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Number of fast-tracking high schoolers on the rise

Martin Kuebler

Kerri Strothard won't be able to graduate with her high school class next year, many of them friends that she has known since kindergarten.

Strothard, a grade 12 student at Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate and Vocational School (KWC&VS), is forgoing the usual five years of high school in order to graduate in the spring. She made her decision in grade nine, when she first heard of the curriculum changes to the Ontario secondary school program.

"I thought that it was going to be a lot harder to get into university [because of the double cohort]," said Strothard. "There's going to be so many more people applying at the same time."

As a result of the curriculum changes, Strothard is among the

many Ontario high school students graduating a year early to avoid the anticipated double cohort of grade 12 and OAC students in 2003. According to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre web site, the percentage of 18-year-old university applicants has increased by 6.8% in 2002. This rise brings the total number of younger applicants to 10,558, more than doubling last year's figures.

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Kathryn Seiling, a guidance counsellor at KWC&VS, has also noticed the increase.

"There's definitely more [fast-tracking students] this year than in other years," said Seiling. "There's no question that they're trying to get out of here to beat the double cohort."

Although she feels that the double cohort is the main factor

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And the winners are...



Andy Pushalik



David Field



Kristi Edwards

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2002 Student Election Results:

WLUSU President:

Andy Pushalik:	1268
Jeyas Balaskanthan:	957

WLUSP President:

Dave Field:	863
Ben Martin:	783
Stephen Tanner:	397

EVP: University Affairs:

Kristi Edwards:	1341
Regan Watts:	818

This race was not marked by much disagreement over the issues, and in the end, it seems the superior experience of Pushalik was enough to hand him a comfortable victory over Balaskanthan.

Field managed to squeeze out the closest victory of the three major elections, relying on his track record of hands-on work with Student Publications to pull narrowly ahead of Martin.

Animosity between these two candidates was often speculated on during the course of the election. Edwards seems to have connected with more voters, pulling off a victory over Watts with a large majority.

Hockey heads to playoffs unbeaten

Kristen Lipscombe

The women's hockey regular season has come to a successful close for Laurier, with your Lady Hawks coming out as the top team in Ontario.

LAURIER 3, GUELPH 1
LAURIER 5, GUELPH 0

WLU finished off a stellar season with a near flawless record of 19-0-1, skating away with the first undefeated season in team history and prepared to perform when it counts most, at the upcoming OUA Championships. The Hawks are gearing up to steal the OUA title away from rivals the Toronto Blues and are ready to fly away with the gold.

The final two matches of the regular season saw Laurier facing off against the Guelph Gryphons. Second behind the Hawks in the West Division, the Gryphs did not intend to make it easy for Laurier and put up a strong fight to the bitter end.

On Thursday, February 7th the Hawks made the short trek to Guelph for an evening game. Perhaps a little too comfort-



Women's hockey finished off the Guelph Gryphons - and their regular season - last week.

able with their top spot, the Hawks entered the first period lacking steam and it took some time before the fire under their engine was lit.

However, about mid-way through the first Laurier was able to capitalize on some

power play opportunities. Forward Krissy Thompson and Assistant Captain Alison Goodman took some initiative, each contributing a goal on behalf of the Hawks.

Despite increased intensity by the end of the first, Guelph was able to keep the score

tight, putting away a marker with five minutes left in the period. It was not until the third period that the Hawks were able to regain control of the game, with Thompson scoring her second goal of the night. Laurier was able to hold on to the 3-1 lead, walking away with a hard fought victory.

On Saturday it was the Gryphons visiting Laurier, and it was the game that topped off the Hawks' undefeated regular season.

The Lady Hawks were able to break through their consistent streak of less than impressive first periods, starting off the game with incredible drive and strength. Three minutes after the puck was dropped, Shannon Mashinter instigated Laurier's lead. Brennan Crawford quickly followed suit, increasing the lead to two on a penalty-kill.

Despite being short handed throughout much of the second period, the Hawks managed to keep up their momentum and successfully stopped the Gryphons from taking advantage of their power play chances.

The Hawks demonstrated incredible team play and their talented penalty-kill displayed why Laurier has been deemed the team to beat in the 2001-2002 OUA season.

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Focus on Funding

Panel discuss possibilities for university funding in Ontario.



Panel members Ken Snowdon, Jamie MacKay, Bruce Rudyk and Erin McCloskey discuss provincial funding for Ontario Universities with Laurier students.

MATTHEW CADE, MAN ON THE STREET

Stefan Sereda

Since the level of government funding being received by post-secondary institutions is insufficient to meet the needs of these schools, deregulation and private funding are becoming popular options for universities and the provincial government. However, students across Ontario have recently been voicing their concerns over how much they are paying for their education, and where the rest of the money is coming from.

Yesterday at two o'clock in the Paul Martin Centre a "Discussion on University Funding" was held to debate the issue of deregulation. According to David Wellhauser, WLUSU's Vice President of University Affairs and the host of the event,

the discussion was held "as an open dialogue among various stake-holders." These stake-holders included several members of WLUSU, a gallery of inquisitive students, and a panel of speakers. Sitting on the panel were Ken Snowdon, the Vice President of Policy Analysis for the Council of Ontario Universities, Jamie MacKay, and from the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance Bryce Rudyk and Erin McCloskey.

The panelists and students discussed and debated several issues such as the lack of government funding for post-secondary students, the increased call for deregulation at Ontario universities, and the costs of student tuition fees, as well as the additional costs of attending university.

With the advancing "double cohort" and tuition fees that continue to steadily

increase, a problem was presented by Rudyk: how can Ontario universities meet the "principles of quality and accessibility"?

According to Rudyk, "students must have a space in any school they want to go to, if they can meet the requirements." However, he also noted that universities can not promise high quality education and greater accessibility without government funding.

The need for funding becomes more important when taking two facts into consideration: that secondary school students applying to university will increase by eighty to ninety-thousand students by 2010, and that students pay for 40% of their education, even though the provincial government had planned for students to only pay 25%.

In McCloskey's opinion, "we must make sure that money, when it gets to the educa-

tion system, is being spent on quality and accessibility." McCloskey felt that this would have "social and individual benefit." In agreement with her was Ken Snowdon, who stated that government funding "pays to students and society." Snowdon illustrated that educated students help to create a better Canadian economy and lower unemployment rates. "It's time to take an approach where the government, the students and the schools all step up to the plate."

MacKay's approach to the problem regarding the lack of government commitment to funding post-secondary education was more bleak and less agitative: "There has never been enough money provided by the government - it's always going to be an issue."

Protesting high tuition

Donna Harris from clublaurier.ca

With rising concerns about the threat of tuition deregulation the WLU Graduate Students' Association, along with the Canadian Federation of Students, Local 56, hosted an information session and open forum Wednesday, February 6th, in the Paul Martin Centre to raise awareness and gather support for their plight to freeze tuition.

The WLU Graduate Students' Association hosted two other events earlier this term, which were also geared at increasing awareness about the drastic rise in tuition over the past 10 years.

Of equal concern to WLUGSA is the rapid increase in student debt. Due to the rise in tuition there has been an increase in the number of students who apply for loans.

"The average debt load is \$25,000 per

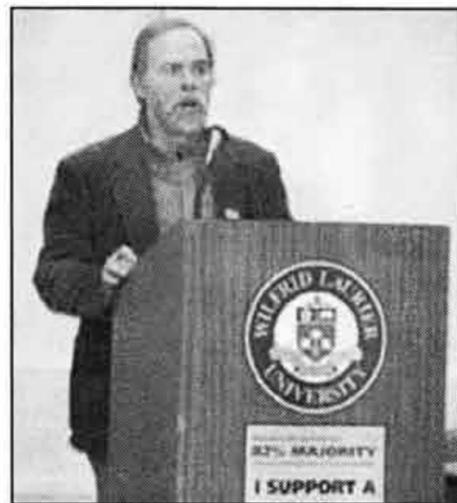
student graduating from a four year program," said Dr. Oscar Cole-Arnal of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. "That is \$13,000 more than 11 years ago.

Dr. Peter Eglin, sociology professor at WLU believes that the tuition problems students face today are the result of decisions made many years ago. However, Dr. Eglin did not state who he believes made these decisions.

"The current level of tuition fees and the prospect of greater tuition...those are not accidental happenings of the current state of economy. They are the outcome of a deliberate plan, policy, campaign, mission, that has origins in developments that took place 25 years ago," said Eglin.

Dr. Eglin thinks students should solicit the support of the faculty in their plight.

"Part of the object of fury ought to be us (faculty). While we seek to be your ally, we are in some senses your enemies. You ought



Dr. Oscar Cole-Arnal speaks about tuition deregulation

to be rattling on our doors and asking 'what are we doing?'"

Dr. Cole-Arnal thought that students should celebrate the great support they have received nationally, as students across Canada voiced their concerns about tuition and declared February 6th National Student day of Action.

"I am here with you to celebrate and show hope...I celebrate that the students at WLU and elsewhere are hitting the streets and signing petitions. You give me hope. You give me visions of tomorrow."

Once the mic was opened, students expressed their fears and grievances about the imminent deregulation.

One student expressed her concern for those who are unable to afford attending medical school at the University of Western Ontario due to their exorbitant tuition.

Many believe that undergraduate education is slowly becoming elitist, as the rise in tuition makes it difficult for students from low-income families to be able to afford undergraduate studies.

Melissa Romanow, a second year honours psychology student believes that this issue concerns all students.

"I'm lucky enough to have a couple well paying jobs for the summer, but with other expenses such as rent, I still can't pay for my full tuition," said Melissa.

Romanow showed her support yesterday for the cause by signing a petition that requests that tuition fees be frozen.

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Smoke 'em while you've got 'em

University will no longer sell cigarettes on campus.

Jenn Martin

This time next year, students seeking a nicotine fix will be forced to travel farther afield to satisfy their cravings.

As of July 1st, 2002, Centre Spot will no longer be selling cigarettes to the Laurier community. Despite a loss of around \$18,000 dollars per year in revenue to the Students' Union, the University will be following through on a policy in place since 1992, decreeing that cigarettes will not be sold anywhere on campus.

Approved on Tuesday morning by the Board of Governors, the removal of cigarettes from sale on campus is part of a wider smoking policy for the University.

In addition to forbidding smoking in all university owned and leased buildings, smoking will now also be prohibited within 10 metres of these same buildings. Dr. Rosehart, University President and Vice-Chancellor explains that this is to "prevent the infiltration of smoke to buildings," since it is admitted through doors and windows.

However, the decision to eliminate the sale of cigarettes on campus will not be without consequences. The university has officially had a policy forbidding the sale of cigarettes on campus since 1992, although "the policy was sort of ignored for several years" until 1997, when Rosehart came to Laurier.

When the issue was raised again in 1997, a "self-concocted plan" was created by Rosehart to accommodate the Student's Union



Though this girl may be here next year, the cigarettes she's selling won't be.

sale of cigarettes in Centre Spot. Bound to the University's Operating Procedures Agreement (OPA), the Union is required to follow all university policies. However, a plan was created whereby, if the Board of Directors passed a motion to do so, each year a policy exemption could be asked for and granted by the university President allowing for continued sales.

Though Rosehart does acknowledge that he has granted this exemption every year, he also makes it clear that "I was hoping the Union would stand on principle instead of money."

With the new policy, designed to help eliminate the presence of

cigarette butts on campus, the sale of tobacco products on campus has also been called into question.

Now, instead of a process of appeal through a Presidential Policy, the Board of Governors must grant all exemptions needed to sell cigarettes through a vote. Though Student Governor Jeffrey Kroeker proposed an amendment allowing a five-year exemption from the new policy, the motion was shot down and the new smoking policy was passed.

However, the new policy has

further consequences for the Students' Union. The loss of approximately \$18,000 a year from the \$6 million budget can hopefully be absorbed, but President Dave Prang is displeased with the new

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policy. "Essentially, it's taking away \$18,000 from programs we provide," he explains. "That's \$18,000 that's forgone immediately."

"New initiatives may be cancelled," elaborates Michael Fox, Students' Union Vice-President: Finance. "It may make for additional debt, or increased

fees. The amounts may be small, but these are the things that add up to a big impact over time." As it stands, Centre Spot is "total profit," but with the new measures, "without cigarettes, it would probably break even in its current situation. Cigarettes are where it makes its profit."

Adding to Prang's displeasure is the idea that money spent on cigarettes will now be going to Forwells or 7-eleven instead of back to students. "This won't stop people from buying cigarettes, he claims. "It's a legal product. I don't believe the University has the right to tell them."

Though Rosehart "listened to the arguments about lost income," he supports the decision to forgo selling tobacco on campus. "I have some sympathy for the lost money," he explains, "but there's a moral principle here."

Though no definite plans have been set by the Union with regards to the new policy, the Market Research Team is currently conducting surveys. However, Prang does recognize that this step "is probably permanent" and the Union will likely make no new moves without a strong student backlash.

Although compensation for lost revenue could come from part-time student fees or possibly through negotiations to set the new OPA when it is eligible for renewal in the next two years, there is little chance that the new policy will be contested.

Proxy votes cause candidates grief

Entire elections process may face reform

Matthew Cade

The abuse and misuse of proxies in last week's student elections have reignited debate over their value, and has several students crying foul.

The rules that currently govern proxy voting are fairly lax. Proxy slips are issued in the Students' Union office and candidates are essentially free to pick up as many of them as they like. Last week, 436 proxy votes came back, which accounts for nearly 20%, or one-fifth of the total number of students who voted.

Furthermore, every student is allowed to place a total of four votes. In other words, any candidate with a strong core of support can quadruple the number of votes he or she will receive, not through aggressive campaigning, but by accumulating votes from the unsuspecting and apathetic electorate.

"(Proxies) are used as a vote of ignorance and neglect," commented Students' Union Board member James Court. "Just soliciting a vote from someone when they are unaware brings part of the election into disrepute."

Court, who did not rerun for his position with the Union, is expected to bring a motion to the Board this week that will call for serious change to the system. One of his suggested reforms will be the complete removal of proxy votes outside of substantial "extenuating circumstances."

Details aside, it seems as though many others, including several candidates from this past election, are in favour of change. Students' Union President-elect Andy Pushalik isn't certain proxies can be done away with altogether since the Students' Union is, technically, a corporation. But he recognizes the problem.

"The problem with proxies is how we use them," said Pushalik. "The vote has become a commodity."

Pushalik, echoing suggestions made by several others intimate with elections opera-

tions, recommended that the process for handing a vote over be made much more rigorous. Signing over the vote in the presence of the Chief Returning Officer, for example, would ensure that each student knew exactly what their signature afforded the voter.

"Proxies are a symptom of apathy," commented Pushalik. "(The system) has to be changed."

The infrastructure in place to deal with these types of problems is already in the initial stages of developing changes to the process. The Elections and Referenda Committee

(ERC) has heard the complaints and has planned a 'feedback meeting' with candidates for after Reading Week.

"We're conducting a review of the entire elections process and policies," said Pete Turkington, Chair of ERC. "There are concerns that people are signing away votes

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(without knowing what it means)."

According to Student Publications President-elect Dave Field, that's exactly what's happening.

"I understand their original purpose, but people have taken advantage of them," said Field. "And then I end up talking to people who wished they hadn't signed when they learn more about the process."

Field also talked about how proxies take the emphasis off campaigning and put it on gathering cheap votes.

"It kind of defeats the whole purpose of talking to people," he said. "Candidates don't make the effort, and then students really don't care."

Current Board member Regan Watts, who lost to Kristi Edwards in the Students' Union Executive Vice-President: University Affairs race echoed Field's comments.

"The public isn't being represented by proxy voting," he said. "(Proxy votes) cloud the support candidates have on election day. I would honestly prefer not to see them involved in the process."

"Stoked" for Dracula

Dara Hakimzadeh

Tuesday night, as part of a co-sponsored lecture brought to Laurier by the Bookstore and the Department of English, Professor Elizabeth Miller, a famous Dracula researcher spoke to a crowd of Vampire enthusiasts.

Having lectured in Toronto, the Newfoundlander decided to make a stop off in Waterloo. She has published four books on the subject, and has appeared in numerous radio and television programs dedicated to the Evil one.

Dracula has become a hyper-mediated culture figure throughout the development of post-modern pop culture.

"Just yesterday I was watching CNN and they had a news clip of the demonstrations in Iran against George Bush's 'axis of evil' speech. One of the demonstrators had a sign, which read 'George Bush is Dracula.' I don't know whom should be insulted more, George Bush or Count Dracula," commented Dr. Miller.

Early incarnations of Dracula for our generation would notably be from the childhood favourite, Sesame Street. The friendly Count has taught many of us to learn, "one, two, three, ah ah ah." Bram Stoker, ironically, was a university mathematician, and had the keen sense to incorporate history and



The way this photo is cropped, you could almost believe Dr. Miller is slowly creeping towards a soon-to-be-undead victim... or maybe she is just signing a book.

DARA HAKIMZADEH

fictitious details in his famous novel, Dracula.

After following in his father's footsteps towards the civil service profession and disliking it, Bram discovered the world of theatre and was captivated by the gothic narrative.

Stoker's novel has become the template on which all vampire related narratives are based. A number of writers have

met the challenge of transforming the story. You can't go too far from the Stoker narrative, although, Miller said "nobody is writing out of the shadow of Stoker."

"Some authors have gone as far as to create sympathetic vampires, vampires working for law and order, or vampires whom are agonizing over their condition. Anne Rice is really breaking away from vampires as being evil. Vampires have become highly romanticized, eroticized, and fantasized. The image is so pervasive that it has been able to encompass all these things."

One of Dr. Miller's books, *Dracula: The Shade and the Shadow*, examines Bram Stoker's sources for the novel and includes analysis of late twentieth century interpretations of the classic text. Stoker borrowed facts from the historical tale of Vlad Tepes Dracula, otherwise known as Vlad the Impaler, an arguably heroic figure who defended his village from the Turks in the 15th century. Dracul in Romanian means "Dragon." Therefore Dracula means "the son of the Dragon."

Scholars are unsure why Stoker used the Romanian prince as a

source for his fictional character. Some have suggested inspiration came from Bram's friend, Arminius Vambery, a professor at the University of Budapest.

Vlad Dracula was born in 1431 in the fortress of Sighisoara, Romania. Politically fueled debates overturning his birthplace into a Dracula theme park have historians and locals up in arms.

Dr. Miller recalled a recent visit, to a souvenir shop located around the birth site where merchants sold Vlad Dracula dolls complete with fangs. You too can even get your picture with a cardboard Vlad, a gothic 'mouse' of sorts!

