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Boogin' down at the Turret



Break out the polyester and bell bottoms: The Travolta's played to a sold out crowd at the Turret Saturday night. The event was organized by the BSA (Board of Student Activities).

PHOTO: LUKE MARTIN

An apology to members of the community

Due to an inexcusable oversight in the WLUSP advertising department, the last edition of *The Cord* carried an advertisement for the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, directed by Bradley Smith.

Smith is a well-known Holocaust denier and his advertisement should never have appeared in the pages of *The Cord*. To challenge the undeniable fact that over six million Jews were murdered during World War Two is incorrigible. It goes against everything this paper and its staff believe in.

However, as Editor-in-Chief, it is ultimately my responsibility to ensure that hate literature is not printed in *The Cord*. I apologize for the serious breach of trust this advertisement represents.

While an apology will never erase the hurt that this ad has inflicted, we are taking active steps to ensure this *never* happens again.

WLUSP is currently developing a policy that will modify the advertising department's screening process.

The Cord is working to ensure that other Canadian university and college newspapers are made aware of this particular ad's existence.

We intend to have the money from this paid advertisement donated to a Holocaust education organization.

The Cord is committed to defending human rights and the truth.

Katherine M. Harding
Editor-in-Chief

Rae visits WLU

KRISTINA E.M. SPENCE
CORD NEWS

Former Ontario Premier Bob Rae spoke at the opening ceremonies of Laurier's second annual Model First Ministers' Conference last Friday afternoon.

Rae welcomed the delegates to the conference and entertained the crowd. "Now that I've retired, I am speaking to you as a recovering politician. It's just like being an alcoholic - it's hard to stay clean," Rae said. Amid the laughter and jokes at Mike Harris' expense, Rae reflected on his experience as premier and inspired the delegates with his optimism.

The conference, organized by the Political Science Association (PSA), worked around the obstacles of the mail strike, ice storm, and meningitis scare to bring together

students for a chance to enhance their political knowledge and experience.

The three day conference incorporated the events of an actual First Ministers' Conference, complete with individual position papers, a media scrum, and a structured conference agenda.

PSA President Mike Zsala, explained how the students prepared for the conference and why Laurier chose to establish a tradition of such conferences.

"The delegates did their own research on their positions so that they could represent a particular province or political body. The group discussions will concern Canadian identity and the reformation of the Senate. . . There isn't much out there in the way of First Ministers' Conferences at other universities.

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WLUSU president evaluated

JAMES MUIR
CORD NEWS

The results of the Students' Union presidential performance review were made public this week.

WLUSU President, Stewart Wong was evaluated by randomly selected members of the university administration, board of directors, full-time and general volunteer staff in December of 1997.

Their comments were synthesized into a helpful and favourable critique of the Students' Union leader.

Wong's performance, manageri-

al organization, and leadership style were examined. The objectives outlined in the president's campaign mandate were reviewed and their success was assessed.

Comments in the evaluation were generally positive, but concerns were raised over the Strategic Planning Committee's survey process, the Union's layout of their Cord page, the President's ideological autonomy from the administration, and the use of feedback pursuant to Wilf's quality/service control cards.

The president's managerial

organization was felt to be sound, but it was felt that Wong "should get more directly involved in conflicts."

Wong recognized this as a concern saying, "there was nothing really surprising in the evaluation, but the Operations Management

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The line behind the machine

CIBC rep. says one ATM is all we need

BETH MULLEN
CORD NEWS

If you have ever walked by Wilf's on a Wednesday night you may have noticed the 10 minute line-up for the only bank machine on campus.

A complaint among Laurier students is that the single bank machine is not meeting the needs of its numerous users.

Often confronted with a message declaring that the machine is "out of funds" or "out of service," many students feel that an additional machine might be useful.

As recently as last year, two machines serviced the WLU population.

"Having one bank machine in the busiest spot on campus is just an inconvenience," says Fiona Bassett, a second year Communication Studies student, "especially when the one that we do have always breaks down when you need it most."

"Sometimes, it seems like all we do at WLU is line up," says another frustrated second year co-op student.

Dan Allan, CIBC Community Manager, said that there are already more requests than there are bank machines available and valid needs are being met as quickly as possible.

Linda Lippert, Manager of Retail Operations for the Students' Union, explains that due to the low activity

on the bank machines in recent years, one machine was removed and the remaining machine relocated to a busier, more active location in the school.

She made it clear that it is the bank itself that regulates the number of machines put into a particular location.

Lippert notes the busiest time for the bank machine this year was during the month of September. It reached 14,382 transactions.

She receives only the monthly transaction rate from the CIBC, despite her requests for both the daily and the hourly activity rates.

Joan Carther, a representative from the CIBC Bank in Waterloo, said there are a number of factors, such as location, accessibility, and building codes that influence the installation of a second bank machine.

There is a mandatory minimum standard of 15,000 transactions per day before a proposal for a second machine is considered - a detail which seems to be undisclosed to any WLU representative. This criteria must be met to ensure that the bank machine pays for itself at a particular location.

If this requirement is met, and a proposal is submitted and accepted, a contract could be drawn up between Wilfrid Laurier and CIBC.

In this case, said Carther, a rental



There can be only one! No, not a single sword wielding immortal at the end of time, but the bank machine.

fee of a significant sum of money becomes an issue for WLU.

Every bank that had the oppor-

tunity to do business with the school could only offer one machine due to the low transaction rates.

PHOTO: STEPHEN WILLIAMS

NewsBites

New, smaller meal plan

A \$50 meal plan is now available for students who find the \$300 meal plan too much. The new plan, already available for faculty and staff, became effective January 5, 1998. Students wishing to purchase the new plan will still be required to pay the appropriate tax.

Turn in your condoms

Ansell Personal Products of New Jersey has issued a recall of 900 lots of Lifestyles, Prime, and Contempo condoms with spermicide lubricant. The condoms in Lifestyles Spermicide Lubricated lot # 9411042300, 11/97; Lifestyles Extra Strength with Spermicide lot # 9502037900, 02/98; and Lifestyles Extra Strength with Spermicide lot # 9610302100, 11/99 have been found to deteriorate before the end of their shelf-life. The recall amounts to roughly 57 million condoms.

Convert your Venda card

The University of Waterloo Graphics department is converting all its campus self-serve copiers to take WATCARDS. The WATCARD, unlike the old Venda Card, is not available to non-UW students.

As of January 5th, 1998, Laurier students will no longer be able to use their old Waterloo Venda cards. If a student has money left on their old card they can transfer it to a guest copy card. No cash funds are available, including the original one dollar cost. The new visitor card can be purchased for one dollar.

Cow cloning

George and Charlie are the newest additions to the genetic cloning arena. Dr. James Robl, at the University of Massachusetts, and Dr. Steven Stice, of Advanced Cell Technology Inc., announced Tuesday that they had genetically engineered the two calves.

These cows represent a move towards "pharming." Such cloning will make the mass production of drugs in cow's milk possible.

SOURCE: THE K-W RECORD

Vaccinations ending

Doreen Koenig, Manager of Health Services has announced that vaccinations against meningococcal bacteria could come to an end this week or early next week. She encourages students who, as of yet, have not received the vaccination to do so as quickly as possible before the opportunity passes them by.

Lose the ice or pay the price

KRISTINA E. M. SPENCE
CORD NEWS

It's snowing. It's windy. It's cold. It's the last thing you want to do, but it's going to cost you \$140 if you don't do it.

Snow removal is the responsibility of every resident of every household in Waterloo; this means the owner and the tenant - sleep-deprived university students included.

According to city by-law 82-12, the owner or occupant of every residential property is responsible for removing snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall or freezing rain. If a house's roof is situated over a sidewalk, it must be cleared of snow and ice before 9:00 a.m., except on Sunday. The by-law is effective between October and April inclusive.

With these responsibilities in mind, students must know their own role in snow removal.

Bernie Verbanac, Assistant Coordinator of Legal Resources, says it is very important for tenants to discuss who is responsible for snow removal if it is not outlined in the lease.

"The majority of landlords contract it out - they usually have a snow removal service for winter and landscaping in the summer. They often pay for a year-round package," Verbanac says.

He advises students who rent to be all-encompassing when they discuss their leases with landlords. They can use snow removal as a negotiating tool.

"If the students do the shoveling, the students should charge a fee," says Verbanac. "It's work, it's labor. It should be subsidized off the rent."

Forrest Walker, a third-year Geography major, rents a house where the landlord has a contractor remove snow. If he had to shovel the snow himself, Walker would expect some form of compensation from his landlord. "Maybe we'd get a decrease in rent. Something like \$5 or \$10 a month," he said.

Although snow removal has not been a major issue at Legal Resources, the City of Waterloo received approximately 900 complaints of snow-laden sidewalks last

year. Roughly half of the houses with uncleared sidewalks and unhappy neighbours were tenant-occupied.

"The biggest thing we try to tell students is 'Whose responsibility is it?' Make sure that your landlord leaves the equipment for you and that you have the sidewalk cleared within 24 hours," Kaye Crawford, Manager of the By-Law Enforcement office says.

Second-year student Julie Wilson lives at a house where the students shovel the sidewalks themselves. "We all takes turn and it always gets done. I shovel when I feel like it, but we usually wait until

it has accumulated a bit."

Crawford says the city will give the offending residents a notice and an additional 24 hours to clear the snow. If no action has been taken after the grace period, snow removal workers will clear the snow and bill the residents of the house the \$140 fee for the service.

The City of Waterloo and the Good Neighbours Council recently partnered with Union Gas to initiate an awareness program. Union Gas workers will leave behind pamphlets to remind residents that they should be shoveling their sidewalks as they check meters along their routes.

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Day of action: Is there any action at all?

TERRY WHITE
CORD NEWS

On December 17th, the Provincial Government announced that Universities could increase tuition by as much as 20% over the next two years. The reaction to such announcements throughout Canada has spurred hundreds of thousands of students and organizations to participate in a Day of Action on January 28, 1998. However, the question remains, "Will Laurier's voice be heard?"

The dilemma found in this question lies in the fact that Laurier is not a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), the coordinators of the January 28th "Stop Student Debt, National Grants Now" campaign. Laurier is a member of the Ontario University Student's Association (OUSA).

"Students are fed up. Every September they face tuition fee increases. Canadians need a national system of grants. They also need a national tuition freeze," said Brad Lavigne, National Chairperson of the CFS.

"Grants and a fee freeze are first steps towards a fully accessible, publicly funded system of post-secondary education today and for future generations," Lavigne concluded.

The Day of Action's plan is to help reduce the burden upon students through a demonstration that will mobilize and present student concerns to both Federal and Provincial levels of government.

"The demonstration will include students throughout Canada participating in rallies, teach-ins, workshops, picket lines and other actions

that will send a strong message to

"Protests look like we want to make a big scene."

- Meaghan Brown, Students' Union VP: University Affairs

the government that the student debt crisis must be addressed," said

CFS Communications Coordinator, Simone St-Pierre

Since 1993, tuition has increased by 45% and the student debt averages \$22,000 for a four year degree in 1997.

"On the provincial level this average is estimated to increase to \$25,000 for 1998," said St-Pierre."

According to Meaghan Brown, Vice-President of University Affairs, "Protests look like we want to make a big scene. The CFS is not an effective lobbying group in getting the government's attention and their respect like other coalitions do."

"Although Laurier is not a part of CFS, we do have the same effect through [OUSA]." Brown feels Laurier is not a member of the CFS because "it is too radical."

Brown believes OUSA brings bureaucratic issues directly to the

provincial government in a diplomatic manner. "OUSA gets right to the heart of the matter," Brown says, "and makes students knowledgeable and respectable."

In regards to the Day of Action, Brown states that "the idea of a Day of Action is excellent, to protest and go against government actions," however, she makes no comment about the underlying motives of the CFS.

