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Teach-in on our futures

Bonnie Redekop Cord News

A teach-in on the future of Laurier took place in the Turret on Monday March 15. It dealt with issues such as budget cutbacks and restructuring, as well as Laurier's vision for the future.

A high degree of student apathy could be seen in the numbers of empty seats at approximately ten o'clock, when the teach-in began. Relatively small increases in attendance could be observed for the remainder of the morning session.

Concerns about Laurier's increasing costs were high on the agenda. There were also questions about where Laurier is heading in the future.

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) attempts to address the economic concerns with a new vision for the future. Alexandra Stangret, Vice-President University Affairs, was a panelist in favour of OUSA.

OUSA wants to implement an income-contingent loan repayment plan for Laurier students. The plan would take into account the degree to which education received at Laurier is reflected in post-graduate jobs.

Stangret said that the concept of cost-free education is unrealistic and cannot be taken seriously. Instead, OUSA maintains that concentration should be placed on re-

alistic solutions.

Naill Johnson, President of the Laurier Graduate Students Association, said that he opposes OUSA because it treats education as a privilege, and not a right.

Johnson said that there should be a progressive introduction of free education, and that an income-contingent loan repayment plan would negatively impact those students who can least afford it.

Concerns were also raised about the fact that Laurier has about a \$14 million surplus, but is still serving the faculty, staff and students with budget cutbacks.

Dr. Thomas Hueglin, Political Science faculty member, said that he questions why Laurier has to react to government budget cuts in the same way as do other universities that are not in a surplus position.

Hueglin said that the possibility of using these surplus funds, which were set aside for a "rainy day", should be considered now that Laurier has hit tough times.

Dr. Lorna Marsden, President of WLU, introduced a discussion on Laurier's vision for the future.

Marsden said that Laurier's ancestors had a clear idea of the vision they wanted. They envisioned a small, intimate, academically strong university, and Marsden said that Laurier is all these things.



The teach-in, while being well advertised had a pitiful attendance.

Photo: Mark Hand

Marsden said that Laurier's vision should be decided collectively, keeping in mind that universities are an important part of civil society. As well, universities should maintain intellectual autonomy, and, as far as possible, autonomy from bureaucratic institutions.

Dr. Donald Baker VP: Academic, said that Laurier's self-conception is key to its vision for

the future. Laurier needs to question who its clients are and how it wishes to grow into the future.

Christina Craft, President of the WLU Students' Union, said that Laurier is becoming more government oriented, and that she envisions students becoming more involved, aware and active. Craft said that she encourages students to use the Students' Union as their government.

The teach-in provided the opportunity for members of the Laurier community to open a dialogue on various issues of concern.

More questions were raised than were answered, which clearly demonstrates the necessity for this kind of exercise at Laurier. In order to provide clear and comprehensive answers, Laurier's governing bodies must first know what the questions are.

VP: Academic reveals the facts behind smaller classes

Steve Doak Cord News

Laurier students and faculty have been complaining about cutbacks throughout the university. The cause of the problem is that the government is funding the university for fewer students than actually attend here, Don Baker said.

Baker is the Vice-President: Academic at Laurier.

The government funds universities in increments called Basic Income Units (BIU). One BIU is calculated as the approximate cost of a first year student in arts attending a year of courses. This works out to about five thousand dollars.

Currently, Laurier has one of the lowest average BIU ratings in the province. The average BIU of students at WLU is 1.46. Other universities range from 1.42 at Ryerson to 1.99 at Queen's. The average for Ontario is 1.72.

Laurier currently enrolls approximately 10,600 BIU's of students. The government funds the university for about 9,870 BIU's. According to the government's system, that is how we are underfunded, Baker said.

The size of the gap between these two figures will be decreased by cuts in admission of students to first year. The administration's current goal is to reduce the enrollment of Laurier down to

approximately 10,170 BIU's, which is approximately three percent higher than what the government funds us for.

Laurier currently has a high proportion of general students and fewer honours students than other universities. By increasing the number of honours students, the administration will increase the BIU level of the university.

The administration plans to maintain the enrollment at this point in order to be at the top of the government's "funding corridor".

By being underfunded to this extent, WLU will be more likely to receive a larger amount of money when the government increases its budget for universities, Baker said.

Laurier currently has a high proportion of general students and fewer honours students than other universities. By increasing the proportion of honours students, the administration will increase the BIU level of the university. This will make the need for funding more apparent to the government.

In recent years, requirements

for different degrees have been noticeably decreased. Fewer courses are needed for each student, and a smaller selection of courses is needed overall, Baker said.

The smaller selection of courses costs the university less to operate than more courses would.

Fewer courses combined with an increase in the size of the student body has led to larger class sizes.

