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"The tie that binds since 1926"

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WLU STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Ezra: The fallout continues

"Students are required to conduct themselves in an orderly manner both on and off the campus. No students will be registered in any year or be allowed to continue in attendance after registration if their presence is deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the University. In addition... including but not limited to, the withholding of grades and transcripts, suspension or expulsion from the University... Discipline decisions of the President shall be final."

— WLU Undergraduate Calendar, page 38

SCOTT STINSON
CORD NEWS

The Ezra Street Party just won't go away. While disciplinary proceedings are now complete and the university has divulged all the details it is prepared to, the potentially long process of sorting out the aftermath has only just begun.

To bring you up to speed, the university released very few details relating to the disciplinary hearings for those students who were arrested or charged in connection with the April 22nd party on Ezra Ave. Punishment ranged from probation to suspension. Nothing more was released.

More details have since been revealed. Carey Shaw, a first year student from Brampton, was suspended from Laurier for a minimum of two years for his role in the bash. Originally he was arrested for a breach of peace violation and was subse-

quently charged with causing damage to the inside of the police vehicle that took him away.

After the charges were laid he was disciplined by the school. Then the allegations that he caused damage to the police van were dropped, and the police apologized for the mistake. His suspension has not been lifted.

Faced with the prospect of not returning to school in September, Shaw approached Scott McCormick, President of the Students' Union, to see if the Union could change things. They are trying.

McCormick will be meeting this week with members of the Laurier administration, where he will be asking them to "retract the decisions they've made thus far and to enter a negotiations process." The "negotiations" he refers to would include clarifying the Code of Conduct with

regards to the right of the University to discipline students for behavior off-campus.

However, McCormick concedes that the chances of the administration agreeing to retract their decisions are slim, noting that "they have too much at stake, and too much has been publicized for them to reverse their decisions now." He also believes "that (the administration) is convinced that they are well within their rights to (discipline off-campus behavior)."

Instead, McCormick and the Union are prepared to take the matter to court. "We are ready to pursue legal action if the decisions are not retracted, we'll take this one all the way to the wall", he emphasizes.

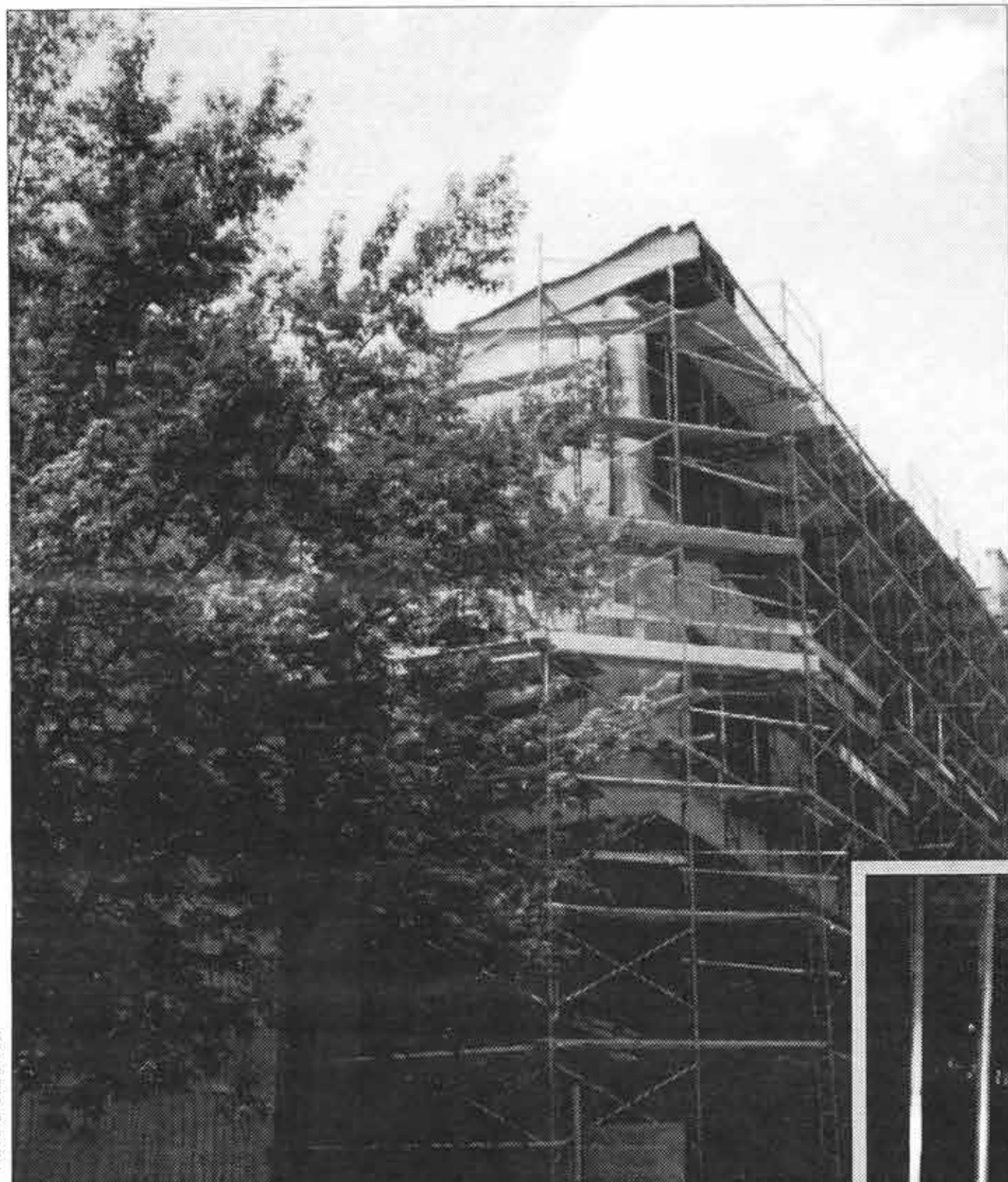
They are financially ready, as well. The Union's Operating Budget for 1995/96 contains an estimated \$5005 in legal fees, doubling the \$2500 that was allocated for legal fees in the budget for 1994/95.

Asked if this is a worthwhile way to spend students' money, McCormick doesn't hesitate. "Absolutely," he says, "this is a case of students' rights being violated, we can't afford not to pursue this course. This is the purpose of the Students' Union, it's part of our mission to protect the rights of the students."

And if the courts rule in favour of the administration? Says McCormick, "They will be setting the law, telling us that a university has the right to academically penalize students acting as private citizens off-campus. As law-abiding students, we will respect the law, but we will still try to invoke change through other channels."

Provided the administration does not retract their previous actions at the meeting this week, the Union has set a date of August 16th to meet with its lawyers to begin the legal challenge.

The new SUB: still excited and still behind



PICTURE: SUE BARRY

Above: Apparently this will be mostly ready by September.

TOM HRUBES

CORD NEWS

The new Student Union Building which was scheduled to open at the beginning of the fall semester has fallen 3 weeks behind schedule. The delay has been caused by a variety of unforeseen problems and circumstances beyond the contractor's control such as the bricklayer's strike.

Since it now appears that it will not be possible for the entire building to be open in time for September priority has been given to the revenue generating areas of the building. Specifically the 2nd floor which will feature a revitalized Wilf's and Centre Spot will be given priority according to Students' Union President Scott McCormick.

Laurier's other on campus bar The Turret will also be open in time for Frosh Week or the following week at the latest. The Corner Pocket formerly located on the second floor will be moved into the new Turret.