Instead, Brown intends to use the Day of Action to make the Laurier student body aware of the current tuition increases within Ontario.

"I want to let the student body know that they have a voice and that's me," said Brown "Let me know; let your voice be known and I can take that back to the group (OUSA)."

Rae opens First Ministers' Conference

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There are plenty of other model Parliaments and model United Nations simulations, but the First Ministers' Conferences are not as plentiful," Zsala said.

At the closing of the conference, Zsala and his organizational committee presented autographed copies of Bob Rae's book as awards to the top delegate and runners-up for both discussion groups.

Erin McGinn, a fifth-year Political Science major at Guelph

who had never attended a model First Ministers' Conference, won the top delegate award for the Canadian identity group.

"I learned to appreciate the difficulty of decision-making for dealing with national issues. It was great to see the inner-workings of a conference, like the nuts and bolts of the media," McGinn said. The runner-up for Canadian identity was Adrian Ahead, also a Guelph student.

As a member of the organiza-

tional committee, second-year student Wes Harris could not participate as a regular delegate, but won an honorary "Best Delegate Wannabe" award. Double-majoring in Political Science and History, Harris served as Laurier's head delegate and represented Alberta on the issue of Senate reform.

Fellow Laurier delegate Eric Davis won the top delegate award for the Senate reform discussions and the runner-up was Guelph student, David Ranalli.

BagO' Crime

Redecorating in Aird lounge

Suspicious Person

0215 hrs., Wed. Jan. 14

A report was received of some males knocking on windows on the west side of Leupold Residence. Investigation revealed that these individuals were not WLU affiliated but were looking for a friend. They were warned regarding their actions.

Suspicious Person

0230 hrs., Wed. Jan. 14

Officers responded to a complaint from residents at Bouckaert Hall regarding a male person making harassing phone calls and then skulking outside their window wearing a pillow case over his head.

Investigation revealed that the responsible parties are residents of Bricker Residence. Disciplinary action will be taken by their Head Resident.

Mischief

0300 hrs., Thurs. Jan. 15

Person(s) unknown forced open a metal cabinet on the third floor of the Aird Building. They then

removed paint from the cabinet and squirted it onto a sofa, chairs, carpet, and walls of a lounge on the same floor.

Trespass

2325 hrs., Thurs. Jan. 15

A non-WLU male was removed from Conrad Hall when he refused to leave after being asked to do so by the Head Resident. He was there to see his girlfriend but was creating a disturbance.

Mischief

0305 hrs., Sat. Jan. 17

Person(s) unknown smashed the glass in the door by Continuing Education. No suspects.

Mischief

0210 hrs., Sun. Jan. 18

Person(s) unknown broke the glass in one of the doors on the south side of the Woods Building.

Mischief

0400 hrs., Sun. Jan. 18

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Presidential evaluation

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Board (OMB) and conflict management are things I want to work on."

Wong's leadership style was lauded with praise. Motivation of staff and volunteers, inner office and external communication were felt to be beyond reproach.

When asked of the evaluation highlights Wong cited two quotes he was especially proud of: "He has done a fantastic job of representing the Students' Union," and "Stewart can be counted on for anything."

"For me those are two of the most important lines in the document," said Wong.

The decision to go public with the results of the survey was made by Wong. "I made it public because I'm a public figure and students have the right to know how I'm performing."

Wong outlined the importance of this document to himself and to the Union. "It's a documented piece of history and future executives will have a better idea of what the job entails," said Wong. "I have a better understanding of where I can improve."

The review did note some concerns and areas for improvement, such as a clearer separation between the office of the President and the office of the Vice-President: University Affairs.

Board Reports

WLUSU: OUSA Director, Barry McCarten resigns

KATHERINE HARDING
CORD NEWS

Meaghan Brown, VP: University Affairs, announced to the board that Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance's (OUSA) Director Barry McCarten has resigned. McCarten is leaving the position to take a research analyst job with the Ministry of Education and Training.

Former Interim Director of OUSA, Rick Martin, will assume McCarten's responsibilities until a new director is hired.

Brown is confident that the appointment of Martin is in OUSA's best interest stating, "he is stepping

into shoes that he has already filled."

Another highlight of the board's unusually short meeting was the Report of the President. Stewart Wong discussed the impending release of an internal evaluation regarding his performance as President.

The report which has been compiled through the use of surveys of the university administration, WLUSU board of directors, full time staff, and most of the WLUSU Vice Presidents was conducted in December.

Wong stated that as the chief

representative for students, "they [students] have a right to know how I'm doing." He concluded by stating, "I'm interested to see how people are going to react to this document."

The Chairs of three committees (Academic Affairs Board [AAB], Communications, and Constitutional and Operational Development) also delivered reports to the board.

While most of the reports only contained house keeping information, the chair of AAB, Scott Harris, incited debate during his report.

Board members questioned Harris on the confusion surround-

ing the Business Diploma student status requirement. Harris is still unsure what the answer is because of conflicting answers from the Business Office and the School of Business and Economics. BOD member Steve Convey voted for closure on the issue and expressed desire for more concrete information from Harris' committee.

Correction: Last week it was reported that Meaghan Brown's position was VP: External Affairs. Brown position is actually VP: University Affairs. We regret if that error caused any confusion.

WLUSP: New policies and yearbook fundraising efforts

SHERI COOPER
CORD NEWS

One of the first issues covered at this week's WLUSP board meeting was the ratification of a number of Deputy Returning Officers for the upcoming student elections.

The President's report also raised serious concern over the Holocaust advertisement printed in last week's Cord. The ad posed some difficulties for the board as they agreed that this was a sensitive issue which had been advertised in bad taste.

Apparently, the ad content had

not been examined carefully enough before it had been published. The committee resolved that an ad of this nature will not be published in the future.

The possibility of implementing the Shadows Cabinet Proposal was discussed with it's main focus being to create continuity between Administration and Student Publications.

This alliance would ensure the preservation of knowledge usually lost with the turnover of committees each year.

Imaging Solutions will be con-

tracted with another client in March as it continues with the solicitation campaign.

Depending on it's strain on WLUSP finances, a fax modem and phone line will likely be installed to facilitate the Cord's operations.

The Graduate Students' Association's interest in publishing a WLUSP was also brought to the committee's attention. This matter is yet to be discussed in more detail.

Regarding Cord operations, the Board was informed that the production team has imposed new policies to address previous techni-

cal problems which pertain to ads of unusual size and editing. The Board was also made aware that there will be a six percent cost increase to print the newspaper.

Steve Metzger spoke briefly on the success of yearbook sales and the Keystone budget.

The committee is planning a barbecue on March 5th to raise money and is also considering the sale of old yearbooks. Advertising representative, Christine Gergich also proposed a fundraising event to accumulate funds for Student Vocations and charity.



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P.S. The Cord would like to thank Tom, David, and Shayne for setting up our new network. All your hard work over the weekend and past couple of weeks is greatly appreciated. P.P.S. Happy Robbie Burns Day (Jan. 24)

Cord Editorial

What's in a surname?

Let me tell you about Wendel, my Maple Leaf cousin

One cannot realize how much your surname is attached to your sense of self, until you suddenly assume a name without any history or meaning at all.

After my parents divorced in 1987 my mother was advised by a lawyer to assume an extremely generic name as a safety precaution, hence "Clarke".

We were given the choice of "Smith" or "Jones", but my brother was immediately horrified at the prospect of being "John Smith" and I had the foresight to know that "Jenny Jones" would not be a good name to have.

For that personal touch, I insisted on the "e" at the end. A modest attempt at the age of twelve to give our new name some distinctiveness.

Going from a name that no one could spell or pronounce easily to one that is admittedly plain and common, generated many confused looks and comments from my school mates.

Immediately those booths which trace your family history and crest in malls, became enigmatic to me. There are no other Clarkes that I am related to; a description of the name's origin is of no real interest to me.

Although it is still reasonable for me to get a chart for my mother's maiden name and her family, it is still not directly my surname.

It is always a comical moment when someone asks me if I'm related to some "Clark(e)" they know. I look pensive, furrow and contort my eyebrows, pause for a dramatic moment and then say "I don't think so."

One summer my brother and I had our entire camp convinced that we were related to famous Maple Leaf Wendel Clark,

I am now a "Clarke" with pride, and I'm making a name for myself. Dammit.

even though our names are spelled differently. We explained this discrepancy with the claim that "this way, people wouldn't be calling us and asking to talk to Wendel."

Just imagine the look Wendel Clark gave my brother during an autograph session in Toronto when John asked him to

sign a photo of Wendel with "To my favorite cousin, John Clarke."

This is now prominently displayed on the shelf with the rest of our family portraits.

The credibility from that photo to "prove" our family ties to Wendel has proven to be an invaluable source of comic relief. Although I've probably just wrecked the joke.

Despite the 'lighter' side of having an assumed name, I still find myself distracted by the roster names on the scoreboard in the Athletic Complex during games. I cannot help but feel a little jealous.

I understand and accept the reasons behind changing our name. Every name has to originate at a point in time; it's just that most of them haven't had to begin in the 1980s.

Take pride in your surname, the history behind it and what it means. It's part of who you are.

Optimistically, I now consider my brother and I to be responsible to give some form of legacy to our surname.

I am now a Clarke with pride, and I'm making a name for myself. Dammit.

Editorial by Jennifer Clarke
Features Editor

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Letters To The Editor

No debating Holocaust

Dear Editor,

I was disturbed by the appearance in the Cord on January 14, of an advertisement from what looked to me like an Holocaust-denial web site. Is the Cord obliged to accept advertisements from anyone no matter what the content? There is nothing to "debate" about the occurrence of the Holocaust or the existence of gas ovens. Both have been proven incontrovertibly. I believe that the principal purpose behind Holocaust-denial is the dissemination of hatred toward Jews. I urge that in the future Student Publications and the Cord think seriously about their advertising policy and refrain from accepting money from individuals and groups whose aim is at best to misinform and at worst to incite hatred.

Richard P. Fuke
Department of History

Season for truth

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to address last week's issue of the Cord. The advertisement by Holocaust revisionists was most disconcerting. As a child of a Holocaust survivor, I can honestly say that those who reject the Holocaust as an historical event are in effect rejecting humanity. I applaud the Cord staff for their attitude in accepting responsibility and apologizing for their error, however the staff should be more discriminating in their choices. To quote King Solomon: "to everything there is a season." Now is the season for truth. To wrong anyone with words is a gross injustice. Let not anyone suffer this injustice.

Rabbi Nathau W. Langer

Holocaust indisputable

Dear Editor,

I teach the History of Christianity at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary here on campus and frequently teach graduate students from the Religion and Culture Department as well. Although I am not a devout reader of "The Cord" I do peruse it with some frequency. To my shocked surprise I discovered the advertisement offering \$50,000.00 to anyone who could convince "a national television network to air" the described 90-minute video by a "Holocaust revisionist."

For decades fascist groups and neo-Nazi organizations, through pseudo-intellectuals, have sought to discredit the horrible genocide policy perpetrated by the Third Reich known as the Holocaust. That systemic butchery of the Jewish people in Germany and occupied lands is so well-documented via eyewitnesses and hard written data that its horrible reality is beyond debate. Attempts to place the Holocaust under the rubric of free speech and honest debate are barely concealed efforts to fan the flames of racial hate and anti-Semitism.

Given "The Cord"'s policy to print nothing "racist, sexist or homophobic", I suggest that the newspaper print a loud retraction of this racist ad (indeed, on p. 1). In fact, it might be a profound and healthy gesture for "The Cord" to give the money received for that ad to the local Holocaust Education Committee or a similar organization committed to the obliteration of racism.

