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Seven bars in seven nights is no small feat, we tell you how ... FEATURES, PAGES 8-9



Sydney Holland

GETTIN' A SHINE ON - This Shinerama participant gets creative at the corner of King and University on Shine Day last Saturday, which helped raised \$157,000 for cystic fibrosis.

Shinerama nets \$157,000

ADA SHARPE
Cord News

Tears flowed and cheers erupted at University Stadium on Saturday night as the final results of Shinerama 2005 were read out to over 4,000 students on hand for the men's football home opener. Surpassing the target of \$155,555, this year's Shinerama campaign raised \$157,000 for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF).

With approximately 2,500 first-year students and numerous volunteers shining at over 105 locations across Kitchener-Waterloo on Saturday, Laurier students raked in community contribu-

tions by washing cars, buffing bikes and polishing shoes, amongst other things.

Saturday's Shine Day marked the culmination of various fundraising events held by Shinerama organizers throughout the year, including a golf tournament, barbecues, candy sales and Friday night's Bling Bling game.

Events throughout Orientation Week prepared frosh for Shine Day, as first-year students were educated about cystic fibrosis as well as the significance of Laurier's long-standing Shinerama tradition.

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Hawks' offence explodes in victorious home opener



MIKE BROWN
Sports Editor

For the first time since last year's thrilling Yates Cup victory, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks took to the field at University Stadium on Saturday night for their home opener against the visiting Windsor Lancers.

As the Hawks were introduced, an energetic crowd of 4,454, including a large Frosh contin-

gent, gave them a welcome fitting for provincial champs.

"Running out, just hearing everybody banging their thunder sticks, it gives you chills," commented fifth-year quarterback Ryan Pyear after the game. "There's no better feeling. That's why I play football."

Pyear was perhaps a little too pumped at the start of the game, though, as he was picked off by Windsor cornerback Justin Nolan, who returned the interception 40 yards for the major. With their team down by seven just over three minutes into the game, the crowd quieted somewhat, as similarities to last year's slow start against the same Windsor squad

began to surface.

Pyear maintained that his team was unfazed by Windsor's quick strike: "I don't think any of us let it get to us. Last year, when we played Windsor, we went down 14-0 in the first quarter, so this was nothing." Grinning, he added, "We were planning on scoring more than seven points anyway."

And they certainly stuck to their plan. It took the Hawks all of two minutes to erase the deficit. Keeping his composure, Pyear led his squad right back on the next drive, hitting wide receiver Joel Wright with a 42-yard bomb before connecting with him again on a 16-yard endzone strike.

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Jordan Joubert

BIG HAWKS INDEED - These rabid Laurier fans prove that nothing is too gaudy to wear to a Laurier home opener. The Hawks won 47-24 regardless.

WLU to admit Hurricane Katrina victims

Laurier joins other colleges and universities in an effort to salvage school year for displaced students out of a place to study

ADRIAN MA
News Editor

Laurier students may soon be sharing their classrooms with students from Hurricane Katrina-affected areas off the Gulf Coast, as WLU administration announced this past Thursday that it would admit up to 100 displaced stu-

dents from the Gulf region.

Because of Katrina, 30 university and college institutions sustained damage severe enough to curtail operation, leaving up to 100,000 students without a school to attend.

Sue Horton, WLU's Vice-President of Academic Affairs, commented that opening the door

for these students is an important sign of good will.

"It's not necessarily a benefit to individual students at [Laurier], but you have to do these things hoping that, suppose we had a huge power outage or a devastating snowfall, someone would be willing to help us the same way."

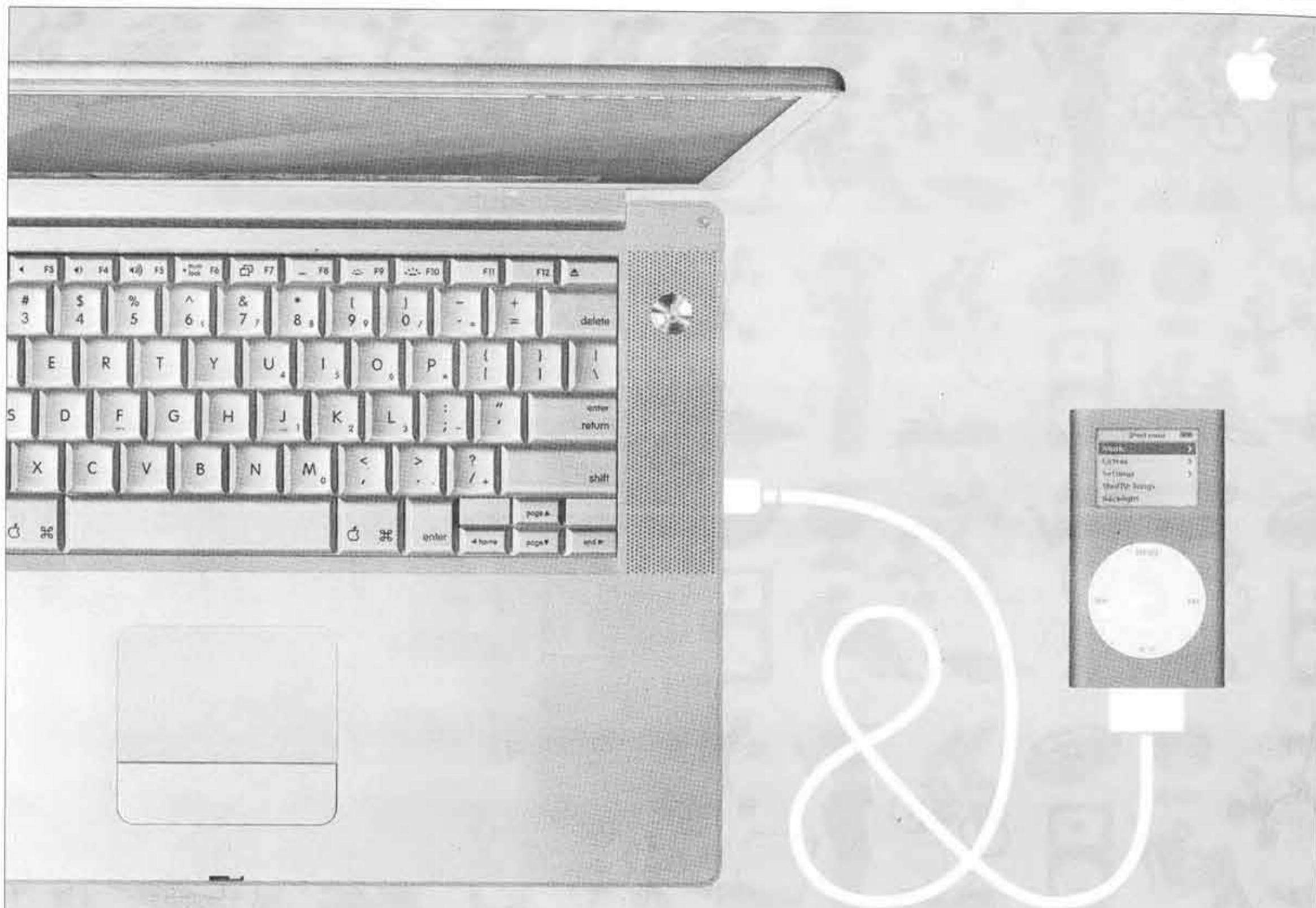
To make the admission process

as smooth as possible, Laurier will enroll displaced students in the university on a short-term basis and will not demand tuition from students who have already paid their home institution. To those who have yet to pay tuition fees, an equivalent amount will be charged and the funds shall be forwarded to the appropriate school.

Officials also expect that the universities and colleges of the Gulf region will accept credits earned at WLU.

The main difficulty, Sue Horton explains, is physically getting the students to WLU and other universities and colleges.