Towards the end of the night Miller was questioned about her opinions on why Dracula enraptures our culture. She noted, "he is so closely linked to the imagination. He is a part of our determination to accept that there is something beyond logically rational science, anti-rationalism, in a sense.

The Vampire itself has appeal due to the concept of immortality, transgressing away from the idea of a short life. He is a figure for the marginalised individual in society, be it sexually, racially or ethnically. It's a rebel figure."

On Thursday, February the 28th Dr. Miller will take part in a television discussion on Dracula, following the television adaptation of the Winnipeg Ballet's rendition of Dracula on the Canadian Broadcasting Channel. If you're at all interested in the formation of the dominant cultural figure, Dracula, check out her published books.

WLU prepares for student surge

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for the increase in fast-tracking students, Seiling also pointed to rising tuition costs and decreased scholarship opportunities as influential factors in many students' decisions.

"I think that the universities will be surprised at the number [of applicants]," said Seiling. "They really haven't had that much [time] to get prepared."

Wilfrid Laurier President Dr. Bob Rosehart also acknowledged the significant increase in the number of applicants across Ontario, and especially to Laurier, due in large part to fast-trackers.

"This is more than was expected," said Rosehart. "Everyone was gearing up for a crisis in 2003, [but] it looks like the crisis might hit a year early."

According to Rosehart, WLU is preparing to handle the student surge in September.

"Our current plan is to

decrease first-year enrollment," said Rosehart. This adjustment would decrease the number of first-year students to approximately 2,300, down from an overwhelming 2,700 students in 2001.

Additionally, most of the construction projects on campus planned for the double cohort, including the expansion of residence and classroom space, are projected for completion by September.

Meanwhile, Strothard is preparing for her first year of university classes, where the 17-year-old will be almost two years younger than most of her classmates. She doesn't anticipate any problems, however, since she's been the youngest in her class for years. "It hasn't really been an issue so far," said Strothard. "You're forced to become more mature because you're jumping in with people that are older. I think that it will be ok next year."

2002 WLUSU Board of Directors Election Results:

Samuel Baptiste:	672	Kerri O'Neill:	972
Tudor Costache:	593	Andrew Pike:	807
Meighan Doherty:	1048	Sanjay Pottinger:	682
Ben Durrer:	1262	Jaskarin Samra:	751
Ryan Grosz:	820	Jason Shim:	808
Zahid Jafry:	561	Adam Stevens:	683
Meghan MacDonnell:	963	Glen VanAllen:	661
Lori MacIntosh:	822	Steve Welker:	736
James McKay:	719	Myles Wilson:	759

The results for the 15 successful candidates are from the recount numbers released on the 11th. The three unsuccessful candidates are represented by the number of the original count of the 8th.

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Crime in a Bag

MISCHIEF 0345 HRS MON FEB 04/02

Person(s) unknown pushed down a portion of the fencing at the construction site by the Peters Building.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 JAN31/02 - FEB 01/02

A WLU student reported that someone had taken her trumpet when she left it in an unlocked locker overnight in the Aird Building.

FIRE WED FEB 06/02

Custodial staff found a small throw-mat burning at the King St entrance to the AC. The custodian was able to stamp out the fire. Two male youths were seen in the area a short time before but it is

unknown if they were involved. The matter was reported to Waterloo Regional Police.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 0645 HRS - 1650 HRS WED FEB 06/02

Person(s) unknown smashed a window in a vehicle parked in lot 8 at University Stadium. A wallet and contents were taken. A second vehicle was also broken into and a number of CDs taken.

MISCHIEF 0200 HRS FRI FEB 08/02

Person(s) unknown entered the construction site by the Peters Building and started a "bobcat". It appears that no attempt to move the equipment was made or those responsible did not know how.

MISCHIEF 0400 HRS FRI FEB

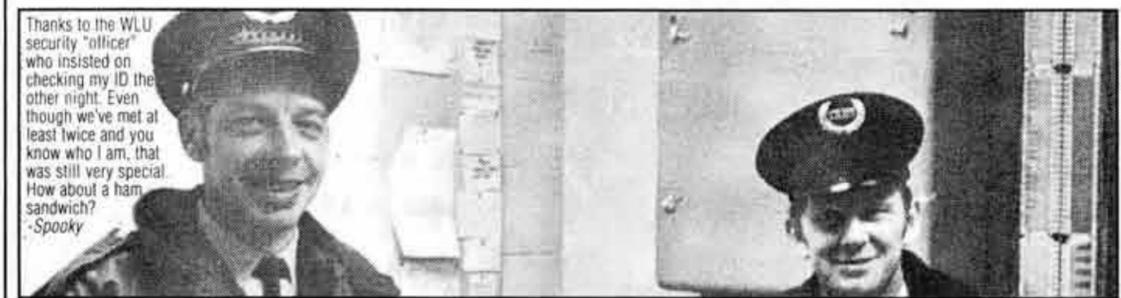
08/02 Person(s) unknown broke a window at Conrad Hall by throwing a piece of ice at it.

MISCHIEF SAT FEB 09/02 Person(s) unknown broke both gate arms at lot 20.

SUDDEN DEATH SUN FEB 10/02 An ambulance was called for a male individual participating in indoor soccer at the AC who had gone into cardiac arrest. He was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 TUE JAN 29/02 - WED JAN 30/02

A staff member reported that a clavivova had been taken from the 3rd floor of the Aird Building.



Thanks to the WLU security "officer" who insisted on checking my ID the other night. Even though we've met at least twice and you know who I am, that was still very special. How about a ham sandwich?
-Spooky



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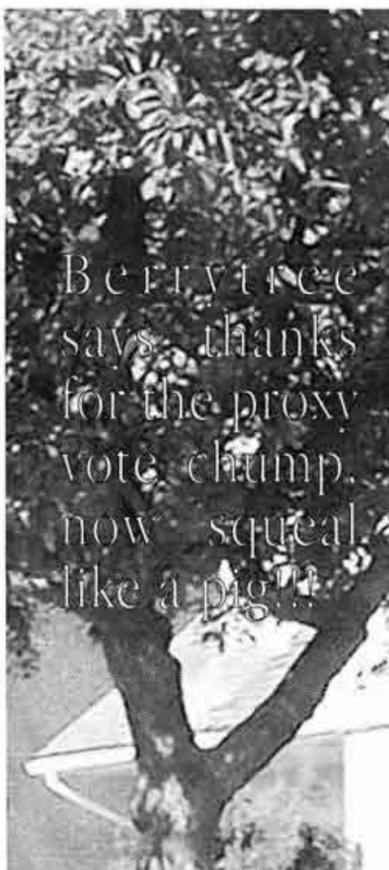
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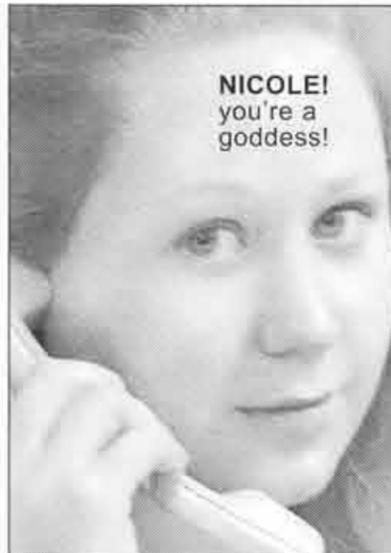
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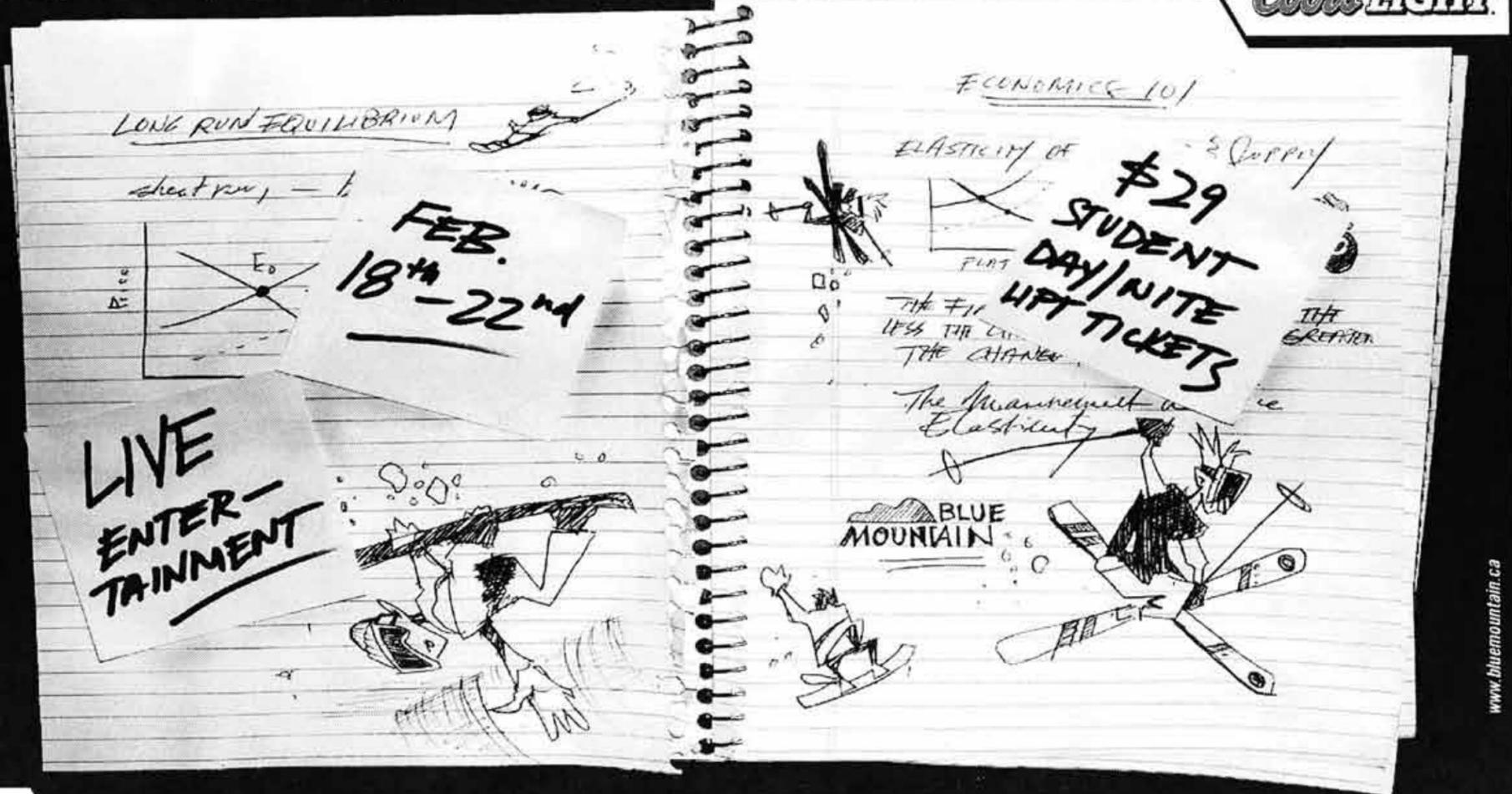
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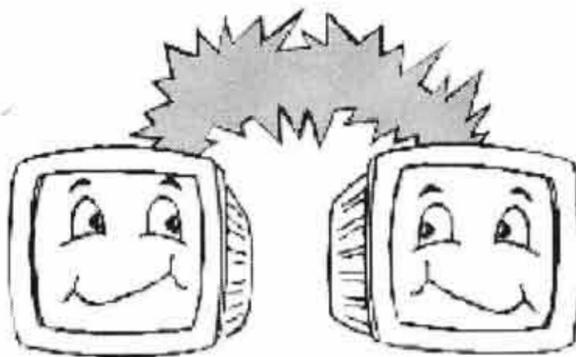
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Something for the ladies

Most people are aware that public washrooms aren't necessarily the cleanest places on earth. A lot of times they are downright filthy and I, for one, don't understand why this must be.

Small children might forget to flush the toilet or perhaps they'll miss the garbage when they are throwing their paper towel away. It is understandable to see an unclean washroom in an elementary school. After all, some of these children are only five years old, and have been toilet trained for only a few short years.

More of the same thing happens in high school. You walk into a disgusting washroom and wonder who the freaks are that don't flush the toilet. Perhaps you dismiss it, assuming there are still young kids using the facilities. You would think that once you get older, your days of seeing disgusting, unflushed toilets will be over. Adults couldn't possibly be that unsanitary.

Well friends, welcome to university. The place where those with at least some degree of intelligence walk the halls on their way to doing two things: getting their degree and not flushing the freakin' toilet.

I have no clue who these people are who still can't perform the most basic of functions. All you need to do is pull a lever so the next person who enters the stall can avoid staring at someone else's

waste. It's really not hard flush a toilet. It is completely second nature to 99% of the population, so why can't you learn to do it as well?

Are these non-flushers also the ones who don't wash their hands after they use the washroom? It seems to me that someone who can't manage to flush isn't very likely to go and wash their hands.



Even more vile than the relatively simple crime of not flushing is what has been termed the 'triple threat.' The triple threat occurs when a female attends to all of her, shall we say, 'business' in a public stall and then leaves without flushing. It has to be one of the most disgusting things that can happen in a public washroom, and whoever leaves this little treat for someone else

really needs help.

Let me illustrate for those who don't know what I'm talking about. I know someone who used the washroom in the Science Building a few years ago. The stall that this unsuspecting victim chose was a special one. It was so disgustingly dirty, it actually made this person throw up. Thankfully for the rest of us, this victim made it to another stall to be sick and avoided adding to the already horrible mess in the washroom.

The final criminal in the public washroom is the squatter. Accidents can happen quickly and be easily overlooked, leaving a nice surprise on the seat for the next girl. Obviously there are good squatters and bad ones, but unfortunately the bad ones are giving everyone else a bad name. If you really have issues with sitting on a public toilet seat, put some paper towel down, because you're ruining it for the rest of us.

Girls are walking around everyday pretending that their shit doesn't stink, but I've been to the Concourse bathroom. I know that the stench can be real. And sometimes it's horrendous.

AMANDA FITZPATRICK
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IN DEFENSE

The letter regarding the Bookstore's decision to provide excess returns to Students' Union services strikes a chord with me.

As a fourth year Business student and prior volunteer for WLUSU, I share many of your opinions about WLUSU's financial management practices. The \$10,000 billboard at the Hub is a testament to the many "what were they thinking" moments I have had with WLUSU decisions.

But at the end of the day, any organization with a 99% yearly turnover cannot be run as the efficient corporate machine that you envision. And believe it or not, its leaders will not be perfect and cliques will continue to exist.

What WLUSU does do is work to provide services for students. Foot Patrol provides safe transportation and other clubs and groups provide valuable student services. I don't know about you, but I didn't see a lot of evil during the recent Winter Carnival. Another service provided is the training of students to be leaders and the providing of opportunities to WLU students that might not otherwise be available.

When I look back at my time spent at WLU a few years from now, the \$10,000 that was wasted on the flat screen monitor and the mistakes made by some volunteers will not fill my thoughts. What I will think of are the shining moments, the fun times and the hard times that come with being a student volunteer. People who are very good at complaining are very often the people who miss out on opportunities

to have fun and become a better person.

David Way

Editor's note: What did I tell you about Bookstore letters??!

GRAMMAR QUEEN

For the past few weeks, the students of WLU have experienced a veritable hurricane of written material in support of the candidates in our last election.

As a student of language, I was amazed at the dynamic use of verb tenses and general grammatical errors in both the platforms and pamphlets of the people running. I was so enraged that I wrote a letter lambasting the audacity of individuals who are unable to write a sentence, yet wish the students of WLU to entrust them with leadership roles. I did not send the letter to the Cord; I thought I would wait out the elections to see what happened.

Much to my general surprise, it seems (perhaps subconsciously) that the students of WLU felt the same way I did. As the numbers suggest (at least to me) those who were elected were those whose message could be understood. This, in turn, suggests that either voters were consciously making the decision to vote only for candidates with solid, understandable platforms, or the students of WLU will not be represented by those who cannot express themselves correctly.

Either way, my heart sings a happy tune.

You might call me a grammar snob or (heaven forbid) an academic; I'd even understand if you called me mildly psy-

chotic.

But, really, how can we expect our leaders to stand up for our rights if they can't even articulate themselves properly?

Elizabeth Downey

SCOTTY SUCKS

So you're free not to care about the world around you, huh? Free to be ignorant, apathetic, to keep your head in the sand. May I point out that we are as we act? If we act selfishly, then guess what? We're selfish. If we refuse to act in a dangerous or threatening situation because we're afraid, then we're cowards. Are we able to be selfish or cowardly? Certainly, but let's not defend our ability to be selfish as if it were a fundamental freedom. Because the reality is that it is quite the opposite of freedom.

If I choose to act selfishly, to ignore the needs of the world around me, to shut out the cries of the homeless and to cover my ears to all sound but the theme music from my PlayStation, then I'm an immature, self-centered person. In fact, if my choices are dictated by my selfish desires, then I am really a slave to those desires.

Here's the problem: a choice for selfishness is necessarily a choice against love, which is the core of unselfishness and the ultimate statement of freedom. Love always looks out for the needs of others first and is prepared to sacrifice itself freely in order to meet those needs. I am not free to love until I am free from my selfish desires. The two are mutually exclusive. And

The refugee question

Last Thursday, February 7th, Laurier students went to the polls for what the majority seem to think are meaningless elections and referendums, though voter turnout was higher this year than in previous elections.

Approximately 2,300 of 7,866 full time students voted in the election, with nearly a fifth of all votes by proxy. These proxies are mainly recruited by vote-hungry candidates and are a practice that should perhaps be capped somehow in future elections. It seems unlikely that this many students could genuinely not make it out to vote.

Unfortunately, this practice does not only affect one race, as a candidate for twenty-three other choices including referendums and the WLUSU BOD can use proxy votes.

Onto a matter that is still up in the air for this year. One meaningful question was a plebiscite asking the student body about the prospects of raising the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) fee from fifty cents to two dollars. With tuition increasing every year because of negligent federal and provincial governments, one might ask why we should pay one cent more.

With many assuming it was just a "money grab," it was voted down by 1,202 votes to 711, a decisive loss. Almost fourteen percent spoiled their ballot or did not answer this question. Perhaps, as one editor suggested recently, they wrote no choice, though that seems unlikely on a "yes-no" question. Just what was this hated question?

