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THIS ISSUE

It sucked, okay? Sorry, I'm just suffering from "How was your Christmas?" burn out. I'd like to be the first to say a green Green Day is not...well yah, it's cheesy. But hey, what's a cover without colour? Cheaper. Here is our quality, yet maybe not quantity, issue. And we promise, no more Santa for the rest of this year...at least till Dec.

news



Just like we promised, the annual BOD report card. Hasley takes you through the highs and lows of those in student power at Laurier, with what he refers to as "constructive criticism". Whatever you do, don't miss Dowling's column this week. Amanda, what language! Another great story by Hasley details the phantom macaroni.

opinion

Melanie Seal meets Diane Francis, and brings back her take on the woman and her views. Hick tries to deal with his debilitating disappointment as he clings to his fantasy of the mighty roar. Please keep writing in those letters everyone, and share your opinions on just what's wrong with the world.



feature



Life's a bitch, then...what? Hick goes existential as he organizes this week's feature not on death, but on what happens after. Everything from a religious view, to Ouija delight. Once you have read this masterpiece, take note of the nifty graphics. No, you haven't seen that picture before - it must have been in your other life.

sports

You got to give that Sports department credit, the pickings are getting pretty slim out there. Stephanie Thomas gives a comprehensive view of Laurier's rec program, complete with dancing, elite volleyball, and women pumping up (W.O.W.). Hey! Where the hell are those stats? Thank goodness for the T.O. Star.



entertainment



Virginia Parker brings you a great review of Sara Craig's recent visit to the great tri-city. If the live thing isn't your schtick, then we bring you a review of what some might call a chick flick, but that would be wrong. Go Jodie. Great Hard Cord. By the way, Paul would like to know, "where the hell is your writers' ad, guys?"

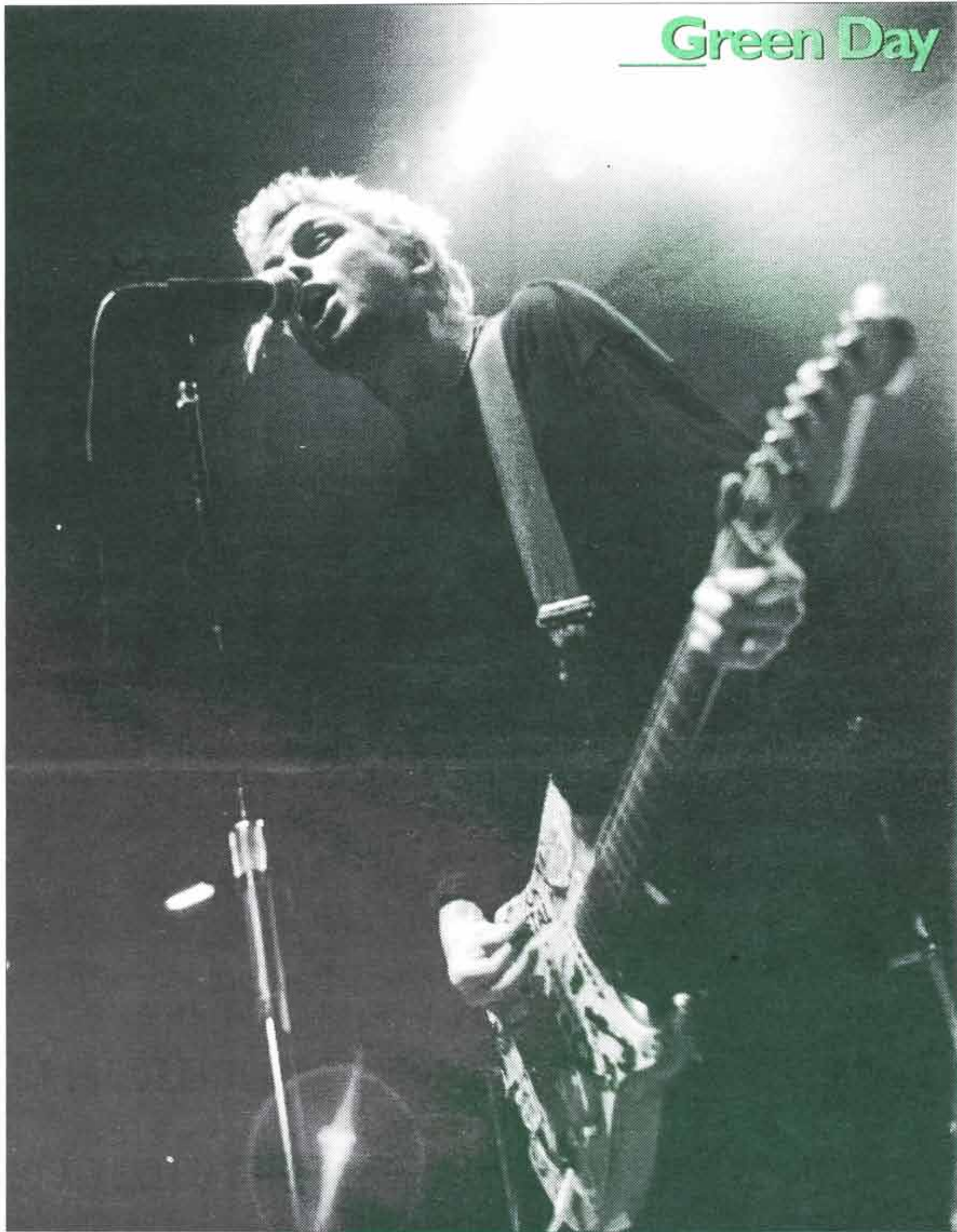
two cents worth

Have you heard? The politicians down south plan to cut all welfare payments to unwed mothers under 18. Why? The Republicans have returned with a vengeance. I wonder how many puppies they kick on their way to work...can you tell I've had too much time on my hands lately?



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Green Day

PICTURE: DAVE SCOTT

DAVE SCOTT

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

There are not too many punk bands that can consistently fill fifteen thousand seat venues on tour these days, but Berkeley, California's **Green Day** have been doing that and more on

the omnipotent and unmotivated MTV generation.

From the moment they ran dementedly on stage and cranked out "Chump" and "Longview" in quick succession it was clear that Green Day are as good a post-punk

the fuck do you want?") and at himself ("Look at me, I'm a fucking idiot").

With sweat and spit flying everywhere, Billy Joe, drummer Tre Cool and bassist Mike Dirnt went on to play most of the tracks from their

Take us to paradise...again

their recent tour. When the band headlined a small free festival in Boston, 100,000 people showed up. Nervous organizers, fearing disaster, pulled the plug mid-set and predictably, a riot ensued.

With rave reviews from **Spin**, **Billboard** and **Select**, Green Day have crashed into the spotlight, becoming spokesmen and idols for

band as you're ever likely to see. Their sound offers a wall of rhythm and noise, laden with frustration, aggression and occasional sensitivity. Green Day combines gut-felt punk anger with deft melodic touches.

The trio pumped their way through the set at a relentless pace, with frontman Billy Joe occasionally hurling insults at the crowd ("What

third album "Dookie". This included "Welcome to Paradise", which Billy dedicated to a fan who leapt on stage and needed four bouncers to persuade him to exit stage left.

The only downside to the show was that it only lasted just under an hour, but much energy and fun was crammed into the short and sweet appearance.

New and Improved!

Students' Union report card

Remember Now: Bad P.R. Is Better Than No P.R.

MARK HEASLEY
CORD NEWS

In keeping with the spirit of a free democracy, the Cord has reviewed just how well our elected representatives in the Students' Union have done their job in the past semester.

And an eventful semester it was for the Board. A policy SNAFU over the new carpet

in Will's resulted in the Vice-Presidents of Marketing, Finance, and Student Activities offering their resignations. Alison Watson (Finance) made hers permanent, and became the first of the new Board to leave the Union.

When Board member Anish Makim revealed the contents of an in camera session of the Board, the students of Laurier almost

had to pay \$3000 to fund recall proceedings.

Soon after, Board member Chris Bradley quit, citing reasons of health and school work. Additionally, he hinted that he was tired of dealing with Board office politics.

Later, a special Assistant to the President, Dan Baxter, quit. Bitter that his input was unappreciated and that the constraints on him

were too stiling, he blasted President Ralph Spoltore, questioning his competence and fitness for the job.

Of the survivors, their records speak for themselves.

Here, then, are those privy to the secrets of the Students' Union Star Chamber. Fight the system. Anarchy now.

MARK HEASLEY
CORD NEWS

Ralph Spoltore
Students' Union President



Allowances have to be made for Ralph. With only three exceptions, this year's Board of Directors (BOD) was completely new. And so was he, coming into this position with no real previous Students' Union experience. The 559 students that voted for him knew that, or they should have.

He made no wild promises in his campaign, saying only that he would work hard at getting on-the-job experience. He focused on his down-to-earth, easily approachable manner, and he showed some real class in the election open forums.

Spoltore's leadership style is inconsistent. One is never sure just how much he knows about an issue. At Board meetings, he actively encourages everyone to say exactly what's on their minds. Unfortunately, some things are best left unsaid.

He is not the political animal that Sean Taylor was last year, and has had to resort to taking wayward Directors into his office and "setting them straight". But he is also more sincere than Taylor was, and is the most approachable President in memory.

Finally, Spoltore has taken on part of the role that his VP University Affairs traditionally holds by representing WLU to the outside world. He does this well, especially when he speaks for more than seven minutes without using a football/teamwork analogy. This is best seen when he is representing WLU to the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.

But on home turf, a more professional side of Spoltore needs to be seen. The effort is there, and he's starting to learn.

C+

Scott McCormick
Vice-President University Affairs



The only fault that can be found with McCormick's performance is that he bites off more than he can chew. At last count he sits on 61 committees. His hands-on approach can be a little domineering at times, and he should delegate responsibility more often.

Otherwise, McCormick fulfilled all his campaign promises (most noticeably the student-run course evaluations and opt-out health plan) in his own out-spoken, relaxed way. When he stays focused, whatever issue is thrown at him is dealt with quickly and comprehensively.

While sure of himself and ready to stand behind his actions, McCormick should take more credit for the great work he has done.

A

Joel Lynn
Board of Directors' Chairperson



As a returning Board member and Chair, Lynn has had a lot to deal with this year. It's his job to run the Board meetings and make sure that the Board doesn't strangle itself in red tape by violating their own by-laws.

Although he sometimes cuts discussions short, there is no doubt that he is informed, respected, and largely in control. It's unfortunate Lynn can't make his opinion as a Board member known more often because of the neutrality required by his position.

B+

Ryan Balzamo
Board Member



After a pathetic attendance record in the beginning, Balzamo has been born again, and is a good Constitution Operations and Development member. When he's there he has opinions and is vocal about them. Sometimes he should think first, though, as the way he expresses these opinions can sometimes border on the offensive. His renewed commitment is heartening. What he does with it remains to be seen.

C+

Martin Chartrand
Board Member



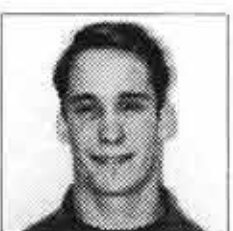
Elected just this past October, Chartrand is known as the "Champion of the by-laws" for his encyclopedic knowledge of Board policy that his past Board experience provided him with.

Chartrand is very vocal at BOD and Finance and Building committee meetings where he can bulldoze

the opposition. With so few experienced Board members, the retrospect he brings is needed. While not an independent thinker, he is one of the most solid directors.

B

Russ Clark
Board Member



By far and away, no one had as rough a start as Clark. After being charged and sentenced for assault during the summer, he stayed on the Board rather than quit in the face of unpopular opinion. As the Chair of the External Affairs Board, he shows the same face as he does as a director - Clark is competent, intelligent, asks questions, and really works. Underutilized by the Board (where he's vocal), Clark is coming into his own.

A-

Deborah Doupe
Board Member



A slow starter, Doupe is quiet at Board meetings but is more visible in the committees that she's involved in. A committed volunteer, Doupe is coming out of her shell as she becomes more sure of herself.

B-

Robb Hadley
Board Member



Hadley was elected to the unenviable position of Finance and Building Chairperson later in the year, more or less thrown into the muddled finances of the Union. Despite this, his hard work and capable nature make him an excellent chair. Steps still have to be taken to clean up the Unions' finances, though, especially since it still has no recent financial statements.

A-

Monica Khurana
Board Member



Also elected in the October by-election, Khurana gives off an aura of unrealized potential. As a first-year student with no prior Union experience, she is still learning the ropes. The Board she joined was a contentious one, so it's little wonder that she is still learning to speak up

at Board meetings. She amazingly still has her enthusiasm and is learning by asking questions.

B-

Anish Makim
Board Member



As the Board's self-appointed financial conscience, Makim started one of the Board's bigger scandals when he leaked what happened in an in camera session of the Board to the Cord (which he said he did in the best interests of the students). By far one of the hardest working directors, Makim isn't afraid to speak up or step on toes. Unfortunately, this pit-bull attitude has earned him some resentment from other directors. An independent thinker who hasn't fully grasped the "team" concept, Makim is the Devil's Advocate on the Board.

B

Pat McMurrich
Board Member



A behind-the-scenes worker with a lot of good intentions, McMurrich treats what he's working on like it's the most important thing in the world. Hopefully he will become more vocal and independent as he gains experience. With more direction from the Board, he could realize more of his potential.

B-

Lloyd Nakaza
Board Member



Quiet but informed, Nakaza sometimes speaks up at Finance and Building committee meetings, but at Board meetings remains a silent cipher. The "family tree" in the Students' Union offices is an example of his volunteer work in the Graphics department. Motivation or confidence, whatever it is that's keeping him so quiet is keeping him from taking his place among the other directors.

C+

Brad Ross
Board Member



Ross is hard-working and objective. He has managed to make the otherwise impenetrable maze of the

Constitution Operations and Development committee that he chairs an efficient and understandable machine. Ross votes his own mind and goes beyond just what's required by the job.

A-

Todd Thibert
Board Member



A veteran from last year's Board, Thibert has valuable experience to offer and has done good work on the Academic Affairs Committee. Thibert knows he's there to represent the students, but the obscure and confusing way he speaks when things don't go his way at Board meetings can be irritating. It keeps him from being as productive and respected as he could be. Perhaps focus is needed, but Thibert occasionally crosses a line at meetings and is rudely awakened to the fact.

C

Mark Vallee
Board Member



Thanks for coming out. I can't remember the last time he spoke up at a Board meeting, and I can't think of anything that he's done. Good attendance record though.

D+

Kelly Westlake
Board Member



When Westlake is given something he does it. He doesn't really seek out responsibility or credit and is an adequate director. He votes, but follows the lead of Anish Makim. Westlake needs to be more independent and think before expresses opinions.

C

Making the Grade

Ralph Spoltore	C+
Scott McCormick	A
Joel Lynn	B+
Ryan Balzamo	C+
Martin Chartrand	B
Russ Clark	A-
Deborah Doupe	B-
Robb Hadley	A-
Monica Khurana	B-
Anish Makim	B
Pat McMurrich	B-
Lloyd Nakaza	C+
Brad Ross	A-
Todd Thibert	C
Mark Vallee	D+
Kelly Westlake	C

Dinner thrown for Axworthy

MARK HEASLEY
CORD NEWS

Hurling uncooked Kraft Dinner at the residence of Federal Minister of Human Resources Development Lloyd Axworthy on December 17, 1994, persons unknown have given their answer to the Minister's challenge to students to "Come around the table and work with us to find solutions" on the issue of university funding reforms.

