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THISISSUE

So how's the summer going? This is the second, yet last, issue we'll be putting out this summer. Stay tuned for our next issue in

September, which will be coming out in Frosh Week - (oops! t mean Oweek.) Did the summer fly or what?NEWS..... Flying exactly what is happening to merchandise around cam-

pus as Ingrid Nielsen explores the rash of unprecedented thefts recently. This is also documented in the beloved Bag O' Crime ... OPINION ... Crime is exactly how

Scott Stinson describes the coverage of the O.L. Sim = pson fiasco. At the s a m e t i m e Ingrid Nielsen takes

the new thrust to combine universities and colleges, and tries to look at it from a new angle ...FEATURE Imagine, Greg (Hick) Sloan producing a feature on Farming. Lynn McCuaig and Alex Moiseev help out with some insight on farming, as well. ... Sports... There's an article on the Blue Jays(Rob Brennan) and a column on the CFL(Scott Stinson),

and that's it, says Stinson, sports editor. Check out the article on this page dealing with paying to get into the AC.ENTER-TAIN-MENT.... Dave Scott has been doin' the concerts around town, and has

> brought back his awesome pics and reviews. A new edition to this section is Aural Stimulation, cool CD reviews complete with the CD cover for easy spottage. We hope you're having a great summer, and let's all have a Red Dog beer in gratitude for advertising again and getting us some colour on our poverty-stricken pages. Just don't turn the bottle upside down. Why? Because the beer would run out, silly!

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Lulu's opens up the stage to a new sound: Spirit of the West

DAVE SCOTT CORD ENTERTAINMENT

There are numerous reasons to feel good about the recent Spirit Of The West show at Lulu's.

Firstly, Lulu's got away from it's familiar oldies format, by presenting an evening with one of Canada's most talented bands of the present musical era.

Secondly, the large dance floor in front of the stage was great for a band that gets people up and moving. The cavernous dance floor was packed. Thirdly, Lulu's has the best lighting in town for concerts, from a photographers point of view.

The evening was a joyous occasion from beginning to end, with Kingston's "The Mahones" warming up the crowd quite nicely. It's been a long time since I've seen an opening act so enthusiastically received. With their Celtic, Pogue-like music. The Mahones induced the masses to dance happily for the whole set.

Spirit of the West followed, and the party continued with the swirling mass of humanity in front of the stage in constant

It must be pointed out here that one of the refreshing things about this show was the pure energetic happiness in the house. Everyone was having a good time,

with the evening dedicated to musical kinship and pleasure, not mere idol worship.

Spirit of The West appeared totally at home on stage, slipping easily between various instruments both modern and traditional. It's clear from this performance to see why this is one of the few Canadian bands to achieve noticeable international success in recent years.

Playing a lot of material from their lat-

est album Faithlift, and a bunch of stuff from Save

feel were fabulous. From songs such as "The Old Sod", and "Bone of Contention",the band performed with professional ease and enthusiasm, I can't emphasize enough the joyous atmosphere that engulfed those fortunate to be present. Nice one, Spirit. Nice one, Lulu's.

This House, the live sound and

A memorable evenings' entertainment indeed, and with shows coming up at Lulu's, such as "The Ramones", hopefully good turn outs at these gigs will mean more new music at the roadhouse.

Summer fees at A/C

SCOTT STINSON

CORD SPORTS

So you thought being a Laurier student entitled you to use of the Athletic Complex year round? Not so. Thanks to an administration decision that student LD, cards are only valid from September to May, any WLU student who is not registered in at least two summer courses no longer has free use of the A.C.

That means any fulltime student living in Waterloo for the summer has to purchase an A.C. summer membership in order to use the facilities.

After sinking thousands of dollars into this fine institution during the school year, most students feel that one should be able to use the gym and pool occasionally without having to fork over an additional thirty dollars.

The Department of Athletics and Recreation feels the same way. Usage of the facilities is way down in the summer months, so making the A.C available to whoever wants to use it, regardless of current course load, seems like a natural idea.

However, rules are rules, so now anyone wishing to use the A.C. must obtain a summer membership card.

If you are taking at least two courses at WLU in the summer, you have already been charged an Athletic fee. To get your summer membership card, go to the A.C. and ask for it.

If you don't meet the minimum course requirements, you have two options. Pay the fee and get a summer A/C membership, or get your exercise somewhere else.

WLU campus a den of theives "Unusually high" string of thefts in a week

INGRID NIELSEN

CORD NEWS

Wilf's, the library, the geography computer lab, the Centre Spot, and the Second Cup, were all hit by an unusual wave of theft which washed over Laurier the week of June

On Saturday, July 2, \$2770 in stereo equipment and miscellaneous supplies were stolen

The stolen equipment included a V.C.R. with remote, a television remote, a tuner, an amplifier, a tape deck, and the "good" CD player from the Turret.

All of this had been set up for a Stag and Doe party to be held at Wilf's that night. The equipment was on stage as a D.J. booth for the value of the affair.

"When someone came in Saturday evening, at around 6:30pm, it (the equipment) just wasn't there," says Dave Hopkins, bartender and security staff at Wilf's.

Although Hopkins estimates that Wilf's staff had probably left on the Friday evening at about 1:00 or 2:00am, Peter Jorg, head of Laurier Security estimates that the crime took place between 1:30pm and 6:30pm on

A member of the Students' Union had been in Wilf's to set up for the party that evening, and left at 1:00pm, Saturday after-

"She probably left the door unlocked when she left," says Jorg. "There were no signs forced entry."

D a n Dawson, Programming and Services Manager, says that, "No it's not covered (the stolen merchandise). Because the insurance deductible is \$10 000, and stuff stolen is \$2

He continued, "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that the insurance policy should be upgrad-

The crime spree contin-

ued as an \$800 V.C.R. was stolen from the Biz office. The person(s) made away with sixth floor of Laurier's library, Wednesday \$4500 in circuit boards from the computers.

June 29. This is the second time in the past year that a V.C.R. has been stolen from the library.

The V.C.R. was attached to the counter with a cable. which was installed after the first V.C.R. was stolen this year.

Earlier the same week. w Monday. June 27. someone entered the ₹ Geography computer lab 2 E 5 B , between the Peter's build-

ing and the

The vandal(s) unscrewed the backs of three micro computers, and sliced out the circuitry inside.

"Even if the computers were tied down," says Jorg, "this still wouldn't have helped."

The next hit was a pop machine outside the Centre Spot in the Students' Union Building. Someone forced open the lock on the machine, and took about \$100 in change.

Money was also stolen from the Second Cup, located in the Concourse. A \$200 float was taken from a locked container in the Staff and Teaching lounge in the Central Teaching Building.

"We're not sure of the exact time this took place. It could have been between 5:30pm Friday, July 1, and 7:30pm Saturday, July 2, or after 5:00pm Sunday until 7:00am Monday morning," says Jorg.

All of these events occured between Monday, June 27 and Monday, July 4. They are also all under investigation, with no suspects at this time.

"There's nothing to indicate a link," says lorg, "although this amount of thefts in one week is unusually high."

Security holds the only master keys to the university, except for a few members of the Administration.

There are no plans for increased security at Laurier.

As for the stereo equipment stolen from Wilf's, "it will be replaced as soon as possible," says Jamie Catton, Bar Manager.

ENWANCE Can you spot the V.C.R.? We thought so.

The facts behind Graduated licensing

PAULA CLARK

CORD NEWS

Can you see the difference? The young generation of drivers obviously see a hig difference between Graduated Licensing and the now out-dated Learner's programme. Maybe they should take a

Graduated Licensing is an improved driver's testing programme developed by the Ministry of Transportation and was made effective in April of this year.

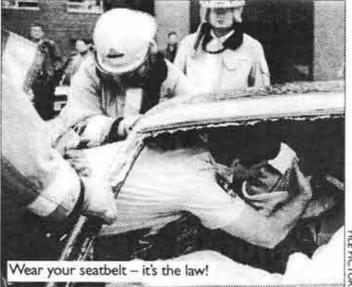
closer look.

