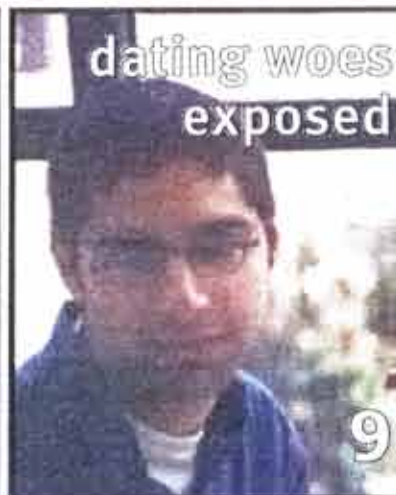


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The hottest team in the OUA

JEFF SCHOUCLA

The 4-2 McMaster Marauders rolled into town last Saturday, bringing their potent passing attack with them. Widely expected to be Laurier's toughest opponent in a month, the Hawks rose to the challenge, crushing Mac by a 56-29 final score to clinch third place in the OUA standings.

"We played with a lot of heart and guts. We were hungrier today," commented an ecstatic Rick Zmich.

The offensive line was the story of the game as they controlled the tempo of the game, gave holes for the Justin combination, Dillon and Praamsma, and most importantly gave time for QB Kevin Taylor to throw the ball. The offense put up a total of 487 yards.

On WLU's first possession, Scott O'Hara smoked through a 32 yard field goal, set up by a 13 yard run by Praamsma, and a 14 yard connection to Corey Grant.

After a strong defensive stand, Laurier started their drive at the Mac 49. Penalties would prove to be costly to the Marauders as Laurier got early field position. Taylor threw to Ahmad and also scrambled to the McMaster four yard line setting up Dillon's end zone scamper.

A big turnover came on the kickoff return after Jeff Pettican recovered a fumble on Mac's 18. However the Marauder defense stood up and just held the Hawks to an O'Hara field goal.

With a Kevin Johnson interception

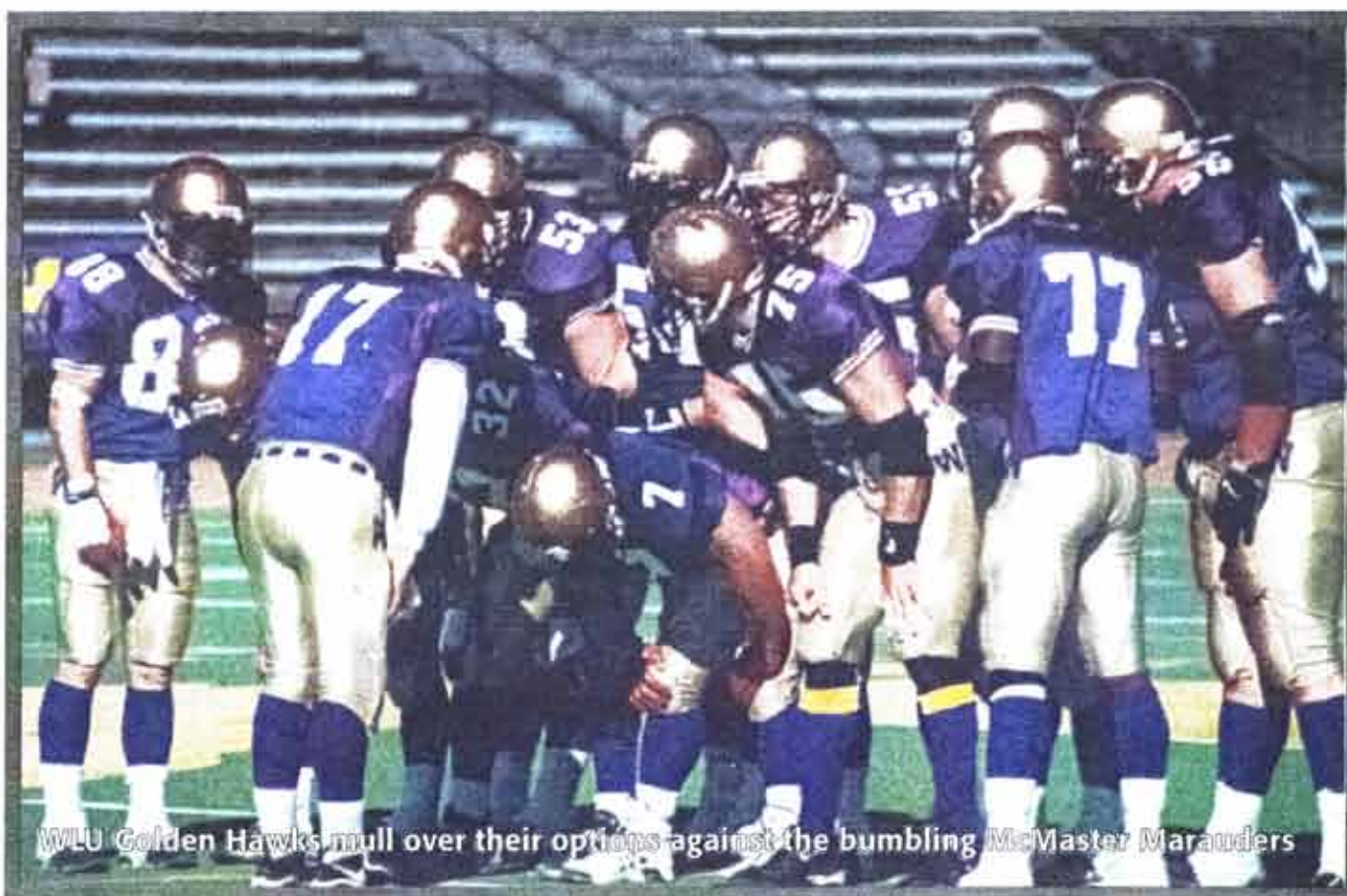
quickly killing the Marauders next drive, the Laurier offense again took the field with Taylor hooking up with Henry Stables, Anthony Ahmad and André Talbot to bring the Hawks within inside the 25 yard line. Justin Praamsma then took the ball and ran 23 yards for another Laurier touchdown, giving the Hawks a commanding 20-0 lead, playing in front of 1,876 pumped up Golden Hawk supporters.

The Hawks seemed to be ready for Chapdelaine's passing attack. What the Hawks defense did most importantly was to not allow any running after the catch. Mac receivers were immediately tackled after catching anything.

"The real MVP's of this game are the coaches. Coach Gary Jefferies did an awesome job in preparing our defense. Thanks to him we were ready for anything," noted Johnson.

Mac battled back crept back to within 11 points when running back Chris Dorrigton broke loose for a 10 yard TD run at 12:23 of the second quarter. However, the Hawks gave themselves some insurance and truly shut the door on the marauders as WLU quickly marched down the field and used Dillon and Praamsma to set up a 25 yard touchdown pass from Taylor to Stables with only 28 seconds left in the half, giving the Hawks a 28-10 lead.

The slaughter would continue into the second half Kevin Taylor continued to orchestrate scoring drives using the multiple weapons at his disposal. The



WLU Golden Hawks mull over their options against the bumbling McMaster Marauders

large crowd at the stadium would go home happy as Laurier ended up winning the game by 27 points. "I was very proud of our overall intensity today. We were extremely focused and we all refused to lose. It ended up to truly be our day," noted Zmich.

"We really used the wind factor effectively. This was the ultimate team victory. We needed everyone today and we all came up big," commented Johnson, who returned a punt for a 65 yard TD.

"We all came together and put in a massive effort. We're back in the playoffs and it feels great," said Grant, who caught four balls for 36 yards and scored the last touchdown of the game on a 55 yard kickoff return.

"Our defense was pretty good considering Mac had so many weapons. We had a few mental breakdowns today but we'll work on being consistent. We'll sharpen our defense at York next week," promised DE Kojo Millington, who came up with a sack

and made big plays.

The win for the Hawks means that they will face the Waterloo Warriors in the first round of the playoffs, a battle to be waged right here at University Stadium.

Before this post-season edition of the Battle of Waterloo, the Hawks close out their season at York on Saturday at 1:00pm.

They should use this game to finish strong, stay healthy and build momentum for the post-season.

Residence problem solved: build!

KATHERINE HARDING

Residence addition

Laurier's campus is set to look a lot different.

On Tuesday, the University's Board of Governors (BOG) passed a motion to proceed with the planning and construction of a 72 single room addition to the east wing of Willison Hall. The west wing will be renovated to create seven dormitory style rooms.

The new residence concept replaces the University's original plan to adjoin a new residence building with Boukaert Hall and Bricker Residence.

"It is a less grandiose concept," said University President Dr. Bob Rosehart. He explained the original concept was running into too many logistical problems and would not be ready until the year 2000 at the earliest.

BOG also passed a motion to investigate the concept of building a four hundred space parking garage in parking lot 20 behind the John Aird Centre.

The University is confident the Willison addition can be accomplished with \$2.3 million (approximately \$26,000 per bed), which will be self-funded from residence revenue.

"This project responds to the need we have now," said Vice-President: Student Services David McMurray. "It allows us to avoid the Richmond Square option we were forced to go to this summer."

"Aesthetically the back of Willison Hall is an ugly eyesore right now. This development would beautify it," he added. McMurray points out that the residence addition is not a "knee-jerk reaction" to the residence space shortage, "this is a long-term solution to house our students and meet our obligations."

Student Governor Jeff Burrow was concerned with the noise construction is going to cause residents in Willison and surrounding buildings when the ground is broken in the early spring.

"We will have to take every measure to reduce that," said McMurray. "I'll watch to see the project lives up to its expectations. The disruptive factor is something we are going to have to keep on the top of our list of concerns."

Parking Garage?

Parking space at Laurier is at a premium and BOG has accepted the concept to build a parking garage to alleviate the shortage.

Rosehart calls the parking problem a "pressure point" citing the fact the University only has 1,300 parking spaces for its 6,000 students and 800 staff and faculty.

"I've had some parents take the stance with me that if you (WLU) can't supply them with a parking spot than why are they admitting them to the University," said Rosehart.

"I want students to make the decision to go to Laurier for academic reasons not for parking reasons."

"There are no mystical solutions to our park-

ing problems that involve horizontal solutions. We are going to have to go up," Rosehart told BOG. After investigating several site locations for a possible parking garage, the University chose to opt building on parking lot 20 mainly because of its central location. Rosehart estimates the 400 spot parking garage will be built at \$12,000-15,000 per spot.

"There are two drivers behind building a parking garage: need and the zoning requirements. The city (Waterloo) won't approve our residence zoning unless parking is part of the scheme," said Board of Governor Chair Jerry Young.

Some BOG members voiced their concern about how the structure would negatively affect campus aesthetics.

BOG member Terry Copp, who proposed the motion to accept the concept called the idea "brilliant." "It will solve our zoning problems and our problems with the external community. The idea is important to the future of Laurier," Copp said.

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Nature vs. Industry at Queen's Park

Forestry looks at funding

On October 23, Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, announced financial assistance to graduate students working in research related to forestry in Canada.

The funding will be added to Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council postgraduate scholarships and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council doctoral fellowships.

"University-based research is one of Canada's greatest assets," said Dr. Ron Duhamel, Secretary of State. "These programs will encourage graduate students to pursue leading-edge forestry research that is socially and environmentally responsible."

Into the great wide open

One hundred-fifty-five Arts and Science, 207 Business Administration, 11 Honours Economics, 10 Music, 45 Masters of Arts and Masters of Environmental Studies, 102 MBAs, 31 Masters of Social Work, and nine degrees from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary accounted for the 570 graduates participating in convocation ceremonies on Sunday.

Graduate Gold Medal winners included Anthony Weis (who received the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal for his achievement in the Masters of Environmental Science and Geography program), Roger Tong (Business and Economics), Katherine Marlene Skipper (Social Work), and Christopher Stephen Beausoleil (Seminary).

Undergraduate Alumni Gold Medal winners were: Bradley Dunkley (Bachelor of Business Administration), Jonathan Warren (Economics), Frederic Jean Julien (Music), and Sterling Lynch (Philosophy and Religion and Culture).

A great big asteroid shield

Adrien Stein, publisher of *Books in Canada*, has ruffled a few feathers recently by announcing his intentions of raising \$400 billion to construct a shield to protect the Earth from errant asteroids.

Stein's mission was inspired by his father who wrote a brief manifesto on the imminent danger asteroids pose shortly before his death.

His magazine has been a Canadian institution for almost 30 years, surviving on government grants and contributors' patience. Those close to the monthly have witnessed first-hand the damage Stein's obsession has caused; the periodical's Canada Council grant has been frozen, the editor resigned, and inside squabbles have had a tendency to go public.

Kenora's dirty little secret

One-nine-hundred numbers are going to cost the small northern Ontario town of Kenora big time.

The town is writing off almost \$1 million in inactive hydro, sewer and water, and telephone accounts, with more than half the debt accrued through outstanding Kenora Municipal Telephone accounts.