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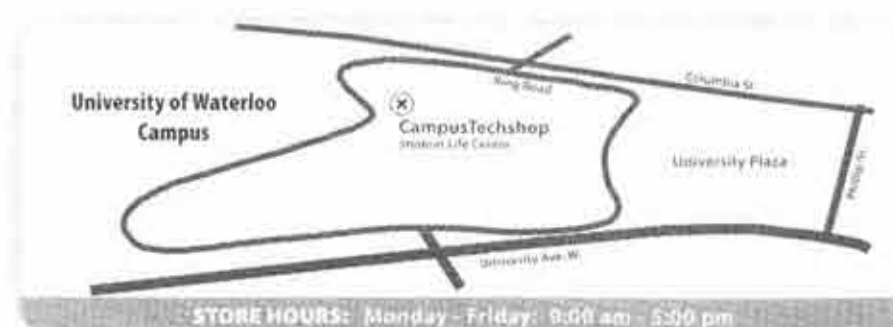
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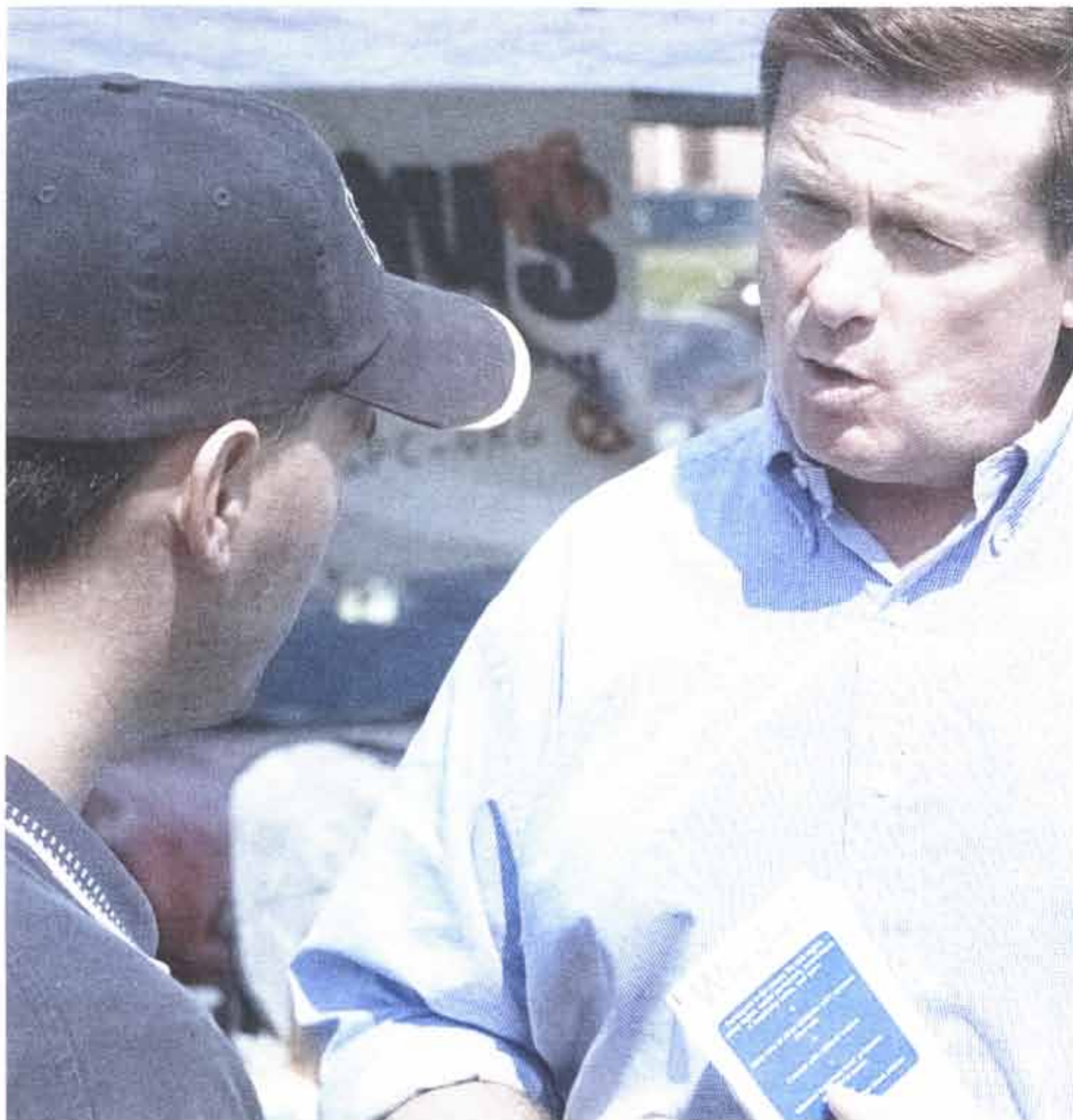


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TORY THE TORY - Leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party John Tory answers a student's questions last Wednesday when he manned the PC booth at the annual 'Get Involved' Fair on Willison Field.

Conservative leader 'gets involved' with Laurier fair

Tory hits Willison Field looking to recruit in the midst of Orientation-Week activities

DAN POLISCHUK
News Editor

Amongst all the commotion on Willison Field this past Wednesday at Laurier's Get Involved Fair, politician John Tory was all business.

Leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party and the official opposition since March, Tory made a brief stop to WLU in an effort to reach out to prospective voters.

"One of the things that I'm very determined to do as the new leader of the party is to reach out and address areas where we haven't been as well represented as we might have been in the past, and that includes students and young people; it includes newer Canadians and woman," said Tory.

"There are three groups where we have not had the representation I would like us to have. So if I can come here personally...to take part in just trying to be available during this first-year celebration, and try and get a few people to sign up, then that's a small contribution I can make," he added.

In between all of the hand shaking though, Tory did have a few things to get across to the students of Laurier.

"I'll be trying to get across the message that the Progressive Conservative Party has a long his-

tory of being supportive of, and being big builders in, the college and university sector," he said, citing that recently he has had to ride out some criticism for agreeing with the Liberal Party's initiatives on making the requirements for student aid packages more "flexible".

"We don't want to put the first step in the process, namely a BA, BSC, or whatever, out of reach... either psychologically or practically speaking."

- Ontario PC leader John Tory, on tuition deregulation

In terms of putting a freeze on tuition fees, Tory seemed to take the middle road, stating he would like to see a "regulated" system.

"The purpose of having some ongoing regulation would simply be to make it that universities can justify increases they do bring, in terms of seeing that money go to real investments and improving the quality of the educational experience...so it isn't just tuition raises just for the sake of raising them," commented Tory.

"We don't want to put the first

step in the process, namely a BA, BSC, or whatever, out of reach of people, either psychologically or practically speaking...I just don't think students can afford to have the whole system thrown wide open and say, 'Charge whatever you like...'" he added.

With a strong emphasis on education, Tory believes that the Conservative Party, with support of young voters, could get things accomplished if voted into power during the next Ontario provincial election in 2007.

"I think the party has a history of being involved. It doesn't mean that we've been perfect and that we've made all the right decisions in the past, but I'm very committed to students. I'm very committed to getting students involved in the political process. I'm committed to building and making stronger the post-secondary education system because I think it's a huge part of the development of students into becoming contributing citizens in many respects: not just economic, but economic, cultural, and so forth."

VOCAL CORD

How do you feel about Laurier accepting students from Hurricane Katrina-affected regions?



"I personally think that this idea is totally awesome, that Laurier would do that."

- Darryl Cremasco
Fifth Year Music

"Give'r like a beast."

- Dan Heilbrunn
Philosophy and Comm Studies Grad



"It's a really great thing. It really hurts with seeing them living in such adverse conditions."

- Yusuf Kidwai
First Year Business

"I think it's necessary for a forward-thinking institution like ours"

- Kelly Pigeon
First Year Business



"Great opportunity to help. It will help us gain a better image."

- Perry Wong
First Year Environmental Business

"Every little bit helps. We can handle another 100 people, I think."

- Braden Jebson
Second Year Political Science



"If they're able to get into school down there, but can't obviously now, then they still deserve an education."

- Lauren Colten
First Year Business & Film

"I think it's a good thing that Laurier is trying to help those affected by the tragedy."

- Taylor Vanderwey
Fourth Year Business



"I think it's good for Laurier. It puts our name out there."

- Jennifer Dawson
Fourth Year English

"George Bush doesn't care about Laurier."

- Oliver Beath
Fifth Year Philosophy



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"I hate the fact that you like creamed corn, but I don't like you any less because you like it."

— Graphics Editor Leslie Jodie to Carly Booth, trying to discuss her hatred of creamed corn all those who consume it without offending anyone.

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Shiners surpass lofty goal



Jordan Jocus

SHINE ON YOU CRAZY GYMNASTS - Brittany Howlett (left) and Jenn Foster offer some unorthodox services in exchange for Shinerama donations.