One month earlier on November 16, 1994, 14000 students had rallied on Parliament Hill to protest Axworthy's proposed changes (read cuts) to university funding, which will likely end up doubling tuition.

The Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa, who organized the Parliament Hill protest, personally apologized to the Minister for the eggs and uncooked Kraft Dinner that was thrown at him. In a press release dated December 16, 1994, the SFUO stated that they hope that Axworthy "will not believe that the actions of a few extremists is representative of the majority of students across the country."

In that same statement, SFUO claimed that they had learned that the national student lobby group, the Canadian Federation of Students, had conspired with the International Socialists to hold a protest outside of Axworthy's house. These plans included the throwing of more macaroni. The SFUO disassociated themselves

from the planned gathering and invited Axworthy to a dialogue - a real, structured National Forum.

That same day, the Canadian Federation of Students also issued a press release, which said that "We (the CFS) would like to clarify that the December 17 gathering in front

of Lloyd Axworthy's residence is not organized by the CFS, as misrepresented in the media. The event is being organized by individual students, and their grassroots supporters in Ottawa."

The CFS went on to say that "the Federation lent its support to

the peaceful and non-violent grassroots activities in Ottawa."

The CFS would simply never condone the violent throwing of uncooked pasta at a man who proposes to double university tuition.

So far no formal student representative group has taken the

blame (or credit) for these actions. No one is responsible except for some undetermined number of unknown individuals who are unaffiliated with either the CFS or SFUO, who spontaneously congregated outside of Axworthy's house to hurl macaroni.

Small ass a big asset

AMANDA DOWLING
CORD NEWS

Aerobics class was packed today with people trying to make good on their New Year's resolutions. It's post-Christmas guilt that motivated so many to trade slippers and nightgowns for Nikes and body suits this morning.

It happens every year.

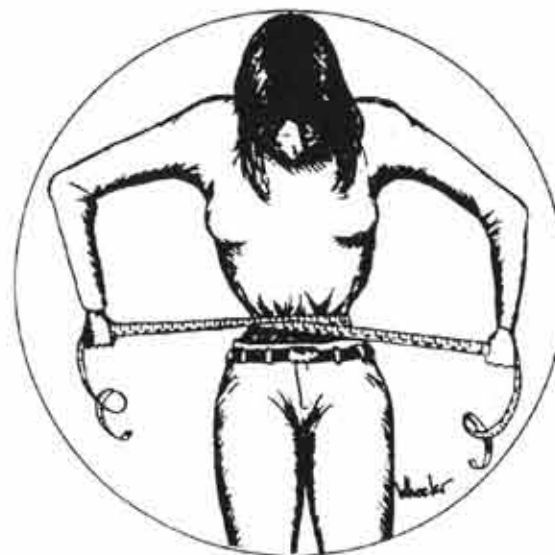
Though class was packed today, one by one the new faces will disappear as work-out resolutions, made with great conviction, are silently broken. It never surprises me.

What does amaze me, though, is why some girls come to aerobics class. As I fought for space on the studio floor today, I heard one of the newcomers comment to a companion that her New Year's resolution was to have the body of Christy Turlington.

Her comment, though perhaps delivered with a touch of sarcasm, seemed tired and outdated. I thought that as women we had dismissed such naive ambitions. For me, and for many, working out is no longer about vanity.

Fuck you Kate Moss. Screw you Twiggy. Gone are the days of longing to resemble skeletal super models who peer, half naked, from the pages of magazines. The older I get, the weaker my faith and devotion to these beauty goddesses

become as I come to realize that no matter how much I deny myself, I will never look like these weightless angels.



While some who draw the same conclusions give up and weigh more, I've found new reason to be thin. Working out is no longer about vanity; now it's about power. A small article found nestled in the pages of a recent issue of Business Week explains why.

The findings of a recent study conducted by researchers at Dalhousie shows that obesity can

significantly affect how young women fare in the job market. The study of 18,000 people born in Britain in a single week in 1958 found that, other things being equal, the 10% of women who weighed the most relative to height at age 16 averaged 7% lower earnings than their peers at age 23. Obese men suffered no similar wage reductions.

Being thin to compete in the job market isn't something most women think about while we're fighting the frosh fifteen and the senior spread during our university years, but perhaps we should.

Small asses are assets.

Think of it as an investment. We spend four years and forty thousand dollars at university to gain a competitive edge in the working world. Though there is nothing right with discriminating against women because of their figure, as long as this is going on, is there anything unethical about staying slim to gain an edge in an increasingly competitive job market?

Sleeping your way to the top is inexcusable, and there is no replacement for hard work, motivation, and dedication. But as long as our bodies are being used as a measure of our worth in the working world we'd be crazy not to do what we can to make them work for us.

's Up Around Campus A Pocket Calendar Of Events.

Friday, January 6

- Geography Club Ski Trip. Tickets available in the Geography Undergrad Lounge.
- Resume/ ACCIS Form Writing Workshop. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Room 4-110.

Tuesday, January 10

- Music at Noon. Recital Hall. Free admission.
- Music Therapy Students' Association presents clinical psychologist Dr. Morgenson, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Find the Hidden Job Market (Job Search Strategies) Workshop. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. P2027.

Wednesday, January 11

- Laurier Christian Fellowship meets in S101. Topic: "Who are we in Christ" with speaker

Brian Windsor. 5:30 p.m.

- French and Spanish Club Spanish Movie Night. "Water For Chocolate". Nachos with salsa and tacos will be served. 7:30 p.m. Niobe Lounge.
- AIESEC has a General Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 4-201
- Political Science Association Euchre tournament (half the proceeds to charity, the rest to the winners) 7:30 p.m., Admission \$5. Everyone welcome. Call Gail or Michelle at 886-4592 to sign up.
- Resume/ ACCIS Form Writing Workshop. 10 to 11 a.m. Room P3067.
- Atari User Group, KWEST, general meeting. 7:00 p.m. In room MC2009 U of W. Phone 725-2068 for details.

MARK **MANDY**

Hey all you fellow-minded conspiracy theorists, come write for Cord News and we'll show you the dark, secret plots that are a part of university life. Newswriter's meetings every Wednesday 5:30 pm, Cord Offices

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News: The year that was

Politics, scandals, assaults, and meltdowns oh my!

**JOHN HUCULIAK AND
MARK HEASLEY**
CORD NEWS

The summer of '94 opened with fallout from April's Ezra Street party, which 800 students attended. Police closed off the street, and the city later tried to stick the Students' Union with a bill for \$400 in property damages. International students studying in Canada lost OHIP coverage. The new phone system repeatedly melted down. The trend of increased numbers of thefts on campus took off during the week of June 27, which saw the library, geography computer lab, Centre Spot, and Second Cup all ripped off.

September brought not only frosh but also scandal, as Students' Union Board member Russ Clark was charged with assault. Construction of Scholar's Green got underway. WLU got its own Baywatch crew - the Emergency Response Teams. The great Will's Carpetgate scandal made heads roll in the Students' Union. The federal government

makes its first hints that university funding would be cut...the annual Take Back the Night march...Students started to find out just how inadequate the computer facilities on campus are.

October opened with resigned Board member Craig Moffat running again for the same position he gave up last year amidst secrecy...

The Students' Union Board of Directors has done everything except stage a coup d'etat

Prism went cutting edge with its new computer lab...The federal government confirmed rumours of funding cuts...Students' Union by-election motivated a whole 705 people to elect Monica Khurana and Martin Chartrand...Two WLU students are charged with sexual assault with a weapon, forcible confinement, and gang sexual assault...Board member Anish Makim has recall

proceedings started against him in an in camera meeting of the Students' Union.

In November the Cord covered Progressive Conservative Party Leader Jean Charest's visit to campus and the welcome he received...Chris Bradley quits the

Students' Union...the federal government releases 'the green paper' which proposes doubling university tuition...Maclean's reviews the universities and WLU places fifth in Overall Ranking of Primarily Undergraduate Universities... Student-run course evaluations come out...Expansion of the

Students' Union Building begins; our \$2.8 million contribution to Jobs Ontario™ goes to work...The Waterloo municipal elections turned into a cruel game of musical chairs - incumbent Mayor Brian Turnbull thought he had his job back, but then Susan Forwell was announced victorious. A recount shows

Turnbull won by less than twenty votes...14,000 students protest university funding reforms on Parliament Hill...Dan Baxter quits his position in the Students' Union...questions arise over the methods used to open a new off-campus residence for married WLU students.

Is your prof a winner?

JEREMY KERR
CORD NEWS

If your professors make the grade you can nominate them for the WLU Outstanding Teacher Award. The award carries with it a certificate, a permanent notation in the university calendars, a plaque located in the university concourse, and \$1000 for a grant for the further development of teaching and learning, or for research.

To obtain a nomination form contact Janet Bannister in the Office of Instructional Development in Alumni Hall, extension 3130.

Supporting evidence must be supported to the nominee's Dean by February 1st.

The winner will be announced by the Office of the President by April 30th and the award will be presented at Fall Convocation, in October.

Do you have an issue that the student body would like to know about? Please tell us. We would like to investigate and write a story so we don't need filler like this. Call 884-2990, ask for Mark or Mandy.

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UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITING 1600 HRS WED NOV 30 94

A report was received of a male individual who was handing out cards requesting donations to him because of speech & hearing disability. The person could not be found.

MISCHIEF 0025 HRS FRI 02 DEC 94

Person(s) unknown chained and locked the doors at the ground level on the north side of the Student Union Building. The chain was cut off. No suspects.

MISCHIEF 1330 HRS FRI 02 DEC 94

A number of complaints were received regarding occupants of the second floor lounge of Willison Hall A Wing who were throwing apples at passers-by. The residence don was notified and the matter will be handled by him.

INDECENT ACT 0135 HRS SAT 03 DEC 94

A non-university male was observed urinating outside Willison Hall. He was reprimanded for his actions and released.

ATTEMPTED THEFT UNDER \$1000 0147 HRS SAT 03 DEC 94

Three individuals were apprehended when they attempted to steal a ladder from the west side of the new Science Building. They were issued trespass notices and released.

MISCHIEF 2335 HRS SAT DEC 03 94

Student Security reported a male who was kicking doors and anything else in his path in the area of the Central Teaching Building. The individual was very intoxicated and was subsequently released into the care of a sober friend.

MEDICAL ASSIST 0400 HRS MON 05 DEC 94

Officers responded to an apartment in Bricker Residence in regard to a report of a student who was experiencing difficulty in breathing. An ambulance was called and responded. The student in question was experiencing an anxiety attack and was transported via ambulance.

REPORTED MISCHIEF 2200 HRS MON 05 DEC 94

UW Police reported that they had received information that a group of their students were planning to attend WLU and cut down a large tree on campus. Officers took up strategic positions on campus and observed a group of males approaching the corner of University and Albert. When they spotted the officer they turned and went in the direction that they had come from. They were later located in the area of Seagram Stadium and questioned as to their intentions. All six were identified and warned of the consequences if they were

the individuals in question.

FAIL TO REMAIN MVA 1600 HRS WED DEC 94

A WLU student reported that his vehicle was struck by another while parked in Lot 13. Further investigation revealed that the damage was in fact done at another location, off-campus.

THEFT OVER \$1000 1110 HRS THUR 08 DEC 94

Dining Hall staff reported that four tables were missing from the Paul Martin Centre. The matter is still under investigation.

DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS 1430 HRS THUR 08 DEC 94

A WLU staff member requested that Security dispose of two replica handguns he owned. They were taken to Waterloo Regional Police for disposal.

MEDICAL ASSIST 1455 HRS THUR 08 94

A WLU student slipped on the ice-covered roadway in the parking lot at 202 Regina and twisted her right ankle. She then got in her vehicle and drove to Lot 7 where she was unable to get out of her car and had to summon assistance. An ambulance was called.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY 1100 HRS FRI 09 94

One of the moving contractors slipped off the back of a moving truck in Lot 7, striking the front of his head on the ground. An ambu-

lance was called and the injured party was transported to the hospital.

MISCHIEF 0120 HRS SUN 11 DEC 94

A group of UW students were evicted from WLU-controlled property because they were throwing snowballs at Bouckaert Hall and generally making a lot of noise. No further action was required.

MISCHIEF 0135 HRS SUN 11 DEC 94

A complaint was received from a Waterloo Taxi driver that a group of males had thrown snowballs at his cab on Bricker Ave, causing him to lose control of his vehicle. Three suspects were apprehended who denied taking part in the incident. Since the driver could not identify the individuals they were released.

ALARM RESPONSE 1320 HRS MON 12 DEC 94

Officers responded to an alarm from the ATM machine in the Student Union Building. Investigation revealed that the alarm was activated by the vibration caused by construction workers using a jack hammer.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 0415 HRS TUE 13 DEC 94

A report was received of a male who had looked into Wilf's and attempted to open the door. The party was located and identified as a resident of Little House. He had a strong odour of alcohol about him and appeared intoxicated. No further action was taken.

IMPAIRED CARE & CONTROL 0055 HRS THUR 15 DEC 94

Officers responded to a report of a male individual who was passed out behind the wheel of his car in the parking lot behind Forwell's Variety Store. Waterloo Regional Police were notified and the suspect was arrested.

THEFT OVER \$1000 1100 HRS FRI 16 DEC 94

The foreman of the construction company at the new Science Building reported that a laser level valued at \$9250 was taken from the building between 0730 - 1630 hrs on Dec 01/94. A search of the area was conducted with negative

results. The matter is under investigation.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES 2215 HRS FRI 16 DEC 94

The construction company night watchman at the new Science Building reported that he had come across a middle-aged male wandering around the halls. When confronted the suspect stated that he was a professor but did not have any identification with him. He was requested to leave the building & complied. A short time later the double doors on the ground floor facing west were found to have been forced open. The matter is under investigation.

POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS 0015 HRS SAT 17 DEC 94

As a result of information received, officers had occasion to check two males for narcotics. A small amount of hash oil was found. The oil was seized and disposed of and the males were escorted off campus after receiving written trespass notices.

MISCHIEF 0745 HRS SUN 18 DEC 94

Person(s) unknown broke the gate arm at Lot 20. No suspects.

ASSISTANCE - ARMED ROBBERY 1212 HRS SUN 18 DEC 94

Officers assisted Waterloo Regional Police in their search for an armed robbery suspect who held up Flynn's at the University Plaza.

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 0150 HRS TUE 20 DEC 94

A complaint was received of two individuals who were intoxicated in an obnoxious manner outside Little House. They were spoken to and sent on their way. No further action was required.

TRESPASSING 2045 HRS TUE 27 DEC 94

Officers evicted a group of seven males from the field at Seagram Stadium. All were identified and warned about trespassing.

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LILIAN SCHAER
CORD INTERNATIONAL

For many people, saying good-bye and good riddance to 1994 wasn't too hard. After all, 1994 was a pretty crummy year in many respects. But then again, a lot of good things happened as well. Let's take a look.