The question, whose signifi-

cance was not clear on the ballot, was to make this small fee increase in order to support a second refugee student to study at Laurier. A little-known fact is that we have had five different students rescued from overseas refugee camps that have come to study at Laurier over the last fifteen years with the support of the University, Faculty and Students.

The point of this fee increase

We have had five different students rescued from overseas refugee camps.

was to modestly increase the amount of money going to our current student, as the fee has never been increased to adjust for inflation and rising expenses. Students coming from these camps generally arrive with nothing and rising costs have necessitated some increase in the fee.

This program, administered with the World University Service of Canada has helped save the lives of several students who have come to Laurier, and far more on the national scope. For some, this fee increase would be less than the price of a beer at the cheapest of local establishments. (I won't advertise for them here). It makes an immeasurable contribution to the lives of disadvantaged people from another part of the world, perhaps even saving their life.

It seems fair to say that Laurier

does not do a great deal to help with education in nations with far lower financial resources, while our international exchange programs are primarily with wealthy nations. Our effort seems to apply more to worthwhile events such as Shinerama in O-Week or local food drives, which are obviously worthwhile initiatives.

Internationally however, we do much less. According to Student Awards, they "don't have anything specifically designed for international students at Laurier. There is no university-wide policy that addresses developing countries. Though we have had an "International Development" program (soon being renamed Global Studies), there does not seem to be corresponding participation by our institution in the area of international development.

The good thing is that students can correct this display of apathy. However, we must say something about it. So, please call up at least one of your student reps and tell them you want to support this initiative.

For this observer, the moral of the story is pay attention to how you're voting, don't vote if you don't know what's going on, and please talk to those who you're electing or acclaiming.

And please, talk to your student representatives.

JOHN CARLAW
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

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Sucks to your biznass

Scott Cairns



I'm not really sure how to express this, partly because it reveals my own stupidity and stubbornness, or perhaps just my failure to act on something that has been troubling me for a long time. But whatever, right? We'll think of this as therapy.

I am in fourth year Business Administration, and not for one minute have I enjoyed it. After four years here, I can safely say that a degree in Business isn't really an education. It's kind of the "I can't believe its not butter" of university degrees. It looks like an education, it tastes like an education, but Lord knows it's a complete sham. An academic sea monkey.

Everything I learned in my first two years here went out the door when I actually started working for a company. I found out quickly that what you know is a shadow of what you mean to a corporation. Single-minded greed and butterfly-like social skills are all that matters. I sat back and watched idiots with nice dress shirts schmooze their way into middle management, unscathed. Lucky them.

You might be thinking, "So what, all degrees have courses that have no use in real life." And that may be true, but at least "Eighteenth Century Political Thought" is enlightening. By fourth year, I was hoping to have the opportunity to take something

thought-provoking, but instead I had all of my business electives cancelled due to "lack of interest." What I'm left with is ridiculously inane prerequisites such as "Management Policy," an evil hybrid of everything that the guy in American Psycho would find helpful to manage a business while killing people on the side. Hosted by a maniacal professor who takes sinful pleasure in the wrong answers of his apathetic students, Management Policy is so exciting it makes me want to vomit.

Third year Marketing was probably the only opportunity to play devil's advocate throughout my entire major. Every wrong committed by capitalism was deemed "irrelevant" in the final (and shortest) chapter of the book. Our professor's advice was to "ignore" the last chapter. It did not appear on the exam.

A degree in Business is not really an education.

What am I trying to get at here? Well it's hopefully more than mere anger or contempt for my degree. It's more of a plea. If you're in first or second year busi-

ness, open your eyes. Your unique voice will not be heard here. There is no room for it. You will be beaten down by narrow mindedness before you'll be heard. Switch. Or leave.

Ignore my attempt to finish what I started. When I was seventeen and choosing to go to a university, it was obvious that I was not capable of rational thought. Although I'm faced with the nonsense of this degree everyday, I don't really regret it. I instead pretend that I'm not even getting a degree. Consequently, my marks aren't very good and I think I'm developing some sort of mild psychosis. Oh well.

Scotty's response to "Scotty Sucks." He says (and I quote)...
"Agree" is different than "Accept." I accept the fact that some people act ignorantly, but that doesn't mean I agree with it.
A difference of opinion. Another tasty treat. Loving it. Just loving it.

LETTERS

please, let's not try to claim that the choice for love is of the same value as the choice for selfishness. Anyone who has ever been cheated on knows that's a freaking lie.

Scott Cairns said that he does whatever he can to "allow for others to work in a world that accepts their beliefs." What if they believe that they need to persuade you to change your views on a fundamental matter like freedom? Do you love freedom enough to allow them to live out that belief or would you prefer to limit their freedom in order to protect your own? Or must they give up their beliefs and agree with yours? Do you selfishly dictate or freely love?

Andre^w Karram

Editor's Note: I still love him to bits.

FOOT THIS, LEIFSO

I was surprised and dismayed while reading

Corwin Leifso's letter in last week's issue of the Cord. In that letter, Mr. Leifso eloquently told the Bookstore to "take their Union tax and shove it," because he did not want to see his money going towards Student Services.

I am a member of that "closely guarded clique for the elite," called Foot Patrol. Now, I am confused as to how Mr. Leifso thinks his hard-earned money will be irresponsibly spent. Seeing as Foot Patrol is the only volunteer based safewalk program in Canada, the money sure as hell isn't being spent to better my life in any way.

Foot Patrol provides a valuable service to the students of Laurier and I'm sure that Mr. Leifso himself, or someone he cares about, has arrived home safely due to the Foot volunteers.

I now invite Mr. Leifso to get over his fears of being snubbed at the Foot office, and to take a look at the jackets we wear. Many of them are tattered and torn, with broken zippers and no lining. Many of the

flashlights have no working batteries. The numbers on the phone remain stuck down when they are pressed.

I joined Foot in the same manner I would have joined any of the other Student Services at Laurier. I attended an interview with a Foot executive and a volunteer from the recruitment committee. I had no "connections," and if I wanted to be a part of a closely guarded clique, I would have joined a sorority. Many of the bonds between Footers come from comparing stories of frostbitten ears, soaking wet shoes, long walks, and ensuring loved ones arrive home safely.

The office door is always open, and Foot Patrol is dedicated to ensuring that everyone makes it home safely. Even you Mr. Leifso.

Stacey DeCunha

YOU ARE PIGS

I am writing in regards to the significantly squalid state of our campus. Everywhere I go, I cannot escape the garbage. A carpet of cigarette butts are underfoot at many entrances, beer bottles are poking through snow banks around residences, lottery cards are on walkways, and a great deal of food packaging is strewn about the Concourse, student lounges and classrooms.

If you are one of the contributors to this mess, what gives you the right to leave your garbage behind and expect that someone will clean up after you? You are not some babbling infant with Mommy and Daddy there to tidy up the messes you leave behind. You are (supposedly) a mature and responsible adult who should be thinking of the consequences of your actions. Why do so many recyclable objects

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end up in the trashcans at WLU? There are newspapers, pop cans, glass and plastic bottles in garbage cans everywhere. Come on, people! Most eight-year olds know how to recycle this stuff. Just take the extra ten steps to the recycle bins for a change.

Our current global economy is racing headlong towards disaster. Our children and grandchildren will have to pay for our current generation's uncaring, lazy attitudes towards the environment. Please, for the love of God's green earth, choose to throw away your garbage, recycle what you can, and walk or take the bus instead of driving those four or five blocks. Help make our campus and our world a little greener.

Marianne Lee

WLUSU FAILURE

During elections last week, the referendum to increase the World University Services Canada (WUSC) fee from \$.50 to \$2.00 lost miserably by a vote of 1202 to 711.

If the referendum question had passed, WUSC would have been able to sponsor an additional refugee student every three years, so that he or she may pursue a degree here at Laurier. That's it, for about the price of a cup of coffee per student, the student body would have saved the lives of a handful of individuals.

Why then, given the current socio-economic state of our global

community, would WLU students (the world's future leaders) vote no to such a cause? I will tell you why. It is not because there is no empathy among WLU students, or because they are not willing to fork out the \$1.50; it is because the election process has failed miserably in its democratic function.

Not only was WUSC limited in their amount of promotion, but also in the areas where they were allowed to promote. Restrictions include 99.9% of the Peters building, as well as profit areas throughout campus and a plethora of other locations. How was I to know that corporations can freely promote around campus but social reform issues are not?

What an odd election process we have at Laurier. Not only does only a quarter of the student body vote, but those voting are arguably making uneducated choices. Rather than the elections providing students with the framework to actively participate in their fate as WLU students, it is an exercise of non-participation and making uninformed decisions. How else would the WUSC referendum have failed?

It is our duty as Laurier students, Canadian citizens and human beings to be informed of those issues surrounding our global community.

The WLUSU election process has not only failed the refugee students who cannot come to Laurier as a result of the referendum, but has failed the entire student body.

Simon Hacker

THE QUESTION:

Do you support the increase of the World University Services Canada fee from \$0.50 to \$2.00?

THE ANSWER:

A resounding "no." Only 711 of Wilfrid Laurier's students decided it would be appropriate to provide financial support for a refugee to attend our school.

Why does this come as a surprise when less than 30% of the student body even bothered to vote?

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Turmoils of Tanzania

Islands of Zanzibar suffer political conflict while supporting opposition parties in Tanzania

Paul Thomas

Dr. Andrea Brown recently described how the ethnic tensions between black Africans and Arabs that led to the 1964 Zanzibari revolution are repeating themselves in Zanzibar's current political unrest.

The presentation, entitled "Zanzibari Nationalism: Echoes from the Revolution" was part of the Brown Bag Lunch Series recently launched by the Department of Political Science and the Political Science Association. It took place on Monday, February 11th.

Since 1995, Zanzibar, a group of islands that form part of Tanzania, has suffered intense political conflict. Zanzibaris voted against Tanzania's ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi Party (CCM) in the both the 1995 and 2000 elections, choosing the opposition Civic United Front Party (CUF) instead.

However, the CCM has been able to keep itself in power on the islands "through a combination of political repression, electoral fraud, and limits on the media."

At the same time, an Islamic nationalist movement has swept through Zanzibar, leading Zanzibaris to feel "that there is an Islamic Zanzibari self . . . distinct from the mainland [Tanzania]."

Through her research, Dr. Brown has found that the current situation on Zanzibar has strong similarities to the 1964 Zanzibari revolution. These similarities are visible not only in the civil unrest, but also in the way different groups are attempting to construct and exploit Zanzibari nationalism for political ends.

Although the Zanzibari islands were originally settled by Bantu tribes from the mainland, Arab traders visited as early as 700 BC and by the 15th century had made Zanzibar a thriving city-state. Under Arab rule Zanzibar became one of the largest trading ports in the Indian Ocean, shipping gold, ivory, and slaves from the African mainland to India, Asia, and Persia.

The Portuguese took control of Zanzibar in the 16th century but were soon removed by the Omani Arabs with the help of the British. Zanzibar was ruled by Oman for several centuries, but eventually gained independence as a British protectorate, although it was still officially governed by the Sultans.

Slave trading continued on the islands until 1873 when it was stopped by a treaty with Britain.

Zanzibar remained a British protectorate until 1963 when the islands gained independence and the first multiparty elections were held. The Afro Shirazi Party (ASP), led by black Africans, received the majority of votes in the elections, but not the majority of seats, allowing the Arab led minority Zanzibar Nationalist Party (ZNP) to form the government.

One month after election, in January of 1964, the ASP led the Zanzibari Revolution that overthrew the ZNP and installed the ASP leader, Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume, as President. Karume declared Zanzibar to be a Marxist one-party state and four months later unified Zanzibar with Tanganyika (a former British colony) forming modern Tanzania.

In 1977, the ASP merged with the mainland Tanzanian African National Union (TANU) party to form the Chama Cha Mapinduzi Party (CCM), which has been in power ever since.

Despite official union, Zanzibar and the mainland have never fully merged. Zanzibar maintains its own parliament with power in areas such as education and infrastructure. Zanzibar also remains almost completely Muslim, while the mainland is 45% Christian, 45% Muslim, and 10% hold indigenous beliefs.

In the 1980s Tanzania began the process of democratization, which led to the country's first multiparty elections in 1995. While the transition to democracy has been smooth on the mainland, where the CCM continue to dominate, Zanzibar, which chose the opposition, has been rocked by political turmoil.

In her presentation, Dr. Brown examined how the current Zanzibari nationalism has been influenced by two very different accounts of the 1963 revolution.

The popular view of the Zanzibari revolution is that the black African majority of Zanzibaris, who had long been oppressed by the Arabs, acted to overthrow the Arab minority in the ZNP who had manipulated the electoral process with the help of Britain to continue their dominant position. Once the revolution was complete, "Zanzibar's



Laurier Political Science Professor Andrea Brown speaks under the overhead lights

interest working towards socialism with Nyerere (the Tanganyikan President) in a unified Tanzania was a popular choice." This view has been long been expressed by the government and many Western academics.

However, Dr. Brown also provided a different, far less popular view of the revolution. Instead of an ethnically divided society, this view, held by the ZNP, saw Zanzibar as "having a unique ethnic mix of Arab and black Africans, with extensive intermarriage, creating a unique Muslim society with a different history from mainland Tanganyika."

The ZNP, a Zanzibari nationalist party celebrating the country's Muslim identity, won the elections but a group of Marxists disgruntled by their loss in the election conducted a revolution with foreign support to put themselves in power. Zanzibaris only supported union with Tanganyika "in the hope it free Zanzibaris from oppressive ASP rule."

Dr. Brown then drew a parallel between the contrasting views of the revolution and conflicting opinions on the current political unrest.

According to the CCM, the conflict on Zanzibar is ethnically based. They claim that "despite decades of unity with Tanzania, an Arab minority remains who wishes to take power and establish an elitist Islamic Zanzibar" that would "separate and transform the islands into a fundamentalist nation...returning to an era of black exploitation." The only sensible choice is for black Africans to support the CCM and maintain ties with a democratic Tanzania.

On the other hand, the CUF claim that they are the "Tanzanian national party, with support, Christian and Muslim, from all over

Tanzania, mainland and on the islands."

Although the bulk of CUF support has come from Zanzibar, the CUF has acted legally in the past two elections, despite electoral fraud by the CCM. The CUF also believes that "there is a valid case to be made for an independent Zanzibar, on grounds of historical, religious, and ethnic differences" and is interested in starting a "peaceful dialogue" to discuss it.

The current situation in Zanzibar has strong similarities to the 1964 Zanzibari revolution. These similarities are visible not only in the civil unrest, but also in the way different groups are attempting to construct and exploit Zanzibari nationalism for political ends.

In the current situation, Dr. Brown said that the CUF, which claims that it is a party of racial inclusion, can be seen to echo the role of the ZNP, while the CCM, which has responded undemocratically to a threat to its power, can be seen to echo the ASP.

According to Dr. Brown, all of the different views described above have served to create a unified Zanzibari nationalism,

although the oppression by the CCM and the labelling of the CUF as both Zanzibari and Muslim has helped most of all. Zanzibaris now believe that they have a distinct Islamic identity that separates them from the mainland, which is helping to create more support for the CUF.

However, Dr. Brown also stated that the CCM has recently has become more moderate, signing a peace agreement with the CUF and forming a committee to encourage those who fled the political violence during the 2000 elections (in which 30 people were killed) to return.

Dr. Brown said that the next key turning point in the Zanzibar crisis will come with the elections in 2005, "which the CUF will certainly win." Whether the CCM will finally accept the CUF victory will determine whether or not Zanzibar can avoid another revolution.

The Cord's International Notices

1) Friday, February 22nd 2002, at 2:00 pm in the Geography Department (Arts Building Room 2E7), Professor Roger Keil of the Faculty of Environmental Studies of York University will speak on "Common Sense Neoliberalism: Globalized Urbanization and Small Town Politics in Ontario."

2) The Laurier Interdisciplinary Lecture Series on Silence continues with Don Mitchell, who will be discussing "The Quiet Violence of Law: How Protest in Public Space is Silenced." His lecture will be delivered March 5th at 7:00 pm in the Paul Martin Centre. For more information on the lecture series please call 884-0710, ext. 2151. The themes of this speech are: "Laws that regulate protests, known in the

US as public forum doctrine, which regulates the "time, place, and manner" of protest, are a geographical strategy for effectively silencing protest. Such strategies can be linked with transformations of the landscape (the fences in Quebec City and Genoa) and policing practices (like intercepting potential protesters as they cross national borders) to assure that protests - effectively - are not heard."

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Technology and change in Bangladesh

Canada's High Commissioner shares his observations

Thomas Thompson

With a growing population of one hundred and thirty million people in an area that has been deemed slightly smaller than Iowa by the CIA World Factbook, Bangladesh has had to deal with numerous challenges since its independence from Pakistan in 1971.

David Preston, High Commissioner to Bangladesh for the Canadian Government, spoke about the role of NGOs and other topics to a group of attentive Laurier faculty and students last Thursday.

Bangladesh, bordered on three sides by India, shares a small section of its southern border with Burma while its coast comprises much of the northern shore of the Bay of Bengal.

Preston noted that despite the fact that Bangladesh has been labeled a "least developed nation," a designation for countries whose per capita income is below \$500, it is also a globally integrated one.

Bangladesh is the only nation in the world where there are more cell-phones than landlines as there are over 500,000 in use, usually at least one for every village. This has been a result of the work of the many Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) that operate in the country, Preston explained.

Bangladesh has the most NGOs in the world, with over 21,000. These organizations have had a tremendous impact on the social

and economic changes in Bangladesh, carrying out numerous economic activities such as banking and providing Internet services.

They also provide micro-credit for the development of small and medium size enterprises, a form of lending that was first introduced by a NGO called Grameen. One of the positive results that have resulted from micro-credit is that women have been able to earn their own income.

Traditionally men have controlled the finances and resources of a family in Bangladesh. Even in

the past decade things have changed quite a bit according to Preston. He mentioned that ten years ago it was rare to see women on the street or let alone buy things in the market. However with women earning their own income it has also become more common to see them engaged in these activities.

Another positive change Preston has observed in Bangladesh is the growing number of female students attending secondary school. He expects that there will be an equal ratio of attendance in the near future and noted that females comprise the majority of top secondary school students in Bangladesh's national rankings.

Education has also been an activity in which NGOs are highly involved, administering 34,000 schools. One NGO, the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee

(BRAC) even operates a University and School of Business that specializes in small and medium size enterprises rather than corporate business.

Preston also discussed the level of globalization in Bangladesh's industries, especially the garment industry. Using a GAP sweatshirt worn by a student as an example, he explained how globally integrated garment manufacturing can be. Preston said that first the pattern and colour composition is e-mailed from a head office in places such as the United States to the manufacturing plant in Bangladesh. The data is then imputed into the appropriate computer systems as the level of computer control is quite high in some plants.