- from **SHINE**, cover

"Shinerama's one of those things that ties everybody together," explains Nicole McGillivray, this year's Shinerama Coordinator. Shinerama's inception dates back to 1961, when Waterloo Lutheran University (WLU's former name) student Paul Enns took to shining shoes for charity. Three years later, the CCFE, taking Enns as an inspiration, adopted the shining campaign in its national fundraising efforts to bring awareness to the fatal genetic disorder. Cystic fibrosis attacks the respiratory and digestive systems of its sufferers, causing tremendous difficulty breathing.

McGillivray admitted to borrowing some of her guiding ideals from Enns, whom she met at this

year's National Shinerama Conference, when describing her hopes for the campaign.

"For first-years it's about meeting new friends, having fun and giving to the community," she explained. McGillivray wanted to stay true to these original objectives, bringing the campaign "back to basics. Reminding students of tradition."

In 2003, Laurier claimed the highest gross amount ever raised for cystic fibrosis

Today, Shinerama is the major fundraising event at Canadian universities, with 57 campuses participating across 52 cities.

Nearly \$16 million has been collected since Canadian university students started polishing for cystic fibrosis in 1963. As these funds have been poured into research for treatment and therapy, promoting public awareness and providing patients with access to specialized care across Canada, the life expectancy of sufferers has greatly increased. In the early 1960s, a child living with cystic fibrosis was not expected to survive past the age of four. Today, many adults now live into their late-30s.

In 2003, as WLU's student numbers burgeoned with the arrival of the double cohort, Laurier claimed the highest gross amount ever raised

for cystic fibrosis or any single Canadian charity, bringing in an impressive \$177,000 for the CCFE. "[Other universities] always ask, 'How do you raise that?'" says McGillivray.

Her answer is simple. "The students. It's the students."

And every year, Laurier's Shinerama organizers aim the mark higher, increasing the university's fundraising objective. When asked whether she was daunted by this year's bar-setting goal, McGillivray is quick to answer.

"No, not at all. If you want to raise more money, you do. Every single penny counts. No matter the amount, the money will be helpful."

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Laurier opens doors to South

- from **KATRINA**, cover

"The biggest trick will be getting visas to get them into the country," said Horton. "To get that bureaucracy done on time, it will be very difficult."

Laurier will have to work quickly in order to have the displaced students settled and studying within the first few weeks of the semester, but Horton feels that the effort will be worth it.

"We hope that some will take us up on our offer - some students who want to see snow after being in New Orleans so long."

Laurier is one of several

Canadian institutions offering refuge to displaced students. Horton reckons that Laurier, with its comparatively smaller capacity, will be able to enroll about 100 students without major problems.

"If it got beyond 100, it would get more difficult," said Horton.

She believes that because Laurier's student body already contains a significant number of international students, taking on students from the Gulf Coast will not be that extraordinary.

"We already have, this year, 130 students on exchange, give or take, and I think we have close to 200

international students," noted Horton, adding that she does not foresee any tension or integration problems between incoming students and the ones already here.

Students affected by the disaster in the Gulf region can log onto campusrelief.org and browse a large and growing list of institutions that are offering to accept them. Many schools outside the US are featured on the site, located in nearby countries like Canada and Puerto Rico and as far away as the United Kingdom.

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LAKESIDE FUNDRAISER - Cindy Ward (above) is hoping to get The Boathouse back on track with a little help from her friends.

The Boathouse needs a buoy

Benefit concert to take place on Sunday

ADRIAN MA
News Editor

Cindy Ward, co-owner of The Boathouse in Victoria Park, is determined not to let a summer of misfortune bury her venue. Following an incident of late summer theft, Ward and her business partners - Kevin Doyle and Wanda Hiscock - will be hosting a benefit show on Sunday, September 18 in an effort to save the struggling Boathouse.

The Boathouse is an intimate restaurant and music venue situated lakeside amongst the picturesque scenery of Victoria Park. Ward reveals that the locale has experienced some recent difficulties: rising operating costs have been challenging to deal with, but the biggest setback came when a mid-August robbery resulted in the loss of nearly \$3,000 in cash.

"It hit us pretty hard," says Ward.

Ward put out a call for help, and the community responded. She says that she has been inundated with calls from local musicians wanting to hit the stage for the benefit, and has received up to \$800 in donations since news of the robbery spread.

"We've had such a great response," beams Ward. "It's just so great to see all the love come back to us because we've been working really hard."

Scheduled to take place from 1pm to 11pm, the benefit will feature 16 to 18 music acts, most of them local to the K-W area. Folk-songwriter Jack Cooper, roots-rocker Shannon Lyon, and 70's hit-singer Charity Brown are all part of a line-up that is "only getting bet-

ter," according to Ward.

Ward expects around 200 people to attend the daylong event, and hopes to raise at least \$2,500 to keep The Boathouse going.

She says that following the robbery, she was hurt and angered. Thanks to the support shown by local customers and performers alike, she is now much more optimistic.

"I have no doubt that it will go well," says Ward.

While local students are not the predominant segment of Boathouse regulars, she encourages students to visit The Boathouse, especially if they want to see live bands and songsmiths play original music. For Ward, there is no better place in the region to watch a performer than in the eclectic and casual setting of the Boathouse.

"I want to be able to see the expression on a musician's face when they're singing the words to the song that they wrote," says Ward. "They're writers and they wrote this song for a reason. I love being able to get personal with musicians and really hearing what they're trying to friggin' say. I love that."

Ward believes that losing a unique place like The Boathouse would be a real tragedy to Kitchener-Waterloo.

"I think what we've got going for Waterloo region is that The Boathouse is a special room [for music]," she says. "It's beautiful."

The Boathouse is located at 57 Courtland Avenue West, Victoria Park. Admission for the benefit is \$10 at the door.

Pussy Protectors aim to defend students' vaginas

Advocacy group aims to dismantle the menstrual status quo at Memorial University

ALEX BILL
The Muse

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) - There's a new group watching out for vaginas on campus. The Pussy Protectors are a recent society awaiting ratification concerned about the environmental, psychological, and health effects of the feminine hygiene industry.

Carolyn Shimmin is the organizer behind the Pussy Protectors. She had the idea after seeing a similar group at Carleton during her undergraduate degree, but it really took off when she came into contact with a more prominent group in Montreal called the Blood Sisters.

"I've had this growing awareness of the need for menstrual activism," she said. "[We're about] combating the silence that surrounds the female body, dismantling some of the patriarchal taboos about menstruation, but also informing [the public] about the unhealthy and ecologically unfriendly impacts of the femi-

nine hygiene industry."

The Pussy Protectors offer a variety of services, particularly a place to sit down and comfortably discuss menstruation.

"When you look at menstruation, I think from a young age girls are taught that their periods are something dirty and disgusting and something that has to be concealed and hidden," said Shimmin.

The shared shame associated with a woman's period is illustrated by the marketing campaigns of some tampon manufacturers, according to Shimmin. Ads selling concealed products in packaging that can be mistaken for bubble gum are prime examples.

"Because of that constant message that we're getting that we should be ashamed of it, even as women we don't share stories about our first period, and these are monumental things in your life," said Shimmin.

The Pussy Protectors also hold pad-making workshops for women to explore alternative

options of menstrual hygiene.

The social effects of the industry are not all the Pussy Protectors intend to target. There are constant environmental concerns circulating around the tampon industry. Shimmin claims that in one lifetime, the average woman will use 16,800 tampons, which equals between 250 to 300 pounds of waste.

Some of the health concerns mentioned by Shimmin include the commonly known toxic shock syndrome, plus the bleaches and dioxins released into the most absorbent part of a woman's body.

One product that can combat both the environmental and health effects of the feminine hygiene industry is the DivaCup.

"The DivaCup or Keeper is like a cup you insert and it holds the blood, and then you pull it out and you can empty the blood. You're not absorbing the mucous and that, you just keep rewashing and it can last you up to 10 years," Shimmin explained.

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Hurricane Katrina aid an unnecessary gesture

There's nothing wrong with Laurier offering spaces to students displaced by the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. But at the same time, it's certainly not the best example of charity.

The destruction wrought by Katrina was horrific, yes. But at any given moment, there are countless other events taking place that are even more terrible.

We've somehow learned to turn a blind eye to these things. Long-simmering problems don't get our attention; sudden catastrophes do. Whatever gets the biggest headlines determines where our sympathies lie.

Unfortunately, headlines don't prioritize properly. The death toll from Hurricane Katrina is now expected to be less than 10,000. Compare that to the 40,000 children who die every single day due to malnutrition.