The goal of this programme is "to make Ontario's roads the safest in North America". Peter

Christianson, director of the Driving School Association of Ontario realizes that many young drivers are confused about the new programme and are ready to defend their rights for 'freedom'. What most teenagers don't realize is that Graduated Licensing is not very different from the previous programme and that the changes that were made will eventually create a much safer driving environment. They also probably don't know about the 9 billion dollars that tax payers have to shell out every year for collisions costs.

That's right-\$9 billion! The Ministry is putting in this new programme also to help reduce the

number of accidents on the roads that are caused primarily by people who are unaware of what is going



on around them and who often fail to react to a situation.

Graduated Licensing has spit testing into two levels. The first level (G-1 license) can be obtained at age 16 and is similar to the Beginner's license (aka 365).

The new test is designed to be more challenging. The only differences here are that the driver cannot drive on any 400-series highways and not between the hours of midnight and 5:00 am unless accompanied by a licensed driving instructor.

This license lasts for 12 months, but the trainee can go for the level two (G-2 license) driving test after 8 months including an approved dri-

ver training course. The Ministry strongly suggests that all new drivers should take one such approved driving courses as soon after obtaining a G-1 as possible. This will ensure that the methods and habits learned will be the proper ones before going out to practise and gain experience.

Also, with the completion of this level, the driver will receive an "N" novice sticker that they can stick on the license plate of the car. This sticker is not mandatory and Peter Christianson suggests that it

shouldn't be used.

The Ministry thought that if other driver's saw this sticker they would be more considerate toward the new driver. Unfortunately, this sticker could also cause accidents because fellow drivers may try to avoid the novice driver and therefore, become less aware of their surroundings.

At the moment, there are no plans to make the use of the sticker mandatory.

The G-2 license is like a probation license. With this license the driver can go anywhere, anytime, and with anyone they choose. After 12 months with a G-2 license, the driver can upgrade to a full G license by passing a second driver's

Another thing that has been changed is the fees for the tests. Not only are the tests designed to be more challenging, they will also cost more for the trainee. The first test will cost \$50 and the second test, the road test, will cost \$75.

These new fees are supposed to reflect the actual cost of the tests. The Ministry is hoping that these higher costs will motivate the dri-

vers to be positive that they have a good chance of passing their tests on the first try instead of blowing all that money on nothing.

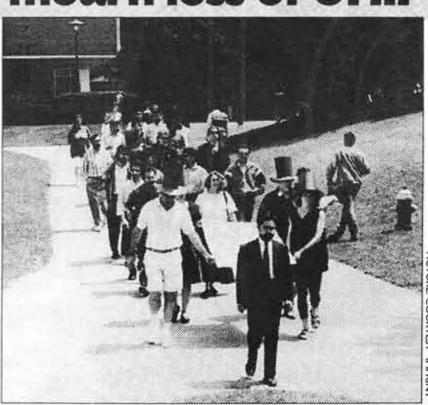
It does sound complicated, but the Ministry of Transportation, backed by such organizations as the Driving School Association of Ontario, Young Driver's of Canada, and The Insurance Bureau of Canada want to stress the importance of safety on our roads.

The key is practise. Practising good driving skills learned by a qualified instructor will reduce accidents on the roads.

Andrea Shelton, of Young Drivers of Canada says that, hopefully, teenagers will learn how to drive properly with a professional and gain the experience so that good driving will become habitual. Shelton also said that she sees 2 to 3 accidents on the road almost every morning and she agrees that Graduated Licensing will "make the roads a lot safer".

The anticipated final results of this programme are that the roads in Ontario will be safer to drive on and that the huge collisions costs will be reduced.

mourn loss of OHIP



On Thursday, June 30th, Students at the University of Waterloo held a memorial service for the loss of International Student OHIP. The procession began at noon at the Grad House. A large cardboard OHIP card was carried to the road area on the east side of Nedles hall. A sermon mouring the loss was delivered by an International Grad

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Phone system gremlins Installation continues – slowly

ROB GLOVER

CORD NEWS

Have you noticed, in the past month or so, that the phones on campus have been doing some rather strange things, such as not working?

Or, have you noticed that every time you log onto mach1 or Banyan, you get ominous messages warning you the phones may be down, out, or recuperating after extensive surgery?

Not to worry, the phone system hasn't been invaded by gremlins; it's just being upgraded.

Computing Services, which now runs the phone system, are

upgrading the central core of the gremlins. phone system. Also, they are tying everyone on campus into the same network. The Peters building, until now, has been on a different, older phone system.

But the best laid plans of mice and machines can go straight out the window, as Computing Services found out. The new hardware and software for the core was installed on June 5th.

However, they've been experiencing either intermittent or ongoing problems with the phones, such as dead lines, or phones not ringing when they should.

Well, perhaps we do have

According to Dr. Nora Znotinias, head of Computing and Communication Services, the cause can be attributed to a combination of hardware faults, bad boards, and installation problems.

Dr. Znotinias mentions that, although we are not a beta site, meaning the phone system is being tested for bugs in the design, the many difficulties experienced here seem to be unique to this installa-

With Bell installing this system, Dr. Znotinias points out that they have to deal with the glitches until they all get ironed out.

And Laurier's new system certainly has its share.

"Bell has never seen anything like this," Znotinias says. "Normally, Bell would not be there (at an installation) for more than...two or three days... At this point (June 16), we (were) at Day 17.

Of course, all adventures must come to an end. According to recent messages on mach1, the rest. of the upgrades seem to be going smoothly.

However, while they lasted, the phone glitches did at least add some element of excitement and mystery to an otherwise dull month on campus.

Bag O' Crime

From the office of Peter Jorg; WLU Head of Security, and guide through the midnight darkness.

Theft over \$1000.00 1210hrs Mon. June 27, 94

Dr. Sharpe of the Geography Department reported the theft of computer circuit boards from three micro computers in 2E5B computer lab valued at approximately \$4500.00. Person(s) unknown had unscrewed the back of the computers and removed the boards. There are no suspects at this time. The matter is still under investigation.

Mischief

2248hrs Mon. June 27, 94

Officers responded to a call from a resident of Bricker residence reporting two youths running around inside the building screaming and shouting, who were now outside the building throwing bottles around. On the arrival of the officers the resident had one of the youths in custody who was hurling verbal abuse at her. A search for the second suspect proved negative. As the youth was only 11 years old he was transported to WRPF 3 Division and turned over to the youth bureau where he verbally abused the officers there. The parents were contacted but did not appear to be too concerned. WRPF officers then transported him home.

Theft under \$1000 0900hrs Tues. June 28, 94

A WLUSU employee reported that person(s) unknown had forced the lock on the soft drink machine by the Centre Spot and removed \$100 cash from the coin box. The incident occured sometime in the past week. No suspects.

Break, Enter and Theft 1130hrs Tues. June 28, 94

WLUSU reported that sometime between 1330hrs and 1830hrs on

Saturday June 25, 94, person(s) unknown had entered Wilf's and stolen the stereo components from the shelf above the bar. It appears that the door to Wilf's had been left unlocked by a staff member earlier in the day. There were no signs of forced entry. The total value of property stolen is \$2770. There are no suspects at the present time. The matter is still under investigation.

Stolen Property Recovered 0900hrs Wed June 29, 94

Acting on information received, a WLU lawn chair was recovered on the lawn of a residence at the comer of Ezra and Clayfield Streets. The occupants were questioned but denied any knowledge of the incident.

Theft under \$1000 1420hrs Wed June 29, 94

Library staff report that sometime since June 27, a V.C.R. was stolen from the sixth floor of the library. The culprit had cut the cable which secured the unit to the table. No suspects.