Equipment such as sewing machines, for example, are operated with computer assistance to ensure consistency. Preston mentioned that in the case of certain products such as stone washed jeans that quality control can even be monitored from outside the country.

Despite its economic status Preston also noted that Bangladesh also manufactures high tech items such as electronic displays in cell phones. Bangladesh is also home to a Royal Dalton factory, which manufactures high quality china.

While Bangladesh has made substantial economic progress it still has many problems to overcome, Preston explained.

The most immediate problem is over-population and because of it Preston said that issue of land claims is the dominant judicial issue comprising over 80 percent of court cases.

Often these cases are not settled for at least twenty years. With high amounts of landlessness and under-employment people extortion from business owners is



Dave Preston talks to Laurier Faculty and students in the Green Room.

another problem common throughout this nation.

Political corruption is another persistent problem in Bangladesh. With its volatile political past where protests have resulted in changes in the government,

Preston said that a common belief amongst political groups is that if you control the streets you have political power.

An example of this can be found in many of the state-run Universities, as active political organizations are often led by what Preston described as "thugs" who control residences with arms rather than students.

Given its high population, pol-

lution is another problem that Bangladesh faces daily. Preston mentioned two main culprits that have severe consequences on the environment. The first is the auto-rickshaws that operate in cities such as Dhaka. "Two-stroke" engines result in what he describes as "blue haze" in the air. This haze is non-combusted fuel vapor.

Another problem has been the litter caused by plastic bags that clog storm drains resulting in unnecessary flooding in this Monsoon-prone country. Preston mentioned that as of this year plastic bags have been prohibited in Bangladesh to help cope with this problem.

David Preston did an excellent job in creating awareness about Bangladesh while challenging the perceptions that audience may have had about this developing nation.

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World Watch

VENEZUELA

Amid calls to defy President Hugo Chavez's government, the president has said there was no risk of a military coup against his leftist "revolution."

Air Force Col. Pedro Soto shocked many Venezuelans on Thursday by urging military officers to defy Chavez and his "tyrannical government." He demanded Chavez, who led a failed coup attempt in 1992, resign and allow a civilian interim government to take power until new elections.

A botched attempt by military police to detain Soto on Thursday prompted demonstrations of support for the officer by thousands of Venezuelans who demanded Chavez's resignation.

SOUTH AFRICA

A South African man shot 10 people dead in East London after a fight with his girlfriend before turning the gun on himself Sunday.

The shooting was the latest in a string of murders that has maintained the country's reputation as one of the worst for violent crime.

South Africa is scarred by sky-high rates of violent crime, fuelled by vast income disparities and wretched poverty.

The murder rate has fallen from 50.9 per 100,000 people in 1994 to 33 per 100,000 in the first nine months of last year. But the more than 15,000 reported cases of murder in the first nine months of last year equalled the U.S. total in 2000.

ALGERIA

Suspected Islamic rebels have killed six civilians and wounded another near Algiers, the official Algerian news agency, APS, said Sunday.

The killing took place just hours after the announcement Saturday that the country's most wanted guerrilla chief, Antar Zouabri, had been shot dead by government security forces in a gun battle.

Algeria has been tormented by brutal civil strife since early 1992 when the authorities canceled a general election radical Islamists were poised to win.

Government figures show that more 100,000 people have been killed since then, though independent sources put the number of deaths at up to 150,000.

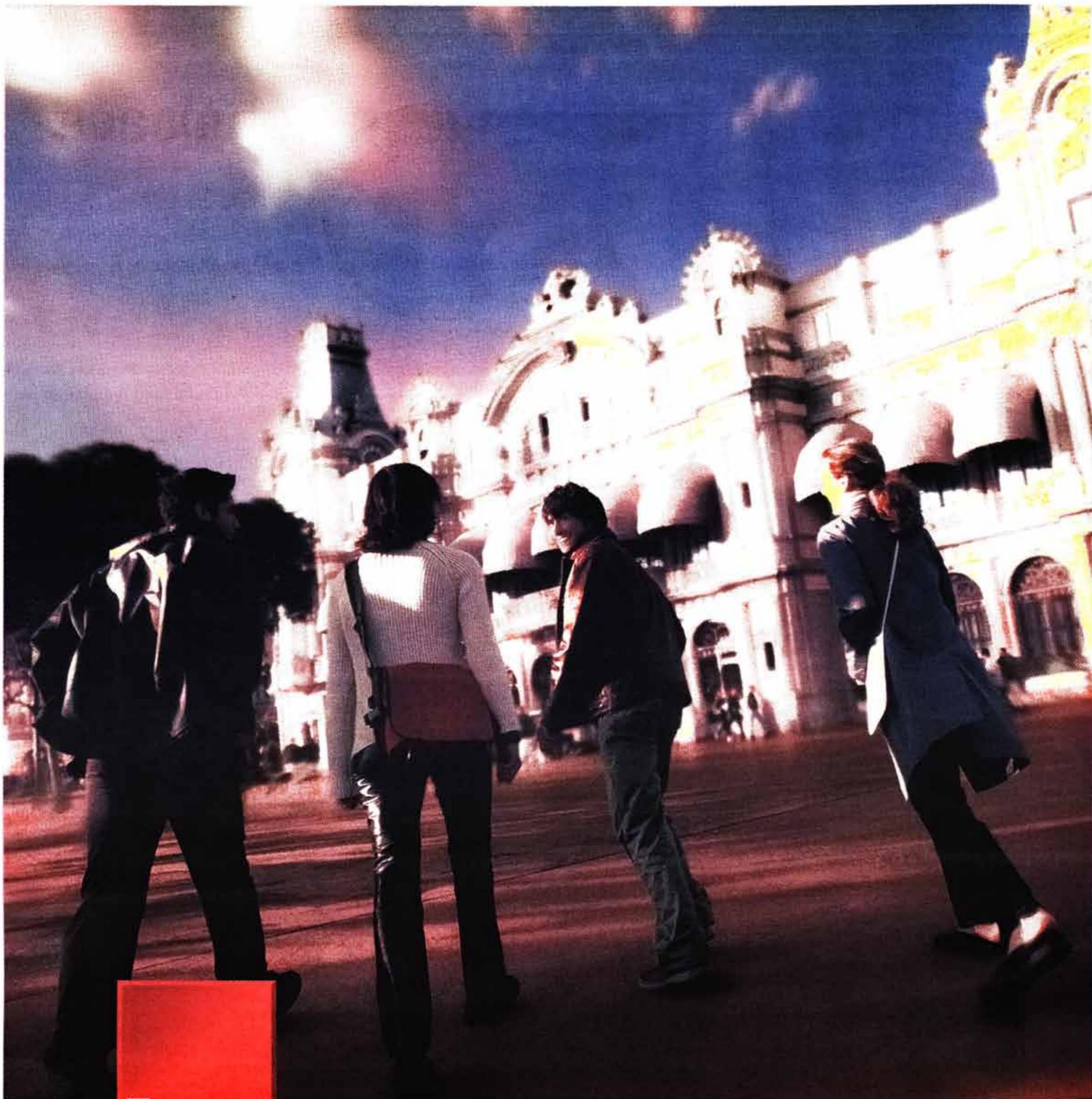
ISRAEL

Israeli jets struck a security compound in the Gaza Strip Monday in retaliation for what the army said was the Palestinians' first use of a new rocket that could open a deadlier stage in the current 16-month-old conflict.

At least 37 people were hurt and a prison housing jailed militants was hit in the second air strike on Gaza City in two days, touching off clashes between police and protesters who are demanding the detainees be freed for their own protection.

In response to the latest attacks, Yasser Arafat vowed that any attempt by Israel to replace him would fail.

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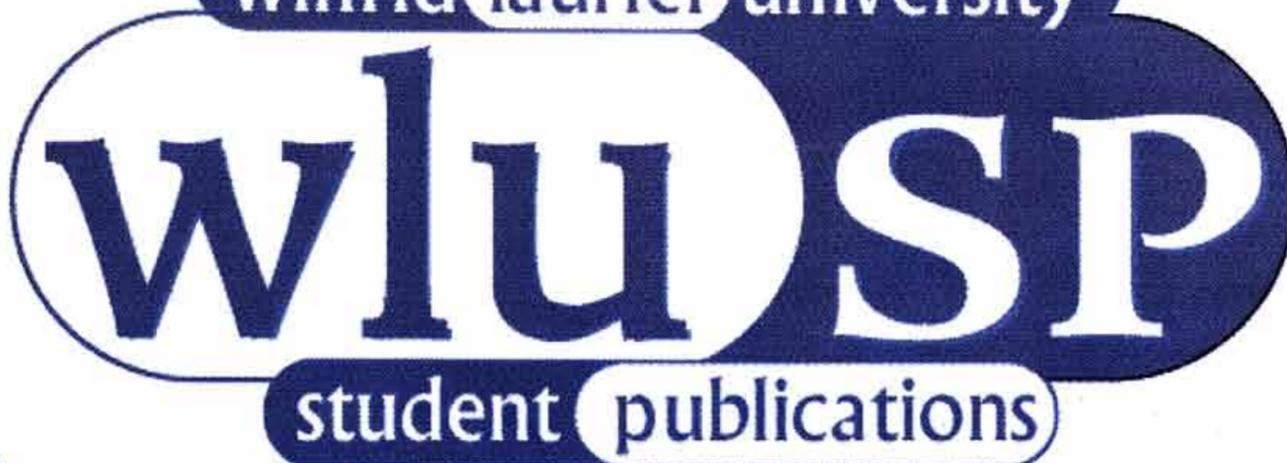
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WHERE DO WE GO NOW?



The excitement and
stress of graduating

Jenna Young

Grad application-check. Resume-check. Reference letters-check. PARDON?! As I mail my application packages to various graduate programs, I feel like I am simply going through the motions of a fourth-year student. In no way do I feel ready or prepared for any kind of adult lifestyle that awaits me beyond the walls of Laurier.

At a time when I should feel excited about embarking on future career goals, I find myself in a state of melancholy, feeling just as I did when I was seventeen, merely wanting to skip class to get a Slurpee.

Graduation is near and for many students at Laurier, this is the final semester of Book Store line-ups, Wednesday nights at Wilf's and between-class Second Cup snacks.

Graduating students should feel a sense of relief and accomplishment as they order their two five-by-sevens and six wallet-sized grad pictures. Instead, however, there seems to be a feeling of anxiety or denial in regards to next year.

Instead of rejoicing with a huge sigh of relief in admitting that they have, indeed, "done it" and completed an undergraduate degree, there is presence of tension among prospective graduates. Pressing concerns from

uted to lack of interest in researching the various options available upon graduation, lack of time and energy, or simply the lack of will to grow up. The majority of students feel uneasy choosing between the Pita Pit and Harvey's for lunch, let alone making any future decisions.

Third- and fourth-year students are in a position where they are being forced to make one of the biggest decisions of their lives. After ruling out becoming astronauts, these students must answer the daunting question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

This decision-making should not come as any surprise, as there is

a general

aware-

ness that

one cannot

remain a student

"forever" —

no

matter

how desperately

one may attempt.

However, even for the

most

organized and

goal-oriented

student, this time has

crept up unexpectedly quickly. It

seems like I have just now perfected

the SH-IN-ER-AMASH-IN-ER-AMA cheer

and now it's time to leave.

Although not classified as a clinical phobia, I believe that the majority of hopeful graduates suffer from a fear of growing up, a fear of decision, a fear of entering the "real" world, outside of the cozy block of Albert, University, King and Bricker streets.

Decisions made today will determine the future of these students that, for some, is extremely exciting, but for the majority, it is paralyzingly terrifying. Options are extensive, making any decision difficult.

It is my recent observation that prospective graduates, instead of committing to a definite answer, tend to shy away from any sort of question regarding next year, let alone the remainder of their lives.

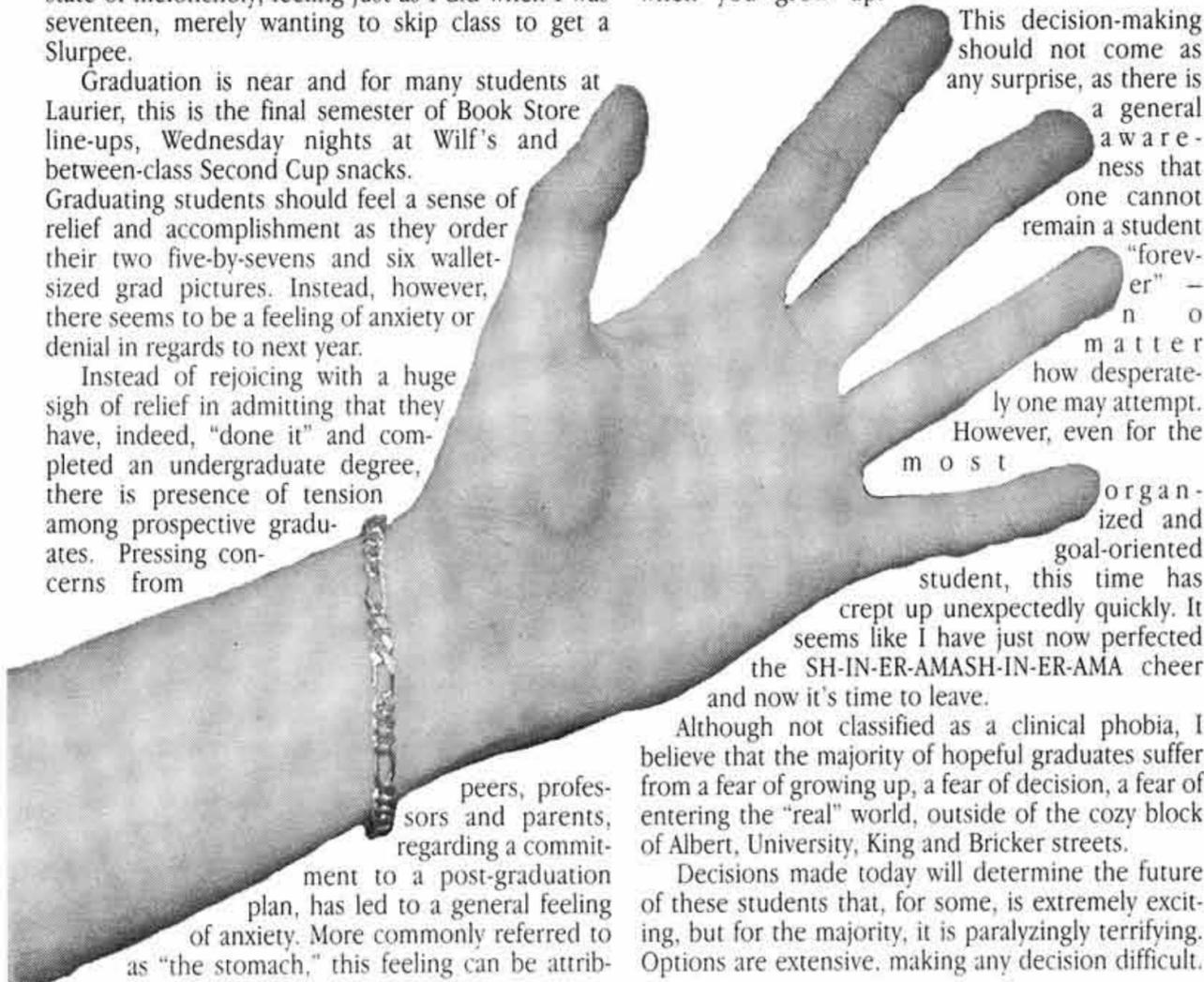
Before committing to any sort of future plan, exploring all options is necessary, whether it be employment opportunities, further education or travel. Speaking with various students on campus has led to the general understanding that hopeful graduates are attempting to do just this, but remain unclear about exact plans. It is a common concern among students that they do not have the time to explore all options sufficiently. It is difficult to comprehend future career plans with class, papers, midterms and being sure not to miss any final-year social events.

Fourth-year Kinesiology student, Amy Camblin, has yet to finalize plans for next year. However, she has been researching various options, including travel and teaching abroad. As a Don in Bouckaert, Hawk's desk employee and community volunteer, Camblin has an intense schedule and one that is not conducive to the research needed to seriously consider plans beyond her current studies at Laurier. "I'm thinking about engaging in an 'early retirement'." I haven't had a lot of time to put forth enough effort to explore all my options," explains Camblin.

Decisions for post-graduation are not to be made hastily and this is just what Camblin wants to avoid. "I don't want to do a rush job on something so important," she adds.

Camblin is just one example of the majority of students who have indecisive plans for post graduation.

Because a plan for the future should not be made hastily, one should be considered relatively early during undergraduate studies. Otherwise, students can find themselves scrambling to meet the requirements for programs they decide on in third and fourth year and often this is too late. It is not necessary to have a complete script of life events and career endeavours, but a clear focus of personal goals and interests is necessary. Laurier offers services to assist in focusing and directing scattered plans once these goals and interests are defined.



Career Services is an excellent resource, providing direction, clarification, and counseling for all students. Located at 232 King St (across from the Athletic Complex), Career Services has an endless supply of information to assist in the search for employment as well as further education.

Director of Co-operative Education and Career Services, Janice Basso, explains that the staff is concerned with delivering "career education". With a general attitude of "heightened stress" among students with regard to the job market, career services attempts to assist

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students in the identification of skills and the confident articulation of these skills. "It's not your degree, but you, and your developed skills, that get you the job," says Basso.

Many students are concerned that they are unqualified for employment with merely an academic degree because they do not have sufficient practical experience. Basso explains that it is the skills learned in undergraduate studies, part-time employment, and community involvement, which these students overlook. Leadership and teamwork are examples of transferable skills, which are considered by employers as beneficial attributes. Career Services provides assistance in focusing on these skills in the preparation of resumes and interviews.

Pamphlets and booklets provide guidelines for resumes, interview preparation, as well as application packages, are available at Career Services, online and at the Hub. Monthly workshops are tailored to specific aspects of job search and further education, including February's resume writing, assessing skills, and interview workshops. More

information is available through Laurier's website or directly, at www.wlu.ca/career.

Information on further education, including graduate and post-diploma programs is also available. Various calendars from schools around the world, outlining programs and requirements, are available for research within Career Services.

With graduation approaching, so too are job interviews and application package deadlines. Career Services is expected to be extremely busy during the end of February and the month of March. The

four advisors are available for one-on-one consultation by appointment. Because there is such diversity in opportunity, students must have a clear concept of their goals and interests in order for Career Services to be an effective aid.