Rev. Dr. Oscar Cole-Arnal

Holocaust a reality

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the adver-

tisement by the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, in the January 14 issue of The Cord. After reading this advertisement several times, I realized it was clearly hate mail. The committee attempts to attract the reader with their offer of \$50,000. They attempt to sound just and accurate by misplacing quotes by recognized members of the Jewish community. They believe that the holocaust is debatable. It is not. The holocaust happened. The Nazi's kept accurate precise records. Anyone who has any doubt in their mind should visit the holocaust museum in Washington DC or Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial in Israel. In fact, everybody should go. Jewish or otherwise. There are not many survivors left. We must remember and learn from the mistakes so that none be condemned to repeat it.

My grandfather, a Jewish survivor escaped a concentration camp and lived underground in a bunker for several years. I have a responsibility as a young Jewish woman to pass on the horrors of the holocaust so that nobody will ever have to go through that suffering again. The holocaust was not simply a persecution of the Jewish people. Six million of the nine million who perished were Jews, but among the list of those murdered were Gypsies, blacks, handicapped, homosexuals, communists and more.

We need to do more than just watch Schindler's List. We, the Laurier community need to stand up and say that we're not going to tolerate this hate literature and this ignorance any longer. It is this ignorance that breeds hateful behavior. The holocaust, an atrocity by man, can happen again. The holocaust is by no means "a story". It is fact. It is not up for debate. Together, we must make sure that history is not repeated.

Beth Suraski
President
Wilfrid Laurier Jewish Students' Association

Letters To The Editor

Successful Québec relief

Dear Editor,

This is a returned letter from our contact in Granby, Quebec. It was most successful. We nearly loaded a 48' trailer which was donated by Challenger AND a driver who donated HIS time. The reason I am contacting you is the poor if not pathetic coverage we received from CKCO.

I had complied with all their demands in this news event and literally had to beg to get what was covered. We try, as Optimists, to look at the sunny side of everything and not let anything disturb our peace of mind. Yet, CKCO decided to interview a woman who owns her own hair styling company; who, in our opinion gathered a fraction to what we sent. She is to be commended for her efforts as to all who acted like we did - caring, concerned, and unselfish.

At a meeting last night, we all agreed that we should have phoned CKCO and told them that there was a break in or some other NEGATIVE news event and we would have received the coverage in what we AND the community deserved. If it was because we were a service club - then so be it. Yet, if the Rotarians sneeze, CKCO is there in a flash.

Maybe I am venting a little anger on behalf of our club and other clubs who volunteered nearly 30 hours this weekend. Maybe I should keep my comments to myself but it seems to me quite clearly that the media

(not YOU!) believes in covering more negative news events rather than positive.

As an affiliate with CTV, Kitchener could have received National attention which can help all in the community. I believe we received well over \$100,000.00 in donations this weekend to help our fellow Canadians - and that made us proud. We received countless accolades from donors - and that made us proud. We talked to donors who either had a friend or relative in the Grandby area who have us a hug, a handshake, and a smile - and that made us proud. At the end of the day - we were all proud Canadians.

As for CKCO, I leave that up to the viewers and its news director who obviously - didn't care or want to care.

Ian M. Clark
Optimist & Laurier student

First Minister Conference a success

Dear Editor,

The weekend of January through to the 18, saw the passing of the 2nd Annual First Minister's Conference hosted by Wilfrid Laurier University. The conference involved numerous students who assumed various roles present within the Canadian political landscape today. They debated this year's issues of Senate reform, and protection of the Canadian identity.

Overall, the conference was in my opinion successful, interesting, and educational. The conference got off to an excellent start with a speech by the former Premier of Ontario, Bob Rae. The ability of a conference like this to attract key note speakers like Mr. Rae says a lot for the calibre of such a function.

Being a first year student at Laurier, I was thoroughly impressed by the organization, the persons responsible for putting on such an event, as well as the effort and interest displayed by all those who participated.

In my opinion, of all the simulations I have attended, this one was the most organized, fun, and constructive. The only problem that I noted during during the weekend was in the role the media was forced to portray. These two students were forced to sit around for endless amounts of time (from what I gather), just to question the delegates when they emerged from behind closed doors, about issues they had no idea about because they weren't allowed in the negotiation rooms.

Perhaps as an improvement for next year, the media should be allowed to participate in the negotiations, even if it goes against convention ... it is a simulation after all.

Despite that minor note, the First Minister's Conference was worth the attendance fee. If not for the politics of it all, then for the acquaintances formed. I encourage students from every year, to support this strong Laurier tradition.

Chris Schafer

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Holocaust denial: the knife point and cutting edge of modern anti-Semitism

BERNIE M. FARBER

SPECIAL TO CORD OPINION

The Holocaust is the term used to describe the murder of six million Jewish men, women, and children (amongst them, 1.5 million children under the age of 10) carried out by Nazi Germany from 1939 to 1945 utilizing the most modern technological means of the day. Jews (as well as gypsies, gays, and other "undesirables") were murdered by: executions by S.S. mobile killing squads; starvation in ghettos; working to death in labour camps and concentration camps; and, in the end, mass gassings in extermination camps such as Auschwitz, Treblinka, Sobibor, and others.

Since that time, Nazism has rightly become associated with murder and evil incarnate. Today, there are neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and others whose vision for the future is to try and rehabilitate Nazism. However, in order to do so, they must first find a way in which to remove the darkest cloud hanging over Nazism- the Holocaust. Hence, the growth of what has become known as "Holocaust denial".

Currently, there is an international movement engaged in an attempt to deny the monstrous crimes of the Holocaust. They contend that the murder of millions of Jews in gas chambers could not have taken place for technological reasons.

Clearly this is nonsense. All major historians and indeed survivors, who are still with us today, have testified to the fact that millions

of innocent people, the vast majority Jews, were gassed to death in various extermination camps. Interestingly, those who have studied the aberration of Holocaust denial point out that in their hateful attempt to deny mass gas chamber murders, the deniers focus solely on Auschwitz to de-construct what they call the "gas chamber theory". Nothing is said of the other death camps that utilized gas chambers- Chelmno, Sobibor, Treblinka, Belzec, and Majdanek.

Little is said by deniers of the mobile S.S. killing squads known as *Einsatzgruppen* which followed the German army as it advanced eastwards, dragging innocent men, women, and children from their homes, forcing them to dig their own graves, and to stand naked by a pit where mass shootings claimed their lives.

The deniers are strangely silent on the crowding or Jews into ghettos and forced labour camps where they worked to death or died of starvation, disease, and mass beatings. Little is said by the deniers of the Nazi euthanasia program perpetrated against their own people who did not meet the "Aryan" test of superiority. They do not talk of the use of gas vans in which thousands of innocent Jews and other victims were crowded into the back of diesel trucks with the hose turned inward thereby taking them on a ride of asphyxiation and death.

Holocaust deniers reject evidence that in any way attacks and disproves their bizarre conspiracy theory. Documents and photographs

they claim are forgeries. Survivor eyewitnesses are all suffering from a mass case of delusion or have somehow managed to all get together and perpetrate a great hoax on the world. The confessions of Nazi war criminals caught after the war are said by deniers to be invalid because they were probably extracted

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through torture or as a result of bargaining for lives. A historian Mantrel Ptutski has stated:

"In history you do not begin by attaching yourself to a wild theory and then reject anything that flies in the face of it. Yet the Holocaust deniers want to portray themselves as disinterested truth seekers, real historical researchers. That is why

they chose to refer to themselves as 'Holocaust revisionists'."

— "Holocaust Denial Today" published in *From Marches to Modems: A Report on Organized Hate in Metropolitan Toronto, February 1997.*

Among the more prolific of the deniers is someone named Bradley Smith. Originally from California, Smith has maintained close contact with some of the most virulent world-wide Holocaust deniers. Unlike other Holocaust denial organizations such as the ill named "Institute for Historical Review", Bradley Smith has chosen to concentrate his efforts on the college campus. Since the early 1990's through a pseudo think-tank named CODOH — Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust — Smith has been what many have described as the college outreach point person on Holocaust denial. In an attempt to legitimize Holocaust denial as a credible part of study, Smith has tried time and again to insert camera-ready ads into campus newspapers both in Canada and the United States. For the most part he has failed.

Certainly no Canadian newspaper (up until the acknowledged error committed by The Varsity) has ever accepted an advertisement from Bradley Smith. While he attempts to cleverly hide his Holocaust denial, most college students are not that easily duped.

As a result, Smith has recently moved his venture from the college campus onto the Internet. Along with the usual Holocaust denial dri-

vel are various "hot links" to many other websites engaging in Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism. One prominent link on the CODOH website is to Canadian Holocaust denier and anti-Semite Ernst Zundel.

Anti-Semitism stands today as one of the longest running forms of bigotry and discrimination known to humanity. Clever anti-Semites over the ages have had to find new and better methods with which to hate the Jew. The modern form of anti-Semitism in which hatemongers hope will take them gliding into the 21 century is Holocaust denial-the knife-point and cutting edge of the new anti-Semitism. Despite the fact that all decent-thinking people reject the wild lies of Holocaust deniers such as Bradley Smith, it is nonetheless an especially painful and excruciating experience for the remnants of European Jewry - the survivors of the Holocaust. The Holocaust stole from the Jewish people millions of our best-biblical scholars, medical doctors, great legal minds and, of course, the children. We must never forget the children. Holocaust denial not only denies their deaths, but also in fact denies the short sweet time they spent on this earth.

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Cord Opinion:
Bet you can't have just one!

A postcard from Laos

CRAIG CARDIFF

CORD INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE
I entered Laos from Chiang Khong, Thailand into Huay Xai, a sleepy little town with stores opening out into the street, selling everything from toilet paper to automatic rifles.

I encountered the Laotian bureaucracy: Immigration consisted of a bunch of guys wearing full soldier gear, smoking cigarettes or sleeping at their desks, who bark at you in Laotian and only stop when 1000 kip notes fall out of your passport and disappear into their desk drawers.

Not having done my homework, I soon found out that Laos was having elections, and that all movement would soon be stopped before, during and one day after the vote (there had been reports of boats being shot at).

I grabbed a boat with some Westerners, including an American who had just finished a teaching stint in Japan. He kept commenting on how it was understandable that the American military lost the war. "Look at the terrain!" he would comment. He kept referring to any Laotians we came into contact with as "these people," in kind of grandiose, condescending manner reserved normally for Scots by crusty Brits. Needless to say it was a long boat ride.

We were piled into a ten foot boat, and were given motorcycle helmets and small pieces of styrofoam with a ratty cord tied through the middle. "Life preservers," said the driver.

The scenery along the Mekong was incredible. I felt as though this part of the world had been forgotten a few hundred years ago, and I was among the first to catch sight of it.

Water came over the side of the boat often (the concept of buoyancy versus load distribution was certainly challenged). It wasn't until halfway through the ride that I realized the driver was going incredibly fast, and that there were many rocks cropping out of the water. My reoccurring concern was 'just how well does this guy know the river?'

I ended up in the small riverside town of Pak Beng, and was interned there while the elections took place.

I ended up sharing a room with a Norwegian fellow. He was a fairly interesting case study in what's wrong with academia in Norway; he claimed to be working on his PhD on deconstructionism and was travelling on his fellowship grant. Taxpayers money being put to good use.

For the elections, two soldiers stood under a canopy while three men and one woman in hot wool suits looked sweaty and tired, making sure that the voting occurred according to the rules. I tried taking a picture of the large communist flag with a fist raised victoriously in the foreground, but the soldiers did

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not think it was a good idea and took my film.

Pak Beng was absolutely the best place to be stuck. It was full of contradictions; a rusty tin hut with a toothless old woman manning the 'store-front' (which consisted of the open front of a one room house) while watching a television fed by a state-of-the-art mini-satellite dish.

Children would swarm you in the streets practicing English, and asking for pens. The same Norwegian of academia fame had decided it would be a good idea to bring twenty pens with Norwegian flags on them, and a roll of near worthless kip notes and distribute them to the children - every single Westerner

was mobbed from that point onward.