The numbers aren't the only discrepancies. The biggest difference lies in the potential for the affected countries to rectify their own situations.

The United States has more money than any other country in the world. Resources are not the problem in Katrina's case. The US can easily afford the necessary relief efforts. Many of those affected by Katrina are indeed poor, but their country is not. It should be able to step up and fill in the gaps. Poor countries, on the other hand, have little ability to better the predicaments of their citizens.

The botched response to Katrina was not a matter of funds. It was a matter of poor planning and administrative screw-ups. The US, therefore, has no right to have its hand out asking for donations. What's the point in being the richest country in the world if you can't use the money properly?

The students of the Gulf Coast have been through a lot. But when all is said and done, when the clean-up is finally over, they will have schools to return to. Rather than make room for these students, to help avoid delaying their education, why not take in students who would otherwise never even get a first chance at a post-secondary education? There is something wrong when we can only sponsor two WUSC refugee students from the Third World, but suddenly have space for 100 from the United States.

The news that hits us hardest isn't usually the most deserving, but the closest, geographically and socially. We have to stop throwing our pity and money behind causes that are the easiest and think about where they're most needed.

Shinerama puts pressure on

Shinerama has yet again surpassed its fundraising goal, raising an impressive \$157,000 for cystic fibrosis this year.

This is thanks to the hard work of Shinerama volunteers and frosh, as well as the generosity of the Waterloo community. These people have worked or given money at numerous events throughout the year, culminating in the main event - Shine Day.

There is only one part of this fundraising drive that we take exception to.

Throughout O-Week, first-year students are constantly asked to give money to Shinerama. Ice Breakers pester their group members for change, citing a need to raise more and more and more money. Students are harassed to the point where they feel they have to give money.

This leads to students donating money that they possibly can't afford to donate. School is expensive and students are notoriously broke.

It also gives a bad first impression of Laurier. It implies to new Laurier students that they have to do what they're told in order to belong here. It makes them think that they can and should (literally) buy into the mob mentality of Laurier.

Shinerama will still raise lots of money for CF without loudly demanding it from students. Students should be informed of how they can contribute, if they wish to, and then it should be left at that. This will make it a much better experience for already-stressed frosh.



Emilie Joslin

The merits of not being perpetually drunk

MIKE BROWN
Sports Editor

Anyone from floor B2 of Willison Hall in 2003-04 is probably feeling an unwanted mix of confusion, horror and outright betrayal after having read that headline.

"Brown, are you feeling okay? Did they make you write it? Please, bud, say it ain't so!"

You see, when I moved into Willison in first year, I drank occasionally, but it was certainly not a staple of my existence. By the end of the year, my drinking was still relatively tame compared to some of my floor mates, perhaps merely because I was underage. Living on what was undeniably one of the biggest party floors in my year definitely took its toll, though.

Seeing me walk around swigging whiskey straight from my beloved Seagram's '83 bottle became increasingly common.

I put forth an honourable performance as the dark horse in the B2 Century Club Challenge, an event which must be a little blurry in my memory, as I seem to recall it taking place right in Willison, but such shenanigans would, of course, never be permitted within the walls of a Laurier residence.

Regardless of setting, my new friends were delighted to see me approaching the prestigious hundredth shot of beer, while two of my cohorts' much more beer-savvy palates had given out. Much to my chagrin, I didn't quite make it, making use of the aptly positioned bucket after shot 89.

Nonetheless, I scored some added respectability by coming back after cleansing my insides to

finish the task and reach the three-digit plateau. Tainted? Yes, but my commitment cannot be questioned. (Note: I have since put forth a much stronger showing, removing the asterisk from my Club membership this past New Year's.)

Another great memory came as I tried to memorize the details of the fake ID of some French guy after a few brews during a Leafs game. Luckily, the bouncer at The Silver Spur, an establishment renowned for its tight security, didn't question me and I managed to make it through the night despite my screams of "I can't believe they let me in!" shortly after entering the bar. And to make up for the lack of memory from the evening, I have a scar on my chin to show for my inevitable encounter with the sidewalk on the walk home.

Clearly then, my proposal that, contrary to popular belief, booze is not the most essential back-to-school supply, is not that of a health nut - quite the opposite, in fact. My atrocious eating habits and chronic sleep deprivation hardly scream "healthy."

And yes, admittedly, I had some memorable times drinking with my buddies from residence. I still do, in fact. The nature of my concern is mostly monetary. Bars, you see, are rather expensive. A shocking revelation, I know. To the first-years out there, drink to your heart's content. You probably still have some money to your name.

But for the rest of us, whereas food and shelter do remain rather essential hallmarks of existence, a delightful lager is (arguably) not.

Moreover, I've discovered that quite a good time can be had partying with a bunch of drunks with-

out actually being one. After a ridiculous road trip to Fanshawe College in London last year, which saw three buddies and I storm through 175 drinks in two nights, I decided to cut back a little - again, for monetary reasons. My tolerance had exceeded my wallet.

Not one to do things half-assed, I went on alcohol hiatus. For two months, no booze entered my system. Some friends offered me half a keg on the house if I broke my hiatus two weeks early, to no avail. I even turned down a meal at East Side's because it was basted in a rosé sauce - yes, I'm well aware that I'm a bit of a geek.

That being said, I was left with enough money to pay my second-term tuition and buy books. I would wake up early and something was off. No headache? Sobriety on a Sunday morning? A novel concept to be sure.

Though I don't anticipate any large-scale, self-imposed prohibitions again anytime soon, that hiatus was one the best ideas I've had in recent years. Not only did I come back to drinking with more money and a decreased tolerance, the whole experience was fresher. It was like turning 19 again.

Of course, at the start of a new school year, equipped with a modest sum from a summer of hard work, most of us will choose to hit the bars for a couple weeks. Sounds good to me. I'll be at the Spur, where my loyalties have rested ever since that memorable night in first year. But when funds start to run low as the weeks roll on, I suggest you think the unthinkable and consider taking some time off. At the very least, it'll suffice as a cruel joke to make your liver think you've come to respect it.

The social implications of front-lawn couches

Students know better than anyone that living isn't just for living rooms, but we fall short when it comes to our neighbours



CARLY BEATH
Opinion Editor

"You can tell which houses are students houses: all the ones with couches on the porches and front lawns," my uncle snickered during a visit to Waterloo last year.

This indoor-furniture-outdoors thing is definitely a student phenomenon. And while the rest of the population tends to hate it, drafting up bylaws to try and legislate these perceived eyesores out of existence, I think we're the ones who've got it right.

I was sitting on my back deck last week, enjoying a delicious BBQ supper in the sun with a friend, when I glanced over at my neighbours' house. They have four separate decks on the back of their house. And only once, in 5 months of living there, have I seen anyone on one of those decks - and it was only because they were vacuum-

ing the fake plastic grass on it.

Why do people have decks if they're not going to sit on them? Why do people hide in their houses?

My street is a pretty even split of students and "real people." But there's a huge divide between the two: one doesn't know the other. The students sit on their front-lawn couches with their friends and the families stay inside.

A few things have happened lately that have made me think about how sad this is. The first was when I realized my neighbours don't ever sit on their decks. The second was when my dog went missing and I actually spoke to some of my neighbours, asking if they'd seen him. They were very nice. I wished that I actually knew them. After three years of interacting mostly with fellow students, I'd like to talk to different kinds of people. I'd like to feel like part of my neighbourhood, rather than just an outsider student.

But the one thing that really smacked me in the face was when

my roommate and I were sitting on our front porch and our neighbour from across the street came over to introduce himself and talk to us a bit. Our primary feeling was suspicion. The fact that another of our neighbours had been wandering around our backyard taking pictures a few days prior might have had something to do with that, but it's hardly an excuse. When this friendly neighbour of ours left, we gave each other strange looks. Why the hell did he come over to talk to us? Was he fishing for information? A neighbourhood spy perhaps?

What's so wrong with us that we think it's weird when our neighbours talk to us? Why are we so afraid of each other?

We'd rather stand up on the bus than sit directly next to someone else. We cling a little too tightly to that command our parents gave us when we were little: "Don't talk to strangers."

I love talking to strangers. Strangers are interesting.

I got excited when I read in the



Tony Ferguson

FRONT OF HOUSE - They may not be sitting on a couch, but they've got the right idea nonetheless.

