease at booths set up by the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

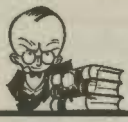
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Laura Hagey-Nichols prior to having her head shaved.

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What is a university degree worth?

Americans choose Canadian schools to save money

While Canadian students protest fee deregulation, tuition increases and dwindling funding, American students contend with university and college fees double and triple the amount paid for an education here.

An increasingly popular solution for American students is coming to Canada to be educated. With the low exchange rate of the Canadian dollar and comparatively low tuition fees American students find it cheaper to attend university hundreds of miles from home instead of 20 minutes away.

Fees for American students in Canada are generally higher - as much as \$16,000 in British Columbia - but some universities choose to keep fees for foreign students particularly low in an attempt to attract much needed revenue. For instance, the University of Windsor, just minutes from the US-Canada border, charges American students approximately \$3,500 (US) per term, which is slightly above the \$3,400 charged to Canadians.

Even when international student fees are taken into account, American students still pay about half the amount of an education in the States.

While universities such as Guelph and Windsor actively recruit American students - the University of Guelph sends out tens of thousands of award winning flyers and draws interest from as far away as Texas - universities in the largest city centres still prove to be the most popular choices.

McGill, the University of Toronto and Simon Fraser are listed among the top prospects for American students. Also included in the list is Mount Allison, known for its strong liberal arts programs and Rhodes scholars, and Bishop's in Quebec.

In addition to lower fees, American students benefit from different academic standards. Unlike in the US, less weight is placed on SAT scores. Top academic standing and B+ to A averages are still necessary to be accepted.

There are approximately 3,000 American undergraduate students studying in Canada and over 20,000 Canadians studying in the US.

\$5,

Approximately 1250 Laurier students will be participating in Spring Convocation on June 4 and 5. If these students fit the national average they will have incurred roughly \$25,000 in debt each to fund their educations, begging the question: what exactly is a university degree worth?

In terms of comparative employment prospects, is a university degree worth \$25,000? In terms of future economic well-being, is a university degree worth years of loan repayments? How much will universities be able to charge before people decide a university degree just isn't worth it anymore?

Cost - University vs. College

According to the Ontario Ministry of Education, tuition and fees for 8 months at a college of applied arts and technology in Ontario costs an average of \$3,000 compared to \$10,000 for a university student living on campus or away from home.

University students have seen tuition increase consistently for the past decade. According to Statistics Canada fees have risen 150 percent in the last 10 years, largely to make up for cuts in government funding. Since 1972 tuition for arts programs has gone up 495 percent, for engineering 434 percent and for medicine 630 percent, consistently outpacing inflation.

With the deregulation of fees

for professional and specialty programs, students in programs such as medicine, optometry and law will see fees rise over 100 percent over the next few years, if not immediately.

It goes without saying, then, that a university degree costs considerably more than a college diploma, both in time and money. But graduates and experts alike claim the costs are worth it since a university degree results in higher paying jobs and higher job placement rates. Is this true?

Job Prospects

In a 1998 poll conducted by Angus Reid Group, 35 percent of Ontarions believed a technical college diploma would be the most valuable type of education for the work force in 10 years. A university education was ranked third behind an apprenticeship

Is a university degree worth \$25,000?

in a skilled trade.

Despite public perceptions, however, employment results show the more education a person has the more they earn on average. In 1995 a university degree holder working full-time earned just over \$50,000 while a similar individual with a college certificate or diploma earned just under \$40,000.

Income also increases with

the level of university degree attained, making a strong argument that a higher education bill is worth it.

Laurier students do well in terms of employment rates following graduation. While the rates vary according to the program, for those receiving a diploma at Convocation on June 4 and 5 nearly 94 percent can count on having a job within six months - the Ontario average is just over 90 percent.

Unfortunately, many Canadians feel overqualified for the work they are doing, signalling a possible need for less education. Almost 4.4 million of employed Canadians in 1997, or 39 percent of the work force, held university or college certificates, diplomas or degrees.

One in five well-educated Canadians feel overqualified for the work they are performing. Roughly 23 percent of graduates were employed in jobs not requiring a post-secondary education, such as clerical, sales and services.

The percentage of well-educated people working in jobs not requiring post-secondary education declined, however, as the level of education increased so that only 12 percent of those with a masters degree were working in clerical, sales and services.

The Consequences

Despite the advantages of having a university degree there are several consequences. A degree that nets a higher paying job may seem worth \$25,000 at the time, but a legacy of loan repayments and stifled economic security will also follow.

Statistics on loan repayments and defaults are mixed. A study by Statistics Canada on the class of 1995 showed one in 20 graduates had defaulted on a student loan and only 17 percent of bachelor's graduates had repaid their loans two years later.

However, statistics also show that from 1996-1998 only one percent of all students repaying loans declared bankruptcy, while over 325,000 students borrowed money under the Canadian Student Loans Program (CSLP) in the same year. Ninety-three percent of CLSP loans have been repaid since the program's inception in 1964, including those once in default.

It is also more difficult for students to declare bankruptcy thanks to changes made to the federal Bankruptcy and

Insolvency Act which took effect June 18, 1998. Students must now wait 10 years before declaring bankruptcy, unlike 9 months for other consumer debtors.

The more education a person has the more they earn on average.

Debt - How Much Is Too Much?

Given the relative advantages of a university education and the realities of student loans, how much will universities be able to charge before students decide it's just not worth it?

It's difficult to say.

Even though tuition fees at universities across Canada have been increasing consistently, the number of degrees granted is up 53 percent over the past 20 years.

Women have been the driving force behind university expansion, accounting for 75 percent of enrollment growth since 1982, according to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

Youth unemployment increased about 40 percent from the early 1990s to 1996 and more and more jobs require a minimum of college or university education, prompting more people to stay in school.

Adults currently in the work force are also going back to university and college in record numbers to update their skills.

So even though the cost of education is increasing it is still at a level where people feel comfortable borrowing money.

What a university degree is worth is a very subjective and personal evaluation. While job prospects and potential income are a satisfactory measure for some, less quantitative factors have greater importance for others.

