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Where life will soon unfold



Rest your throat before you get three chances are pretty good you will lose your voice.

KIM GILES

Leaving home and attending University, like all great adventures, can be both exciting and a little frightening.

At Wilfrid Laurier University though, there are hundreds of energetic and enthusiastic volunteers who have put forth their time to ensure your first week at W.L.U. is both a comfortable and rewarding experience.

The Orientation Team, which consists of 16 of the most high energy individuals, has been working hard all summer assembling a fantastic week filled with activities, food, academ

ic seminars and entertainment.

An Orientation experience that is bound to leave you smiling!

The theme of this year's Orientation Week is Kingdom Laurier: Where Life Unfolds.

You will never forget it.

This theme represents a journey into a new and unfamiliar place. A place that is known as the 'Laurier Kingdom.'

Within the Laurier Kingdom, you will find ample opportu-

nities to develop new friendships, meet with faculty professors, and discover opportunities to get involved in hundreds of volunteer opportunities.

We've lined up some of the most exciting night-time events for your entertainment. From our on-campus party, to our off-campus concert extravaganza featuring some 'secret' live entertainers, this is one party that you won't want to miss!

If it is school spirit you are looking for, you will be overwhelmed by W.L.U.'s Colour Team Cheer-Off and our dedication to Shinerama, a charitable event that raises money for children with cystic fibrosis.

These exciting events are all a part of the Orientation experience!

To me, a senior student who is experiencing her last Orientation Week, Orientation means much more than a jam-packed week of activities and entertainment.

It means the beginning of a journey I wish I could relive. A journey that has brought me life-long friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

I encourage you, get involved in your Orientation Week - you will never forget it!

On behalf of the entire Orientation Team, congratulations on all your achievements! You are about to begin the greatest adventure of your life.

Welcome to Kingdom Laurier: Where Life will soon Unfold.

See you in September.

Kim Giles
Orientation Week
Coordinator 1999



Your 1999/2000 Orientation team and Head Icebreakers.

Welcome to the Laurier Kingdom



They may look crazy, but don't worry, they are.

HEAD ICEBREAKERS

Here Ye, Here Ye, these are your 1999 Head Icebreakers coming to you in full effect, welcoming you to the Laurier Kingdom!

We are the most motivated, outrageous, totally enthusiastic bunch that has ever hit the 'streets' of Laurier and we will be leading you into the best week of your life.

That's right, Orientation Week '99 is fast approaching and the eight of us are getting more and more excited to meet every single one of you!

Right about now you are probably asking yourselves: "What the heck is an Icebreaker or Head Icebreaker, and what can they do for me?"

Well, an Icebreaker is an original name for a Frosh leader, and their job is to help "break the ice!" Sort of makes sense doesn't it? (We're pretty bright here at Laurier!)

An Icebreaker is a Laurier student who has volunteered their time (and whose sole purpose for living is) to hang out with you and help you become oriented to your new home.

They are a friend who will guide you through the most explosive, fun-filled, wild week of your lives and who will guarantee you an unforgettable Orientation Week experi-

ence! A Head Icebreaker is the leader of your colour team who will be there to ensure that all your questions are being answered, that you're meeting lots of new friends, and that you have an enormous toothy grin (huh?) on your face all week long.

We want you to feel as much a part of the Laurier community as we do now - remember we were all Frosh once too!

There are four crazy colour teams: the Gold Knights, the Green Jesters, the Blue Wizards and the Red Dragons.

You will join the breakers on one of these color teams in a quest to discover the magical mysteries lying within the Laurier Kingdom.

From then on, it is one insane week of games, concerts, sports, tours, entertainment, etc., etc., etc.

The list goes on with all the amazing times and endless laughs that you can expect!

So get pumped, get ready, bring all your craziest clothes and prepare yourself (rest up!) for the last, and BEST ORIENTATION WEEK OF THE CENTURY!

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A message from your Editor-in-Chief

SARAH SCHIEFFER

You hold in your hands at this moment a fundamental part of Laurier culture. The Cord is Laurier's only student-run newspaper and has been around since 1926.

The fact that we have a staff of primarily volunteers, makes it that much more satisfying to see the weekly product evolve.

This issue is meant to give you a little taste of what you can expect when you arrive in September and we've also tried to include a lot of useful information for you to use.

Throughout the year, The Cord is published every Wednesday and will contain a wide variety of content hopefully touching base with as many of our fellow students as possible.

You will definitely want to pick up a copy each week to stay informed on news, sports, and entertainment around the Laurier community and while you're doing so you may learn something useful in the other sections we offer, Opinion, International, Student Life, Classifieds, Arts and Features.

You may also want to think about getting involved with our organization yourself. If you have any sort of interest in being involved with us, I encourage you to come up to the office and ask for me. I will lead you directly to the application forms as we do have many positions we need filled at the beginning of September and we can always use writers for different sections.

The best part is you don't necessarily have to have any previous experience. We will train you on our industry-standard equipment and you will be sure to leave with a skill you can use.

Even if you don't want to become involved directly, we always welcome your comments and critiques through Letters to the Editor or a personal visit to our newly renovated offices on the third floor of the FNCC.

Even if we look busy, don't be intimidated, we always look that way. Just slap one of us with a copy of The Cord... that usually works.



Sarah Schieffer
Editor-in-Chief 1999/2000

From your WLUSU president

DEVIN GRADY: WLUSU PRESIDENT

Welcome to Laurier! Let your adventure begin!

The day I received my acceptance letter I remember all the questions that raced through my mind. What will my roommate be like? What's Orientation Week? Where is the closest Tim Hortons? Will I like my classes? Who are these icebreakers and why do they break ice?

I had questions, questions and more questions. Hopefully this issue of the Cord and the Orientation package you have received will help answer some of those questions.

As a Laurier student you are a shareholder of a unique student owned and operated not-for-profit organization - Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union - which offers a wide variety of programs and services.

Located within the walls of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre are some of the hottest places on campus: Wilf's, The Turret/Hawk's Nest, the Centre Spot and our new pita operation - all owned and operated by students.

Even better is that the revenues generated in these fun spots are used to support the various

programs and services the Union has to offer.

The Students' Union is also the official voice of all undergraduate students. I, along with the executive and Board of Directors, work on your behalf to ensure your voice is represented in the University community.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with the opening of a new pita operation in September, fantastic events throughout the year, providing numerous services and the celebration of our 25th anniversary in April.

The Students' Union offers many volunteer and employment opportunities throughout the year (check out our Website www.wlusu.com) and I encourage you to get involved, meet new people and make the most out of your University experience.

On behalf of the Students' Union I would like to wish you great success as you begin your Laurier adventure.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 884-0710 ext. 3409 or e-mail me at grad4580@mach1.wlu.ca.

I look forward to meeting you in September.



Watch out... Devin's famous for putting people in "the rack." He doesn't care who he does it to. You may be next.

"Volunteer!" says President

JAMES MUIR: WLUSP PRESIDENT



As you can see, I'm a very busy man. Please note the paper in the back pocket: a symptom of all great men who must take care of business.

Volunteering, I'm sure you'll find, is integral to having a well rounded university experience. Not only is it personally rewarding, but interviewers look for it when considering you for employment.

One of the greatest volunteering opportunities at Laurier is with Student Publications. We are responsible for the Cord (what you are reading right now), the Keystone (the campus yearbook), the WLU'er (day-planner), the Cord Guide (local phonebook) as well as operating advertising and photo departments.

Unlike some other volunteering opportunities around the school, Student Publications teaches you skills that you can use. Our software is industry standard and we have many contacts out in the big bad real world.

It is not uncommon for people to leave Laurier and survive, even prosper, on the skills and contacts made at Student Publications. We offer students the opportunity to participate in the only truly student-run corporation on campus with a

budget of well over \$200,000.

Our offices are located on the third floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre (we're usually the place making the most noise).

Some people come to university with the notion that the workload will be tremendous and the time commitment, mammoth. This attitude usually prohibits people from getting involved right from the start when we do a lot of hiring and things get going. It has been my experience this is not the case whatsoever. You'll probably find yourself spending most of your time in the floor lounge or in your room doing nothing productive. Instead of doing this, I recommend that you come up to the offices and get involved in whatever capacity you want.

We have many volunteering opportunities in areas like writing, photography, website coordination, production and advertising. At least pay us a visit.

Wow, I can't believe I wrote the whole thing. I'm usually not this serious and can barely string a coherent thought together. Anyone can do this.