The new food court which will

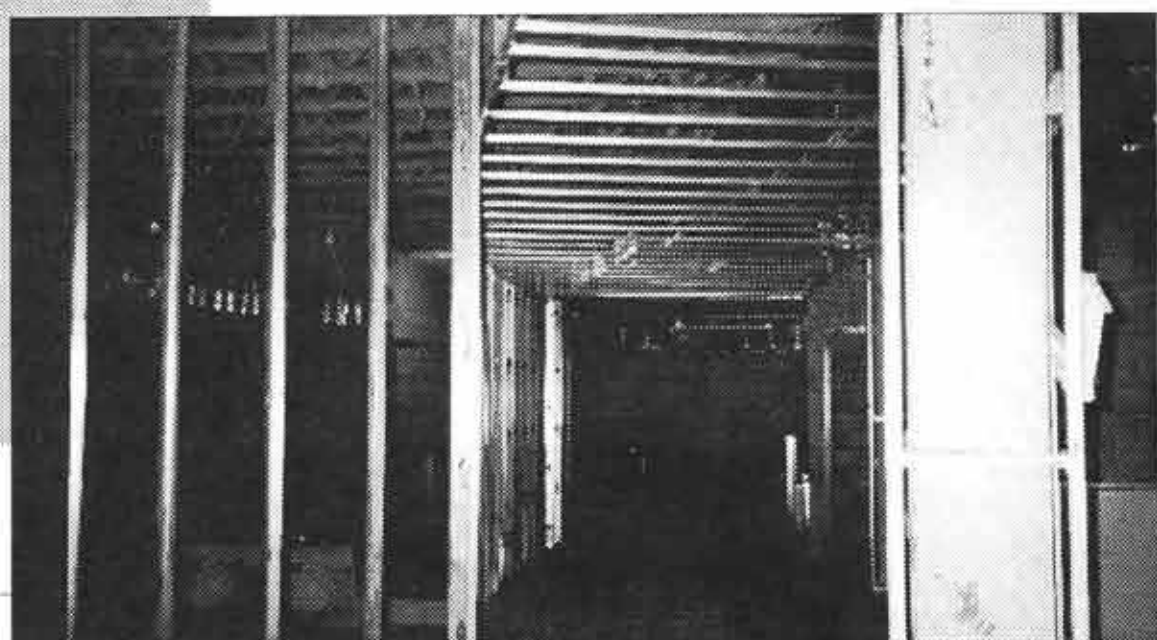
replace the now defunct Torque Room has also been experiencing problems. McCormick says that "one vendor is concerned with potential labour problems". Patrons of the food court will be able to select from a variety of foods including pizza, subs, burgers, chicken and for the health conscious salad kiosks.

Other new additions to the building include a pharmacy, travel agency, a barber shop and a partridge in a pear tree. There will also be a new lounge with a big screen T.V. and new furniture.

In the tradition of City T.V.'s Speakers Corner the student union will install a booth called Big Brother. The booth will give students a chance to voice their opinions and concerns.

Even with all the problems the new building has had McCormick is "still excited" about the project. The official grand opening of the building is planned for the homecoming weekend.

Below: This is Wilf's. Believe it, kids.



PICTURE: SUE BARRY

Taste Laurier for the first time

ANN-MARIE SMITH

CORD NEWS

On the morning of Saturday July 16th, 280 nervous, apprehensive future first year students and their parents registered for Discover Laurier, a new program Laurier has introduced as pre-orientation.

Wilfrid Laurier has devised a plan to ease the transition for incoming students by creating, as Student Life Co-ordinator Fran Wdowcyck describes, a "layering effect". The idea is that most new students will attend Discover Laurier before Orientation Week and experience all the joys and wonders of WLU with their parents in tow. They hope this makes the whole family feel involved and included in the huge adjustment to university life.

The program is only in its second year running and was the brainchild of a 12 member committee made up of staff, faculty and students. This year, under the direction of Hanna Nielson, there were 30 volunteers and 280 students and parents attending and participating in sessions pertaining to lifestyle, career and financial choices, an information fair, tours of the campus and even a party (separate for parents and students). Due to the ongoing construction on campus, Neilson transformed the normally posh Paul Martin Centre into "The Other Wilf's" complete with live musicians and a full bar.

For accommodations, students were treated to the lap of luxury in Bouckaert Hall while parents slept

in air conditioned comfort at Bricker. This was meant to give students a taste of residence life.

People traveled from as far as Sault St. Marie and as close as Kitchener. For many it was a first time on campus and some were a little scared. It's a safe bet that after such an extensive weekend most left with their questions answered and minds eased.

Dianne Putman, a parent from Fort Erie commented that "the program was extremely well organized, balanced and very helpful giving both parents and students more confidence for the coming years."

Discover Laurier even touched volunteers. "I'm so glad I came here," said Anita Gleeson a second year student and a veteran

of Discover Laurier. She felt that "the conference re-emphasized the impact of Laurier on our lives and our dedication to the school."

Neilson emphasized in her closing

speech that Laurier may not have the ivy or history that other universities do but we have the people.

New scholarship available

KATHY CAWSEY

CORD NEWS

A new scholarship for Canadian college and university students has been established by Magna International Inc. The Magna For Canada Scholarship Fund is trying to provide a national forum for new and innovative ideas. Applicants must respond to the question, "If you were the Prime Minister of Canada, what would you do to improve living standards and unify the country?"

10 regional winners will win \$5,000 and an internship at Magna International. The national winner will receive an additional \$5,000, with \$10,000 going to the winner's school.

Advice from Legal Resources

Is this Legal?

JASON BILODEAU AND STEVEN HUNWICKS

This weekly column follows the exploits of Terry Tenant and Larry Landlord, and is intended to answer common questions on legal issues of relevance to students at WLU. The advice given is in no way intended as a substitute for professional legal advice.

Terry enjoyed his experiences with the Legal Resources Centre so much that he has decided he wants to be a lawyer. He looked into the career, and has found a school he is interested in. Unfortunately, he has to write the dreaded LRCT, the "Legal Resource Counselor Test." Although this grueling exam is somewhat less prestigious than the official LSAT, Terry figures that any law school which operates out of a beat up old van can't be all bad. Here are some questions and the answers from his exam:

- Are all renters covered under the Landlord & Tenant Act (LTA)?
No. The LTA covers renters living in residential premises, unless the premises are (1) shared with the landlord or an immediate family member; or (2) accommodation provided by an educational institution such as WLU.
- It's now November, 3 months into a full year lease. Can I "break" my lease?
No! Leases are binding contracts. There are only two options: You can sublet your room, or negotiate with your landlord for an early termination.

- When a lease expires, should I sign a new one?
No, the tenant automatically becomes a month-to-month tenant under the terms of the old lease agreement. Only if there are significant changes to the terms of the lease should you consider signing a new lease. Remember, you MUST send your Notice of Intention to Terminate your lease 60 days prior to the end of your lease agreement, if you want to leave at the end of that term. If you wish to stay as a month-to-month tenant, you must give the notice 60 days prior to the time you will be leaving. If notice is not given, the landlord has the right to collect rent for up to two additional months.
- Who is responsible for repairs to the property?
The landlord is responsible for making all repairs to the rented premises, unless you or your guests have caused the damage. Since this responsibility is established by the LTA, it cannot be given up by signing a lease which says otherwise.
- How do I get repairs done?
First, make the landlord aware of the problem, perhaps by writing a letter. Be sure to include all details of the problem, and ask that the repairs be done by a certain date. If that date passes, write a second letter indicating that repairs have not yet been performed, and that a copy

of the letter is being filed with the City of Waterloo Property Standards Officer. This usually "motivates" most landlords, who cringe at the thought of the Property Standards Officer nosing about their property. Remember that the PSO is available only for serious health and safety issues, not peeling paint or a broken stove.

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- What about "key money" and security deposits?
The only deposit which must be made at the time the lease is signed is the value of last month's rent. This amount will be held by the landlord until the start of the last month of your rental period, then applied as your rent payment. Any other deposit for key or furniture rental, damage deposit, etc. is illegal, and does not have to be paid. The landlord also has to pay interest, at the rate of 6% per year, on this deposit.
- Do landlords have the right to set the rent at whatever they feel?