Mischief

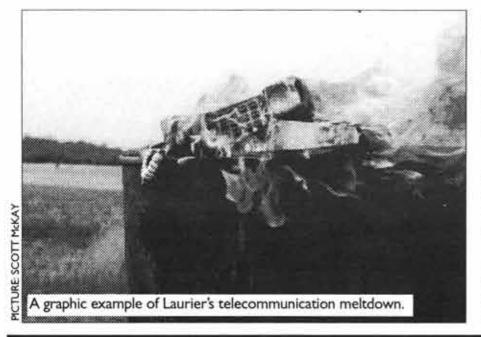
1930hrs Sat July 2, 94

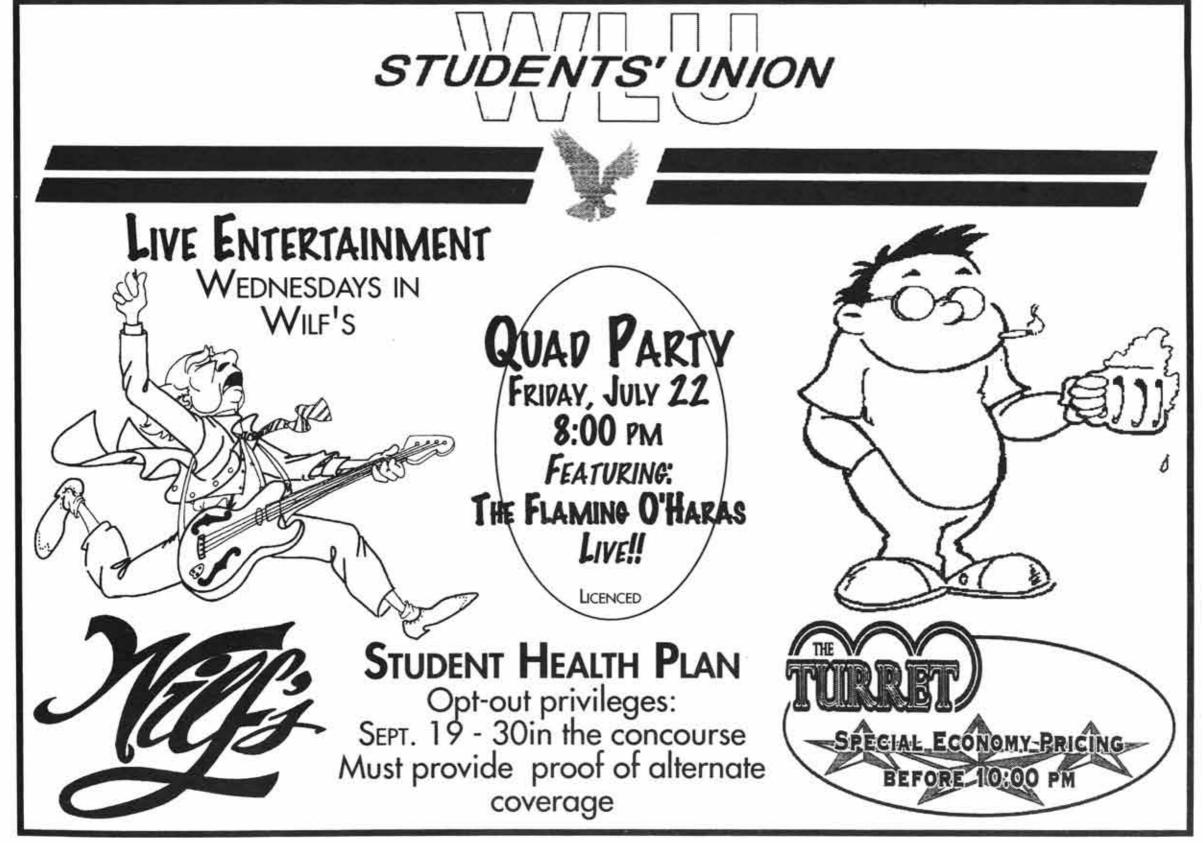
The duty officer discovered that the garage door at 196 King St had been forced open and damaged. There appears to have been nothing of value inside. No suspects.

Mischief

2015hrs Sat July 2, 94

While on patrol the duty officer found one section of the construction fence on Bricker Ave had been knocked down giving easy access to the construction site. The officer along with the assistance of student security were able to put the section back in place and the contractors will be notified.





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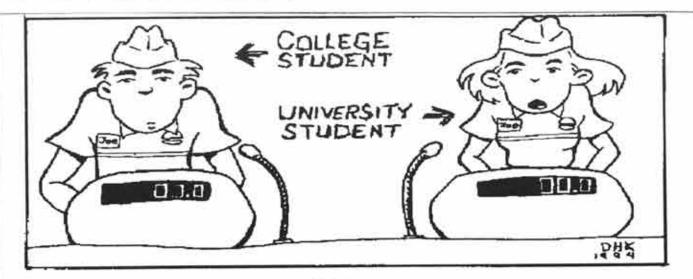
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And then there was one

Sitting at the dinner table with my dad, the topic of my taught is a critical analysis of the world around us, current education came up as usual.

"So at the end of your four years, you're going to leave with this diploma, and"

"It's a degree, Dad."

"Whatever. It's the same thing now, anyway."

He has been listening to all the recent news stories which proclaim the great amelioration of colleges and universities in Canada.

For example, out in B.C. the trend is towards "university colleges", such as Malaspina University College, Okanagan University College, and the University College of the Fraser Valley.

These institutions have been granted the power to offer 4 year degree programs, as well as the previous diplomas and "hands on" skills of a college.

Ontario has bee, watching this blending of the two institutions, and is eagerly following suit.

The most graphic example is the new announcement to attach a Seneca campus college to York University. The government is allotting \$55 million to create a "Seneca-at-York"

What's wrong with this picture?

Firstly, if I were a college-bound student, I would be extremely worried. Do you think the price of university is going to be lowered to the cost of college, as the two mesh? Not a chance. University students may be facing a 50 per cent increase in tuition, but under this new blurring in academia, college students could end up with a 200 per cent tuition hike.

Colleges can provide an excellent education in socalled practical skills. These institutions are thorough and single-minded in their tenacity for a useful, utilitarian education. That is highly valuable.

At the same time, I am fed up with everyone telling me how useless my university education is. I am tired of having people scoff at Philosophy or Political Science, as useless rhetoric to avoid the "real world". What is being

events here and abroad, how they came to be and how we, the generation of tomorrow can clean up the messes of yesterday. That sort of analysis is crucial, and involves challenges to the way we think, perform and observe. That is the height of education. That is university at its

There is a reason why Ryerson worked it's way from being a college to an institute to a university. It was a progression, in the hopes of offering something that a college does not present.

College has its purpose, and so does university.

In this era of government slashes to education, this academic unification will bode well with those who scream for efficiency above all else. Just think, it will be possible to operate two institutions in one, as well as hiking the fees right across the board to eliminate the possibility that anyone could choose a post secondary education at a lower price. All in the name of faimess, right?

There are excellent opportunities to share resources between colleges and universities. Each have positive attributes to enrich the other, no argument there. As well, all students should be given credit for the courses they take at both institutions in a rational, transferable system. As Dr. Baker, previous VP Academic, says, "it is enormously wasteful for students to be forced to spend more time and the public more money because colleges and/or universities cannot agree on how to transfer credits..."

It has taken administrators this long to figure that out! However, the institutions should remain respectively separate. They should be allowed to focus on their own strengths, independently.

Dr. Marsden, President WLU, says that, "in Ontario, the thaw has only begun," between universities and colleges in Canada.

Well Dr. Marsden, and other eager administrators, remember that with a thaw not only do you get warmer weather, but also a great big ball of mush.

Editorial by Ingrid Nielsen, Editor-in-Chief.

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We refuse to run

another picture of

OJ Simpson

SCOTT STINSON

CORD OPINION

Don't get me wrong, I'm a big believer in freedom of the press. That said, it would be nice to see the press use that freedom for something other than controversy and sensationalism every now and then.

Time and again, especially in recent years, the media has sensationalized to the point of permanently obscuring the truth.

Tonya Harding's skating career was ruined despite the fact that she was never charged with a thing in connection with the assault on Nancy Kerrigan. After all the media hype, the real story remains a mystery.

The Menendez brothers, the Californian twins accused of murdering their parents, have seen a television movie of "their" story aired even though they await a new trial. Couldn't the network wait until a verdict is reached before broadcasting something that could seriously affect the boys' chance for a fair trial?

The most recent example of media sensationalism impeding the judicial process is in the case of Nicole Simpson, ex-wife of football great O.J. Simpson. Right from the start, the media has caused irreparable damage to the fair process that is due to both the defense and prosecution teams,

surrounded the initial discovery of the bodies of Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman. Speculation as to the involvement of O.J. Simpson in the murders was the dominant theme, followed closely by details from the past concerning the relationship between O.J. and his ex-wife.