If employment or more

school is not particularly attractive, after just completely four years of strenuous studies, there is the option of "taking a year off". During this "time off", it seems the trend to pile clothes and belongings of necessity into an over-sized backpack and travel around the world. Many students choose travel to explore alternatives to 9am-5pm weeks - to "find themselves" before committing to a job or further



For many of us, the drunken days of rockin' out are nearing the end. But what will become of us?

FILE PHOTO

studies.

Fourth-year Psychology student, Darryl McMillan, has plans to travel after he graduates in April. Yet to venture outside of North America, McMillan is "one hundred and ten per cent definite" in his plans to engage in the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP).

"My plan is to not get a job and bum around Europe and Australia for a year," explains McMillan. "If I don't do it now, I'll never do it".

McMillan assures he will pursue employment when he returns to North America, that is, if he decides to return.

If taking a year off to live from a backpack seems appealing (and how could it not!), there are various student travel packages and programs available at Travel Cuts in the Student's Union building.

Bethan McVeigh, manager of Travel Cuts at Laurier, explains that SWAP is the most popular travel program among students. By organizing employment, SWAP awards students with the opportunity to prolong travel by earning wages during their stay overseas.

Second- and third-year students often choose the summer program to gain both work and travel experience during their schooling, while graduates often choose a longer program where more time for work and travel is permissible.

Similar to other programs, applications are necessary to participate in SWAP, but there is no restriction on numbers. According to SWAP's information booklet, "Just last year we assisted close to 6,000 Canadian and foreign participants to work and travel in countries

around the globe." More information on SWAP and other travel inquiries is available at Travel Cuts. The end of March and early April is the busiest time for student Europe bookings, so if travel is an option, go check it out soon.

Although this time can be stressful, those graduating students should revell in the remainder of their time at Laurier. Venture to the Turret, sport your grass-stained, bingo dabbered Frosh week t-shirt and perfect running down the escalator in the DAWB, because this could be your last chance to do something childish and immature, with both good reason and warrant.

Besides, after April, we will all be expected to prove that we have learned something of value in our years at university. We will be expected to be "adult-like". We will be expected to (cringe) "grow up".



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Get your groove on!

Stu Reed

Last Saturday the Musicians' Network put on their turntablist presentation of "Groove Theory" at Wilf's. The show displayed three student deejays from the K-W area. It was one of the most astounding presentations of student musical talent that I have seen in my three and a half years at Laurier. However, despite the positive impression I received from the show, the ambiance and turnout revealed some negative aspects of Wilfrid Laurier University.

Throughout the evening, the event drew a mere 50 people, generating pennies for the Musician's Network's cause. Yes, promotions for the event were sparse, but one would think that more would be interested in supporting an independent event. I understand that Saturday is a popular night for bar hopping and most people like to go to clubs (Phils, Turret, Loose Change Louies, Revolution Night Club, Elements etc), but isn't anybody interested in breaking out of their shell and trying something new?

It seems that at our school those who have musical tastes outside of the top forty radio medium are getting pushed further and further into the background. Those who are interested in jazz, funk, break beats, hip hop and all forms of electronica seem to be reduced to a discman existence on our campus. Kudos to Radio Laurier for pushing new ground with DJ competitions and Battle of the Bands, but this just isn't enough. Bands like Black Water Trio can sell out Wilfs and play the same lame brand of radio hits every time out, but three talented student DJs who are performing strictly out of love for the music can't draw them in? There is something drastically wrong here. I hear rantings about how boring the music is at Laurier, but how are we supposed to push new ground

with these events if nobody goes?

The show featured the electronic stylings of DJ Marty, Jo' Func and D-Primitive. Marty kicked it off with a mix of ambient techno and house with some extremely funky breaks. His transitions were fantastic, and his varied taste in music and exceptional ear produced a well-rounded set. Jo' Func picked up the pace well, spinning right out of Marty's set with a mix of jazzy-disco funk along with some tribal elements. After a shortened set, D-Primitive hit the stage with an eclectic set of mind-blowing jungle and drum and bass. The mix of some favorite jungle tracks and newer pieces of samples brought people to the floor, dancing with

"...one would have thought that a lot more people would be interested in supporting an independent event."

excitement.

Even though the crowd was small, those who stuck around for D-Primitive enjoyed themselves for all it's worth. His original technique and taste represent a tremendous talent, who just needs an opportunity to show his skillz on a bigger stage.

Unfortunately for those at Laurier, this opportunity may never arise again, as good music doesn't get exposure around here. Change is good, but it seems that as, in life, pushing new ground involves a lot of heartache and little reward for a lot of effort.

Note from the Editor:

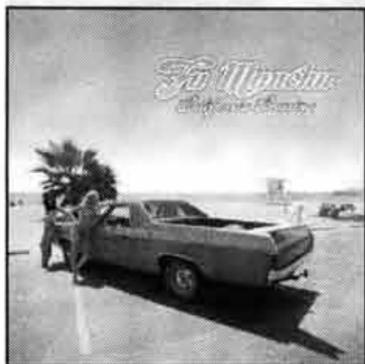
Stu may have some heartaches being an organizer for the event. But, the point is evident: he believes that despite whoever is organizing such an event, it is up to the students to support them. You guys and gals decide what entertains you, but be aware: there are people trying to adhere to the diverse tastes of Laurier students.



Doc, hold yer horses! It's not breakbeat DJ Marty McFly, but our local version: dj Marty!

MATT KRUCHAK

ear candy



Fu Manchu
California Crossing

Fu Manchu once again proves that neo-70's rock bands can exist. Their latest release *California Crossing*, is a hard rockin', long-hair ridden album full of smart lyrics and heavy guitar.

I'm not a big rocker, and prefer to listen to Alfie over Metallica, but I do have a little appreciation for

some good rock n' roll. It's where MC5 and Led Zepelin meet for a picnic and play some ball. Wayne Kramer throws the pitch, and Jimmy Page hits it clear out of the park, as fans scream like it's nothing they've seen before.

Fu Manchu uses elements from old rock bands, and place it into context with lyrics that stay true to traditional form, but relate to today's generation.

It is only fitting that the album is called *California Crossing*. I mean, it is the type of album you put into the newly installed disc player in your vintage Monte Carlo, volume cranked up, as you raise your hand in a gesture seen at many rock shows: the horns of the devil.

I'd mention some standout tracks, but unfortunately I can't. It

is not to say that the whole album is not a wicked ride. However, like a lot of rock bands, the heavy guitars and drum solos are composed with the purpose of consistent headbanging throughout every song. Too many guitar and drum solos from such a musical style can get somewhat monotonous to the ear that is used to hearing a little key change or time change in the music (this does not include the generic slowed down chromatic guitar-drum-bass scale). But hey, over all, it isn't too bad.

So, I'd recommend a listen to those who are into some heavy shiat, and would like something a little different than their dad's vinyl collection that they've adopted for themselves.

Lynnette Visaya



Greg Macpherson Band
Good Times Coming Back Again

The Greg Macpherson Band's bio states that this album will be loved by "DIY punk purists, suits unwinding from a hard day of currency speculation, service industry workers who've spent the day spitting in patrons' food and weenie college kids who've never worked a day in their lives."

This weenie college kid is inclined to agree. *Good Times Coming Back Again* is, from start to finish, a very solid album. Each song contains a catchy riff that'll keep you humming long after the cd is finished, and it's an album

that can be enjoyed by those with a variety of musical tastes.

'Good Times,' the first song on the album, is a catchy little number that puts the listener in the right mood for what follows. 'Slow Stroke' is the strongest song on the album, and not because it has the word stroke in the title. While the music is fairly upbeat in tempo, the lyrical content perfectly reflects the social commentary present in the majority of the songs.

There are no particularly weak tracks on this album, because what is lacking musically is easily made up in the lyrics. Obviously, some tracks are not as good as others, but that's a given with all albums.

Macpherson has often been compared to Bruce Springsteen because of his social conscience and simple rock 'n' roll, and it's an accolade that he deserves.

This album is one for the cd collection, no matter what style of music you like. It's good if you want to listen to something mellow that doesn't also suck ass.

Amanda Fitzpatrick

Backtrax: Cartoons of the 1980's

Corwin Leifso

It was the golden age of childhood. Saturday morning cartoons, after-school cartoons, plastic cartoon lunch boxes in cheaply made cartoon backpacks. Short of our generation, the best thing to come out of the 1980's were the cartoons. Designed specifically as 30 minute toy commercials, they possessed a special kind of magic lacking in today's cold animated series.

The granddaddy of all 80's cartoons was *Astroboy*. First produced in the 60's in black and white in Japan, it first appeared in colour in 1982. Astroboy, if you remember, had the crazy black hair and crazy rocket legs that propelled him from danger. Made by Dr. Tenna to replace his son, Toby, Astroboy spent his days saving the world from the forces of evil who were bent on world domination.

The first true 80's cartoons started to air in 1981, oddly enough the same year I was born.

The Smurfs, kept popular today by sexually explicit email forwards, revealed that little blue people have feelings too... and funny hats. The huge popularity of smurf toys that were made in 1958 led to the creation of the animated series, unlike most other series which were created to generate toy sales. Peyo, the creator of Smurfs, died in 1994, leaving behind the eternal question: Why exactly was Gargamel trying to catch Smurfs? Perhaps he wished to dominate their world.

Spiderman also first aired in 1981. Actually a sequel to the more popular 1967 series, this incantation of Spiderman aired until 1987 despite its poor quality.

Go-go gadget series! In 1983 *Inspector Gadget* came to the small screen with his niece Penny

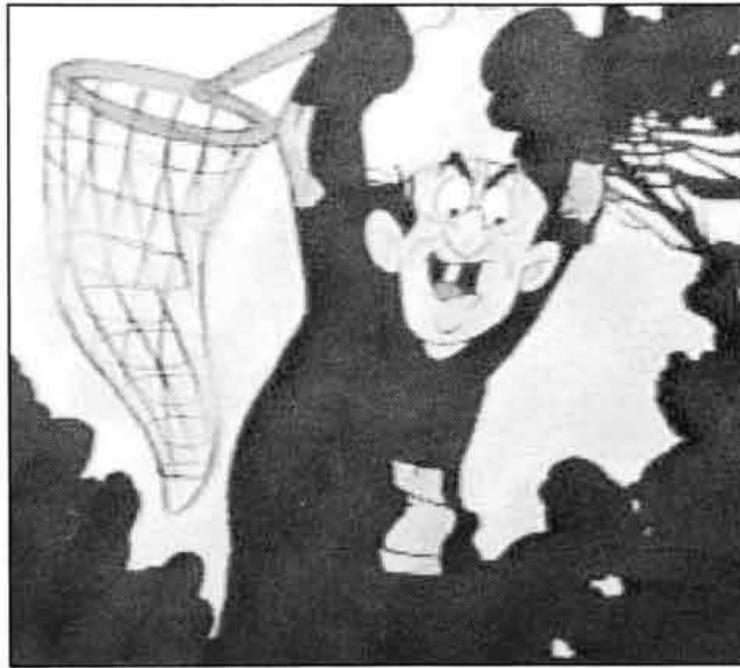
and their dog, Brain. The bumbling bionic inspector always managed to stop Dr. Claw and M.A.D.'s evil plans for world domination. Ironically, the same guy did the voice for both Dr. Claw and his cat...

Unfortunately, *Alvin and the Chipmunks* first aired in 1983, but they sucked. Their voices were really irritating, and they never fought anyone who wanted world domination, except maybe greedy record company execs. Fortunately, Mr. T's cartoon series was created that year as well. Equally unfortunate, though, he was a coach of a team of American gymnasts. Fortunately, while at different competitions, they captured international criminals bent on world domination.

GI Joe, one of the most recognizable series that came from the era, first aired in '83. As the first successful toy tie-in, Joe set a standard by which all toons would later be judged. A unit codenamed GI Joe, made up of elite units from all branches of the US military, fought the evil forces of Cobra to prevent them from world domination. Despite its widespread success, Joe never quite reached some people on country cable. I, for instance, have yet to see a single episode of *GI Joe* and I still resent having to grow up on a farm because of that.

The geniuses at Hasbro who were responsible for *GI Joe* didn't stop there. In 1984, the holiest of holies, the best cartoon ever made, the series to end all series, the centre of my childhood universe, was created: *Transformers*. The very word makes me shiver. Transformers. Optimus Prime. Megatron. Shockwave. Teletran-1. Bring back any memories?

The Autobots, good robots



Gargamel, enemy to those poor Smurfs was really quite wily, you know.

from Cybertron, crashed landed on Earth 4 million years ago and ended up battling the Deceptacons, evil robots bent on universal domination - world domination of Earth is, of course, the key to their success. For over four seasons and one movie, the fight raged on. An epic adventure covering 9 million years, *Transformers* truly was the king of kings.

1984, the year of the robot, also saw the creation of *Voltron: Defenders of the Universe*. Not to be confused for its lamer 90's rip-off *Power Rangers*, Voltron focused on 5 robot lions and their pilots. Combined, the 5 lions formed Voltron, a helluva powerful robot that could crush anything. Voltron is most notably famous for its paradoxical fighting style. Why didn't they just form Voltron with the sword first to crush everything? Why let the forces of evil - bent on universal/world domination - beat the crap out of them for a while first?

In 1985, the last few stragglers of the popular 80's cartoons first appeared on TV. Usually powered by big studios instead of toy companies, the toons proved to be less influential. The two major series that come to mind are the *Gummi*

Bears, made by Disney, and the *Ewoks*, made by merchandising mogul/bastard George Lucas. Both were good in their own right, especially the *Ewoks*, but they lacked a certain world domination motif that characterized the other series.

That year also brought in the *Thundercats*. They were basically large humanoid cats with crazy hair and special powers, fighting the evil powers of Mumm-Ra and his plans for world domination every day on the TV. Orphans of a destroyed world called Thundera, the *Thundercats* made shop on Third Earth where they drove around in their crazy ass cool tank - aptly named the Thundertank. Their base, Cat's Lair, had to be the coolest base of all the 80's cartoons just because it had a giant cat head with lasers for eyes. Lasers are key if one wishes to defeat evil forces hellbent on world domination.

The Raccoons first aired in '85 as well, but I haven't met too many people that ever saw this series. The raccoons lived in a forest and promoted ideals like independent publishing and clean living. Their nemesis, Cyril Snear, was an evil industrialist who tried to cut down the forest to advance his plans of world domination. Well, not really,

he just wanted to make lots of money.

In 1986 the *Ghostbusters*, based on the popular movies, got their own series. *The Popples*, small furry creatures that could sort of wrap themselves up into balls to beat people up, first appeared in this year as well. My sisters got more enjoyment out of these perverted stuffed animals than I did.

Widely heralded as a horrible influence on children with its promotion of violence and blind obedience, *The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* first aired in 1987. Donatello, Leonardo, Raphael and Michaelangelo became the most famous turtles on the planet, promoting such popular catchphrases like "cowabunga" and "radical" (I suppose Bill and Ted share the blame for the latter). Because of their late arrival, TMNT enjoyed a successful stint in video games in the early 90's as well. Don't forget their enemy Shredder, though, the crazy guy who tried to lead his army of ninjas toward world domination.

There are, of course, many other cartoons from the 1980's, too many to create a detailed list on this page. As well, a couple of the more successful series spawned their own movies. *The Transformer* movie in particular with its phenomenal guest cast. It consisted of Robert Stack of *Unsolved Mysteries*, Eric Idle of *Monty Python* fame, Leonard Nimoy from *Star Trek* and Orson Welles, who did the voice of Unicron the planet eating robot (perhaps Welles was typecast for his girth).

Of the toys that the cartoons spawned, few remain. Few in good shape anyway. Toys fall apart, get broken, get shot at by pellet guns, sold at yard sales, given away by certain mothers, or lost. On Ebay they fetch a fair price. A Megatron Transformer still in its package is going for upwards of \$500 American. In the immortal words of Optimus Prime: "Roll Out!"

Transformers: Robots in disguise

Corwin Leifso

Nine million years ago the Quintesson created Cybertron, a metal planet, and had it populated with robots. After a while, as a result of being programmed with exceptional artificial intelligence, the robots developed emotions. The robots designed for commercial purposes were called Autobots, the military robots were Deceptacons. The logos still worn by both sides were slave brands, a symbol of their oppression.

Tired of working and fighting for the amusement of the Quintesson, the robots rose up in revolution and banished their evil overlords. An uneasy peace settled over Cybertron.

One day, the Deceptacons created a new leader: Megatron. (In one episode the Constructicons are shown creating Megatron, but in another episode it is said that Megatron was the one who turned them

evil. Believe what you will). Megatron created an army for himself and led the Deceptacons in raids on energy facilities to get recourses for energon, the fuel that powers the Transformers. During one raid, Megatron fatally wounded a young Autobot called Orion Pax and his girlfriend. The Arialbots, who had been transported back in time from the present by the current Megatron, brought Orion Pax and his girlfriend to Alpha Trion who rebuilt them into Optimus Prime and Ilita-1.

Optimus Prime and Ilita-1 were the first ones to have the ability to transform and Prime led successful attacks against Megatron. Thus began the Cybertronian Wars.

For five million years the wars raged on, neither side gaining or losing significant ground. But the fierce fighting had taken a toll on Cybertron, robbing it of all its resources. In order to get more resources,

the Autobots took off for Earth, only to be assualted by the Deceptacons. Both ships crashed into the planet and the Transformers were all deactivated. Four million years later they were re-awakened and resumed their fight, this time for the supremacy of Earth.

In the time that the Transformers had been unconscious on Earth, the Deceptacons, led by Soundwave, had taken control of Cybertron. At one point the renegade Combaticons, created by Starscream to enhance his own power, seised control of Cybertron and used the space bridge that linked Cybertron to Earth to push the Earth into the Sun. Autobots and Deceptacons teamed up to destroy the Combaticons and once Cybertron was freed, the Autobots freely returned to Earth.

During a major offensive on Autobot City, Optimus Prime was killed in a fight with Megatron. The Matrix of Power was passed

on to Ultra Magnus and then Hot Rod, who became Rodimus Prime. At the same time, Megatron was changed into Galvatron by the planet-eating Unicron. During an intense battle inside Unicron, Rodimus Prime cast Galvatron out into space and a temporary peace was once again restored.

But Galvatron returned, crazy from spending time in a plasma lake. The Autobots and Deceptacons once again returned to their fighting. Optimus Prime was reactivated by the Quintesson to lead the Autobots into a trap, but resisted his changed programming. Unfortunately, he ended up flying into a star and was presumed dead.