No, rents are controlled by the Ontario Ministry of Housing. In calendar 1995, rents can only increase by 2.9%. Exceptions may be granted by the Ministry if there have been substantial increases in the unit's operating costs, or major renovations have been made.

- Can tenants have a pet, even if their lease says they can't?
Yes, you have the right to keep a pet unless it disturbs other tenants or causes damage to the property.
- Since the landlord owns the property, can he visit whenever he wants?
No, the landlord must give 24 hours written notice before a visit, and must visit during "reasonable" hours, usually 8 am - 8 pm. The exception is to perform repairs.
- How can my landlord evict me?

Tenants can be evicted on several grounds, including intentionally causing damage, interfering with the other tenant's enjoyment of the premises, or failing to make scheduled rent payments. The LTA eviction process is time-consuming, so it won't happen immediately. The landlord will deliver a Notice of Termination for Non-payment of Rent. If you pay the rent within 7 days, the eviction process will stop. If not, the landlord can apply to the Court for a Writ of Possession, and have you evicted by the Court Sheriff.

The eviction of boarders is a more flexible process, so the landlord can evict a tenant almost immediately.

- Who pays for utilities, me or my landlord?
The payment of utilities has to be negotiated between you and your landlord. Some landlords require that the tenant pay for utilities in their own name, while others will charge a flat monthly rate which covers most utility costs. Be sure you know which utilities are covered in your agreement before you sign your lease!
- Does the LTA supersede my lease?
Yes, the LTA is the law governing most leases in Ontario, and therefore establishes certain rights you cannot sign away, no matter what your lease indicates.
- How much money should you be willing to pay for law school tuition?
Whatever it takes!

This week's article has summarized many of the important areas we have discussed in the ten previous weeks of "Is This Legal?" We trust we've been able to help you through some legal problems frequently encountered. The column appears weekly in the Cord during the Fall and Winter Terms.

The Legal Resource Centre is a free service, staffed by a team of dedicated student volunteers who are happy to answer your questions on any legal issue. Due to renovations to the Student Union Building, the LRC is closed until September.

Fun in the summer Bag O' Crime

Theft Under \$5000.00 0800 Hrs Mon 26 Jun 95

A WLU Music faculty member reported the theft of a framed photo from the hallway wall on the 2nd floor of the Aird's building. Approximate value \$100.00. The incident is under investigation.

Mischief 1925 Hrs Wed 28 Jun 95

Officers responded to a call from a female in Little House residence who was complaining that some males had been throwing articles from the 1st and 2nd floor windows. Several males were cautioned.

Trespass 2230 Hrs Wed 28 Jun 95

An intoxicated WLU student was found wandering around the construction area of the S.U.B.. After a short investigation he was cautioned and sent on his way.

Mischief 2015 Hrs Fri 30 Jun 95

Person(s) u/k activated the emergency phone in the parking lot at 202 Regina St. The area was checked but no one could be found.

Break & Enter 2230 Hrs Fri 30 Jun 95

The duty officers discovered that person(s) u/k had forced the screen frame surrounding the Dining Hall sales area by using an instrument such as a screwdriver or small crowbar. The interior area was

checked but nothing appears to have been touched. The incident is still under investigation.

Break & Enter 2240 Hrs Fri 30 Jun 95

A short time after discovering the above Break & Enter the duty officers discovered that person(s) u/k had also broken into the locked Torque room. The Torque room doors facing the Concourse of the CTB had been forced open and damaged, possibly by someone using physical force against the doors. This incident is also under investigation.

Theft Under \$5000.00 2145 Hrs Tue 4 July 95

A WLU student reported the theft of his 21 speed mountain bike from the bike rack located between the Library and the Arts building. The bike is valued at \$3,500.00. The incident is under investigation.

Theft Under \$5000.00 0150 Hrs Fri 7 July 95

The duty officers received a report from the night shift custodial supervisor advising that he had observed several people carrying WLU wooden type lawn chairs across parking lot #12. The officers attended and apprehended two U. of W. students. The lawn chairs were recovered and returned by the culprits to the area they had taken them from. No charges were laid at this time. The

matter is still being investigated.

Trespass 02250 Hrs Fri 7 July 95

Whilst on routine patrol the duty officers observed 5 individuals playing on the football field at University stadium. When approached the culprits jumped the south fence and took off through Waterloo Park. Waterloo Park was searched with negative results. No damage was done to the field or stadium.

Mischief 2200 Hrs Fri 7 July 95

The duty officers received a report that a fire extinguisher had been set off on the main floor of the Peters building. The area was checked - no suspects could be found. The incident is under investigation.

Suspicious Persons (False Fire Alarm) 2330 Hrs Tue 11 July 95

A WLU staff member reported two suspicious males wandering around in the Science Building. Moments later the fire alarm was activated. Further investigation revealed that the suspects pulled the fire alarm station located on the south side of building. Alarm was reset. NFA at this time.

Suspicious Person 0900 Hrs Fri 15 July 95

A WLU staff member reported a suspicious male that appeared to be following her when exiting the Aird

Building. Suspect party is known to be a WLU student and was walking about campus. NFA.

Criminal Harassment 1250 Hrs Fri 14 July 95

A WLU staff member reports being harassed by a male identified as a WLU student. The suspect was approached and escorted off campus. Investigation continues.

Trespass to Property 0210 Hrs Sun 16 July 95

Acting on a complaint, five males and one female were apprehended on the roof of the Student Union building. Five WLU students and one non-student were charged under the Trespass to Property Act and escorted off campus. Investigation continues.

New president for Council of Ontario Universities

KATHY CAWSEY
CORD NEWS

Bonnie Patterson, Dean of the Faculty of Business at Ryerson, was appointed the new president of the Council of Ontario Universities. This council is an advocacy, research and communications organization which represents 20 post-secondary institutions in Ontario, including Laurier. Patterson will replace Dr. Peter George, president since 1991.



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MARION HENSEL

CORD INTERNATIONAL

When walking down Waterloo's main street, it's pretty obvious you're in a university town. You see dozens of people in school colours, jackets, and backpacks.

When walking down Zurich's main street, the Bahnhofstrasse, it's rather difficult to pick out a student among all the tourists, bankers, and well-dressed residents strolling through all the expensive stores. But, as you pass all that and make your way across the Limmat River, the crowd of people begins to change.

Young people seem to thrive in this area called the Niederdorf. Many bars and cafes line the street here, where only pedestrians are permitted. Wedged in beside an American pizzeria and a bank is a bright red set of doors, through which many young, scholarly types seem to disappear. They lead to the "Poly Bahn", a rickety old cable car, which is the main form of transportation up one of the many steep hills in Zurich.

After a three-minute ride that costs one Swiss frank (about \$1.18 Cdn.), students are dropped off at the top of the hill in front of the main engineering building of the University of Zurich. The rest of the buildings belonging to the university, including the hospital, museums and several lecture halls, are scattered across various city blocks in the area, much like our own university. There is only one building which can be classified as the campus centre, it holds the main administrative offices. A real campus, as we know it, does not exist.

Students who enter the university at the age of about 20 usually live at home. There are no residences affiliated with the school. Since there is such an excellent transportation system, there is no

problem for students to get to school, even if they live in another canton. Students spend an average of about 6 years at post-secondary institutions and are usually already very well prepared for study in their field because of a strong high school background.

When it comes down to actually doing the work and going to classes, the student is completely responsible for himself. Upon entering the school (there are no cut-off marks as it is accepted that everyone has the right to an education), the student is given the list of required courses for the degree, the times of the classes, and for some classes even examination times. The order in which courses are completed and the amount of time it takes to complete them are irrelevant. As long as the student knows what material to cover for an exam, it doesn't matter when the exam is taken, or how many times.