Details of evidence were soon leaked to the press, as was the fact that O.I.'s alibi had come up short. The banner front page head-

lines and lead news stories that followed forced the district attorney's office to prematurely charge Simpson with the murders. I'm no Matlock, but I think it's a given that without any direct evidence whatso-

ever, the state would much rather build a stronger case before going ahead with charges. Media exposure eliminated any chance of that in the Simpson case.

If there was to be any chance of a fair trial, an arrest had to be made immediately. Even still, the grand jury had to be shut down because the judge admitted the jurors had been influenced beyond their ability to remain objective.

While the prosecution was forced to play Consider the flurry of media coverage that a weaker hand due to media overexposure,

the defense has been saddled with the dual chore of trying to maintain Simpson's freedom while salvaging his reputation. Every time "A Current Affair" uses an exclusive interview with some grade three classmate who had his nose tweaked by Simpson as a searing indictment of O.J.'s violent side, the defense situation is worsened. The longer these proceedings go the worse it will get.

It is because of this that the defense team

moved to suppress the evidence seized in Simpson's house in the preliminary hearing. Had they been successful, the matter probably would not have gone to trial. Unsuccessful as the motion was, a trial is

much more likely now. A trial at which there will be no such motion to suppress. Ideally, the defense would have liked to save the suppression motion for a trial, but because of the importance of ending the proceedings soon, they opted to gamble on the early finish in order to escape further media hounding.

As much as the media is to blame for making a mess of the whole situation, they are not solely at fault. The prosecution has tried to use the media to sway public opinion by announcing that they will pursue the death penalty in this case. Why? It makes good

No matter what else happens, O.J. Simpson will not be executed. Not a chance. There is no death penalty in California. Remember Charles Manson? His death sentence was commuted to life in prison when capital punishment was outlawed in California many years ago. Officially, Simpson has been charged with two counts of "murder with special circumstances", something I presume allows for "special" sentencing such as capital punishment.

Be that as it may, despite the horrible nature of these murders, keep in mind that California has sentenced dozens of people for crimes just as vicious, without ever resurrecting the death penalty. Still, the prosecution has chosen to let the media play up the execution theme.

Of course, after all of this is over, the bottom line will be the same as every other celebrity story that the media chooses to pounce on. The truth will never really be known. We have been, and will continue to be, inundated with so much O.J. coverage, both fact and fiction, that it will be impossible to figure out what's true and what isn't.

But hey, ratings are ratings and readers are readers, right? It's too bad that the truth often gets in the way of a good story.

Globalization coming up roses Laurier symposium on trade well run – but one sided

INGRID NIELSEN

CORD OPINION

Without being fully aware of what I was heading into, I accepted an invitation from the university to attend Laurier's Chancellor's Symposium in Toronto. It was to be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental.

Inside the Hotel, the posh surroundings added an air of importance to the event. We're talking about a place that has the first square of toilet paper on the roll, folded into a triangle. Wow.

Sitting in the meeting room, the finery continued. Laurier's crest dominated the podium, and a ceremonial flag draped behind. What looked like a large golden club, was lying gingerly on a purple velvet stand beside the first speaker. It was to be later addressed properly as the Mace.

After the introductory hello's and welcome's, an older man approached the podium. So this is Laurier's Chancellor.

After a quick, ahem!, he began to speak. Jokes. Honesty. Candid advice and words of wisdom, all flowed from this colourful man before us.

The Honourable Willard Estey has served as Chancellor to Wilfrid Laurier for two terms. Before this, he was the Chief Justice of Ontario, and sat on the Supreme Court of Canada for ten years. Now, he is Counsel, McCarthy Tetrault and advisor to the Chair of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Formally, Estey was to offer insight on issues facing the new graduate, with special attention to the business and economics student who is internationally bound. What he ended up providing, was reallife, seasoned advice that every graduate, and every educator should always bare in mind.

"The underlying purpose of university is to train graduates, so that they can bring a contribution to humankind."

Sometimes, in the rush to create "practical" graduates, who are seen and potential go-betweens for altered dramatically," Canada and the global economy,

that higher calling gets filed somewhere between X and Z.

From here, the agenda took a sharp turn to the right.

Right on track

Next in line to speak, was Donald W. Campbell, Canada's Ambassador to Japan; and Diane Schwartz, senior VP International - Manulife.

The theme of the day was off and running by this point. Trade,

exports, globalization. Look, beyond your own borders. As a young business or economics graduate, looking to buy and sell the world - be ready to re-locate. Even better, eagerly seek out these opportu-

After lunch, it was time for the feature presentation - the full lecture from Donald W. Campbell.

Before attaining the position of ambassador, Campbell worked in many different avenues of international trade. He has worked in Nairobi, London, Jamaica,

Seattle, and Korea, representing Canada around the world. He has also worked directly in negotiations for the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, and GATT.

This man knows international

"National markets have given way to the global market, while trade in goods is now in many ways less important to the global economy than international investand capital flows. Manufacturing is now much more dependent on technology than on natural resources or energy inputs.

"The nature of business, where it is conducted, and for how long it more as an investment in the GNP is conducted in any one place has involve both defenses and chal-like the taste of that medicine.

"70 per cent of Canadian companies do not export and more than 70 per cent of external trade is carried out by less than 100 companies. This is a significant problem," says Campbell "but it also represents a vast opportunity."

Those nagging ethics

Throughout the discussions, a nagging question kept tugging at my mind. Why does globalization have business only deserving of government funding and support if it is pursuing the goal of trading internationally? What about the person who wants to open a small business, do it really well, and stay

Campbell states that, "if you can't succeed in international markets, you probably won't prosper and grow at home either."

> challenged that this directly comes down to the force and sheer volume of support given by our government to business looking internationally, instead of some innate inadequacey on behalf of the concentrated, small business.

Mexico, Japan.

ing partner, the audience was addressed by Sandra Fuentes, Mexico's ambassador to Canada. She wanted to make crystal clear the challenges which Mexico has overcome, and the struggles it still faces. But most definitely, she said,

Instead, Fuentes pointed to the ten difficult years, filled with "bitter medicine", and " the strong conviction of the people", which Mexico has endured to be in a position to even consider a trading agreement

of environmental concerns or the recent uprisings of those who didn't

For example, why is a small A region not as conducive to trad-

It could be

In that international spirit of the day, two targets were looked at specifically, in the way of promoting global trade;

To discuss Mexico as a trad-

"there has been no miracle."

with Canada and the U.S.

Virtually, no mention was made

Look out Japan

ing-cooperation, was one of the main topics of the day- Japan, China and the Asian block.

If I was sitting in Japan or China looking out my window, I would be scared silly at the strength in conviction of the Western world's adamnation to bring Japan fully into the global economy.

Schwartz, from ManuLife, expressed explicitly the challenges she has faced in bringing ManuLife to the Asian market. It seems to have become a personal quest to bring Japan and China on board, after years and years of patient and persistent networking and business relations. It hasn't been easy, she is quick to point out.

Campbell, also continued with this thirst for the Asian markets.

"It may surprise many of you to know that in Japan, the biggest obstacle for most Canadian firms is not market access... more often than not, I find that many Canadian companies simply are not aware of either the specific requirements of the Japanese market or the tastes of Japanese consumers," Campbell,

The speaker who appeared strongest in his convictions in all areas of trade, was definitely the last on the roster - Frank Fahrenkopf. He is the retired national Chairman of the Republican Party in Washington D.C., a position he held for 6 years.

His views on trade with China and the Pacific Rim, were put forth without a word of apprehension.

"You can't talk about the Pacific Rim without China....China is a dynamic country, and a dynamic marketplace. They are not a member of GATT nor WTO, but they will benefit by osmosis."

"China has got to realize," says Fahrenkopf, "that it has to accept the commitment of the Uruguay rounds. The rest of the world will hold them accountable to opening those markets. China will have to follow the rules."

"Big threats. Do or die, China."

Views like this terrify me. Do or die? Oh, that should make for very friendly roundtable discussions.

On the issue of China's loss of culture alone, Fahrenkopf says that, "what you're going to have is a continuation of democratization two steps forward, one step back."