For those students who are more interested in a university degree as a means to enlightenment and personal development, the cost of simply educating oneself is becoming further and further out of reach.

Employment Rates

(after six months)

	Laurier	Province
Business and Commerce	98.4%	94.1%
Fine Arts	95.0%	90.1%
Social Sciences	89.2%	89.3%
Humanities	93.9%	91.8%
Agriculture and Bio. Sci.	90.9%	87.1%
Computer Science	91.7%	91.1%
Mathematics	n/a	91.1%
TOTAL	93.8%	90.1%

What students give up for an education

Despite the monetary considerations that are so prominently at the forefront when debating the merits of a university education there are benefits beyond the job front.

In an era of predictably rising tuition fees and skyrocketing levels of debt people often justify a university degree based solely on the likelihood of getting a job. If one were to believe Ontario Premier Mike Harris, there would be little use for university

Granted, many people have a hard time justifying spending \$25,000 simply to learn and pursue their interests. It is certainly difficult to justify that kind of money for what amounts to recreation.

Somewhere in three or four or five years of university there are lessons to be learned and benefits to be had, however, and it is these non-financial benefits that beg the question: what is a university degree

mind to ideas unexplored and ways of seeing the world that might otherwise not be experienced.

Understanding can easily be lost in a routine of reading, memorizing, writing, testing and expunging. What it takes to achieve high marks is not always what it takes to learn and understand something, but this point can be lost in the rush to graduate with top marks and become a prospective employee.

For some pursuing an education means more than acquiring job skills and getting high marks, it means learning and understanding.

Getting a university degree also offers a great deal of personal development along the way. Students learn to live with people they may not like, they come to appreciate the difference between education and learning, they may even follow through on a process of self-discovery that mindless, passionless work does not afford.

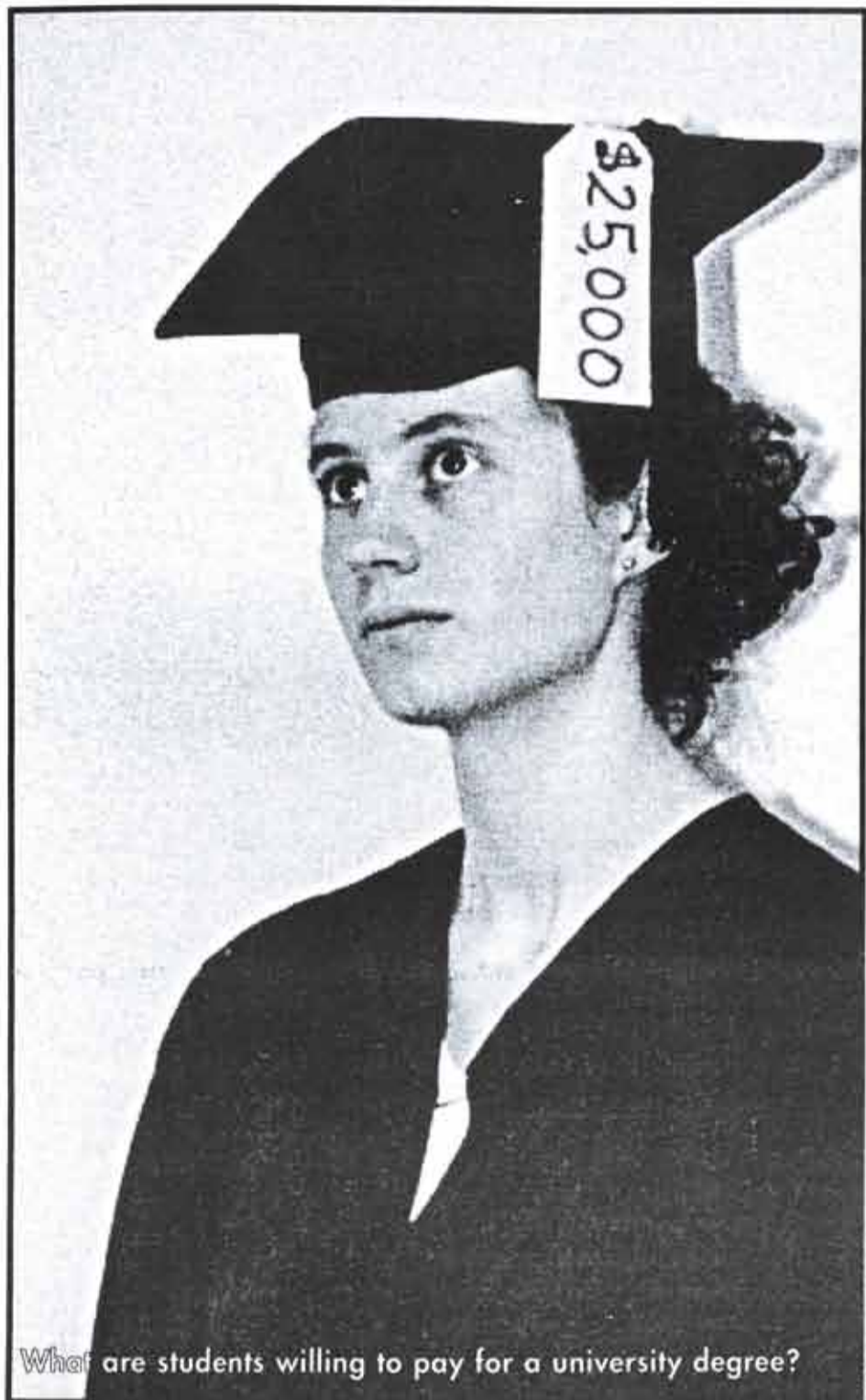
A broad liberal education has often been considered a necessity for people to choose major goals in life. Students may not always set out for university with the intention of growing as a person, of discovering who they are and what they are about, but the university experience is a surprisingly effective vehicle for developing well-rounded citizens.

Apart from the more selfish pursuits of enlightenment and self-discovery, a university degree also fulfills a responsibility to society. Education is not merely a right. Each person has a responsibility to educate themselves to their full potential and to fully engage in critical analysis and social debate.