The principle reason the university cannot afford to offer the

same number of courses as they have in the past is because of the increased cost of professors, Baker said.

Since the last agreement with the faculty, professors have been required to teach five courses each rather than six courses, which was the case before the agreement was made.

The agreement also includes a yearly incremental increase in the salaries of professors. Professors now teach fewer courses for more money than they did in the past.

Grogan violates election council's policy

Ingrid Nielsen Cord News

Terry Grogan, senator candidate, has been fined by the election council for accessing computer files holding other candidates' platforms on March 15, in the Cord offices.

"So essentially, it comes down



Terry Grogan. File Photo

to Terry can be better prepared than the other candidates for the open forum on Thursday," said Dave Bigoni, Students' Union director.

The election council met to discuss the charge on March 16. The council unanimously voted for the motion to fine Grogan \$24.00. This is the maximum fine for a first violation. It is 30 percent of the allowable personal campaign expenses.

"I'm not surprised," said Grogan. "I expected to get fined when I heard the council met. I made a mistake."

On the night of March 15, at approximately 11:30, Grogan opened computer files under the election directory in the Cord offices and viewed files which con-

tained candidates' platforms. These platforms had been submitted for publication in the upcoming issue of the Cord.

In a letter to the election council, Grogan said, "I checked my platform...then I looked at four or five other platforms...And then I thought 'You know, this is kind of unethical', so I stopped going down the list."

Ryan Feeley, Art Director for the Cord, was in the offices on Monday evening.

"Terry sat at the...terminal. I heard him say something [to Andrew McKee, senator candidate] about 'yours wasn't changed, I'm gonna check mine.'" said Feeley.

The council, chaired by Darren Mahaffy, Chief Returning Officer,

decided against disqualifying Grogan from the election.

The election policy states that a candidate can be disqualified for a violation of the by-laws. If the candidate violates three by-laws, she or he is automatically disqualified.

"The only way that I could really disqualify him [Grogan] is if we charged him with each platform he viewed as a violation," said Mahaffy.

Grogan says he doesn't think this will affect him at the open forum. "I don't really think it's an issue, and I'll tell that to anyone who brings it up. It wasn't sneaky or nothing," said Grogan.

When asked if he would appeal, Grogan said, "There's no point. I won't win."

Hiring policies debated



Lee Hewitt *Commentary*

In front of a packed house, the Student Publications Board met on Friday to kick butts and take numbers.

The first item of business was brought to the Board by President Martin Walker. It involved a potential problem with the Cord EIC hiring committee, which interviews applicants for the post and decides who next year's Editor will be.

The process was set to begin in a mere three hours. However, Walker stated that the committee "is not of the right composition."

His complaint with the process was that there were too many

Cord staff members on the committee. And, because the Cord Constitution has not returned from the lawyer John Kendall, it has not been fully ratified and cannot be used as a guideline.

Current Cord EIC Pat Brethour defended the composition of the committee by stating, "I thought the consensus was that we'd be using the constitutional formula." He added that the move was, "a little late."

Observer Jim Lowe added to the defense saying it was, "irresponsible to bring this [issue] up three hours before the process." He added that keeping the committee at its current status would be a "gesture of good faith to the Cord staff."

However, Chief Returning Officer Darren Mahaffy, also had a concern about the committee. He asked, "should the Cord staff outweigh the elected BOD members?"

Kinzinger reminded the BOD that it has a final say in hiring via the ratification process. He then suggested that the Board "let sleeping dogs lie."

With that he proposed a temporary motion, stating the hiring be conducted using the constitutional formula. It was passed by a vote of 3-1, with Walker as the sole opposition.

At this point, BOD Member Dawna MacIvor began to discuss next year's Student Publications job descriptions.

All positions were opened, retroactive to the period beginning February 25, and ending March 11. Of course, the meeting took place on March 12, which meant that the positions were already closed by the time they were opened. The wheels of effective democracy keep on grinding...

The Board moved on to the proposal on the Advertising Department. It was suggested that the it become an autonomous department within Student Publications, and its manager would report directly to the WLUSP President.

With a few minor additions and subtractions, the proposal was passed.

The rest of the job descriptions that MacIvor had prepared were then discussed at great length.

The only major change to the descriptions was to the position of Keystone Copy Editor. It was eliminated for next year.

Chair Brian Gear questioned the definition of office hours contained in the proposal. He said that clause in it that required position holders to stay on the Third Floor of the Students' Union Building during their office hours was "insulting".

Gear added that such a provision would mean the BOD was "treating their employees like children."

The justification for the clause was that it would force employees to not wander off during office hours, and to do their jobs more effectively.

Kinzinger added, "What I

think is insulting is someone who does a half-ass rat job and at the end of the year says, 'where's my money?'"