Finance chair Chuck Tyrrell says a big part of the \$598,798 in unpaid telephone bills is for phone sex.

"One guy alone owes for a \$22,000 phone bill," Tyrrell said.

ASAD KIYANI

The largest environmental protest of the year took place at Queen's Park on Saturday.

Seven hundred and fifty protesters from across the province demonstrated against Lands for Life, the government's plan to reallocate the use of 46 million hectares of land in central and northern Ontario. Forty million hectares of this land are publicly owned.

Lands for Life (L4L) was started in February 1997 by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) as a way of replacing land-use guidelines, originally created in the 1970's and 80's. The MNR is trying to determine which areas should be used for industry and which areas should be used for tourism or designated as protected areas. According to the World Conservation Union, protected areas are places where "industrial activities are excluded, especially logging, mining, hydroelectric, and oil and gas development."

To create a plan, the area in question was divided into three areas - the Boreal West, Boreal East, and Great Lakes/St. Lawrence regions. A 14-member Round Table, was established in each region to make recommendations to the MNR. The process was to be completed by February 1999.

Complications ensue

The procedure is not without controversy. The guidelines being replaced took 10 years to create, while L4L is to be completed in two years. The speed of the process is attributed to modern technology that enables researchers to predict faster the impacts of different land usage methods. However, the improved speed of planning does not allow for the relatively slow speed of public discussion.

From the beginning of the initiative, the Ministry said that only "stakeholders" (industries and people resident in the planning area) would be consulted, leaving 85 percent of the province's population without a say in the fate of 40

million hectares of public land.

The Partnership for Public Lands (PPL), made up of World Wildlife Canada, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and the Wildlands League, has done its own research into L4L. Their recommendation is that 15-20 percent of the planning area should be protected. According to their website, "This is the minimum needed to maintain Ontario's ecological and economic health." Currently, only 5.9 percent of the forests are protected.

Tim Gray, a director of the Wildlands League, says that the MNR has refused to "incorporate the PPL's science." The government is merely concerned with having an example of every species of plant and animal rather than a "functional" ecological system, said Gray.

"We tried to take into account natural processes while the government used a checklist approach," said Gray.

Economics

The Toronto Star described the situation as "Lands for Life or logs for jobs - it's industry versus the environment in battles over Crown land-use."

However, it is inaccurate to describe the disagreement as a fight for jobs. From 1966 to 1994, 55 percent of Ontario's logging jobs were lost. Between 1989 and 1994, employment in the local industry declined 24% while the amount harvested increased by 15%. The same technological advances that have sped up the L4L planning process have drastically curbed industry employment while increasing industry profit.

Also, the MNR itself has said that the forestry industry will face the same timber supply it has now in the year 2040, with or without an expanded system of protected areas.

Any temporary employment increases generated by industrial activity would at least be partially offset by losses in the tourism industry. Also, there is a large economic benefit to communities that host provincial parks. In the 1996/97 fiscal year, the parks and their visitors spent 1.5 billion dollars.



From high above the protestors are arrayed in tree fashion

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Other concerns have been raised. The MNR has considered leases that are over 90 years in length, as opposed to the previous standard of 20 years. For its part, the forestry industry is now seeking "perpetual leases." In essence, they are asking that public lands now be permanently granted to private corporations. In addition, there have been quiet discussions of allowing logging and mining in existing provincial parks.

Opposition

The controversy led up to this weekend's protest, at which 750 protesters portaged 160 canoes through downtown Toronto to the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

At the demonstration, PPL co-ordinator Ric Symmes attacked the government's stance, describing the Round

Table recommendations as "a big industry sell-out dominated by the forestry and mining industries [who want to] get access to virtually everything."

"The government needs to think of it as an opportunity, not a problem," said Symmes. "We are offering the North a better deal [than the MNR currently is]. There's a lot of inertia and history and fear. There's a lot of [unwarranted] fear out there about losing jobs."

The final recommendations were to be made public on October 22, but were postponed until October 30. According to sources on the Round Table panels, the government will present a plan that greatly favours the concerns of local industries. These recommendations will have only one percent of protected area, instead of PPL's recommended 15-20 percent.

Western coach resigns after incident

JEFF SCHOUCLA

Mustang Head Coach Larry Haylor, who was suspended last week for two games by Western, stepped down for the rest of the season because of problems within the Mustang football team.

The problems started at Western's Homecoming a few weeks ago, when a freshman on the football team was put in charge of protecting the stadium. It is a tradition that Engineering students write their class year on the field.

The freshman made sure that this wouldn't happen as he ran over an Engineering student on the field with a car. The student narrowly escaped with his life and the freshman football player, not identified yet, will be charged with the crime.

Since he is officially in charge of the players, Coach Haylor was suspended for two games following the incident. On Monday, Haylor, who has been the Head

Coach for 24 years, stepped down for the remainder of the season and the football team was put under probation.

"This is truly a serious issue," said Haylor. "99.9% of the time our players carry themselves with class and respect, but it's the odd event that ruins everything and this issue should be dealt with seriously."

"The Head Coach is ultimately responsible for what occurs on and off the field," added Haylor. "Responsibility ultimately comes from the top."

Haylor stepped down for the remainder of the season and the team has been placed under probation.

Bob LaRose will take over as the interim Head Coach. The team certainly did not show signs of letting up without Haylor as Western crushed Guelph 46-8 in their last game.

"Coach LaRose will have a positive effect on the players. Hopefully the players will be wise enough to understand the difference between right and wrong," said Haylor. "I'm proud of how our players are handling this. I don't expect our results on the field to change."

"Orientations are part of the university life. They're a part

of family, clubs and sports teams. But there's a certain code of conduct that must be respected," said Haylor. "It's all a matter of good judgement and proper values. However there are always some exceptions and they can't be forgotten."

"Things are going to change a little. Freshmen aren't going to be isolated as much anymore. Everyone is going to carry the equipment to and from practices. Other jobs that were previously handled by rookies will now be dealt with by everyone," discussed Haylor about team unity.

Haylor is still going to be involved with the team, but not in a football capacity. He will implement discussions with the players on team initiations and try to be a moralistic leader for the team.

Western currently sits in first place in the Ontario University Athletics and is ranked number one in the CIAU. Their first playoff opponent will most likely be the McMaster Marauders.

Another Rae day

CATHY MURPHY-JONES

Former Premier of Ontario and leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party Bob Rae was the guest lecturer at the 25th Annual Easton-McCarney Memorial Lecture on Thursday.

Rae delivered his lecture entitled: "Social Democracy: Without Illusions" to a packed house at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall.

Rae is the only speaker to return to the podium in the lecture series' 25 year history. He spoke in 1987 about the equality of women.

"I'm so honoured to be invited back twice. I only wish the people of Ontario had done the same thing," he quipped.

Rae spoke about social democracy in the new world order in his hour long lecture.

"It is fashionable to talk about the end or relevance for social democracy. I disagree. The values of social democra-

cy are deep and embedded," Rae said.

He spoke about how humankind can take great lessons from the 20th century.

"The 20th century has been the most violent, dangerous, xenophobic and destructive century for a civilized society," he said. "Crimes have been committed in the name of progress. We should learn humility from the 20th century."

"There is a need to increase solidarity especially in the age of globalization. Commerce is moving so quickly. Canadians appear to be doing everything right and then our stock market went down 25 per cent," he said.

"There is one truth: The first priority and the first element in the new politics of solidarity is education. We have no alternative but to insist we are a learned society."

The Easton-McCarney Memorial Lecture was created in 1973. It is a living



Bob Rae

memorial to two Faculty of Social Work students, John Easton and Christopher McCamey, who were killed in an automobile accident in 1972.

The goal of the lecture series is to bring distinguished individuals to WLU to speak on social issues of interest to both professional social workers and the community as a whole.

Foot patrol drives home

KATHERINE HARDING

They walk, they ride, and soon they might drive.

At Thursday night's Students' Union board meeting, directors unanimously passed a motion to investigate the feasibility of acquiring a Students' Union van for the WLU Foot Patrol Program.

Foot Patrol Coordinator John Hilson is confident there is a market for this new service.

"Our biggest complaint is waiting time," said Hilson. "The van would reduce the demand on our walking teams."

"It wouldn't only help with distant walks, but would also help when 3-4

people may be going to the same destination ... it is a viable alternative that wouldn't detract from our walk home program," he added.

The WLU Foot Patrol program operates with 120 volunteers and averages 4800 walks a year.

Hilson and his department have done their homework to get the drive project this far. They have researched similar drive home programs at the three Ontario universities, conducted a focus group, introduced the concept to the University administration (the University contributes financially to the operation of the program) and have started the development of vehicle operation procedures.

Research into insurance, liability, and driver training costs is also underway.

"Anyone I talk to is supportive of the idea," said Hilson. "However, the number one concern is insurance."

"We obviously aren't going anywhere without sponsorship," he added.

Hilson would like to develop a sponsorship package to help with the process of arranging sponsorship agreements with companies and the University.

"Hopefully by the end of the year we'll have the van and then we can use the summer months to prepare for a full launch in the fall," said Hilson. "However, I'd like to get the planning down without jumping in."

Board Report

Keystone price holds steady

ASAD KIYANI

The most recent meeting of the Student Publications Board was rife with discussion. After President Steve Metzger's largely uneventful report, Keystone Editor Luxmen Aloysius made a stirring presentation. As hinted last week, it was one not to miss.

The only item of significance in Metzger's presentation was the hiring of the Public Relations Manager. Metzger distanced himself from the hiring because he knew one of the applicants, instead turning it over to directors Sue Portelance and Holly Wagg who knew three of the four applicants.

Next on the agenda was the ratification of the hiring of new corporation volunteers. While most of the hired personnel had their names and positions correctly presented to the board, there was also the naming of a "photo assistant technician dude."

Aloysius then made his presentation, amid a chorus of adoration.

"Oh he's so cute - he's speaking on a podium," gushed Director Wagg.

Aloysius asked for \$3000 worth of improvements to the Keystone, which he eventually got. However, there was a passionate discussion over the year-book's price.

Since the corporation has increased advertising, it is easily able to handle the additional Keystone costs. However, Aloysius and Wagg both championed the cause of raising the proposed price to give WLUSP a profit.

"We switched to a lower price to give back," said Aloysius. "Now we're giving back with a better quality book."

Wagg said that the board should raise the price and "make a killing," especially considering that the proposed price was "yucky."

This idea was defeated, but the Keystone did get its improvements.

Cola wars come to Laurier

KATHERINE HARDING

Will it "Always" be Coca-Cola or will Pepsi become "The Choice of the Next Generation" for Laurier students?

Students' Union President Gareth Cunningham informed the board of directors a cold beverage exclusivity deal could be in place at WLU by the summer of 1999.

WLUSU has partnered with the University and the Graduate Students Association to investigate the possibility of signing an exclusivity deal with a soft drink corporation.

The tripartite have acquired the services of Spectrum Marketing, a firm that has facilitated similar deals at 22 Canadian post-secondary institutions, to help with the investigation.

"I want to make it clear the University, GSA and the Students' Union are just assessing the campus right now," Cunningham told the board. "We are not at the stage of talking to a specific company and we do not know if we will get to that stage."

He said that the current assessment stage will involve gamering student opinion and looking at student culture.

"I'd appreciate input so we can get a

full understanding of what students want," said Cunningham.

"This deal is more than a supplier relationship, it is more of a partnership," he said. "The primary pro is cash. The cons include the issue of choice and the slippery slope debate."

Cunningham said that if the group investigating exclusivity makes it to stage two, proposals will be solicited.

"If a decision is made towards the end of this fiscal year, the exclusivity deal could be implemented in the summer when less people are on campus."

Director Kevin Nasir recommended to Cunningham that the question of cold beverage exclusivity be posed as a referendum question during the WLUSU election in February.

Motions, Motions, Motions

A slew of motions including one to adopt recommendations on guidelines for motions affecting policy and operations (Yawn!) were tabled from three standing committees of the board. *Correction: Last week it was incorrectly reported that WLUSU collected a surplus of \$6,020 in Student Activity fees than originally budgeted. The actual surplus figure is \$11,202.06. That figure makes Vice President Finance Devin Grady giddier than a school girl.*

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Reform MPs speak out

CHRIS PHILIPS

On Wednesday, October 21, two Reform MPs came to Laurier to answer questions and hopefully gain some party support.

The event, put on by the Reform Club and held in N1001, was originally supposed to have three MPs. However, at the last minute Rahim Jaffer was unable to attend.

"It was quite successful," said Chris Schafer, a second year Political Science student and President of the Reform Club. "There was a lot of time for debate which is what I wanted. I'm happy that everyone got a chance to talk."

Rob Andrews, 26, from Calgary West, talked about his education at the University of Calgary and working on an election in Oklahoma, as well as his criticism on the Canada Pension Plan.

Andrews spoke about the American electoral process as "much more professional" because of the large amount of money spent.