Whether this means using analytical and conceptual talents to get a computer science degree or finding an outlet for creativity in a fine arts major, fulfilling one's potential contributes unique talents to society.

It is incorrect to believe that everyone who attends university does so just to get the piece of paper and secure a good job. While many students are stuck in programs they hate, taking classes they have no interest in, wondering what they're ever going to do with a General Economics degree, there are some students who ignore the job prospects and pursue their passions. It is this group of students, the ones that buck the trend of university as job training, that see the degree for what it can be worth.

For these students a university degree is worth the debt, the poverty, the long hours of reading and assignments, the frustrating roommates, the sacrifices.



What are students willing to pay for a university degree?

CHRISTINE CHERRY

degrees outside of business and the hard sciences.

These ideas mark a shift in values away from education for its own sake. Post-secondary education is seen as little more than job training and, as such, people are able to feel more comfortable incurring large debts if it means they will secure a better job.

There is another element to the question of a degree's worth, however, and that is education as enlightenment, personal development and responsibility.

worth?

Is a university degree worth living from pay cheque to pay cheque in near poverty conditions with financial disaster looming overhead? Is a university degree worth the hard work and self-reflection necessary to truly learn? Is a university degree worth living with people you don't know, don't like or can't tolerate?

As a matter of enlightenment a university degree is not only the facts and theories that are learned. Under the best of circumstances a few years at university opens a person's

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FACT: According to a report from Industry Canada, Canada has the highest rate of post-secondary enrollment in the world among 20-24 year olds.



Grant is first draft choice

MATT CADE

The 1999 Canadian College Draft took place on April 13 and Corey Grant found out over the phone that he had been drafted by the Hamilton Tigercats. He was their number one choice, seventh overall and represented one of only two CIAU players to be taken in the first round.

Ironically however, the informant of such exciting news wasn't a spokesperson for the Tigercats - it was a member of the press looking for Grant's reaction.

Grant, a 5'11" wide receiver and punt returner, signed with the Tigercats less than a month later on May 7, forgoing his fifth and final year of eligibility with the Hawks. He will be reporting to Training Camp with his new team at Brock University in St. Catharines on June 12.

Grant has already been working out with some of the current Cats for about a month now. He says he didn't really know what to expect going into his first day, but that so far it's definitely been a learning experience.

"I haven't met any of the other rookies yet, but I've been working out a lot with the older guys and asking a lot of questions." Grant has also spoken quite a bit with his position coach who says he has been, along with the veterans, very helpful.

Grant hasn't learned yet whether he'll be receiving or returning punts, but he does know that as of right now, he is competing for a starting position with eight other players. He'd love to be able to do both, but

he understands that there are already some great receivers with the Tigercats.

"If I'm returning punts, that's great. If I can get myself into the starting rotation [of wide receivers], that's great too."

Grant recognizes his WLU football experience as having helped him develop his game in a few key areas. "I think it helped me to develop my fundamentals, but even more with the knowledge of the game - the

One of Grant's best features is his ability in one-on-one situations.

little things to work on to become a better player to become more successful."

Grant is also quick to include the help he has received from friend and former player Curtis Bell. "Curtis showed me how to get to the next level. He taught me what it takes to make that extra step."

Grant is obviously excited about being taken so high in the draft. The Hamilton organization is also clearly very happy with their number one pick. "We were very high on Corey Grant and rated him as one of the top three receivers available in the draft," said head coach and Director

of Football Operations, Ron Lancaster. "He comes from a system at Wilfrid Laurier where they throw the ball and he had a productive career. Corey is a good receiver, he runs good routes, is explosive after the catch and can also return punts."

Golden Hawk head coach Rick Zmich also commented on the reasons professional coaches are so interested in Grant's services.

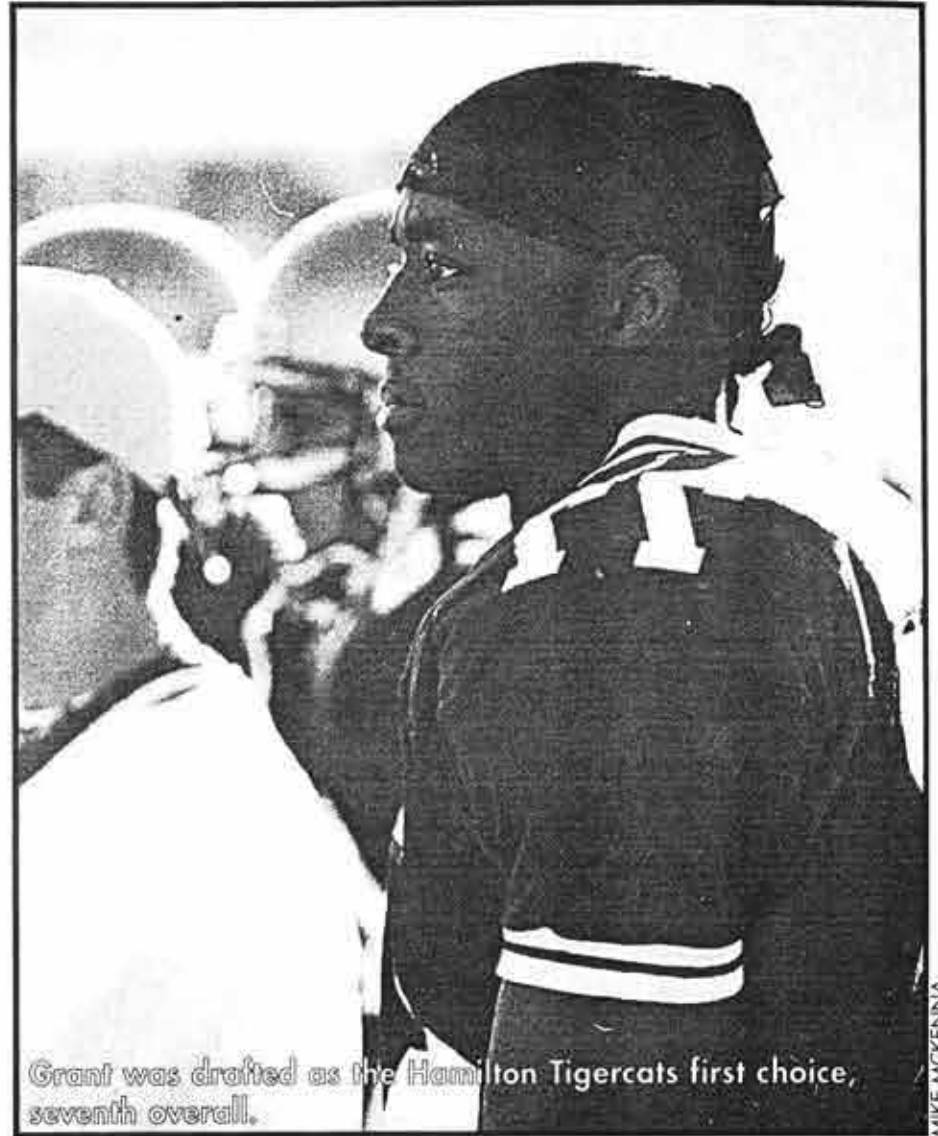
"Corey has all the physical tools," said Zmich. "We run a pro-style offence here and that attracts their attention."