Toronto Star about this street party where the street got closed down and everyone, young and old, came out and hung out and played games and met each other. It melted my heart when the old lady next door smiled at my dog and warned me about a large gathering of wasps he was heading towards.

So we, on our couches outside, are on the right track. We're out-

side, we just need to get up off the couch and wander next door. Bake your neighbour some cookies, as silly and quaint as that sounds. Throw a party that doesn't involve booze (I like to drink as much as the next 15 people, but it doesn't have to be a part of *everything*) and invite all your neighbours. Especially the "real people." Talk to strangers.

Love and sex - an odds game



TANYA DOROSLOVAC
Bigmouth Strikes Again

I'm a little worried. I'm worried because last night, while I walked nonchalantly to Gen-X in an effort to pick up the second season of *Sealab*, I passed an alarming number of university students, all with something in common.

No, they weren't wearing gang colors (that novelty of frosh week seems to have worn off) and no, they didn't all carry iPods. The connecting factor was much simpler: they were girls. Out of maybe 40 people gallivanting along Regina St., I must have seen a total of two boys. Has anybody else noticed that the majority of frosh seem to be nicely tanned young women in flip-flops?

Now, you have to understand that I'm torn. I believe that today's growing number of educated women will create a just balance, eventually affecting the decisions made in our society for the better,

not only for women but for gays, racial minorities, the poor and, in the long run, for Canadians in general. But at the same time, I need a boyfriend. Okay, I shouldn't have said that. Feminists are going to get mad at me. I don't *need* a boyfriend, I just *want* a man. And, statistically speaking, all of you extra females hanging out around campus aren't making it any easier.

Trying to find love at university is like trying to find your English TA's office, especially if his office is just a study carrel in the library and you don't know which floor it's on. The search can be tiring, unsuccessful, and it may result in you (or, as the case may be, me) drinking Coca-Cola alone on the seventh floor for the third time in a week.

Sometimes it's my fault; sometimes I don't call. Sometimes I do call and then end up in the back of an Oldsmobile with another man. Love can be tough that way. And for every bad move I make, there seem to be two guys waiting to make a bad move with me. It's karma. I can't complain. Well, I can

complain, usually to the amusement of my friends. I've been stood up, ignored and even ditched in the depths of downtown Kitchener. Not only did I live to tell the tale, but I'm sure I'll go through it all again, in a quest for happiness inspired by Meg Ryan movies and Disney cartoons with princesses.

Love is an elusive beast, like a unicorn. Sex, on the other hand, is easy to find, like those mangy squirrels you feed stale bagels to, and then throw rocks at the next day when they won't leave you alone. Don't let your friends trick you into thinking they're cool because they're getting screwed.

Even Coco the gorilla would have a 60 per cent chance of getting laid if you dressed him in a hat and took him to Fubar. And I mean, sure, squirrels are fun for a while and kind of distracting, but wouldn't you rather have a friggin' unicorn? I didn't mean to enroll in Campus Love 101, but it happened and I intend to get a B, at least. My tragicomedy will continue, hindered by a startling influx of intelligent women, or not.

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Poker ad inappropriate

As a parent of kids the age of many of our students, a part time student myself, and an employee of WLU, I was quite disappointed to see an ad for online gambling in a special frosh edition of the *Cord*.

Is this truly what we would like to promote to our new students, or anyone else for that matter?

Carolyn Marchand

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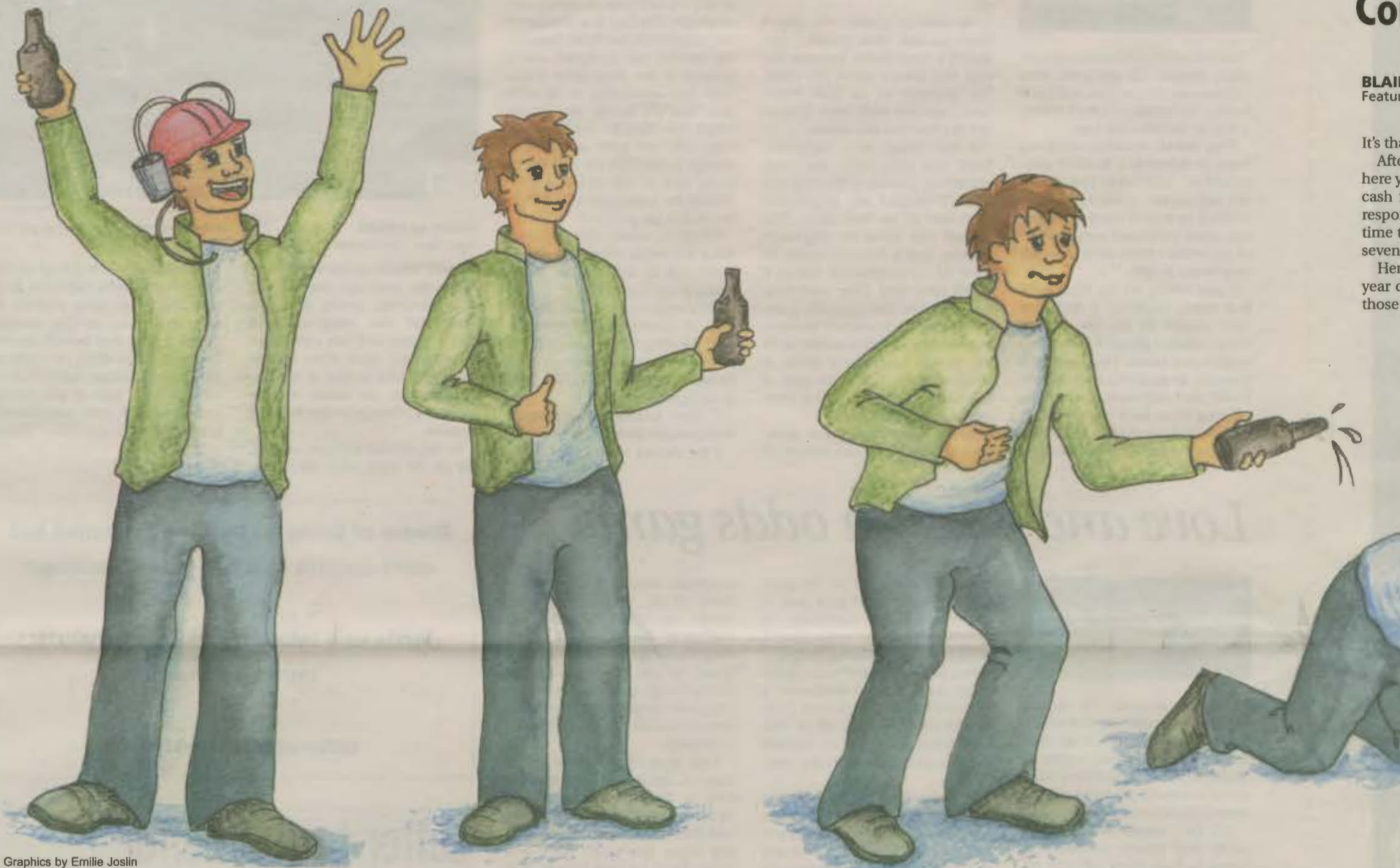
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Morty's

It's well known for their excellent wings, which you won't get unless you go early as the place fills up quickly on wing nights. Aim to arrive between 6-7pm if you want to get the best wings in town. After that, expect to wait at least 30 minutes to get a table on Mondays and Thursdays.

Philthy McNasty's

A sports bar by day and a seedy dance club by night. With two levels, Philthy's is able to cater to the sports crowd around dinnertime then the meet market crowd come nightfall. Be prepared to wait on a Monday night as Philthy's has notoriously long lines on their most popular night. An added bonus for guys: you can peer down onto the oft-packed dance floor from the upstairs foyer. Don't forget to add about \$15 to your nightly budget if you go though, as you'll likely take a cab both ways.

Mongolian Grill

Despite its pricey food, it actually has some of the best drink specials in town. Although the bar area is a little small, the laid-back environment and delicious martinis are incentive enough to make this a regular haunt.

OTHER OPTIONS

McGinnis has 10 wings for \$2.50
McMullan's features pitcher and food combos for \$21.75 every night

Voodoo/Fubar

Both are much like the former Fiasco's/Louie's combo but under new ownership and a newly instated \$2 cover. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, Voodoo becomes the feeder lounge for Fubar, allowing eager bargoers to enjoy a drink (or four) before getting into Fubar. Once you do get in, Fubar is Waterloo's quintessential meet market, offering cheap drinks (on Tuesdays) and ample opportunities for drunken one-night stands.