Peace was certainly a scarce commodity in the world these past twelve months. Hutu death squads turned the African country of Rwanda into a sea of blood and corpses as they went on a killing spree that claimed over half a million Tutsi victims. Many more fled the horrors that overran their country, and flooded into neighbouring Tanzania and Zaire, who were ill-equipped to deal with them.

The former Yugoslavia entered its third year of a bloody civil war with no end in sight. The presence of UN forces, NATO airstrikes and the creation of so-called safe havens were useless in bringing an end to the fighting. Calls for further UN intervention were ignored. Canadian peacekeepers were held hostage by Serb forces in Bihac, and each side accused the other of ethnic cleansing. Former US president Jimmy Carter thought he could succeed where no one else had and brokered the latest in a long line of ceasefires. So far, ceasefire number ten million and two is still holding...

The United States intervened in conflicts in Somalia and Haiti. In Somalia, angry civilians killed an American soldier and dragged his battered body through the streets of Mogadishu, whereas members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment tortured a

Somali teenager to death. Former Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was returned to power after a televised US "invasion" of the island, and the mass exodus of thousands of Haitians in search of a better life in the States. Iraqi president Saddam Hussein threatened Kuwait (could it be *deja vu?*), a Jewish radical killed thirty Muslim worshipers in the Ibrahim Mosque as unrest in the Middle East continued, and civil war broke out in the break-away Russian republic of Chechnya shortly before Christmas.

Personal tragedy also made big headlines last year. In Los Angeles, an earthquake rocked the city early last January, killing 61 people. A house in Gloucestershire, England, was dubbed the "House of Horrors" after the remains of nine female victims were found buried on the premises. The accused, Frederick West, hung himself in his jail cell in December.

Forty-eight people, all members of the Order of the Solar Temple cult, died in two mysterious house fires in Switzerland, and Susan Smith, a South Carolina woman, shocked America when she confessed to drowning her two sons after having reported them as kidnapped.

Thousands of people in India fled urban areas after an outbreak of the pneumonic plague. Massive sanitation efforts and widespread extermination of rats, the carriers of the disease,

helped contain the plague to a relatively small area. A violent flesh-eating disease took the leg of Lucien Bouchard, and Ronald Reagan announced that he has Alzheimer's.

The first free elections in South Africa saw an end to apartheid and made Nelson Mandela the country's first black president. Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat received the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to bring an end to the mid-east conflict. Peace was also blossoming in Northern Ireland, as the IRA called for an end to violence and began negotiations with John Major's government.

England and France were brought closer together through the opening of the revolutionary English Channel tunnel, and veterans from all over the world gathered on the wind-swept beaches of Normandy to

commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day, that fateful June day of 1944 that was the start of the greatest invasion in history which led to the liberation of Europe and the end of World War II.

In the entertainment world, history seemed doomed to repeat itself as the Rolling Stones went on tour for the umpteenth time and a flashback to the 60's brought us Woodstock '94.

Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" cleaned up at the Oscars, whereas "Forrest Gump" cleaned up at the box office.

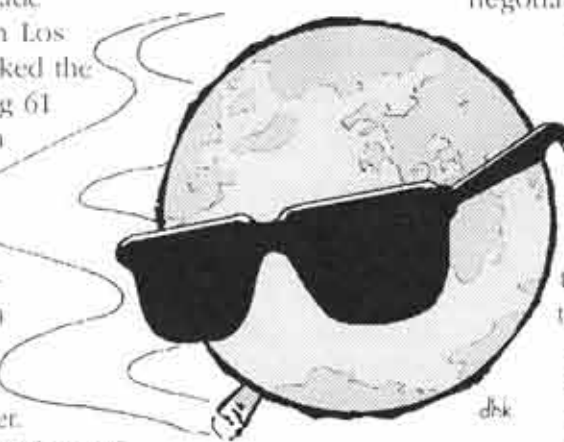
Madonna made a much-publicized and rather controversial appearance on Letterman, and Timothy Dalton and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer tried to fill the shoes of Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in "Scarlett", the sequel to "Gone With The Wind".

1994 was the year of the Lillehammer Olympics, the World Cup of Soccer and the Victoria Commonwealth Games. As the world watched, Canada won the World Hockey Championship, Elvis became the King of figure skating, and good results by Cary Mullen and Ed Podivinsky on the Alpine Ski Circuit saw the Crazy Canucks of the early 1980's rise from the ashes. The New York Rangers won the Stanley Cup for the first time in over half a century, Brazil beat Italy for soccer's highest prize, Doug Gilmour became a Swiss hockey star, and sports fans everywhere still mourn the lost baseball and hockey seasons.

And finally, good-byes were said to many well-known faces, among them First Lady Jackie Kennedy Onassis, President Richard Nixon, actors John Candy, Raul Julia, and Burt Lancaster, Actresses Jessica Tandy and Harriet Nelson, Nirvana's Kurt Cobain, track star Wilma Rudolph, US Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, writer Eugene Ionesco, chemist Linus Pauling, singers Melina Mercouri and Dinali Shore, composer Henry Mancini and cannibalistic murderer Jeffrey Dahmer.

A year of tragedy and triumph, of looking back and forging ahead, of good and of evil—that was 1994.

Happy New Year!



1994 News Round Up

This week in the 20th century

JANUARY 4

- 1904: Revolution breaks out in Uruguay
- 1923: Lenin wants Stalin fired for "repression of comrades"
- 1948: Burma gains its independence from Britain
- 1960: Algerian existentialist writer Albert Camus dies
- 1965: Author T.S. Eliot dies

JANUARY 5

- 1914: Henry Ford introduces \$5 daily minimum wage
- 1920: Babe Ruth traded from Red Sox to Yankees for \$125,000
- 1927: 1st underwater color pictures published by Nat'l Geographic
- 1957: Jackie Robinson retires from baseball
- 1991: George Bush threatens Saddam Hussein with war

JANUARY 6

- 1912: New Mexico becomes America's 47th state
- 1926: Germany's Lufthansa Airline is founded
- 1981: Mark David Chapman pleads insanity in John Lennon's murder
- 1984: Texaco buys Getty Oil for \$10 billion

JANUARY 7

- 1901: NY Stock Exchange trading exceeds \$2 million for first time
- 1929: Wax paper cartons are first used to deliver milk
- 1969: RFK murder trial begins in L.A. Accused: Sirhan Sirhan
- 1979: Vietnamese troops seize power in Cambodia

JANUARY 8

- 1908: The subway linking Brooklyn and Manhattan opens
- 1925: Composer Igor Stravinsky makes his American debut
- 1935: Elvis Presley is born
- 1959: Charles de Gaulle becomes president of France
- 1987: African National Congress marks 75th anniversary

JANUARY 9

- 1904: Confederate leader John Brown Gordon dies
- 1908: Graf Zeppelin announces plans for a 1000-passenger ship
- 1924: Ford Motor Co.'s stock is said to be worth almost \$1 billion
- 1949: Columbia Records unveils a 7-inch "micro-groove" record
- 1969: Edwin Aldrin and Neil Armstrong chosen for 1st moon landing

JANUARY 10

- 1917: Buffalo Bill Cody dies at age 71
 - 1920: Treaty of Versailles goes into effect
 - 1928: Leon Trotsky is banished by Stalin
 - 1969: Last Saturday Evening Post is published
 - 1971: Legendary designer Coco Chanel dies
- Compiled by Lilian Schauer

International year of the Scandal

LILIAN SCHAER
CORD OPINION

Last year was the International Year of the Family, although a more accurate name could have been "Year of the Scandal". It sure got off on the right track with the attack on **Nancy Kerrigan** at the US National Figure Skating championships, an attack her chief rival, **Tonya Harding**, knew more about than she let on. Thanks to the tabloids and the Lillehammer Olympics, Nancy Kerrigan became an overnight star, hostess of Saturday Night Live (albeit a mediocre one), made millions in endorsements and won a silver medal. Tonya Harding, well, after all she did to try to get that elusive gold medal, it wasn't meant to be. Not only did she finish eighth at the Olympics, but she was banned from competition, and the only endorsement she could muster was an offer from Playboy to take her clothes off. But even that was spoiled for Tonya when her ex-husband **Jeff Gillooly** released photos and videos of his erstwhile wife in various stages of undress.

And who could forget the **Bobbitts**? Lorena's vicious attack on her abusive husband made men across North America shield themselves protectively every time mention of the incident was made. As for John Wayne, he's none the worse for wear. A rising star on the porno movie circuit (both literally and figuratively, as John Wayne Bobbitt Uncut will show), he's now speaking out for victims of sexual abuse. Well, one of them anyway.

The "annus horribilis" that plagued the royal family in 1993 went on as **Prince Charles** and **Princess Diana** continued to duke it out for the public's sympathy. She published a book, he published a book, then

a post script was added to hers. He had an affair with **Camilla Parker-Bowles** and admitted to it publicly, while she reportedly dallied with **Major James Hewitt**, who also admitted it publicly and wrote a book about it.

Their nuptials united two of America's biggest fortunes to create the new royal family of the music world. Amid much speculation and controversy, **Michael Jackson**, a dysfunctional accused child molester, and **Lisa Marie Presley**, an equally dysfunctional divorcee, married in the Dominican Republic. A match made in heaven one would think, but it seems their one shared kiss in public made almost as many headlines as rumors of their impending divorce after barely six months of wedded bliss.

Heidi Fleiss' ritzy call-girl operation was blown sky-high, and her appearance in court had many high profile Hollywood-types worried about having their dirty laundry aired in public.

And in this scandal-plagued year, the one question on everyone's mind, (well almost everybody's), was most certainly "Did OJ do it?" We're no closer to an answer than we were on that night six months ago, when half the world watched OJ's "flight from justice" on TV, and quite frankly, who cares?

Their nuptials united two of America's biggest fortunes to create the new royal family of the music world

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Letters to the editor

Editorial

Stand up for your music

What does it mean for a band to be overrated?

I guess one would first have to determine the criteria for that term to apply. Should it be based on a comparison of the musical talent of the members of the group? of their writing abilities? the level of media hype?

If you consider musical talent, one must say that a lot of modern bands are overrated. Even in Canada - why is it that everybody loves the **Tragically Hip**, who sound like they have only just learned to play their instruments, when musical geniuses (in my humble opinion) **I Mother Earth** have only just begun to draw attention to their work? And let's face it, not to disrespect the dead, but I am sure that Kurt Cobain himself would agree that he and **Stevie Ray Vaughan** were not in the same league when it came to their instrument. This is not to mention the immense popularity of dance music, which requires almost no musical talent to create, just a little bit of computer knowledge and knowing where to plug in the drum machine.

Writing is perhaps the more important measure of a band, but again how do you say at what point a band becomes overrated based on their writing?

Again to pick on **Nirvana**, many think that they deserved their immense popularity because of the genius of Kurt Cobain's writing. It may just be me, but I hear a lot of the style that the **Beatles** developed in Nirvana's sound, with a few distortion pedals added. This is not to say that their sound is unoriginal, however degrees of originality must be considered.

The question then arises of how far removed from someone else's sound does a band have to be in order to be considered as having their own sound.

And what about the bands that just keep coming back with the same schlock again and again? Bands like the **Rolling Stones** with "Voodoo Lounge" and the **Eagles** with "Hell Freezes Over" are making millions by warming over the same crap that they have been dishing out since their origins; they just look older and uglier.

Media attention is another factor to consider in asking whether a band should or should not be considered overrated.

There is a large group of people who pride themselves on being fans of bands that are not widely known. Some get off on wearing concert t-shirts from bands that no one has ever heard of, being empowered by the quizzical expressions of those who see it - "yes, I am a true music fan, I'm the only one who has ever heard of these guys." Maybe they should be famous, or maybe they should stay unknown.

And maybe that is a form of overrating in itself, that one should promote a band just for the reason that no one else does, regardless of whether they are any good.

On the flipside, bands are also criticized for having too much media attention drawn to them. Music's heroes now seem to be becoming the anti-heroes, and those bands are having great success. The "corporate rock whores" of the eighties are now frowned upon. Soundgarden's refusal to interview has brought them that much more publicity.

Fugazi's long-standing avoidance of major label support and commercial methods has gained them an incredibly large, loyal, and protective group of fans. In the ultimate musical anti-hero manoeuvre, Pearl Jam's quiet and unsupported release of "Vitalogy" this fall, has done more for the band's sales than even the largest conceivable media frenzy ever could. Do these actions then make these bands overrated by underrating themselves?

It's a confusing question. It seems that every band and every fan's choice in music is criticized, and it is important to figure out what makes a band good or bad for you, and what turns you on or off about them. This may have been a little biased, but I want to say, stand up for the music you like. I think that people should think however, about the reasons that they listen to the music they do.

Don't feel bad about liking **Bon Jovi** just because they are megahyped. Do reconsider your claim to being an **Einsturzende Neubaten** fan if you can't even listen to one of their songs all the way through.

And you should definitely worry if one of your criteria for buying new albums is "all my friends have it."

Editorial by Charles Fairley, Entertainment Editor

The opinions expressed in this editorial are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the rest of The Cord staff, or of its publisher, WLU Student Publications.

Graduates support CFS

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the Graduate Students' Association with regard to the article in the November 23rd issue of the Cord, "Student strike called for Jan 25". For clarification of the article's information, not all Laurier students dropped out of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) in 1992. At that time, only the undergraduate students dropped out of CFS, as the graduate students at Laurier remain to this date full members in CFS. Graduate student membership in CFS is sound and is not currently under review.

In terms of the recent protest on Parliament Hill, it should be noted that this was organized by the University of Ottawa, with CFS participation in the event. In this context, the CFS has been improperly labeled as responsible for the protest and the actions of the protesters. Besides participation in the protest, the CFS has had meetings with Lloyd Axworthy regarding the Social Policy Reform - the National Day of Strike and Action is not the only response that the CFS has taken, as the article states.

It should be noted that graduate students at Laurier, along with most Graduate Students' Associations in the country, are not in favour of a strike. It was the graduate component of CFS that had the January 25 strike date altered to include a Day of Action as well. The graduate students feel that some sort of action must be taken on that day, which includes education and information for students. It would be wrong and irresponsible to allow these reforms to proceed without comment, and in many cases actions speak louder than words.

In this respect, WLUSU President Ralph Spoltore does not seem to agree that some sort of student action should be taken to indicate student attitudes towards the proposed reforms. While it is fine to criticize the actions of others, in doing so you should also be able to provide constructive alternatives. I understand OUSA has a document containing a proposal about Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plans that will be presented to Lloyd Axworthy. The Canadian Federation of Students has been researching the effects of ICLRPs for many months now and has also written documents concerning this issue. The CFS believes that the student voice should not only be heard in the board room but also viewed in the eye of the public. The government

has and can continue to cast aside any proposal presented to them, but they cannot so easily ignore thousands of students across Canada speaking up for their rights. The Graduate Student Association at WLU will be focusing on educating their graduate students via pamphlets, newspaper articles and informational sessions starting early in the new year. If any undergraduate student would like information concerning the issues of the Social Policy Review, I would be happy to provide materials they deem necessary. You can contact me in the Students' Union Building, room 221 or phone me at 884-3310.