However, Coach Zmich notes that Grant excels in one particular area that pro scouts are all interested in. "I would say that one of Corey's glaring features is his ability in one-on-one situations. That's what they really noticed at the combine (an evaluation camp open to 40-45 Canadian seniors from CIAU and the NCAA, this year held in Winnipeg). Corey showed very well there this year."

Zmich also says he had a feeling Grant was high on Hamilton's list. "I knew Hamilton was very interested in Corey. I was actually on the phone with them quite a few times. I had a hunch he would be their first pick this year."

Grant is a very humble yet extremely focused young man. He was eligible for the draft one year ago, but after discussions with his parents, removed his name and returned to school for another year to graduate. Now, however, he's putting all his energy into making that next step.

"When I made the decision, I told myself I was going to focus entirely



Grant was drafted as the Hamilton Tigercats first choice, seventh overall.

MIKE MCKENNA

on getting to the next level," said Grant. "I came back to school with the understanding that this was my draft year and I just wanted to go out and have a productive season."

That's exactly what he did. Grant finished 7th in the CIAU in 1998 with 36 receptions for 478 yards. He averaged 13.3 yards per carry and scored four touchdowns while earning a spot as a Second Team OUA All Star. Coach Zmich says he felt upset he couldn't get him the ball more often, but he had still done an out-

standing job.

Of course, everyone here at Laurier is thrilled for Corey and proud of his achievements. Coach Zmich, however, sums up his successes better than all others. "I'm excited for Corey," says Zmich, "but let's not forget there are two keys to his success, number one, he has had the opportunity to pursue a pro career and number two, he graduated."

Surely this is success in anyone's eyes.

New coach for women's basketball

TAMMY CADDEO

The Golden Hawk women's basketball program, one of Laurier's biggest athletic disappointments last season, has taken an important step towards turning their misfortune around.

On May 10, 1999, Director of Athletics Peter Baxter officially announced that Stu Julius was to be named the team's new head coach. Julius brings 18 years of experience to WLU from Lakehead University where he compiled an overall 311-250 record as the women's head coach.

Having witnessed for two straight seasons the defeats and frustrations of the Lady Hawks basketball squad, it was a pleasure to speak with an optimistic Julius who sees only potential and opportunity in his new team and surroundings.

"I'm not looking just to participate. I'm looking to change things around very quickly. I like the direction which Peter Baxter is moving the program (at Laurier). I want to build a winner and be competitive over a number of years."

After the post was vacated by former head coach Sue Lindley on March 10, Baxter contacted Julius to ask if he was interested in the position and invited him to apply.

By early May, Julius had made his final decision and the formal part of the discussions were being carried out. He will be travelling



Women's basketball looks forward to a season that has to be better than last year's.

JOCELYN FAIRBURN

down next week when he'll meet the team's returning players.

His intention is to introduce them to his expectations in terms of their physical and basketball training for the remainder of the summer. Also, because he is entering new territory, his plan for the fall is to partially start over.

"My concern will be with the quality of the athletes and with the quality of the team. I will not be guaranteeing anyone a spot on this

team. I'm going to let them know the work I'd like them to do and where I want them to be by the end of the summer and we'll go from there."

Obviously, the decision to take the new job was a difficult one for Julius, who has lived in Thunder Bay for 23 years and who has been quite comfortable as Lakehead's women's head coach for nearly that long. A number of factors however, helped him make his choice.

"My decision was really just based on tim-

ing... and it was time to move on," commented Julius. "Laurier has an excellent opportunity to do big things. It's a great school and the commitment to winning is evident."

In addition to this, Julius spoke of the difficulty he has had attracting players to Lakehead during his time there. "Simply because of its geographic location," he said, "I've had trouble recruiting the kinds of players that can compete on the national level."

Despite these troubles, the new coach has three young recruits with whom he is quite thrilled. He will be introducing them next Thursday, June 10 at a media conference which is scheduled to begin around noon.

To expect a team to turn around from a one win season and to be competing with the best of the best is not exactly realistic and fans should not be looking for miracles.

Indeed, the word 'potential' is starting to get a little old when it is used in reference to the Golden Hawks basketball program. But fans should be excited. Stu Julius is enthusiastic about joining a new program and can't wait to get started.

He has plenty of experience, a winning record over nearly two decades with a short-handed recruiting class, and OUA Coach of the Year honours from 1997-98 under his belt.

Look forward to seeing some spark this coming season, and expect Julius to get more out of this team than just one win a season.

New assistant coach for men's b-ball

MIKE MCKENNA

On the heels of announcing the Wilfrid Laurier University Golden Hawks have hired a new Women's basketball coach. Director of Athletics, Peter Baxter announced Monday that the Hawks have also added a new Assistant Coach for the men's basketball program.