Shinerama kicks off again

MUNIRA RAVII

What is one thing every frosh should know for O-week '99? This cheer! Sh-in-er-ama, sh-in-er-ama-sh! Learn it and know it well because this year Shinerama will be one of the hippest events going on for Orientation.

What exactly is Shinerama? Well, Shinerama is a fundraising event supporting the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF). Each year, universities and colleges across Canada participate in this spirited and constructive orientation event to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis.

This disease has taken the lives of more Canadian children and young adults than any other inherited disease, attacking primarily the lungs and digestive system.

Shinerama began over 30 years ago at WLU, a tradition we can definitely be proud of. This year we will have over 2,000 frosh participating in this event, more than we have ever had in the past. In order to make Shinerama '99 a success, we are asking for everyone's support and donations.

So, get out there and sell those raffle tickets we send you in the mail. There are great prizes to be won and oh yah, Much Music will be at the shine-off. What are you waiting for?!



Here's proof we were shining all the way back in 1964.

STEPHEN WILLIAMS

Be a volunteer Introducing L.O.C.U.S.



DIPALI BATABYAL

Big Sisters of K-W and Area and students from both Wilfrid Laurier University and University of Waterloo have taken on a new direction in assisting youth.

The children are from diverse cultural backgrounds and are being helped in their academic learning and transition into the Canadian school curriculum through the spearheading of a community based study hall.

Big Sisters has responded to an increasing need which parents are voicing about their children's struggles dealing with the pressures of school as we all head into a more competitive and technologically-advanced society.

Big Sisters is known for its one to one match program committed to enhancing the development of children in need of female mentoring thereby focusing those children on positive life paths.

As well, the agency offers a one to one Homework Helper program for currently matched children, which helps provide additional academic support in school.

This study hall is a 'grass-roots' program currently being held at Mowat-Chandler community centre serving children from the Somali community. The tutors are comprised of both male and female uni-

versity students who teach all elementary and high school subject areas as well as ESL (English as a Second Language). Ongoing on-site support is available through staff of Big Sisters and the K-W Somali Association to address any questions or concerns that may arise.

Education is the key for success in life and students from both universities are contributing their knowledge mentoring abilities to help children who may otherwise experience further struggles in Canadian schools. Both the parents and youth have responded to this partnership in a very positive way as they see real change happening, seeing their children succeed and are thereby turned on to learning.

This program will continue for the school year starting September 1999 and will run until April 2000. University students need to recognize the value of their input feeds the minds of tomorrow's generations.

If you: - have two hours per week, are interested in Minority issues, need to build your resume, are either a co-op or full-time student and are available for either Tuesday or Thursday evenings, this would be a perfect opportunity for you. Be a part of a child's education and call Big Sisters at 743-5206 ext. 25 for information about their September training.

ALLISON MCCREARY

Imagine for a moment how you would feel if you get a letter saying residence is full and you're on a waiting list to get in. That feeling of knowing you aren't going to be living in residence first year for whatever reason can be a little scary - believe me, I know. Been there, done that.

Introducing L.O.C.U.S. - Laurier Off-Campus University Students - a pilot project of the Associate Dean of Student's Office, implemented to ease the transition to university for first year Laurier students living off campus throughout K-W. This new group for 1999-2000 consists of five executive members, led by Coordinator Jacqueline Marr and also includes about 20 'off-campus dons'. The role of each don will be to act as a student liaison for questions, concerns, information and advice and to facilitate fun through cool events and activities with the first year off-campus community.

The main purpose of the L.O.C.U.S. organization for 1999-2000 is threefold: 1. To provide relevant and important information to the first year off-campus community which might not otherwise be accessible (ex. Thursday night is party night at the Turret; how to get used

textbooks). 2. To be available as a support network for first-year concerns about off-campus living, on-campus goings-on, classes, roommate concerns and other personal issues. 3. To organize and co-ordinate cool and exciting activities to ensure living off-campus in first year can be just as much fun as living on-campus.

The need for this type of group

Off-campus living just became a whole lot easier and more fun.

has been growing rapidly over the last few years with an increasingly larger first-year class and a corresponding number of students living in off-campus housing. Approximately 1/3 of the 1,700 first-year students in 1998/99 were either forced to find alternative accommodations due to full residences or

chose to live at home in the K-W area. That number is expected to be even greater this year with approximately 2,200 first-year acceptances confirmed.

So what exactly does L.O.C.U.S. do? Lots. Discover Laurier was the official launch of our public awareness with a booth available to answer questions or address concerns. Other helpful and informative workshops/information sessions will be scheduled throughout the fall and winter. During Orientation Week we will be active and accessible to ensure off-campus students are equally involved and having the time of their lives. This will also be a time for students to get to know their respective dons and other off-campus students.

Deciding to live off-campus in first year or having that decision made for you can be a scary thing. There are so many questions, a lot of unknowns and the difficulty of meeting people in your same situation. Before L.O.C.U.S., off-campus living in first year could be a potentially frustrating challenge. Now, off-campus living just became a whole lot easier, perhaps more appealing and most definitely more fun!

More things to know

KRISTINA SPENCE

While preparing for university, most students think the important information they need is in the student handbook and undergraduate calendar. Strangely enough, some of the most vital information is simply passed by word of mouth. Here are a few tidbits that could make your first year of university a little bit better.

Computer Access and Availability

During Frosh Week, time seems overwhelmingly abundant. Then the alarm clock goes off and you realize it is the first Monday of classes. There are so many things you will want to see and do, the library tour and computer services research often gets put off indefinitely. At the very least though, you need to set up mach1

and Banyan accounts for yourself. With access to e-mail and the Internet, you can look forward to all the chain letters and junk mail you'll receive. Try to get your accounts during Frosh Week before the senior students arrive on campus. To access e-mail and the Internet, you can use the shiny new computer rooms in the Science Building or in the Torque Room area.

Bursaries

You look through the undergraduate calendar and see thousands of dollars available to students and you think: "How can I get these?" Well, go to the Student Awards office at 202 Regina and kindly ask someone at the front desk. Last year the applications were made available mid to late September and the same time in

January. You will be expected to fill out a budget form to determine your financial need and with a little luck you may be able to pick up some extra cash. You can apply at the beginning of each term and every term for the rest of your career at Laurier.

Mach2

You can find a world of information in your mach2 account, including your marks, amount of money you owe the school, job openings through career services, and more. When you go to the terminal icon on the screen, you can choose the mach2 selection from your pulldown menu and at the dollar sign type: access.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Students' Union Board of Directors recently revised the university hiring policy. In previous years, a student could hold as many positions in as many organizations as she could get into. Thus many students were turned away because there was no room for them. Finally there are restrictions on the number of clubs within which you can be hired. Students are allowed to participate in two WLUSU organizations. There are no restrictions on the number of clubs you can belong to for which the positions are not hired. Never before have students had a better chance to belong to the organization of their choice so be sure to take advantage of this new policy.

Residence Security

Getting to know the people who live in your building is tough but very important for security reasons. Be smart.

The Cord needs a News Editor... We will train you, so if you have any interest in being a part of this incredible organization, be sure to keep your eyes peeled in September for signs advertising when we will start hiring once again.

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Is there a nipple to be seen?

James Muir

Well, it's not a very good one.

Danielle Fielder

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This is not candyland

Welcome to university

You may think you are coming to an institution you can trust to act in your best interests at all times. You are ridiculously naive if you do.

I don't mean to scare you and by no means am I saying the school will try and take advantage of you at every corner, but what I am saying is you must watch out for yourself. Your high school days are indeed over, and existing in a place where you don't have to keep an eye out for your own best interests is no longer your current situation.

The power of language is unsurpassed and what may seem helpful at one turn could prove the exact opposite at another.

You may have been told about the advantages of attending a small school such as Laurier. I'm sure they explained how with smaller class sizes you will get more personal attention from your professors, and a slew of other advantages of going to a university with a high school feel. That may be the sole reason I ended up here at Laurier in 1996/97.

The school will bend the truth; they will also sugar-coat it. Two months ago I sat in an information session with the other tenants of the university's latest attempt to solve their housing crisis, Paragon Park, soon to be renamed "Laurier Place."

I listened intently as Mike Belanger, Director of Residential Services for the university and David McMurray, Dean of Students assured the outgoing tenants this \$7 million dollar investment would be used primarily for senior student and grad student housing.