It was a bit of a bummer as far as the wish for a pure cultural encounter (an oxymoron maybe, but the sentiment is there) was concerned, being interrupted by street kids patting at your pockets and asking for pens and money.

I went for a walk off the main strip amongst the hodge-podge of buildings and huts, and just watched the people as they watched me. Opium was offered in abundance (almost always by old men who were dentally impaired and smiled slyly). I learned to say 'thank you, but no' in Laos - 'kop jai, mai dai'.


When travel was again allowed, I grabbed a slow boat with an Australian couple and a British guy, and we meandered for 8 hours down the Mekong river. This time there wasn't the same fear of the boat capsizing, and I enjoyed the ride a lot more. We arrived in Luang Prabang, where I spent Christmas.

The Buddhist temples were amazing. I've come to the conclusion that they are great to see, and best to see for yourself, rather than have them described to you. The monks were pretty laid back. Some were smoking opium; others were drinking lao lao, a rice whiskey/vodka drink that tastes like gasoline. I'm wondering where the craftsmen who actually built all of the older buildings have gone - any of the new construction appears to be falling apart as soon as it is made.

I took a small propjet plane to Vientiane. We managed to fit in seventeen people, one chicken, and two pilots who I'd watched finish off a litre of beer each, in the restaurant before leaving. Customs consisted of a high-tech

FactSheet

Laos



Official Name: Lao People's Democratic Republic
 Government: Communist
 Population: 4.6 million (1993 est.)
 Capital City: Vientiane
 Languages: Lao (official), French, English
 Religions: Buddhist 85%, animist and other 15%
 Literacy Rate: 84%
 Birth rate: 44/1000 (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate: 104/1000 (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth: 51.18 years
 Independence: 19 July 1949 (from France)
 GDP \$900 million (1991)
 Per capita income: \$200 (1991)
 Inflation: 10% (1991)
 Major Trading Partners: Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Russia, US, China

Source: CIA World Factbook

x-ray/metal detection unit wrapped in plastic, over which a small, neatly written sign said "sorry metal check no work - check please all weapons". Every moment, I just felt safer and safer.

We landed in the capital, Vientiane, and met a really cool Laotian couple who had been to Canada and spoke excellent French. We hung out at their restaurant and the man passed on some great information concerning overland travel through Laos into Vietnam. Their soup, however, wasn't as good as their company, and I spent the next three days examining my hostel room toilet up close and personal.

Thinking of home, it has kept me sane remembering that there are people who speak English who are normal, and not on some

mission to change the world or themselves. If I meet one more meathead who wants to tell me how much better of a person they are now that they've been travelling, or how lightweight their pack is, I'm going to punch them.

There's a bunch of people who are referred to as the hardcores - these people take pride in doing stupid things like motorcycling through Cambodian minefields and showing you how full their passports are with little border crossing stamps. It is a nuisance. If you catch me doing anything resembling this, wait until I've got my back turned, and then smack me hard with something metal.

Craig Cardiff is a hometown musician and U of W graduate. He left for Malaysia in September and has been travelling in the region since.

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Hate literature on the Internet

The battle over cyber-hate: a look at Ernst Zundel's current human rights hearing

CORD FEATURE

BY MATTHEW A. LAUDER

For over thirty years, Toronto-based racist Ernst Zundel has disseminated his unique brand of anti-Semitism, usually under the guise of historical revisionism, around the globe with impunity.

The Canadian justice system has, on a number of occasions, tried to limit Zundel's capacity to spread hate, but has failed miserably on each attempt.

As a result, the free-speech pariah of the 1970's has metamorphosed into a martyr: he is the 'hero-saint' of the far-right movement now considered to be the mystical, untouchable grand-father of the global hate network.

But has the symbolic leader of the ultra-right finally met his match?

In October and December, Zundel was before a Canadian Human Rights Commission Tribunal accused of using the Internet to expose Jews to hatred.

The Commission, acting upon complaints by Sabina Citron and Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations, is seeking a "cease and desist" order intended to prevent Zundel from engaging in similar activities.

The use of the Canadian Human Rights Act (CHRA) represents a departure from orthodox anti-hate approaches (such as charges under the Criminal Code) and, what may prove to be, a brilliant tactical move in the battle against cyber-hate.

Section 13 of the Act states that "it is a discriminatory practice...to communicate telephonically...any matter that is likely to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt."

In order for the complaint to be substantiated, the Commission must demonstrate three things: (1) that Zundel is directly responsible for the dissemination of the material (that he controls or owns the web-site); (2) that the documents on the web-site (named in the complaint are

"Did Six Million Really Die?" "66 Questions and Answers on the Holocaust," and "Jewish Soap") encourage hate or contempt; and (3) that the act itself applies to the use of the Internet as a method of telephonic communication.

To the advantage of the Commission, the Tribunal is guided by rules of evidence which are less strict than those governing a criminal proceeding.

Section 50 (2)(c) of the Act states that the Tribunal may "receive and accept such evidence and other information, whether on oath or by affidavit or otherwise, as the Tribunal sees fit, whether or not that evidence or information is or would be admissible in a court of law." (The only restriction being that it cannot accept evidence gathered in an illegal fashion).

The Tribunal, therefore, may allow such evidence as opinions, conjecture, and hear-say, and could find that the evidence at hand, including testimony provided by 'questionable' or 'hostile' witnesses, of a satisfactory nature to warrant an order be placed against Zundel.

To prove responsibility, the Commission relied upon the damaging testimony of Zundel's estranged wife.

In her testimony, Irene Zundel informed the Tribunal that, while the site is now owned by Ingrid Rimland (ownership was transferred in February, 1997), an associate living in Carlsbad, California, "he (Ernst) maintained complete control over the entire web-site," from his house in Toronto.

She further testified that, Zundel paid Ingrid Rimland approximately \$3000.00 a month to write articles and maintain the web-site and an additional \$400 and \$500 a month was paid to the local Internet server.

"It was apparent he had control of the Zundel site and had editorial control over all (material posted on the web-site)," stated Irene, further adding that a part-time employee, Marc Lemire, also entered Zundel's

hand-written material into the computer (and sent it to Rimland) so it could be posted on the web-site.

The Commission also relied upon the expert testimony of Dr. Gary Prideaux, a linguistics professor from the University of Alberta, to establish that the material on the web-site constitutes a systematic and pervasive approach to encourage hatred against Jews.

In both his statement (a lengthy research document) and testimony, Prideaux identified a consistent, tactical pattern of rhetorical statements which identified the German people, not the Jews, as the victims of World War II (referred to as an

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"inversion strategy").

Fundamental to Prideaux's argument is the assertion that Zundel engages in a system of "problematic argumentation" devised to mislead readers.

Prideaux outlined three basic flaws in the documents: (1) that supporting works were improperly cited, making verification difficult; (2) that the author relied upon open-ended assertions to act as con-

clusions; and (3) that faulty presuppositions were used (a "code strategy") so that readers would "observe historically accurate Holocaust stories as absurd fables."

In comparison to Zundel's argument, Prideaux stated that, "it is impossible to conclude that all birds cannot fly on the fact that penguins cannot fly."

While Prideaux's testimony did well to highlight the underlying anti-Jewish sentiment of the documents, the relevance of his testimony was challenged by Zundel's attorney.

During cross-examination, Doug Christy pointed out that a linguist, while adept at addressing issues of semantics and rhetoric, could not assess the "real psychological or sociological impact" of these statements upon an audience. (Actual impact, it was asserted by Christy, could only be estimated by a qualified sociologist or psychologist.)

While agreeing that such an assessment of impact was "outside of his academic field," Prideaux managed to reiterate that, regardless of actual impact, Zundel's documents were "systematic" and "clearly intended" to encourage hatred or contempt against Jews.

By far the greatest difficulty faced by the Commission is whether it can demonstrate that Section 13(1), specifically the term "telephonic," applies to computer assisted communication via modem and the Internet.

While the Internet relies upon telephone lines for communication purposes, one could argue that the term "telephonically" indicates a system which alters acoustic vibrations to electric signals sent via a cord or wire, and not a system which modulates and demodulates electric signals.

In fact, at no point does the Internet involve an electric signal being converted to acoustic signal, at least not in so far as written text is concerned.

The problem with the Section is that it was designed to govern taped

telephone hate messages.

While successful in a number of cases, including John Ross Taylor in 1979, the Church of Jesus Christ-Aryan Nations in 1988, and Tony McAleer and the Canadian Liberty Net in British Columbia (who directed callers to a telephone answering service based in the United States) in 1996, it is questionable whether such antiquated legislation, restricted by its inherent technical specificity, can be applied to new developments in global communication.

This will be the focal point of the case and whether or not the Internet can be governed at all.

Technicalities aside, a recent surprise decision by the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal in early November — in which the complaints were dismissed against the North Shore News and writer Doug Collins for a column suggesting that the movie Schindler's List was Jewish propaganda — may ultimately decide Zundel's fate.

In her 113-page judgement, Chairwomen Nitya Iyer, ruled that: "Although the publication in issue is likely to make it more acceptable for others to express hatred or contempt against Jewish people because of their race, religion or ancestry, I find that it does not itself express hatred or contempt."

A similar result should not be entirely unexpected in the Zundel hearing.

It is, indeed, difficult to guess the outcome of the Tribunal hearing at this stage.

This is the first hate-complaint involving the Internet in Canada, but the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, and even Zundel's partner Ingrid Rimland, believe that the Tribunal will rule in favour of the complainants and issue a cease and desist order — an order which can be enforced by a Federal Court.

The Tribunal hearing has adjourned until April and a decision is not expected until late this summer.

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Hate and the First Amendment: Is Our Destination Morally Defendable?

With the effectiveness of the Canadian Criminal Code and Human Rights Act to restrict the spread of hate propaganda in question, is there any wonder why more and more Canadians are beginning to advocate and American-styled free-speech Amendment in Canada?

It seems that, after twenty years of unsuccessful prosecution, Canadian's have reneged on their commitment to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The guarantee of the right to "freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression" subject to, of course, "limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society" has been identified by both the far-rightists and libertarians alike as "Old Guard media-style" censorship that is unable to constructively cope with new developments in global communication.

The Toronto Star's Editorial Board, for example, has called existing hate laws, such as Section 317 of the Criminal Code and the Canadian Human Rights Act, a "blow to free speech and a misguided attempt at stifling the tongues of a few bigoted people."

And a growing number of university students are questioning the rationale behind the Charter, comparing the limitations of the Charter to that of Huxley's Brave New

World. Student are now demanding that unrestricted, objective debate take place on university campuses, maintaining that most of humanity is rational and intelligent enough to differentiate between "right" and "wrong" as defined by society.

In Brave New World Revisited, Huxley best summed up the argument by stating: "Given a fair chance, human beings can govern themselves better...than they can be governed by 'authority independent of their will.'" Is this true? Are we, as Canadians, doomed to be controlled by a centralised power regarding fundamental individual freedoms?

The alternative is, of course, an American-style system of free-speech where individuals are guaranteed to think, believe, and express themselves in any manner one sees fit. In essence, we could all become as offensive as Howard

Stern, comment on any and every topic no matter how sacred, and say it without fear of legal remedy. The only restriction being that you can't go too far for fear of a lawsuit. Of course, in America's age of litigation, if your wealthy and possess a powerful team of lawyers, you can probably get away with almost anything — even murder!

But, the question remains whether or not such a market economy of free speech is both desirable and morally defendable?

Indeed, the prospect of unrestricted debate on controversial subjects is very exciting and necessary for the development of both the individual and society. If we are to grow, and society is to flourish, we must possess the freedom to challenge 'accepted truth and reality' and to debate them in a constructive fashion. For truth is fleeting, and if we are to discover ourselves,

we must be allowed to discuss the issues in an open forum and not in private for fear of reprisal.