Tim Elcombe, a graduate of the University of Windsor, where he has also served as an Assistant coach for the past five seasons joins Head Coach Mike Kilpatrick at the helm of the Golden Hawk basketball program as they attempt to build a nationally competitive team.

"We are continuing to work hard to improve the quality of our program," noted Kilpatrick.

"We have the support of our administration and Tim will help us accomplish the goal of national prominence quickly."

Elcombe will join the coaching staff immediately and will be responsible for player recruitment and development, as well as being a major contributor to the on court development of the team.

He brings a great deal of experience to the Hawks having been involved in both the Ontario Men's Junior and Juvenile programs, as well as the Southwest Region Junior Development Program, and will have an immediate impact on the program.

"I am looking forward to being part of the Wilfrid Laurier Basketball program that is taking the necessary steps to return to national prominence," noted Elcombe. "The foundation is in place that will allow this team to make major strides in the upcoming seasons. Coach Kilpatrick and the rest of the department is committed to winning and I see this as an opportunity that was too good to pass up."

He brings a great deal of experience to the Hawks.



Assistant coach Tim Elcombe looks forward to leading the Hawks to national prominence.

JENNIFER ELINWORTH

Fact Sheets on New Coaches



Stu Julius
Career Profile

1980-99 Head Coach of Lakehead University Women's Basketball team
Overall Record - 311-250 (.554 winning per cent)
1985-86 GPAC Coach of the Year
1985-87 GPAC Champions
1988-89 OWIAA Coach of the Year
1991-92 Assistant Coach, Junior National Team
1996-97 11-3 record in OUA West - ranked #6 in CIAU
1997-98 OUA Coach of the Year
1997-98 12-2 record - first place, OUA West

Tim Elcombe
Career Profile

Graduate of University of Windsor
Assistant coach for past five seasons at U of Windsor
Involved with Ontario Men's Junior and Juvenile programs
Involved with Southwest Region Junior Development Program

Good Luck Coaches!

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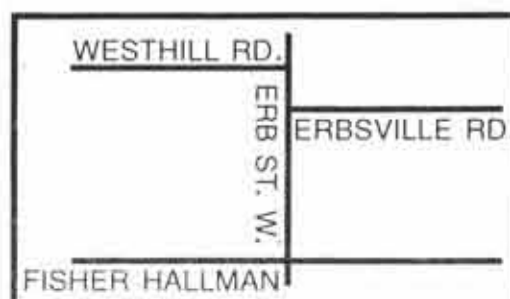
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JUMP invokes creativity

BETH MULLEN

Since 1994 Laurier has been the source of educational and social awareness for Grade six, seven and eight students from parts of Ontario ranging from Pickering to Sault Ste. Marie to Stratford.

Developed through the Conference Office, the JUMP program was originally designed to effectively utilize empty classroom and residence spaces when university students had gone home for the summer.

The objective of the program is to take the mystique away from university for younger students and to reveal to the

students the opportunities that are available to them.

Efforts on the part of the organizers are aimed towards, "exposing younger students to university through fun, hands-on activities at a level from which they can benefit," describes Glennice Snyder from the Conference Centre.

Christine Canning, JUMP Ambassador and Program Co-Ordinator explains, "JUMP lets kids know that university is accessible. It gets them excited about education while motivating them to think differently and

work harder at school."

The program takes place over three days and two nights during which the students from various elementary schools stay in residence and eat in the Dining Hall.

The kids choose to attend seven of 12 sessions that include archaeology, psychology, fine arts, chemistry, social work, music and theatre.

The sessions were chosen from Laurier's stronger disciplines, all of which appeal to the attendees and lend themselves to, "the overall unique educational experience," explains Canning.

The sessions are run by professors, Teacher's Assistants and top WLU students and take place in labs, lecture halls and classrooms that WLU students use during the year.

Besides the educational aspect of the experience, the students are also given the opportunity to socialize within the university setting.

Wilfs and the Hawk's Nest have become two of the areas that kids enjoy before their evening sessions.

One of these evening sessions the students have the choice of

The JUMP program lets kids know university is accessible.



Early bird gets the dead worms.

participating in is run by the theatre students at Laurier. Canning insists, "The Theatre aspect of the schedule is currently the students favourite and the highlight of the program."

Canning goes on to mention, "The feedback has been nothing but positive. The Theatre leaders do a great job of getting all of the students involved and having fun."

The skills the students are exposed to offer them an outlet to express themselves in front of a group of people within the structure of Theatre of the Absurd.

Leslie O'Dell, (former co-ordinator of the WLU Theatre

Department) describes, "The theatre portion introduces students to a theoretical idea and a bit of theatre history.

"Students experience the specific demands of one genre of theatre and engage in the discipline of intensive work, critique, polishing and performing.

"Theatre of the Absurd has been used since the beginning and has always worked well."

Besides the introduction to fundamental theatrical principles, this session offers the young students a constructive way of forming and expressing their own opinions.

Students learn how to constructively criticize others as

they are allowed the opportunity to critique each other's performances and offer suggestions.

Amy Neufeld, WLU English/Theatre student and Theatre leader comments, "The session involves activities that keep kids active and having fun.

"Their enjoyment is guaranteed and we hope they take away a continued interest in theatre."

This dimension of JUMP combines social and educational learning within an environment that allows each student to be themselves and expand their creativity in a different direction.

Boys belong in a Zoo



Two fine young thespians find themselves by a tree. Tra-la-la. Tra-la-la.

AMY NEUFELD

Ah, the summer months are almost upon us. A time to enjoy warm weather and lazy days. But are your days and nights feeling almost too lazy? Well, sigh no more, kiddies, fun is coming.

The University Players are back at work again, this time preparing an outdoor show to entertain and dazzle.

This season's summer show is Edward Albee's *The Zoo Story*. Set in a New York summer, Jerry and Peter, two strangers, meet on a park bench in Central Park and begin talking.

The concept is simple, but the meaning is complex. Through carefully written dialogue the audience learns about both characters, and begins to take an interest in their lives.

This is a play where things happen through language rather than action. But don't be fooled, there is still a great deal happening.