"Canadians like to think we are charitable, but statistically Americans give more money," said Andrews. "We should be spending more money on the decision making process and on think tanks."

Jason Kenney from Calgary South-East spoke next. Kenney spoke about the Reform party having the youngest and most ethnically diverse caucus in the House of Commons.

Kenney originally started out a young Liberal, but switched because he felt his voice, as a young person, was not being heard. He also talked about the youngest Liberal MP being 37, while Reform has members in their 20s.

Kenney likes the Reform party because there is no power or patronage

**"Canadians like to think we are charitable, but statistically Americans give more money."
Rob Andrews
Reform MP**

game and feels they are "well-intentioned" and are "frustrated with the political system."

Kenney also talked about provinces having equal powers with no special status given to anyone. He mentioned that free votes should be a part of the voting process in the House of Commons and an electoral senate.

One major point Kenney made was

the United Alternative movement. Kenney believes that this should not just be for those on the political right, but would enable the majority of Canadians who voted against the Liberals in the last election to have a say. He acknowledged that this proposal may not work, but believes it has to be tried.

Will Chung, a Tory in third-year Business, when asked about the United Alternative said, "I think they're avoiding the central issue that there is incompatibility on where they stand on major issues."

After the two MPs spoke there was a time of question and answers that lasted around 45 minutes. Both the MPs and the crowd participated.

Many topics were brought forth, such as possible dissent within the rank and file, women and the Reform party, and the environment. Most of these questions were answered directly by Kenney, with Andrews often talking around the subject.

Amber Bernard, a third-year Communications Studies student, said, "They danced around the homosexuality issue. They're not willing to take a stand on whether or not they want policies. They advocate equality yet don't take a stand."

The event allowed people to voice their questions and get a better feel for the Reform Party. This being approximately the 20th campus they have spoken at.

New program expands AA

ASAD KIYANI

This year, the Accounting Association has enhanced its position as the largest club in the Business School. With over 200 members, it has just started a new Job-Shadowing Program - the first of its kind at Laurier.

The new Job-Shadowing takes the Association's Office Tour program a step further. With the Office Tours, a group of approximately 30 students is taken to the head office of an accounting firm in Ontario, allowing them to experience the everyday working environment that they can expect to face.

Job-Shadowing expands upon this idea by taking fewer students through a

more intense tour. In the program, two or three students will be matched with a Laurier alumnus in the accounting field for a day. The students will be able to see for themselves exactly what "a day in the life of an accountant" is actually like.

The program is seen as significant for three reasons. First, it is the only program of its kind at Laurier. Second, it presents an opportunity for alumni who may have drifted out of touch to reestablish ties with the Laurier community. Third, it gives Association members and other students invaluable industry contacts and networking opportunities. Finally, it provides students with a good idea of what an accountant actually

does. This, according to Association President Liz Kochummen, is something that many business students are unsure of.

The club has already approached nearly 100 accountants who are considering reestablishing ties with Laurier. Some of these accountants have even suggested donating money for the program.

The Association hopes to have 100 of its members involved in the Job-Shadowing program by the end of the year. They also plan on having the remaining 100 or so members participate in the Office Tours.

"Who else can boast 100% member involvement," said Kochummen.

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Brian Mulroney's redemption

The Order of Canada is awarded by the Governor-General to Canadian citizens who have exemplified the highest degree of service to their country.

The presentation of this award to former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney last week was a long overdue gesture and will hopefully serve to provide some degree of redemption to Canada's most unfairly villainized political figure.

The accomplishments of Mulroney and his government over their nine year reign have had a lasting positive impact on the state of this country.

Faced with a massive deficit inherited by the Trudeau Liberals, Mulroney was forced to make some tough decisions in an effort to halt this growing problem.

These are decisions which made the balanced budget of today possible, an accomplishment for which the Chretien-led Liberals are more than happy to take credit for.

It is not difficult to remember the political war waged over the introduction of free trade. Mulroney and the Conservative government were selling out Canada, or so the Liberal protectionist propaganda went.

In reality, what Mulroney was doing was creating more open access to North American markets to stimulate economic activity.

Instead of imposing a hidden tax on consumers, as protectionist trade policies do, Mulroney was setting the foundation for the future; a free trade environment which would provide for the record economic expansion that Canada has enjoyed since 1992.

Of course, in come the Liberals to take credit for the economic growth and suddenly become

big supporters of the free trade concept when its positive effects can't possibly be disputed.

Then, there was the hated GST. With its introduction, the government replaced an existing higher manufacturers sales tax with a more widespread goods and services tax. While the Liberals again hopped on the public opinion bandwagon

The accomplishments of Mulroney's government have had a lasting positive impact on Canada

and tirelessly opposed this "grossly unfair" tax, the Mulroney Conservatives recognized it was a necessary measure given the spiraling debt levels.

This added source of revenue is undeniably the main reason why current Finance Minister Paul Martin has been able to balance the budget and will, in the long run, be able to lower the tax burden on Canadians. Hey, wait a minute... what is the GST still doing here five years after Mulroney is long gone?

Finally, there was Mulroney's handling of national unity matters. Nothing better illustrates Mulroney's tremendous leadership talents than the near passing of the Meech Lake Accord. The agreement was the closest any government ever came to resolving the country's constitutional dilemma.

Under Chretien, political instability in Canada has never been greater and the Quebec sovereignists came within a whisker of winning a referendum on separation.

This instability has contributed to the dramatic decline of the Canadian dollar from its high of 89 cents to its current level of 64 cents; a tumble which has created the greatest destruction of wealth in our time.

The irony is thick, isn't it. The Liberals' overspending creates a massive deficit problem, Mulroney and the Conservatives institute policies to fix the problem, and the Liberals are back in time to take credit.

All the while, Mulroney is villainized in the eyes of the public by the media, while Chretien and the Liberals are rewarded with re-election and a sustained level of public support. Well, the great thing about democracy is the people get the government they deserve.

Hopefully, this award will help ensure history appreciates a man who made a true contribution to Canada instead of one who serves nothing but the whims of public opinion.

MIKE KOSTOFF
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

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Letters to the Editor

Cord constantly courts controversy

Dear Editor,

I applaud thee, Mr. Benedict J. Harris. Thus far, the issues of this year's Cord have been brilliant. Key articles from each issue have been the talk of the hallways and classrooms at Wilfrid Laurier University.

One literally cannot walk through the Concourse without hearing someone bitch, cry or laugh about what has been written in this school's prestigious paper.

Yes, Mr. Harris, I do believe you have successfully discovered the secret to publishing a prosperous paper. What is the secret, you ask? As if you didn't know. Controversy - a clash of opposing views.

Whether the controversy be inflicted by yourself, the high and mighty Benedict J. Harris (spitting on the Golden Hawk), or by one of your lackeys (congratulate Mr. Tony Tsai on the Cord Feature on the Greek houses), it is what makes people agitated and angry. More importantly however, controversy is what makes people want more.

Mr. Harris, I commend you because you are instrumental in the running of a business and you truly do know how to fulfill the cycle of supply and demand.

But how could you not, with Laurier strictly being a school of business and economics and all

(for those of you who missed that last bit of sarcasm, please feel free to write back in anger - that is, of course, what Benedict would want).

Jack Chong

City of Waterloo asks for too much

Dear Editor,

I recently learned of Waterloo's rules and regulations that each and every one of us is responsible to know! The only reason that I found this out was because I got another parking ticket from not knowing the infractions that apply within the city.

I would like to pass on my newly attained knowledge to readers of the Cord. I picked up a booklet titled, "It's (Y)our Neighbourhood Guide," published on behalf of Joan McKinnon, our city of Waterloo's mayor. It addresses the rights and responsibilities that as citizens we must uphold ranging from noise by-laws to garbage collection.

First, I would like to bring to your attention that "whistling and singing are restricted between 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 9:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. Sundays." This clearly shuns any freedom of expression.

Furthermore, we are expected to know that "parking is not permitted for more than three consecutive hours on a city street unless otherwise posted." Those of us who can't afford the ever-

increasing parking permits are subject to park on side roads.

When I asked the clerk at the city of Waterloo what to do, she answered by saying that "it's a risk that you have to take." What the hell is that?

I'm already risking at least \$20,000 in the hope of getting a good job that will provide me with a better future. I don't quite think that I need any more risks.

I bet you didn't know that "parking is not permitted more than 0.15 metres (six inches) from a curb." With the way these rules are enforced, I wouldn't be surprised to see a by-law personnel officer out on Bricker St. (or any other street for that matter) with a ruler!

We all know that winter is approaching. Let me direct this by-law to those of you who are renting a house. If your roof top slopes towards a sidewalk, you and not your landlord could be responsible for shoveling the snow and ice off your thirty foot steeply slanted extremely icy roof. This must be done every day before 9:00 a.m.! I have a tough time scraping ice off my windshield let alone a roof top!

The city of Waterloo expects too much of its citizens if the only place to get this "helpful handbook" is at the city hall. When asked, the clerk said that all these rules and regulations are listed in the local newspapers and in all university papers, including the Cord! Well, you know what I'll be looking for when this paper reaches my hands!

Jason Kipfer

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baking the beans

Paving over Deutschland for fun and profit

ASAD KIYANI

Germany has always fascinated me. The culture, the people and the politics are all alluring. Hitler in particular, interests me partly because he was the man that introduced the Volkswagen Beetle. The most popular car ever built, it was a tool of assimilation that would bring the government both money and another method of controlling the population.

Suppose a bunch of companies got together and said they wanted to buy a country, like say Germany.

Suppose this little conglomerate approached the German government and the Germans said "Sure—go ahead big business. You get what you can out of this and when you want more, come back and we'll give you some." Wouldn't that cause some sort of an uproar? Maybe not here, but you'd think the Germans might get a little upset.

Suppose the Ontario government sold Germany. Would that create a stir?

In theory, yes. In practice, not really. Governments do these sorts of things all the time, and when they do, they do their best to make sure no one finds out about it. Surprise of all surprises, Mike Harris and Co. just did the same.

Mike Harris loves to sell off parts of Ontario. First, he saved money by purging the social support system. Then, he pushed post-secondary

education towards major science and business-oriented programs. Now, he's actually selling off nearly half of the province, an area bigger than Germany.

After 18 months of "research, discussion and debate," the Harris government is about to present a plan in which they will give nearly 40 million hectares of publicly-owned land to forestry and mining companies.

Terrific, except for a few things. They didn't let 85% of the province know about it, they disregarded the opinions of those who spoke out, completely ignored what is needed to maintain the ecological balance of Northern Ontario and they stacked the recommendation panels with corporate representatives. Oh—and no one asked the Germans.

Now, unless something is done soon, Deutschland will be paved over, have all its forests razed to the ground and have that ground dug up into piles of dirt and 'precious metals'.

As it is, the government has left itself an escape route from the vagaries of public opinion. For the next month, the province will "survey" the people of

Ontario to get their opinion on the conquest of our Germanic siblings. If they're lucky, the Tory Corporation will actually listen to what has to be said.

We have a chance to save our Teutonic brothers-in-arms, and it would be terribly cruel of us to let it pass us by.

Call your MPP, write Premier Mike Harris and Minister of Natural Resources John Snobelen. Harass them until they promise to give at least part of Germany back. We owe it to them—after all, they did bring back the Beetle, the poster-child for the corporate invasion of public life.

Premier Mike Harris is actually selling off nearly half the province, an area bigger than Germany.

The Right Perspective

The unfortunate Trudeau legacy

CHRIS SCHAFER

This weekend, a symposium on the Trudeau era was held at York University to debate the political and cultural legacy of the former prime minister of Canada. While he may still fascinate many Canadians because of the personal charisma he demonstrated on numerous occasions while in office, the point remains that Trudeau was all style and no substance.

His three key policy areas concerning multiculturalism, bilingualism, and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms have fundamentally altered the fabric of the nation to the detriment of its citizens.

To begin with, multiculturalism has failed as a policy. It has not created a cohesive Canadian society. By focusing on what

makes each Canadian different, rather than on what makes them similar, multiculturalism has ghettoized visible minorities, effectively keeping them out of mainstream Canadian culture.

Secondly, multiculturalism has made culture an object for display, rather than an important part of people. According to Gad Horowitz, multiculturalism is really no more than "the masochistic celebration of Canadian nothingness."

Furthermore, the policy of bilingualism was hastily crafted for political purposes and failed to meet its objective. Under the Access to Information Act, the cabinet proceedings of a St. Patrick's Day

meeting in 1977 of the Trudeau cabinet revealed that, in the eyes of Trudeau, the whole bilingual exercise was "a mistake."

Remember, the Levesque government had just been elected in 1976. Thus, that situation, coupled with active hostility in the West, forced Trudeau to propose re-opening the Constitution to satisfy the demands of Quebec before a referendum.

In the end, bilingualism did not persuade Quebecers to abandon their demands for constitutional recognition of their distinctiveness, it failed to make all of Canada bilingual and it created division in the West. As a tool for national unity, this policy failed miserably.