Failte's (Fayl-chays)

This is the closest thing Waterloo has to an authentic Irish pub. The live music, usually of a folk or Celtic nature, can grow annoying quickly. But luckily for Failte's, it has the best selection of imported draught beer in town and a cozy cranny of a patio. Plus, the rustic interior takes you away to a cosmopolitan European locale, making you forget that you're spending another night out in Waterloo.

OTHER OPTIONS

Mongolian Grill has \$2.75 Margaritas
The Spur features a pitcher and 3lb's of wings for \$19.50 every night

Phil's

Another Waterloo gem that should make everyone's bar rotation at least once a week, if only for the cheap drinks. Often referred to as 'dirty Phil's,' the bar's décor and general cleanliness leaves much to be desired but with different theme nights catering to every musical taste and \$1.75 drinks, this bar is still one of the hottest spots to be in town. Its Wednesday night is particularly noteworthy, when Phil's hosts the best hip-hop night in all of K-W.

McGinnis Front Row

Front Row is basically your run-of-the-mill sports bar. It's usually playing the 'big game' on the big screen or one of its seemingly countless TV's. It's a great place to go and chill with a large group of friends, especially if you smoke as it has one of the largest patios in K-W.

McMullan's

This is another sports-oriented bar that caters to the pub crowd. It has a patio with a view of King Street so you can scope out the passers-by, and also one of the best beer selections in Waterloo. Its claim to fame is the pitcher and pizza/combo platter/nacho deal, which gets you a pitcher and food for \$25 (after tax).

OTHER OPTIONS

Mongolian Grill has \$6.99 pitchers

Molly Bloom's

An Irish pub located in University plaza a live music most nights. With regularly pitchers, Molly's is always a guaranteed g

Wilf's

Laurier's on-campus bar is centrally located for everyone to get to. Infamous for its lo food, Wilf's is a great place to go if you w of your fellow WLU students in a contain ment.

The Silver Spur

The Spur is a Waterloo landmark of sor karaoke a full seven nights a week, the Sp place to be on any night if you're inebri to sit through song after dreadful song yourself to wannabe American Idol ju forming one yourself. If you do decide can spin a wheel to win a prize, which compensate for your embarrassment a Like A Virgin to a room full of people.

OTHER OPTIONS

Morty's has half-price wings from 5p
Mongolian Grill is featuring \$2.75 Dai
McGinnis has \$8.93 pitchers

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The Gauntlet

Cord Features challenges your social stamina with seven solid nights of going out

BLAIR FORSYTH-STARK
Features Editor

It's that time of year again.

After what seemed like a ridiculously short summer, here you are. You're reuniting with friends, loaded with cash from your summer job and have no academic responsibilities in sight. In other words, it's the perfect time to cut loose and run The Gauntlet: seven nights, seven bars and a whole lot of fuzzy memories.

Here at Cord Features we know that with each new year comes a new schedule of bars to attend, and all those new drink specials can sure get confusing.

Since we're concerned about the social lives of our fellow students, we feel it is our responsibility, nay, our duty, to keep you informed of the hottest watering holes and meet markets up in K-dub, so much so that we've created an itinerary for an entire week of bang-for-your-buck alcohol consumption.

It is our challenge to the age of majority student population to attend at least one of the bars described on every night of the first week of school, ensuring you start the year off in style (or at least in the alcohol poisoning unit of the ER).

The following is an extensive list of some of Kitchener-Waterloo's best bars, their hot nights and

great specials, and a summary of their atmosphere. It is then our challenge to you, dear reader, to go out every single night, for seven nights, to all of these bars and have a great time.

And you shan't go unrewarded. Write into *The Cord* (letters@cordweekly.com) with your best Gauntlet story (or at least what you can remember) and you could win one of three prizes: one of two prize packs from Dollar Fusion or VIP passes to Philthy McNasty's.

(Editor's Note: We actually don't want you to end up in the hospital, so please drink responsibly.)



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Room's

located in University plaza and featuring most nights. With regularly low-priced drinks, it's always a guaranteed good time.

campus bar is centrally located and easy to get to. Infamous for its long waits on weekends, it's a great place to go if you want to see all the beautiful WLU students in a contained environment.

er Spur

Waterloo landmark of sorts. Featuring seven nights a week, the Spur is a great place to go any night if you're inebriated enough to sing after a dreadful song or subject yourself to the same American Idol judges by performing. If you do decide to sing, you have a chance to win a prize, which would help offset your embarrassment after singing in front of a room full of people.

PTIONS

Half-price wings from 5pm-1am
The Still is featuring \$2.75 Daiquiris
\$8.99 pitchers

Revolution

This place will appeal to the more urbane of Laurier students, as it's usually referred to as the Waterloo bar that most resembles a Toronto club. Try to avoid cover by arriving before 11pm, or you'll get hit with a \$6 charge. Friday is the big night here, as it's live-to-air with Kitchener urban radio station 91.5 The Beat. Drinks are reasonable at \$4.25 and the music is usually good, but like in Toronto, expect invasive frisking at the door and the odd ethnically-fuelled brouhaha.

The Wax/ The Still

One of the greatest aspects of this bar duo is during the nicer weather, you can leave the club atmosphere of The Wax and head up to The Still's patio to cool off and take a rest. It's a little bit farther from WLU than most bars but it's usually worth the trek.

OTHER OPTIONS

Philthy's has no cover and \$3.75 drinks
McGinnis features \$4 imports
Alternative/Rock night at Phil's

Elements

This nightclub is the place to be for an upscale night on the town in the heart of slummy downtown Kitchener. It has three different rooms: the water room, the fire room, and the herb room which all specialize in a genre of music. Though it's quite a hike from WLU, you can buy a party pass for \$5 which will take you downtown every Saturday night of the year.

The Turret

Laurier's very own club, featuring long lines and scantily clad girls. Just like any other club, the Turret has a dance floor and a lounge area, but also features a patio so smokers don't have to go downstairs for a butt.

OTHER OPTIONS

Letterman night at Philthy's; \$3.00 cover,
\$2.75/\$3.75 drink specials
Ladies night at Phil's; first 100 women get in for free

Club Renaissance

KW's only bar catering to the GLBT community and offers different musical stylings depending on the night, creating an atmosphere that can be enjoyed by even the pickiest musical tastes

Phil's

Phil's is known for its musical theme nights and Sunday night offers up retro music so you reminisce about the good ol' days... which took place before you were born. If you've got the stamina to make it to the seventh day, Phil's is a traditional weekend.