The Board, however, decided to strike the passage. They felt that, if policed properly, next year's employees could be held to their office hours.

With that, the job descriptions were passed. After a staggering two hours and 10 minutes of democracy in action, the BOD called it quits for the day.

Next week: It's the day after the St. Paddy's Day green beer-fest in Wilf's. Do you really care what's going on next week?



Dealing with hiring policy.

Pic: Sheldon Page

Graduate update

Dates

- Convocation weekend is May 28-30. The formal will be held at Bingeman Park May 28.
- The morning convocation will be for: Business, Honours Economics, Music, and Masters grads. The afternoon session is for: Arts and Science grads.
- The "Last Bash" party will be held in the Turret Saturday May 29.

Lodgings and food

- Conrad residence will be the hotel for graduating students on Grad Weekend. Conrad will also serve as the headquarters for all Grad activities.
- A BBQ and sporting events will be held at Conrad on Friday 28.
- Final Farewell brunch to be held on Sunday. The exact time and location has yet to be announced.

Fundraising

- The Grad Committee is running several fundraisers including pizza days, BBQ's, and raffles. Grad merchandise and formal tickets go on sale Wednesday, March 17, at the Centre Spot.

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Who will pay for the pill?

Steve Doak *Cord News*

On Monday, March 22 students will be asked if they want to subsidize birth control pills with the health plan.

The official wording of the question students will be asked is "Do you wish that coverage for Oral Contraceptives be removed from the Wilfrid Laurier University Student Union Health Plan for 1993-1994, recognizing that the

cost will drop from \$49.00 to \$37.82 per student?"

Last year at this time, students voted in a referendum to add oral contraceptives to the health plan. The health plan then covered half of the cost of the pills.

The contraceptives have been available at the Health Services office for \$15.00 for a four month supply under the health plan. Costs at drug stores are approximately double that amount.

In the middle of the year, Health Services said the new arrangement has caused administrative problems.

The Students' Union Board of Directors decided to hold a referendum this year to reverse the decision made last year about subsidizing oral contraceptives with the health plan.

If students decide to retain contraceptives on the plan, the plan will cost \$58.43 per student.

Birth control pills will be available from pharmacies for approximately \$10.00 per month as well as from Health Services.

If students decide to remove oral contraceptives from the health plan, the cost of the plan will be \$37.82 per student. The pills will be approximately the same price as before from Health Services and the normal price of about \$20.00 per month from other pharmacies.

The Union cannot change the comprehensiveness of the plan without getting student approval in a referendum.

When the referendum question was first planned, it did not include the difference in cost of the health plan per student. Alexandra Stangret then said the

question should be adjusted to explain the issue more thoroughly.

The official wording of the question is biased towards the affirmative side. Darren Mahaffy, the Chief Returning Officer, said that bias is inevitable in questions of a financial nature.

Information packages on the issue will be available at the polling booths on the day of the referendum.

March 22 is also the first day of elections for student representatives to the Senate. These elections will continue until Friday, March 26.

In the next academic year, students may also have to choose between a mandatory, opt-in or opt-out health plan.



New BOD takes on next year's jobs

Steve Doak

Commentary

The new Students' Union Board of Directors has chosen its Chair and representatives and is ready to take over from the old BOD on the first of May.

The new Chair of the Board is Hugh MacPhie and the Vice-Chair is Paul McQueen. MacPhie immediately took control of the meeting after being acclaimed to this position.

Charlie Angelakos was acclaimed as Chair of the External Affairs Board (EAB), a committee that was formed this year. Joel Lynn and Craig Moffatt will also sit on this board.

Laurier's representatives to the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) will be selected from this committee later in the year.

The Finance and Building Committee will be chaired by Alex Czekalla. This committee is responsible for the management of the Unions' material assets. Allison Kwekkeboom, the new Vice-President: Finance, will sit on this committee as well.

Czekalla will also be the chair of the Audit

Committee, which conducts an ongoing review of the operations of the Union.