At least he recognizes the irreversible changes that open trade can have on individual cultures, but who are we to dictate the "democratization" or how many steps they should or shouldn't take. It's not like Fahrenkopf was supporting the idea of social concerns, such as human rights, associated with trade. As he says:

"Trade in one basket - environment and labour in another. We're free traders, we shouldn't involve ourselves in anything else," says Fahrenkopf.

The symposium came to an end with a gracious farwell from Dr. Marsden. The event was a Laurier success.

No, there wasn't anyone there to discuss the ethics or challenges to the international trading priorities put across, and no, labours' role and concerns were conspicuously vacant from the days events.

However, everything ran very smoothly.



everyone look to trading interna-

tionally? Where is the challenge to

this assumption? Where is the other

us wondered. Where are the social

and environmental aspects to inter-

national trade? What about the ram-

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consideration for the people, cul-

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Yes, it was a symposium on

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Birthdays. We all have them. One day a year when we can feel special. Blow out some candles, eat a piece of cake, and hear your relatives slaughter yet another rendition of Happy Birthday To You. What's the big fuss?

Birthdays seemed to be much more important when we were younger. Other than Christmas, it was that one day of the year I looked forward to the most. This was probably because of the windfall that occurred on these days. Star Wars figures, sports equipment, bicycles, I got them all. Yeah, my parents were resorting to buying my affection. So what?

As I got older I looked forward to birthdays for different reasons. My thirteenth birthday began the descent into hell more commonly known as the teenage years. It's about this time that I learned the words to Stairway to Heaven, and the almost mystical powers it unleashed when played at the grade eight

Next came sweet sixteen. This was important for me as the day I was finally old

enough to legally drive a car (luckily tractors have no age limit). Somebody forgot to mention that I had to write a test before I could get behind the wheel of the old Tempo. What do you mean I have to know what the

Slippery When Wet sign looks like? Good thing I had bought the Bon Jovi album.

Eighteen was the age when we officially became adults. Our parents no longer had any control over us. Technically we could now do whatever we wanted. However, since we still needed them for their house, car, and the occasional monetary donation, we let them keep hanging

This birthday was also important because it meant I could now

write my own notes for absences at high school. My classmates began showing up with notes looking something like this: I missed yesterday because we had a family crisis. A family crisis could mean a lot of different things.

Once a sex object...

Now, the grand-daddy of them all, and arguably the most important birthday you will ever have: your nineteenth birthday. Most of you have all ready reached this historic occasion; some of you can only dream about that

day when you can go into the Beer Store without cold beads of sweat dripping down the back of your

Being nineteen doesn't just let you consume alcohol in massive quantities without fear of reprimand from the authorities; it removes you from the world of "cruising the main drag" and "hanging out at the mall". You don't need that lifestyle any more. Now you can spend three hours waiting to get into the Turret only to catch three slow songs. You have been delivered from the vast emptiness of teen entertain-

ment. You have arrived.

Twenty-one is the last birthday that really means anything at all. You are now legal to drink in the states. This may not seem important until, at the age of 20, you try to get served between quarters at a Detroit Lions football game. It hurts to be turned down after being legal to drink for a year and a half in Canada. The fact that you are only missing out on watered down swill doesn't seem to ease the pain.

Now, at the age of twenty two, I look ahead to the next 60 odd birthdays I hope to enjoy and realize the best has already passed me buy. At twenty five I will be able to rent a car in most of the free world. Yippee.

Sixty five will get me retirement, and an old age pension (that's if the Canada Pension Plan isn't completely sucked dry by our parents by then). Wow, retirement. I can pack up the Mrs. and drive to Florida in a R.V. Load up the geritol cause here we come.

Don't get me wrong. Birthdays can be special for a lot more reasons than what I listed above. You get free drinks from all your friends. Everybody seems to be nice to you for at least one day a year. And hopefully your mom still puts money in your cake.

I guess I'm just bitter because my birthday always falls smack dab in the middle of April finals. Rereading Chaucer seems to take the fun out of the special day. I'll just have to wait until I receive my Honours English degree, and I am out in the working world.

After a hard day flipping burgers at McDonalds I'll be able to fully appreciate my birthday. And that's the view from the farm for this week.



D. H. KERTH

Welcome to the Cord's new column on reli-

This column is home to a variety of religious opinions, and a haven for the openminded.

Nobody is out to get anybody here, and the doors are always unlocked. (That means, intelligent people with a valid point to make are welcome to contribute.)

So pull up a chair as we begin our exploration of the religious spectrum with the requisite precursor of all religious discussion: Is there a God-and if so, does he own a gun?

Left alone with my thoughts while observing last Tuesday night's thunderstorm (at 4 am), I noticed a couple of mental gremlins playing ping-pong in my head. 1 turned my attention from the sky's tumult to

The competitors were the dreamer and angry."

The thinker's return: "Hardly that, It's simply the result of high and low pressure fronts interacting and causing an atmospheric disturbance. You're not being very rational."

Eminently reasonable, my dear thinker.

Consider this, though: Mr. X has just shot Mr. Y dead. Your conception of causeand-effect would sufficiently explain the

impulse in Mr. X's brain causing the muscles back the trigger of the gun, resulting in the bullet's discharge—but it completely

neglects the fact that Mr. X hated Mr. Y."

"Touché, my dear dreamer," said the thinker as his eyes followed the ball into the distance behind him.

The tempest wailed for several minutes before I apprehended the import of this peculiar exchange: "Guns don't kill people-God does."

After a few more minutes, I arrived at a more palatable truism; just as a whole is more than the sum of its parts, so a truth is

Far too often, minute details are scrutinized at the expense of the wider perspec-

who watched the topless protests even acknowledged the blight of female oppression?) It's that whole "forest-for-the-trees" thing.

The flip-side of this coin is equally dangerous. If the dreamer had had the last word in court, Mr. X would be twisting in the wind, now. Did Mr. X act in rage or can we know for sure?

truth as their own, and then act negatively on this assertion. History remembers their legacy: inquisitions, witch-hunts, slaveryobscene acts committed for the most noble

tunnel? The baby in the bath water? The silver lining in this thunder-cloud? If I could bottle the answer to that, I'd make a mint.

It seems the only option is to open our minds to the reality of fact and the possibility of truth (or visa-versa), and somehow strike a balance.

and the extent of your wisdom, and never take "know" for an answer.

The Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade in Toronto this past weekend was one hell of a party. With about 50 000 in the parade itself, representing many of the facets of our lives, the onlookers num-

bered well over 250 000 of cheering, laughing and joyous people.

Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, straights, and the transgendered were all there, all part of what was going on. It was a powerful day.

With certain parts of the parade, emotions ran high. This was especially evident when Reverand Brent Hawkes, one of the most vocal members of our community on the debate of Bill 167, drove past in an open vehicle despite the death threats he was receiving up to that day.

Church Street was blocked with bodies from Charles to Carleton, and the joy of being there was easily read upon the faces of those participating. There was pride there, a joy to be alive and to be gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered, despite all around us.

I was glad to have been there, even when doubts did fill my mind as the day wore on.

I am not one for knowing the various denominations of faith, or even for listening to the human interpretation of the supposedly divine words.

But when I think of pride, especially when it comes to this one day, I cannot imagine that there is anything wrong with it all.

For all the days that many of us are forced to hide ourselves and our relationships from a sometimes violent and usually ignorant society, there has to be a time when we can come out to say and to demonstrate that this is who

we are with no emotional strings attached and no fear of reprisal.

I met many people at the parade who have not come out to friends, family, or coworkers

However, while they were

there on Church Street, they found that feeling of freedom that comes with coming out, a revelation that they are not alone and that we are many.

These people enjoyed themselves immensely and I saw that joy written across their faces. I also knew that many of those people would go back to the drudgery of their exsistences away from this one day. I paused to think.

The whole purpose of this day is to provide a sense of community, a sense of hope.

Many people come and leave for that one day, a day they do not get very often if ever, anywhere else. I do not think that these people should have to hide after having tasted freedom for this one day.

Pride should exsist on all days and not just on one particular day.

The joy of living expressed on that one day should be available for all days and for all people. That is why the rest of us are trying to champion the right of all people to live as openly as they do for that one day.