Lastly, with the creation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Trudeau effectively took the decision-making abilities out of the hands of democratically elected politicians, and gave it to an unaccountable, unelected judiciary. The result of this action has had severe consequences from sea to sea.

Judges on numerous occasions have used the Charter as a way to strike down existing legislation as in the case of the abortion law. Recently, a judge legalized marijuana for medical purposes when he found the current law in violation of the Charter, and the list goes on. Judges now make policy instead of upholding the laws of Parliament.

In the end, this is what the real debate should be about. The debate needs to get away from the fascination with Trudeau himself, and focus on the real results of his policies. The future of Canada depends on it.



Pierre Elliott Trudeau

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International

Lesotho's election outrage

OLIVER MARTIN

In the last week of September, the South African government received an urgent request for help from the tiny country of Lesotho. Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili feared a coup, and requested the assistance of his much larger neighbour, South Africa.

South Africa immediately sent troops to the land-locked Lesotho, resulting in the first external armed intervention since the new Mandela government took control in 1994.

South African officials were initially

quick to intervene, believing their preemptive action would result in positive results. With a successful coup in Lesotho, South Africa would not only have to deal with the violence, but a huge migration of refugees fleeing the trouble.

James Higgs, director of South Africa's Institute for International Affairs, said by helping to boost the support of Mosisili, "They thought they were moving in before they had a big refugee problem, an exodus that South Africa would have to deal with."

Government officials planned a quick

and easy military operation to end the political turmoil. Or so they thought.

Almost as soon as the 600 South African soldiers entered Lesotho, the problems began. The first mistake the South African government made was turning a blind eye to the root of the political problems in Lesotho.

Originally, Mosisili asked South Africa to protect the, "legitimate government," in which he had lost control. His was not widely believed to be the legitimate government, and politicians in Pretoria knew this.

The national elections in May saw Mosisili's party, the Lesotho Congress for Democracy, win 79 of 80 parliamentary seats. Opposition parties cried foul, and demanded a fresh ballot. An inquiry by a South African judge found some irregularities and concluded last month the opposition had probably won two seats, not one.

Angry and frustrated, some of the looters attacked government cars and buildings. Following this, Lesotho's junior army officers mutinied against their government-appointed commanders and chaos ensued.

This is where the second mistake occurred. Military analysts grossly miscalculated the resistance South Africa would face from Lesotho's 2,000 soldiers. Commanders in Pretoria ordered the 600 South African soldiers in armoured vehicles not to use any weapons that would destroy property.

The Lesotho soldiers fortified their positions in barracks and large homes and ambushed the South African troops with small arms fire. Following their very restrictive rules of engagement, the far better equipped and trained South African troops were hampered. On the first day of the intervention, 30 people were reported killed, including nine South African soldiers.

In the capital city of Maseru, civilians took to the streets to protest the inter-



Looters in Lesotho's capital, Maseru

FILE PHOTO

vention. Mobs destroyed stores in rage, turning buildings into rubble. Lootings were widespread, as well as fires and property damage. The anger against South Africa was so strong that white foreigners, assumed to be South African nationals, were stoned and car-jacked.

Only on September 24th, three days later, did some order come to Maseru. Additional South African troops were dispatched along with 200 Botswanian troops. However, nothing was left standing in the capital.

The political struggles which led to the invasion in the first place, also had no visible end in sight. Army rebels fled into the interior of the mountainous nation, pushing for a guerilla fight. This raised the question of a long-term presence of South African troops in Lesotho, to act as a stabilizing-occupation force.

Prior to the military intervention, Lesotho had one of the fastest growing

economies in Africa; now it is ruined.

With many of the destroyed businesses owned by South African companies, it clearly pointed to the increased financial burden placed on South Africa to rebuild Lesotho. Nearly all of the country's Asian business people have fled, frightening away foreign investors.

King Letsie III, who was supposed to have gone to China in early October, to drum up goodwill and investment, had to cancel his visit. Instead, Asia was treated to television pictures of business people fleeing across the border with their families.

South Africa is now trying to organize negotiations between the main political parties, but the country's impartiality is in question. It will prove very difficult for South Africa to remove itself from the mess Lesotho is now in. Although a ceasefire reigns in the country, violence is likely to flare up as soon as the rebels convene again.

Rushdie still cautious

ASAD KIYANI

Despite a recent easing of diplomatic tensions between Iran and Great Britain, the order for the death of Salman Rushdie remains in place.

Last month, the formerly opposed nations of Great Britain and Iran agreed to return to a normal level of diplomatic

interaction. Iran's government formally declared it would not send anyone to carry out the fatwa (religious judgement) placed upon British author Salman Rushdie.

The fatwa declared Rushdie had blasphemed against Islam in his novel *The Satanic Verses*, and the Iranian government had previously refused to decry the death order.

In return, Britain distanced itself from the novel and its alleged blasphemy, leading the two countries to restore bi-lateral relations at the level of ambassadors.

This governmental relaxation was carried out by the foreign ministers of both countries. The agreement was made possible by the moderate stance of President Mohammad Khatami, but was jeopardized by the conservative parliament.

On October 4, 1998, nearly 160 Iranian Members of Parliament declared

that the death sentence was still in effect. According to an open letter signed by the MPs, no one but the original issuer of the fatwa can revoke it. The man who made the judgement, Ayatollah Khomeini, died in 1989, just months after issuing the fatwa.

The rejection of foreign policy by the parliament is seen as a continuation of a recent conservative upsurge.

This past summer, the moderate and popular mayor of Tehran, Iran's capital and largest city, was jailed by the conservative parliament on what

many regard as trumped up charges.

Realizing nothing has changed, the protection for Rushdie has not decreased.

He is still guarded 24 hours a day, as no one in the British security sector believes he is safe.

In their eyes, the guarantee issued by the Iranian government offers little comfort.



Rushdie: no relief in sight

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Perpetual friend seeks life partner

ANGELA PETERS

Why is it that every time I come within a fraction of a centimetre of actually finding some kind of wonderful, it just doesn't happen?

This is, literally, the story of my life - a series of unrequited crushes followed by mass disappointment and inevitable self-deprecating personal evaluation.

Through my extensive experience, or lack thereof, I have stumbled upon various conclusions, and even more precarious questions about the elusive dating game.

Anyone who is self-aware and relentlessly exploratory on a personal and emotional level, is likely prone to bouts of severe fantastic delusion as well as a simultaneously clear vision of truth so as to create one of the most classic and troublesome paradoxes of our time.

Of course, as with any paradox, there comes inevitable and sometimes (okay, most of the time) unanswerable questions. What it all comes down to is, how can someone who is intelligent, funny and even a little spontaneous and neurotic, (who doesn't find neurosis cute?) not only have difficulty attracting the opposite sex, but blatant agony in its pre-requisite angst?

This is a position currently being held and regarded with slight irritation and outright vexation, by thousands of bright, attractive, ambitious young women (and probably some young men too).

Although I know I share this position with others, it is becoming a personal crusade to find all the answers and come to an enlightened plane of complacency or even, dare I say it: happiness?

When that happens, if it ever does, where will I be? I have this annoying tendency of fooling myself into thinking that

ate alternate paradises in which I say and do all the right things, when the truth is, there is just something quintessentially un-dateable about me.

I have always told myself the reason guys aren't interested in having a relationship with me is because I am intelligent, which threatens them, that I'm not by any means or stretch of the imagination, a cover-girl, or that my snarky witticisms are lost on them.

But that was just a cloak in which to hide what has recently become glaringly obvious. In the simplest of terms, and in the most convenient of definitions, there are two types of girls, those you date and those you marry.

I am clearly of the latter stock, making my life stink for now. I suppose I

should just suck it up and be content in the rewards I'll reap later in life. Having said that, I feel compelled to state that I'm a great friend. I've always cherished that about myself.

Now, for the first time in my life, I'm beginning to partially regard that gift as a curse. I will forever be the friend, that really cool girl-friend you can confide in, joke with and maybe even admire a little.

Beyond that, I am largely regarded like the plague and avoided at all costs. There's nothing wrong with being friends; friends are good. But, you know what? I have a lot of friends. I don't need any more.

All of what I know of being in love, or at least of having deep feelings for someone reciprocated, is hearsay and my imagination. I know shit. I think that is a great shame.

No wonder I'm having a difficult time navigating my way through the abyss that apparently I am indefinitely doomed to. I am holding my breath, waiting for the epiphany of a lifetime; all I want is to be able to breathe again.



LUKE MARTYN

A weekend of enlightenment with LCF

ANDREA THOMAS

On the weekend of October 24th, Laurier Christian Fellowship held its annual Fall Retreat at Camp Ma-kee-wa near Monc Mills.

Our theme for the weekend was "The Journey to the Promised Land," and nearly 60 Laurier students, both Christians and seekers, participated in related talks and activities.

First and foremost, the retreat pro-

vided an awesome opportunity for fellowship with friends both old and new.

Group games and activities quickly brought individuals together as we worked to untie human knots and stumbled through obstacle courses blindfolded.

Mealtimes were always an adventure, especially Saturday's lunch where we had to earn our dishes and food by performing favours for the "Royal Family" (our LCF executives).

As well, the spontaneous displays of dramatic talent and amazing worship around the campfire Saturday night made the weekend a wonderful time of bonding.

Our speaker for the weekend was Paul Wall, who used "The Parable of the River," by Max Lucado to illustrate how individuals can only acquire salvation through Christ Jesus.

Paul explained that self-indulgence, self-justification, and self-sufficiency are

all practices that separate us from God. He also reminded us that God does not force anyone to do His will, and He will allow us to sin if we choose to. Paul urged us, therefore, to look inward to see our own faults instead of condemning the actions of others.

Paul stressed that each of us is distanced from God by sin and we cannot earn salvation by ourselves. Instead, we must put our faith in Jesus to attain forgiveness and to claim our inheritance of

the promised land.

Paul concluded by reminding us that we do not have to be perfect to have a relationship with God, and "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)

LCFers now have the challenge of applying this learning to our daily lives on campus.

Laurier Christian Fellowship meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in S301 for learning and worship.

where to hang

Wednesday, October 28

Micheal Ansley,
Regional Sales Manager:
Cisco Systems Canada

"How Information Technology Can Be Used to Transform and Re-engineer Businesses"
7:00 to 8:00 pm
P1019

Saturday, October 31

WLU Wind Ensemble
Micheal Purves-Smith, Director
3:00 pm
Maureen Forrester Recital Hall

Adults, \$8; seniors, faculty and staff, \$4; students and special needs persons, free.

Sunday, November 1

Laurier Students for Literacy Walk
1:00 to 3:30 pm
Meet in the concourse

Monday, November 2

MBA Educational Fair
4:30 to 7:00 pm
Paul Martin Centre

Tuesday, November 3

Gryphon Trio
Music at noon
Maureen Forrester Recital Hall
No admission charge!

Resume/CACEE Workshop

4:00 to 5:00 pm N1044

Wednesday, November 4

Job Search on the Internet Workshop
5:30 to 6:30 pm N1055

Saturday, November 14

Mock LSAT
9:00 to 1:00 pm
Registration for the Mock LSAT begins November 2 at Legal Resources

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The scary Hallowe'en issue

BEN FORBES

It happened only a few years ago, I got stuck handing out candy on Halloween while my parents took my dog out for a walk. The neighbourhood was kind of quiet, no kids had been to my door for about an hour and I was running low on treats. I decided to turn off most of my lights and as I was walking away from the doorway I heard the lightest tap on the door.

Startled, I went back to the door, opened it and there standing about 4 feet high was a small boy wearing a battered Superman outfit. The boy just stood there, not making a sound, while I placed some twizzlers in his tiny pillow case and I asked him where his parents were. Suddenly with a slow movement, the child raised his arm and pointed behind me. I pivoted around to see a shadowy figure at the top of my staircase.

I quickly flicked on the hallway light to see who was in my house but suddenly the figure was gone, along with the young boy. No one else had seen or been visited by a small boy in a Superman outfit that night. To this day I still don't know what had happened that night, whether or not the light of the moon was playing tricks on me or if I was just extremely tired, but the incident really made me wonder... what really goes bump in the Hallowe'en night?

Hallowe'en was first celebrated by the Pagan people about 2000 years ago on October 31st, the Celtic New Year (see



A Scary looking House. Oooooooooo

LUKE MARTYN

The Hallowe'en article, this issue).

"Hell Night" of the past, is today a Christian holiday of All Hallows' Eve. Children dress up in costumes and run from house to house collecting candy. Jack-O-Lanterns are carved for decoration. People also go around neighbourhoods breaking pumpkins and egging houses, to stir up mischief.

The only demons, spiritins, witches, and vampires that we ever see are on TV in Hallowe'en specials. I am sure the Simpson's will be viewed by millions to

see what demonic torment will fall upon Homer on this year's goulsh special.

This Hallowe'en there is also a multitude of horror movies like John Carpenter's "Vampires", that seem so real they would scare the @#% out of most people.