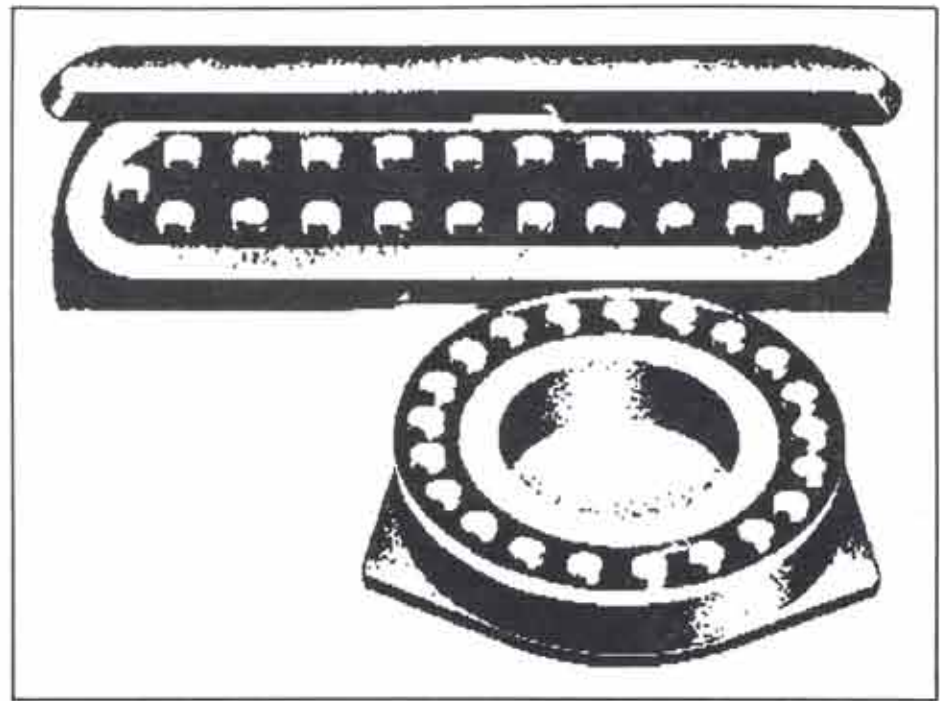
The Constitutional and Operational Development Committee (COD) will be chaired by Martin Chartrand. This committee serves as "our resident lawyers", Sean Taylor said.

Plans for expansion of the Students' Union Building will be overseen by the Space Committee. It will be chaired by Taylor next year. Tim Crowder, Jenn Flynn, Charlie Angelakos, and Jason Gilmore will also sit on the committee.

The BOD also ratified the Vice-Presidents who were hired earlier last week. Rob Trojansek is the new VP: Marketing. Aileen McPherson will serve as the VP: Student Activities. The Manager of Student Services will be Tara Collins.

The new BOD will take over in the beginning of May after a three-day training session.

Like the old BOD, the new BOD apparently believes the best way to clap is by banging obnoxiously on the table. Perhaps it makes them appear more sophisticated.



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Focusing on student life

Lynn McCuaig *Cord News*

The afternoon session of Monday's Teach-In in the Turret discussed the quality of life at Laurier. Issues included class sizes, the course calendar, food services, Students' Union expansion and the role of religion.

Marie Molloy, a researcher in the Quality of Student Life Study, began the afternoon session with a report from a survey done in 1990/91. Molloy noted open forums, the course calendar and improvements to the fitness center as important student concerns.

The Quality of Student Life and Student Services on Campus panel consisted of students and staff members. The first half of the discussion focused on Laurier's projected image.

Mike Loeters, a student activist, said that small class sizes need to be preserved. He accused the

WLU marketing department of false advertising in brochures sent to high schools.

Arthur Stephen, Director of Institutional Relations, said his aim is not false advertising. "54 percent of classes at the undergraduate level have less than 25 students. That's a reality, and it's not just the music faculty".

Loeters attributed this percentage to classes like Spanish and German which are not mainstream. "Laurier needs to point out realities" said Loeters.

Stevens maintained that Laurier is not misleading. "Students unaware that they are competing for 150 positions for third year business program — that's misleading."

The course calendar was also a target of misrepresentation claims. Many of the courses listed in the 1993-94 calendar are not offered. Dr. Donald Baker, VP

Academic, said the academic planning committee implemented a "sunset clause". The clause would eliminate courses from the calendar after seven years.

"It's a political issue" said Baker. "Departments think if something is taken out, they will not be allowed another course to replace it."

Loeters said the calendar creates a false impression to first year students. Baker said a sunset provision will indicate which courses are offered every two or three years or less frequently.

Price, waste and meal plan were issues raised concerning food services. Jim Lowe, a third year student, said individual topping packets and plastic are unnecessary. The focus of the discussion was the meal plan. Lowe said the meal plan should have a carry over to the next year.

Jim Wilgar, Associate VP:

Student Services/Institutional Projects, said he did not want to get into that particular aspect. "A balance carry over does not fit into the given fiscal year." Wilgar said "if people choose not to eat there, that does not minimize the university's cost."

The final issue raised concerned Students' Union expansion plans. Christina Craft, Students' Union president, outlined proposed changes to the Student Union building costing 2.8 million dollars. The funds would be generated from the elevator fund and a surplus created in the Students' Union budget.

Martin Walker, president of Student Publications, said students did not have enough input. Walker said the survey conducted by the Students' Union was bias and not representative.

The final panel of the teach-in discussed what direction religion

should take on campus. Christian prayers at convocation were the center of discussion.