I received in the mail this morning an offer of \$2,500 if I vacate my Paragon Park townhouse no later than August 15, 1999 because they, "believe [they] could use up to an additional 20 units this fall," for new students.

Now, explain to me how they will make this housing accessible to senior and grad students if the overflow of first-years continues to increase as it has in the past couple years. You can't, because it is impossible.

Admissions in 1997/98 were 1,740. In 1998/99 they were 1,950. This year that number is nearly 2,200 at print time. With an average increase in admissions of

with. You will.

Essentially, it comes down to staying informed. Don't just wander around these halls going from class to class without thinking. It is too easy to forget the thousands of dollars you are spending to get the best possible education here.

Be aware of all the organizations which are directly related to you. These include the WLU Students' Union, and the WLU Administration (made up of the University Senate and Board of Governors). These are the groups who hold the power so tune into what's going on with them.

As a sidebar, the Students' Union is having a by-election around the end of September, or beginning of October. There is one position open on the Board of Directors; this would be a perfect way to get to know what's going on on campus, and be able to voice your opinion on the issues.

Even if serving on the Board is not for you, by all means, go their meetings; they are open to the public and will give you a working knowledge of the role of students within the university itself. They may even infuriate you as they do others at times.

You should be able to put names to the faces of the people who control where your money goes. It's not likely they are more intelligent than you and in some cases may be less. You are your own responsibility.

Perhaps working for a newspaper has made me suspicious and pessimistic. Perhaps it has simply opened my eyes. Don't leave your future in someone else's hands.

SARAH SCHIEFER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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about 10% each year, by next year's admissions, they will be able to completely fill "Laurier Place" with first-years and will soon be on the hunt for more land to shove the "extras" onto.

Previous plans to make "Laurier Place" a senior student housing unit have been put on hold for this year dependant on admissions numbers for next year.

I am also part of a student collective who was assured admissions would not exceed 1,750 students this year. Luckily for myself, I graduated this year. The overfull classrooms and lack of available courses will not be a problem I will have to deal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IF SOMETHING SUCKS, SAY IT SUCKS

This letter is in response to the tremendous number of you, first years, that will be attending Laurier in the fall. Specifically, it is targeted at those students who will be living in residence.

Last year Laurier admitted an unprecedented number of first years and promised that the situation would never happen again.

They promised because of the accommodation nightmare that ensued as a direct result of the campus' inability to support more students that it could handle.

Single rooms magically turned into double rooms with the addition of bunk beds, computer rooms, and in some cases residence libraries, were fashioned into cramped makeshift accommodation. An addition to Willison Hall ignored student interests and construction proceeded to disrupt the lives of hundreds of students (often waking them up very early in the morning and clouding their rooms with diesel fumes).

Class sizes burgeoned leaving students with little access to their professors, and, come exam time, many students had to

write on the UW campus because of our tiny size.

This is the story you don't hear. This is the story that was supposed to never happen again.

The university assured students admissions would not exceed 1750. As of this printing 1999-2000 admissions are topping 2100. You do the math - we don't have the room or the staff. The nightmares of last year are going to happen again.

But what can you do now? You've already accepted Laurier's offer and there's no looking back. Remember: you're going to pay almost \$10,000 for a first year experience.

I'm writing to urge you to not accept lip-service when you get here. If something sucks, say it sucks and don't stop saying it until they give you better accommodation, more access to your professors or a refund on the already exorbitant fees they've charged you.

If you don't say anything this school will continue to do what they want when they want with little regard for the students they supposedly exist for.

Remember to look to your student leaders. They are in place to allow students a collective voice. Go to them, but if they don't satisfy you go to the source and make noise. It's your money.

James Muir

CANADIAN EH!

I wish to argue against Patricia Lancia's waffling definition of what is Canadian. There are many people that define their Canadian identity as more than "not American."

One person would be Alex Bisset, senior lexicographer of the Canadian Oxford English Dictionary. Doubtless the basis of any culture is its language and with the development of a uniquely Canadian dictionary we have solidified a Canadian identity.

The words would be nothing without their application though. And while there are monoliths of Canadian literature, such as Robertson Davies, that could have provided a vast Canadian vocabulary it is in fact the common Canadianisms that have come to define us.

Yes, it is the Canadian Tire flyer (itself uniquely Canadian) that provided more Canadian words than Davies himself.

There are more 'isms' that link Canada together as a culture than *what we are not*. Perhaps Lancia might have taken a peak at our national dictionary before trying to define us.

Jim Sturkin

Examining Your University

W.A. FERRIS

By now, those of you entering first year will have been bombarded with assorted pamphlets and info sheets explaining the various aspects of life at Laurier. However, there are a few interesting tidbits of information that probably didn't find themselves listed among the positive aspects of WLU.

First off, the WLU administration, in its infinite wisdom, has decided to accept a first-year class in the range of 2000 students. Last year, 1700 first-years were let in. Both of these figures are well above the normal number of first students allowed to enter, which leads to several problems.

Overcrowding becomes a serious issue as first-year classes become larger and larger. Additional housing must be found for the extra first-year students (approximately 300-400), which inevitably is substandard to the residences available on campus. Indeed, many of the first-year students who were housed in these extra spaces last year didn't receive some of their furniture until

Lend Me Your Ear

October. This will happen to some of you, as you will be shunted off-campus into buildings that have never before been used by the university to house students.

Now, to make such a mistake one

Be assured that your tuition hikes will not improve the quality of professors.

year is regrettable, but human. However, it takes a significant amount of incompetence to not only make the same mistake two years in a row, but to make the mistake even worse. Heads should roll for this.

Of course, the other possibility is that this was not an accident. If this is so, Dr. Rosehart and others should

be called to the carpet to account for making such plans without informing either the students or the university's Board of Governors.

As well, there are other problems here at Laurier. While other universities, such as the University of Toronto, engage in highly publicized efforts to recruit full-time professors, Laurier has done nothing.

Be assured that your tuition hikes are not going to improve the quality of the professors at WLU. The result is that part-time professors will teach a significant portion of your classes throughout university. Some of these professors are good, but some are clearly not up to even minimum standards. Are you paying thousands upon thousands of dollars in tuition to gamble that your part-time professor is one of the good ones? I think not.

Next year, students' tuition and fees comprise over 51% of the university's revenue. This means that you, as a contributor to this majority, have the right to ensure that you get the best education possible. You have the right to demand accommodation that is on par with all other first-year students. You have the right to demand first-class professors. You have the right to demand accountability, honesty, and fairness. After all, this university is yours.

baking the beans

Beginning the Rest of Your Life

ASAD KIYANI

You are a 'frosh'. You, for whatever reason, are coming to Laurier. And you are about to enter a strange, strange place.

First year. New wonders in a magical land. A paradise of independence without the burdens of complete freedom. Ahhh, fresh, vibrant young first-year.

New people and new opportunities. A chance to expand your mind, broaden your horizons and find yourself.

That's the naive way to look at it. In reality, first-year and the rest of your university life will be an increasingly mundane and tedious experience interspersed with ever-rarer periods of that childlike joy and wondrous abandonment that accompanied you through your first days at school.

After the initial euphoria of moving up to the ubiquitous 'next-level', you'll slowly come to realize that classes do have some importance. You'll become increasingly familiar with the go to class-eat--drink-sleep

cycle that begins now and takes suffocating hold upon graduation.

As time rolls on, you will become stuck in a rut. Routine will take over and you will begin to insulate yourself with the things and people that scare you the least. The changes will be so gradual so as to be unrecognizable. But because all your friends will be doing the same, it won't bother you in the least.

As time rolls on, you will start to decay into your parents. Class all week. Wednesday night at Will's. Thursday at the Turret, then Louie's. Friday at the Lyric, Saturday at the Revolution and Sunday at Phil's. Work, eat, drink, sleep. Then get up and do it all over again - the next day, the next week, the next semester.

You won't rue the opportunities you missed, because you won't realize you missed them. You'll just trundle monotonously along, as happy and oblivious to it all as a jitterbug on a Sunday in June.

If you're smart or just plain lucky, one day you'll catch yourself in the mirror and stare in disbelief. You'll wonder about how you missed all those subtle little changes. You'll wonder how and why you let your life become stale. And then you'll ask yourself, "When the hell did I blink?"

BY UNDERSTANDING THE TRAGEDY OF THE SITUATION, WE CAN WALK ON THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON. ORAVY TREATS, ICEBREAKERS, LYRICAL ARE PRACTICALLY STUPID. LAURIER AND THE BLOOD OF A, ASW TASTES ARE ADORABLE. IT IS THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL.

we want your noise.