People get to see Jason in his white hockey mask with a large butcher knife slicing homy teenage kids in the woods. Or they can see "Chucky get lucky" as the malevolent little doll goes on yet another murderous rampage, but finds

time for a little romance with Sociopathic Homicidal Barbie with a matching machete and chainsaw.

There is nothing like psychopathic dolls, vampires out for blood and witches casting their evil spells in order to get our skin crawling for this festive time of year. But then again that is all fiction! Right...?!

Well there are still people out there that believe such demons and bad spirits exist and have the strongest power around Hallowe'en. Cults that believe in

the supernatural forces of "Devil's Night" try to make sacrifices to the Devil at ritualistic ceremonies. There are also many people who believe in the existence of ghosts. People from all over say they have seen apparitions instantly appear and disappear while others have seen objects fly across their rooms.

A student from Laurier claims that on a number of occasions, while her and her roommates were in their basement, an extraordinary loud bang would emanate from upstairs. They would rush to see what had happened yet there was no evidence of any problems.

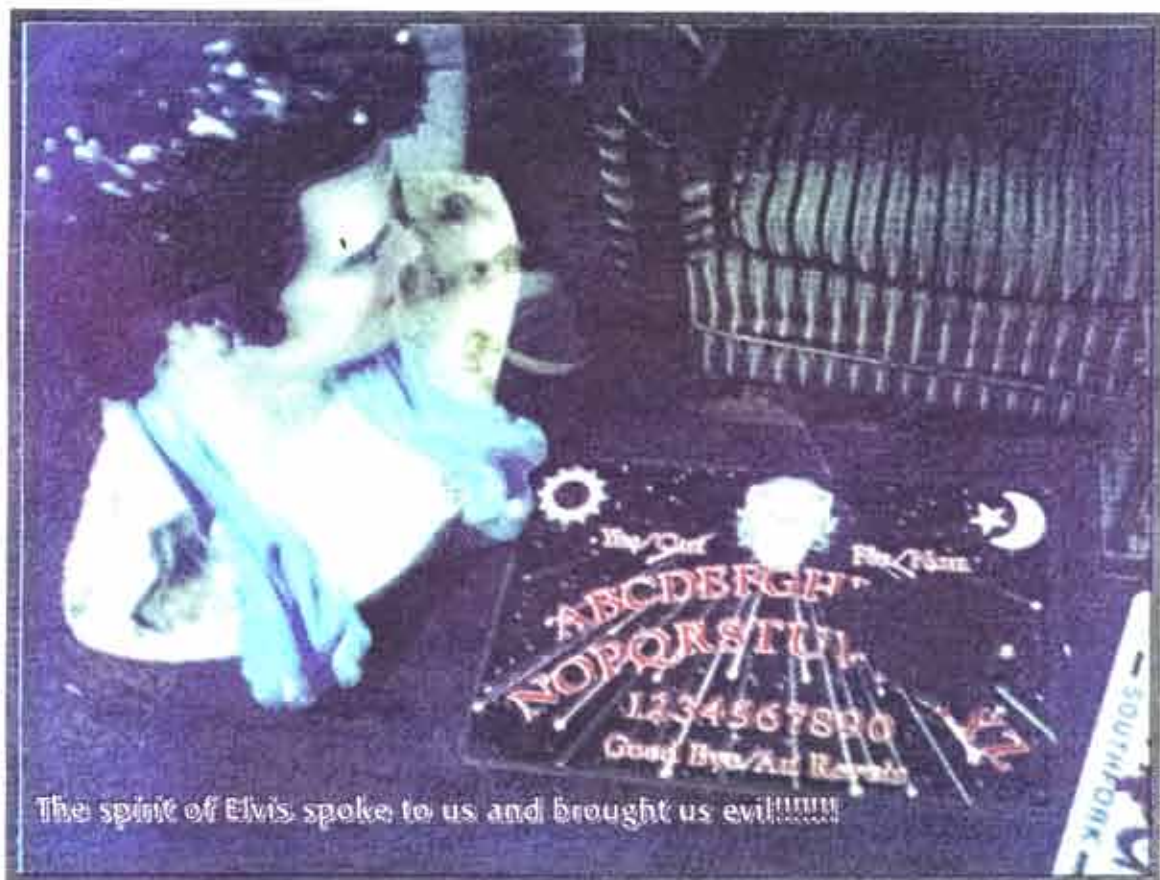
There is a great debate about whether or not paranormal activity exists and what exactly goes bump in the dark moon lit Hallowe'en night. However, for all the non-believers, I may have one more story that might just change your minds.

Willison Hall is the oldest residence on the Laurier campus but it is full of life; alive and dead. Four years ago on Hallowe'en, there was a party down in the twenty four hour lounge. People were watching the T.V., playing futeball and dancing the night away when all of a sudden the unbelievable happened.

One of the pool balls went flying across the room the right into the T.V. No one knows how it happened but ever since the lounge is no longer open twenty-four hours and Residence staff never replaced the T.V.

What, you don't believe me? See for yourself, the T.V. is still down there with a hole right through the screen!

The spooky squeegee Ouija article



The spirit of Elvis spoke to us and brought us evil!!!!!!!

LUKE MARTYN

ROSS BULLEN

I must report this quickly, for I have only three days to live. That's right! By the time you read this I will already be dead...

I have this on good authority. Due to my foolish meddlings in the realm of the spiritual unknown I have gained an insight into the future, a vision of the terrible things to come.

It all began one week ago when my roommate Paul and I were trying to discover a new means of cheating the government out of petty cash.

"If only we had some way to know who would win sporting events beforehand, we could make a killing on Pro-Line.", I observed. Paul nodded in agreement.

Just then, a report on CNN flashed on the screen

that immediately grabbed our attention (which is strange, considering we were watching A&E). It was all about OUIJA boards and their mysterious powers of clairvoyance.

Paul and I were inspired; we knew exactly what we were going to do! We were going to eat a hearty lunch and nap until it was Jeopardy time. But then, when I awoke, I had an even better idea.

Why, we could get our very own OUIJA board and use it to predict football scores! We would be millionaires! However, when it was time for the seance to commence, things went terribly awry...

The OUIJA board (literal translation: yesyes board - in French and German respectively) was placed on the centre of our coffee table. Paul, dressed in nothing more than a deerskin pelt and boxer shorts (his traditional Sunday garb), adjusted

his antlers and settled into the easy chair. I sat across from him, wrapped in an ancient blue robe, rumoured to be made of 100% cotton. Slowly, with a great deal of apprehension, we placed our hands on the OUIJA's pointer. After a few minutes, it began to move.

It was decided that I would ask the questions. ROSS: Oh great spirits of the transcendental void! We beseech you to hear us and to grant the meagre requests of these two lowly humans! Oh, great spirit, will you guide us through this dizzying journey into your unknown nexus?

OUIJA: Yes. Succinct. I lose the fancy-talkin'.

After asking the OUIJA board what colour of underwear various celebrities wear and whether or not any girls actually "like" us (and after Paul giggles like a schoolgirl upon reading every answer) we decide that we should get down to business.

I started with the first game on our Pro-Line sheet.

ROSS: Who will win on Sunday, the Vikings or the Lions?

OUIJA: Green.

Hmm. Does he mean Viking's coach Dennis Green? Or is this a Green Bay Packers prediction? We attempt to get some clarity.

ROSS: What do you mean by green?

OUIJA: Green moss.

Viking's wide receiver Randy Moss? Or is this about something ancient and immobile that might just accumulate some kind of green moss - Dan Marino! Is this a Miami Dolphins prediction?

ROSS: What about the Dolphins?

OUIJA: Beware.

I tell Paul to write that one down, Patriots over Dolphins.

ROSS: Well, what about-

OUIJA (suddenly): Beware Wednesday.

Oooooooooo...

ROSS: Who should beware Wednesday

OUIJA: You.

I quickly check my exam schedule. Nope, Wednesday is in the clear.

ROSS: Why should I beware Wednesday?

OUIJA (slowly): You will die

I am taken aback.

ROSS: What??? How is that going to happen?

OUIJA: Paul will kill you. Give him money and he won't do it.

It was at this point that I realized Paul was trying to cheat me - not the evil lottery system - out of petty cash. He had been manipulating the OUIJA pointer in order to frighten me. Just as I was preparing to goon him with a broken whiskey bottle, the lights in our apartment went out.

Trapped in a terrifying darkness, our screams were of such an alamingly high pitch a gelded Catholic schoolboy would have been put to shame. It turns out that our other roommate, Ryan, shorted out the fuse while trying to use a fork to save a hard-to-reach Toaster Strudel.

Somehow, this had a strange effect on the OUIJA board. For when the lights flickered back on, we found the OUIJA pointer flying around the board, under it's own power, revealing our wretched fate. Just as the ambulance arrived for Ryan, Paul and I were able to make out it's terrifying message:

AS PUNISHMENT FOR YOUR ABUSE OF MY POWERS, YOU WILL BOTH BE EATEN BY A HUNGRY BEAR NEXT WEDNESDAY.

I have tried to convince Paul to get rid of the rotting fish and jars of honey and berries he insists on keeping by our front door. I have also tried to convince him to stop wearing that deerskin pelt outside.

My requests have been ignored. I have no choice but to await my fate in my room, trying to fashion a primitive spear from a hockey stick.

I am unsure about whether or not Paul is preparing for the attack. All I know is that I rue - yes, rue - the day that I meddled with the awesome powers of the supernatural. Farewell, cruel bear-infested world!

The Hallowe'en Article

SARAH RIDLEY

The word "Hallowe'en" actually has its origins in the Catholic Church. All Hallows Day, or All Saint's Day, November 1, is a Catholic day of observance in honour of saints. But, in the 5th century BC, in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31. The holiday was called Samhain (sow'en), the Celtic New year.

One story says that, on that day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife.

The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living.

Naturally, the still-living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable.

They would then dress up in all manner of ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighbourhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess.

The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called souling.

On November 2, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time, it was believed that the dead remained in limbo for a time

after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven.

The Jack-o-lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale is told, a man named Jack, who was notorious as a drunkard and trickster, tricked Satan into climbing a tree.

Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree.

According to the folk tale, after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways, but he was also denied access to Hell because he had tricked the devil.

Instead, the devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the frigid darkness. The ember was placed inside a hollowed-out turnip to keep it glowing longer.

The Irish used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns" originally. But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollowed-out pumpkin, lit with an ember.

*Did You Know?
It is an old Halloween tradition for children to peel an apple in front of a candlelit mirror. If an unknown face is reflected then the image of the future spouse is supposed to appear in the mirror.*



10 Scariest Things About Laurier

- 1) Danielle Fielder.
- 2) The Labyrinth of halls in the Peters Building and the countless number of arts students lost within them.
- 3) No down escalators. NO DOWN ESCALATORS! How the hell do I get downstairs in the DAWB.
- 4) The disenchanted look on the Food Services staff as they serve you the mystery meat loaf.
- 5) That smell in Willison Hall. A pungent mixture of beer, urine, goat, sweat, and semen.
- 6) The elevator in the Library. The shaking, the funny noises, and that eerie disembodied voice that announces the floors.
- 7) The music selection at the Turret. Let Retro die. You weren't even sperm when those songs were popular the first time around.
- 8) Mach 1 Terminals. Cutting edge technology from 1879.
- 9) Bodies in Motion rehearsals. 30 hyper-active, attention deficient, "Peppy" Ritalin addicts bouncing around the Turret on Sunday nights while some of us try to put a paper together downstairs.
- 10) Cord Editors on Tuesday nights. High-strung, wired control freaks that think they know-it-all. Anal retentive bastards.

The Features Editor needs your Brain!

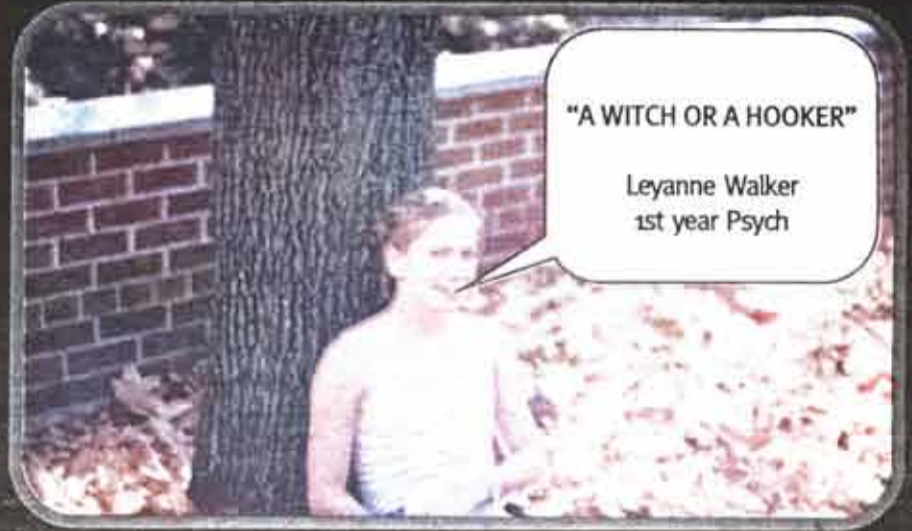
I'm trying to build the perfect writer from the remains of stolen corpses. But I still need fresh...um I mean, new writers.