The *Zoo Story* is being performed by fourth year Music student James McClary and recent Laurier Theatre and English graduate Sam Varteniuk. This is not the first time that these two actors have worked together.

Varteniuk directed George F. Walker's play *Zastrozzi* for the Fringe festival last year, and McClary had a part in it. The two acted together in this year's production of *The Trial of Judith K.* as well.

"James came to me with the idea to do the show," commented Varteniuk on the decision

to put on *The Zoo Story*. "He had done the show before, and saw me in the role of Jerry. It's worked well because he's brought the experience of a previous production and I have gotten a fresh perspective, so we can bring the two together to make a really strong show."

The actors have a strong vision for the show as co-directors. McClary says "I enjoy working with Sam as we have developed a good friendship over the past three years. The respect we have for each other contributes to the ease of our rehearsals. In this type of situation having a director is superfluous."

Edward Albee is an American playwright, probably best known for having written *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* in 1962. *The Zoo Story* is an earlier play; it was first produced in Berlin in 1959.

Outdoor theatre is becoming a tradition here at Laurier. This will be the fifth summer show that the University Players have produced. Past shows include *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Salt Water Moon*. Plays have been performed outside Bricker residence in the courtyard. This space is ideal as it offers enough space, but is still small enough to provide an intimate theatre experience.

The Zoo Story opens June 17 and runs until June 19 in the Bricker courtyard. The show starts at 8pm every night, and admission is free. Free is good. Don't pass up this deal. If it should rain, it will henceforth be moved to the Science Building.

K-W Little Theatre offers experience



What's that I see, little lady?

CHRISTINE CHERRY

If you have ever had dreams of being an actor or of becoming involved in live theatre, the Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre can provide you with that opportunity.

Entering its 64th season, the theatre is run by volunteers who do everything from sitting on the board of directors, set construction, acting and directing. The theatre is always looking for volunteers, regardless of a background in theatre.

Board of Directors President Roberto Machado believes that anyone can become involved. KWLIT needs not only those involved on stage, but also those who can participate in the business management and fundraising that is required.

Annual memberships are available for a cost of \$25. This entitles you to discounts on tickets for shows, newsletters, eligibility to run for the Board of Directors and voting privileges at Board meetings.

You can also phone the theatre and request to be placed on the mailing list.

Involvement in the theatre can lead to interesting experiences and is a great way to meet new people who have similar interests.

Performing in her second role at KWLIT Jennifer Epp is a fourth year philosophy student at Laurier. Epp

has a musical background with classical voice training that prepared her for previous roles in musical theatre.

The KWLIT provides Epp with "a good way to meet people" and she "enjoys working with a large group." Rather than feeling nervous about performing, Epp gets a "high" from it.

Live theatre can create some anxious moments, however. During one performance Epp realized that she had left a crucial prop backstage. Instead of going into a panic, Epp asked the actor playing the role of the bartender in the scene where the washroom was. The other actors, realizing what was going on, were able to improvise until Epp arrived back on stage with the needed prop.

Currently KWLIT is performing Picasso at the Lapin Agile, written by comedian Steve Martin, and directed by Heather Gurd.

To find out what it is about, you will have to go and see it for yourself. Performances run May 27-29, June 3-5 and 10-12.

Ticket prices are \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members.

To reserve tickets or to become involved call the KWLIT at 886-0660.



More Star Wars?

TIM DURKIN

Bill Murray immortalized the George Lucas creation with a zany skit on Saturday Night Live, all those years ago.

Doubtless the movie would not have been as successful as it has proven to be without the star power of Bill Murray. Unfortunately for Murray Star Wars fame has only grown while his has waned. True he has done Groundhog Day, Ghostbusters and his recent smash hit Rushmore. Lucas has done nothing in the last twenty years that even competes with those classics.

I digress. This is not an article about Bill Murray but George "boring action films" Lucas.



la Luke Skywalker shooting photon missiles into holes the size of swamp rats back home. The best part of the whole movie is that the boy is a far better actor than Mark Hamill. Not better than Bill Murray though.

Don't fret about Jar Jar Binks. He is truly funny and definitely adds to the whole movie. Part of his character was shot via computer animation and the others parts were shot with an actual actor. Some complain about his voice; either that its unintelligible (the slower folks say that) and others say it's racist (the slower folks say that too). Two actors speak like the stereotypical Orientals. This is puzzling, but not racist.

Liam Neeson is his typically dry and dull self. I think he studied

acting with Harvey Kietel and Sam Niell. Oh, and Keanu Reeves. Ewan McGregor puts in his worst acting job to date. But with a typically stupid Lucas script one can't expect too much. Doubtless he and his character will get better.

If you don't see this movie you won't be "avoiding a cultural phenomenon and being cool" you will be a dumb person who has missed an excellent movie.

Editor's note: The Cord Staff does not agree with Tim on the Jar Jar Binks issue 'cause he's dumb.

We do concur that The Phantom Menace is worth at least a look-see.

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Law school bound?

CHRISTINE CHERRY

From those great minds at the Law School Admission Council (the people who bring you the LSAT) comes The Official Guide to U.S. Law Schools. This is a useful book for those interested in going to law school in the United States and those

considering going to law school in general.

In addition to providing comprehensive information on all American Bar Association approved schools, the book also features chapters devoted to areas such as becoming a lawyer, applying to law school, opportunities in law for minority

men and women, financing your legal education and finding a job.

Criteria for how law schools select applicants is given which can make you aware of your options when your GPA or LSAT scores aren't necessarily in the top one percent. Read early enough in your educational career, this book can help guide you to being the well rounded applicant that many of the top law schools are looking for. The book also breaks down and explains many of the specialties in law that you may not have considered.

The information given about individual schools is relative if you are considering going to law school in the United States. Statistics are provided on enrollment/student body, faculty, library and physical facilities, curriculum, special programs, admission, student activities, expenses and financial aid and career services. Graphs on the applicant group for 1998-1999 which give the GPA and LSAT scores of the applicants are given for most schools. For those schools that are not given, it is mostly for the reason that many factors go into determining the acceptance of the applicant, that it would be deceptive to including such one sided statistics.