Society will not come crashing down if we were to express ourselves and it is high time that we be able to to be open about our lives and to love as we have come to love.

It is not flaunting; it is living our lives as best as we can with what we have been given. There should be no shame and that is the secret of Pride, not for one day, but for all.

gion! Check your preconceptions at the door and put your feet up.

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the thinker. (There always was some rivalry between those two). To the dreamer went was it an accident? Or euthanasia? How the serve: "Hell of a storm; God must be

A back-hand from the dreamer:

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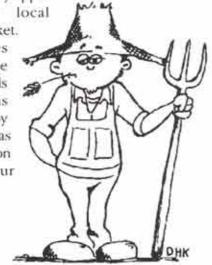
Farming, once the biggest industry in Canada, has been relegated by many to second class status. Yet the agriculture industry is the backbone of our society. Without it, we would all starve, vegetarians and meat eaters alike.

To remain competitive on the global market Canadian farmers are learning that they are not exempt from the technological revolution that has swept our North American society. In her article, below, Lynn McCuaig looks at how computers are changing the way farmers operate. Gone are the days when all farmers had to worry about was whether it was going to rain or

As we edge closer to the twenty-first century Canadians must realize that we are just a small component in the larger world scheme. Even as farmers here at home are making huge advances in technology, other countries around the world are struggling simply to feed themselves. Alex Moiseev in his article examines the state of farming in underdeveloped areas such as Brazil and Africa, focussing on the environmental problems the farmers of these countries must face.

The next time you prepare to devour that juicy, barbequed steak or that fresh garden salad remember that this food does not miraculously appear

in your local supermarket. It comes the from same fields and barns we pass by every day as we hurry on with our lives



ALEX MOISEEV

CORD FEATURES

World agriculture currently stands at a crossroads. Down one road lies environmental degradation and a continued inability to feed the world's rapidly expanding population. Down the other road lies a biotechnology revolution which will completely alter the face of agriculture.

Long ago, Thomas Malthus wrote that the world's population growth would quickly surpass food production. Malthus' dire prediction has not yet come to pass. The reason for this is technology. Modern agriculture, using hybrid strains, mechanization, advanced fertilizations and pesticides has, for the time being, allowed us to escape the widespread famine which he predicted.

Despite this, we are once again faced with a crisis in agriculture. Despite the rate of technological advance, agriculture around the world is once again at risk due to environ-

mental degradation. This is characterized by growing deserts, rampant deforestation and overpopulation. The pesticides and fertilizers which were our savior in the past have polluted our soil and water, leaving it infertile. Examples of this can be found around the world.

Many experts have concluded that China, which contains 23 percent of the world's population and only seven percent of the arable land, has a carrying capacity of only 750 million people. China's population currently stands at 1.2 billion people, and is threatening to rise even further as the one-child policy becomes increasingly unviable politically.

In the Amazon region of Brazil, a combination of population pressure and government policy has created widespread

deforestation. The Amazon region holds a substantial proportion of the world's tropical rain forests, and thus is key to maintaining the oxygen-carbon dioxide balance which permits life. Brazil's government has created policies which support widespread cattle ranching, despite the

fact that no cow is ever exported due to poor



Struggling to survive Agriculture in the Third World

Government colonization programs also support 'slash and burn' agriculture. The fields derived from this are fertile for less than five years, while cattle pastures can be used for grazing for less than twelve years.

In some parts of Africa, population pressure has led to land being overused, whether it be for crops or for pasture. Often the best land is used for cash crops to be sold as exports to the West. This has led, in many cases, to growing deserts, which can only be reclaimed with tremendous outlay of resources.

The problems of overpopulation, desertification and deforestation may be linked in a vicious circle. Overpopulation leads to the pressure on land, which in turn leads to increased deforestation. The problem of deforestation has been linked to the greenhouse effect, which in the future may lead to higher world temperatures and more drought. More drought means more irrigation, which often leads to salinization of the soil. The vicious circle of ecology has only reached the mainstream consciousness recently, and as famine spreads, it will likely leap to the forefront.

Some experts contend that an agricultural crisis can be averted in the 'Third World' through increased efficiency. In this case efficiency means better training, more access to markets, improved crop selection and better seeds, fertilizers and machinery. In reality though, the practice

of 'monocropping' or planting only one crop per parcel of land may be the true culprit. Monocropping leads to soil erosion, increases the need for sophisticated irrigation and increases the risks to farmers.

It only takes one pest to wipe out a crop and leave the farmer destitute.

Other experts are holding out for a revolution in biotechnology, which will lead to more heat, salt and drought resistant crops. However, biotechnology is only useful if it makes its way to the farmer's fields. Often the political institutions of a country which are responsible for transmitting new technology to rural farmers are inadequate and underfunded.

The solutions to the growing agricultural crisis, not only in the 'Third World', lie in the realization that the environment, population and politics are just as important to agriculture as new seeds, better fertilizers and more mechanization.

to satelli Entering the computer age LYNN McCUAIG **CORD FEATURES** Computers are becoming a new and vital tool for the More and more Canadian farmers are using spe-

farming industry. Traditional methods of instinct and chance are being replaced by computer monitors and satellites.

cialized software designed to improve farm management. Programs facilitating accounting, crop recording, field mapping and monitoring livestock production are essential for modern farmers.

Computers can be used not only for record keeping, but also in decision making, such as figuring the opportunity cost of selling cattle. Imputing variables such as purchase price, weight, winter feeding costs, expected weight gain and selling price can determine longterm strategies in seconds.

Internet is also becoming useful for farmers. Important information such as current weather trends, interest rates, commodity prices, new diseases and their cures, and international trading laws can be accessed immediately. The networks can act as a market place to buy and sell commodities. Through Internet farmers can increase efficiency through access to instant information.

Planters, balers and sprayers equipped with computer monitors for accuracy are now surfacing. From the tractor, a farmer can know if seeds are planting properly, bales can be made to correct dimensions and sprayers are calibrated to the necessary pressure and speed

Lancaster farmer Scott Fourney says the monitors are expensive, but are worth their cost since they "make planting efficient and trouble free. Because of its effectiveness a monitor will pay for itself in a day".

Field mapping using satellites and computer monitors provides a strategy for crop planting. Using a yield monitor to measure outflow pressure, speed and moisture of grains combined with a satellite picture can give an accurate map of farm yields. Using the technology, farmers can identify and improve poor producing areas through a readout providing a colour coded map measuring moisture, content and yield of crops.

Farm groups are recognizing the necessity of computers. The Alberta agriculture "Gear Up" farm management series workshops, sponsored by the federal/ provincial Farm Business Management Initiatives, is focusing on computer management. Government programs, such as the "Guide to Weed Control" are also available on disk. The guide allows farmers to choose the most effective weed treatment.

ARTS

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
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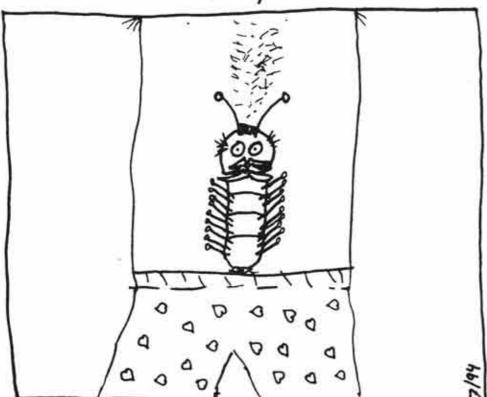
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Hamilton 1978-1990

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

THE WAISTLAND (navel humour) by Anton VolcanGEK



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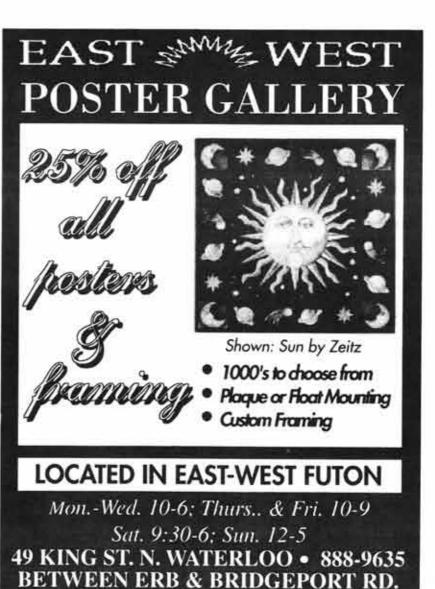
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SPORTS

ROB BRENNAN

CORD SPORTS

It's the bottom of the ninth with runners on first and second. The Blue Jays are down by two runs. Big Joe Carter steps up to the plate to face Philadelphia's "Wild Thing" Mitch Williams. Carter takes a mighty cut at a low fastball. As the hall sails down the left field line and comes to rest in the Toronto bullpen, the Skydome erupts into a roar of cheers for the back to back World Series Champion Toronto Blue Jays. That was

It's the top of the ninth with a runner on second. The Blue Jays are down by six runs. Two Jay errors on the same play have just allowed three Baltimore runners to score on what should have been a routine ground ball to third. The Skydome's silence is broken by a

chorus of boos for the cellardwelling Toronto Blue Jays. This is

The slumping Blue Jays are indeed a hard team to figure out this year. Those fans who were prematurely upset at the team's mediocre start, when expectations were simply too high, are justifiably stumped by the Jay's performance as the baseball season nears its halfway point. The defending champs are playing well under .500 ball for the first time in a very long time. But why?