Tuition for one year costs a little over 1000 franks and includes a very good health plan. However, books are extra. Tuition is subsidized by the canton in which the student lives. Since not each of the 26 cantons in Switzerland have a university, some cantons may give more money towards education than others, so tuition costs vary from canton to canton.

All in all, the idea of a university being a place to study and get a degree is the same. However, a European university lacks what a North American university feels is vital. The campus pub, athletic teams, and social clubs that are an integral part of our university experience are nonexistent in Europe. The school is nothing but a school, and for this reason I am glad to go to a university with a lot more life skills to offer than just an education.



PICTURES: MARION HENSEL

Left: Strolling along the Niederdorfstrasse.

Above: The Poly Bahn cable car takes students to class.

The G7 summit: No quick movements, please



MELANIE SEAL

CORD INTERNATIONAL

Halifax hosted the G7 economic summit from June 15 to 17. It was attended by the world's largest industrialized countries; Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, France and Canada. Hosting the summit was a great privilege and honour for Canada.

For Halifax, it meant an influx of men clad in long black trench coats and ear pieces. Helicopters constantly circled overhead, and security cameras were perched atop many buildings. Most Halifaxians appreciated the need for security, and were proud to show their city off.

Security was the city's first priority after the recent Oklahoma City bombing. On that same day a Charlottetown courthouse was bombed.

Loki 7, the terrorist group that claimed responsibility for the

bombing, sent a threatening letter to ATV, a Halifax television station. The letter referred to the "red zone" high security area in which the summit itself would take place. Loki 7 said that no leader would be safe outside of these "barricaded and guarded compounds". It specifically named US President Bill Clinton as a target. ATV stated the letter contained "stylized swastikas and contains anti-Semitic rhetoric".

Clinton stayed at the Chateau Halifax, which is located outside of the red zone's perimeter. The entire hotel was closed the weekend of the summit, and the floor on which Clinton was staying was sheathed with bullet proof glass. Despite the precautions, Clinton was able to go for a jog in Point Pleasant Park. A security entourage followed him with a bullet proof blanket to throw over him at the first hint of trouble.

Despite the estimated 4000 security people around the city Clinton and Yeltsin brought their own vehi-

cles and personal security men. Although it is illegal for people entering the country to carry firearms, the RCMP stated that it was using a "gentleman's" attitude and assuming that all officials were abiding by Canadian Law.

The Americans seemed dissatisfied with the Canadian security precautions. Chief Todd Bogie, of the Aircraft Carrier USS Nassau, confirmed that for the duration of the G7 there was an American submarine hidden in the waters of Halifax Harbour. When asked if it was a coincidence that his own ship was stationed off the shore of Newfoundland, Bogie said, "Nothing the U.S. Navy ever does is because of coincidence."

Fortunately, the G7 passed without incident. Although one member of the American Press compared their stay in Halifax to visiting Akron, Ohio, Halifax can be satisfied at hosting a world class conference in world class style.

Left: Work crews busily prepare the off-limits area known as the Red Zone. Below: Your friendly RCMP officer guards a Red Zone entrance.

PICTURES: MELANIE SEAL



Attention: Your Opinion Wanted.

Care to have your voice heard?

Answer the following questions and return to the Cord offices on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building.

Results will be part of a Cord Feature in September.

- 1) How much do you feel fraternities and sororities improve life on campus?
- a) greatly
 - b) somewhat
 - c) neutral
 - d) not
 - e) not at all
- 2) Do you belong to a fraternity or a sorority?
- a) yes
 - b) no
- 3) Have you ever considered joining one?
- a) yes
 - b) no

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How to get a degree without using your brain

Is your brain fried from the summer sun? Fearing the fall already? Well, take heart. In this week's feature The Cord looks at ways to earn university credits without using your head. Finding such courses is a mindless task as well; they seem to be everywhere. Read on to discover what no-brainer courses our government funded post-secondary education system offers, the easiest Laurier courses as voted by WLU students, and how it is possible to get a degree without getting smart.

Full classroom, empty heads

AMANDA DOWLING
CORD FEATURES

If you can read this, give yourself a pat on the back: not all university graduates can. A 1993 Federal government survey found that 17% of Canadian citizens are university educated, second only to the USA with 24%. With 115,000 undergraduate degrees being dished out each year in Canada, and 50,000 passed out annually in Ontario alone, we sound like a pretty smart bunch. But just how much is this higher education enhancing our minds? Not much for some people.

The four years and forty-thousand dollars which are poured into a University Degree are not always enough to guarantee the literacy of the graduate. A 1993 study on Adult Literacy in America found that four percent of those who had completed a four year post-secondary degree remained functionally illiterate.

While these sub-standard grads could manage tasks such as signing their name, totaling a bank deposit entry, and locating the expiration date on

a driver's license, they are certainly not the sharpest knives in the drawer. The following tasks are a sample of those which the study participants were not able to complete:

- Locate an intersection on a street map
- Determine the difference in price between tickets for two shows
- Write a brief letter explaining an error made on a credit card bill
- Using a calculator, calculate the difference between the regular price and the sale price from an advertisement. Use a bus schedule to determine the appropriate bus for a given set of conditions.
- Interpret instructions from an appliance warranty

Because these statistics are American, can we assume that those of us north of the 49 are immune to this ignorance? Probably not. Many course descriptions in Ontario University calendars sound somewhat less than academic. Read on to find a sampling of our favourites.



No Brains Required

AMANDA DOWLING AND
DAVID POPOVICH
CORD FEATURES

Ryerson

Sleep and Wakefulness

"Current issues in sleep and dream research will be raised. Experimentation encouraged."

Introduction to Sewing

"This course focuses on basic sewing skills...Students cut and complete a lined wool skirt during the course."

Textures and Surfaces

"Through a theoretical and creative approach and a historical perspective, an appreciation of textures and surface design is developed."

Beverage Management

"This course studies the principles, methods and practical applications of beverage management as it applies to the commercial beverage industry."

Wine Appreciation Seminar

"One hour lecture followed by a tutored wine

tasting. Proper wine storage, service and decanting techniques will be discussed and demonstrated."

Television: A Critical Review

"Television programs will be screened and analyzed by the class."

Think, Breathe, Speak

"Examine what happens to your body, breath and organs of speech when you stand up to speak. You will see yourself on video, thereby enhancing your ability to know how to speak well in public, in performance and in everyday conversation."

Western

Listening to Music

A basic course to acquaint students with the materials of music and to give a broad perspective of the history of music. Through guided listening the student will be exposed to a wide variety of musical styles.

Lakehead

Introduction to Alpine Skiing

"This course provides the student with an introduction to the theory and practice of alpine skiing."

Social Dance

"To increase understanding of, appreciation of, and skill in the performance of the social dances in the North American and Latin American styles."

Outdoor Recreation

A study of the phenomenon of leisure time outdoor physical activity. Such topics as outdoor recreation, resource planning, principles of leisure time activity and the physiological and psychological factors related to activity in the outdoors will be discussed."

Mime

"This course is a preliminary exploration of the art and skill of mime."

University of Toronto

Collage

An exploration of the history and the methods. Projects and assigned readings complement

this process.

York

Introduction to Leisure

Leisure as a form of human expression is examined from an interdisciplinary perspective. This course introduces the student to various models of leisure in order to provide conceptual background for examining the impact of leisure studies in contemporary society.

Guelph

Clothing as Related to Human Behaviour

An interdisciplinary approach to the study of apparel, interpreted through cultural, aesthetic, socio-psychological and economic concepts.

Introductory Apiculture

Designed to acquaint the student with the broad field of Beekeeping. Will include honey bee biology and behaviour; management for honey production, products of the hive, pests and enemies and the value of bees as pollinators of agricultural crops. Frequent audio visual presentations.