A human research vessal found him and he was restored to life. Eventually, the Matrix of Power was returned to Optimus Prime and he led the Autobots into battle again.

So long, farewell...who's next?

Hawks unscathed record remains while team bids farewell to two stars

Rich Kawamoto

On Friday, February 15th, the Laurier Golden Hawks will bid a sad farewell to two outstanding athletes. Their last home game of the regular season will be the conclusion of four years filled with memories where they not only dawned the purple and gold on their shirts, but also on their hearts.

Lisa Wallace and Paula Watson are co-captains of this year's women's volleyball team who stand at an outstanding 17-0, earning them a rank of 8th in the national polls.

If life were perfect, they would conclude their last match in style with a combined effort for the final point, giving them a perfect record.

Wallace, a 4th-year Kinesiology student and the team's back court saviour, has mixed emotions about her final regular season match with the Hawks. "It'll be a bittersweet night," notes Wallace, one of the top liberos in the country. "This team has allowed me to develop as a player and person and now, all of a sudden, it's time to go.

"We've worked so hard to get the program to where it is right now (17-0) and I feel as if we're just peaking. But I'm proud of everything I've accomplished. This night will definitely be a reward for that."

Hawks head coach Dave McIntyre gives the kind of praise to Wallace that only a coach with great passion for volleyball and for his players can say. "I consider myself a very lucky person to have met her," McIntyre says of Wallace. "She sets the tone for this team and leads by her encouragement and through her respect for the game. She can do it all."

It's no surprise that Wallace has earned the honour of co-captain. She has displayed



Lisa Wallace



Paula Watson

leadership not only through her court play but in her leadership off the hardwood. "Lisa's such a positive player," says 1st year right side hitter Susan Yurincich. "She's a leader in every situation, whether it's on or off the court."

And when it comes to offensive threats, not many players in the country can match up to the power and agility of the 4th year left side hitter Watson. The 6'0" Kinesiology student controls a match like very few can.

Like Wallace, her last match on Friday will bring a mixed bag of delight and dejection. "On one hand, it'll be sad because it's our very last home match after four years," remarks Watson, who ranks 11th in Canada in kills, "but at the same time, we've still got lots of volleyball to play so we need to look forward towards that. I'm very proud of my four years (at Laurier) so this last match will be real special."

As for McIntyre's thoughts on Watson, he

speaks volumes about her zeal and fire towards the sport. "Paula's a winner in every respect of the word," notes McIntyre. "She leads by how she plays and I can always count on her to put the game away. The team looks up to her and she's an all around fantastic person."

But as two glorious careers come to a close, another begins to prosper. 1st year middle hitter Amy Shipway has enjoyed her freshman season with the Hawks, but anticipates the chance to step up to a bigger role next year.

"My role right now is to push everybody to play their best," remarks Shipway. "But next year, there are going to be two spots to fill and hopefully I'll be able to provide something to the team that will add to more wins. I look forward to the challenge."

The 5'10" Kinesiology student from Caledonia has logged some key court time this year and knows that with hard work, her

playing time will only increase in the years to come. "I'm really going to have to work hard in the off season," notes the up and comer. "I want to put myself in a position where I'll be comfortable playing at the competitive (OUA) level. But, as long as I can do my best, I'll be happy with any playing time I get."

Coach McIntyre snagged Shipway last year at the Southern Ontario high school finals and knows just how valuable she will be to the Hawks over her next three years.

"Amy gives 100% of her effort into everything she does on and off the court," McIntyre says. "She's got a fantastic work ethic, and the tools are there for her to become a great player. It's all a matter of time," he adds.

In the midst of these warm fuzzies, Friday February 15th will be a night to remember. Not only will the Hawks be bidding farewell to two players who will remain in Laurier volleyball hearts forever, but they will also be passing the torch to a promising young rookie.

Oh yeah...and they'll be putting that undefeated record on the line too!

CIS Women's Volleyball National Rankings

1. Manitoba
2. Calgary
3. Saskatchewan
4. British Columbia
5. McGill
6. Laval
7. York
8. Laurier
9. Alberta
10. Toronto

Holding on for dear life to a playoff spot

The men's hockey team must take at least one of their final two games

Colin Duffett

After losing to the division leading York Yeoman on Thursday in a lacklustre performance, the Laurier men's hockey team made a comeback with a strong performance. They left the Waterloo Recreation Complex with one point, the result of a 2-2 tie against the Brock Badgers.

Laurier 2, Brock 2

In the first, the Badgers took the lead in what was a pretty even period. It wasn't until the second period that the game picked up.

The second period saw both teams accumulate a total of thirty-two minutes in penalties, which gave both sides ample powerplay opportunities. By the buzzer, both teams had managed to cash in on their powerplay chances with each team scoring a goal.

The Laurier goal came on the two-man advantage, when centre Josh Seabrook pocketed the loose

rebound off of Brock goaltender, Rick Marnon, after a quick shot from the face-off.

Brock eventually came back to regain the lead on a powerplay goal by Brock forward, Joe Forte. Forte blasted a shot past Golden Hawk netminder, Brandon Sacco.

Although Laurier controlled the puck for the majority of the period, Laurier failed to capitalize on the man advantage opportunities that they had early on in the second period.

This is an area that they have struggled with as of late. A possible reason for this weakness may lie in the fact that they just aren't shooting enough.

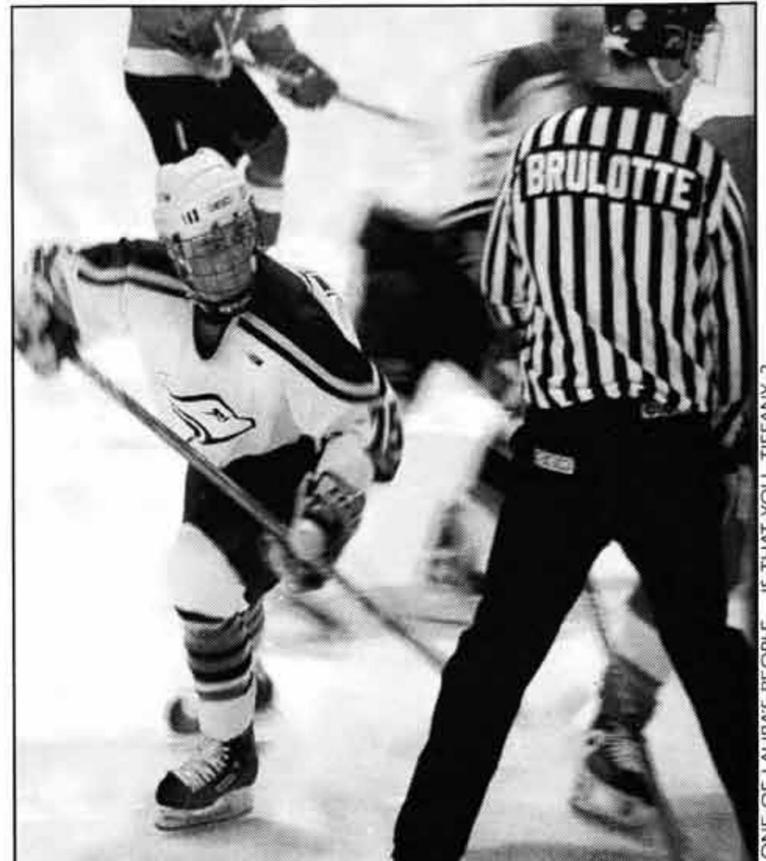
Laurier tied up the game early in the third period on a Kevin Corso slapper from the face off circle. It somehow managed to find its way through the legs of Marnon. Both teams had many good scoring opportunities late in the period but the fantastic play of both goalies in the third period and in overtime kept the game at a 2-2 tie.

After the game, head coach Tony Martindale pointed out that Laurier, "played a greater game than in the previous four." In their previous four games, the Golden Hawks gave up a total of 31 goals, while only scoring 11 of their own.

When Martindale was asked about the rather ugly statistics, he replied that it was "something that we've (the coaching staff) pointed out" and that it was something that, "they were working on."

The next two games for Laurier will be their final games of the regular season. Laurier's playoff hopes depend on these performances at York and Brock, respectively. A win against York will put Laurier into the playoffs. If they don't win, it'll come down to the final game against Brock to determine the final playoff spot in the division.

Two strong performances in these final games will go a long way in boosting the confidence of a team that certainly needs some lift.



The men's hockey team is flailing heading into the final week of play.

Two for one special. Not a bad deal.

Men's basketball win over RMC and Ryerson, lose a kicker to Brock

Craig Reaney

As the regular season for the men's basketball team winds down, the last stretch in their schedule and the pressure attached to it is being turned up a notch. Laurier completed a 'three games in four days home stretch,' on Saturday which included the Brock Badgers, RMC, and the Ryerson Rams.

Previously sitting second in the OUA West division, the Hawks looked to maintain their spot behind the league-leading Western Mustangs while facing the middle of the pack. Brock Badgers.

BROCK 75, LAURIER 59

Wednesday evening's game was definitely not Laurier's best showing of the year, as it concluded with a seventeen-point loss to the inferior Badgers. The battle of the boards proved to be insignificant as the Hawks out-rebounded the Badgers 33-26, but were unable to capitalize on such opportunities.

Wingman, Chris Caruso, led the Hawks with fifteen points on four of six shooting from the field. Post player, Predrag Radovic, dropped fourteen points of his own while collecting seven rebounds. He had a standout game on this particular evening, leading the Hawks in their less than impressive display.



Predrag Radovic looks to his repertoire of European post moves to score

After the disastrous outing on Wednesday, the Hawks looked to improve their execution against RMC on Friday night. A far weaker team than the previous evening, the Hawks should not have had any problems with them. But Laurier continued to play below their abilities as they were out rebounded by 11, while shooting less than 35 percent from the floor.

LAURIER 52, RMC 50

Radovic led the way for the Hawks, this time with 13 points, while Todd Cooney created oppor-

tunities for his teammates with five assists and only one turnover. This game went down to the wire, as Laurier came out on top with a score of 52-50.

Laurier's head coach, Peter Campbell, cites the approach to the game as the main reason for why the Hawks clearly performed below their potential. "Both nights we played tentatively, afraid of what the end result might be, afraid that we might lose."

This approach needed to be reworked if the Hawks had any hopes of competing against a very athletic Ryerson squad on

Saturday.

Laurier played well at both ends of the court. With just over 11 minutes to play in the first half, guard Allan Lovett was subbed in and made an immediate impact, with a no look pass while driving baseline to Adam Rogers, who converted the basket easily. "We had a great rotation, everybody in the first half did good things," said Campbell, referring to the depth that the Hawks exhibited with quality plays coming off the bench.

LAURIER 78, RYERSON 46

With slightly more than three minutes to play in the half, Cooney received an outlet pass over the top of the defence, sheltered the ball, and converted the easy two. With the score at 29-16 in favour of Laurier, Ryerson took a time out to discuss their next move.

I think it's safe to say that things didn't go as Ryerson planned. Directly after their time to reflect, Cooney established position in the lane to take his second charge of the half.

After halftime, it was clear that Laurier would go on to an easy win as they continually extended their lead throughout the second half of play.

Cooney, who recently acquired contact lenses, is shooting remarkably well from the floor and con-

tinued to take good care of the ball. He finished with 13 points, 4 assists and no turnovers in 30 minutes of play. The contact lens manufacturer is to be commended on a job well done, and Cooney as well.

Other key factors to Laurier's improvement was their 37-24 rebounding edge and their tough defensive effort that held Ryerson to 28% from the field. "I think we played extremely well defensively, staying down, controlling the penetration," commented Campbell, adding "that's a big factor for us."

Post player Keith led the Hawks with 17 points, and Caruso's 15 was good enough for runner-up in scoring. Caruso, Laurier's biggest outside threat, shot 3-4 from three point land for the game, and is shooting an unbelievable 57% from behind the arc this season.

Adam Rogers' hard work on the glass and exceptional overall performance cannot be denied either as he finished with 12 points, 11 rebounds and 5 assists.

Laurier has three games lined up for the next two weeks. They take on Waterloo, McMaster and Guelph, all of which are away games. These games will be extremely influential on the final standings, as McMaster and Guelph are in direct competition with Laurier for the number two spot in the division.

Women's basketball off to the playoffs

The Golden Hawks have secured a spot in post-season competition

Mariana Hrkac

They're off to the races! The lady Hawks got off to a shaky start, but as the regular season finish line draws near, they have plenty to celebrate. With the surge displayed in the latter half of the season, the women's basketball team has successfully climbed into the playoffs.

LAURIER 72, BROCK 69

They are currently sitting securely in fifth place, with some leeway separating them from the next team. Similarly, the fourth place team above them is equally beyond reach of the Hawks.

Coincidentally, the very title-holders of fourth place were beaten by the Hawk's just last week. The Brock Badgers visited the Golden Hawks with pressure to perform. At this particular point, the Hawks still had a viable chance of bumping the Badgers from the highly touted fourth place, and host to first round playoff action.

With an unbelievable start, the Hawks quickly took on the role of enforcers in this contest. The Badgers felt battered as they struggled to hold on to any dignity they had brought to the game. They defeated Laurier only one short week ago in their house, by only one point. This Hawk team looked as if

they would have none of that this time around.

Perhaps the Hawks may have started counting their chickens a little soon. In the blink of an eye, the lady Hawks were in deep trouble, with Laurier in a scoring lull, and Brock now off to the races, there was a sudden turn of events.

With five minutes left to play, Brock took their first lead of the game. However short-lived it was, there was some obvious uneasiness with everyone witnessing the spectacle. How do you lose a twenty-point lead so quickly?

Regardless, the ladies managed to get it together and pull off the 72-69 victory. Thanks to the clutch play of forward Kate Richardson, who had 14 points, 7 rebounds, and showed brilliance in the dire minutes of the game, the Hawks were once again back in the hunt for climbing past Brock in the standings.

RYERSON 56, LAURIER 46

Their next game would be another crucial one if they were to attain this goal. Ryerson at home, the odds were in favour of the Hawks. Obviously not the particularly sure bet that it was anticipated to be, the Hawks fell 56-46.

"We were brutal! Just brutal! Brutal!" explained an articulate head coach Stu

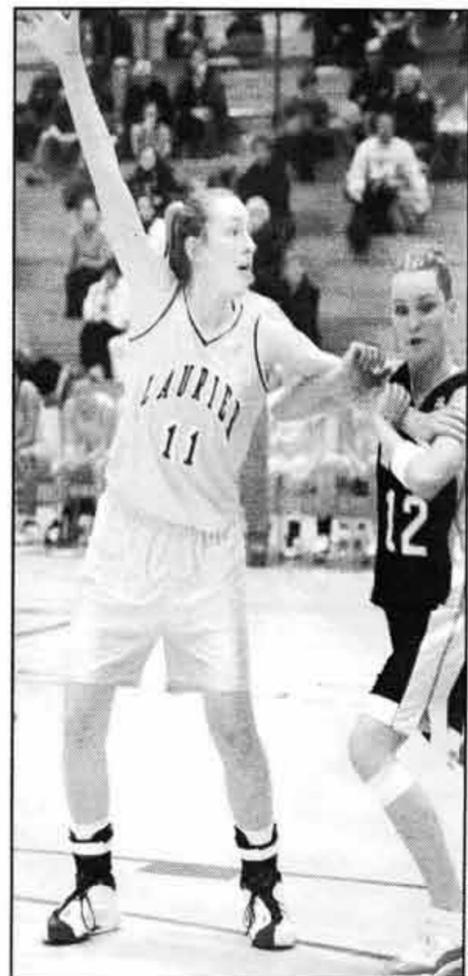
Julius. If you didn't catch that, they were brutal. More specifically, "No one played well, no one stepped it up, and we made bad decisions the entire game," he continued.

Just how bad was it? With five minutes left in the first half, the Hawks had accumulated a total 6 points as a team. "Bad shot selection, bad execution, and bad playing altogether," offered Julius; things were looking pretty bad for the team. And it never really did get any better, but at least it didn't get worse.

Coach Julius had absolutely nothing positive to say about any individual or team efforts. Usually not at a loss for words, perhaps he was sticking to the conventional wisdom that, 'if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.' Aside from the "Ryerson is shitty" comment, he held true to this notion. To his credit, at least Laurier wasn't the noun used in this particular sentence.

As Reading Week approaches few, if any, of us will be doing any such reading. For most of us it's sandy beaches, snowy slopes, or the relaxation of home; the women's basketball team is left behind however, with three regular season games left to play.

When the rest of us return, these Hawks will be heading into playoff action, where they will most likely revisit the Brock Badgers in a sudden death duel.



Kate Richardson posts this girl up large and leads her team to victory over Brock.

Olympic lockdown

Derek Iwanuk



be?? The white American male with the last name MacDonald or Connor? Or the guy with the turban on his head? How about the bomb sniffing dogs or the motion sensors or the state of the art facial recognition technology? These are things I would think about if I were to walk into the Pentagon or CIA, not when I see the Olympic symbol.

The spirit of the games seems to be dead. When individuals are refusing to show up for the opening ceremonies for fear that there might be another terrorist attack, the United States and the Olympic committee should re-think their approach to the games and what they stand for because nobody seems to be buying this

What do you get when you mix two hundred different countries, thousands of world class athletes, bomb sniffing dogs and motion detectors? Ahh, its that time of year again, the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Fresh off one of the most horrendous years in the history of North America, the United States has foolishly decided to continue with these overrated and commercialized games.

Utah's governor has invested 310 million dollars into the security of the participants and spectators of the Winter Games. Is it just me or does this seem like a complete waste of time and taxpayers' money after what has just happened in the recent months?? I mean really is what the Olympics are all about??

Padding down and interrogating every "suspicious" looking individual that walks into the games. Gee, I wonder who that will

With the situation of the world right now, there are more important things to spend 310 million dollars on than the security of the Olympic games

whole-world wide peace jive.

It's a shame really, but with the situation of the world right now, there are more important things to spend 310 million dollars on than the security of the games. Why risk another terrorist attack and more innocents lost? Besides, would anybody truly miss the games?

Would anybody miss watching the Americans clean up the medal standings and the Canadian men's hockey team disappointing our country again with crackheads like Theo Fleury representing our team? I doubt it.