However, the far-right movement is not concerned about objectively discussing historical fact, rather they are motivated by the need to express themselves in the most blatant, vile, and arrogant fashion possible. It is one thing to allow open debate of the issues, but another to provide free reign for an individual (or group) to debase her/his opponents in the most pejorative manner possible.

Is free speech to include the ability to refer to "Jews as the literal spawn of Satan" and to call for the "mass slaughter of Blacks, half-breeds, and race traitors" in order for an all-White society to prevail?

Such statements are typical among the American-based hate groups, and even more offensive material is accessible on the

Internet. To allow such material to spread unregulated is morally repugnant.

The Canadian government has an obligation to protect the vulnerable groups of our pluralistic society (those who lack the power and influence to protect themselves) from physical and psychological attack by racists. It is for the reason of cultural preservation and security of self that such limits to free speech, as prescribed by the Charter, are necessary.

Freedom of speech, therefore, is not a question of unrestricted expression, rather it is the ability to act within the limits deemed reasonable by society.

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Weird But True

GEMMA WARNER
CORD STUDENT LIFE

1. In 500 B.C., males tied off their left testicle because it was believed that the right testicle would produce male infants considered more valuable.
2. Fish can't swim backwards.
3. There are one hundred septillion possible ways to play the ten opening moves in a game of chess.
4. Slugs have four noses.
5. Close to 2000 thunderstorms are going on around the world at this very moment. Lightning generated by those storms will strike 6000 different spots on the earth in the next minute.
6. The Statue of Liberty, without its pedestal, weighs 225 tonnes. That's as heavy as 45 elephants.
7. Queen Cleopatra (who wasn't even an Egyptian) wore a fake beard to perform her official royal duties.
8. Dead Egyptians were buried with bread, wine, fruit, and nuts, so that if they got hungry in their tomb they'd have something to munch on.
9. Even though it's located close to the equator, the peak at Mount Kilimanjaro is always covered with snow.
10. The Giant African snail is one of the biggest snails in the world. The snail, about the size of a baseball, has 80,000 teeth.

What's Happening Here

Dr. John English on the Land Mine Initiative

January 22, 1:00 p.m.
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Dr. John English from the University of Waterloo presents "The Significance of the Land Mine Initiative."

Peter Desbarats on the Somalia Inquiry

January 22, 4:00 p.m.
Paul Martin Centre

Peter Desbarats, one of the three Commissioners of the inquiry, and author of "Somalia Cover-Up - A Commissioner's Journal", presents "Look Back in Anger - The Lessons of the Somalia Inquiry."

Ray Koenig on Black Holes

January 26, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Kitchener Public Library

Ray Koenig from the Department of Physics will present "Cosmology, Black Holes, and Worm Holes."

Job Search on the Internet

January 27, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
N1055 (Science Building)

Attendees must have prior knowledge of Netscape. Contact Career Service at 232 King Street for further details.

Big Sisters Volunteer Recruitment Training Sessions

January 31, 9:00 - noon and February 1, 9:00 - noon
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 825 King Street West, Kitchener

Call Big Sisters at 743-5206 for more information.

Dave Glazer, Forensic Accountant

February 2, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
P3007 (Peters Building)

Dave Glazer currently works at Revenue Canada in Kitchener and will be discussing forensic accountability, dealing mainly with issues of fraud.

Job Fair 98

February 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bingemans Conference Centre

Meet employers for permanent, contract, summer, or part-time work. Free transportation and free admission is available with your WLU ID. Further details are available at Career Services located in 232 King Street.

Communicating Assertively

February 3, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Green Room, Lower Level Student Services Centre

Learn to express your thoughts and feelings effectively in interpersonal situations. There are six sessions in all. For more information, call Counselling Services at 884-0710 ext. 2338.

Choosing the Right Major

February 6, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
February 23, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Contact Career Service at 232 King Street for more information.

Marriage Preparation Course

February 27, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. and February 28, 8:45 - 5:00 p.m.
Resurrection College

Getting married in 1998? The Chaplains of WLU and UW invite you to participate in this course which includes communication, finances, and role expectations. The cost is \$80 per couple.

For more information and to register, contact the Chaplains office at 884-0710 ext. 2240 or ext. 2739.

Career Services

Jobs, jobs, jobs!

JEFFREY FILA, CAREER ADVISOR
CORD STUDENT LIFE

On Tuesday, February 3, more than 100 employers will be at Bingemans Conference Centre to meet with students in an effort to fill permanent, contract, part-time, and summer positions.

What type of people are organizations recruiting?

Since Job Fair is co-sponsored by the University of Waterloo, University of Guelph, Conestoga College, and Wilfrid Laurier University, it attracts a diverse range of employers. Though some employers come looking for people with specialized technical skills or knowledge, there are still a good number of organizations that are recruiting generalists. These are people who have good interpersonal and organizational skills, are hard workers, and are willing to accept new challenges. With this in mind, you may want to visit large brand-name organizations as well as small to medium-sized ones.

Your goals at Job Fair should be to:

1. make contact with organizations which are of interest to you
2. leave the organization representatives with a favourable opinion of you in the 5 to 10 minutes in which you will be speaking with each of them
3. learn more about employment opportunities (even though you will come to Job Fair with a good general understanding of the organization and the positions they offer)
4. maintain contact with select organizations via follow-up or thank-you letters

Preparation

Come to Job Fair dressed as you would for an interview. In either a portfolio or briefcase, bring several copies of your resume which you will leave with prospective employers.

A particularly useful resource at Career Services is "Job Fair Employer Guidebook" which profiles many Job Fair organizations and details their hiring needs. It will be available three to four days before the Fair. Once you have identified organizations which are of interest to you, research them and develop some intelligent questions you can ask at Job Fair. As well, be ready to talk about yourself, your experience, and

why you feel you are a good match with the organization.

You too can network

To make the most of your Job Fair experience you need to go on your own and speak to the organization representatives. By being prepared, and practicing what you want to say, you can effectively communicate with people from a variety of backgrounds.

It is important to remember that organizations pay to attend Job Fair and have their representatives talk with students about employment opportunities. They want to see you, and though it may not always be easy, it is up to you to go and talk with them.

Resources

At Career Services there are a number of resources to help you prepare for the Job Fair, such as Maximizing Job Fair workshop or video; Resume/CACEE Form workshop or video, Individual Career/Job Advising, "How To Work A Room" by Susan Roane.

For more information about these and other valuable career-related materials and services call 884-0710 ext. 4495, visit 232 King Street North (main level), or surf to www.wlu.ca/~wwwcs_co.



The ERT safety tip of the week

MATTHEW BRODIE
CORD STUDENT LIFE

Interested in learning First Aid or CPR? Maybe you'd like to renew your old certifications? The Emergency Response Team is offering a special discount on courses for 1998. Just use the coupon at the end of this article. Upcoming programs include Standard First Aid on January 24 and February 28, Emergency First Aid on February 1 and March 8, and a First Aid/CPR recertification on February 8. Call Lesley Buck at ext. 2856 for details.

This week the Emergency Response Team will begin Thursday and Friday night shifts at the Turret and Wilfs. In cooperation with Foot Patrol, E.R.T. will have radio and dispatch access to campus security and emergency medical services. With these shifts, the team will be able to provide Laurier students with first aid assistance more often.

This week's safety tip is a simple reminder for outdoor enthusiasts. Winter temperatures cause muscles to contract and stiffen more than normal. This allows the body to better retain heat, but it also increases the possibility of muscle strains and sprains for athletes. It's easy to forget about stretching when you're heading off to the slopes or the rink. By taking a few minutes to stretch beforehand though, you'll last longer and feel better at the end of the day.

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Devon & Taylor

Dear Devon and Taylor,

A couple of weeks ago our residence floor finalized our living arrangements for next year. Since that time, there have been obvious divisions and slight hostilities among us. We never had problems before and now it is "House A" versus "House B." How can we maintain our friendships despite these divisions?

Signed, "Split In Two"

Dear Split In Two,

We would advise you to speak to your Don about this situation. Your Don can act as a mediator and shed his or her wisdom based on his or her own experience. Speaking as upper year students, this is inevitable and quite common. You will probably find that in the near future as the initial excitement dies down, things will get back to normal. Assure your floormates that friendships can continue even though you live under different roofs. Good luck and please let us know how it goes.

Love, Devon and Taylor

Dear Devon and Taylor,

One of our roommates is continually knocking things over and breaking them. It has come to the point where we have had to "child proof" our house.

The ironic thing about all this is that it is all the same roommates' belongings that she breaks. We have even put out some things that we would like her to break, but she seems to miss these items. Please help us save our television, stereo, and microwave!

Signed, "Battle with Butterfingers"

Dear Butterfingers,

Well, this is the slipperiest issue we have yet to deal with. Have you dropped (no pun intended) hints to your roommate about her klutzyness? Child proofing your house seems like a good idea. Keep her away from the china! As far as we know, there is no cure for klutzyness. So, invest in some plastic ware and hide your breakables.

Love, Devon and Taylor

If you need advice, write to Devon and Taylor and drop your letter off at the Cord offices. Anonymity guaranteed.

StudentBudgetMenu

Special to Student Budget Menu

RYAN STEVENS

CORD STUDENT LIFE

I am writing to submit a favourite recipe of mine that my family and I have enjoyed for many years. It is a perfect meal for the university student. It is extremely quick, easy, and best of all, inexpensive.

What could possibly fit all these criterion? The answer is fried spaghetti. This is a delectable solution for spaghetti lovers and uses up leftovers.

What you need:

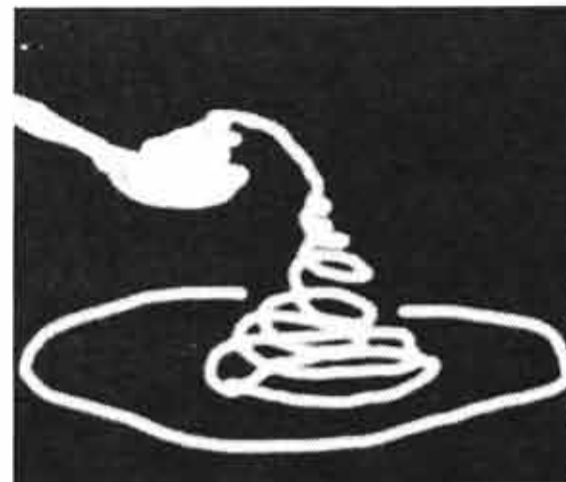
left over spaghetti noodles (unsaucified)
as many chopped onions as you like
hunka butta
frying pan

Suggested condiments:

ketchup and/or vinegar

What you do:

Melt the butter in the pan and fry the onions until brown. Put in your spaghetti and fry with the onions until the noodles are slightly browned and crunchy. Eat on a plate or right from the pan to conserve dishes.



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Two upcoming GLBT seminars

I am pleased to announce two upcoming GLOBAL sponsored, GLBT themed seminars on January 21 and 22.

January 21 A Lesbian feminist seminar presented by Laurier Philosophy professor Alison Weir

January 22 A GLBT law seminar presented by Waterloo lawyer Jean-Paul Pilon

Each seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. and should last from one to

one and a half hours. It should be fairly casual and interactive. It'll be a neat way to learn a lot about past and current GLBT issues, and there's bound to be a wide range of interests covered throughout.

If there were any serious questions you ever wanted answered about gay and lesbian issues and were afraid to ask - ask the experts. Hope to see you there.

For more information about GLOBAL (Gays, Lesbians, Or Bisexuals At Laurier), e-mail us at 00global@mach1.wlu.ca, call the WLU Student Help Line at 884-PEER, or visit our website at www.wlu.ca/~wwwclubs/www/global.html.