Comatose: The college years

DAVID POPOVICH
CORD FEATURES

So, I hear ya' want a higher education, but you think those university "No-Brainers" are too much of a strain on your noggin. Well, I have a suggestion.

For those who thought that the ease and simplicity of high school classes such as Phys. Ed. and Home Ec. were only fond memories of days gone by, you are sadly mistaken. Hidden not-so-deep in the recesses of community college calendars lurk the next generation of those infamous sleepers.

Phys. Ed. lives on, stronger than ever in the hearts of most colleges, yet in order to give it an edge of distinction the administration has fragmented the program, giving credit to each individual sport. Now, that sport which you excelled in can give you credit in a higher learning institution.

Vanier Community College offers students the usual fare of athletic pursuits, including tennis, badminton, floor hockey and basketball, yet for those who prefer a credit in a not-so-ordinary sport they have something for you as well. Students can hit the ice for a credit in curling, or hit the mat for a wrestling class. There are also several aerobics courses offered including one titled "Aerobics Walking" which pits innocent spandex clad students against the unholy Stairmaster for the final exam.

For the rogue one might try their hand at archery. Unfortunately, I think they've stopped giving out that Robin Hood Scholarship Award for marksmanship and stealing from the rich to give to the poor.

If you're into the grunge scene or for that matter just like wearing plaid, perhaps Grant MacEwan Community College can interest

you in a game of golf. Actually, this college offers over fourteen courses relating to golf, golf equipment and golf cart fleet repair, golf swings and golf instructions. With a top marks in Golfing 101 and a new wardrobe from the Arnold Palmer collection you may just have a promising future on the PGA Tour.

Well, if these seem to put too much pressure on the ol' gray matter one may consider signing up for a course in Laughter at Vanier, where you can "learn to distinguish various kinds of laughter and the logic which underlies them". On top of this knee slapping workload, the college also offers a class titled Play, which seriously "considers the role of play in our lives and whether man, in fact, is made for play".

For the fine connoisseur or town drunk, George Brown College gives students the

opportunity to earn a credit in Cocktail 101...I mean Mixology. Those with a more refined palette may wish to try their taste buds at a course titled Wines.

Students browsing through the calendar can also find classes in Dining Room Organization and Hospitality Law, where you can really find out what happens to convicted Dine and Dashers. Grant MacEwan's class in Supervision rounds out the list teaching future employees once again that it is always better to watch and point than to participate.

Just a reminder, if trying to decide what to do has strained the brain a bit too much, Vanier happily offers a class in Stress Management for those who have to learn to deal with the pressure of the higher learning curriculum.

WLU GUIDE TO No-brainers

"You just do a quick presentation and that's the course."

John Busold
4th Year Dip. Accounting

"I haven't even started studying for the final next week!"

Chad Belcher
4th Year Hons. Eco.

EN122
Survey of Major British Authors 1.0
Masterpieces in English literature from its beginning to the modern period (including works by such authors as Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Swift, Wordsworth, and T.S. Eliot) and their genres and influences. Attention will also be paid to the practice of critical writing, interpretation of texts, and to literary research.

"The exams were too easy. Nothing but True and False."

Greg Ashcroft

PE107
Introduction to Aquatics 0.25
As an introductory course in a specific sports activity each will provide the fundamental skills, techniques and principles, and, where applicable, the rules and regulations of that activity.

"It was physically tough, but you didn't need a brain. You could be a rock and pass it."

Jon Stronach
4th Year Phys. Ed.

PS238
Industrial and Organizational Psychology I 0.5
Personnel psychology, human factors engineering and consumer psychology.

"We watched a lot of films and all the exams were multiple choice."

Dana Parker
3rd Year Psychology

GL100
Intro to Physical and Environmental Geology 1.0
The study of the internal and external forces that fashion the earth's surface and the relationships between these processes and environmental hazards.

"There was no work. It was really easy."

Suzy Elliott
3rd Year Psychology

**AMANDA DOWLING AND
DAVID POPOVICH**
CORD FEATURES

EN227
Writing for the Media 0.5
Theory and practice of writing with emphasis on the fundamentals of journalism and their relation to news reporting and the writing of promotion and public relation materials.

"The assignments were really straightforward. It was a simple writing course"

Eric Green
4th Year Communications

BU121
Functional Areas of the Organization 0.5
An introduction to managerial aspects of the specific areas of Marketing, Production, Finance, Personnel, and Industrial Relations.

"Everything is already written out. All you have to do is ask someone who took (the course) the year before (for the notes) and you have your mark."

John Ilucilak
4th Year History and Religion and Culture

PO205
Politics and Society 0.5
The interaction between politics and society

with an examination of Major theories interpreting the role of the state in modern society, and the role of individuals, groups, parties and classes in modern political systems.

"Nothing was expected of us. Expect nothing, give nothing."

Kevin Turnbull
3rd Year Biology/Chemistry

GG272
Population Geography 0.5
Study of the factors underlying the changing spatial distribution of population and resulting problems at national, regional and local scales.

"I went to two classes and got an A+. All I had to do was get the notes from a really smart girl in the class and study for the exam."

Brent Ready
Class of '93 Geography and Phys Ed.

BU458
Developing Interpersonal Competence 0.5
Communication concepts and techniques are discussed as essential management tools. Skills in oral and written communication are practiced and developed through a variety of self-directed projects.

"The lowest mark that was handed out was

an A."
Carolyn Parks
Class of '92 Honours Business

AS105
Astronomy and Space Science 0.5
An introduction to astronomy emphasizing recently acquired data on the moon and planets the solar system; stars and galaxies; cosmological theories. Special topics such as black holes and pulsars will be included.

"It was simple. I had all of the old exams."

Jeff Seady
4th Year Geography

BU208
Interpersonal Communication 0.5
An introductory course designed to improve the student's ability to communicate effectively within an organizational context.

"All you had to do was talk. There was no content."

Steve Foerster
Class of '95 Economics.

"The only work was a single easy assignment."

Eric Meniki
4th Year Dip. Accounting

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 — Disgruntled worker, Sector 7G, Springfield Nuclear Power Plant

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Editorial

One law that doesn't need to be Reformed

The media spotlight shines these days on South Carolina, where the trial of Susan Smith has managed to bump the Simpson case all the way to page three or four.

Smith is the 23-year old American woman who last year rolled her car into a lake with her two small sons trapped inside. I do not allege guilt prematurely, as Smith herself has admitted her actions. That someone could do such a thing is truly incomprehensible. It is hard to imagine a more heinous crime.

For this, she does not deserve to die.

And while her lawyers battle to spare her the death penalty, Preston Manning and his Reform Party have been making more rumblings about trying to reinstate capital punishment here in Canada.

This disgusts me. Not necessarily the advocacy of the death penalty, its supporters are welcome to their opinion. It is the reason why Reformers are waving the death penalty flag so strongly now that bothers me so much. Clearly, they hope to gain political ground by preying on the emotions of the Canadian public in light of the sensationalistic crimes that grab today's headlines.

What better time to advocate state-sponsored killing than during the trial of Paul Bernardo, a trial that has captivated, frightened, sickened, and angered the vast majority of the population? If there is ever going to be a single case that causes the voting public to support the death penalty, the Bernardo case is it.

So, Manning fires up the publicity wagon and begins espousing the virtues of capital punishment. While I doubt this stance will ultimately bring about political gain for the Reform Party, it could. I wonder if Manning would be comfortable knowing that it took the violent deaths of at least three young women to put him in the Prime Minister's office.

But before he has the chance to convince you, I'll try to do otherwise.