OUA Women's Hockey Standings

	East				GF	GA	P
	G	W	L	T			
Toronto	20	17	2	1	116	19	35
Queen's	20	11	9	0	70	70	22
York	20	7	13	0	48	77	14
Brock	20	3	17	0	34	86	6
West							
Laurier	20	19	0	1	89	18	39
Guelph	20	13	7	0	72	61	26
Western	19	4	15	0	36	94	8
Windsor	19	4	15	0	44	84	8

OUA Women's Volleyball Standings

	West				GF	GA	P
	G	W	L	T			
Laurier	17	17	0	0	51	8	34
Western	17	10	7	0	40	29	20
McMaster	16	7	9	0	26	33	14
Windsor	18	5	13	0	23	43	10
Guelph	17	4	13	0	24	42	8
Brock	17	4	13	0	23	42	8
Waterloo	18	1	17	0	5	53	2

OUA Men's Basketball Standings

	West				PF	PA	P
	G	W	L	T			
Western	19	17	2	0	1536	1281	34
McMaster	19	13	6	0	1472	1262	26
Guelph	18	12	6	0	1328	1269	24
Laurier	19	12	7	0	1364	1335	24
Brock	19	9	10	0	1354	1264	18
Windsor	18	7	11	0	1281	1372	14
Lakehead	18	6	12	0	1400	1438	12
Waterloo	18	4	14	0	1181	1367	8

This Week in Sports

Curling Teams Draw to Button

Both Laurier's men's and women's curling teams have been hurrying their little hearts out, and both sides played well this past weekend.

The women's team finished 4-0, defeating Queen's, Nippissing, Trent and Toronto by a combined score of 38-8. The victories maintained the team's perfect record on the year which now stands at 8-0.

Meanwhile, the men's team finished the bonspiel at 3-2, with wins over Trent, RMC and Toronto. The team, who has been curling without skip John Morris now stands at 7-3 overall heading to the OUA championships.

Laurier Curler Headed to Nationals

John Morris' curling rink out of Stayner, Ontario will be headed to the Labatt Brier National Curling Championships after winning the Nokia Cup Ontario Championships last week.

Morris, a third year Laurier Kiniesiology major, led his rink to a 7-4 victory over Phil Daniel's team.

Lead Brent Laing also attends Laurier, and the Hawk two-some is joined by Joe Frans and Craig Savill to form one of the most formidable rinks in Canada right now.

The Labatt Brier takes place in Calgary in March and Morris will be hoping to obtain his first national championship title.

No Playoffs for Men's Volleyball

The men's volleyball team ended their season this past week on a positive note with a victory over Waterloo. The Hawks defeated the Warriors three sets to none, winning 25-20, 25-20, 28-26.

The Hawks finished the year at 5-14, finishing fifth in the OUA West division.

One positive note out of the Hawk camp this week was the naming of libero Trevor Eaton to the OUA West all-star team. Eaton, a third year psychology major out of Cambridge, was one of the few bright spots for the Hawks during this season.

The Upcoming Week in Sports

February 14th
Men's Hockey vs. York, 7:30 pm - Toronto

February 15th
Women's Volleyball vs. Toronto, 7 pm - Athletic Complex
Men's and Women's Curling - Toronto

February 16th
Women's Basketball vs. Waterloo, 2 pm - Physical Activities Complex, Waterloo
Men's Hockey vs. Brock, 7:30 pm - St. Catherines
Men's and Women's Curling - Toronto

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Near perfect

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On 5 on 5 play, both Jacqueline Grahek and Lindsay Arbeau contributed markers to the scoreboard, with the assistance of the great passing and positioning of their line mates. The Hawks returned to the dressing room at intermission with a 4-0 lead.

Laurier entered the third ready to protect their lead and undefeated season at all costs. The game came to a close with a storybook ending: fourth-year veteran and team Captain Heather Allan crowned the Hawks' lead on the power play in what was her final home game as a Golden Hawk. Allan finishes off her regular season career with 42 goals and 59 assists, for a total of 101 points. The Hawks finished the game with a well-deserved 5-0 win.

"It was nice that Heather scored her final goal," said Assistant Coach Roly Webster.

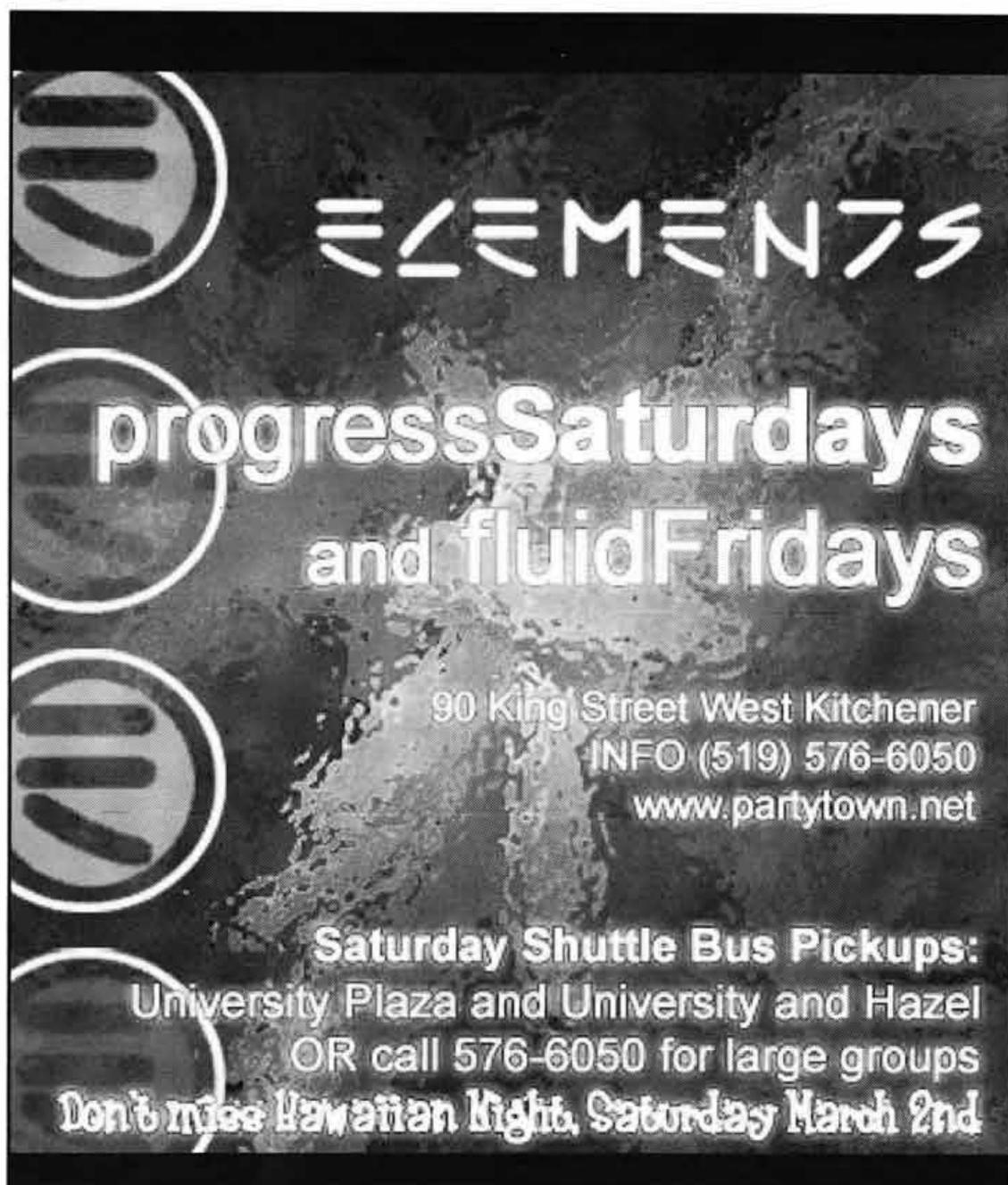
In a surprising upset on Saturday, the continuously improving Queen's Golden Gaels were able to defeat the U of T

Blues 3-2. The only other team to beat down the Blues this season has been Laurier, a 1-0 landmark victory in Toronto's home arena. In this twist of events, the Gaels have presented themselves as a force to be reckoned with and pose as another potential threat for the Hawks on their journey to OUA triumph.

"We have to make sure that we're ready for Queen's," commented Webster. "We'll have to play tough if and when we face them at the OUAs...it won't be easy, they'll be on a high after defeating Toronto."

The Hawks are currently sharpening their skates and their skills in preparation for the OUA Championships and will be spending Reading Week sweating it out on the ice at practice. The Championship grudges will transpire at Guelph University on February 23rd and 24th. Laurier plays at 7:00 pm on the 23rd in a semifinal match-up against the winner of the Queen's versus Western/Windsor quarterfinal.

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Saint Valentine and candy

A brief history of the day that candy and flowers took over the world

Julie Pong

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day, February 14th. Many of us will spend time with that 'special someone,' have a romantic evening, exchange gifts, and take part in this day that has become part of our culture. For others this day is nothing special, whether you are involved with anyone or not; it is simply another day.

Why, I ask you, do we celebrate this day? Do we celebrate it because this is all we've ever known? As children in kindergarten we made valentines, sent them to our friends and the rest is simply history. As we've grown older, have we perpetually taken part in this commercial holiday without thinking twice about its origin? Whether it is a true story or not, I do not know for sure, however, there seems to be a popular belief that there is an explanation for this day that we call Valentine's Day.

Legend has it that Valentine was a priest in third century Rome; the emperor at that time was Claudius II. The Roman Empire was coming to an end as the lack of quality administrators led to frequent civil conflict. Learning declined, taxation increased and trade slumped to a low. Countries from Northern Europe and Asia increased their pressure on the Empire's boundaries, leaving the Roman empire with need for more soldiers and officers. Claudius II felt that married men were more emotionally attached to their families and would want to stay home rather than fight his wars. To assure quality soldiers, Claudius II banned marriage.



What better way to say I love you than with 6-foot flowers and chocolate?

Valentine, believing that the banning of marriage was unfair, secretly married couples. Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine's actions and had him sentenced to death.

While Valentine was in prison awaiting his fate, he came in contact with his jailor, Asterius, who had a blind daughter. Asterius asked Valentine to heal his daughter and through his faith, Valentine miraculously restored the sight of the girl. Just before his execution, Valentine asked for a pen and paper from his jailor, and signed a farewell message to Asterius' daughter, signing it, "From Your Valentine," a phrase that has lived on to this day.

Some believe that Valentine was executed on February 14th, the eve of the Roman holiday Lupercalia. Others believe he was executed later in February. Valentine was named a Saint after his execution.

On the eve of the Roman holiday Lupercalia it was custom of the young people to partake in name drawing. The Roman girls would write their names on slips of paper and placed them into a jar. Each young man drew a slip and the girls whose name he chose was to be his sweetheart for the year.

The eve of this Lupercalia was later renamed St. Valentine's Day in memory of Saint Valentine.

Valentine's Day Superstitions

1. On Valentines Day, the first guy's name you read in the paper, hear on the TV or radio will be the name of the man you marry.
2. If you see a squirrel on Valentine's Day you will marry a cheapskate who will hoard all your money.
3. If you see a robin on Valentine's Day you will marry a crime fighter.
4. If you find a glove on the road on Valentine's Day your future beloved will have the other glove.

Compiled by
Julie Pong

V-day do's and don'ts

Kevin Klein

Ah, Valentine's Day. The one day of the year that celebrates the commercialization of our romantic beings.

Do you remember as a kid when the big deal about February 14th was giving everyone you know He-Man or My Little Pony cards that said things like "You're sweet," or "Bee-mine" and had a picture of a bee on it? Or if you were lucky enough to be like Ralph Wiggum and get a card that said "I choo-choo-choose you!" and had a picture of a train on it. That's funny.

But alas, I don't expect my mailbox to be crammed with Powerpuff girls wishing me a happy day or a Pokemon telling me they "Picachu" me. The holidays of old just don't hit home like the used to.

Long gone is the excitement of the days when every year you had to make an envelope for your valentines, hang it on your desk and wait for the parade of people to flow past you, each of them leaving a little "love note" behind. If you were lucky, you got a little candy heart that either said "I like you" or burned your mouth with hot cinnamon.

Now Valentine's day means jewellery, flowers and candy, dinner, dancing and dessert. You go out, spend your last bit of

income on getting your significant other that romantic little teddy bear or flashy gold bracelet. As you look deep into each other's eyes, your gold sparkling in the candlelight and tell each other how much you love them, you can almost hear the cash register cha-ching-ing in the background.

Alas, the day isn't all bling-bling and cha-ching. There are some things you can do to make the holiday one that comes from your heart, not your wallet.

— Make each other gifts. No going out and buying the other's love.

— Don't go out for dinner. Stay in and make something, even if it is Macaroni and Cheese. (Or check Recipes for Disaster for tips)

— Spend the evening reading to each other, instead of watching some movie you don't care about or some play with no plot.

— Instead of sending your girlfriend flowers, send her a love letter.

— Instead of getting your boyfriend boyie things like underwear or CD's, get him something you guys could play together, like a video game or table-top hockey.

The thing about V-day is to get past the bling-bling and get to the sappy, gooey, heartfelt stuff that single people hate. It isn't all about the bottom line. And if you are in business, that is directed at you.

Or if you were lucky enough to be like Ralph Wiggum and get a card that said "I choo-choo-choose you!"

You gotta be shattin' me!

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIG DAY

1. Valentine's Day is the second largest card-sending holiday in the US.
2. 15% of US women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
3. Over 1 billion Valentine cards are sent in the US every year. Parents receive one out of every five Valentines.
4. Americans spend \$1,059 billion each V-day on candy, making it the 4th biggest holiday (after Halloween, Christmas and Easter) of the year for confectionary purchases.
5. Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given on V-day each year.
6. Ester Howland, the woman who produced the first commercial Valentine in the 1840's, sold a then mind-boggling 5,000 cards in her first year of business.
7. Over 90% of flowers are purchased by men.
8. Christopher Columbus is believed to be the first European to discover chocolate. When he returned to Spain in 1502 he brought back cocoa beans, almond-shaped seeds from the cacao tree that are the source of all the chocolate and cocoa products.
9. Over the past two decades, clinical studies have exonerated chocolate as a cause or contributing factor in the development of acne.

(Really?? You GOTTA be shattin' me!!)

Diva Donny does Drag

The one and only Diva at Laurier, Donny took to the stage last Wednesday at Club Renaissance and strutted his stuff as Miss Judy Divine

**Judy Divine
aka Diva Donny Langley**

"Shout hallelujah! Come on get happy, get ready for the judgement day."

The lights dim and a voice booms from backstage, "She's a new comer to the Drag Circuit here. Please give a warm Kitchener-Waterloo welcome to Miss Diva Divine."

Sounds like life is all peaches and cream being a Drag Queen, doesn't it? Applause, love and lots of attention. But before you all go and run out and become Queenies, let's start at the very beginning.

How does one actually get involved with Drag performance? It's rather simple. First you choose a lady

singer you would like to imitate. I like a lot of Divas, but my five favorites are Barbra Streisand (the biggest diva of them all and literally God to me), Judy Garland (the Queen of all things), Liza Minnelli, Bernadette Peters and Miss Whitney Houston.

After you choose your lady, next comes your material. In K-W, fast paced is key and ballads are frowned upon. According to one of the girls at Club Renaissance, there is an unwritten law that Diva Drew is the only one that performs them. Why this is I don't know, and I'm too afraid to ask. So instead I decided on three pieces that had audience appeal and freshness; Arlen and Kohler's "Get

Happy," Styne and Merrill's "Don't Rain on my Parade" and the title song from "The Main Event" starring Ryan O'Neal and Barbra Streisand.

After your material is decided, next comes rehearsal. If you do not know your lyrics or dance, the whole illusion will be lost.

I think the best part of the whole transformation is choosing your makeup, wigs, costumes and the style with which you see yourself. I've always believed that glamour and class will take you places, whereas being

trashy is just that.

Now don't think me a rude Diva when I say trashy is trashy, but the whole reason for Drag is to create a style and character that people can identify with as well as enjoy.

Music, your act, costumes and your look can take you far, but something else needs to be thrown into the mix and it all comes down to four crucial elements. Energy, self-confidence, charisma and the grand-daddy of them all, talent. Not to suggest that without talent you cannot become a Queen, but in the cutthroat world of Drag, natural talent is definitely a blessing and at times, a curse.

I allude to the fact that the drag world is not all sunshine and lollipops. Drag Queens are jealous women always trying to get higher on the pole by whatever means necessary. They quite simply pick on the queens who are naturally talented and who have something



Diva Donny aka Judy Divine belting it out for the appreciative crowd.

Bitchiness.

Shaving, waxing, plucking, bitchiness, wigs, curlers, hairspray, mascara, eyeshadow, blush, lipstick, foundation, fake lashes, moles, nails, dresses, high heels, panty hose, runs in stockings and fake boobs are all the materials needed for the wonderful world of Drag.

Personally, I truly think this style of performance is an art form unlike any other. Name me one other art form, excluding the musical theatre-pop world stage, in which you can be someone else and actually be paid for doing an amazing job. To me it's the one job I have, next to straight concerts, where the people truly love what I do; not to mention I look hot in heels.

For all the hurt ankles, bitchy people and sleepless nights I'd never give this up. Not only do I get to perform some of the greatest pieces ever written and identify with the greatest female voices, I have the ability to wear clothes I'd never wear anywhere else. And did I mention I look hot in sparkles?

For an art style that is truly one of the hardest to perform in, I give you all a challenge. Go through the two-hour makeup job, two-and-a-half hour shaving job, one hour waxing, ten hour shopping trip, forty-five minute hair job and the countless hours of rehearsal and tell me if you'd want another job. Chances are you won't.

To end with a quote; "Give them a big smile, lots of spirit, and plenty of tits and ass, and trust me honey they will be begging for more."

others do not possess.

I would like to make it quite clear that I'm not out to give all queens a bad name because, Lord knows many of them are willing to help you if you fall, need a bobby pin, hairspray or encouragement. Many of them are more than ready and capable to dispense some motherly love.

Above everything else, each club has a resident queen, "the

president and CEO," if you will. Club Renaissance has Diva Drew, sort of like Britney Spears at Jive Records, the reigning queen of Pop.

The Head Queens have worked hard to get where they are and nothing gets in their way. As a King told me on Wednesday, "Get out of the way, because when Drew comes out, she'll run right over you." Wow, how is that for Diva

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tasty treat or trash?

**THE RAINTREE CAFÉ
220 KING STREET N.
WATERLOO**

Kent McCrea

Tucked between main campus and 202 Regina and right around the corner from Phil's, is the Raintree Café. Few have noticed it and those who have, probably haven't taken the time to stop in. I guess that only makes sense, as it's a fairly low-key place and with just a casual passing glance, it's tough to figure out what it's all about.