OTHER OPTIONS

McGinnis offers 25 wings and a pitcher for \$19.99

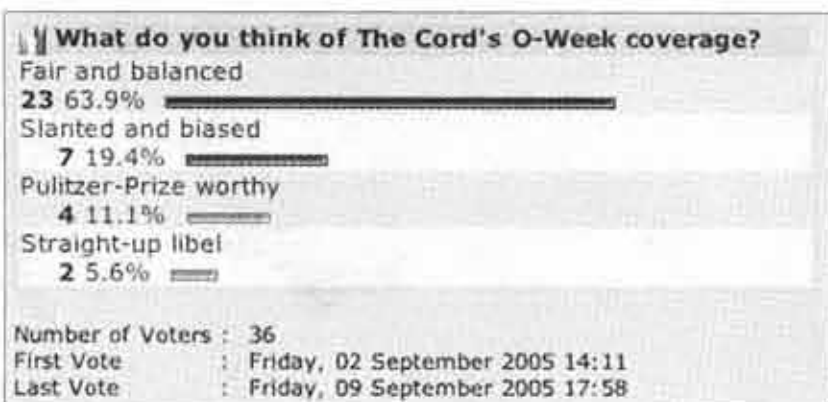
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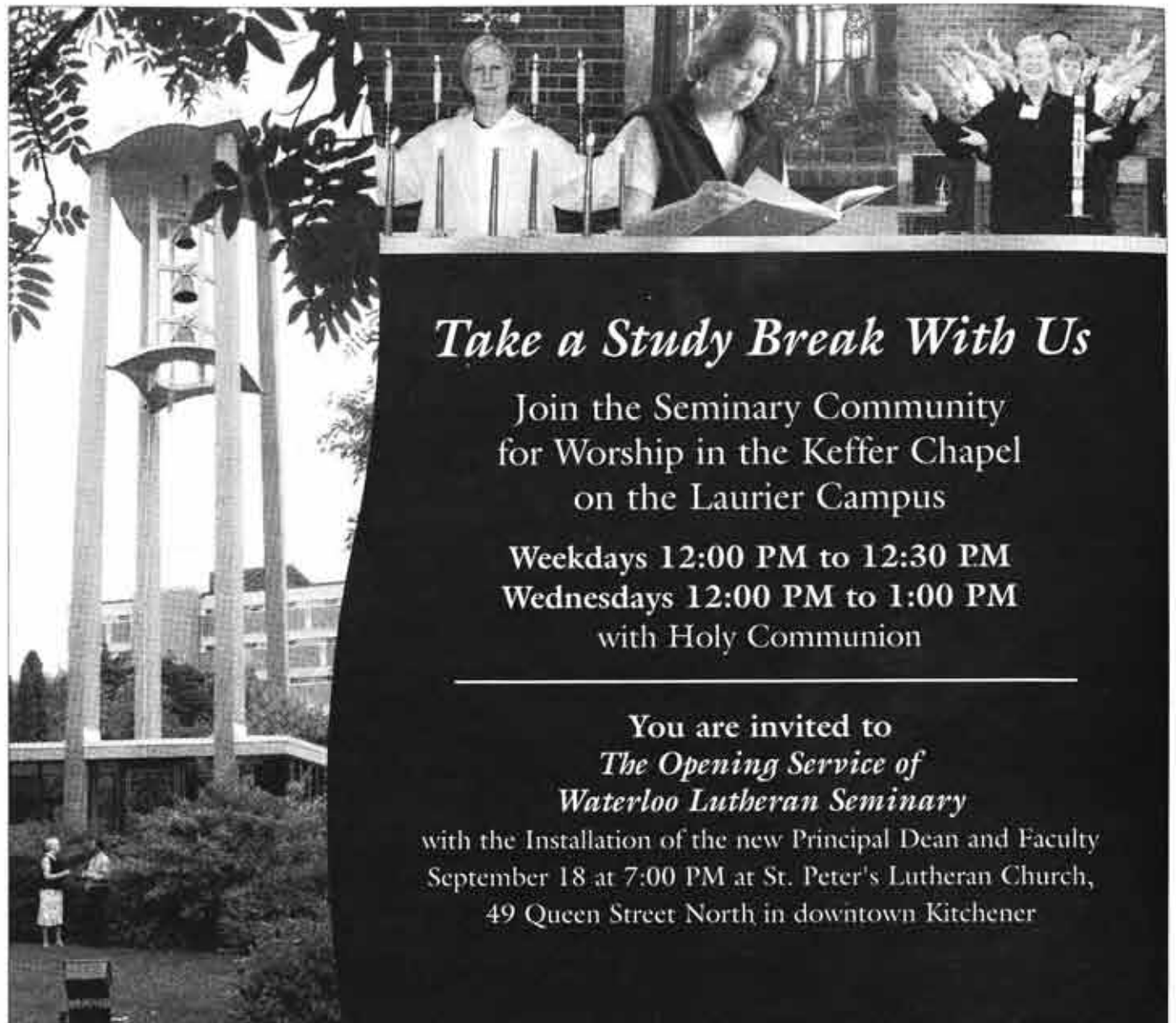
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Hawks continue to soar at University Stadium



Jordan Jocius

EYES ON THE PRIZE - Laurier running back Nick Cameron a blur as he busts to the outside for a 40-yard score, one of his three touchdowns in the Hawks' 47-24 win over the Windsor Lancers.

- from **FOOTBALL**, cover

Nonetheless, the heavily favoured Hawks had to know that Windsor – a team that challenged the perennially strong McMaster Marauders in a hard-fought 29 – 22 week one loss – was not about to roll over. After a Brian Devlin single, Laurier held a tenuous 8 – 7 lead entering the second quarter.

It was the Lancers that struck next, when Windsor kicker Kevin Reider split the uprights to give his team a 10 – 8 advantage. From there, the Hawks offence took over, finding the endzone three times before the half to lead 29 – 10. With the momentum firmly on their side, Laurier went to the dressing room a confident team.

The real story of the second half had little to do with the scoreboard. The teams essentially traded touchdowns and Devlin added a 16-yard field goal and a single to give the Hawks a 47 – 24 win, their second of the year and eleventh consecutive in regular season play.

Tensions grew quite heated on the field, though, and twice during the half considerable scuffles materialized.

Unlike last week at Queen's, the Hawks didn't allow Windsor to get under their skin, showing excellent maturity and standing by as Windsor took numerous penalties after the whistle, a trend Coach Gary Jeffries would love to see continue.

"We were so disciplined; we didn't react to it," Jeffries said of his team's response to the Lancers cheap shots. "There was a lot of crap going on after the play. To our kids' credit, they just showed great discipline and great character and I couldn't be more proud of them."

The Hawks were clearly unimpressed with all the cheap hits, though. "I think the refs let it get away a little," noted Pyear.

Despite all the nastiness, the Hawks have to be pleased with their performance, arguably stronger than their first week showing despite a closer score.

The offence was firing on all cylinders.

Cameron put up big numbers, rushing for 141 yards and notching three touchdowns. Pyear connected on 14 of 22 passes for 216 yards and four majors. Explosive fourth year wide out Joel Wright racked up 125 yards on five receptions, including a couple of spectacular endzone grabs.

Wright brashly attributed his success in the game to a foolhardy Windsor defensive strategy. "Realistically," he explained, "our receivers are the best in the country, so there's no possible way that you can play man-to-man with us. They tried, and, of course, as you can see by the score, they failed."

The defence, though overshadowed by Pyear and company, put forth an excellent effort in a game where a couple key starters were sidelined by injuries. Third-year linebacker Yannick Carter and standout defensive back Josh Maltin were reduced to spectators, but had plenty to cheer about as the Hawks held Windsor to 253 yards of total offence and a lone offensive TD.

Brandon Keks and David Montoya built on strong week one performances, and had a good deal of help from Jesse Alexander and Anthony Maggiacomo.

Heading into week three of OUA play the Hawks are, unsurprisingly, tied with Western and McMaster as the league's only undefeated teams. Laurier travels to Ottawa (1 – 1) on Saturday to meet a talented Gee Gees squad, whereas Windsor heads home to host Queen's (1 – 1) after falling to 0 – 2, thanks in part to an unkind opening schedule.

As his team preps for Ottawa, Coach Jeffries is feeling confident. "We're a pretty good team right now," he notes, a definite understatement. "But we can be a lot better."