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Inexperience tells the tale

CHRIS PEARCE
CORD SPORTS

The Men's Basketball team took on Brock Saturday in the A.C., with an encouraging home crowd that included more than a few noise-makers behind the Badger bench.

The Hawks came into the game desperately needing a win to even their record up, and to rebound from their season opening loss to the Western Mustangs.

The squad started strong, despite the absence of forward Corwin Troje, who was out with a sprained ankle. However, a 17-2 Badger onslaught late in the first half sent the Hawks into the change room in need of exactly that, a change.

A quick turn around came in the second half when the Hawks, led by Kevin Ryan, Jeff Zdrahal, and Chris Popofski, began to slowly chip away at the Badger lead. With seven minutes left in the game Laurier gained their first lead and looked to be in good shape.

Kevin Ryan was crucial, scoring six straight points to bring the Hawks within one, and motivating his teammates with some tenacious hustle.

Zdrahal kept up his strong play with 27, and another solid all-round

game. Despite this game-high performance, the absence of another consistent scoring threat was evident in the second half, as the over-play on Zdrahal forced Coach Kilpatrick to resort to using a rookie in the closing seconds of a tight game.

Kilpatrick elected to use Chris Popofski, who had a big basket just seconds earlier, with the Hawks down by one and fifteen seconds remaining. Popofski looked somewhat disoriented, making little progress with the ball, and eventually throwing up a shot that fell off the mark.

The Badgers grabbed the board, and a technical foul against Laurier that ensued put a rather discouraging end to the climax of this game.

The Hawks will have to put this game behind them as an even bigger test is yet to come. The squad will be at Waterloo this weekend with their playoff hopes rapidly fading. A win against the Warriors could certainly act as a turning point, and the Hawks have shown that this is definitely not beyond the realms of possibility.

Popofski put under pressure in closing seconds against Brock.

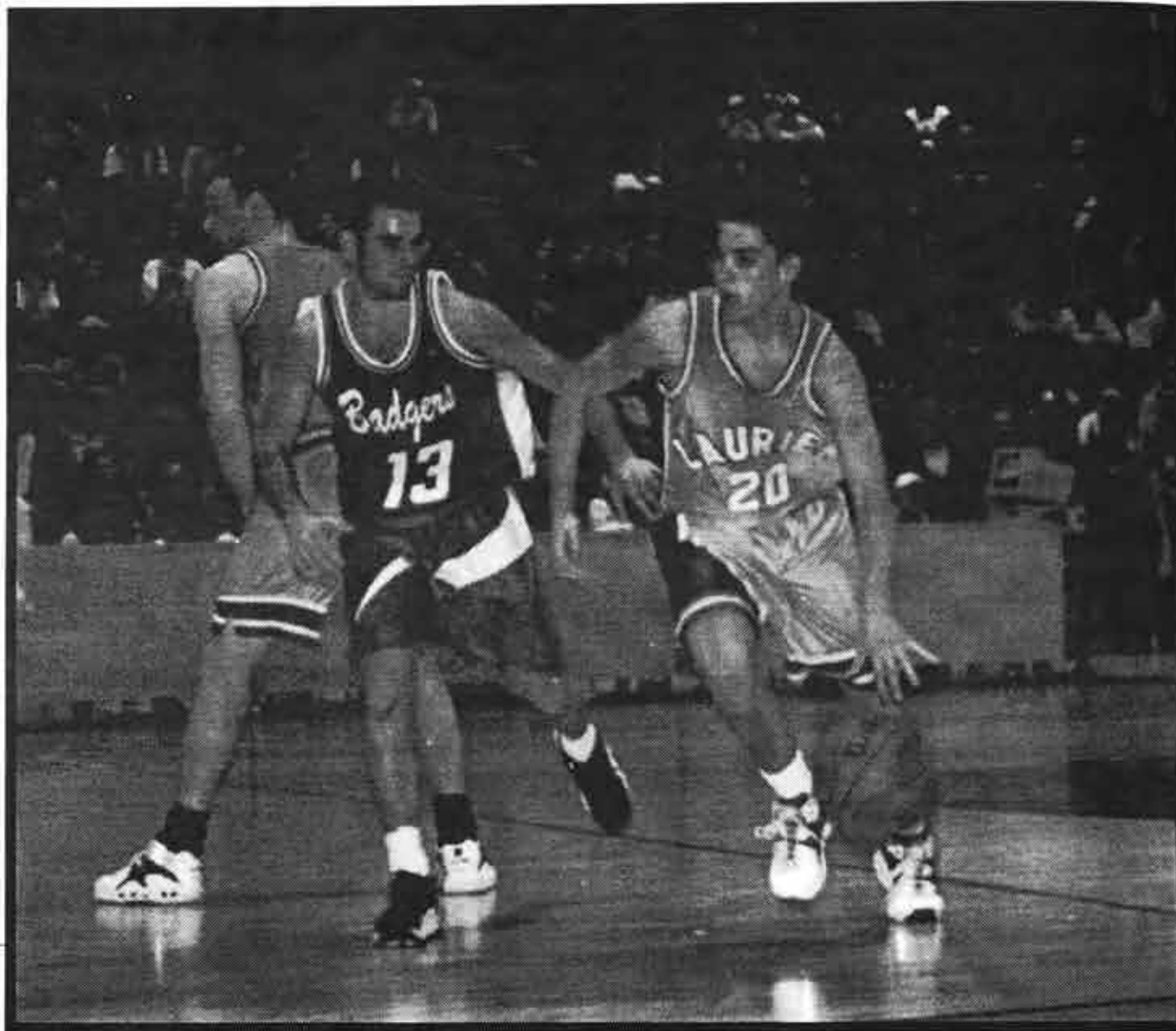


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Don't look now Hawks ride two game unbeaten streak

JEFF SCHOUELA
CORD SPORTS

Well, let's see, an overtime win on Friday and a tie on Saturday. Is the Men's Hockey team getting ready to go on a roll?

The Friday night game could have been the highlight of the season thus far. The Hawks travelled to St. Catharines to play Brock, who the Hawks had earlier defeated on home ice, but is now ahead of them in the standings.

The Hawks were down for most of the contest by scores of 5-2 and 6-3. They slowly clawed their way back with the help of Chad Brezynskie's hat-trick.

They finally managed to force overtime and a few minutes later, Cory McRae netted the winner and Laurier left Brock with a 7-6 victory and a valuable 2 points. Head Coach Wayne Gowing said "The key to this victory was the intensity we kept throughout the game, even though we were down most of the way."

However, the game was costly for netminder Geoff Schnare as he left the game with an apparent shoulder injury. The good news is that nothing broke and that he shouldn't miss too much action.

Saturday night brought the Ryerson Rams to town. The Hawks made it a priority to avenge their opening night overtime loss to those very same Rams. The big story in this game was that goalie Frank Ivankovic made his first start on Hawk ice.

The game started off well when Bob McQuat took a pass from Brezynskie and fired a backhand through traffic for his fifth goal of the season.



The Hawks and Ryerson battled to a 2-2 tie Saturday night.

A few minutes later, WLU took a two goal lead when Dave Kline scored a power-play goal with Jeff Ambrosio and Bob McQuat getting the assists.

The Hawks showed signs of dominance in the first period by spending most of the period in Ryerson's zone. Ram goalie Carmelo Giurleo saw plenty of action, but managed to keep the damage to a minimum as the Hawks were up by a pair after one period.

The second period was a little quieter, and the only goal of the period belonged to Kirby Tokarski. Unfortunately for Hawk fans,

Tokarski plays for the Rams and he cut the lead to 2-1.

The period did have its moments when Hawks forward Lance Woods missed a breakaway opportunity. Several WLU players had chances on the power-play, but Ryerson didn't budge and the lead was still 2-1 when the siren rang.

The third period showcased only one goal and it belonged to Ryerson. Midway through the third period, Ram left-winger Anthony Miele beat Ivankovic to tie the game. The rest of the period, and overtime solved nothing and Laurier skated off with a 2-2 draw.

PHOTO: GEOFFREY LI

Ten minute vacation

Pair of mental lapses prove costly

MIKE MCKENNA
CORD SPORTS

You might start reading and think this is supposed to be about another movie starring Chevy Chase.

Well not quite, but the Golden Hawk Women's Hockey team wishes their pair of weekend games against Guelph had been about ten minutes shorter.

Had that been the case the Hawks, who sit fourth in the OUA Women's Division, would have taken a pair of victories from the second place Gryphons.

Instead the Hawks needed a late goal Sunday night just to manage a point in their home-and-home series.

Thursday night, Laurier travelled east to Guelph, looking to climb a step closer to the Gryphons in the standings.

Eighteen seconds into the game, the Hawks found themselves on top when Caroline Hall found Cheryl Pounder in front of the net, and the Hawk sniper made it 1-0.

After another goal by Pounder, to give Laurier a two goal lead, disaster set in as Guelph netted a pair of goals in the first four minutes of the second frame, and before the Hawks knew it, it was 2-2.

Rookie Lisa Backman put

Laurier up 3-2, but as was the case all night the Hawks couldn't hold on.

After Guelph tied the game at three, a questionable glitch in the time clock gave Guelph the extra seconds they needed to score the winner, and the Hawks went home very disappointed.

With that in mind Sunday night, the adversity continued for the women as their game was delayed over 30 minutes when the refs were late.

Hall would put the Hawks up 1-0, and a minute later Marie Hahn hopped on a loose puck deep in the Guelph zone, and found Jen Krog who fought off a Guelph defender to find the back of the net, giving the Hawks a 2-0 lead.

Sound familiar? Well not quite but almost, Hall put the Hawks up 3-0, before the wheels fell off this time late in the second period.

This time the collapse lasted 6 minutes and the game was tied at three.

The Hawks then needed Pounder to score in the final seconds to gain a 4-4 tie.

Laurier will look to erase the bad memories Thursday night as they travel to Windsor, to face the Lancers, who have yet to win this season.

"We've just picked up a win and a tie and this is something we can build on for the stretch run," Gowing stated after the game.

Let's give a hand for the Hawks as they picked up three points on the weekend. Laurier has now helped themselves get a legitimate shot at a playoff birth. Their last four

games have been very encouraging. They could have won both games last week against Waterloo, beat Brock on the road in overtime, and then tied Ryerson.

The Hawks next challenge will be the Western Mustangs. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Rec Complex.

HealthTips

JENNIFER LEE
CORD SPORTS

Help! Over the holidays all I did was eat and lay around. Now I feel really overweight and out of shape? Where do I start?

First of all, when conquering the issue of weight loss, it is important to set realistic goals. Don't think that you can lose all of the weight in one week, because losing weight takes time and dedication. Don't be surprised when you begin exercising and you don't lose the weight right away.

Exercising is important because it will burn all of those holiday calories. Here, moderation is the key. Don't burn yourself out in one day, because your body is used to inactivity. Give it time and it will thank you later. Go to the AC and take advantage of the cardio (short for cardiovascular) equipment, stationary bikes and step machines (these machines condition your heart). If you're feeling adventurous and want to get toned, step into the circuit room and do some weights. Listen to your body. If you decide to go for a run, and your knees begin

to hurt, running isn't for you. Find an activity that you enjoy and chances are that you will stick to it longer.

Exercise, however, will not take off weight alone. Eating healthy and exercise gives you the winning balance. Eating healthy can be difficult, especially if you don't have the option of cooking your own meals. The best advice I can give you here is concentrate on getting your fruits and vegetables. That way you're getting your nutrients and not overloading on carbohydrates.

Carbohydrates are found in many foods such as pasta and breads. Carbohydrates can be high in calories and eating them at every meal may prevent weight loss. Reading labels has become a Canadian pastime, but you need to know what it is you're looking for. First, look at the fat content. Chips, for example, tend to get pretty high, 12-20 grams per serving, which is a lot when you relate it to serving size. Serving size for chips is usually 10-13 chips which isn't very many considering a bag of chips usually has 40 chips or so. Also,

don't get lured into the "light" or "No Fat" labels. If you look at the calorie count in a light or non-fat product, it is usually very high because the fat has been substituted by sugar.