LAURIER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This year promises to be an exciting one - And it all starts with Frosh week. Come out and have some fun with us. Everyone is welcome!

Here is our Frosh week schedule:

- Tuesday:** Barbecue and Ultimate Frisbee or water-balloon football
- Wednesday:** scavenger hunt/car rally
- Thursday:** progressive dinner and karaoke
- Friday:** square dancing or line dancing
- Saturday:** movie night
- Sunday:** church service in Laurier's chapel 10:00a.m. followed by trip to Elora Gorge

*This subject may be subject to change. If you're interested, we look forward to meeting you at the library steps nightly at 7:00p.m. during Frosh week. The fun doesn't stop there though - throughout the year we have retreats, banquets, socials, small groups for Bible studies and weekly large group meetings (Wed. 5:30p.m. in the Seminary Building - S101) See you there.

For any further questions on the frosh schedule call Candice Wilson at 883-8340 after Sept. 4th.

OPINION OF THE WEEK

"Canadian economic growth ain't all its cracked up to be."

- Asad Kiyani, loud-mouthed Opinion Editor.

Average Income of Canadians

Year	Poorest 10 % of population	Richest 10 %
1973	\$ 7,200	\$ 107,000
1997	\$ 1,800	\$ 167,000

SOURCE: CBC NEWSWORLD

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A dose of the real world



As you are soaring through frosh week and your next few years here at Laurier, remember to take a few moments to be thankful you have the opportunity to be here.

CHRIS PEARCE

As the fall approaches, highschool students from around the world are preparing to seize their hard earned and long awaited opportunity at a university education.

Though nationality, language and culture may vary greatly between

students making the transition to the post-secondary level, the feelings they experience at this crucial stage in their lives are much the same.

On the verge of a university career, freshmen from around the globe will begin to share in that feeling of keen optimism, while taking

their first adult dose of that wel-

comed apprehension that signals an oncoming of the university experience.

Such anxiousness is to be expected when one steps back to take a look at the importance of this stage in an individual's life.

It is at this point one determines their area of specialization, their

direction in life, and as a result their place in the world.

With all the pressure placed on students upon their passing into university, it comes as no surprise that the real importance - rather, the true responsibility - of university is often ignored in the minds of students.

Between registration, searching for a place to live, and a seemingly infinite number of other tasks students are obliged to complete prior to the start of the year, there leaves little time for putting into perspective what the opportunity to attend an institution of higher learning really means.

A university education is a rare blessing bestowed upon those who have demonstrated academic excellence throughout their lives, but that's just the start.

University gives students the opportunity to dive head first into the sea of free thought.

The sad reality though is many students, nurtured by the wading pool of education known as high-school enter university without the ability to swim far too often and are thrown by the powerful waves of conformity back onto Status Quo Beach.

Students around the world, if they chose to accept the responsibility that comes with a gift given to less than ten per cent of the world's population, may quickly learn the basic strokes of questioning required to change the structures that have produced such grave inequities in the global society.

As the new (and perhaps most important) generation of free-thinkers, freshmen across the globe must begin to throw out the old ways of thinking.

To start, they must begin to empathize with poverty and suffering, as passive sympathy has only drained us of our own humani-

ty. They must begin to see past our Band-Aid solutions to race relations as another example. They should also look at the long-term impact our destructive cycles may have on the global environment.

We are all responsible for ensuring our survival into and throughout the next millennium. However, those of us in this world who will have the opportunity to higher education acquire that much greater of a responsibility.

University education is a rare blessing. Be thankful.

LUKE MARTIN

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10 things to remember for first year



You will not read all of the books you buy.

- 1. Pack less than you think you'll need.
- 2. There are nine bars within walking distance.
- 3. Sundays - Phil's
- 4. Mondays - Morty's
- 5. Tuesdays - Louie's
- 6. Wednesdays - Will's
- 7. Thursdays - The Turret
- 8. Fridays - Revolution
- 9. Saturdays - surprisingly diverse

#83. You'll be offered more credit cards than humanly imaginable.

- 10. There's more to university than drinking yourself into a stupor every night.
- 11. Pine is the most antiquated e-mail system on the face of the planet. But you'll use it anyway.
- 12. You don't have to be best friends with your roommate. Chances are you'll hate each other by the end of the year.
- 13. You won't read all the books you buy.

- 14. Deadlines are flexible (unless you're in Business).
- 15. Most of your professors will know your name.
- 16. The male-female ratio at Laurier is 44 to 56.
- 17. Getting involved on campus is one of the easiest ways to meet people.
- 18. There are few havens for the cynical. The Cord happens to be one of them.

- 19. Not everyone wears Gap khakis and snap pants (although it may look that way at first).
- 20. 8:30 classes aren't as bad as they sound - so get used to them.
- 21. You *will* be able to roll out of bed 5 minutes before class and still make it on time.
- 22. Laurier is a small campus. If you embarrass yourself it will get around.
- 23. Laurier is a small campus. Be

- careful who you piss off.
- 24. No matter how well you budget, you'll inevitably ask Mom and Dad for money.
- 25. Do your laundry *before* you run out of underwear.
- 26. Prices at the Dining Hall are as outrageous as they appear.
- 27. Coffee isn't a necessity, but it comes damn close.

- 28. There is no dating scene at Laurier. Try UW.
- 29. Use the stairs whenever you can. The campus is one block so you'll need the extra exercise to keep the pounds off.
- 30. You will gain 15 pounds in first year.
- 31. KW transit is easier than it appears. The #7 will be your best friend.

- 32. A 12-screen movie theatre is being built in uptown Waterloo.
- 33. WLU actually stands for We Line Up - for food, for books, for bars, for OSAP, for class registration . . .
- 34. This isn't high school - you can't tell how old people are by looking at them (and no one really cares anyway).
- 35. Dial A Bottle: 746-7000
- 36. No matter how loud you play your music, someone else plays it louder.
- 37. 202 Regina is 5 minutes away, but you'll still complain about it being too far.

- 38. 202 Regina: Be nice to them and they'll be nice to you.
- 39. Despite how it may first appear, there is room for individuality on this campus.
- 40. Laurier is not known for its activism or its protests.
- 41. Run for student government, you'll probably be acclaimed.

#14. Deadlines are flexible (unless you're in Business).

- 42. Work hard to bridge the divisions created by programs and elitist attitudes.
- 43. Some programs are perpetually under-funded while others are not - Business students do not get the short end of the stick.
- 44. University is actually a place for learning. Learn as much as you can.
- 45. No one knows you here. You can be anyone you want.
- 46. At some point you will need to use the Library. They give tutorials on how to find things.



Do your laundry before you run out of underwear.

- 7. You'll go home (or at least want to) more often than you think.
- 8. You'll miss home – mostly for the food.
- 9. Everyone else is as nervous as you are.
- 10. It's okay not to like Orientation week.

- 11. Don't pick a program based solely on the likelihood of getting a job or you'll regret it for the rest of your life.
- 12. It is possible to dress head-to-toe in Laurier gear from Purple & Gold for the entire school year, thus alleviating any laundry problems. Don't do it.

- 13. Mutual respect and tolerance among roommates is the easiest way to live together.

- 14. Get used to watching Buffy, Dawson's Creek, ER, X-Files, and many more TV shows that take up too much time.

- 15. You'll understand procrastination on a whole new level.

- 64. Time management is critical.

- 65. Your average will drop 10 to 15% from what it was in high school.

- 66. Learn the acronyms.
DAWB: Dr. Alvin Woods Building
AC: Athletic Complex
TA: Theatre Auditorium
WLUSU: Students' Union
WLUSP: Student Publications

- 67. Margins, line spacing and font size

- dence winters.

- 73. Forwell's really does have everything you need for last minute, late night shopping.

- 74. Going to the bar means a difficult balance – go early and you're a geek, line-up and you're a geek.

- 75. A lack of fresh fruit in one's diet leads to scurvy.

- 76. There's no substitute for actually reading the required material.

- 77. There are a few classes you can get through without reading anything.

- 78. Bulletin boards may look cluttered – the key to the universe could be pinned up and you'd never know it – but they can be extremely helpful.

- 79. Infantile behaviour is not left at the door.

- 80. Studying for an exam the night before does not work.

- 81. Take as wide a variety of electives as your major will allow.