Please come to the Cord roundtable meeting at 2:30 pm every Friday and volunteer to be a features donor....writer, I meant, writer.

P.S. Make sure to bring your fresh, healthy brains. Hahahahahaha!

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What are you going as this Hallowe'en?

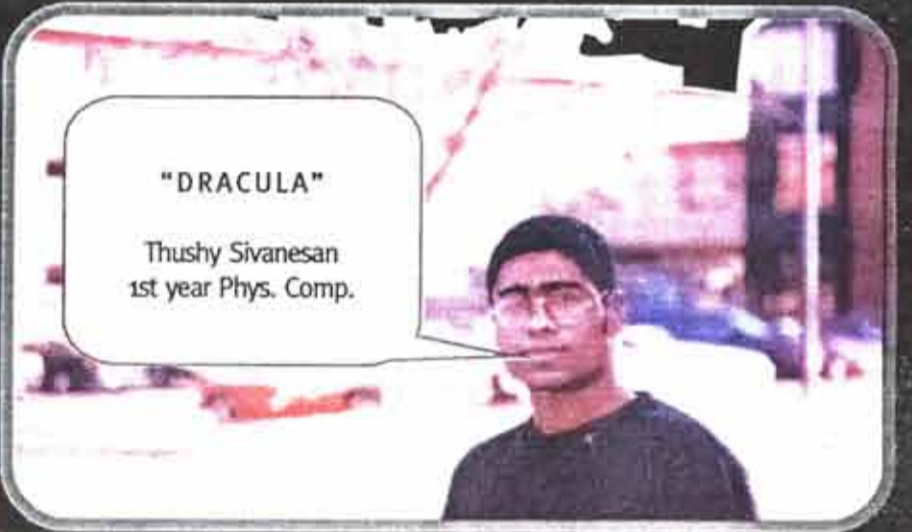


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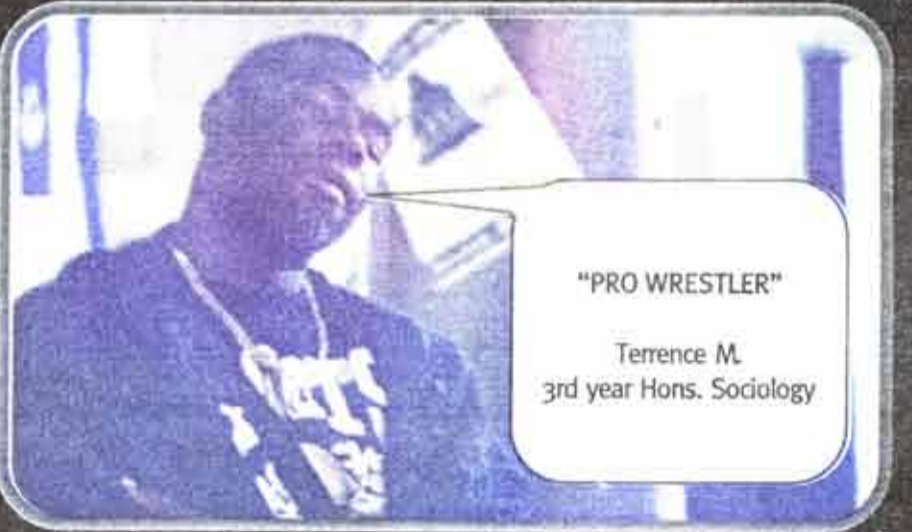


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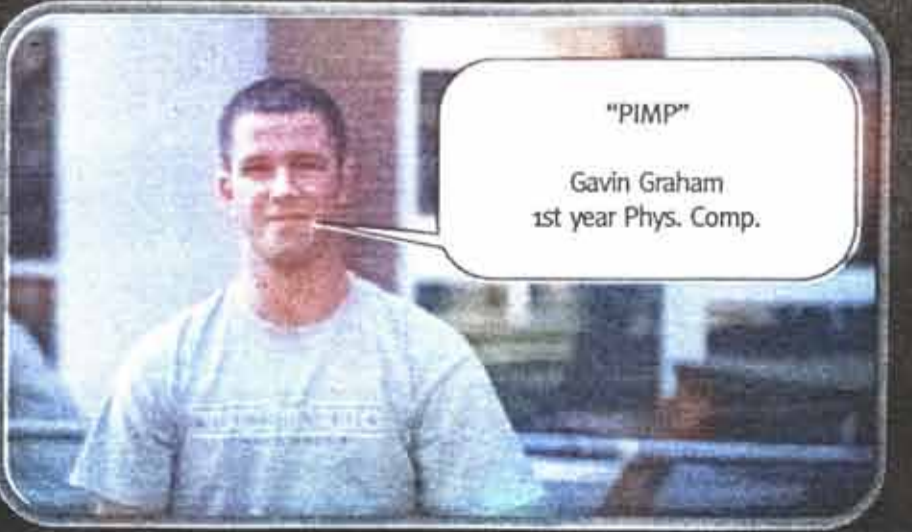
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Gavin Graham
1st year Phys. Comp.

Crossfire: York versus Laurier

VIEW FROM LAURIER
MIKE KOSTOFF

It is critical that Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks, and most importantly their bus driver, do not dip into the celebratory champagne on the way down to the game at York this Saturday.

As well, caution when driving through the lovely community surrounding York (i.e. the Jane/Finch corridor) is extremely important... maybe bullet-proof windows on the bus would be in order. However, assuming the Hawks successfully arrive at York Stadium in time for the game, the playoff bound squad will win their sixth in a row to close out the 1998 regular season campaign.

Simply put, the Hawks are the hottest team in the OUA. Since dropping their first two contests of the season to Waterloo and Western as a relatively inexperienced team, the Hawks have put together five straight victories in convincing fashion, outscoring their opponents 194-71 throughout the streak. York's 105 points on the season certainly raises questions about the Yeomen's ability to produce any kind of offensive output whatsoever.

While 11 points would have been enough for York to beat Western on thanksgiving weekend,

similar output simply will not cut it against the purple & gold.

The Laurier offense will take it to York with a balanced attack that has kept defenses dazed and confused all year. On the ground, running backs Justin Praamsma and Justin Dillon have racked up the rushing yardage all year, blowing through holes opened up by an impressive offensive line.

Through the air, Hawk quarterback Kevin Taylor has several dangerous receivers at his disposal, highlighted by 1995 OUA rookie of the year Corey Grant.

On defense, the Hawks boast two of the league leaders in interceptions in Donnie Ruiz and Kevin Johnson, as well as a sack hungry defensive line that will look to make York quarterback Fabio Brusco a poster boy for OHIP before the game is done.

A score prediction: well, the Hawks do hold the OUA record for most points in one game; a 90-15 thrashing of York back in 1974.

However, considering the playoff bound Hawks may rest some of their starters in this matchup, a more conservative score prediction is probably in order.

Hawks 85, York 17.

THE YORK RESPONSE
RICHARD LAPORTE AND MIKE LEON
EXCALIBUR SPORTS

After winning their last five games, Laurier may have forgotten what it's like to lose. No need to worry though because on Saturday, York will remind them.

Laurier has already clinched a playoff spot and me be the hottest team in the OUA right now, but after soaring high all year, come Saturday the Golden Hawks will end their season on a low note, with their feathers plucked out by the Yeomen.

After last years record breaking season, York's prospects appeared bright for 1998. However, four losses by seven points or less, with three of them coming in the last minute of play mired their new image, self confidence, and chances. With a 2-5 record, it's safe to say the Yeomen are much better than their win-loss record dictates.

Against McMaster, York drove down field in the last two minuets for the tying touchdown, but missed the convert and lose by one point. The loss to the 7-0 Western Mustangs was only by three points.

York's strongest suits are their defense and running games. In fact as of last week the Yeoman led

the league in eight defensive categories. The defensive corps has caused the most amount of fumbles of any team in the league, a stat which can't be music to the ears of Golden Hawk running backs Justin Praamsma and Justin Dillon.

As well should quarterback Kevin Taylor wish to pass he will likely be haunted by a team that has allowed less than 50% of opposing teams passes to be completed. Yet another category York excels in.

In the offensive category, Jeff Johnson is still York's primary threat. The third year running back is coming off a 109 yard performance and will surely cause Laurier defenders some headaches.

Johnson is a double threat and has also excelled in kick returns, snagging a strong 105 yard touchdown run earlier this season against Guelph.

York's passing game can be successful if the run is established as a threat early in the game. Brian Nugent and Chris Huismans are good deep threats, and quarterback Fabio Brusco is mobile, capable of running for first downs and avoiding sacks.

So while traveling to York, the Laurier Golden Hawks should enjoy their trip through the Jane and Finch corridor. It's the most enjoyable experience they'll have all weekend.

Standings - OUA Football

Team	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Western	7	7	0	0	247	129	14
Waterloo	7	6	1	0	261	132	12
Laurier	7	5	2	0	249	142	10
McMaster	7	4	3	0	254	207	8
Guelph	7	2	4	1	88	180	5
York	7	2	5	0	105	149	4
Windsor	7	1	6	1	77	227	3
Toronto	7	0	7	0	85	190	0

CIAU Top Ten

1. Western Mustangs
2. Saskatchewan Huskies
3. Waterloo Warriors
4. UBC Thunderbirds
5. Calgary Dinosaurs
6. Mount Allison Mounties
7. Concordia Stingers
8. Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks
9. Saint Mary's Huskies
10. McMaster Marauders



Both sex soccer

JEFF SCHOUCLA

top ten all season but that will surely change with a playoff victory this weekend.

The Women's team also closed out the season on a high as they beat Windsor 2-1. They sit in

The soccer season ended on a high note for both teams and will play in meaningful playoff games this weekend.

The men's team capped a very memorable season with a 1-0 win over Western, to solidify first place in the OUA. The team finished with a 7-1-4 record, 25 points, one more than the Mustangs. The most prestigious fact is that they gave up the fewest number of goals (eight) in the CIAU. Props should be given out to keeper Mark Ignor, who recorded numerous shut-outs and once was honored as OUA athlete of the week.

The Hawks open up the playoffs this weekend against Windsor. The Warriors beat WLU 1-0 on Sunday to snap the Hawks season undefeated streak, but many starters did not play and the game was pretty meaningless for both teams.

The most important thing for the men's team is that every player will be healthy and available to play. That includes Striker Ivan Jurisic, who has only played two games this season. Also Forward Jens Schietinger, who missed several games with injuries, will also be at the Hawks disposal.

Somehow the team hasn't been ranked in the

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fourth place with a 5-5-2 record, just one point behind Guelph. The lady Hawks built up some momentum as they have played very competitively in the second half of the season. More importantly, they battled a very tough Western team and lost 1-0, but Coach Barry Maclean was very impressed with the team's effort. Rachel Zuidervlet has certainly stood her ground all year as the Hawks keeper. Lorraine Hodds has also provided some leadership and timely scoring as she has also received recognition as Hawks athlete of the week. Rookie Melanie Witzell has also surprised opponents this year by tremendous hustle and effort. However this team doesn't have any superstars.

For the Women's soccer team to be successful, they must play like a unit, try to finish their plays and goaltending must be top notch.

The Hawks will have their work cut out for them this weekend when they travel to Carleton to play the top ranked team in Canada, the Queens Golden Gaels who did not lose a game all season, going 11-0-1.

Lacrosse victory

WESLEY HORLINGS

belonged to Carleton as they pushed at the Hawks and caught them on their heels in the transition from offence to defense and managed to put a couple of quick ones in the twine.

The Hawks continued to play a disciplined game and would not accept a defeat at the hands of Carleton, they took advantage of a couple of penalties and heading into the fourth quarter it was all even again at 9-9.

The Hawks came alive in the fourth and the charge was lead by newcomer Rick Wood who walked in untouched and potted his first goal of the season.

He was joined later by Paul Richter who got his fourth goal of the game and Jason Nichols who potted the winner with only one minute left to play. Carleton pressed in that final minute but Karl Lippe and his defense shone and iced the victory and a birth in the playoffs for the Hawks.

The Men's Lacrosse club now looks forward to the playoffs in Guelph this weekend as they enter the division two round with a first round berth and will find out on Friday who they will face in round two.

The Golden Hawks Men's Lacrosse Club pulled out another victory this Sunday as they defeated the visiting Ravens from Carleton University. In a game that went right down to the wire the Hawks came out on top 12-11. It was a beautiful day for lacrosse at University Stadium as the well-rested Hawks took to the field and started things off on the right foot by taking it to Carleton right off the first face off.