Chaplain Graham Morbey and Laurier Christian Fellowship member, Christine Faust said that Christian prayers should remain at convocation. Both cited Laurier's history as a Lutheran University.

Christina Craft proposed alternatives to Christian prayers. Craft said a silent mediation would be more appropriate.

"Meditation is a cop out, it suggests that religion is a private affair," said Morbey. Faust said that religion should be shared and should not threaten other people.

Jim Wilgar said that religious aspects were removed from staff functions. He invited anyone to his office to voice their concerns about next year's convocation. There were no non-Christians on the panel.

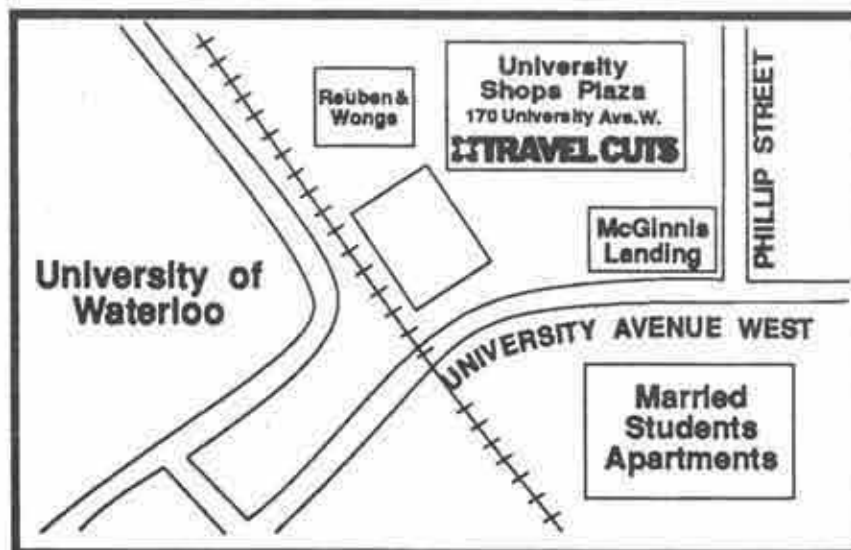
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March 12
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March 13
MISCHIEF - (0200 hrs): Received a call from a WLW student reporting that he has just witnessed a male kick in the WLW crest on the sign located on University Avenue and Mid-campus Drive. The caller indicated that he had a real good look at the perpetrator since the culprit's foot got stuck in the hole and had a difficult time removing his foot from the sign. The culprit, a 21 year old McMaster student, was apprehended on University Avenue and arrested by security. The estimated cost of repairing the sign is approximately \$700.

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Fashion show rages on

Jenn O'Connell Cord News

Men in their underwear, women with whips, a ballerina and bellbottoms.

No, this is not sex shop paraphernalia but rather components of Laurier's first fashion show for charity that took place on Friday and Saturday night.

Just under 1000 people attended each night of "All the Rage 93". Although all the accounting has not been completed, it is expected that just under \$1000 was raised for the ROOF organization.

The fashion show, produced by third year economics student Rob Yeung, was deemed a success

for ROOF (Reaching Our Outdoor Friends). The charity helps street youth over the age of twelve to get off the streets and on with their lives.

"All the Rage 93" included a range of clothing from formal dress to Wild West wear, from aerobic outfits to Alfred Sung Basics.

Thirty-seven models strutted and danced to the funky beats of such numbers as "Kiss of Death", which featured the underground world of fashion and sensual dancing. Another number, "Industry and Seduction" unveiled the latest in business wear for both men and women.

Strobe lights and a basic black

and white set design added to the alternative swing of the show.

Masters of ceremony Stuart Knight and Shelley Blott told jokes and ad libbed causing a wave of chuckles throughout the audience sporadically during the evening.

The last scene entitled "Sex" was promised by the masters of ceremony to be the most memorable.

Though signs were posted at the entrance and throughout the Theatre Auditorium warning that some contents of the show were for mature audiences only, "Sex" prompted one mother with her two young daughters to cover their eyes and comment "There was nothing