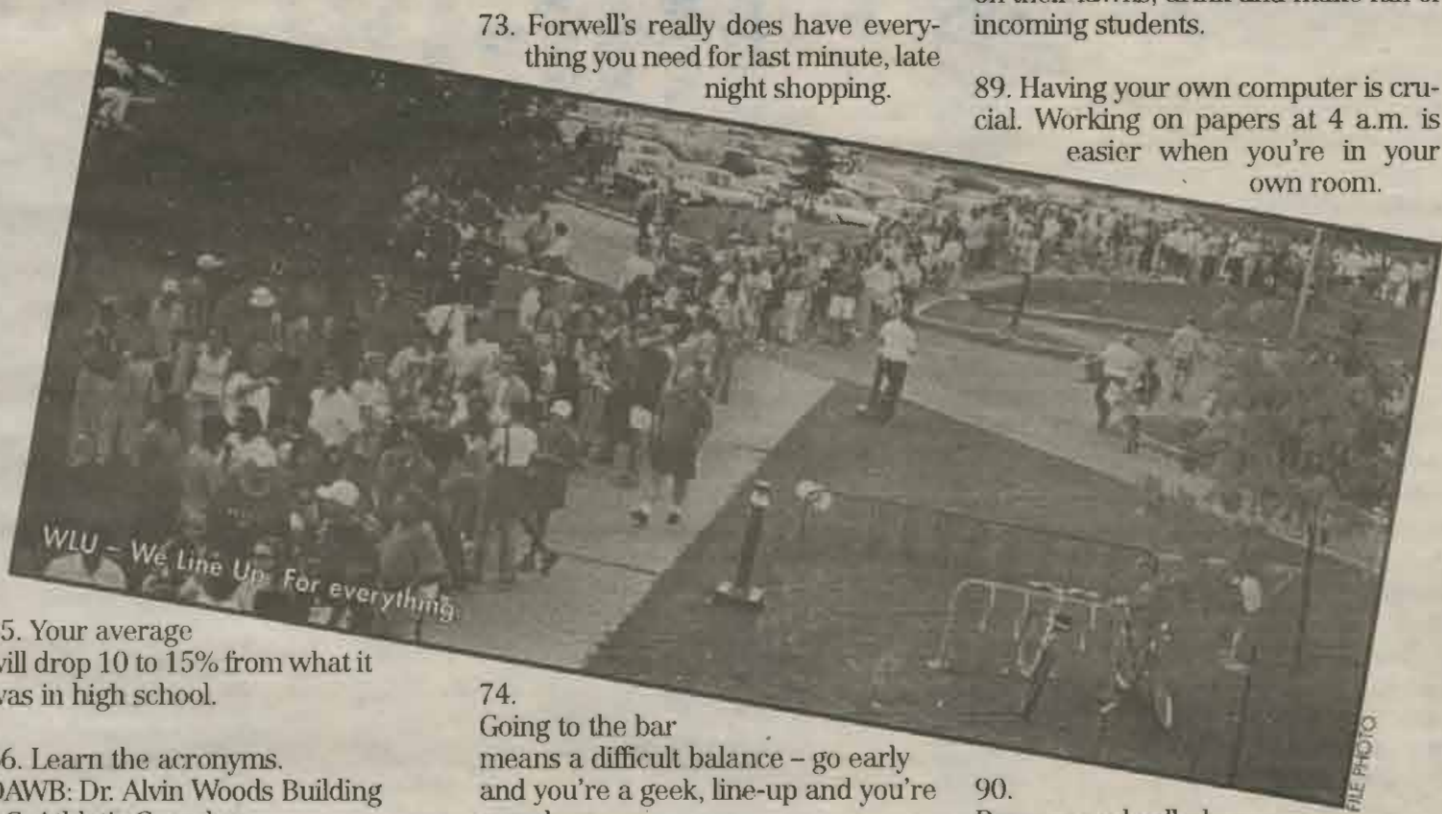
- 82. Don't assume just because you picked a major you know what you want to do with your life. Leave your options open.

- 83. You will be offered more credit cards than humanly imaginable. Pass on them all or rue the day you decided to take on more debt.

- 84. It's uncanny how easy it is to forget how much university is costing you.

- 88. Off-campus students do actually sit on their lawns, drink and make fun of incoming students.

- 89. Having your own computer is crucial. Working on papers at 4 a.m. is easier when you're in your own room.



- 6. Residences and classrooms are either too hot or too cold – there is no happy medium.

- 7. Despite your best efforts, you will grow apart from most (if not all) of your high school friends.

- 8. If you learn anything, your priorities will change.

- 9. GPA does not equal intelligence or knowledge.

- 10. You'll run into the same people over and over and over and over and over and ...

- 11. You will subsist on only caffeine, junk food and alcohol for at least a day.

- 12. All-nighters aren't worth it.

- 13. You'll try your hardest to make your long-distance relationship work, but in the end it won't.

- are your best friends. Some creative changes can turn a five page paper into six or seven pages.

- 68. First-year lectures are often a rehash of what's in the textbook. Don't take notes in class if it's already written down somewhere else.

- 69. Professors aren't as intimidating as they appear.

- 70. Attending university does not automatically make you better than everyone else.

- 71. A lame pick-up line is still lame, even in a different city.

- 72. Bring a humidifier for those resi-

- 85. Study smart, not hard.

- 86. There are plenty of scholarships and bursaries students can apply for. Look into it.

- 87. Take heart, they're upgrading the facilities and equipment at the AC.

- 90. Beepers and cell phones in class are not cool.

- 91. Memorize your student ID number.

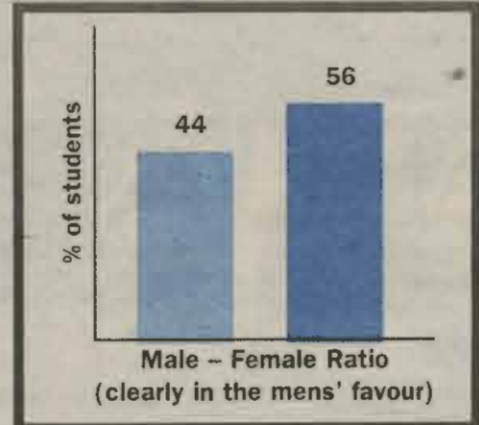
- 92. Co-op isn't all it's cracked up to be.

- 93. The more you reminisce the more your stories will become exclusively about university and alcohol.

- 94. Homecoming isn't for everyone.

- 95. Winter Carnival is fixed (but it's still pretty fun).

- 96. Study groups are generally a waste of time.



- 97. Group projects are the Devil's work. Professors have no idea how hard it is to co-ordinate five people with very different schedules.

- 98. Pre-registration for second year is as important as it sounds.

- 99. Be careful who you agree to move in with in second year.

- 100. Don't miss trying out for varsity sports just because you're afraid to compete.

- 101. University life isn't nearly as glamorous as the movies make it out to be.

#55. You'll understand procrastination on a whole new level.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Take your pick of any bar in the K-W area.



Intramurals for everyone

MATT CADE

Of the many perks associated with a student's affiliation to WLU, one of the most enjoyable is the intramural program. Run by Don Smith and the Athletic Department, the program offers opportunities for both season and tournament play throughout the year in sports both common and original.

Newest on the intramural lineup, believe it or not, is innertube water polo, a successful addition last fall to an already superbly run program.

Some of the more tenured sports include basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and slo-pitch.

One of the special features of Laurier's intramurals is that it provides for all involved whatever it is you may be looking to get out of an organized league.

As Chris Donnelly, assistant to Don Smith, points out, the program can offer different things to different people. "It challenges those people who want to be challenged and provides fun for those who are looking to have fun," said Donnelly who will be one of three students at the right hand of Manager of Intramural

Athletics and Facilities Don Smith this coming fall.

Sports such as soccer and basketball offer more competitive leagues for those interested. Most sports come in both the "male" and "female" versions while some will even let both play in the same games

Intramurals challenge those people who want to be challenged.

(hereafter referred to as co-ed). Sports unique to the fall are men's ice hockey, women's field hockey, and men's and women's touch football.

Those only available in the second term are the three versions of basketball, men's, women's and co-ed. Many of the sports run all year, including volleyball, soccer, and ball

hockey.

A feature of intramurals at Laurier is the tournaments and special events that are put on each year by the department. Last year there were three-on-three basketball tournaments as well as charity events such as a 10km run organized by a group of students including Mr. Donnelly.