The most interesting feature of the book is the chart providing key facts about the LSAC-Member Law Schools. Broken down by state, the chart allows you to compare schools based on the features that are most important to you.

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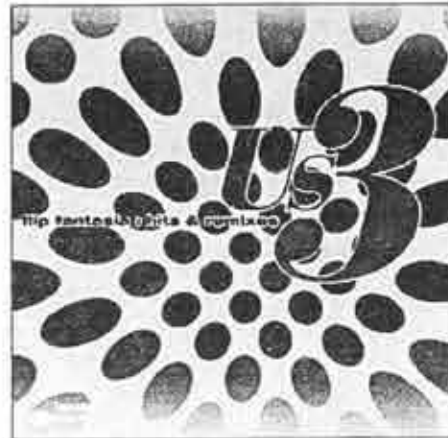
Angela Foster, WLUSP Advertising Manager taking time out to enjoy a lamb roast at her country club.

If only she attacked her duties with the same vigour as she did that spit-roasted, heavily-salted hunk of meat.



Ear Candy

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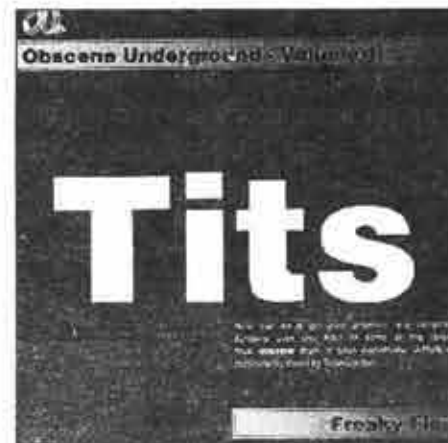
Is it just me, or do most bands think that to be successful in the music industry today that you simply need to get one hit and then remix it so many times, assuming that their listeners are too dumb to notice? Cantaloop (Flip fantasia) was a popular song when I was in OAC 5 years ago. It is a great song, with a unique sound, but it's time for something new. This CD consists of songs from 2 CD's and their CD singles for the remixes. Of the 10 tracks on the CD, four are the originals and another four are the remixes. This is not a compilation.

On a more positive note, if you do not have anything in your music collection by Us3, this would be a good one to start with. The bands mix of rap and jazz make it perfect for lounging with friends in backyard on a beautiful summer day. Gerard Presencer on trumpet and Dennis Rollins on trombone are brilliant. If you haven't heard Us3, I suggest you pick up this CD.

After you hear, you will be as anxious as I am for them to produce some new material.

Christine Cherry

Obscene Underground - Volume 1:
Tits
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If you're looking to get into underground music, there are any number of places to start. This compilation, mixed in one take by Freaky Flow, is one launching point towards drum 'n'bass and jungle.

Flow, widely recognized as one of the premier jungle DJs in the country, has collaborated with MC

Flipside to produce a fine disc. While many claim that d'n'b is repetitive and boring, Flow tries to refute that argument.

However, Tits is not all roses. The record doesn't begin to establish itself as something unique until halfway through the disc. The final sequence is terrific, but the first half of the disc won't do much to dismantle the 'repetitively boring' slug that's repeatedly fired at junglists (and other underground artists).

Still, Tits gets better as it ages. The second half of the disc is the better by far. Not as heavily layered as Talvin Singh's OK, Tits is more straightforward, simpler and harder.

While Singh's roots are East Indian, Flow's foundation is hip-hop and the appearances of the Ruffneck, Choclaire and others testifies to his legitimacy. The scratching is, of course, top notch and the vocals blend in beautifully. Not overpowering at all, the vocals - like those on OK - meld into the background while still grabbing at your mind.

Flow's work here, on the second half, justifies the support he receives from Flipside, Syrous, Next Junction and a host of other North American promoters. While above-average, the poor first half of the disc warrants some consideration before one decides the fate of Tits.

Asad Kiyani

Blink 182
Enema of the State
MCA Records



I guess Blink 182 falls into the category of uncategorizable: too preoccupied with farts and girls for punk rock, too much tempo for Joe OurLadyPeace.

I bought the last album "Dude Ranch" because of that sappy dumb song "I Guess This is Growing Up", and I quickly became enamoured with the band's quirkiness (not to mention wit and good rhyming skills).

Blink 182 is like Weezer with more beats-per-minute, swearing, and "secret tracks" of a dog drinking from a toilet that somebody has just peed in.