Simply put, it's a quirky little place with good food and a casual atmosphere. Originally opened as a bakery café almost eight years ago, it has evolved into a full restaurant with a cozy split-level dining area that can accommodate approximately 30 people.

The menu is fairly eclectic with both Mediterranean and East Asian influences. To start, I had the soup of the day, a tomato dill blend with a side of fresh focaccia bread and the Raintree's very own Venus Dip (\$5.95). The soup was quite good, but the real star was the fresh focaccia topped with the Venus Dip, a richly flavoured spread consisting of white asparagus blended with Asagio cheese and garlic. Other notable appetizers on the menu include the Spicy Chicken

Satays and Thai Grilled Shrimp.

Venturing on to main course, we had a bit of difficulty in making a choice since the menu is heavily weighted towards lunch items. However, we finally settled on the Vegetarian Thai Ginger Stirfy (12.95), the Chickpea Curry (11.95) with added chicken (2.95) and the Portobello Tower Sandwich on focaccia bread (8.95). Overall, the food was quite good and our only complaint was that the sauce used in the Vegetable Stirfy was slightly too sweet.

Beyond good food, the Raintree offers live music three times a week and a fully stocked coffee and dessert bar, just like every good café should. The desserts are posted on a giant blackboard to the side of the room, and while we didn't get around to trying any, the titles certainly indicated that they leaned towards being decadent.

Overall, the décor, menu, and atmosphere combine to make a restaurant that would be ideal for a first date or a nice change from the ordinary restaurant. The menu inspires conversation and the service is discrete. While the food is good, and reasonably priced, it's the ambiance of the Raintree Café that makes it a pleasant dining experience.



AMANDA FITZ-TASTIC

ROSS CADE

An evening of Caribbean literature and culture

Jennifer Asselin

What do Lizbeth Haddad, Nalo Hopkinson, and Pam Mordecai all have in common, you ask? These are three respectable women of Caribbean descent who recently visited WLU.

As part of Black History Month, The Association of Black Students organized "An Evening of Caribbean Literature and Culture" held last Wednesday in the Paul Martin Centre. The event was one of both entertainment and learning for the audience, who were quite enthusiastic and diverse.

The aforementioned three women each showcased their talents and gave the audience a taste of the island. Each wore some form of elaborate jewellery and luxurious materials that signified their culture and their pride for their heritage.

To begin the presentation, Carol Duncan, a professor in the Department of Religion and Culture, introduced each of the women and gave a brief introduction to the Caribbean culture. A moment of laughter arose as she explained what she called, the "delicious irony of the day," as it would have been the 56th birthday of Bob Marley, as well as the 50th anniversary of the Queen's throne.

All kidding aside though, Haddad, as a part of Skylark, a company formed by herself and a friend to encourage understanding and celebrate diversity, began by entertaining the audience with a song celebrating the Caribbean tradition.

She went on to discuss with the group the culture that surrounds us and how the Caribbean is "immortalized by authors, performers, and writers," such as the



Someone here is Nalo Hopkinson. The others are randoms who don't know about Caribbean literature.

ones exposed to us that evening. She described the culture as a "melting pot" and the people of the culture were those who were "courageous, resilient human beings who used laughter to ease their pain."

She ended her segment by concluding that this was "a celebration of past, present, and of course our future." Which was a nice segue into the next speaker, Nalo Hopkinson.

Hopkinson, an award-winning author of books like *Brown Girls in the Ring*, and *Midnight Robber*, was an intriguing addition to the line-up.

Currently residing in Toronto, she proceeded to read one of her many science-fiction short stories which appeared on CBC Radio.

Her culture was reflected in her writing as she described the main character who had "kinks in her hair" and the food in the story consisted of pepper sauce and

cornbread.

The audience seemed intrigued by the poetic language she used as the words spilled out of her mouth. One audience member even commented, "You paint pictures with words." To which Hopkinson replied, "Spoken words play such an important part in stories."

She said that part of her eloquence comes from rewriting her stories as she reads them aloud and lets the words flow. "The shapes and sound of the words are important to a story," she replied. "The Caribbean tradition is the notion of man and his words and that it is not only the value of what someone is saying but also how it is put together."

She also pointed out that there

are only four science-fiction writers of Caribbean descent, as it is seen as a "largely white-western form."

Last came Pam Mordecai, author of three poetry collections, as well as being a publisher and popular anthologist, among other things.

She approached the crowd with a presence unlike any I've ever seen.

"This is a special night," she replied, "I have never read here at Wilfrid Laurier, nor have I ever been in a program with these fine women."

In honour of Valentine's Day, she proceeded to read a love poem. The audience was intent on listening, until she read a line that

Everything is cultural," she said. "The language is the legacy (of the Caribbean)

sounded like an innuendo to something more explicit than it actually was, which made both the crowd and herself break into laughter as she tried to compose herself and read on.

She continued with the poems as she genuinely loved to read her work to others. The poems weren't directed strictly to the Caribbean culture but rather to the audience at large. Her poetry focused on a variety of topics, from the odds of winning the lottery to the harsh reality of rape which produced a sombre mood in the audience as the one time look of laughter and smiles turned into blank and concerned expressions.

Audience members went on to ask her about the role her heritage plays in her writing. "Everything is cultural," she said, "the language is the legacy (of the Caribbean). It's not necessarily mine, I'm just following it."

There was also a question asking about her ability to write for children and go back and forth from adult to children friendly language. At this point she said it was quite simple, "For children, you need to produce writing at a particular level." She went on in her thick accent and impressively came up with a poem on the spot about pigs, which led to even more laughter.

Haddad finished the presentation with another performance which included the audience singing along in a rendition of Marley's "One Love" to signify our willingness to "learn about other cultures and celebrate our similarities as well as differences."

All in all, this was a great learning experience for those in attendance, especially myself, who had no idea what they were getting into when given the assignment.

recipes for disaster

beer can date bread, sundried tomato whichwhat

Beer Can Date Bread

Ingredients:

8 Empty beer cans
2 tb Soda
1 c Dates
2 c Beer
3 tb Butter
1 c Maple syrup
1 tb Vanilla
2 Eggs
4 c Whole wheat pastry flour
1 c Pecans

Directions:

Remove tops from beer cans with



Beer Can Date Bread

can opener; lightly oil insides. Sprinkle soda on dates. Heat beer to boiling and pour over date/soda mixture; set aside to cool. Cream together butter, maple syrup, vanilla, and eggs. Stir in flour. Add nuts and cooled date mixture. Spoon batter into cans, filling only 1/2 full. Bake with cans standing up on cookie sheet, at 350 degrees for 15-30 minutes; look for tops to split and test for doneness. Do not cut bread for 1 day; bread may break up, if it is sliced while still warm.

Sundried Tomato Whichwhat

Ingredients:

2 c brussel sprouts or spinach
4 c spiral pasta or cheese tortellini
1/3 c olive oil
1/3 c red wine
3/4 c grated feta
1/3 c finely chopped sun dried

tomatoes
1 tbl basil
1 tbl oregano

Directions:

Chop two cups brussel sprouts or spinach. Boil with 4 cups spiral pasta or cheese tortellini. Drain water. Add: olive oil, red wine, grated feta, sun dried tomatoes, sun dried tomatoes, basil, oregano

Mix and serve cool or warm.

by Chris Ellis



Sun Dried Tomato Whatnot

Canucks go crazy for the games of the Winter Olympiad



This, hopefully, is a photo of the Canadian Heritage Committee thing... They held an opening ceremonies party at the Grad Pub with prizes and guaranteed good times. For week long Olympic coverage, make your way to the 24-hour lounge on the 3rd floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre and sing O Canada, win or lose.

Got cash? Invest it fool!

Marc Henein

If you have a couple dollars kicking around in your bank account - that you're not saving for drinks on Thursday nights at the Turret, that is - you may want to invest your cash.

There are multiple options that allow you to invest as little as \$20 or, if you're a little more well off, a couple thousand.

The point of this article isn't to tell you where to invest your money. You won't find a handful of stocks on a "buy" list laid out here. What is going to be shown is how you can invest your money: the mechanics of investing small, large, and medium amounts of cash. There aren't many students with a net worth over \$100,000, which is what most full

service brokers such as Merrill Lynch and BMO Nesbit Burns demand for you to open an account with them.

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over 1,000 major corporations! The best way to do this with only a few bucks is through Dividend Reinvestment Plans (DRPs), also known as Drips, and their cousins, Direct Stock Purchase Plans (DSPs). No, they don't sound very interesting, but boy can they turn out to be profitable for you.

These 1,000 companies offer stock plans, with little or no fees, that make it worthwhile to invest only \$20-\$30 at a time. These plans are good for people who are starting out and have small amounts to invest and want to make frequent purchases (for all you investment savvy people this is called dollar-cost averaging). When you start your plan, you let the company

take \$20-\$30 directly from your account each month, requiring little or no effort on your part. Between DRPs and DSPs they can turn out to be one of the surest, steadiest ways to build your wealth for life. These shares that you purchase work just like any other share you would buy on the open market. The only difference is it's bought directly through the company without the middleman sticking in his hand taking commission.

If you have between \$20 and a couple hundred, there are a lot more options open to you if you want to invest. Consider putting your cash into an "index fund". An index is a group of stocks chosen to represent portions of the stock market. Some examples of this are the DOW, the S&P 500 and the

NASDAQ. Most index funds are based off the S&P 500, which is 500 leading companies in the industries. If you have heard of General Electric, Microsoft or Pfizer, when you invest in an index fund you

will be a part owner of all these companies.

After your initial investment of around \$200, you can invest as much or as little as you want for no costs or commissions. Another positive is that you buy index funds from mutual fund companies not brokerage houses so you don't have to pay any commissions to the middleman. So if you have a couple hundred bucks to stash away, an index fund may be right for you because it is a low-cost simple way to establish an instantly diversified portfolio.

If you have over \$500 to invest, the best option for you would be to open an online discount brokerage account. By doing so, you will



This stuff is called money. Some university students are even rumoured to possess some.

give yourself the ability to buy any stock on the open market. However, this requires some work searching for the best online broker. You should find out if research is available to you, if you have to pay commissions or an initial deposit and the degree of customer service.

If you aren't prepared for the roller coaster ride otherwise known as the stock market, there are several low risk ways to get interest for you. One option would be to invest in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate, or GIC. These are issued from most banks in Canada. They lock your money in for X number of months, up to ten years, and in return for you leaving the money in that account they give you a higher interest rate on the cash than in your normal bank account.

Right now the GIC rate is around 1.5% but varies with each bank. That's much better than the approximately half a percent your savings account gives you. This is the safest yet least exciting route

to investing, but the best alternative if you have a weak heart. If you need to take your cash out before the GIC "matures" (meaning your full term is over) you still get a higher rate than you would in a bank account but not as much as you could have gained if it was left to mature.

Two other equally safe and unexciting ways to invest your money are treasury bills (T-bills) and bonds. Similar to GIC's, their terms vary from a couple of months to 20 years depending on when you need your cash. Their rates vary but are generally somewhere around 2 to 2.5%

The final option you can take is investing in a money market fund, which can be bought the same way as the GIC, T-bill or bond. A money market fund invests primarily in high quality, short-term fixed income securities issued by Canadian federal, provincial and municipal governments, Canadian chartered banks and trust companies and corporations. The minimum investment for a money mar-

ket fund is \$2,500 and subsequent investments can be made at \$100 each.

To buy a GIC, T-Bill, bond or money market fund, all you need to do is go to your local bank branch and let them know how much money you have and your time horizon. They will then help you decide which option is best for you. The major difference between the three is that with a GIC the minimum amount is \$500, whereas with the T-bill, bond or Money market the minimum could be between \$2,500-\$5,000.

If you're more open to the whole theory of greater risk for greater returns, then DRPs or DSPs are in your range. If you don't mind the lower return but like knowing your money is safe, go for the GIC, T-bill, bond or money market fund. If you have money that is sitting idle in your bank, any of these approaches will gain you some valuable interest which can be spent on education or drinking...whatever your preference may be.

Weekly Business Joke

A secretary, a paralegal, and a partner in a big law firm are walking through a park on their way to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp.

They rub it and a genie comes out in a puff of smoke. The genie says, "I usually only grant three wishes, so I'll give each of you just one."

"Me first! Me first!" says the secretary. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! She's gone.

"Me next! Me next!" says the paralegal. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of pina colodas and the love of my life." Poof! He's gone.

"You're next," the genie says to the partner. The partner says, "I want those two back in the office right after lunch."



What the Raptors and Leafs are Worth

Forbes Magazine lists the estimated worth of NBA and NHL teams in their Feb 4th issue. According to them, the Raptors are 23rd on the list, worth \$172 million.

They've gained 17% this year, debt/value ratio is 80%, they estimate revenues at \$75 million and operating income at \$5.1 million. For comparison, the most expensive team, the Lakers are worth \$403 million on \$144 million revenues and \$31.1 million income; the Knicks are worth \$392 million on \$157 million revenues and \$28.5 million income.

Maple Leafs are 6th among the hockey teams, worth \$216 million, \$90 million revenues, \$15.4 million income. Details are at <http://www.forbes.com/basketball>

Canadian Tire Rolls On In

Last week the Laurier Marketing Association continued their speaker series of marketing professionals with Canadian Tire General Merchandise Manager for Sporting Goods, Pamela Griffith-Jones.

In the intimate Grad Pub setting, Griffith-Jones spoke about the success of Canadian Tire as a "cornerstone business" in automotive, sports, leisure and home products. One reason they have market dominance in core segments is due to the fact that 40% of Canadians make a weekly visit to the store, while 90% go at least once a year. As well, 85% of Canadians live within 15 minutes of a Canadian Tire.

Canadian Tire money and their rewards program, which has been around since 1958, is the top Canadian recognized reward pro-

gram with a 90% redemption rate. Griffith-Jones taught future marketers that they need to understand the unique or privileged assets that their product or service has, compare to the competition and leverage (milk) it to differentiate. As far as promotions are concerned, she spoke about how television now has less weight than before because of the increased use of other forms of media such as radio, print and especially the Internet. As a part of the very successful "Daddy's Home" and "Mommy's Home" television advertisement campaigns ('Hey big spender'), Canadian Tire sent 10 million flyers per week and became the top Canadian web site.

Griffith-Jones' advice on how to get to a job not unlike her own is to get a lot of cross-functional experience and be constantly be goal driven. As far as management techniques, she feels that a good way to manage people is to make them be goal driven as well.

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PERSONALS**Tractor Trailer for Sale!!**

I'd like to thank everyone who supported me in the WLUSU:BOD election last week. I really appreciate your help and encouragement. It was fun. . . LIKE A TRUCK!!!
(Jason) SHIM SHIMMA!!

Attention WLU Students

It is with great sadness that the Cord Staff announces the absence of Dave Wellhauser from the WLU dating scene. He has recently informed us of his luck with a certain lady and will no longer be putting his personal ads in the classifieds.
Good Luck Dave!!

Hass,

Congratulations on picking up the 40 year old man at the bar. The pictures were priceless. And no... you will never hear the end of it! P.S. We are still looking for your other 30 friends!?? Where did they go?
Your Only Friends

Richard S.

You really ruined my day today...how could you do this to us after our two beautiful years together...? Today, 111 cries.
Anna

Be Maneesh's Valentine(s)
CS400 *botties* Kealey and Michelle! Please be mine, babies!?

Tot,

What is up with the recent bitterness. There is not enough love coming from you. I think you need to work on that!
Your Favourite

DJJB,

BRIGHT EYES ON.. ON..ON
Roomy

Theft under \$5,000

Who knows who you are? I do.
Co-curricular transcript.

Nose Game

No one likes you. Why do you always make me lose. I refuse to touch my nose any longer.
That's It

Captain Planet,

He's my hero. He's going to take pollution down to zero.
Please no more

Alcky,

How is it possible that you bruise your entire foot and smack your head into a wall (twice). How drunk were you?
Petey

4th Roommate,

Why don't you just put your name on the door and direct your calls to our room?
We don't like you

MH

You really are banned from our room. You ate all the peanuts. You will pay.
Don Juan

Munchies,

Thanks for going on the munchie run. The honey flavoured teddy grahams were terrific.
MyShell

Valentine's Day,

You are just another holiday that the card companies thought up to make money. I will not let you make me feel bad.
Anti-Valentine

Robo,

My secret crush on you has grown to full-blown obsession. Why are you so fine. Why am I such a loser?
Obsessed

Hercules

You are king of the fleas. Or are you?
Nerd

Dirty Thief,

Whoever stole Nicole's CDs better give them back. She is on to you. If you don't give them back she will kick you in the leg. Seriously.
Cawol

TN,

Stop harrassing me on the computer. I won't take it anymore. You are starting to creep me out and that is not cool. Find something better to do with your spare time or you will regret it. You have no idea what I have planned for you. You don't want to know. Trust Me.
Fed Up

Cancun People:

1) Party is not a verb.
2) Make sure you come back with braided hair so the rest of us know where you were...
3) Have fun drinking with and screwing the same people you do in Waterloo. The excitement of getting to do the same things you always do but in another country must be so great...
-SPOOKY

Reading Week travelers,

Don't bother coming back.
Cade.

Another Pot Luck

Too much fun on my birthday, must be repeated! Reading Week movie night/pot luck next week at Tannis' house. Date and time to be announced. Interested? Let Tannis or Maneesh know. We'll **both** be cooking this time... Will you be?
-Maneesh

Secular?

Hmm, celebrating Lent in the Concourse and leaving a cross on a WLU building? How about reciting the ten commandments before every exam? Praise the Lord!

Sugar

Can't wait to see you again. Lift me up, baby...
-CSNY

Pushalik

I love your ass! I think that you should put out a little though... call me, I'd love to cop a feel or two...
Carol

Tyler B.

Retro night at Phil's isn't the same without you. Let's get together soon.
Shy T-Shirt Girl

Jme,

You puked in his garbage pail? Ewwww. And by the way, my name is not Jessie.
Leather Face

To anyone that's asked me to put their names in the Cord,

I'm not going to do it, I refuse to be prostituted out! You are not my pimps!
Big Lebowski

Jess,

Watch out for the little people when you practice at FnM you GIANT! You do not need to do anything else that will draw any more attention to you. Also, make sure that no single white females imitate (but never duplicate) your style. Here's a tip, shave her head while she sleeps.
Cawol

Yet Another Pot Luck

Do ya need another one? Reading Week movie night/pot luck next week at Lynnette's house! Date and time to be announced. Interested? Let Lynnette or Maneesh know. If you're in town and you don't make it to at least one of these, there's gonna be trouble...
-The Subcommandante