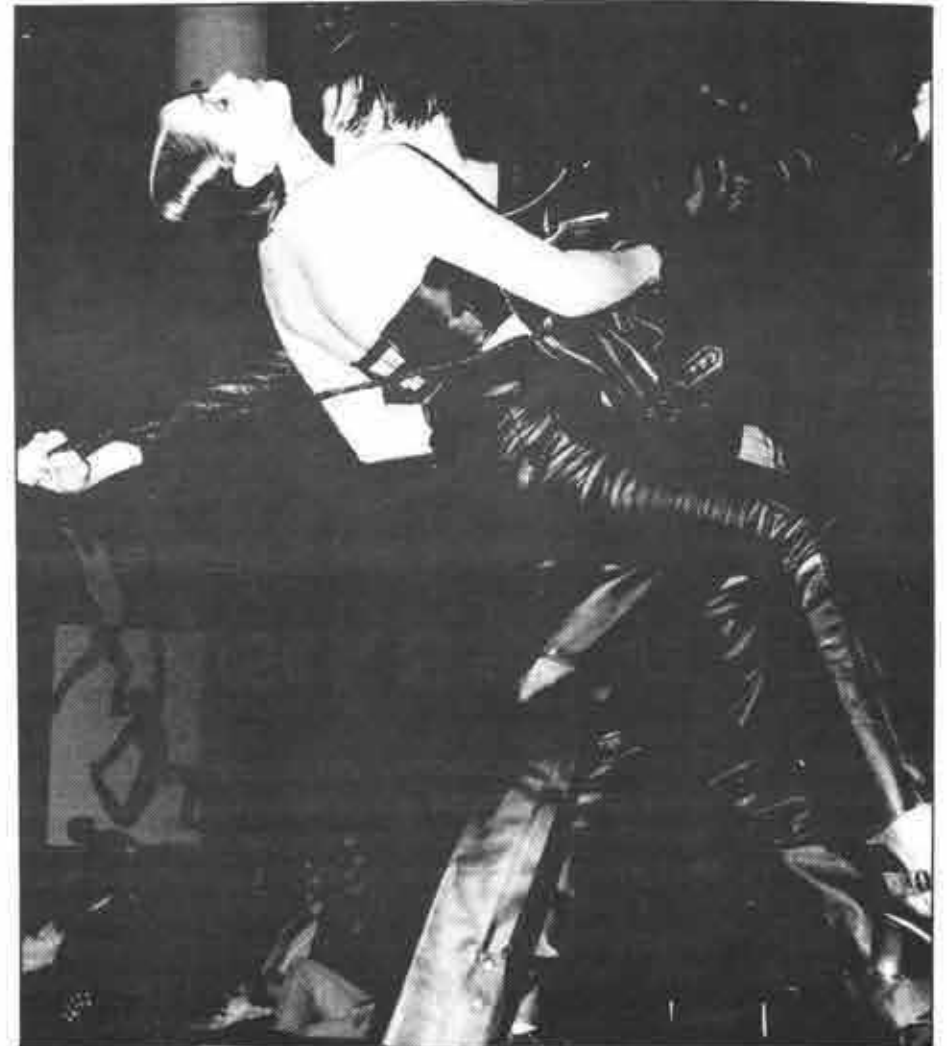
about this on the tickets."

Yeung stands by the scene. "The faculty and parents thought it was going to be a lot worse than it was. We really dodged a bullet."

The scene, with clothes by Leather, by CHF and Silk and Satin, involved whips, handcuffs and a woman crawling on the stage.

Clothes for the models were provided by a number of stores including Champs, The Bay, Eye in the Sky and Bootlegger.

All hair was done by Shear Heaven of Waterloo who gave free haircare product samples to everyone attending the show and also provided a basket of products as a door prize.



Whipping up a storm.

Pic: Darren Myher

Perrin Beatty speaks at WLU

Brian Gear

Cord News

A former candidate for the position of Prime Minister of Canada visited Laurier two weeks ago Wednesday.

Communications Minister Perrin Beatty, considered a contender for the PC leadership, spoke to the crowd of over 100 people in the Paul Martin Centre. The event was co-sponsored by the Students' Union and the WLU PC Association.

Accompanying Beatty were Solicitor General Doug Lewis and Kitchener-Waterloo MPs Walter McLean and John Reimer.

Lewis spoke first and declared that he was not running for the leadership. He defended the Tory government's record of "tough decisions," especially regarding the economy.

"I expect more of the same," Lewis said, referring to the economic agenda of the next PC leader.

Beatty also spoke of the Conservative govern-

ment's economic management.

"Is it wrong to live within your means?" Beatty asked the audience.

Beatty explained that the deficit has not been reduced as much as everyone would have liked. Only the Tories have the political will to hold the line on government spending, he said.

Both Beatty and Lewis criticized federal Liberal Leader Jean Chretien and Ontario Premier Bob Rae at length.

"The Liberals hope to surf into office on voter resentment," Beatty said. He explained that Canadians will not be fooled by Chretien's lack of alternatives to policies like the GST and free trade.

When asked about education, Beatty referred to the Waterloo example of cooperation between the universities and business. He also said that a program with students receiving their tuition in return for national service after graduation could work in Canada.

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Linda is great

Angela Gallup

Cord News

Everyone on the third floor of the Student Union building seems to know and love Linda Lippert.