This album rocks just like the last one, but with more keyboards. Ben Quarris

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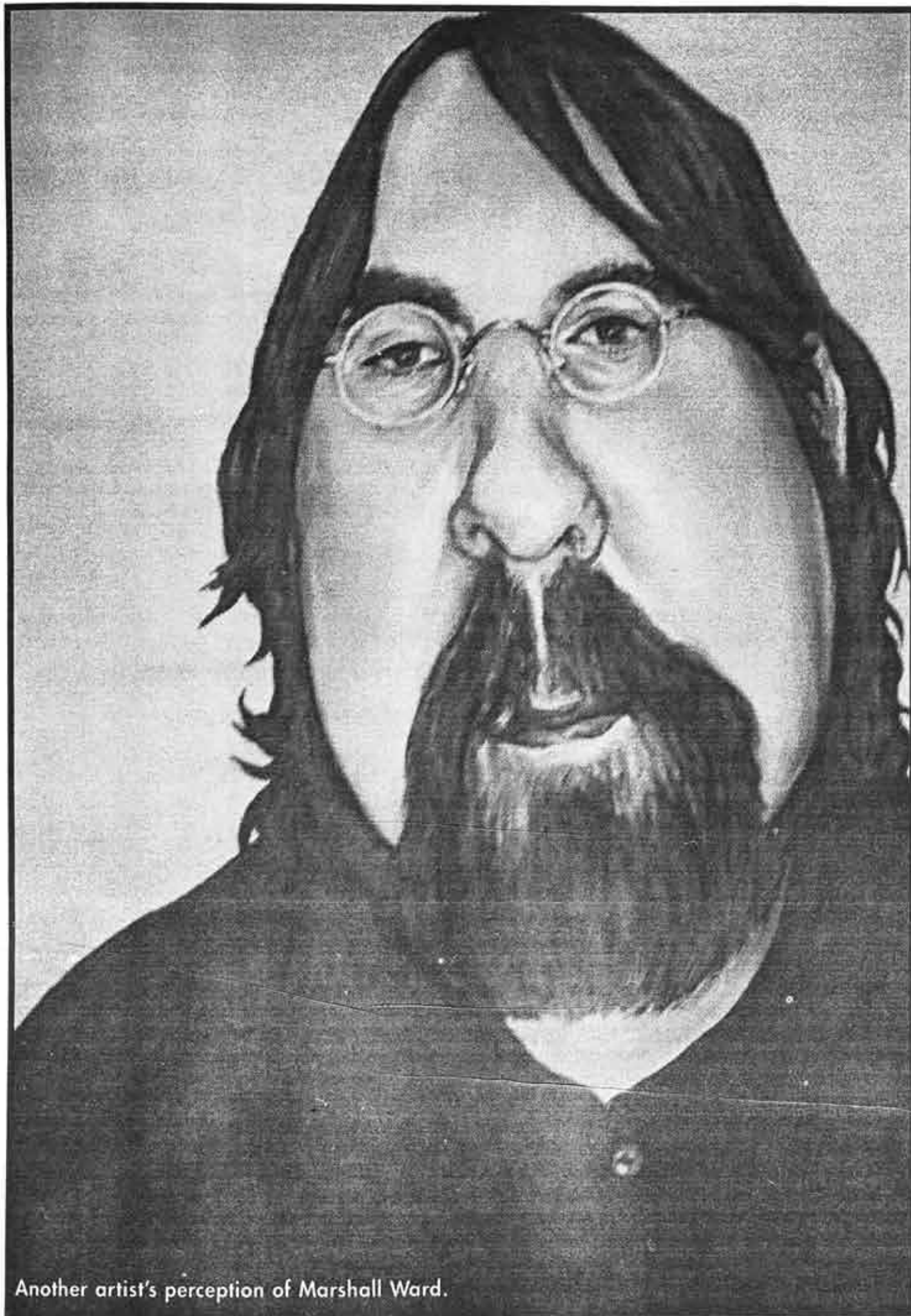
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Marshall Ward

WLU alumnus serves as K-W Artist-In-Residence



Another artist's perception of Marshall Ward.

ROSS BULLEN

After spending any amount of time in downtown Kitchener, one would be hard-pressed not to sense the influence the old buildings and factories have had on local artist Marshall Ward's new series of paintings, entitled "This Grey Town."

The collection of nine paintings, currently on display in the main lobby of the Kitchener City Hall, explores the gradual evolution of downtown Kitchener by drawing attention to some of its architectural highlights.

Ward uses a series of brick-like patterns and faded, dingy colours to evoke a sense of antiquity and history.

The paintings resemble very early photographs, vague images intruded on by bursts of light and colour, distinct in some places, yet warped and unclear in others.

Ward, a 27 year old Laurier graduate and current Artist-In-Residence at Kitchener City Hall seems very pleased with the result.

The Artist-In-Residence program, now in its fifth year, allows an artist to work in the City Hall art studio, display their work and interact with the public through a series of

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conferences and workshops (and the occasional drop-in visitor).

Among the workshops are "Life Drawing," which takes place Monday evenings from 8-10 p.m.,

June 21, July 26 and August 16 and the cost is eight dollars per workshop, and "Illustrations for Young People," taking place on June 14 from 7-9 p.m. which costs \$15.

The larger studio space seems to agree with Ward. Although noting he was more productive while working in his own studio, Ward is more than willing to accept all the extra publicity at his new location as a kind of quid pro quo.

His new body of work certainly fits with the downtown location too, even if the paintings in praise of old crumbly brick buildings don't exactly fit with the cold, sterile and modern feel of City Hall itself.

Ward has long identified with the downtown region. As a teenager he would frequent local arcades and record shops.

In later years it was the various concert venues that often lured Ward downtown.

Now, after living and working downtown, Ward's impressions of all the old stores and factories (and especially the jail) have manifested

themselves in this current collection.

Ward is hopeful these new paintings will draw some attention away from his previous collection, "The Squared Circle," which has received a lot of coverage.

"The Squared Circle" is a series of large paintings influenced by both the sketches of Michelangelo and the tumultuous world of professional wrestling.

The result is a lot like drinking one of those juice boxes where they mix two really strange flavours like bananas and cantaloupe - at first you're a little put off, but eventually you start to develop a taste for it.

Ward describes the paintings as "present[ing] man's suffering with all the amplification of tragic masks through the images of professional wrestling," and "explor[ing] my fascination with this twentieth century pop art phenomenon."

If you would like to go see for yourself: several of the "Squared Circle" paintings are on display in Ward's studio.

Also on display are a collection of paintings entitled, "Cause and Effect."

These smaller pieces are the

result of a period when Ward would complete one painting a day, leaving behind a visual record of how his art progressed and changed over time.

They are arranged in the front window of his City Hall studio for all to see, including my personal favorite, a portrait of Colonel Harlan Sanders, distributor of greasy, stinky chicken in a bucket.

Aside from the obvious influences of old-town Kitchener, professional wrestlers and international chicken moguls, Ward's art owes a lot to the local community of artists in K-W.

Citing contemporaries Peter Harris and Karin Rabuka, Ward praises the circle of local artists who support each other's works and help create a creative, productive atmosphere for the local art scene.

Ward makes it quite clear that Kitchener-Waterloo is a deeply artistic region.

If Ward is right, then perhaps the Kitchener-Waterloo art community of today will be able to make as lasting an impression in the future as the images of the past have made on "This Grey City."

Ross Bullen is the Arts Page Editor



"This Grey Town: Unitone" from Ward's recent collection.



Marshall Ward transports a piece from his collection.

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