Dawn Porter
VP: External, WLUGSA

A Historian returns

Dear Editor

Hi. I just wanted to say thanks for sending me my copies of The Cord. You've put out an excellent paper so far, and it looks, reads, feels and smells good all over.

Also, if you don't mind me being a bit anal retentive, I have noticed a couple of mistakes. They are rather small, but fuck it, I'm an official historian now, so I notice these things. Both have occurred in the "This week in the 20th century" section in the International section of the paper.

1. In the November 2, 1994 issue, it is stated that Baseball Great Cy Young died on November 4, 1955. However, in the November 30, 1994 issue, it states that Baseball Great Cy Young died (again?) on December 6, 1955.

2. The second mistake I noticed right away was in the November 30, 1994 issue. It states that "567 people die in the My Lai Massacre in Vietnam" on November 30, 1969. The My Lai Massacre actually occurred on March 16, 1969.

Jayson "Rambo" Geroux

Raising special funds

Dear Editor

After reading our student leader's remarks in the recent Maclean's University issue, I felt I should respond to her concern about the Stadium campaign and donations to the University. Every university, from time to time raises special funds for special projects like Seagram's stadium. This relatively small campaign is several years old and should not overshadow Laurier's efforts to raise 15 million dollars in support of scholarships, enhancements to the

library, and other worthwhile endeavors. The University is to be commended for its efforts to consult various groups, including Alumni, before establishing the priorities for this campaign. The University knows that donors - whether they are Alumni, students, Corporations, or the public - cannot be forced to donate to the University. Donors must see value in their donations.

As a donor to the Stadium campaign, an annual contributor to the University development fund, and a supporter of the capital campaign, I feel that each of my donations has merit. There are many loyal alumni who have contributed to the University because of their affinity with the athletic program. Donations to the stadium are voluntary, and the people who have made these donations feel this is a worthy project. I'm sure the University appreciates any donations it receives regardless of the their purpose. The students have been generous in support of the capital campaign. I'm sure Alumni will now show their support for the University's goals through their financial contributions. With the current cloud hanging over University funding, all donations to Laurier will be needed for the University to continue its tradition of educational excellence.

Peter Postrozny
President, WLU Alumni Association

Not everyone's goodwill wish

Dear Editor,

In your editorial on Wed. Nov. 30th, you express disdain at your Jewish prof snubbing you because you wished her a "Merry Christmas".

"I will not allow myself to be censored" you say, and "when someone wishes me joyful tidings, peace and goodwill, I will smile and say thank you...isn't that what multiculturalism is all about?" Well, you did not wish this prof peace and goodwill, nor joyful tidings, although that may have been your intention. This very pleasant, innocuous, and well meaning intention is noted. However, you wished a Jew Merry Christmas. Jews do not celebrate Christmas. In fact, multiculturalism, for whatever it's worth, is about realizing that your culture, religion, etc. is not what ALL of the WLU community, or the world for that matter, revolves around. Assuming that everyone you meet is the same religion as you is to ignore or be ignorant of MULTI (more than one) - CULTURES. Have some respect and realize that everyone is not the same as you. It seems to me that in order to justify your actions

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Francis says U.S. will save Canada's butt

MELANIE SEAL
CORD OPINION

On November 30, 1994, Diane Francis, the Editor In Chief of The Financial Post, came to the University of Waterloo's Humanities Theatre to discuss the fate of Canada's economy as compared to other industrialized countries.

In her book, "Underground Nation", she boldly states one main reason Canada is in economic turmoil is because most Canadians lie on their tax returns.

Francis stated that it was disgusting that many Canadians brag about the amount of money they cheat the government out of each year.

Francis feels another reason for Canada's huge deficit is because of its "arrogant" members of parliament. Francis, a strong Conservative, felt that the Canadian government is unresponsive to the needs of most Canadians. To her, Chrétien is too busy visiting foreign countries to be concerned with his own economic difficulties.

Francis did justify these remarks with the reality that at the very least Chrétien utters the "d-word" (deficit) instead of former Prime Minister Mulroney who seemed obsessed with the "c-word" (constitution).

The prediction Francis made for the future of Canada's economy in the long run was quite optimistic. She feels that most Canadians will hit another

brick wall, worse than the last recession, but that this will enable them to build up again properly from scratch.

Francis feels that the United States will loan Canada money to "help us out" with our economic difficulty. Being a graduate of the University of Chicago, it is understandable that Francis would hold such a benevolent view of the States and its relations with Canada. I, for one, am a skeptic. Perhaps USA will be there when the Canadian economy plummets, but I think its interests would lean more towards "buying out" the country, rather than helping out. We are after all, a land of resources for the most part that the States do not hold.

Not as approachable as imagined

After her lecture, I asked Francis what she felt about Axworthy's plans for an increase in tuition. (She had formerly stated that she felt education was one of Canada's investments for the future.) Not as approachable as imagined, she quickly replied, "I think university students should pay at least half of their tuition. Currently they are paying only fifteen per cent."

When I asked if she was aware of the great amount of people that already abuse the OSAP system, she answered, "Of course I am. My daughter met many travelling around Europe spending their OSAP. It's a huge problem." Aware that she had trapped herself in a contradiction, Francis backed away and pretended to be busy with other business.

The Religious Right's favourite tactic in trying to undermine the civil rights movement is to try to pound into people's heads the idea that to include sexual orientation in any rights legislation would be to advance "special rights" to a particular group. The primary objection they put forth is that sexual orientation is behaviour that is chosen and/or ungodly and therefore should not be explicitly included. This objection is quite unsound for a couple of reasons.

First, there are a lot of other behaviours that are protected in civil rights legislation. Religious and political affiliation, ethnicity and marital status are all chosen behaviours (options exist for change in these categories) yet they are repeatedly protected.

Second, what one group calls ungodly may not be seen as such by others even when claiming to be the same group (Christians are notoriously factious). The Religious Right is, by being a group of people voluntarily participating in a more radical expression of their faith, being extended the very protection that they seek to take away from others.

The second objection our detractors have is that we are already sufficiently protected under existing civil rights legislation. Had these people actually bothered to check out our situation they would have found the we are regularly denied basic rights simply because of sexual orientation. We have problems with housing, employment, and access to safe environments which, had sexual orientation been included in civil rights legislation, would be considered illegal. Until that happens, we will continue to have discrimination of various sorts perpetrated against us, often with no recourse to the very avenues that other groups have access to.

The third, and perhaps most obnoxious objection we hear is that heterosexuals do not have special rights as heterosexuals and thus we as homo/bi-sexuals should not have spe-

cial rights as such. Perhaps even the beginning of a list of heterosexual special rights would prove illuminating.

The largest and most profitable special rights heterosexuals have is state-recognized marriages and common-law marriages. These two rights allow for tax breaks, spousal benefits, widow/er benefits, state of attorney and so much more simply because the primary relationship is one male (assumed to be dominant) and one female (assumed to be submissive). Originally such things as the tax breaks were meant to help couples with children (seeing how kids are so

expensive to raise) but tax breaks are still being accorded to couples who have no desire to have children or no longer have

children. It is merely the fact that a male and a female are sharing a bed that they are given tax breaks. How does that differ if it were two women or two men sharing the same bed remembering that these couples are made through love and not just sexual desire.

Children may not come biologically from such couplings (no matter how hard they might try) but children do come into such couples (and tax breaks for the couple are still not given). Where is the fairness in this arrangement? When will special rights for heterosexuals be stopped?

The solution here would begin with the equalization of privileges (we won't get into group marriages here just yet but I do recognize the explicit couple oriented attitudes of this little discussion). To recognize all couples as equal regardless of the sex of the participants would be a very good start.

Once done, some heterosexuals won't appear to be the hypocrites they are now because their special privileges won't be so special anymore.

Inqueeries
by Gary van Lingen

cord feedback

Nov. 30

Greg, you forgot the Best Christmas Pageant Ever! Shame on you. Both Movie and Book beat Frosty and Rudolph hands down. Shazaam!

Kathy Corsey

You Cord punks will be hearing from my lawyers shortly.

Santa Claus

You know, I always thought that Santa guy was a bit of a deviant...

Todd Axin

I hope Santa shares some of the white stuff...

Steve Doak

What's the Anish Affair?

Anish Makim

Hey Santa, watch out. Hick sold me some really cheap drugs once.

Kevin Rogers

Where's Dynamic Duo?

Row Hutzul

Who is that hooligan in the shades?

Greg McCardle

My God Phill, I never knew!

Aly Livingston

Where's Dynamic Duo? Big Brother is watching you. The skiing begins...

Aaron Betik

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Letters to the editor

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you are calling this prof "just plain rude." If there is anyone who is rude, it's you. Why must you think of respecting the fact that jews do not celebrate Christmas, as slavery? By all means don't be a slave to Happy Holidays, but don't expect Jews and other non-Christians to infer your good intentions if you are unable or unwilling to acknowledge your own ignorance!

Happy Channuka.
Stephen Friedman

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Will the mighty ever roar?

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January. For most Canadians this wintry month offers one thing: cold weather. The masses trudge through the snow and dream about palm trees and sandy beaches. Not I. My winter daydream is set in the locale of Miami, but instead of palm trees this fantasy centres around a certain Honolulu Blue and Silver football team.

You see, Miami is the site for this year's annual football fiesta, the Super Bowl. Call me unpatriotic, but the CFL and the Grey Cup just does not capture my imagination the way the NFL, and its 28 teams, do. Maybe it's the talent level. Maybe it's because the NFL has the foresight not to locate one of its teams in Shreveport.

So, at the beginning of the year, who would I be rooting for? The Dallas Cowboys? Please, I wouldn't have been able to find any room on the bandwagon. The Buffalo Bills? I couldn't bear it. Back on the farm we believe in putting a suffering beast out of its misery.

No, I was rooting for the team I have rooted for as long as I can remember: the Detroit Lions. The Detroit who? I admit the Lions have not been the most high profile team in their history. But I don't follow a sports team because it's the trendy thing to do, or because their jerseys look cool. I will stick with this team through the good and bad. Hopefully one day I will be rewarded for my perseverance when the Lions capture the coveted Super bowl.

Their biggest obstacle right now is their head coach, Wayne Fontes, who could quite possibly be the biggest idiot in all of professional sports. I mean, this guy wouldn't know class if he was enrolled in one. Some coaches, like Don Shula, exude confidence. Miami

may be in a tight situation, but Shula appears to have everything under control.

However, whenever the camera finds Fontes, he looks like he doesn't know what stadium he is in, let alone what play he should call. Let's see. Third down and twenty five on our own 10 yard line. Let's call a running play.

Another scenario. The clock is running down, the game is tied, and the Lions are moving into field goal position. Why bother calling a time-out so the team can get off another play and move into better field position? Instead, let the clock wind down, have your kicker attempt a field goal from about the fifty yard line, and then chastise him when he misses it. I'm sure Fontes believes that the team left with the most time-outs at the end of the game wins a year's supply of peanuts or something.

Whenever I think of Fontes I always remember the time when he was interviewed on Monday Night Football a few years ago. The Chicago Bears were trounced by the 49ers in the last football game of the year, and as a result Detroit won their division and got a first week bye. When the cameras found Fontes he looked like he was drunk on cheap wine, and he was smoking a big stogie at a party in the Silverdome.

That incident brings up another bad memory. Last year the Lions hosted the 49ers in an important game in the closing weeks of the season. My roommate, Reid, and I wanted to watch the game, but we also wanted to see the end of the Buffalo-Miami game. So we

got the second TV from downstairs and rigged it up beside the TV in the living room. Once our minds went numb watching two games at once, the whole thing became kind of surreal.

I kept getting confused when, while watching the one screen, a whistle would blow on the other. I kept thinking the play was over. Then Jerry Rice would catch a 60 yard touchdown pass, and I would pray to God the play had been whistled dead. No

such luck. The whistle was being blown because, on the other screen, Dan Marino was lying under a pile of really big guys.

The Detroit-San Francisco game got out of hand early as the 49ers walked all over the Lions. The game was so boring that the commentators, John Madden and Pat Summerall, had to find something to talk about. Watching Wayne Fontes look puzzled only amuses you so much.

Soon we were getting images of the tail gate party that occurred before the game. Fans were drinking beer and cooking sausages in the parking lot. A sausage fell onto the pavement; some burly man picked it up, poured some beer on it, and threw it

back on the grill. Aw, the land of the free.

The most degrading moment in this game for Lions fans everywhere was when the cameras found Barry Sanders, who was injured, sitting in the press box chatting with pretty girls and eating fried chicken. I mean, shouldn't he be down on the field trying to inspire his teammates? I'm surprised he still had his appetite after seeing his team being massacred down on the field.

As I ponder back on all my Lions memories, the lows seem to outweigh the highs. There are moments, like last weekend when Sanders rushed 13 times for zero yards, that I think I must be insane to support this team.

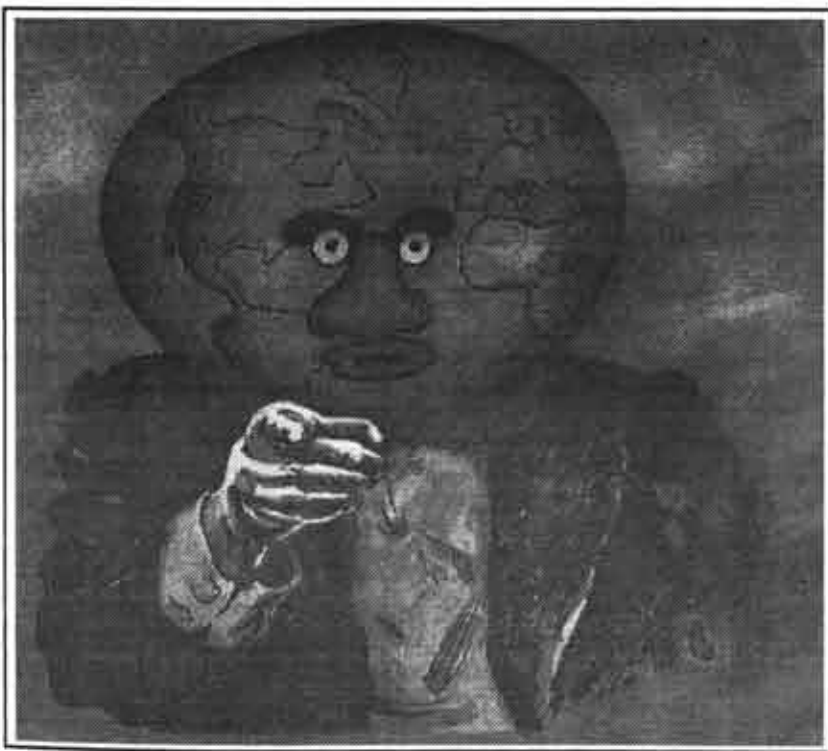
At least incidents like these help to make things interesting. After all, what fun is it if your team blows everybody out? I may have an ulcer, and my life span has probably been shortened by twenty years, but the Lions usually keep me glued to my seat until the end of the game because they are so unpredictable.