After some great scoring chances that were all fended off by the Ravens' tender, the Hawks moved back to defense which had some new faces on it. Paul Morland and Tim Maxwell joined veteran defenseman Dolf DeJong on the line and did some stellar work protecting the net for Karl Lippe who was between the pipes yet again. The new defense held for the Hawks and at the end of the first quarter it was all tied up at two.

The second quarter belonged to the Hawks as Paul Richter and Craig Ainsworth put on an offensive clinic and put the Hawks up 6-4 at the half. If the second quarter belonged to Laurier then the third



Previewing WLU's Hawkeye Hawks

JAMIE LAMBIER

Are they ready to take the next step? That's the question many Golden Hawk hockey fans are asking after their team has missed the play-offs for three consecutive years.

The future looks bright as the Hawks enter this season ranked number 10 in Canada after a 5-2-0 preseason record.

Enter a new era in the form of head coach Tony Martindale. Martindale takes over for Wayne Gowing, who has moved on to be Manager of Intercollegiate Athletics and Student Athletic Development.

Martindale, who played for the Golden Hawks in the mid-80's was the assistant coach to Gowing for eight years before taking on the head coaching duties of Conestoga College in 1995. Martindale returned to the Hawks last season under Gowing and is ready to lead the Hawks into a new and suc-

cessful era.

Martindale will be backed by an experienced and intelligent supporting cast of assistant coaches, Rob Hooper, Bryce Kipfer and Mark Pedersen.

Martindale faces some tough issues as the season gets underway. There are a lot of new faces on the bench this year. Under the guise of Hooper's expert recruiting eye the Hawks will introduce 13 new and skilled rookies, many with championship and major junior experience already under their belt. Martindale emphasizes that the Hawks, though talented still are "learning about each other and what it takes to win."

The primary focus for the team this year is conditioning and discipline. With the addition new talent to an established nucleus of veteran experience, the Hawks will be able to ice three solid lines and provide solid goaltending.

Martindale stresses the importance of competitiveness within the team as well as on the ice.

"It's the players that compete hard in practice as well as in the games that will get the ice time. Every time you're on the ice you should be striving to be better, to earn or keep the top spots on the team."

The Hawks will probably ice one of the most talented and deep teams in a number of years. Martindale stresses that conditioning will be the key to the Hawks success this year.

"We play on Olympic size ice, our game is fast and we hope to wear teams out by being consistent and staying disciplined".

The Golden hawks are placed in probably the toughest division in Canada with three other teams, Western, Windsor and Guelph, all finishing last year ranked in the top 10 in Canada.

"We play a few teams four or five times this season (Western, Guelph, Windsor)" quoted Martindale, "and we have to win the games in our division if we are going to be successful."

The Hawks will expect the addition of OHL alum-

ni Larry Paleczny (Owen Sound Platers), Craig Jalbert (Windsor Spitfires), Trevor Tokarczyk (Soo Greyhounds) help veterans Dave Kliene, Chad Brezynskie and Jeff Ambrosio put some numbers on the board. Martindale feels very comfortable between the pipes with Franc Ivankovic (London Knights), Trevor Francis and Darryl White.

Under the leadership of veteran captain Martin Kems, and top OUA defenseman Rob McQuat, Martindale hopes the team will gel and reach its full potential.

The big question is: can this team graduate to the next level?

Laurier has many important pieces of the puzzle in place—scoring up front, a young and capable defense corps and good goaltending.

It will be up to Martindale to help fill in the few remaining pieces to lift this team to new heights.

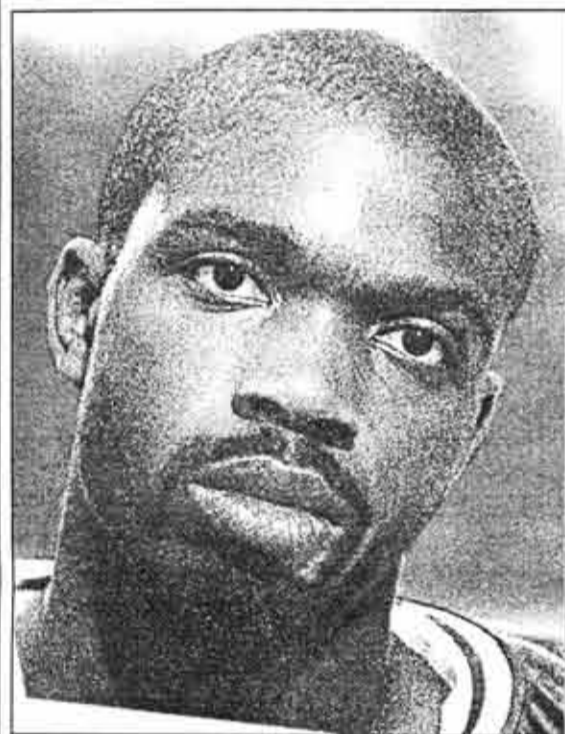
Jamie Lambier is Michael Kostoff's roommate.



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Invasion of the Small Town Queers

ASAD KIYANI

Among the more interesting things to do this Halloween weekend, check out the *Out:Here, Invasion of the Small Town Queers Plan B* show in downtown Guelph. A compilation of short films and videos that portray people coming out of the closet in small towns and rural areas, it is a show that provokes thought and introspection.

Justin Stayshyn, curator of Ed Video Media Arts Centre in Guelph, sees *Out:Here* as a presentation that can relate to both the gay and straight communities.

"Hopefully, it's a chance for queers to get together in a non-bar environment... somewhere they can explore issues, not just have a social. Also, it gives non-queers an opportunity to learn more about the gay community."

The first part of the presentation is a 1972 short film entitled "Sackville, I'm Yours." It portrays Art Star as a gay man in a small town who is in denial about the discrimination he faces. Captured in

black and white, the film has Star answering questions from an inaudible interviewer and his responses vividly illustrate how illusory and delusional a person in the minority can become when confronted with the reality of their opposition.

"My New Roommate" is a somewhat incoherent video that tells the tale of a gay man who has sex with a man who picks him up from the side of the road. While the lavish and exuberant giggling of the actors is amusing, the poor audio detracts from what could have been an interesting point of view.

The third film, "Water Into Fire," is the story of a native man infected with HIV. The third part of Zachary Longbow's trilogy, *Stained-Glass Windows*, mixes traditional native images with the assumed counter-culture of the gay community.

Despite being one of the shortest works, its incredibly complex visuals allow the viewer to contemplate a clash of cultures that normally isn't seen, and to experience the isolation a dying gay

man faces in a hostile community.

"Queer Across Canada" is a film by Maureen Bradley, who was featured on the CBC series, "Road Movies." A personal biography, the film describes Bradley's awkward search for her identity. She becomes increasingly confused as both she, and others, attempt to define and label her.

"Names are strategic...they seem to fit [only] in certain places," says Bradley. "I'm not gay and I'm certainly not a queer—I'm a dyke."

Perhaps the most experimental clip is "Warm," by Wrik Mead. Barely three minutes long, it shows a naked man desperately trying to stand up on his own and remove the handcuffs that have been placed on him.

Set to an industrial dance score, the film is blurred and has colour strained from it until the man is rescued by his partner. While short, its stark presentation and bleak background make it one of the more visually imposing pieces in the presentation.

In direct contrast to the intensity of "Warm," is "School Fag," which focuses on the story of 19-year-old Shaun Fowler. The light-hearted attitude of Fowler removes some of the gloom associated with a number of the other films. "School Fag," tells the story of Fowler growing up gay in a "white bread," neighborhood: from his childhood adventures as Wonder-Woman and his obsession with Rupaul, to the abuse and mental trauma he suffered as the result of coming out of the closet.

While obviously a bright and funny young man, the film also shows the despair that can so easily take root in those who are condemned for reasons they can't understand.

"Spacejazzeros" is another short film that seems to only make it halfway across the screen. While it clearly shows



"Spacejazzeros:" girls with skateboards

FILE PHOTO

the physical abuse members of the gay community can suffer on the streets, it seems to wander too far in scope for such a short film. It has an important idea behind it, but nothing as striking as some of the other films.

"Bone, Gut Got Fomotten" (aka "Gone, But Not Forgotten"), is a five minute video that brings together the past and present of film-maker Christian Morrison. Inspired by the brutal murder of a gay high school teacher, the film shows Morrison as the viciously attacked man singing, "Song at Nightfall."

The camera slowly moves from the scene of the murder back to the rural beginnings of Morrison's hometown as he mournfully sings a cappella. While not as powerful as some of the others, it brings to the fore the universality of the abuse.

What is a terrific grouping of films, is unfortunately brought to a noticeably unresounding close with, "The Wild Woman in the Woods." Innovative in that it presents the struggle of a South Asian woman to find her identity, its

superficial acting and not-so-subtle approach devalues what could have been an interesting perspective. Still, the overall presentation is an excellent collection which will strike a chord among those who view it.

The importance of the collection certainly is not lost on Stayshyn, especially in the wake of the brutal murder of a gay student in Wyoming a few weeks ago.

"It puts [the gay experience] in perspective for many who don't see it on a daily basis... it's very poignant for non-queers," said Stayshyn. "Big Hollywood pictures aren't as poignant, as immediate as these."

This is about people you know, people you can relate to, and the message gets across clearer and easier. Hopefully it will inspire others to do the same."

Out:Here Invasion of the Small Town Queers: Plan B screens on Friday, October 30, at Ed Video Media Arts Centre in downtown Guelph. Admission is whatever you can afford. Call (519) 836-9811 for more information.



A tender moment from "My New Roommate"

FILE PHOTO

The Turret will be comedy central

JOSH MARSHALL

South Park is leaving Colorado and coming North in the *University Bound and Underground* national tour. The tour will be hosted and headlined by the up and coming comedian Wade McElwain.

South Park has become a household name since first appearing last August. The animated series features four foul-mouthed kids (Stan, Kyle, Kenny, and Cartman) living in the town of South Park, Colorado.

Creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone constantly push the limits of good taste and humour in the weekly half hour show, which airs Friday nights, at 9:30 on the Comedy Network, and at midnight on Global.

Each episode features unusual subject matter, including flaming farts, a talking turd, and Barbara Streisand as the ultimate evil.

Two of the characters in the show, Terrence and Phillip, are Canadian, a fact that Stone and Parker seem especially happy about. They claim the two are their favourite characters and Parker says, "I would love to see 'The Terrence and Phillip Show' as a spin-off."

McElwain explains that the show constantly pushes the envelope, which is good because it encourages free speech. He says, "Some of it is like, 'wow, I can't believe they got away with that', but hey, if they can do it, good for them." In *University Bound and Underground*, never before seen footage of the series will be shown at twenty-four campus pubs across Canada, including a night at the Turret on Monday, November 2nd. The

tour will feature a screening of the "director's cut" of the first South Park episode which never aired because of its raunchy content, and the video short "The Spirit of Christmas."

This five minute video, which is the first appearance of the South Park characters, features Jesus and Santa Claus battling for ownership of Christmas. Both episodes boast tasteless humour and subject matter, the ingredients a South Park fan always looks for.

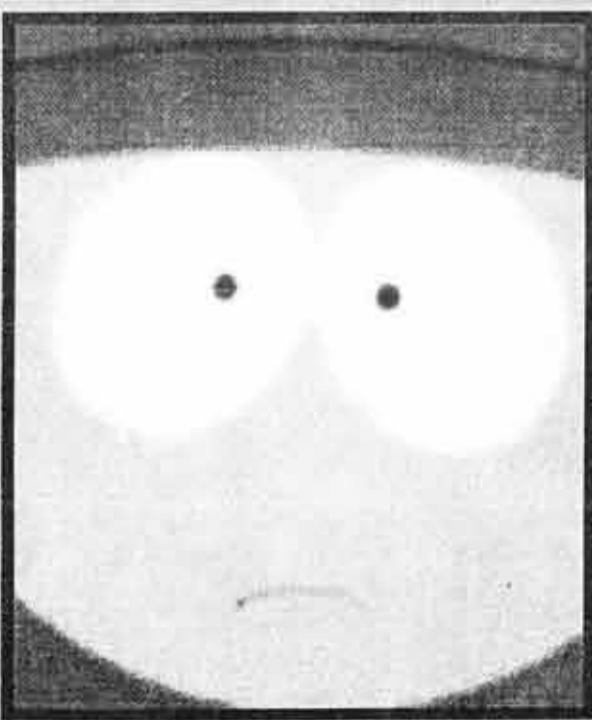
Although Wade McElwain describes the show as "a dirty little cartoon," and himself as a "dirty little comedian," he says his comedic style does not have much in common with that of South Park.

He describes his comedy as more of an intellectual journey in which he poses philosophical questions. As a graduate from the University of Western Ontario, McElwain likes to use his degree "to a degree" in his comedy routine. "I try to push the parameters—not like I'm rude, but I just like to ask philosophical questions in a way that hasn't

been proposed to people," he explains.