Lippert is the Students' Union secretary. Lippert has been working here since September 1987 and on March 10th, she received an award for her dedication to her job. She stated that she was very surprised to receive it because there are just as many hard workers as herself.

Lippert handles many complaints and she knows so much about the university, that if a problem arises she knows who to speak to or where to go.

Lippert says that she loves her job and likes being around people that have enough energy for her as well.

Lippert strives to be cheerful and attempts to steer away from people that are in bad moods.

Lippert said that the quality which people like

most about her is that she is easy to approach and is always interested in helping people by pointing them in the right direction.

Lippert is credited by those who meet her for having a superior knowledge of her job, excellent organizational skills and never getting annoyed.

When major problems arise like students not having their health cards, Lippert makes sure that these students get their health cards promptly and with as little hassle as possible.

Lippert is working on dedicating herself to her work further in order to have more time to herself.

Lippert's hobbies include: walking her Husky, walking on her own, doing aerobics and spending time

with her family.

Lippert's advice to life by is that everyone should just be themselves and try not to be something they are not. She also says to be honest.



Linda Lippert receives award. Pic: Sheldon Page

WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

Compiled by Patty Chippta

Southern states get snowed

(United States) The 'storm of the century' came in like a lion on the weekend, wreaking havoc all along the eastern coast, from Florida to Ontario. The blizzard was accompanied by floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes in some areas, and the disastrous weather caused a total of 113 deaths in the U.S. and Canada. Airports were plugged, highways were closed, and millions suffered power loss.

BOMB-bay is blasted by Sikh militants

(Bombay) More than 300 people died Friday in 13 explosions planted by a Sikh militant group in the Indian city of Bombay. The group called the Indian news agency to claim responsibility earlier this week, and police were sending a team of experts to compare the Bombay blasts to the New York Trade Centre bombings.

King case 'strikes' again

(Los Angeles) Testimony from Dr. Harry Lincoln Smith provided a setback in the Rodney King case last week. The doctor insisted that the black motorist's fractured facial bones were not caused by a fall to the pavement, as had been previously claimed, but instead, by beatings from the white police officers with batons. Police policy forbids baton blows to the head. The case is still being questioned.

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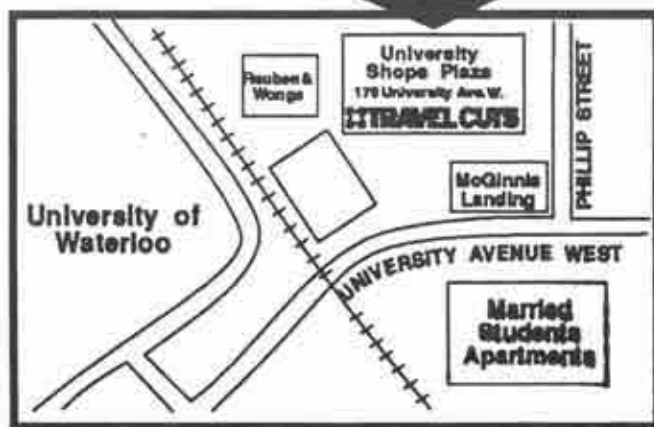
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Bumbling bank recognizes funny money

(Wellington) A 13-year-old boy from New Zealand found an old 10,000 Japanese yen note in a book, and cashed it in to the National Bank of New Zealand. The bank accepted the note and granted the boy \$78 U.S. It was discovered later that the money was actually the Japanese version of Monopoly money. The bank, humiliated by the whole affair, has decided to write off the loss.

Rich Brit in a snit has a fit and gets in shit

(France) A wealthy Englishman without any money in his pocket was billed at a posh hotel in Lille last week, and when the bank refused to grant him any funds, the man threatened to buy the hotel so that he could fire the manager. The man became so angered over the affair that he rammed his luxury car through the front door of the hotel's restaurant, causing \$9400 in damages. Well, he showed them.

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The politically uncorrect

Jim Boyce *Cord News*

"The thesis of the conference is that, while the original intent of certain policies may have been to ensure equality of opportunity in academic pursuits, their effect has been largely the reverse. They now seriously infringe on the freedom of discussion which is essential for open enquiry, and they have significantly undermined the merit principle in appointment and promotion of university faculty. The direct victims of such policies have been faculty members who dare to speak despite the rules, and those who censor themselves to avoid trouble. The indirect victims are the students and the public who are being deprived of a genuine university." —From the program of the "University in Jeopardy" Conference "Politically incorrect" people from across Canada gathered at The Royal York Hotel to discuss the future of universities in

Canada.

The conference was called "University in Jeopardy" and featured a series of speakers who attacked employment equity programs, and addressed perceived threats to academic freedom and the quality of education in Canada.