So the Lions are once again out of the playoffs, and all my dreams about them playing in the Super Bowl have to be postponed until next year. I know the odds are against it, but somewhere in the back of my mind I believe it is possible that one day the cameras will find Wayne Fontes looking confused as his team wins the Super Bowl. And that's the view from the farm for this week.



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What happens

The Religious Perspective

Is it the end or a new beginning as we pass into a new perspective

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What is death? What happens at the end of life? Is it the end? Or is it just the beginning? The concept of death is different for every individual.

From a global perspective the view of death and the beyond is greatly influenced by the various religions which exist throughout the planet. Each religion has its own specific attitude towards these in-depth questions and through their teachings each religion attempts to answer that eternal question, "What lies beyond?"

Christianity

Within the Christian belief system the end of this life is only a beginning. Christians believe in a single deity who exists beyond time and space. This God has given these people a specific set of rules or commandments to abide by throughout their lives here on Earth.

By adhering to these rules, and following the teachings and examples set in their book of worship known as the Bible, Christians are sent on their road to salvation. For Christians this life is only the beginning of their existence. After an individual's body dies on Earth their soul is released and they are judged by God as to what capacity they fulfilled their obligation as a Christian.

At this point the soul has several possible options. If one has followed the doctrines of Christianity and has led a life which has neither opposed these teachings or greatly threatened these teachings then the soul is granted a place in what is regarded as Heaven.

Heaven is the kingdom of God

which is an eternal paradise. Those who reside there are said to be given everlasting joy and happiness with God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. This paradise is absent of hunger, disease, violence and war. It is a place for which the soul may exist with God for all of eternity.

However, if an individual has not fulfilled his or her obligation as a Christian here on Earth there are two possible destinations for the soul. If the individual has followed the teachings of God and Christ to a limited extent or has not lived a life which is consistent with the doctrines of the Christian system then the soul upon being judged may be sent to a place known as purgatory.

Purgatory is a domicile for which the soul must exist for a certain amount of time before advancing to Heaven. This realm restrains a soul from paradise for a time; however the soul is eventually granted entrance into God's domain.

For those who individuals who have led their lives totally opposed to the teachings of God, and display total disregard and respect for fellow humans, the judgment becomes grim. The souls of these individuals are sent to a place known as hell.

Traditionalist views of hell illustrate this realm consisting of eternal suffering and pain for all occupants. Lucifer, an angel fallen from the kingdom of Heaven reigns over this place of anguish and torment. For those who are sent to Hell there is no hope of escape. Those who have led an evil life on Earth are destined to live out eternity within the depths of this fiery landscape.

Zoroastrianism

Zoroastrianism is another religion which focuses on the element of a single deity. For those individuals who follow this faith our life here on Earth is only one step in our existence.

Zoroastrians believe in what they refer to as judgment day. Individual judgments take place at the Chinwad Bridge or the "bridge of the separator". Four days after

...the sharp edge of the bridge... gives no passage and the soul plunges headlong to hell.

death, standing before what they regard as the divine judges, the soul sees its good and evil deeds weighed in the scales.

Then it passes over the dreaded bridge. If the soul is wicked, the sharp edge of the bridge stands edgewise and gives no passage and the soul plunges headlong to hell. Hell for the Zoroaster is similar in intent to that of Catholics in that it is a place for which the individual suffers for his or her deeds while on Earth.

The miseries of hell in Zoroastrianism are described in great detail, as is the bliss of heaven. However, the element of a leader of hell such as Satan or Lucifer is void from their religion.

If the soul is good then it is met by an amiable apparition, who iron-

ically is represented by the soul's good deeds. This apparition embraces the soul and leads it to bliss on the other side of the bridge.

As to the final judgment of the world Zoroastrianism explains the event in vivid detail. The last three millennia are to be presided over by the three sons of Zoroaster (the founder and prophet): Oshetar, Oshetannah and most important of the three, Saoshyans.

These three are destined to watch over the final "renovation" of the world. At this time all the dead will be resurrected, emptying heaven and hell of their populations for the impending great assize or court. In a type of trial by ordeal every living soul will have to walk through the river of fire.

To the righteous this will seem like warm milk; however to the evil it will bring unspeakable pain as it burns the evil out of them. In the final battle Ahura Mazda and his angels will conquer Ahriman and his hosts of evil and consume them in the final fire.

After all this has past the survivors of these events will live together in harmony and happiness. At this point the entire universe will be made new and even hell will be redeemed, as Ahura Mazda "brings the land of hell back for the enlargement of the world; the renovation arises in the universe by his will, and the world is immortal forever and everlasting."

Jainism

The Jain view of death is unique in comparison to many other religions. In Jainism the world has no begin-

ning and no end. It exists eternally as a permanent cosmic receptacle for the misery of its creatures.

Every object and element in the world contains an imprisoned soul. Only humans have the possibility of salvation from this existence. The Jains believe that the path to salvation is that all people must be freed from bondage or attachment to this world of complete misery and anguish.

For Jains this is a terrible, wretched place inhabited by an infinite number of souls, most of whom have no hope of rescue from what Jains refer to as hell, which is in reality our own existence. It is the Jain's belief that individuals must reach the blessedness regarded by them as kevala or kaivalya, which means isolation or separation.

This release from bonds is the Jain version of the common Indian idea of emancipation or salvation from mortal enslavement. It is completed in a transcendental realm of bliss called isatpragbhara, which exists at the top of the universe. This involves continued individual existence beyond this life rather than absorption or merging of souls to the universe. This tenet is not greatly emphasized in Jain teaching and is unknown to many Jains.

Life? Death? And Beyond? Religion is a very powerful and useful tool for one who is contemplating these intense notions. Each religion gives a new and unique perspective of the possibilities of life beyond ... this life.

Next time you're in the library fading out of reality, or in the dining hall staring into those mashed potatoes, just ponder for a moment what lies ... BEYOND!

great wide open: happens to us when we die?

The Ouija is not a game

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The mystery of the Ouija board has always fascinated me. Growing up with horror movies like "The Exorcist" and "Witchboard" did not make the board appear fearsome; only much more intriguing.

Does it really work? I was pretty much a disbeliever. I felt that the people touching the planchette must obviously be moving it across the wooden board. I read once a psychiatrist's argument that a Ouija board was an outlet for the subconscious, and that the individual was really moving the planchette to the desired letters without the knowledge of the conscious. This seemed quite a feasible explanation until November 1, 1994.

It was on Halloween night that six of us gathered to watch movies, and after the stroke of midnight we agreed to pull out the board. We had a more knowledgeable person come and tell us about the board.

Blaire Gowan stated that he often used the board and told us the basics. Number one: the spirits like to lie. They love to play games with the beliefs of those that are on the board. Secondly, be firm. If you do not like the spirit you are talking to, insist that they leave. Thirdly, there must never be only one hand on the planchette. All must "sign off" at once.

At first it didn't work very well, and the skeptic inside of me was confirmed of her suspicions. Later, the planchette started to move. The first "spirit" we hooked onto told us she was a man hater, and that she had died at the hands of a man.

She told us she was uncomfortable with Blaire in the room. The "link" was weak, so

we signed off. Next, Blaire took his finger off the planchette, and it began to move with greater ease. Many "spirits" later, we hooked onto a very strong entity. This being referred to itself as "M". We asked if it wanted anyone else on the board; there were at last count only four pinky fingers. The planchette squealed with a great speed over to where I sat. Nervously, I put my finger on the planchette.

I can't express how it felt. The small pointer sped quickly and easily across the board. "M" told us he was an evil spirit, and he wanted to harm us, but he was unable. His answers to our questions came slowly, and often they had to be repeated.

When we asked him about himself, we grew confused. "M" had lived in Canada, and said he died in "17". We assumed he meant 1917. But when we asked what province he lived in, he grew angry, and the planchette raced in circles around the board. He said he was not born in Canada, he was from "Franc" (France - he

was a bad speller).

Eventually, after we rhymed off every french name we could think of, he admitted (or at least allowed us to believe) that his name was "Michel". He said he was born sometime in the seventeen hundreds. Okay, perhaps he was a very evil spirit having a good time with our minds, but as soon as we asked questions in french, he answered them quickly, and they made sense.

He told us he could always see us, he could always watch us. This was enough to spook me for the next month or so - I don't want anyone watching all of the things I do. We left the board for good that night at 3:45 am. It had consumed us and we had lost all concept of time.

In research on the Ouija, most experts felt that the board was the most primitive form of communication with the dead. Apparently all spirits that are reached are evil; some just pretend better than others.

Scott McCormick said of Ouija boards: "They're not a game. I read once that it starts all kinds of bad stuff - it's communication with the lowest form of demon."

Others, who do not want to be affiliated with the board, have told me, "I have too much respect for the spirits." Gowan, who often uses the board with a long time friend to contact the same spirit says, "I respect the spirits too. I don't believe they are there for card tricks and answering stupid questions about the future and fate. Fate is a path that can be altered; one has many fates."

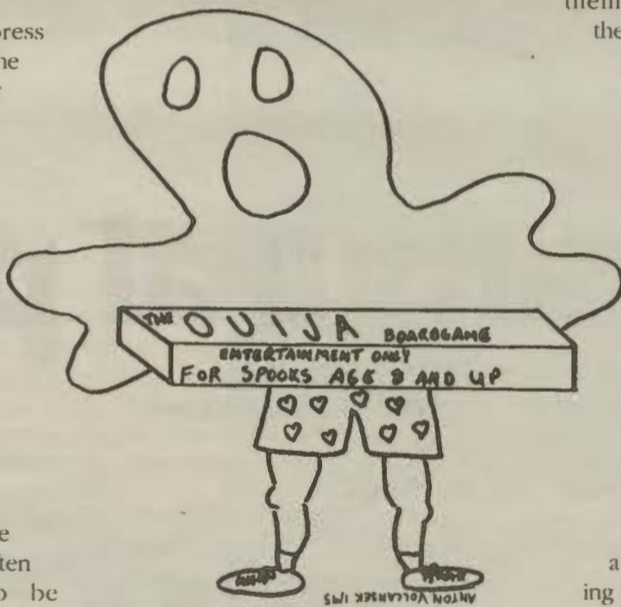
I don't know if I believe in spirits. I know I'm afraid not to if they DO exist. The idea of an entity watching my every move really makes me angry. Where is individual privacy? Surely mortality should grant that.

I am sure that none of us moved the planchette. We had only the tips of our pinkies on the pointer. Something must be there.

I do know how some can get addicted. It's a novel idea to chat with someone who is dead, better than any 1-976 number. We immediately talked of getting together again to talk to "Michel", although circumstances have not yet permitted.

At the same time, my logical thinking asks me why I would want to talk to someone whom I know is lying to me and playing games with me? Isn't this setting myself up for perhaps some sort of supernatural punishment? Isn't this like calling up someone so they can condescend and deceive me?

The popular TV show The X-Files boasts the slogan "the truth is out there". Well, I have experienced communication with the Ouija board, and I am no closer to the truth than when I started.



AN ATHEIST - IST VIEW

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The first thing I have to say is that this is my own opinion. There are no organizations responsible for what I am about to say.

The good news is that there is no bible of atheism (I think...) which means that no one can misquote it and use it to attack me.

However, you can go ahead and misquote whatever religious document you want in order to attack (oops, I mean help) me.

The second thing is that this is going to

be a very small article, since it is on an atheist's view of death, and not on atheism.

To me death is the end; that's all there is. Not very exciting, eh? What I am saying is that when you die, there is no more. You have no undefinable essence that goes on to do other things.

Everything you are stops when you die. When your brain fires that last neuron, you are no more, the body is dead and the person that drove it goes with it.

It may not be nice, but it is the belief I hold. Applying hope, logic or belief will not help one bit; there is just no more.

People don't even get the chance to be disappointed when some higher beings are

taking them off to the land of milk and honey, because, well, they are dead!

I don't need the carrot of a higher existence to make me a better person; I can do that of my own personal choice. I just don't need to believe in something after death. I have everything I need to make the best I can of life.

Atheism is the choice of very stubborn people. I choose it since I refuse to take "because it just is" as a final answer. The lack of proof that something does not exist does not prove that it does exist.

1994: The year that was



The Hawks couldn't bring home the hardware but Kubas did.

SCOTT STINSON
CORD SPORTS

1994 just was not a banner year, sportswise. Any year in which A Current Affair has more sports stories than TSN SportsDesk is sure to be a forgettable one. Still, there were some memorable moments.

January
Florida State knocked off Nebraska in the Orange Bowl to win the U.S. college football championship. It was Nebraska coach Tom

Osborne's sixth Orange Bowl loss, providing foreshadowing of...The Buffalo Bills fourth straight Super Bowl loss, to the Dallas Cowboys this time. Another letdown for the Fire City...The Canadian Junior team wins the Worlds for the second time in a row, exceeding all expectations.

February
Figure skating scandal anyone? Yes, the big story of the Winter Olympics in Norway was "Tonya, Nancy and

the Telescoping Metal Baton". Sad. Those who deserved legitimate media attention included biathlete Myriam Bedard, speedskaters Bonnie Blair and Johan Oleg Koss, the Canadian hockey team (damn shootouts), and those figure skaters who did not commit felonious assault.

March
Arkansas wins the NCAA tournament in a thriller over Duke...The Hockey Hawks lose to Western in the OUAA playoffs...The Lethbridge Pronghorns take the CIAU hockey title...Spring training begins amid mild rumours of a potential players' strike.

April
NHL playoffs see upsets aplenty as Detroit is wiped out by San Jose and Calgary drops to Vancouver in the first round. Hockey pools everywhere are suddenly up for grabs...In the NBA, Seattle is stunned by upstart Denver in the first round of post season play. It marks the first time a number one seed is beaten by a number sixteen seed in the playoffs...The Jays' rookie sensation Carlos Delgado lights up the majors with nine taters in the first three weeks of play. The next

May
Playoffs continue in the NHL and NBA. The Leafs are overpowered by Vancouver four games to one in the semis, making it two years in a row they fall just short of the finals. I had tickets to game six. Fuck...The Rangers squeak by the Devils in the semis before winning a thrilling seven game series against the Canucks in the finals. The fifty year curse on the Rangers is ended...Indiana's Reggie Miller lights up the Knicks before dropping in seven, while Houston roars back from two games down to knock off Phoenix. The finals also go to seven

games, with Olajuwon and the Rockets coming out on top. Spike Lee is crushed.

June
The two time World Series Champion Blue Jays continue to play as if they are auditioning for Major League 3. Delgado still has those same nine taters to his credit even though the season is now three months old. The pitching staff dearly misses Duane Ward and Danny Cox, both out with injuries...Italy's Roberto Baggio is fitted for a bulletproof jacket after missing a shootout kick against Brazil to lose the World Cup of soccer...Still rumours of a possible late-season baseball strike.

July
The CFL season is well underway. No one cares...Despite all the strike rumours, neither side seems to feel like negotiating in the baseball dispute...The Yanks, Indians(!), White

OUTSIDE THE LINES

Sox and Orioles are the class of the AL while the Expos and Braves dominate NL play...Ken Griffey Jr. is knocking the cover off the ball, on a pace to break the single-season homer record.