Supporters of capital punishment are often quick to point out that society needs a strong deterrent. With the increase in violent crimes over the past few decades, they believe that instituting the death penalty would "scare off" some potential murderers who would not want to put their life at risk. This train of logic assumes that the current punishment for murder of life imprisonment is not a strong enough deterrent in itself. That's pretty thin. Anyone who tells you they wouldn't be terrified of a lifetime in prison is lying.

The other problem with the deterrent rationale is that it implies that prior to killing someone, a murderer calmly weighs out the pros and cons of their impending actions, like deciding a move in a game of chess. Smart money says that is not the case in the majority of murders. Either a killing is a rash action where the consequences are never considered, or it is planned to the point where the killer never expects to be caught. Either way, the murderer does not accept life imprisonment as the ultimate result of his or her actions. If the existence of capital punishment in South Carolina didn't deter Susan Smith from murdering her own children, are we really to believe that it would stop someone like Paul Bernardo in Canada?

But it isn't the death-penalty-as-deterrent argument that the Reformers are really trying to capitalize on now. It's about retribution. About how even the most moral of us have at one time or another in the past weeks wished that Canada did have the death penalty so that Bernardo could get what he deserves. I've thought it myself.

That doesn't make it right. No matter what you do to the murderers, it won't bring back the victims. It can't lessen the pain of loss that the families of the deceased must feel. It is revenge, pure and simple, and when the government says it's okay to kill someone to avenge the death of another, our society takes an important step backward.

Yes, the punishment should fit the crime. It shouldn't duplicate it.

Editorial by Scott Stinson, Editor-in-Chief

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The changing image of the hero

Today's Hollywood prefers them dead

MELANIE SEAL
CORD OPINION

Growing up as impressionable children in the late seventies and early eighties, our heroes were extraordinary. Luke Skywalker danced across the screen, waving a neon wand that could challenge the strongest of the dark forces. Superman could see through anything but lead, and always got the bad guy while never wanting the credit.

Our heroes were not only moral mentors we longed to resemble in the school yard, they were gods. Immortalized by Mattel, we could carry the action figures of our heroes with us.

Even Transformers, G.I. Joe, and He-Man had the ability to do supernatural things. Transformers were interesting action figures that were not limited by the physical boundaries of man. Yes, they were more than met the eye, they were robots in disguise. G.I. Joe, a combat warrior, could survive any explosion, throw grenades farther, and always, always, came out unscathed. He-Man and She-Ra, well, they had really big muscles. Apart from being able to tear the limbs clean off any other being, they could walk around scantily clad all day. He-Man never got the chills.

What becomes of us when one of our childhood heroes is crushed? Imagine the devastation I faced when the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles replaced G.I. Joe and Star Wars action figures on the shelves of toy stores.

Imagine what I felt when Superman

Hollywood has found the ultimate solution to the defeatable hero. Movies are made about characters that are already dead. Movies such as "Rob Roy" and "Braveheart" are stories that can be told with glory and glamour; the characters are history. It doesn't matter if the tales of celtic heroism are inaccurate, the heroes are not around to dispute the story.

What does this mean for those who will be university students twenty years from now? Will they have grown up with action figures like Beowulf, Thomas Beckett, and Attila? Will school-yard games like hopscotch be replaced by re-enactments of the Black Plague and the guillotining of Louis XVI?

The beauty of heroes from the past is that they are infallible. Beowulf defeats the Grandel and while Beckett is killed he becomes a martyr. Nothing beats a hero with spirituality.

In reality, the heroes of a generation, as Superman is one of ours, can never be predicted. It could be worse, we could be growing up now and have action figures resembling a huge purple thing named Barney.

Hang in there Superman, you're still my hero.

Our heroes were not only moral mentors we longed to resemble in the school yard, they were gods.

was paralyzed after a fall from his horse. How can a superhero's ultimate enemy be the stubbornness of an equine refusing to make a three-foot high jump? My childhood hero seems to be vulnerable after all.

Ptaszek's brief CFL season over

PETE ROBINSON

CORD SPORTS

Almost as quickly as it began, Stefan Ptaszek's first CFL season has ended, after a serious knee injury a couple weeks ago.

The former Laurier star receiver was cruising along in his first season with the BC Lions when he injured himself on a punt return in the second quarter of a game versus the Toronto Argonauts.

"He will be out for quite some time," said a Lions' spokesperson when asked about the status of the 24-year-old Burlington native.

Ptaszek had 4 receptions in his first two games, including a 20-yd touchdown catch against Memphis. His exploits hadn't gone unnoticed either. He was the Lions' fifth receiver and came in on all passing situations.

"He's done all we have asked of him," said BC quarterback Danny McManus to the Toronto Sun, the day before the Toronto game.

Ironically it was an injury that curtailed Ptaszek's chances of first making the Lions' roster in '94. A hamstring injury suffered during his first training camp sent him to the sidelines and shortly thereafter the Lions sent him home. It was this development that allowed him to return to Laurier

and rewrite almost all of the OUAA and CIAU receiving records.

Other Laurier grads that have landed spots on CFL teams include Craig Brenner with Calgary and PJ Martin with the Argos. Brenner is backing up Shawn Daniels at fullback and sees a lot of action on special-teams. Despite the amount of playing time he receives, he has yet to carry the ball or make a reception this season.

Martin is in a similar position to Brenner. Playing fullback, he backs up both Duane Forde and Norm Casola. Toronto employs a more traditional style offence, allowing them to carry three fullbacks on their roster, thus providing Martin with a job.

Laurier linebacker Gerry Smith was cut by Saskatchewan and with one year of eligibility remaining it seems likely he will return to Laurier for his final year.

Smith was one of a whole host of OUAA players released by CFL clubs, including Waterloo's Corey Delaney and Brad Harris, Toronto's Glenn McCausland and Francis Etienne, and Western's Stewart Beake.

OUAA grads that did make the grade include PJ Gleason with the Argos, Jude St. John with Hamilton, and Guelph's Kevin Reid with Calgary.



Stefan Ptaszek, one of the best players to ever put on the Purple and Gold had his CFL season with the BC Lions cut short by a knee injury.

The young shall inherit the team

LIBBI HOOD

CORD SPORTS

The future lies with the young people. It is up to the students of today to lead the country tomorrow, and it is up to the rookies of today to bring the Jays back from the dead.

Toronto began the '95 season with rookies in their starting line-up in the form of Alex Gonzalez, Shawn Green, and Carlos Delgado. Delgado is back in the minor leagues due to injury but still holds a prominent place in the future of the club.

For the other rookies, the future is now. Many of the brief flashes of brilliance displayed by the Jays this year have been results of these youngsters, including perennial bench-sitter Tomas Perez. Gonzalez, Green and Perez have all had game winning hits, often in the bottom of the ninth.

Unfortunately, the rookies are

not prone to consistency. All three have also made crucial errors which led, directly or indirectly, to losses. Such is the roller coaster ride of a rookie season.

Since the start of the season, five other rookies have been added to the Jays' roster, including two who made the long jump from Double A Knoxville to the majors, effectively by-passing their time in Triple A ball.

Both are now starters in the form of pitcher Edwin Hurtado and catcher Sandy Martinez. They formed the battery of a Jays victory last week, giving the world a glimpse of what the Jays will be. Martinez has also in the past month shown what the nouveau-Jays will be until they get more experience, with priceless moments such as his off-line throw back to the mound which completely missed the pitcher and ended up in center field, and

his bunting into Major League Baseball's first triple play of the season.

The triple play also involved Green and Gonzalez, giving it full points for rookie content.

With eight rookies on the roster, Toronto has already made a commitment to rebuilding with young talent. Delgado is only a breath away from a return trip to the majors to bring the total to nine. Many people believe Triple A Syracuse outfielder Robert Perez should also be in the majors getting some experience, as the likes of Joe Carter and Candy Maldonado will not be around the next time the Jays are champions.