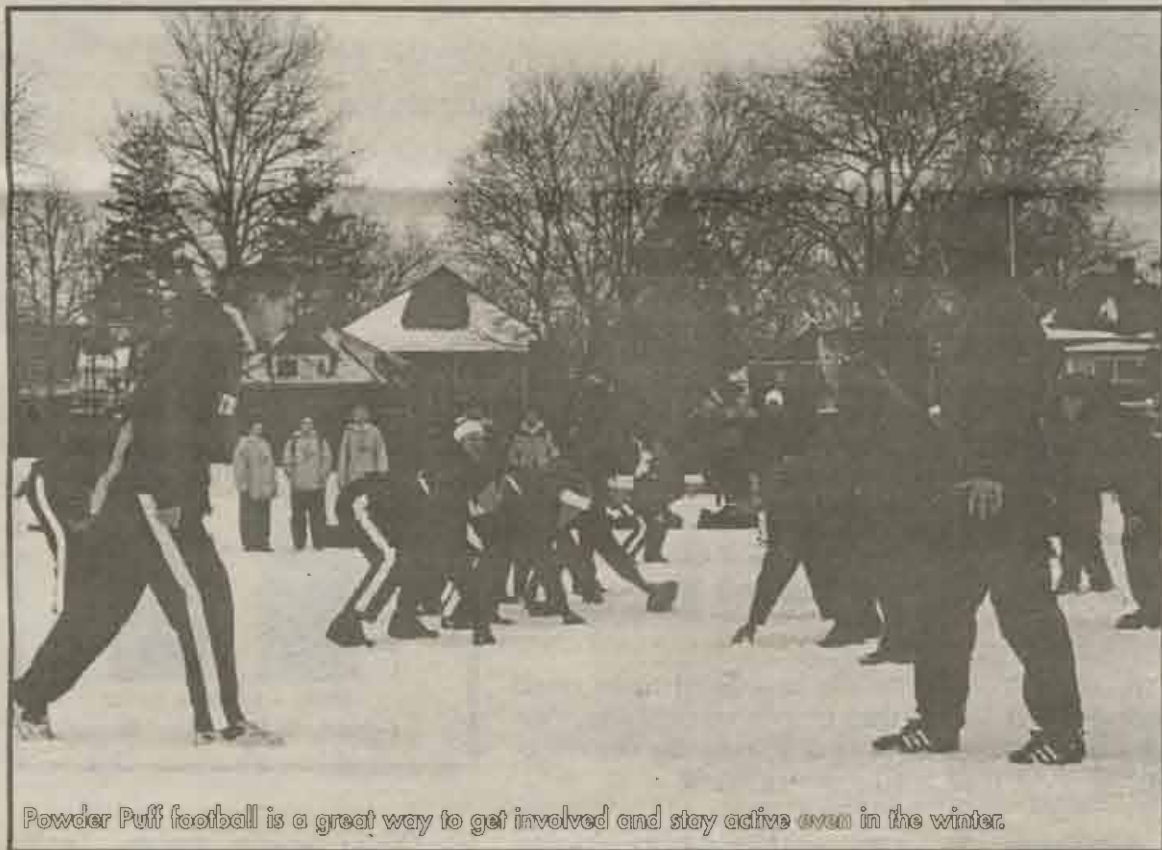
Another form of involvement that the Athletic department offers in association with intramurals is the contribution that students can make to the school through supplying their service as referees and umpires.

Anyone interested in making a couple of extra bucks a week can sign up in the AC. Further opportunity is also available to students in their senior year who can contribute as front-runners of the program and strengthen their organizational and business skills.

If, when you arrive in September you are looking for a way to burn off all that anxious energy be sure to get involved in Laurier athletics. As Donnelly notes, "it's a great way to stay active and an even better way to participate and get to know people at Laurier."



These girls can really jump.



Powder Puff football is a great way to get involved and stay active even in the winter.

Varsity Athletics A way to feel at home

TOM FUKU
FROM THE ARCHIVES 1997

One of Laurier's positive attributes is its size: the small campus enables you to meet practically everyone who goes here if you make the effort to do so. This close-knit atmosphere extends into the varsity sports scene more than anywhere else and because of that, my two year experience here has been fantastic.

I'm currently captain of the Men's swim team, and I'm glad I chose Laurier over other universities because of this involvement.

During the Provincial Mens' Championships in February, our team earned many compliments for its attitude.

The highest praise coming from the coach of one of Ontario's most powerful teams who was heard telling his swimmers they "need to be more like Laurier, more like a TEAM!"

These words epitomize what I see Laurier sports as being: a total team effort. Even in an individual-oriented sport such as swimming, the team mentality prevails.

Encouraging everyone to feel that they belong is foremost. I came from a club atmosphere which was highly individualized, and the difference in attitude that I experienced after

coming to Laurier was incredible. The highlight of my own two years on the team came this spring at the Provincial Championships when I won the gold medal in the 200-metre breaststroke event. I could not have done this however without the loud cheers of my 14 teammates that came from pool side.

Furthermore, this was only a part of the team's overall success. Together, we qualified four swimmers for the national (CIAU) championships - an unprecedented number for Laurier - and we had a terrific time doing it. None of the other teams matched our enthusiasm and our vocal support for each other pushed us

Even in an individual-oriented sport like swimming the team mentality prevails.

to new heights. We felt that we were the class of the meet.

Being part of a team like this makes individuals realize that no matter what their ability might be they can make an important contribution to a total team effort.

I encourage all of you to try out for varsity athletics. You'll meet people, you'll have fun and most importantly, you'll quickly find somewhere that you belong.

Try out for varsity sports, you never know who may be the next Tom Fuku. It could be you.

New aerobics studio in A.C.

KERI MACPHEE

After many years of continuous improvements, the Laurier Fitness Program has its most exciting addition yet.

Due to open in January 2000, the new aerobics studio, complete with hardwood floors will bring the recreational fitness program into the new millennium in style.

Motivating and well-trained fitness instructors from the student body, currently hold classes in a mirrored classroom at the Athletic Complex on campus six days per week.

A wide variety of classes are offered including step, cardio, boxing, New Body, toning, AquaFit, and PowerPacing (cycling). Laurier aerobics is a fun way to meet other fit-

ness-minded students (guys and girls), as well as fight the Frosh 15.

The program is looking for motivating, enthusiastic instructors as well as students interested in learning how to teach aerobics classes.

If you are interested in more information, please call Keri, assistant coordinator, at (905) 634-9447. Registration will be at the Athletic Complex in the first two weeks of fall classes during which free classes will be held for those who wish to give the program a test-run before committing.

Watch for signs around the school or inquire at the AC for registration. The program is very affordable for students.

Be sure to check out the new Wilfrid Laurier University fitness t-shirts coming this fall.



There are also many other renovations going on in the A.C. Keep your eyes peeled for more coverage.

Cord Sports



Do you enjoy ice cream in your soup?
Do you find incomplete thoughts to be
much like...?



Is there something you aren't telling
me??

If your answer to those questions was a resounding "what the hell is this guy talking about??" then reporting for the cord might be for you. AND, if you're one of the unlucky ones who arrives late to the first meeting and misses out on all the good stuff, then writing sports might be exactly what you're looking for!

In all seriousness, there are a plethora of opportunities for anyone interested in writing for Cord Sports this year. If you'd like to be involved weekly, for example covering one of WLU's major varsity team's, make sure you come out. If, perhaps, the "beat reporter" isn't for you since you cannot afford that sort of commitment but are still very much eager to contribute to school's most widely published student newspaper, then stay tuned: opportunity abounds! Rumour has

it that certain disorganized sports editors are still in search of students to fill some pretty important spaces...

Athletics at Laurier, as at most other post-secondary academic institutions, continue throughout the year and as such require both the constant scrutiny and support from we the writing public. We're always

looking for help down here, (God, Help Us) so even if you have a sneaking suspicion that a fine reporter lies within you, then give us a ding and let us know...the Cord, and I say this with all sincerity...

We Want YOU to write for Sports

General meetings will be held Fridays at 2:30p.m. Don't miss them.

Making yourself proud to be purple and gold

MIKE MCKENNA
FROM THE ARCHIVES 1997

From the minute you step onto the Laurier campus and realize that you are now a Laurier student you will realize the pride and tradition that comes with it.

It is this Laurier spirit that makes us a cut above the rest.

Our spirit is displayed nowhere better than during athletic contests.