August
Major League Baseball comes to a grinding halt as the players' union goes on strike. They appear to have little common ground with the owners. Just greed...Of notable loss are the stellar seasons of San Diego's Tony Gwynn, who was flirting with .400, Houston's Jeff Bagwell, who had 38 homers and 112 RBIs with a month to go, and

the Montreal Expos, who had one of the finest young teams of recent memory. Leave it to the 'Spos to finally get it together during a strike year...Dream Team 2 runs wild at the World Basketball Championships at Skydome, drubbing Toni Kukoc and Croatia in the finals. Canada finishes out of the medals despite much promise.

September
NHL training camps are back in full swing amid rumours of - what else? - labour unrest...Leaf fans continue to mourn the loss of Wendel Clark to Quebec...No end in sight in the baseball talks...The Hawk football team rolls through the month undefeated.

October
One of the most depressing months in the annals of sports history. The World Series is cancelled...The NHL players are locked out, postponing play indefinitely...The Hawks lose to Western on Homecoming Weekend...Life sucks.

November
More of the same. Still no hockey...The Hawks drop to the Mustangs again, this time in OT on a last-minute field goal in the OUAA finals...On the bright side, Laurier's Bill Kubas wins the CIAU MVP award, the first Hawk ever to do so...Bless the NFL and NBA, both of which actually play games.

December
The NFL regular season wraps up, with the Buffalo Bills euthanized by New England in the second last week of play. The 49ers, Cowboys and Steelers look to be the teams to beat as the playoffs get underway...The NHL situation is still unclear as speculation of season cancellation runs wild...Frustrated fans call for a new voice in the negotiation process, but are disappointed when Santa Claus can't produce results.

New intramural programs

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Bored? Want to lose the 15 lbs. you gained over the Christmas holidays? Maybe you should sign up for an intramural or recreation program at the A.C. The Laurier recreation department has expanded once again to bring an even wider variety of sports and activities to the students and staff of WLU. While all of the previously offered programs still exist, several new programs, such as elite volleyball, have been created due to high demand.

Intramural volleyball was successful last semester, but many people asked for a more competitive league. Thus, the Elite volleyball league was created. This league is designed for those who want to play a higher level of volleyball than that offered by the regular intramurals.

Several students also expressed a desire to have dance classes in the A.C., so this will be offered as another new activity for the winter semester. The type of dancing will be determined by the participants.

For those who would rather be out in the snow this winter, cross country and downhill ski events are available. The three-step cross-coun-

try ski program includes a seminar on waxing and equipment (January 17th), lessons in Waterloo Park followed by a wine and cheese party in the A.C. (January 21st), and a Sunday afternoon ski trip to Schneider's farms (January 22nd, transportation included). Cost of the whole package is \$20. The second cross-country ski activity is targeted more towards staff, but students are also welcome. This activity involves a moonlight ski and wiener roast at Laurel Creek. Transportation is not included.

The January 26th downhill ski trip to Chicopee is a great idea for a residence floor event. Transportation and lift tickets are included in the \$15 cost, but optional lessons and equipment rental are also available.

Women on Weights (W.O.W.) will be offered in two sessions this semester. W.O.W. is a great opportunity for female students to learn how to use the weight room equipment, and have a great work out in an all-female class.

Some of the other activities offered for the winter semester are a First Aid/CPR course, curling, shinny, ball hockey, indoor soccer, and Scuba diving. The entry deadline for

most of these programs is within the first two weeks of January, so sign up soon to avoid cancellations.

For more information on any of the recreation programs or intramurals, contact Don Smith or Leslie Buck at

the A.C. These activities are all great ways to meet new people, hang out with your friends.

Two in a row for Hawks

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After winning two matches in a row at the end of November, the women's volleyball team is ready for a great second half in 1995. The first win came over Windsor, and the second over the Brock Badgers during the last week of classes.

The match against Brock was hard fought, and very close. The first game saw Laurier win 15 - 10, but Brock immediately came back and won the second game 10 - 15. The third game was even closer, with Laurier squeaking out the victory 17 - 16. Brock came back again to win the fourth game 12 - 15. The fifth and deciding game was a come-from-behind victory for Laurier. The Hawks were down 10 - 4, and then 12 - 8, before coming back to win 19 - 17.

It was a great match for 4th year co-captain Carrie Ostrom, who had 22 kills, which topped her previous season high of 20 against Windsor. She also had 4 blocks, 16 digs, and an ace.

Ostrom is currently first in the Ontario standings in total kills for the season, with 88, and she is second in average kills per game, with 3.52. In first place is a player from York with an average of 4.56 kills per

game. Hilary Yates, a second year player, also had an impressive game with 12 kills, 5 blocks, 10 digs, and an ace. Yates is one of four Laurier players, along with Ostrom, 3rd year co-captain Kellie English, and second year player Tara Konowalchuk in the top ten in Ontario standings for total blocks for the season, as well as average blocks per game.

The win against Brock puts Laurier in fifth place in their division, tied with Waterloo, and only two points behind fourth place Guelph.

The second half of the season doesn't start until January 13, at home against Guelph. This is an important game for Laurier, who lost a close match to Guelph earlier in the season. After the Guelph game, Laurier plays Waterloo, Windsor, and Brock. All are important games for Laurier to win, in order to move up in the standings and make the playoffs.

The team plays this weekend in an exhibition tournament at Waterloo. Laurier plays five matches, including ones against Guelph, Waterloo, and McMaster, all teams in their division. Unfortunately both setters on the team are injured, and will not play this weekend.

Now the fun begins

PETE ROBINSON
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The Hawkeye Hawks put together a solid sixty minutes of hockey in turning away a much improved and determined Waterloo Warrior team 2-1 on Sunday, December 4.

The game was marked by strong defensive play from both teams, backed up by some outstanding goaltending from both Laurier's Jeff Schnare and Waterloo's Joe Harris.

The Warriors caught a huge break in the first period when a clearing pass by a Waterloo defender happened to coincide perfectly with Sheldon Gilchrist's exit from the penalty box. Gilchrist scooped up the puck and put a nice move on

Schnare, putting the Warriors up 1-0. It was the only time Waterloo could sneak the puck past Schnare, who kept the Hawks in the game several times with nice stops before Laurier could tie it up.

The tying marker came at 12:01 in the third when Matt Turek redirected a perfect centering pass past the outstretched leg of Harris. The goal came after the Hawks had applied some heavy pressure on the Warriors before finally scoring. Laurier's fourth line turned in some impressive shifts during this time. Despite not playing much earlier in the game, the trio of Gavin Christie, Brian Stevens and Bryan Reid kept up the pressure on

Waterloo, hemming the Warriors in their own end several times.

That strong play continued until John Spoltore scored at the 19:01 mark to take the lead and secure the win.

The win puts Laurier solidly in second place, four points ahead of Waterloo and one point behind Western. The Hawks have played one less game than the Stangs.

The Hawks were in action over the break at the Gryphon Invitational in Guelph. The tournament, played against teams in the OUAA, is notorious for its lacklustre play. Most of the players look like they don't want to be there. The Hawks opened with a victory

over Seneca before losing 4-3 to U of T and 3-2 to Waterloo. They ended up in sixth place in the tournament.

The team will be travelling up the street to face Waterloo at the Ice Fields at 7:00. On Monday night, a combined WLU/UW squad will take on the Canadian Olympic team at the Rec Complex.

Notes: Two Golden Hawks, Brian Stevens and Jason Gallagher, were involved in car accidents on the way to Guelph for the tournament. Both were all right....Hawks rookie Matt Turek is the brother of Women's Varsity team sniper Amy Turek....Laurier hosts the OUAA finals at the Rec Complex on March 4 & 5.

Psychic hotline

SCOTT CULLEN
CORD SPORTS

I have been given the unenviable task of predicting what will happen in the upcoming year in sports. I wanted to be fully qualified to make these prognostications, so I called JoJo's psychic hotline. This experience gave me telepathic connections to the spirits so I could foresee what would happen in the 1995 year in sports.

Straight from the spirit of the gridiron, the NFL playoffs will come down to the eagerly awaited clash between Dallas and San Francisco in the NFC Championship Game. Deion Sanders will have to live up to his highsteppin' ways of the regular season with a neon performance in Primetime. The spirits were much more comfortable with the Cowboys in this game due to their experience in the post-season, so the 'Boys will make it three in a row by defeating the Steelers in a refreshingly competitive Super Bowl.

The hardwood spirits did not like what they saw in New York at the end of 1994, so they projected the Suns to claim the NBA title. The Knicks will not survive the loss of Charles Oakley for two months and the sudden departure of John Starks' scoring touch. The spirits had a cloudy vision of Bill

Murray leading the Los Angeles Clippers to the playoffs. While Murray lacks height, speed, skill and experience, he will fit in perfectly on the Clippers and help build the chemistry necessary for a successful team.

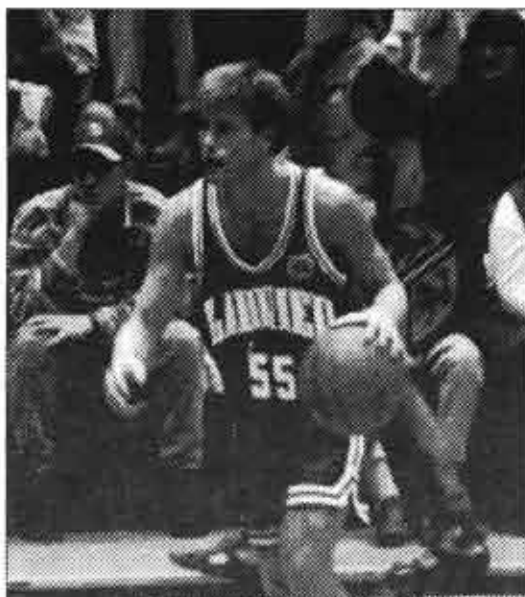
It annoyed the spirits a great deal to even be predicting the outcomes of the current sports labour problems. They were pretty much sick of the whole mess and just wanted professional sports back. The optimistic spirits of the ice told me there will be an NHL season. The owners must realize that they can not regain past collective bargaining losses in one year, and will end the lockout by mid-January. The resulting play will be initially sloppy, but regular season games will be much more intense. The shorter schedule will mean the players should be in mid-season form when the playoffs begin, which will result in fantastic playoff hockey. The Red Wings will carry the Cup back to the Motor City, defeating the New York Rangers in five games. Since there are two major U.S. cities playing in the final, FOX ratings for the NHL will be decent. Unfortunately, Gary Bettman will not learn his lesson that the NHL missed the opportunity of a lifetime this year, because the sport will continue to grow in popularity in spite of him.

The optimistic spirits were not so vocal about baseball. The constitutional spirits, however, predict that baseball's future will be decided in the courtroom. It was impossible to predict who would win the World Series since even psychics had trouble finding scouting reports for replacement players. Ideally, baseball will lose its anti-trust exemption, and the real major leaguers will eventually settle and begin play. If not, the spirits saw Japanese baseball taking off with a plethora of American imports, and Crash Davis appearing in an empty ballpark near you.

Boxing brought a glimmer of excitement from the spirits. They could see Iron Mike regaining the heavyweight title, and focusing on a big payday against Riddick Bowe. If Bowe could resolve to stay away from the buffet table and keep himself in shape, the spirits could see a quality heavyweight fight. It was clear,

though, that the spirits were somewhat foggy on what could happen in boxing's future. It had something to do with interference from the static around Don King's head.

My psychic friends helped me to see that the world of sports must be better in 1995 than it was in 1994. While there will not be an Olympic Games or a World Cup, there will also not be any freeway chases of celebrity athletes. The world of sports must return to play in 1995 or future projections will not be coming from such optimistic spirits.



Last year's OUAA Rookie of the Year Peter Kratz leads the men's basketball team into regular season play on January 11th. The women's season starts on the same day. Look for previews next issue.

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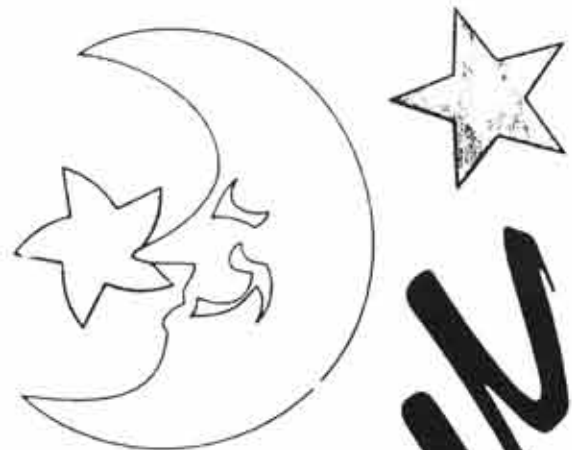
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A new year is upon us, along with a new outlook. Time for a few New Year's resolutions. All the uncertainties of hockey have put a damper on things. It's time to start watching NBA action and gear up for the football playoffs. Started checking out CHL games on TSN, good action and hard hitting (none of this charity stuff). Haven't seen good live action hockey in a while so we got tickets for the Kitchener Rangers. Anyways, here's a few discussions that came up during the

Christmas season.

ISSUE 1: TOP LEAF PROSPECTS.

The Hockey News released its list of the top five prospects for each team, and Toronto's do not look promising. 1. Eric Fichaud. Our compensation for losing Brett Lindros. Shows great promise, although he did not make the junior nats, and could lead to a positive goaltending problem. 2. Brandon Convery. Biggest waste of a draft pick since Trader Floyd pulled off the draft of the century when he picked three players in the first round all from the Bellville Bulls. Trade this guy fast. 3. Todd

Warner. He has the speed but it remains to be seen if he has anything else (imagine we used to have Landon Wilson). 4. Alexei Kudashov. He has good offensive skills but is a floater. It doesn't look like Pat will let him into the lineup anytime soon. 5. Zdenek Nedved. Could develop into a keeper. Good skills and great hockey sense.

ISSUE 2: WRITERS WITH THE INSIDE SCOOP.

1. Bob McKenzie, Star Sports & TSN hockey (former THN editor) has tons of connections. He has been giving us the real reports on the lockout for the past few months, all of which were not optimistic. He even predicted that Lindros would not make the junior team. 2. Scott Morrison, sports editor of the Sun, leads a great supporting staff. Seen on Global quite a bit, Morrison always

has insightful comments to make. 3. Steve Dryden, editor of The Hockey News, writes a quality article every week. He also supervises the best hockey coverage available anywhere.

ISSUE 3: PEOPLE WHO SHOULD PACK IT IN.

1. Dick Irvin. This guy has been calling Canadiens games for so long he has almost become like Fergie Olver. Hey, he's seen a lot and knows a lot but its time for some younger lungs. Bob Cole and Harry Neale are always brought into the booth when the Habs make the playoffs so his expertise obviously isn't that helpful. Get rid of him. 2. Jari Kurri, Peter Stastny and Denis Savard. In their heyday, there was no one better. All three brought the game to a new level but now they have lost their skills and have little to offer. They won't be leaving

article about the good old days. George, pack it in. 5. Bob Probert. Although he's young, this guy has so many problems, the last thing he should be doing is playing hockey. Two words: John Kordic. 6. Michel Goulet. Another great ex-Nord who passed his prime many years ago. It shouldn't have taken a concussion for him to realize it was time to hang up the skates. 7. Ron Hextall. It is hard to believe that this guy was a Conn Smythe winner. Now that he's back in Philly, everyone thinks he'll be great again. Doubt it.