Perez would be the tenth rookie on the roster, and the Jays are looking to add one or two other young pitchers by trading David Cone, but with only a few days remaining before the trade deadline, it's

impossible to know what will happen.

Such a young team might grow into a championship squad, or it

might falter under the pressure. Only the next few years will reveal what kind of a future the young people can bring to Toronto.

OUAA Updates

- The OUAA Football schedule will have a different look this season as each team will play eight league games instead of the usual seven. Each team will face one other team twice, in a home-and-home setup, and all other opponents only once.
- The double match-ups are as follows: Laurier will play McMaster twice, with Western and York, Waterloo and Guelph, and Windsor and Toronto each playing twice.
- The television contract with CHCH

has been extended and will be in effect for another four years. Football will start the year as usual, followed by men's and women's basketball.

Laurier has been awarded the OUAA Hockey Championships for the next four seasons as a result of the successful show put on this past March.

It is expected to take the same format with a Final Four set-up determining both the champion and two berths in the National final.

The Thumbnail Sketch School of Film Criticism



Paxton, Bacon and Hanks cuddle in the vastness of space

AARON HUNTER AND SCOTT STINSON
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Apollo 13

From the left side of the brain: "Cool!" From the right side: "Snore!" This seems to be the movie no one wants to cut up. Well, / will. Good effects and star power do not a movie make, Opie. Somewhere between dumbing down the technical stuff and playing up the drama, my interest got blown out the airlock. Another page in the tortuous book of the American myth.

Species

Some of us are wondering how this got an AA rating. Methinks some money changed hands at the rating board in order to bring this celebration of sex, sci-

ence and violent death to 14 year olds everywhere. Don't get me wrong; I loved it. Well, except for the ultra-contrived final ten minutes. Michael Madsen is, as always, übercool. H.R. Giger's alien design is also übercool.

Nine Months

You can smell the 'Home Alone' on this from ten miles away. Director Chris Columbus trots out the typical pregnant jokes, with occasional stabs into the unexpected coming from the performances of Robin Williams and Joan Cusack. I refuse to praise Tom Arnold, just on principle. Hugh Grant's biggest strength as an actor, subtlety, is completely lost in this mildly amusing Stoogetfest. It's ironic how many people saw Four Weddings and a Funeral on video, and

Nine Months in the theatre. In a perfect world it would be the opposite.

First Knight

The reason this movie leaves a bad taste in the mouth can be summed up in four simple words: Richard Gere as Lancelot. But I was prepared to wince through his scenes, so at the end I came out almost pleased. Sean Connery and Julia Ormond crank up the Q rating, and some of the fight scenes play out well. However, the script is sadly predictable and the set design is so metaphorical it practically beats you over the head. The bad guy lives in a dark, fiery pit carved out of the side of a mountain while Camelot is full of sprawling, spotless castles that are literally gleaming white. Note: Next time, easy with the turrets.

Rooting through the grease with Joel and George

JOEL LYNN AND GEORGE RAPTIS
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

This week, Joel and George decide that healthy food is no longer a priority. Throwing caution to the wind and some Pepto in our tummies, we have checked out what we think are the five most popular fast-food joints in the area. These joints are: Burger King, Harvey's, McDonalds, Taco Bell and Wendy's. Note: all establishments are graded out of a possible five "Babe the Pig" heads.

Burger King

"Well, I love Booger Thing," starts Joel as George grimaces. George has never once had a warm french fry from the place, nor has he ever figured out why they call it a 'Whopper'. Joel has to disagree with his esteemed colleague on this one. The burgs always taste great. Good sauce, quality flame-broiled taste, and very warm fries with a milkshake served beside a Whopper make a great meal-deal combination. If you're looking for maximum

quality for the money however, George suggests moving down the King Street fast food strip for something else, but just remember to walk right on past the Colonel.



Harvey's

Who wants to talk about quality food on a students' budget? If you do, George suggests two junior burgers, small fries and a drink from Harvey's. It will run you about five bucks and the burgers are bigger than much of the competition's. Joel suggests that perhaps Harvey's in the morning for breakfast is O.K. It ain't that expensive for ye olde eggs and bacon, or some pancakes. Other than that, continue down the strip for something else, but don't let the Colonel sway you in. Harvey still needs to make his burgs visible on the plate, however, before Harvey's can join the ranks of quality for money. George says Joel is wrong, but agrees that there are eleven certain spices that should be avoided.



McDonalds

Joel suggests that this particular chain should be avoided if financial restrictions permit. He refers to the food as bland, generic restaurant slush. George seems to like it however. George appreciates the good prices, variety of combinations and tastes of the month. He also insists that the quality of the food has dramatically increased in the last few years. The only thing that Joel and George can agree on is that the combos are worth the money. If you want chicken, eat it here, not at that other place with that old guy on the spinning barrel in front of the store.



Taco Bell

Feeling the need to give Taco Bell a fair chance, we have decided not to just write, "Yuck!". George won't even walk on the same side of the street in case one of his stupid friends is dumb enough to go in. After everything else is closed and Joel has developed sufficient liquid courage, a pile of soft tacos helps to wake up the acids inside his stomach.

George adds that "at least it is better than putting your finger down your throat." This is probably the only time Joel and George will ever suggest considering the Colonel, but it all depends on how cheap the beer was at Phil's that night.



Wendy's

Dave is the man! Joel suggests that this is the best of the lot. For just a little over five bucks you can dine (from the Super-value menu) on two juniors, a side-caesar, frosty and biggie fries. George would have to agree. He also applauds how Wendy's has attempted to make their restaurant more upscale. For example, when George's potato skins weren't going to be ready immediately, someone actually named Wendy brought them to him in the "dining room". To end our story, Wendy killed the Colonel, in the dining room with the twelfth ingredient that the Colonel missed: quality.



Mel's Maritime do's and don'ts of picking up at the beach

MELANIE SEAL (REPORTING FROM HALIFAX)
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Do...

- compliment someone on their tan
- ask someone to join your volleyball game

- smile and receive eye contact
- sensually massage suntan lotion into someone's back (if they ask you to)
- take a dog. Big attention getter
- pretend to be a tourist, and ask what the local hotspots are at night

- make sure to put deodorant on; tanning is sweaty work
- get that bikini area waxed
- purchase a pair of TEVAs

Don't...

- tell someone you're impressed with their courage in wearing a

- thong
- get arrested while trying to give beers to teenage girls
- let your dog defecate or even fornicate on the beach
- forget to shave your back
- play "pass the pigskin/frisbee/baseball around" near a

- group of girls; we're hip to that "I'll just throw it long" tactic
- think you're too cool to wear sunscreen and end up pegged "Larry the Lobster"

Remember: friends don't let friends wear mesh shoes.

Where to Hang

July 27

- Isorythm is playing Bob Marley covers at the Roos Island Bandshelter

July 28

- The Hillside Festival begins in Guelph. Runs through the 30th.

July 29

- Watsfic Games Day in the Math Comfy Lounge at U of W. 10am

August 1

- The first of four informal coffee-house style variety shows at the Kitchener Civic Square. 7pm

August 12

- Ashley MacIsaac plays at the Fergus Community Centre as part of the Highland Games festivities.

August 16

- Our Lady Peace and Mystery Machine at the Volcano

ear candy



Hum
You'd Prefer an Astronaut
BMG/RCA

Phil's, meet Hum. Hum, Phil's.

This album, their first major label release following a pair of Twelve Inch/Cargo Records releases, is destined to frequent the sound system at Waterloo's favourite pit o' grunge. It is at times very heavy, at times very moshable, and always ridden with angst. Perfect for the sweaty masses that pack that little checkered dance floor.

The searing "Little Dipper" gets the album off to a fast start, while "I Hate it Too" and "Songs of Farewell and Departure" wind it down so easily you'd swear the band actually recorded it in one session and used these tracks to do a little post-workout stretching.