The problems start on the mound. No doubt about it, the Toronto pitching staff is a far cry

from last year's. Cito Gaston said last season that the one player the Jays could least afford to lose was Duane Ward. How prophetic. With Ward and Danny Cox both on the disabled list, the Jay bullpen lacks depth and power. No lead is safe when protected by a young and inexperienced relief staff such as the Jays have assembled.

The starting pitchers haven't done a hell of lot better. The tendency of Toronto starters to allow too many walks and to throw too improve the morale of the Toronto

The '94 Jays also have weaknesses other than those on the mound. Start with the offense. John Olerud is not on track for his second consecutive batting title, but he hasn't played that poorly either. The players at the top of the order-White, Alomar, Molitor and Carterare all having productive seasons once again.

The problems begin with the bottom half of the batting order, a

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Some tough injuries and poor pitching



have dimmed chances for a three-peat many pitches in the early innings has seen many a pitcher get

bounced early. Dave Stewart has reminded fans of Jack Morris' stint with the Jays last season while Juan Guzman and Al Leiter have failed to accomplish the good things that were expected of them. Todd Stottlemyre, when not

ejected from the game, has pitched quite well. The Jays could all use a bit of his intensity.

The bright spot is once again Pat Hentgen, who recently registered his tenth win of the season, leading all Jay pitchers as he did last season. Hopefully, Hentgen will continue to emerge as a real leader and will

group of guys who have failed to produce this season. Ed Sprague and Pat Borders have simply failed to play up to their potential, both are struggling with anemic offensive numbers. It is perhaps indicative of the state of the Jays that Dick Schofield and Mike Huff are members of the starting lineup. Neither of these veterans can be expected to produce much, as their career numbers will attest. Still, the Jays are sticking with them rather than prematurely call up some young talent. If the Jays are to have any success this season, the bottom half of the order going to have to start hitting.

Another thing plaguing the Jays,

something that should be expected, is a lack of team motivation. The teams of the past couple of years simply would not have let things get as bad as they did this June. It seems that after two championships, the Jays are content to let things slide and hope for a player's strike.

Management is also to blame. Players react to management moves, and considering the lack of management action to this point, the players probably figure that management is prepared to wait until next season too.

As far as on the field management goes, Cito and staff have the knoweldge required to get this team back on track. Perhaps extra batting practice or more training hours are in store, whatever it takes to make the former powerhouse competitive again in the American League East.

CFL expands

But will the Canadian game sell in the US? The Princeton Review offers

SCOTT STINSON

CORD SPORTS

So are you excited? Oh boy, it's time for a whole new season of Canadian Football League action. Make that the Canadian With Some Americans Football League.

In case you haven't noticed, and judging by league attendance you haven't, the CFL is underway with new teams in three

American cities. Two years ago the CFL announced its intentions to expand south of the border. The success of the expansion can be summed up in one word-Shreveport. As in Shreveport, Louisiana, home of the expansion Shreveport Pirates. You know, that bustling metropolis located...somewhere in Louisiana I guess. Needless to say, the screening of prospective new cities was not exactly rigorous. While other leagues grill prospective owners long and hard, it seems as if the CFL is willing to give a franchise to anyone with some wealthy friends and an empty sandlot to

Considering that the owners of the Shreveport team are the Gliebermans, the same Gliebermans (how many can there be?) who bailed out on the Ottawa Rough Riders last season after destroying the team, one can only wonder how difficult it can be to get the league's approval. I'm thinking of sending in an application myself.

While the Pirates have already set records for instant futility by firing their coach before the end of training camp, the other expansion teams hold a bit more

The Las Vegas Posse have gotten off the ground without any problems, while the team in Baltimore has everything they need save one thing. A name. The owner wants

the team to be called the Colts, but due to licensing problems, the courts have banned the team from using that name. As a result, Baltimore opened their season on Thursday with no team name at all. Their team logo is a horse's head, so maybe they'll go by the Baltimore Horses With No Names or the Baltimore Godfathers until

> the court issue is settled. Of course, they could always go with the Baltimore Roughriders. That

> > seems to be popu-

The big question is if expansion will work. American expansion is a bold move that will either save the CFL or kill it. By expanding south, the league is admitting that it is unable to survive in Canada alone. Should the new teams fold within a few years due to lack of interest, the league will be out of options. However, if the CFL is a hit in the new towns, the door will be opened for even more expansion teams. The league is hoping for four new teams, which would bring about the possiblity of an eight team Canadian conference and an eight team American conference. Very inter-

This, however, is a long way off. First, the CFL has to be accepted by the American public. This will be tough. Americans take their football very seriously, and they might not be ready to accept the Canadian ver-

Imagine if a bunch of Americans started a hockey league with rules that made for a more offensive game, such as a bigger ice surface and bigger nets. Would Canadian fans be very receptive? Not bloody likely.

Add in the fact that the CFL is composed of players who couldn't make it in the NFL, and it is easy to see why Americans will not be quick to consider the CFL a first rate sports league.

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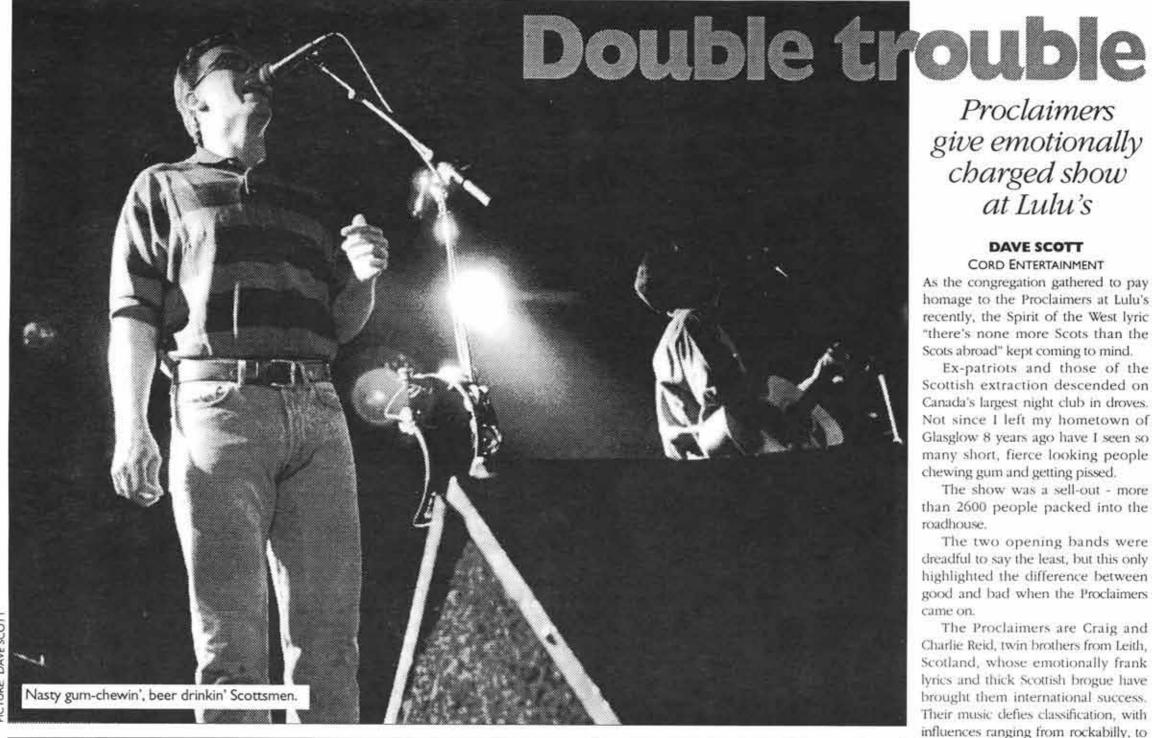


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ENTERTAINMENT



Proclaimers give emotionally charged show at Lulu's

DAVE SCOTT

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

As the congregation gathered to pay homage to the Proclaimers at Lulu's recently, the Spirit of the West lyric "there's none more Scots than the Scots abroad" kept coming to mind.