QUESTION MARKS. Why do players still wear Jofa helmets?... Why don't other leagues have good names for their championship trophies (STANLEY!)?...Who's been watching vintage Grapevines? Great stuff...What does the FAN do with all this free air time? ...Why were the Gretzky games so boring?...How old is Bob Cole?...Why doesn't Vic "make the final" Rauter cover hockey?

PRO TIP OF THE WEEK. To all you young goalies out there, watch the five hole. Whatever Allan Bester is doing, don't.

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OWIAA Stats

Men's Hockey							
GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP	
UQTR	11	8	0	3	59	32	19
Concordia	12	7	3	2	43	42	16
Ottawa	11	6	3	2	47	31	14
McGill	12	5	6	1	53	47	11
Mid East	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Guelph	12	7	2	3	50	31	17
Toronto	12	3	4	5	36	41	11
Queen's	13	3	8	2	41	53	8
RMC	13	0	11	2	25	69	2
Mid West	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Brock	13	7	5	1	62	47	15
York	13	6	6	1	54	47	13
Laurentian	13	4	9	0	36	62	8
Ryerson	13	4	9	0	29	65	8
Far West	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Western	12	8	3	1	57	36	17
Laurier	11	8	3	0	52	34	16
Waterloo	11	5	4	2	46	39	12
Windsor	12	2	7	3	34	50	7

Women's Hockey							
GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP	
Guelph	8	7	0	1	44	7	15
Toronto	8	6	1	1	63	10	13
Queen's	8	4	2	2	43	14	10
Laurier	9	3	5	1	30	64	7
York	7	1	5	1	15	30	3
Windsor	8	0	8	0	9	79	0
Volleyball							
MP	GW	GL	TP				
Waterloo	8	7	1	14			
McMaster	8	7	1	14			
Guelph	6	4	2	8			
Lakehead	6	3	3	6			
Laurier	5	2	4	4			
Waterloo	6	2	4	4			
Brock	6	1	5	2			
Windsor	8	1	7	2			

Next Game:

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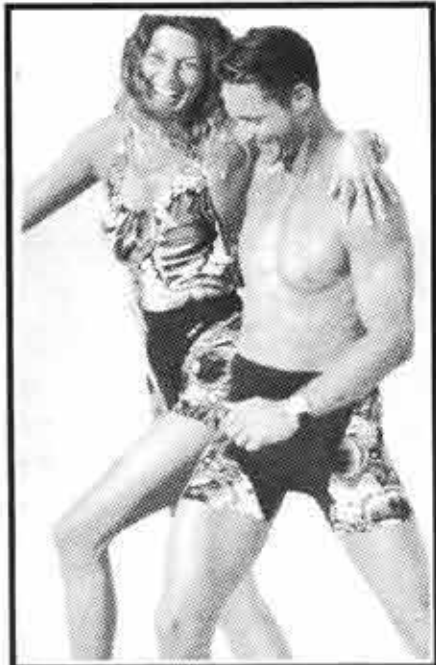
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A volleyball referee certification program will take place in the A.C. on Monday January 16th, from 6-10 PM. During these four hours, participants will learn all of the rules of volleyball, write an exam, and referee two games under supervision. If both sections of the course are passed, participants can send away for Provincial certification. Once certified, referees can arbitrate games at any high school in Ontario. The total cost of the course plus the certification fee is \$80. However, the skills learned will enable students to earn \$30 per game they referee, and thus the course soon pays for itself. For more information, contact Don Smith at the A.C.

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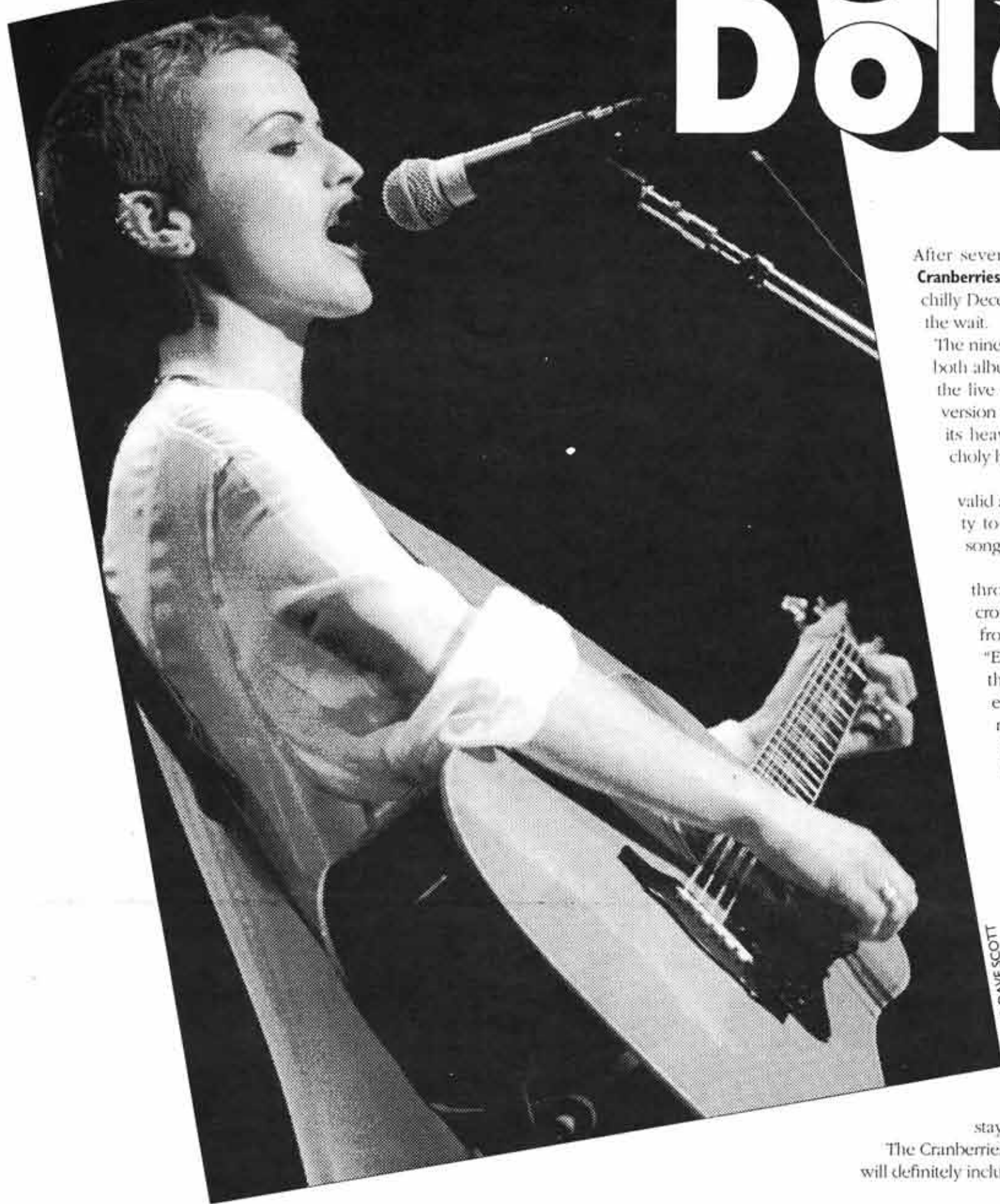
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After several unfortunate and unavoidable cancellations, **The Cranberries** finally made their Toronto debut at the Warehouse on a chilly December night, and this CFNY free concert was well worth the wait.

The ninety minute set consisted of a balanced mix of tracks from both albums, with many of the songs sounding fresh and raw in the live setting. Early highlights included a particularly defiant version of "Pretty", and an extremely powerful "Wanted", with its heavily **Smiths**-influenced **Marr**-like chording and melancholy lyrics.

The Cranberries are proving to be one of the most valid and evocative bands in recent years, with their rare ability to turn reflective thought into moving, hook-laden pop songs.

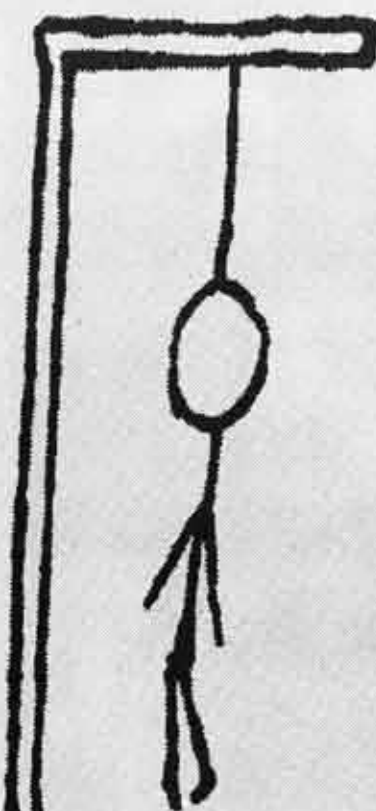
Lead singer Dolores O'Riordan swayed and prowled through the set with an appealing charm that held the crowd for the whole show. The set continued with tracks from the latest album "No Need To Argue", including "Empty", "Ode To My Family", "Ridiculous Thoughts", and their 'song for peace', "Zombie", which was truly an experience to see live. With Noel Hogan's aggressive, raunchy guitar and Dolores' powerful vocals, "Zombie" produced an energy in the venue that was intense. Followed by "Linger" and "How" from the first record, The Cranberries then proceeded to top "Zombie" with a final encore of "Dreams" (their first single). This was performed with much enthusiasm and conviction, with Dolores growling the command "Sing it" at the chorus, to which the crowd duly obeyed. "Dreams" combined melody and emotion in a frantic mix which left those present in a contented daze for the trip home.

Throughout the show there were a few minor sound problems and occasional feedback, which I heard some people complaining about afterwards. I feel that this did not detract from the set one bit, and added to the live-off-the-floor, spontaneous feel of the concert. If it's sound perfection you want, then perhaps you should

stay home and listen to the album.

The Cranberries have a major North American tour starting in April that will definitely include another Toronto show.

PICTURE DAVE SCOTT



- January 5**
 - The K-W Symphony presents a Pops Series concert: **Travels With Charlie** featuring Don Harron as **Charlie Farquarson** at the Centre in the Square
 - **John Snow and the Art of Printmaking in Western Canada 1950-89** exhibit opens at the K-W Art Gallery
- January 7**
 - Hole in the Wall Productions and the WLU Musicians' Network present **Fatcats, Longfellows** and **Quiverleg** at the Turret
- January 8**
 - The K-W Chamber Music Society presents **The Fauré Trio** at the KWCMS Music Room
- January 9**
 - **David Smith: Paintings and Stained Glass** opens at the Robert Langen Gallery
- January 11**
 - The K-W Chamber Music Society presents **Bev Johnson and Carol Savage** at the KWCMS Music Room

Where to Hang

Killing Zoe

ALLISON TUCKER
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Soon after the release of the much-talked about **Pulp Fiction** comes Quentin Tarantino's next project, **Killing Zoe**. Tarantino, one of the film's executive producers, leaves all the directing to Roger Avary, who co-wrote **True Romance** and **Pulp Fiction** with Tarantino.

Killing Zoe plays like a sluggish, European version of **Reservoir Dogs**, tracking the ill-fated exploits of an American named Zed (Eric Stoltz), who goes to Paris to help his childhood friend Eric (Jean-Hugues Anglade) pull a bank heist.

Zed, who spends his first night in Paris with a hooker named Zoe (Julie Delpy), is rudely interrupted by Eric, who whisks Zed off to the ganghouse. Zed finds himself among real pleasant company: a spotted collection of thugs who are drinking and shooting whatever they can get their hands on.

Zed assumes they're there to plan the robbery, but instead Eric takes them off on a nocturnal binge through "the real Paris",

finally ending up in a disgusting basement club where they indulge in jazz, drugs and unwholesome sex until dawn.

"If this is Paris, then I like it", says Stoltz. Zed is captivated by the whole scene, and terribly naive.

He gets in way over his head, and is led around the city by the slightly unbalanced Eric.

However unbalanced, Anglade steals the show. He is really the best part of this movie. He's serious, passionate and you can't help falling for his fatalistic charms.

The next day, the doped-up bank robbers put their plan into action and, of course, screw up the whole job.

Panic sets in, not only for the robbers, but for the plot as well. Things seem to run away from the point, and the cornered bandits start shooting their hostages. From this point on, the movie seems to focus only on the blood and carnage from this scene.

For Tarantino fans, **Killing Zoe** is a must-see. For everyone else, try something a little less dismal, like **Frankenstein**.

Sweet Sara

Sara Craig transforms Phil's with dreamy atmosphere and passionate performance

VIRGINIA PARKER
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

I passed Sara Craig twice in Phil's before I realized that she was the person I was trying to find to interview.

When I explained this to her, she just shrugged and said "I know. I look like a nerd".

Well, yeah, she does. With her eyes hidden behind the thickest damn glasses ever, she was a far cry from the siren who would grace the stage a few hours later, gyrating in a slip dress and (sometimes) a black leather jacket.

If you missed Sara Craig's show in Phil's on November 30th, kick yourself. Now. Hard. Okay. You deserved that.

First off, there was the atmosphere.

With whimsical fringe, filmy curtains and lace patterned lights, Craig transformed Phil's dingy stage into a heavenly comfort zone for her angelic sell to play. Craig even extended this Cabaret-like feeling by placing blue candles on each table.

The stage design is all Craig's work with each piece having been added gradually as the tour goes on.

Needless to say, there was no mosh pit.

Onstage, Craig was active enough to keep the whole bar transfixed.

Her show included almost every song from her new CD "Sweet Exhaust", with Craig bringing down the house in her final set with her version of "Nine Inch Nails' "Head Like a Hole".

But, it was not what she sang but rather how she sang it that made this show so incredible.

Craig does not just use her voice to sing, but her entire face, her head, her neck, her arms and legs.

During each song she keeps up an intricate (but unchoreographed) dance routine.

Meanwhile, Craig's dynamic

voice travels from angelic to demonic and back again, never losing its power.

The strength she shows onstage is unbelievable, especially considering that Craig has been touring solidly since the release of Sweet Exhaust, having covered Western Canada. (She is now looking forward to some U.S. and European dates).

"I really really like touring," she said, "To see how much my body can handle." And Craig does exert herself for every show.

Craig has big plans for herself. Her recent success in charts across Canada is really only the beginning.

She wants to expand her stage show with dancers, possibly even to offer certain foods during her performance... and of course, she wants to try things out South of the Border.

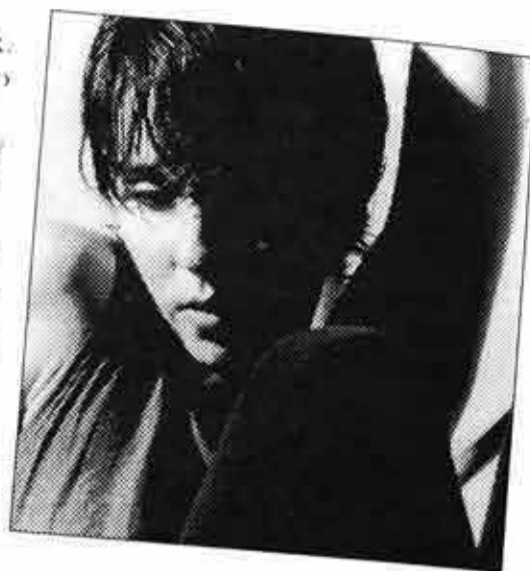
And maybe even hang with David Letterman.