Healthy doesn't always mean thin. Focus on creating a healthy mind and body. Allow yourself to indulge once in a while, get those M&M's for dessert after dinner, just don't do it every night. If you don't know very much about healthy foods, I suggest keeping a food diary. Write down what you eat every day (don't cheat) and you will soon begin to see patterns that need to be changed.

The last point that I want to make is have fun! If you do the same thing every day, you run into a dead end. Experiment with various activities. If you rarely swim, try going to open hours and doing a few laps. If you need to run errands, walk to do them. Exercise doesn't have to be boring. Now it's all up to you. Good luck!

Any other questions can be sent to the Health and Fitness Awareness Committee at 22fitness@mach1.wlu.ca

SportsBriefs

Figure Skating

The Laurier Varsity Figure Skating team will hit the ice again on January 23, when they travel to Guelph. The team will debut their brand new precision program that involves sixteen skaters, and is set to "Riverdance" and "Brothers McMullen."

Head Coach Stephanie Robert and her skaters have been preparing long and hard for this competition with the help of Jill Arnott and Virginia Gilliam who have donated their time to help in preparation for the meet.

Women's Swim Team

It's less than four weeks to the OUA championships, and the swimmers are hitting their stride. The women defeated Laurentian on the weekend for the first time in several years, winning by a total margin of 157-125. Robin Allen, in just her first year, won both the 50 and 100 frees. Also big, was the effort of Dayna Patterson and Lisa Parwicki, who combined for an impressive nine wins. The Women's Relay team took both 200-metre events and look to be Laurier's most promising contender at the OUAs.

Men's Swim Team

The men swam well, under the circumstances.

Facing Laurentian whose team is twenty-deep, with only eight men of their own, the odds for Laurier in this competition looked Braveheartesque.

The total score of 180-85 didn't indicate the effort put forward by the team. John Pelleck, Tom Fuke, and Tom Stelmach, all looked strong in their races.

The swim team will square off with Queens and the RMC in a Tri-meet this Saturday in Kingston.

Heartbreaker

MIKE MCKENNA
CORD SPORTS

After suffering a tough defeat to the number three ranked team in the country, the Western Mustangs, Wednesday night had the Golden Hawk Women's Basketball team looking for a win against the visiting Brock Badgers. And if the game were twenty minutes shorter then the Hawks would have found just that.

A 37-26 lead at the half quickly vanished as Brock erupted for 40 points in the second frame, to come out on the front end of a 66-62 score.

"It was a very tough defeat for us today," said Head Coach Sue Lindley whose team was right in the thick of things until the final buzzer.

After firing out of the gates, the Hawks saw themselves out-hustled, and out-rebounded early in the second half, as their 11 point cushion quickly turned into a 5 point deficit with eight minutes to play.

Two key foul shots by the Hawks leading scorer on the day, Sherry Faber, cut the lead to three as the game neared the two-

minute mark, and the Hawks looked as though they were on the comeback trail.

Foul trouble then became the issue as Amanda Peers had to leave the game with her fifth foul of the day. Undaunted, the Hawks drew within 1, but some sloppy ball handling in the last minute, and an uncharacteristic miss by Brenda Vrkljan saw the Hawks and their fans go home disappointed.

Even though the Hawks did go down in defeat, Coach Lindley and her staff did see some bright spots on Saturday that they will need to build on to get back in the race for a playoff spot in the OUA West.

Faber, with 20 points was solid all day, and the Hawks played the final two minutes in a close ball game with two rookies, Karen Koert, and Amy MacPherson, meaning that the experience these players gained in this close match will help down the road.

The Hawks will have to put it all together this Wednesday night when they tip-off against the Guelph Gryphons, 6 p.m. at the Athletic Complex.

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treble charger refuses corporate pop

RYAN LINDSAY

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Maybe it's me, or maybe **treble charger** is actually one of Canada's secret weapons in the war known as the corporate music industry. Not until recently have many of our nation's finest musical acts been able to achieve the degree of success abroad, that they have had the fortune to experience in their homeland, treble charger, now on RCA in the US, is at the forefront of this changing trend.

Nearly half a decade after recording a few demo's that became their debut **NC-17**, the nation's most popular indie album, treble charger has become a major-label group that enlightens listeners on an international scene.

Only **Our Lady Peace** has made such an accomplishment as far as 90's Canadian bands go. So it has been on the shoulders of these groups to make Yankees aware of the wealthy Canadian music scene.

"Since many Canadian groups that preceded us also had a difficult time reaching American audiences, we don't really feel much pressure to crack that market" admits Treble Charger bassist Rosie Martin during a telephone interview. "Our goal while on the road is mainly to make friends and just enjoy doing what we love...making music."

Being on a major label is their way into the hearts of American listeners, as the larger-scale financing aids in the quest for greater exposure. Touring with such top draws as the **Foo Fighters** and the **Posies** certainly helps in that regard. RCA

had the band re-record both the song and video for treble charger's biggest hit "Red," which in fact made a stir down south, making its way onto a few pop-charts. When also asked to redo their other mega-hit "Morale," the band turned them down.

"We want to focus on improving and moving in new directions rather than relishing our past for the sake of gaining new fans," Rosie explained. "Rather than being recognized for a couple of hits and then die out, we would rather build our career and fan base progressively, remaining consistent...such as R.E.M....however much to the disliking of the label."

treble charger have been traveling across Canada and the US in support of their most recent and major-label debut LP **Maybe It's Me** (on BMG in Canada). Playing with such bands as the **Gandharvas**, **Dandy Warhols** and even **Radiohead**, these Sault Ste. Marie natives make the best of an arduous lifestyle.

"Traveling across the continent in a van isn't the easiest way to live, but making friends on the road makes it easier. We meet some pretty cool people by playing with various other artists, and it gives us a chance to enjoy the music of fellow artists."

This "power-pop" quartet finds its musical influences ranging from **Sonic Youth** and **Pavement** through the **Beatles** and **Rolling Stones** up to early punk and obviously Canada's **Nell Young**. According to Rosie, "We have various influences, of course, but really we try to make our music our own...we aim for distinctive-



Sault Ste. Marie's power-pop boy-band will grace the stage at Mrs. Robinson's tomorrow night. Follow their exploits as they breeze through the Kitchener-Waterloo area!

ness. For us, song writing is foremost; we're really picky when constructing songs. I think that many bands are characterized by a song or two, but I feel that fans now are looking for more substance. People want to listen to albums that put them in or save them from a certain

mood, they want to be able to identify with the music."

"At some point, we'll have to put our guitars away and move on, so in the meantime we just want to do what our hearts tell us. Right now that means being creative and making great new music."

For those who are interested in identifying with the music of treble charger, they will be appearing at **Mrs. Robinson's** this Thursday night. Better catch them now before they become a huge corporate band playing stadiums across the United States.

Luv in the hot seat

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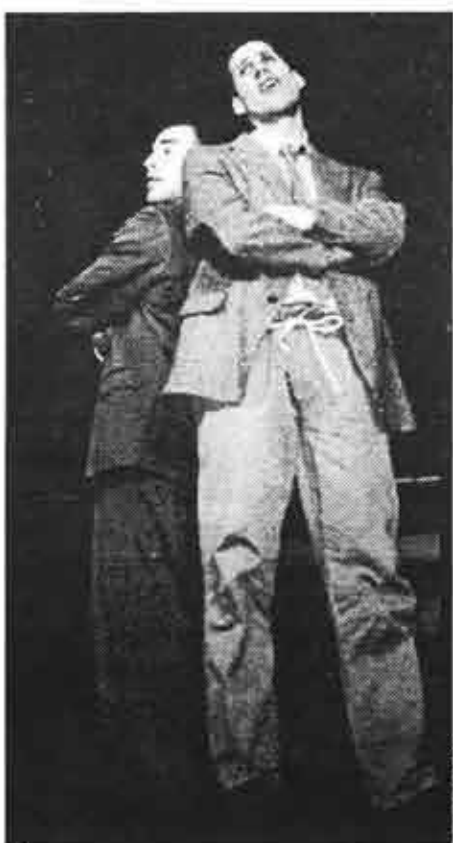
Hot on the heels of **The Secret Garden**, the **Waterloo Stage Theatre** is offering up their energetic production of **Murray Schisgal's** play **Luv**, in the form of the new musical, **What About Luv?**

Set on a bridge in New York City, the comical motifs in this musical appear from the very beginning. Opening with Harry Berlin (**Christopher Wilson**) about to jump off the bridge because his life no longer has any meaning, he is interrupted by his old friend from school Milt Manville (**Wayne McAulay**), who is looking for a way out of his marriage. Deciding that he can easily pawn his wife Ellen (**Kathryn Elton**) off on Harry, Milt sets the stage for what proves to be an ecstatic ride on the "roller coaster of love."

One of the strong points of this musical stems from the immense vocal talents of its three performers. Wilson, McAulay, and Elton all succeed in bringing their characters to the forefront of the action. Between the performers, they have experience in **The Stratford Festival**, and with numerous other production companies across the country. Director **Robert More**, nominated for a Dora Award for his musical **Dads in Bondage**, has managed to direct three dynamic actors in roles that seem perfectly suited to each. On top of the incredible voices are feats proportionate to larger-scale productions, such as backflips and

vibrantly choreographed dance numbers reminiscent of Broadway scenes.

What About Luv? deals with the



Two men singin' about luv.

trials and tribulations of those succumbing to overbearing emotions when it comes to matters of the heart. A sense of comic relief is placed against desperate issues such as suicide and adultery, changing their perspective from grim to hopeful. With lyrics such as "I wish I was a lesbian" and "love is not a commodity," What About Luv?

jumps right into the hot topics of the day.

When Milt and Ellen decide one year later that they want each other back, the stage is barraged by comical manifestations of love. Ellen attempts to plant a gay sub-plot in the mind of Harry, yet all the while Milt and Ellen are planning to throw Harry off the same bridge. In comparison with other mediums offering a love story, this stage production is a fresh outlook on a subject that has forever plagued writers and directors. Robert More turns Schisgal's play into a bizarre and wacky production that leaves everyone laughing.

The subject of love is often associated with the stigma that it must entail mushy romantic outpourings, yet What About Luv? succeeds where others fail. Scenes dealing with such relentless topics as the amount of sex one is receiving or the morality of murder lend to its ability to turn even the most inordinate topic into worthy subject matter.

What About Luv? is a humorous deliberation of life and love in all its glory. And for a relatively small theatre company in its inaugural season, the Waterloo Stage Theatre has managed to turn out a production of high quality. What About Luv? proves itself to be among this region's high standard of quality in the arts community.

Kerry appreciates the arts.

Letters from Ben



Dear Editor,

I need your help on a very serious matter. I feel as though the general population believes that I hate Laurier and all of the people associated with it. Well this could not be further from the truth. Truly there are aspects of the typical Laurier experience that I am less than fond of, but they all fall neatly into the category of "being stupid." I have recently learned that the stupid have to be tolerated because they won't stop asserting themselves on culture. Personally, the only way I can tolerate the stupid is by patting them on the head and whispering "there, there, you'll be dead soon." This is not a threat, but the natural conclusion of their self-destructive moronics. Is it wrong to pat people on the head? Should I do it more? Why am I cursed with God-like judgementalism? No one knows.

I feel I have elaborated enough on the particular attributes of the stupid person, but just in case you, my dear Editor, have forgotten, it's the AA Frat-boy Hockey Addict No-Fear Tragically Hip bunny. Oh, I can't call people 'bunnies' but how much worse are they really? I think I have about fifty friends, and they are the best people on campus.