Ex-patriots and those of the Scottish extraction descended on Canada's largest night club in droves. Not since I left my hometown of Glasglow 8 years ago have I seen so many short, fierce looking people chewing gum and getting pissed.

The show was a sell-out - more than 2600 people packed into the roadhouse.

The two opening bands were dreadful to say the least, but this only highlighted the difference between good and bad when the Proclaimers came on.

The Proclaimers are Craig and Charlie Reid, twin brothers from Leith, Scotland, whose emotionally frank lyrics and thick Scottish brogue have brought them international success. Their music defies classification, with influences ranging from rockabilly, to blues, to country, with a few ballads thrown in.

Backed by a four piece band, Craig and Charlie delivered a range of old and new material with an appealing sincerity. From their second album "Sunshine on Leith" they sang "I'm on my way" and "Sean", and of course their big North American breakthrough song, "I'm gonna be (500 miles)". They also played their 1987 U.K. hit "Letter from America", which is a song about the poor and oppressed leaving Scotland and coming to the new world - not a dry eye in the house after this one.

The set struck a good balance between fast and slow songs, with a number of tracks from their latest album "Hit the Highway"

Craig and Charlie sounded excellent when the two of them did several songs without the band, just accoustic guitar and their wonderfully harmonized Caledonian vocals.

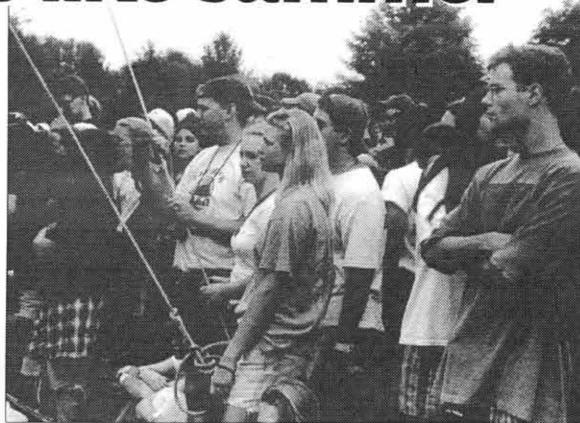
An exciting professional show from two talented Scotsmen. All credit to Lulu's for presenting another world class alternative band.

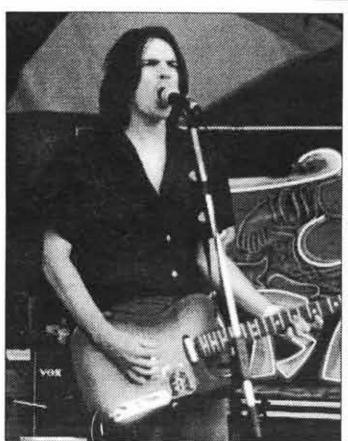
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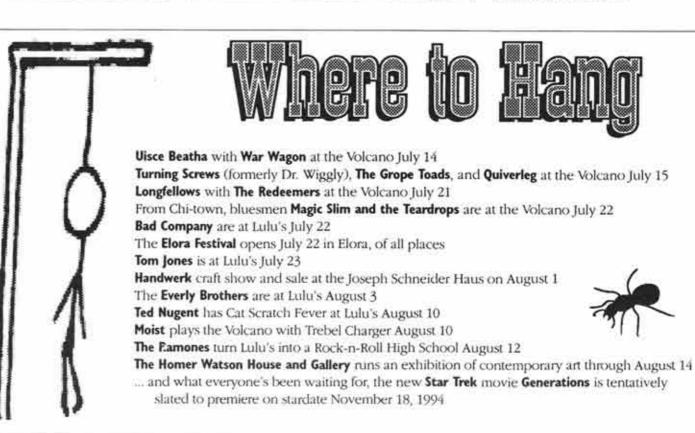


Just like Lollapalooza in Waterloo: "Sounds of Summer" extravaganza

PICTURES: VIRGINIA PARKER









CORD ENTERTAINMENT

The latest Australian popsensation to hit North played the America Palladium recently to a sellout crowd.

Frentel (pronounced Frent-eh) are a quartet that have managed to pull together a unique mesh of indie pop and acoustic jazz sensibilities.

The live show sounded as fresh and appealing as the bands first full length release. Marvin: the Album (Mammoth/attic). This was crunchier guitar chords principally due to the youthful, angelic voice of lead singer Angie Hart. can be found on the EP Hart's vocals have a pure and compelling quality that merge with minimal accom-

The short and sweet 45 minute set was highlighted with performances of their big hit "Labour of Love", and their highly successful cover version of New Order's "Bizarre Love Triangle".

Other notable moments included a brilliant song called, "Paper, Bullets, Walls" which Angle Hart described as, "Our vague attempt at a rock song," as it involved marginally than other numbers.

"Paper, Bullets, Walls" Labour of Love, which has some brilliant stuff on it not found on the album, All 7

and in my opinion, superior to some of the songs on the album.

Hart's coy, unpretentious stage manner, and her page boy good looks, were as appealing and straightforward as the pop songs Frente! offered.

The band is currently touring for a few more weeks in the U.S., and are then planning to go back to Australia to work on material for a second album. Word is, we may see Frentel back in Toronto late fall or early spring. In the meantime, the Labour of Love EP or Marvin:The Album is a must buy for the slightly alternative pop faithful,



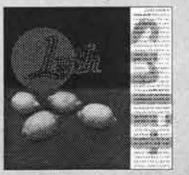
Aural Stimulation...



MALIBU STACEY

Zorn's Lemon EP Independent/Tophe Records

This is one of the best independent releases I have heard in a while. Based in Waterloo and London, this three piece band delivers an original brand of alterna-funk and modern rock. Badass, sometimes almost Primus-like basslines, meaty guitars, great vocals and drums, and excellent production make this five-song EP something to look for. Watch for concert dates upcoming in the K-W area this fall.



LUSH

Split. Polygram

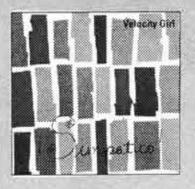
On Split, Lush seems to have changed their sound slightly, I believe for the better. Slightly less trashy and more melodious, Split contains thoughtful songs made up of beautiful vocal lines and layered instrumental parts, including orchestral strings on two of the tracks. With this new album, Lush has definitely come a fair way from the trashy Lollapalooza-rockers of last summer.



RIDE

Carnival of Light Sire Records

Ride's third release, entitled Carnival of Light, is an ingenious procession of mesmerizing sound. With this release, Ride has embarked on a new sound and an entirely new image. Despite the apparent metamorphosis that the band has underwent, some tracks still offer remnants of what Ride once was. However, Carnival of Light is a far departure from anything the band has produced to date. 70's sounds mixed with Ride's own unique musical manipulations combine to make a fantastic new album.



VELOCITY GIRL

Simpatico! Sub-Pop

The American band Velocity Girl has recently released their second full length album, Simpatico, which at best could be described as a collection of meaningless and unfelt pop songs. For the most part, Simpatico is a musical monotony. Although it is sure to be the album to slingshot the band into stardom, Velocity Girl has apparently opted for a commercial outlook producing catchy pop songs for mass appeal that say little about anything.



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