McElwain entered the comedy world after graduating from Western. His original plan was to go to law school but he says, "I always had an inkling for it [comedy]. People told me I was funny and should try it." Since entering the comedy scene, McElwain won The Search for Canada's Funniest New Comedian at the 1997 Molson Canadian Comedy Festival. He recently appeared at Montreal's Just For Laughs comedy festival, and has recorded a one-hour special for The Comedy Network Presents, which will be aired early next year.

McElwain is glad to have been chosen to tour with South Park, saying it is a good chance to travel and get some exposure. "It's nice to have this kind of support and to be involved with something fun," exclaimed McElwain, "It's another reason to party." He believes he was picked for the job because he is a rising star on the comedy scene, as well as a recent university graduate, and thus best suited for the job. McElwain believes that the *University Bound and Underground* has equal parts South Park and Wade McElwain. He hopes one is not more predominant than the other. "It's a marriage



of the two, and we are catalysts for each other."

In the Laurier community, South Park has a following. Third year Political Science major Jameel Bandali enjoys the show, saying, "It's intelligent, in a moronic sort of way." When asked why the show has become popular, Bandali commented, "I think timing was key to its success; it was fresh because it was so offensive, and yet it plays on the mentality of the 'Springer generation.' It increased the threshold of offensive tolerance that Beavis and Butthead established."

Other students are not so positive about the show. Dave Merritt, a third year Computing student says he sometimes watches the show and admits to finding it funny, but adds, "I do think they sometimes take the jokes too far. Right after laughing I think, 'that was pretty offensive.' They can be really cruel to specific parties."

Whatever the response, Stone and Parker seem to adopt P.T. Bamum's philosophy that it doesn't matter whether you are loved or hated, as long as people know the name. South Park certainly has become a well-known name across Canada and the U.S.

The *University Bound and Underground* tour boasts prizes ranging from a big-screen TV and VCR as well as advanced copies of the South Park soundtrack CD. VIP passes are required, and can be obtained from the Turret in advance.

Congratulations to Josh Marshall on winning the Jane Campbell award for excellence in the General English program. His fat cheque will no doubt go towards debauchery. Good work Josh!

The Reader is ultimately compelling

DANIELLE FIELDER

Bernhard Schlink's novel *The Reader* is a stark tale of a young man's life in post-war Germany. As you can imagine, these elements do not make for a cheerful story. It is, however, one that lingers in the mind.

The narrator, a fifteen year old boy named Micheal Berg, becomes ill one day on the way home from school.

He is rescued by Hanna, an older woman who eventually seduces him. The relationship remains essentially a sexual one, since he knows nothing about her, and she chooses to reveal nothing of her

The Reader
Random House/Vintage
Bernhard Schlink

past or present life. She does, though, seem odd

to Micheal at times, as she is often silent for long periods and becomes easily frustrated. He struggles to understand her unusual behaviour, but is nonetheless captivated by her spirit and her passion. She becomes the centre of his adolescent world.

One day, Hanna simply disappears. When he next sees her, ten years have passed, and he is a law student participating in a seminar on war crimes. Hanna is a defendant in a trial of concentration camp guards, charged with crimes against the inmates of Auschwitz. Michael soon becomes wrapped up in the trial, as he has been unable to forget this enigmatic woman and the mystery of her disappearance.

As he sits through each day of the trial, he

learns of Hannah's past, of her service with the SS during the war and of the horrible crime for which she cannot answer. Her unwillingness to defend herself on the stand causes Micheal to question her true motivation, and through his memories and the accounts of her past, he discovers a secret she has been guarding all of her life.

Schlink creates a unique story as he interweaves history, morality, and mystery together...

The theme of obsession provides the underlying motif to the story. In his early encounters with Hanna, Michael becomes captivated by the smell of her skin. The author comes back to this theme again and again, showing how our senses can record sensations that remain with us throughout our lives, causing us to recall people, places, and events. Michael is obsessed with Hanna's physicality even while he is disturbed by the revelations about her past.

Schlink creates a unique story as he interweaves history, morality, and mystery into what seems to at

first to be a simple love story.

We see how one young man's life is changed forever by a woman whose life becomes closely intertwined with his. Michael is forced to make a moral judgment on Hanna, whose only real crime may be her inability to admit to her true self.

The author sets this story against the historical background of the war crime trials, causing the reader to examine the moral setting.

While the male coming-of-age tale is not a new one, the character of Michael is constructed with great care, and his struggle for understanding throughout the story is real and profound.

As in the case of many European novels, *The Reader* tends to be rather dark at times. Although portions of the novel seem slow, many of the chapters are quite short, implying that the author was trying to encapsulate a single idea within each chapter. My initial impression was that the book was written from a rather male point of view - especially in the 'seduction of young boy by older woman' scenario - but on reflection, I feel it has more of a universal appeal.

The emotions addressed are so real that you come to suspect the novel may be more than a little autobiographical.

The Reader

novel



Bernhard Schlink

"A formally beautiful, disturbing and finally morally devastating novel. From the first page, *The Reader* captures both heart and mind." *Los Angeles Times*

In its evocation of time, place and emotion, *The Reader* confronts its readers with both an unusual love story and a tale of moral dilemma.

While it took two readings for me to appreciate it, in the end I enjoyed it. It is neither a cheerful story nor one that is easily forgotten, but one that is ultimately compelling.

Campus Fringe '99 needs your talent

SUZANNE HAINES
COMPANY MANAGER, UNIVERSITY PLAYERS

University Players welcomes you to a new season of theatre in our new on-campus home. The 4th Annual Campus Fringe promises to be even better than the others with a permanent residence to call our own.

The Studio (1C15), in the Arts Building, is set to be renovated over the Christmas holidays to provide all theatre lovers with a place to rehearse, put on plays, and congregate to watch the talents of others.

Due to renovations, the Campus Fringe will take place in early February to stifle the nostalgia gener-

ated in the first term. We are planning now for this event. It has a little something for all theatre lovers. The Fringe in the past, has provided an opportunity for those not able to do a large production, to put on a small, fun production, with the freedom to take risks.

For those of you who haven't been involved in a production before, this is a great way to meet people, and to find a niche of great friends who are interested in strange and wonderful things, and just want to have a good time.

The Fringe will take place February 5th, 6th and 7th with at least two productions of each show during the three days. We are still accepting plays that you would like to have produced, as directors, but

you must return your Campus Fringe '99 Submission Form by the end of this week.

All shows should be 30-70 minutes in length. In order to have actors and technical crew for each production, we need anyone interested to fill in a University Player's Membership Form. Both of these forms are available at the Studio (1C15) and the deadline is Friday October 30th, 1998. Auditions will take place in November for those who need them and rehearsal schedules will be up to the director.

Finally, if you are just interested in helping out,

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Centre In The Square offers opera

GREGORY DANIELS

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Puccini paints a world of strong contrasts in his music. The themes of cruelty and death resonate throughout in beautiful musical motifs. His fabulous score features an array of recognizable arias from "Recondita armonia" to "Visse d'arte."

Freeman explains that Tosca's familiarity is a real challenge. Not only is there a high standard to meet, but also, "there's always going to be someone humming along, but that's OK, as long as they're in tune."

Hopefully, they're quiet too. Who would want to miss a minute of the great talent? In the role of the celebrat-

ed singer, Tosca is American Lisa Houben. Says Freeman, "most don't attempt this role till their thirties but she has a spectacular voice." Alongside her is Bulgarian tenor Bojidor Nikolov as Cavaradossi, who, according to Freeman, "sings the role beautifully."

Canadian baritone, Allan Monk, and Canadian bass, Maurizio Antonelli, also join them on stage, and both are "phenomenal talents."

Freeman feels strongly about casting Canadian talent. "It's a priority." So why is there minimal Canadian talent in this production?

Freeman blames fierce competition and the low Canadian dollar for sending most of our singers south, "I don't blame them for heading south. There are 120 opera companies in the States and only 15 in Canada."

He agrees that Canadians need the exposure, but, "Our first commitment is to quality. Still, all things being equal, we'll always go with the Canadian." Excitedly, Freeman continues, "Next season is almost an all Canadian cast!"

Canadian opera is still alive and flourishing, not only through acclaimed performers, directors and producers who work abroad, but also through local opera companies like the Kitchener-Waterloo Opera.

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Tosca encompasses the most exciting elements of theatre: lust, murder, vengeance and suicide.

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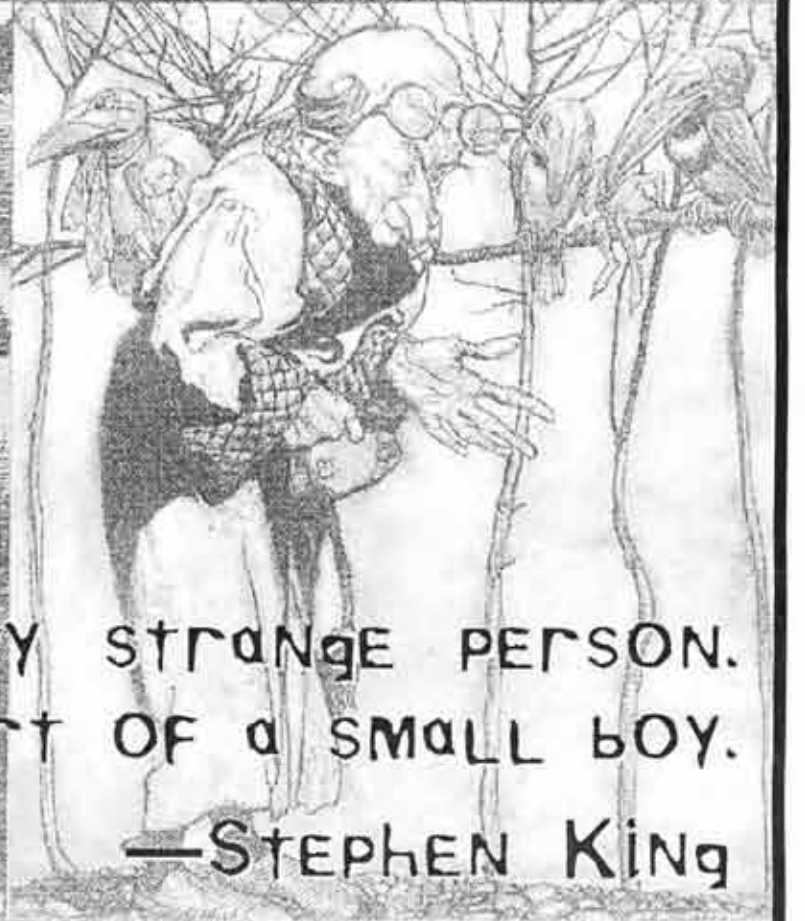
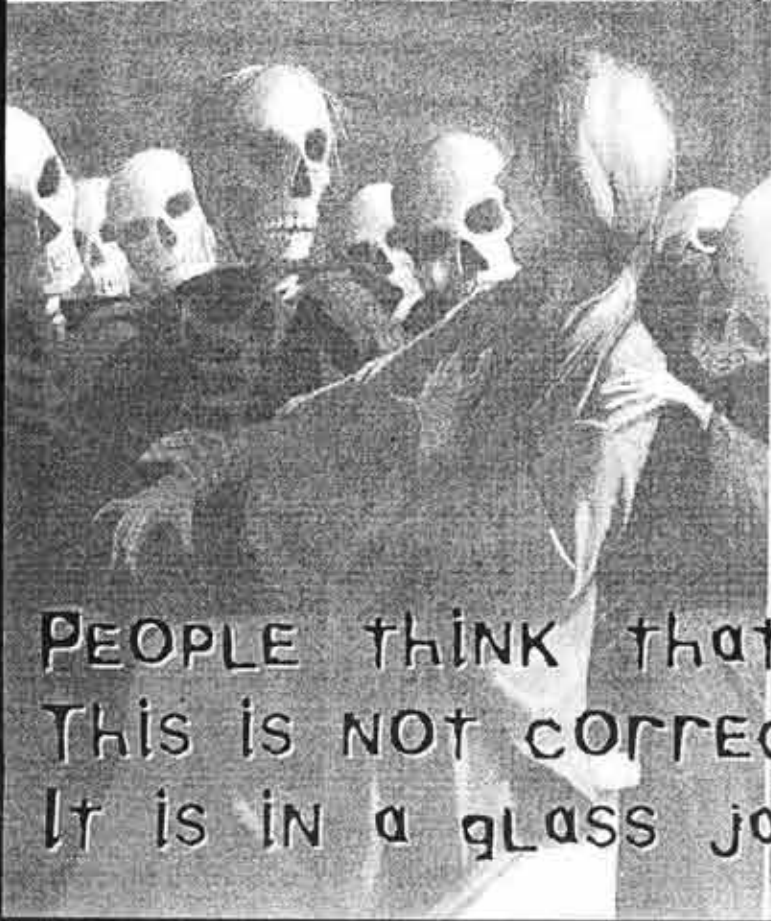
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