Ben Harris

Dear Editor,

Laid by James, Tubthumping by Chumbawumba, Closer by Nine Inch Nails, Home for a Rest by Spirit of the West, Song 2 by Blur, Walking on the Sun by Smashmouth, Clumsy by Our Lady Peace, Fly by Sugar Ray. All killed mercilessly by rampant idiocy. I could have liked these songs, on another planet. One where the sickening cry of "Wooo Hooo" didn't ring out every two bars in a anthemic fake fun war-cry against cool stuff. LA LA LA LA, LA LA LA LA, LA LA LA LA, WE SUCK!! I get a sick feeling and then I have to go to the bathroom. I am not safe there either, for there lives the conversations of the damned, listenable only through a thick wall of tolerance and lip-biting. If you are drunk, don't talk. Or walk. And don't hit people either. Fighting has always been revered as a gentleman's pursuit, reserved for the very cool and worldly. "Don't bump into me on the dance floor again, fucker" - "Fuck you fucker." Punch, punch, roll roll roll kick. Fuck.

Ben Harris

Sex and the safety cult

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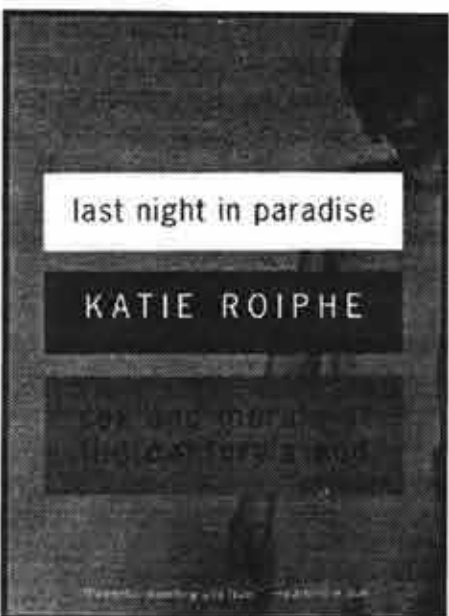
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"AIDS has offered us a biologically compelling alternative to old-fashioned morality. It's not that sex is wrong; it's that it's not safe."

In her latest book, **last night in paradise**, Katie Roiphe discusses how the advent of AIDS has affected the way we talk about sex.

Roiphe claims that the media, the education system, and some right wing Christian groups like Concerned Women for America have portrayed the AIDS virus as the punishment for the sexual freedom that characterized the late sixties and seventies. The evidence and arguments that Roiphe presents are both compelling and fascinating, which makes the book both interesting and thought provoking.

sexual activity. On the side of the media, Roiphe dedicates a chapter to how Magic Johnson's announcement of his infection was written and spoken about. She examines how both newspapers and popular media talk shows used Magic's story "to sell caution the way that he had once sold Pepsi."



Roiphe's interviews with high school students reveal something more disturbing than merely a "perpetual anxiety" about sex. Out of this anxiety grows a distrust of anyone from outside of the students' social status group — AIDS provides a rationale for 'sticking to one's own.' As one of the girls interviewed says: "I'm just more likely to trust a guy in a button-down shirt and faded corduroys." But as Roiphe herself points out, the basis for this trust is arbitrary and dangerous.

One of the most interesting aspects of last night in paradise is Roiphe's discussions about our moral uncertainty and its effects. These parts are haunting and disturbing because one feels that Roiphe is herself struggling with the ideas she's discussing. She seems both critical of these ideas and yet, in ways, drawn to the structures in

question: "The abstinence movement promises an escape from the nihilistic situation in which people have sex or don't have sex and wake up the next day and drink coffee out of Styrofoam cups, as the world looks on, in the pale light of morning with absolute indifference. It adds a bright gloss of moral significance to the most intimate choices: *what you're doing matters.*"

While last night in paradise could be shorter, as it's somewhat repetitive at points, it's definitely worth buying and reading. It raises a lot of intriguing issues, and puts an unusual yet compelling slant on them. One may not agree with all of Roiphe's arguments but that makes discussion all the more fun.

last night in paradise: sex and morals at the century's end

Katie Roiphe
Vintage, \$16.95

The issues that Roiphe deals with range from our society's attempts to replace the structure that was once provided by religion and social custom, to what she calls our current "fetishization of safety."

This emphasis on safety can be seen through stores like Condomania (which sells every possible safe sex device including finger condoms, latex gloves and dental dams) and through the paranoia that surrounds many sexual encounters. Roiphe goes so far as to claim that "unsafe sex is our one remaining sexual taboo and as such it has a certain inviolate power."

On this topic, Roiphe cites both how the media has dealt with the advent of AIDS, and how high school students perceive their own

Laurier Spirit Band

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Throughout time music has been used to arouse the spirit. This fall the **Music Association** and the **Hawksquad** had that in mind when they re-established the **Laurier Spirit Band**.

Decked out in purple and gold, playing songs like "The Irish Fighting Song," "The Flintstones," and "Louie, Louie," the band participated in events such as Homecoming (the parade and the

game), and other football and hockey games. This term volleyball and basketball will be invaded.

If you (1) have an interest in music, (2) own your own instrument, and (3) either read music or can play by ear, then you are perfect for the band. Currently there are 25-30 members with varying abilities who pick and choose events that fit into their schedule. For more information email 00musass@mach1.wlu.ca.



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First steps down the new road

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While most students were kicking back and enjoying the holiday season, the student composers of Laurier's Faculty of Music were busy preparing for their January 28th concert in the **Maureen Forrester Recital Hall**.

Although the composers promised that they did take time off during the break, most came back with new pieces in various stages of refinement. Some of the most skillfully crafted works will be performed at the Wednesday concert, rightfully titled **First Steps Down the New Road**.

"Everything is brand new, everything a world premier: a new surprise" says **Jennifer Butler**, a composer whose compositions on pornography will be performed at the show. "It's a really free program that allows our creativity to go where it leads us."

The Student Composer concerts, which have had poor attendance in the past, now offer more exciting and varied music.

With compositions based on the classical style string quartet, to pieces based on electronically reproduced sounds (known as electro acoustic music), there will be something for everyone. Butler describes the music as "eclectic."

Catherine Pickup's piece called **Broken Glass Inside My Shoe** is created for cello and violin. Based on twelve notes placed in a sort of mathematical series, this work has a very mysterious and haunting opening to it. Although the piece moves in and out of tranquil song-like passages, the ending leaves the audience in a frenzied mystery.

Butler's three pieces, titled **And So She...** are based on Butler's summer when she had the opportunity of talking to someone in the sex and pornography industry. She described the experience as "life changing...making it real, not like reading it in books."

Creating the desired impact was difficult, and as such Butler had to rewrite the lyrics several times to convey her musical character's experience.

Other composers scheduled to appear on the program are: **Robert Polzoni, Marc Rabe** and **Nicole Marhesseau**.

As for those musicians who are fortunate enough to perform the composer's pieces, **Karol Gostynski** describes the experience as "exciting. You're the first one to play the piece so it is a privilege, and there are no expectations or conceptions of the piece." This excitement is then conveyed to the audience.

While the concert is in the final stages of preparation by the performers, the composers are already onto their next composition projects. As they did for their holidays, the composers promise to take a break on the 28th to enjoy the concert and, of course, the wonderful free food offered at the reception immediately following the performance.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

Marsha plays music too. Actually, she hums and claps with a great deal of style. She's currently entangled in a lengthy court case with Hanson.

Oasis - A mirage in sight and sound

SHARI MISNER
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The whole spectrum was on hand for the long awaited return of the Manchester brutes to Canada at the Gardens last Thursday night. **Oasis** had managed to sell out the show in a matter of a few hours setting high hopes for their performance. Any disappointments? Unfortunately, a few.

The let-downs started with the opening act, **Cornershop**. Their set started out great until they played "Brimful of Asha," the latest single off their album **When I Was Born For The 7th Time**. Every song after that seemed to be an extended version of the same song, and just dragged on.

The band is from a British-Punjabi background and their instrumentation is an eclectic mix of east meets west. Unfortunately, this well produced sound was ruined in the live performance by cranked base speakers that made the sound just bounce like mad off the boxes.

As for Oasis, they entered the stage after "The Boys are Back in Town" and opened with "Be Here Now," the title track from their latest album. They played for an hour and a half, and unlike **Cornershop**

they managed album quality sound. The set was phenomenal. It was as if they were performing in half of an egg standing up.

The lighting effects certainly accentuated the tunage, especially during "Champagne Supernova." During this tune, the lights projected onto the screen mimicking a starry sky. To provide a mental picture imagine **Sarah McLachlan's** "Building A Mystery" video. Hmmm, I wonder if she has any copyright to it?



What brought down the show's ratings was a combination of a few things. The first was just the high expectations after a long awaited return to Toronto. After all the hype, I came away feeling like I was watching them practice. I know that it is the Oasis trademark to not jump around and give a theatrical performance, but they honestly looked bored.

The audience energy was severely lacking too. There were a few diehards having a

ball, but a good majority of the audience were either just sitting or standing there like stone. Even though the show was a sellout, I think that they could have sold more floor seats. The floor was general admission but seemed only half full. Why they weren't at the SkyDome is another mystery.

The ham of the Oasis brothers, Liam seemed to just focus only on the first ten feet of the crowd. No acknowledgment of the rest of us sitting upstairs. Liam also kept inexplicably throwing his tambourine and picking it up again. Was it too heavy for his little boy arm?

What made the show worth \$40.75 was Noel's acoustic solos. He is a phenomenal singer (and the sole songwriter for the band). There was also a good mix of all three albums and their box sets, which proved that they were not just out on a promo tour.

On a humanitarian note, because of the ice storms in Quebec and the cancellation of their show in Montreal, Oasis made a donation to the Red Cross to aid the city. I give the show a seven out of ten for the music, but not necessarily for the entertainment.

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 The experience you brought me,
 And the feeling and ability with which you played your roles
 Will be engraved on my soul forever.
 This is your trophy.

Jamie W.L. Hill

I am a serious writer. I am a serious girl. I do not wantonly smile. I do not deal with frivolities. Because I am a serious, serious girl. Thus, I have written a serious, serious article. There will be nothing here but facts. 'W' words - winter, woof, whatever-do-you-mean. Serious stuff.

However, I don't want to lose the interest of the common folk, the 'entertain-us-please' crowd. So I've come up with what I think you'll find is an informative, timely piece, with a twist of human interest. Human Interest is that which really strikes a chord, really brings back the issues, really makes you cry. It's the little girl who gets that dream come true. It's the triumph of the cat who escapes the house fire with most of its tail. It's every episode of The Wonder Years.

They say write about what you know. Unfortunately, there's nothing cute or touching about my life. I live in a black hole, escaping each ragged morning with only what I can stuff into my pockets. So, resigning myself to some inevitable stretching of the truth, I came up with something awfully cute and exciting. My cat.

Actually she's not cute, she's frightening. Sure, she's soft and fluffy, but hidden in that irresistible invitation of fur are lots of sharp things waiting to be used on anyone who gets too close. Plus, I think she's schizophrenic. Anyway, I thought I'd follow her around for a while. See how the feline really live.

4:13: slept.
 4:47: slept. Ignored my affectionate petting.
 5:32: yawned. I wonder how real life reporters find out about news. When something happens in China, how do they know? I guess they could keep people on salary who are stationed in various parts of the world who keep an eye out but that would be pricey. They could keep one guy on staff who makes routine calls every morning, ("Hello China? What's up?") but that's not very sensible, ("For the last time, nothing happened last night in Vanderhoof!")
 5:56: stared at the wall and ran from the room.
 5:57: sprinted up and down the stairs making chirpy, chatty noises to herself punctuated with the odd lamenting wail.
 5:59 realized she was being watched and hid for the rest of the night.
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Maire Mardelle



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