Whether it is at University stadium for a football game or at the Athletic Complex for a basketball game, your Laurier spirit will shine through.

Getting involved with the Hawk

spirit is easy! Simply get off your butt and go watch the games, it's not hard.

If you are really daring you might even head over to Purple & Gold to

get yourself some Laurier paraphernalia to improve your looks. You could also volunteer to be part of the new Hawksquad.

This organization has been created by the Students' Union and will give all of you a chance to get involved and

make your stay at Laurier that much better.

Either way, get out and get involved by cheering for our Golden Hawks.

It will make you proud to be purple and gold.

You will realize the pride and tradition that comes with it.

I give up... I couldn't fill this space... This is one of the reasons we need you to help us out here in the Cord Office. If one of you was up here right now this space would be filled with something thought-provoking and clearly better written than this little blurb I'm throwing in haphazardly to fill this space. I apologize. I hope that I will never again have to do this throughout the year.

Chances are pretty good I will though.

We need you. Please come up and help us out!



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Where the wild things are

DANIELLE FIELDER

As you venture into the world of Kitchener-Waterloo, you should know that there is no lack of night life to be found here. The following is a compilation of bars, pubs, night-clubs, and other such places. There is something for everyone's taste, and hopefully, you'll find what you're looking for.

The Turret

The most popular nightspot for Laurier froshies, Thursday night is the busiest night. You will see a lot of the Turret come frosh week, and that won't be the last of it. Thursday is dance, and Friday is alternative. These are the two best nights to hit the bar. The dance floors are always packed, but nothing says a good time like being shoved around by tons of sweaty dancers! The Turret is a good place to go to catch familiar faces, and you don't have to walk very far to get there. (Or get home)

Wilf's

The other Laurier bar on campus, Wilf's is a pub style bar. Usually

Wednesdays are the best, but any night at Wilf's is good. The food is good, the service is quick (most of the time) and once again, you will see many familiar faces there. The Den is a room off to the side that is great for meetings when booked in advance. Wilf's is a great place to kick back and relax with friends and a pint of beer, if crazy dancing isn't for you.

Revolution/Flying Dog

The Rev is about a 20 minute walk from campus, but worth the distance. It looks great on the inside - a true visual experience. The Flying Dog is a posh restaurant (save for special occasions) with gargoyles hanging over you while you eat. Revolution is a dance club with two main nights: Friday is alternative and Saturday is dance. The Purple room in the back specializes in retro, jungle, trance and other kinds of music depending on the night. There are pool tables

and reasonably priced drinks. All in all, a nice place to be.

Loose Change Louie's

Get to Louie's early, because it gets crowded pretty quick. Tuesday and

The Lyric

This is downtown Kitchener, so you have to be willing to fork over cab fare, or have a very understanding friend with a car. Note: always make

cheap drinks, and sometimes the music is good. It is a small bar, and can get pretty packed, but Thursday nights are popular, so check it out for yourself.

The Bombshelter

This bar is found on the UW campus, about a 15 minute walk down the road. Wednesdays are about the only good night at the Bomber, but it can be a good time. It gets crowded quick, and the ceilings are low, so there is an overwhelming feeling of being trapped. However, in the warmer months, the outside patio is nice.

Federation Hall

One of the largest campus bars in Canada, it is a great venue for bands and special events. It too resides at UW. The music tends to be good, but only venture over there when you know something is going on, otherwise it's pretty dead. If you want to check out some new faces from down the road, try Guys and Girls night on Thursdays.

There are many more bars to mention, but space does not allow me to talk about them all.



Phil's is a groovy place with cheap prices, but many don't look around.

TIM DUBKIN

Thursday nights are packed, and you'll be lucky if you can get in the door. It's just a 5 minute walk from campus, so it is a popular choice for those who don't stray far. The dance floor is tiny, and you will probably make body contact with every person you meet, but beer is cheap. And with Mel's and the Pita Pit in the same plaza, you're set.

to draw some big names. There is a huge video screen to look at while you dance (try not to trip) and cheap drinks. It is dirty, and slightly smelly, and generally not appealing to the eyes, but a good time nonetheless.

Phil's

A stone's throw from campus, this bar's main redeeming feature is

Eats for you

The following is a sampling of restaurants you may visit during your first year. It doesn't cover it all, but you'll just have to fend for yourself.

Angie's Kitchen

The home of good home cooking, in a homey atmosphere. This place has been a favorite of Laurier students for years. It's affordable, and very yummy.

East Side Mario's

You will never truly appreciate East Side's until you have eaten there thousands and thousands of times. It's not really cheap, but you get lots of food for your money. As a student, you will get used to eating pasta, and you will love it so much that you forget that you actually hate pasta.



Stanley's burgers: coronary here I come!

Ethel's Lounge

The daily specials always delight, and although the décor may lean on the side of tacky, the good prices and relaxed atmosphere make up for it.

Extreme Pita

Right across from campus, this place makes a damn good pita. It's healthy and delicious, so you can't go wrong. The pita eats like a meal, so 5 bucks fills you right up.

Fox and Pheasant

This English style pub is a great place for snacking and hanging out. From nachos to wings to fish and chips, the food is good. They also have a great selection of beers.

Mel's Diner

The hot spot for Laurier students to grab a bite to eat. It is a 50's style diner with juke box and all, that stays open to all hours. The main highlight is breakfast - at \$2.99 you can't go wrong

and you get heaps of food. They also have the best milkshakes in town for my money.

Morty's

Morty's is worth a visit, if only to try the wings. Monday night they are cheaper than usual, but tasty as ever. The décor is slightly dump, but we like to call it "character."

Stanley's

The only place to go for a great burger. When you are tired of generic fast food, Stanley's is a welcome change from the norm. I really dig those spicy fries and juicy slabs of meat!

The Heather Hotel

Located within the Heather are two great restaurants. In the basement there is the newly renovated Lion Brewery Restaurant. Upstairs in the hotel is Barley Works.

Downstairs is the high class joint where you can get a good sit down meal. The Barley Works is essentially a pub that serves really good gravy and other fixin's. With date: Lion Brewery; without, Barley Works.

Mongolian Grill

All hail the grill of grills from the outer regions of Lesser Mongolia. For thirteen bucks it's all you can eat stir fry and such. It's a veritable cornucopia of raw food that gets cooked to oblivion right before your very eyes.

Times Square

High class joint with primo nosh. This place is really great if you wanna look like the man and impress a date. You get in there and they have appetizers and other things so you can say: "Yeah, I'd like some of the calamari to start, and then roast rack of lamb. And can I have a Martini (look at girl) shaken not stirred." Everyone exchanges awed grins.

Movies, Movies

This is a short list of theatres and video stores: alternatives to the crazy bar-lives that you will all be leading.

Fairway Cinemas

These theatres are quite a hike into Kitchener, ie. You need a car or cozy up to some one who's got a set a wheels on 'em. Otherwise it's a 45 minute busride. They have seven screens showing all the popular flicks of the day.

Silver City

A small village masquerading as a movie theatre. Their GNP is entirely made up of concession sales and exorbitant ticket prices. But folks, this is the king of king theatres. It's worth the drive to the 401. They have ten three storey screens and really special sound systems. They're so big and technically efficient that you will once again embrace Communism.

Princess Cinema

Hands down the best theatre in town with the best prices (excuse the editorial license). They have seats from the fifties (literally: they really hurt your ass), the sound is bad and the screen leaves a lot to be desired. But if you're sick of the usual theatre drivel, then this is the place for you. They are bound to have something infinitely more interesting than any other theatre playing. If you get a membership it only costs \$5.00 a show and they have special deals at the concession stand (still expensive, though).

Kings College

Located right next to city hall in decrepit downtown Kitchener. This four screen wonder boasts comfy chairs, pristine screens and popular flicks. Plus, it doesn't take you an hour to get there by bus. For those of you who like the brisk evening air, walk it. I dare you. Ha, you think it's easy, but don't forget that there's the walk home.

Video Rentals

Blockbuster

If any of you don't know what Blockbuster is stop reading and burn your acceptance letter. Here's the lowdown: they've got the largest selection of any video store in Waterloo, but man, it's a hell of a hike down University (30 min.). And remember, there's the return.

Generation X

Small and independently owned store specializing in unique and hard-to-find movies. Rentals are the cheapest around and, like the Princess, it has true variety. I do all my shopping there. Check out the Sexploitation section. Hint hint.