"I had a dream I was on David Letterman," Craig said, laughing, "It was very vivid. Letterman and I started this spiritual thing, he wasn't

doing his usual schtick. We had a real heart to heart."

"I fucked up his show but he liked it, he let me."

With her unique stage shows made of atmosphere and pure energy, Craig is definitely one to watch for in concert. Once she sheds her "nerdy" glasses, she is nothing less than a goddess onstage.



Foster stunning

GILL LAWRENSEN
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Oscar nominations are soon to be announced in February, and among the nominees for Best Actress will undoubtedly be Jodie Foster for her role in Michael Apted's *Nell*. Only a handful of women have had the opportunity to attain dominating and ambitious leading roles, as Foster has done here. In addition, Foster's vast talent is further demonstrated in her ability to communicate through cryptic speech and master challenging accent work.

Nell is a story of a "wild child" who was raised in rustic isolation by her hermit mother and has developed a unique language of her own. A local doctor, Dr. Jerry Lovell (played by Liam Neeson) discovers her when he is summoned to their cabin in the woods upon her mother's death. When news of the savage child reaches a hospital psychologist named Paula

(Natasha Richardson), a conflict arises between the hospital who wants her institutionalized and Lovell who wants her to remain in her natural habitat.

During the battle, Nell's sensitivity and simplistic beauty touches the two doctors, and a story of inner conflict and sorrow is revealed within each of the characters.

"I can name a million things that I loved about the story," says Foster. "There is something so essentially pure and authentic about Nell, a quality most people have lost. I know I have, and I like to choose characters that I can learn from, people who have lived totally different lives than myself. Nell is a woman who sees the world with all of her senses, not just through her mind."

The character of Nell is beautifully played by Foster who should be honoured for her selfless and extraordinary performance.



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Uisce quoi?

SCOTT ION

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

The **Uisce Beatha** show at The Volcano on December 2nd cannot be easily described, as anyone there could well attest to, as the band is impossible to pigeonhole other than as a Celtic-East Coast type of thing. Uisce Beatha (pronounced ish-ka ba-ha) was formed in '88 by the Glen brothers in London, ON, and currently has two albums out, "The Mystic of the Baja" and "The Voice of the Voyager". Since then, and over 250 shows later, the band found its way to Kitchener-Waterloo to play an outstanding show at the packed Volcano.

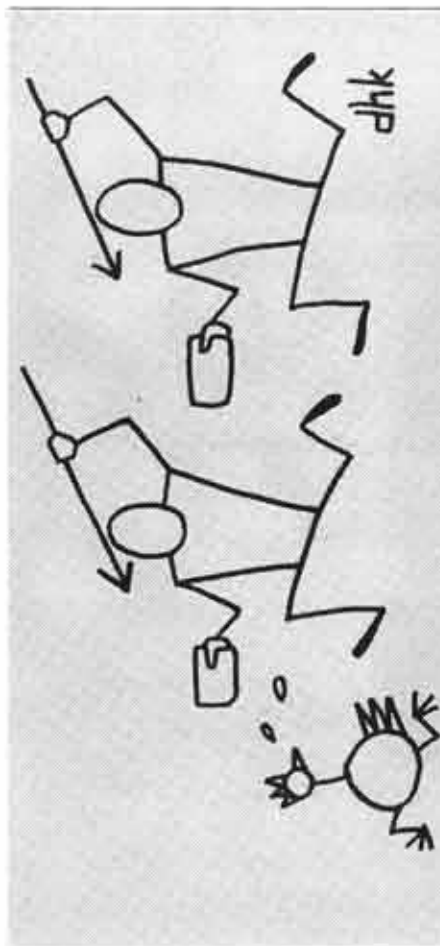
We arrived early to get decent seats and to prepare

ourselves for the concert of the century (or at least the term...) with a few beverages. Uisce Beatha finally started, speeding up the faster songs from their two albums whipping the crowd into a veritable frenzy.

The intensity of the concert increased steadily through the show reaching a peak with "Drinkin' with the Lord", during which the entire dance floor spontaneously combusted before our very eyes. Staggering blindly through the sweaty carnage, we were accosted by the parents of one band member for our photos. We promptly replied that we were secret service agents, and we could not divulge the contents of our

cameras (but we could send copies if they bribed us with a beer...). By haggling them down to a newspaper clipping, we were able to escape with our lives, leading our pursuers into Waterloo's finest graveyard, and finally losing them over the fence into CFYO's satellite array.

Reminiscing about the concert the next afternoon (while recovering from a wicked headache I can only attribute to high energy satellite waves absorbed while scampering amongst CFYO's equipment), I concluded that Uisce Beatha put on one of the best concerts I have ever seen, with both solid musical talent and an exciting live show.



MARTY GLADMAN AND KEITH BILINSKY
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Will's

Will's wings aren't too bad, if they actually have any left when you get there. The wings have a nice crispness to them, and a thick sauce but are slightly on the tough side. The honey garlic and the mild wings are definitely their finer wings, both with a fairly tasty sauce. Unfortunately, their medium and hot wings don't have the same quality sauce which prompted Marty to write "BLAA -where's the heat?" in our notes.

With all the extras like great tasty draft choices, complimentary celery and carrots, and proximity to the school, Will's makes an OK place to get your between-class wing fix.

Note: Even if you're a fan of the really hot wings try ordering the honey garlic or mild rather than being disappointed with the medium or hot wings. If you must have a hot wing, try challenging the chef, or bring your own napalm.

WINGOLOGY 101

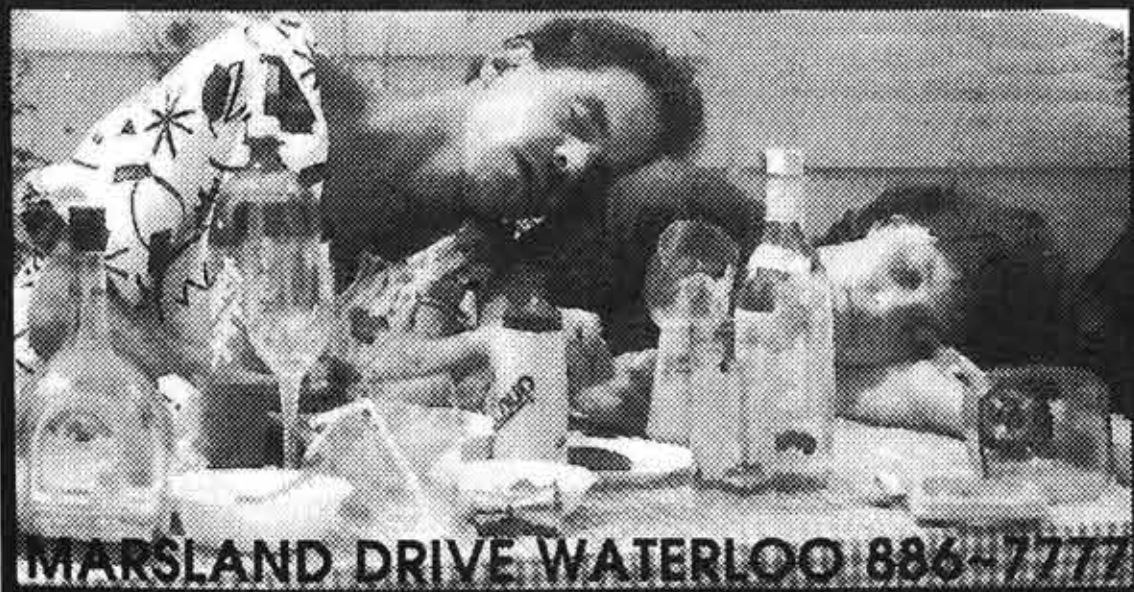
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Inner City is running a contest for university students to win their rent for a month, up to \$400, in conjunction with their 105.3 KOOL FM Classic Rock-Wild Sex Thursdays. Clip the coupon that appears with the Inner City ad in this week's Cord and go to the club on a Thursday, and enter for your chance to win. The draw will be held the first Thursday of each month.

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Foreword to the poem - This monumental six-line poem was constructed over a period of twelve years. It spanned a time in my life when honey-flavoured granola was the only thing I ate for breakfast. Looking back on the creative process resulting with this poem, I find myself absently grinding my teeth and pondering the futility of deciphering any deeper meaning than what is conveyed by the naked words. My wish is that readers in a future age will embrace these words and understand them in the degree to which I have misunderstood the meaning of the word "prolific".

Hamilton November, 1990

STORY-BOOK MEADOW by Anton Volcansek

Gangrene respite, aquatic temperament.
Effervescent ejaculate.
Transfer punctual liederhosen
 combining eternal
 strings.
Abdiccate design.

Hamilton 1978-1990.

Afterword to the poem - When this poem was first published in the classified section of the New York Times it caused a sensation which rippled through the literary world. According to rumour, it is the reason Kenny Loggins turned down the chance to write the theme song for the blockbuster film "Aladdin" because, as he said in TV Guide, "The poem Story-Book Meadow has compelled me to reconsider my role in the universe. I am not the man to compose musical scores for cartoons about middle-eastern fables, for one thing." When Bill Clinton invited me to read Story-Book Meadow for his inauguration ceremony, he imposed the condition that I omit the word "liederhosen", replacing it with "orgasm", since "liederhosen" might offend the powerful anti-Kraut lobby. I declined, naturally. Success, in the form of monetary reward, has overwhelmed me. Pepsi's new slogan "Effervescent Ejaculate" is apparently the single most successful advertising jingle in history. Selling out to this cola conglomerate seemed unavoidable after my heroine overdose in Lisbon. Waking up in hospital, broke and without a follow-up poem to Story-Book Meadow, a junior executive in a blue suit convinced me of the importance of investing in my future. Relocated to Bavaria, I now rent a room in Neuschwanstein Castle, utilities included, convinced that the Wagnerian charm which permeates this place will inspire me to write a sequel to Story-Book Meadow.

Bavaria May, 1994.

Foreword to the poem - The commercial success of Story-Book Meadow afforded me a lifestyle rivalling that of a headlining Las Vegas magician. Last summer, in Hong Kong, I married supermodel Kim Kim, the diminutive yet orientally-exotic catwalker. When she left me three weeks later for the Dalai Lama I was profoundly dismayed. For one thing, I thought the Dalai Lama was celibate. Secondly, my credit card statements trace her to Paris, not Nepal. Oh, well...the tragic lot of a commercially viable artist, I suppose. This, and my eviction from Neuschwanstein Castle (party hardy, eh?) became fodder for my next poem—the long awaited and eagerly anticipated sequel to Story-Book Meadow. It's a little on the dark side, I must admit. My private pollsters assure me it is the present formula for success. At the urging of John Travolta, a close friend whom I met through Quentin Tarantino (an admirer of my work), I joined the Church of Scientology. They treat celebrities very well and I may do an infomercial or two, if they ask. With my wealth I put my younger brother through university at a highly competitive rate of interest. I'm also near the top of a list for Marlon Brando's Tahitian island when it becomes available. I'm outgrowing Ian Fleming's old place, Goldeneye, in Jamaica. Perhaps with the inevitable flood of money from this new poem I'll be able to move into larger quarters somewhere in South Africa or Brazil. Enjoy.

Reykjavik November, 1994

RETURN TO STORY-BOOK MEADOW by Anton Volcansek

Dianetic trampoline, Mordecai fox.
Postulate fig-dog.
Stella! system.
 Bond quantum
 sobriety.
Social poppy.

Kingston, Jamaica 1994

Afterword to the poem - Maybe it was too accessible. Too trendy. Whatever the reason, I didn't make a dime. Kim Kim's lawyer somehow read a copy of Return to Story-Book Meadow before publication. Sensing its imminent failure he managed to beguile me into signing a divorce agreement which gave half my depleted fortune to her. Had I stuck with the marriage, I'd still be stinking rich. As it is, I spent Christmas in a cardboard box. My silent addiction to cough suppressants got the better of me and I took out substantial loans to support the habit. All my property was auctioned off to pay these debts. None of my former friends will answer my calls (I call collect from the bus station). It was twelve long years before I finished my first poem. The sequel was written in the back of a limo on the way to the publisher. I've dropped Scientology and embraced the Rasta culture. I'm in a commune so I have food to eat and a place to sleep, but I have to tune guitars and make dope deliveries to earn my keep. Hey, a rhyme! Maybe I still have it in me.

Kingston January, 1995

NSK INFORMATION

We're back for a second term and NSK needs your material to fill this page. The Valentine's Edition for NSK will appear Wednesday February 8. This means you have until Thursday February 2 to submit your entries to the NSK Valentine's Day contest. We want your corniest Valentine card-concepts, poems, love stories, cartoons, drawings, etc. The prize is the Joey Lawrence musical CD, entitled "Joey Lawrence" or something. It came into my possession a few months ago and I want it out of the freakin' house. Please, please, please start including your phone number and student ID# (if applicable) with your submissions. I've been letting it slide for the past little while, but it's against policy and I might get caught. The paper comes out Wednesdays and your NSK deadline for the next Cord is 2:00pm Friday.

Procrastinations of Invertebrate Zoology

Men,
They think that I am a black Panther,
At night I camouflage my hunt,
A mysterious darkness in my eye lures,
It captures them in its lack of colour,
And loss of depth perception,
And then they fall fools.

Some have looked farther,
Deeper,
Before they fell.
They see just a small kitten,
Simply wanting a safe place,
Just a ball of fluff and veins,
Terrified of existence in solitude.

A hypocritical concoction,
Of a world of broken hearts,
Swiss, German, Irish, Dutch, Frenchman, Brit....
A small globe fluttering in my dark eye,
A warning stronger than the blood on my teeth,
And the experience of my intelligence.

by Mia Kroll

The Roach Returns

Just as I predicted, the roach came back. Little did he know, The Roach Motel was closed for renovations. He forced his way in anyways, squeezing through a crack under the door, and demanded a room. In my annoyance I casually picked up the hammer lying carelessly on the workman's bench and spiked a nail through his thoughtless head. He remains pinned to the wall, even today, legs still twitching, as an example to all others who demand shelter but will not pay rent in The Roach Motel.

by Izabel Waite

Family History

Grandfather birthed behind the barn
while his mother sounded the alarm,
"Get help, Roscoe. I'm giving birth
to a nine pound, four ounce baby boy,
or something.
Get help."

The dog ran to his shelter
and fell asleep.
Grandfather died behind the barn
in his mother's birthing canal.
He was never born.
That's why I'm adopted.

by Anton Volcansek

Rotted

The stench from the sink worries me.
What could it possibly be from?
I found the courage to look down the drain.
What I saw puzzled me.
Someone's meaty, bloody paw was caught in there.
To my greater astonishment,
It flipped me the bird.

by Izabel Waite

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