The super-catchy "Stars" and "I'd Like Your Hair Long" are the albums most radio-friendly tracks, while "The Very Old Man" rates as one of the most depressing pieces I've heard in some time.

Overall, the four guys from Champaign, Illinois who form Hum have come up with a very interesting sound. The influence of Smashing Pumpkins is obvious, and they also borrow some of the layered guitar effects of Sonic Youth.

You like guitar-heavy alternative (ugh, that word) rock? You like bands that are capable of playing different speeds without missing a beat? You'll like Hum.



Fury in the Slaughterhouse
The Hearing and the Sense of Balance
RCA/BMG

The second english-language album from this six-man German outfit has been released in North America, after going gold in a hurry back home, where it was released last February. Apparently, these guys are very hot in Germany. Then again, the German music-going public treats David Hasslehoff like he's freakin' Elvis, so their opinion has to be taken with an armload of salt.

When I hear a band for the first time, it's usually pretty easy to peg their sound after a few songs, to compare them with a well-know band. Not so with Fury. On "The Hearing and the Sense of Balance", their sound is as varied as their name is long. They jump all over the musical map, from light acoustic pop to heavier guitar rock, with a dash of high-speed punk thrown in.

One thing that distracts from the music is the obvious difficulty that this band has in making English songs. Lyrically, the songs are often plodding and deliberate, like the writer really has to work for lyrics that make sense. Take the song "Down There", the band's pro-environment cry that is written from the point of view of an astronaut looking down at Earth - "Down there's America/Down there's Africa/Down there are people who think that mankind is the most important thing". The lyrics are so plain and obvious, it can get pretty boring. These guys are the anti-Stipe.

But is it any good? Not alarmingly so, but still pretty solid. It is very listenable, but at the same time none of the songs really grab you by the ears. You'd want this album for the same reason you'd want to keep fish for pets. It's nice and simple, and it doesn't require a great deal of attention.



Nothing In Particular
Is That Right?
Kinetic

These guys have got themselves a copy of "How to Become a Hit Band" and are following it page by page. Chapter One: Make damn sure first album is full of catchy hooks and riffs with singable lyrics.

While none of the songs have mega-hit written all over them, the album as a whole could stand multiple turns in the disc player. It is a very strong mix of uptempo alterna-pop and geared-down acoustic folkiness.

For a four-piece band, their sound is much more complex than one might expect. Depending on taste, this is either a benefit or a detriment. They could certainly stand to include a couple of tracks that are a little more stripped down.

NIP's only glaring fault lies in the voices of Andy Ford and Rich Carter, who between them split the lead vocal and lead guitar duties. While it's refreshing to hear singers who do not believe they have to sound like Eddie Vedder or Michael Stipe to be successful, the album suffers from the lack of a commanding vocalist. This probably explains the "more noise is good noise" feel that you get from most of the tracks.

All in all, this is a solid debut album and deserves a listen. Still, someone should tell them to ease up with the cheesy bang-those-drumsticks-together-four-times intros. I kept thinking I was listening to "KISS Alive"...

-reviews by Scott Stinson



Hard Cord

Laurier's lippy media watchdog

1. "Gretzky Rocks", a new single from *The Pursuit of Happiness*. Moe Berg indulges in a Stompin' Tom-esque romp. Yes, 'romp'.
2. **Alternative uses for the microwave.** Take stamps off envelopes, forge your own bar of soap, or dry off your dog in a hurry.
3. **The Dick Smyth commentary, weeknights on Channel 47.** Right before the Simpsons? What brain-in-a-jar decided that?
4. **The Foo Fighters.** Nirvana's little drumming monkey can sing!
5. **Surrealist artist Christo.** Maybe he could wrap the Student Union Building in purple and gold polypropylene.
6. **T-shirts that say 'Hugh 'Da Man' on them.** From something so tacky and gauche comes something so..... tacky and gauche.
7. **Litefoot, rapper-turned-star of "The Indian In The Cupboard".** If only we could miniaturize *all* rappers and lock them in a cupboard.
8. **Celebrity home remedies.** Mr. Dressup makes medicine easier to bear by freezing his tongue with an ice cube. I saw it on CBC.
9. **Boba Fett.** The galaxy's deadliest bounty hunter: Show some respect.
10. **A disturbing beer commercial trend.** If I wanted annoying drivelt mouthed by guys who think they're funny, I'd ask for it. No thanks.



Through the marvel of modern technology, Kevin Costner's Maritimer is transformed into the One True Sailor, Popeye (notice the forearms.) It has also allowed us to "beautify" the young girl. Good luck to Waterworld from the staff at the Cord!



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War Is Peace.
Freedom Is Slavery.
Ignorance Is Strength.

Or, read the Cord.

ANTON VOLCANSEK

"You are thinking of what, mein Herr?"

"I'm thinking about getting a summer job," I reiterated for my visibly shaken manservant Franz.

He nearly dropped my iced tea, but recovered in time to place the tray neatly on the coffee table with nary a clank.

"Surely there is no money problem, Herr Anton?" he tactlessly probed, eyeing me through his monocle with naked suspicion.

"No, Franz," I lied, "Of course not." There was no sense in declaring I lost my fortune the previous day. Three Legged Mule, my 45 to 1 longshot in the triactor, turned out to be an actual three legged mule with jaundice. Besides, Franz wasn't due to be paid for another three weeks. "I have been offered the opportunity to work in the factory of the local independent brewery. This is a chance to experience the life of the working man. You know, labour and all that."

"Yes," Franz sneered, "I have read about that. And how, mein Herr, did you happen across an open position at this brewery?"

"My sister works in the office," I said. "Connections, Franz, connections. It's the only way to get a job these days, or so I've read."

I cannot do this much longer. I am stationed in the back of the brewery, dumping beer. That's basically all I do. The company has year old beer returned from the Brewer's Retail. It must be dumped and papers processed in order for the brewery to collect some excise taxes it originally paid to ship out the beer. Skids (or palettes) come with beer piled seven high and twelve deep when they are in cases of twenty four, or as the chaps here say, "two fours".

The pay is good, I must admit. More than enough to fend off Franz. But the work is most laborious.

My epiphany occurred last Friday as I worked the night shift. Some of the "guys" in my general area (I am so very isolated) took advantage of the lack of supervision by playing a radio. The horror! The horror! Eight full hours of some antediluvian "classic rock" station. After the fifth hour they started repeating themselves. A double dose of April Wine, Kinks, Zeppelin, Who, Queen and a hoard of other "artists" I couldn't find in the new releases section of HMV if I tried. And who is this "Seager"? I don't know what made me more nauseous, the stench of old beer or this raspy old beer bellied tenor. He really should chew a lozenge. Needless to say, I vowed to find an alternate means to financial security.

I have decided on returning to university to finish my final year of a four year degree. More specifically I shall return to my alma mater, Waterloo Lutheran University. Good old WLU. A student loan will put me in good standing with Franz and keep me afloat for at least eight months. There should be no problem registering. My annual donation of \$20 to the alumni association will assuredly smooth things out, as they say.

(An explanation: In the mid seventies I dropped out of my program after third year when my book of short stories, "Tales in Support of the Oligarchy", made me a millionaire. I did sponsored book signing tours in Argentina, Chile, Indonesia, Mexico, Uganda, South Africa, Burundi, and Ontario's "cottage country".)

Ah, to be a freshman again. Those were the halcyon days of my youth. I remember protest marches in support of the Vietnam War, unsuccessful

battles to shut down the student press, panty raids, hazings, and of course church.

One more month of this toil I shall now handle, although I can barely contain my anticipation. They used to call me "the Peregrine" in honour of my ferocious defence of DDT and other pesticides. WLU, I'm coming home to roost.

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