The Princess Cinema is your art house option.

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Note: This list is riddled with editorial insights and preferences. This is in no way a slight against any of the other entertainment venues in the area. Of course there is the implication that what I think is better, but until you get up here and start writing, or until you start a rival paper, you can listen and listen good. That'll learn ya.

Mama, I wanna act

DANIELLE FIELDER

Calling all theatre buffs and budding thespians! Whether you are a theatre veteran, or just a beginner itching to get on the stage, the theatre community at Laurier is ready to welcome you. But before you dive into the exciting world of performance, there are a few things you should know.

The first goes by the name of the Theatre Collective. It is a student run campus club with a simple mandate: to produce student initiated theatre in whatever form it may come.

The TC welcomes anyone who is interested in getting involved in theatre, whether it be acting, directing, writing, or the elusive "tech" jobs.

There is also the desire to have fun, and it's fun. Honest. They play improv games. You'll like it. Students can bring their ideas to the collective, and the club will decide whether or not it can become part of a production. The Theatre Collective likes to stage at least one

show per term. The major event is the Fringe Festival, which was a huge hit this year. The Fringe is a collection of short scenes or one act plays, written, directed, and starring students. I directed some scenes myself. It was extremely fulfilling, and fun.

For the truly daring, the truly committed, and possibly the truly mad, there is the

University Players. The company sails into next year under the command of its new captain (or company manager) Amy Neufeld. Amy has been a strong presence on the theatre scene since her arrival at Laurier, and she will continue to inspire, create and frighten. University Players plans two productions for

99-2000, so keep your eyes open for audition notices in October, and at later dates. The company may not be the largest group at Laurier, but they remain a strong voice on the cultural scene.

The new home of the University Players, and the Theatre Collective, is the Studio, in room 1C15. (In the hallway between the Arts building and the Peters building, this means so little now, but soon you will understand just how easy it is to get lost) The space was taken over by these theatre groups this year and completely renovated by students. It will be the home of theatre productions, meetings, and the like next year, so come and check it out!

Why not give theatre a try? No experience is necessary, and there is something for everyone. Stay tuned for further updates and more theatre news to come in the fall. Look for signs and look in the Cord-your one stop information palace.



The stars of last year's Fringe Festival entry, *Speak, My Mind*, in rehearsals.

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CAROLYN MAGWOOD

Student film at Laurier



ANTHONY DEL COL

Laurier is a campus known primarily for academic programs like Business and Political Science. This is bound to change this upcoming year with the production of *The Nature of Reality*, a feature-length film written, directed, produced and starring the students and faculty of WLU.

The Director of *The Nature of Reality* James Muir states, "The arts scene at Laurier is really poor. With this film we are trying to raise awareness of the arts on campus and showcase the talents that students at this school possess. Not to mention the great experience for everyone involved. It should be a great time, unless you're a grip and then we'll work you to the bone."

The film will be shot during the

fall months, and will premiere to Laurier audiences in March 2000. After its Laurier premiere, the film will then be taken into the local Waterloo community. The production team also hopes to enter it into a few national film festivals. It will be shot on a new film format, digital video, the medium in which George Lucas is scheduled to shoot the next two Star Wars films.

Casting for all roles will take place during the last two weeks of August and the first few weeks of September. All roles are up for grabs, and many extras will be needed for scenes on campus over the course of the fall months.

If you are interested in getting involved in the film, visit the web site, www.natureofreality.com, or call producer Anthony Del Col at (519) 884-1970, extension 3559.



Writer/Director of *The Nature of Reality*, James Muir

ANTHONY DEL COL

Fashion 'N' Motion Open Auditions

Fashion 'N' Motion is a high energy dance extravaganza that allows students the opportunity to participate in a live fashion show with a dance element.

Choreographer Information Meeting: Thursday September 16, 1999

Location: Science Building Room N1002 @ 5:30p.m.

Choreographer Auditions & Interviews: Sunday September 19, 1999 Location: Turret @ 10a.m.

Fashion 'n' Motion Information Session: Friday October 8, 1999 Location: Room 1E1 @ 3p.m.

(includes all people interested in applying for a dancer, crew, volunteer, musical, or special talent position)

Dancer Auditions: October 16/17, 1999

Location: Athletic Complex @ 10a.m.

Musical Auditions & Crew Hiring:

Location and Time will be announced at the information session on Friday October 8, 1999

Look for the Fashion 'N' Motion booth in the Concourse when you first get to school. It promises to be an exciting and entertaining event that will both inform and inspire. September 13-17.



Just you wait, future frosh! The good times are comin'! Stay tuned to the Cord for all your Entertainment updates. And a special hello to Julianna--when the dining hall gets you down, you know where to come for good eats.

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What can us artsies do here?

ROSS BULLEN

As you first step upon the hallowed fields of our fine campus, as you wander tired and stupefied through the ordeal known to the world as O-week, and as you settle into your first few weeks of classes, you will be quick to notice that Laurier, for all it may claim to be, is little more than a pre-school for the business world, a cozy little nest where the business folks of tomorrow can settle in for four years and learn their craft.

Fair enough, I suppose. The only problem being that an environment geared solely towards the business world tends to leave other aspects of life (and education) out in the cold.

As a result of this little conundrum, the arts scene at Laurier is not so much non-existent as unnoticed or underappreciated. Lots of really great things go on here that most people don't even seem to notice.

For example, by reading this article you have already exposed yourself (not in an illegal sense) to one of Laurier's many art forums, the Arts page of the Cord.

If you write poetry, fiction, love to draw or anything else even vaguely artistic please submit it up in the Cord office (3rd floor, FNCC).

It's my job, as High Emperor of the Arts page to pick out the best of your artistic offerings and present them to the rest of the Laurier community, usually right next to an ad for a dirty downtown strip club.

Who could ask for anything more? Okay, so pretty much anyone could ask for more than one lousy page (right near the back too) in the campus paper (who you should come write for even if you hate art

page stuff).

Luckily, there are numerous other venues through which you can tap into the arts scene.

There are always a few good dramatic presentations in the nearby community, usually within walking distance.

If you like cool art house movies, the Princess cinema (Princess St. is just a couple of minutes down King St.) always has a ton of them every month.

The arts scene at Laurier is not so much non-existent; it's just unnoticed.

Considering the very low fee (about eight dollars), everyone should buy a membership and go see \$5 movies the whole year round (they also have paintings and movie posters for sale).

If you buy a lot of books, you should definitely check out the Bookworm on University Avenue (its about a three minute walk from campus).

They have a diverse selection of used books (many of which you may require for your courses) at reasonable prices.

If you need to buy new books, there are a bunch of bookstores down King Street (towards

Kitchener) and a giant Chapters store down at the other end of King (right next to an equally monstrous Maxi & Co.).

On campus, the Robert Langen Art Gallery is an essential stopover for any student who is a fan of art or who wants to learn more about it.

Most first-years will run across it soon enough considering its close proximity to the dining facilities.

The preceding was a pretty half-assed overview of some of the more obvious things to do and see when you arrive at Laurier.

To be perfectly honest, the only way you'll find the kind of art scene you want in K-W is to go out, look around, and figure out what strikes you as interesting and go from there.

Consider a spiritual trek - a journey into self understanding - if you will, except of course if you have to take the bus, in which case it might be best to liken the whole thing to an extended sleepover at the bottom of a very narrow, very stinky well.

I can't help but feel that I should offer some words of advice to my fellow arts majors on the eve of their arrival here in Camp BBA.

If you are an English major, you will be asked if you want to teach. If you are a History major, you will be asked if you want to teach. If you are a Philosophy major, you will be asked how to get to the unemployment office.

Make sure you use your elective credits wisely and take courses that seem different or intriguing.

You don't have to be religious to take Religion & Culture classes, many of which are extremely interesting and enjoyable.

You don't have to take first year



Artwork by Rene Meshake shown at the Waterloo Community Arts Centre.

psych just because everyone else is (It takes both semesters and, in my experience, consisted of nothing more than reading a really expensive textbook).

Branch out and explore new options and interests. People always try and tell you that university is where you "discover yourself" which, even though the term "discovering yourself" sounds like a lewd euphemism, is in many ways true.

Just remember how much money you're throwing into your three or four years here.

You may as well try and make your experience worth remembering.

Ross Bullen is the Arts Page Editor for 1999/2000 and he is known as "Ross the Boss" because he looks a lot like Bruce Springsteen. Not really. More like Hugo Boss.

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