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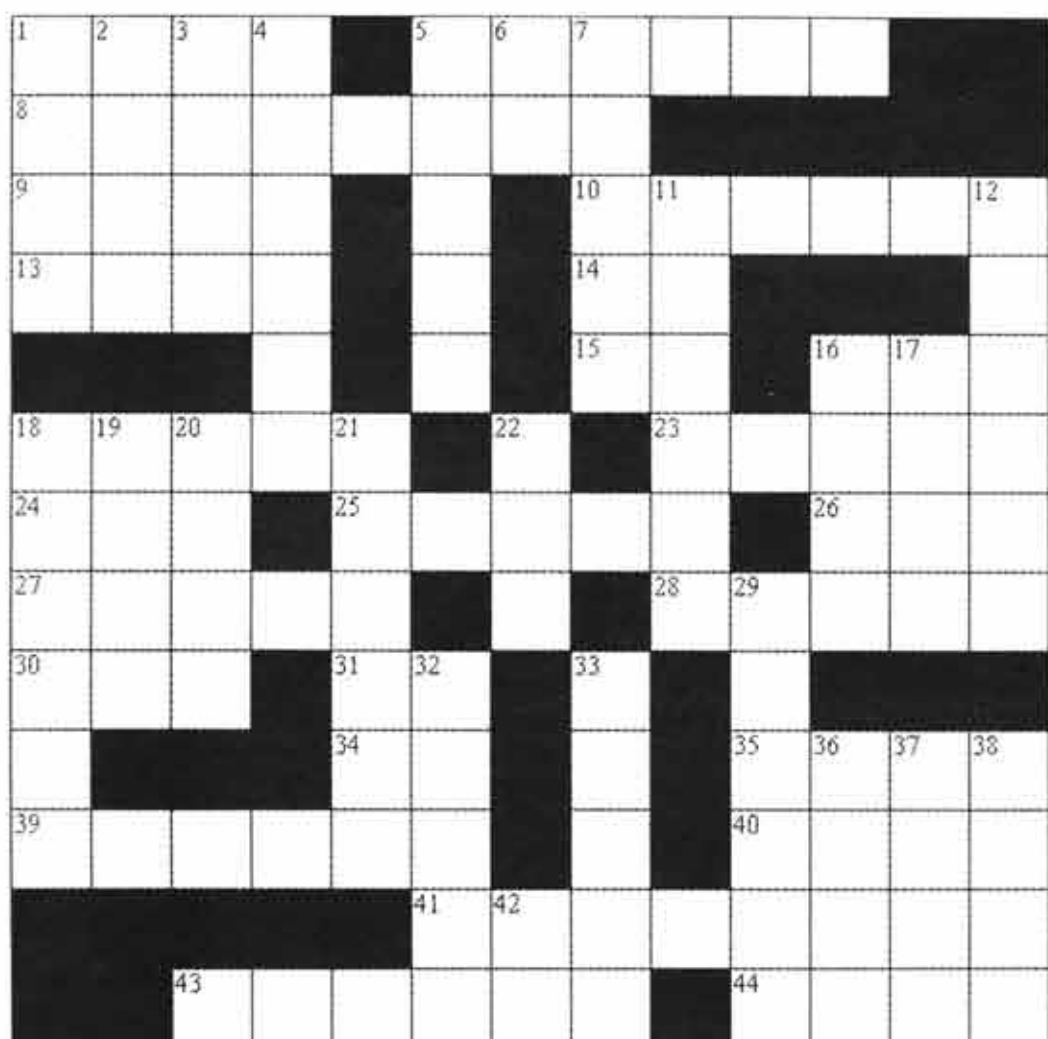
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- 26. Evening variation
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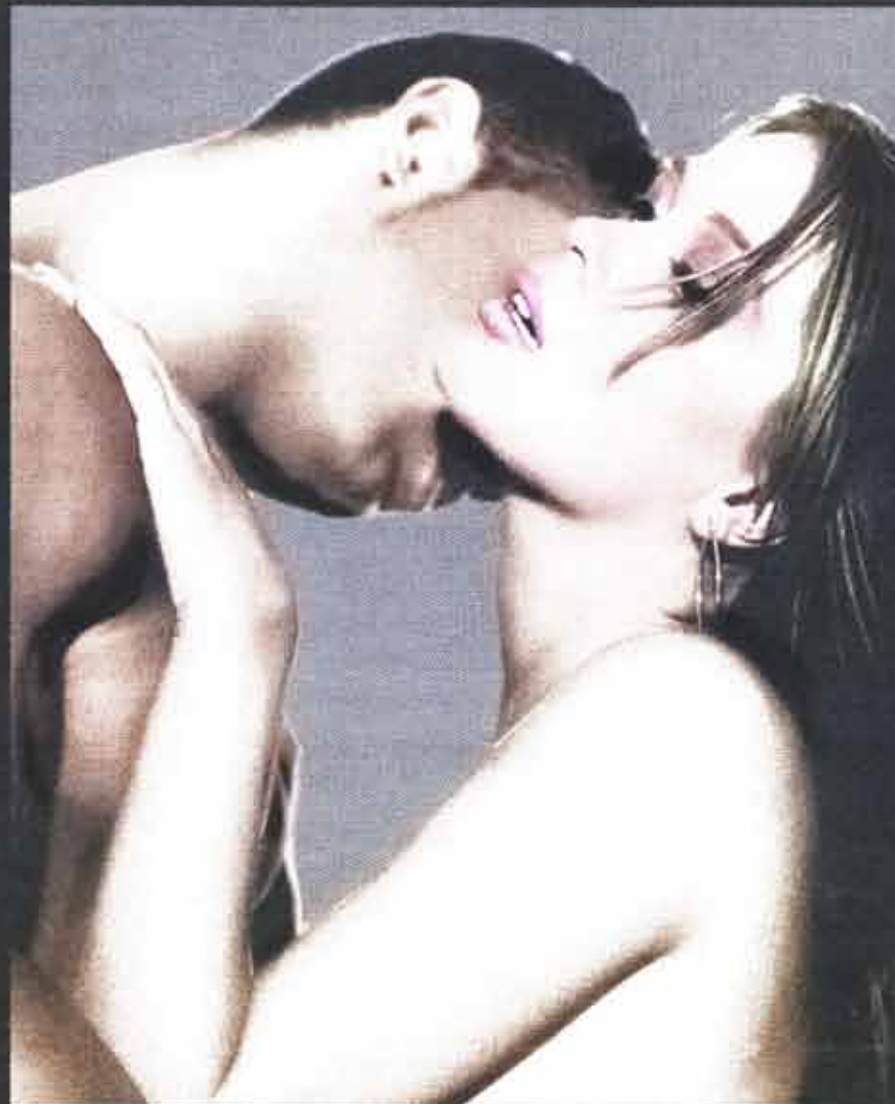


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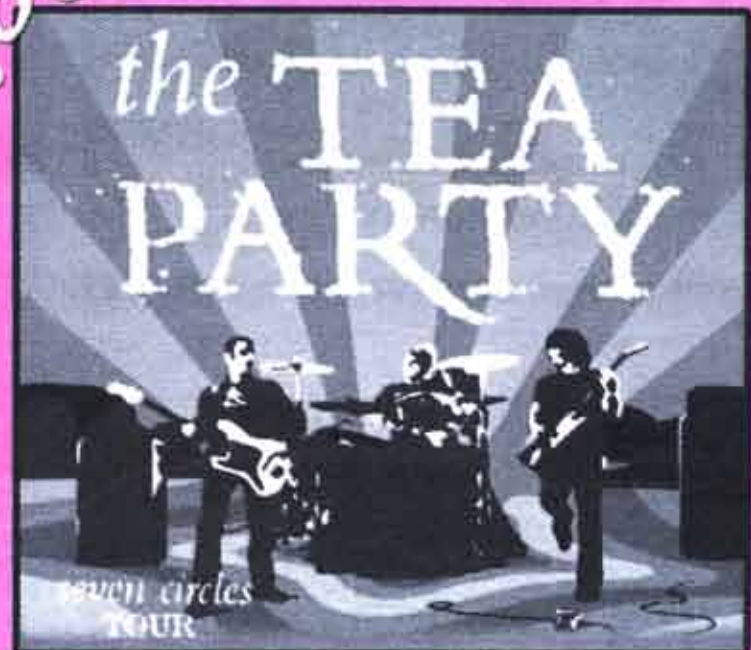
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An early bought of thank-yous to my dedicated staff: Bryn, who shone during production night. Brother-dawgs Adrian and Jordan for their ridiculous dedication to the Cause. Blair for somehow making me look pessimistic. Carl for stealthily doing her ish and shrinking as any good matriarch should. Sydney for keeping her camera warm. Emilie for producing graphics under my Nazisque p'duction schedule. Dan for finally wearing his Ukrainian pride on his back. Mike and his elderly grandmother for pushing back production for a worthy cause. Will for landing a job in K-beck. The lady who told Pish we made her feel safer because of the pedophile story, the Tim's lady for finally giving us a letter, and my dear Barcelona boys for their first win of the campaign. Visca Barca! -BC

Formerly from the Spa,

A big 'fuck you' to the persons responsible for breaking my life's only love - Dolfino the 5600 litre pool. I'll never forget the time I jumped in you, or that time we cooled our beer in you. Thanks to Brando for continuing to push this Cord Unit to its breaking point and refusing all fonts save two. Also, thanks to myself for not going to work for two-and-a-half days just so I could remember what freedom felt like. Thanks to Fraz, Brit, Ruben and Greg for tolerating my new French music tastes with only moderate protestation. Kristy for defending Dolfino and making fun of my wine drinkin' along with everyone else - if you don't like wine there's something wrong with you. Enjoy the Queb's Wil. WLUSP, we need our new comps. I'm jumping on the Gauntlet as soon as I can. Yeah bitches. Yeah.

Bryn

My first notes,

First and foremost, thanks to Brandon for putting up with my bitchiness about my section. Bryn for helping me so I don't get a headache. Shout outs to Dee, Cody, Johnny and Lindzy for also putting up with my mood this week; I will be in a much sunnier mood come Wednesday. No thanks to my job for overworking me because we don't have enough employees. Happy Birthday Bre, I wish I could be at home to celebrate with you. Finally,

thanks to the Russian for moving back up and making me a happier person.

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