Doreen Kimura, President of The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship (Ontario), opened by saying that many professors are fearful of what they say in the classroom since "almost any behavior can be construed as a violation" and as offensive. This, she said, has led to an atmosphere of self-censorship in which "the truth can only be spoken if it is completely innocuous or if we're foolhardy enough."

John Furedy of the University of Toronto stated that "an iron curtain of political correctness" is being raised. The present climate in universities is "not merely chilly, but positively frigid." Chilliness occurs when people are made to feel "intellectually uncomfortable"

(for instance, his experiences as a Christian in a secular university). Frigidity occurs when people are persecuted for their ideas. He said "The New McCarthyism" at U of T includes "a 41 Purity Platoon" that is attempting to "impose restrictions on behavior and speech within the University that go beyond civil and criminal laws."

Other speakers included Michael Walker of The Fraser In-

Almost any behavior can be construed as a violation

stitute and Jan Narveson of the University of Waterloo.

Several questions were directed at the speakers. One audience member said the panel could be accused of whining. Furedy replied that whether he was whining or not, the critical issue was whether what was being said was true or false.

John Crispo, of U of T, said "it should not be a left-right issue" since both sides have suffered persecution at different times. He said that 20 to 25 percent of his students are Asian, far higher than the proportion of Asians in society, but that this should not be an issue. What is the issue is "equality of opportunity and how we get there."

The afternoon speakers dealt with employment equity policies. Grant Brown of the University of Lethbridge presented a study comparing the number of women hired in universities to the number of women qualified for those positions. Even after considering criticisms from people opposed to him, Brown said, the results still showed women were favored in hiring by a significant margin.

Ruth Gruhn, President of the Society of Concerned Academics, was the final speaker. All women hired AEE ("After Employment Equity") will be forced

to live with the possibility that they were hired because of their gender, she said. Not only will this devalue the idea of women as role models but will, as studies have shown, cause low self-esteem. Gruhn claimed that money was the real barrier to education and that expensive preferential hiring programs came at the cost of scholarships.

The conference closed with a Roundtable discussion. Panelists were asked many questions. How can merit be measured? How can senior faculty be encouraged to raise their voices? Why do so few people publicly oppose employment equity policies? A major criticism was the one-sidedness of the panel. Kimura responded that the conference was designed to put forth an alternative voice. In this respect, it was successful.

Next week: Keynote speaker Dinesh D'Souza, author of the controversial book *Illiberal Education*, and former editor of the equally controversial *Dartmouth Review*.

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AIESEC Cultural festival



A step in the direction of cultural tolerance. Pic: Rich Vallerling

Sheldon Page Cord News

International culture came to the Turret Sunday in the form of AIESEC's multicultural festival.

The festival featured eight live acts along with international cuisine, crafts, and clothing.

A wide range of cultures were represented at the festival. Representatives from the Chinese, Ukrainian, Croatia, Portuguese, Irish, along with several other cultural communities were involved.

The event was a success compared to a similar event last year.

"I was ecstatic," said AIESEC (International Association of Students in Economics and Commerce) president John Siambani. "It was a complete success in every aspect of the word. It was by far the best thing we have ever done."

AIESEC tried a similar event last year, but it never got off the ground. Siambani said that the key to making the event an annual success is by starting a tradition. The festival has to overcome Laurier's current trend of student apathy.

"It's like pulling teeth [at WLU] to get people out to events," said Siambani. "You have to have something that is proven — a tradition. If it is consistent and reliable, people will know about it."

Realizing the lack of student support for special events, AIESEC went to the community for support. The festival was advertised in local newspapers as well as on the radio and on flyers.

"We banked that the parents wanted to see their children perform," said Siambani. The tactic worked and most of the performers involved in the event have expressed an interest in next year's

festival.

Next year plans for the festival include: more groups, smoother operation, and a greater variety of acts.

"We want a grand finale," said Siambani. "It would involve all the groups. It would be more of a showcase."

The funds raised by the event go back to the event itself. "I think we just broke even," said Siambani. "We anticipated a reasonable loss."

"AIESEC is an international organization of students devoted to promoting international understanding and cooperation amongst the different people and cultures of the world," states AIESEC literature.

"One of our main goals is to promote [cultural] tolerance," said Siambani.

While AIESEC's name implies that it is for business students, this is not the case. "Membership is open to anyone who wants international work experience and cultural understanding," said Siambani. "It is not just for business students. A fourth year psychology major was in charge of this event."

Rev. Gmeindl leaving WLU

Lianne Jewitt Cord News

Outside, smoking a cigarette stood Reverend Bob Gmeindl. Gmeindl has been a Chaplain at WLU for four years. April 30, 1993 is his last day.

Gmeindl is leaving WLU, "but not because I want to," he said. "The campus is downsizing (their) commitment to campus ministry. It's most unfortunate."

Gmeindl has been associated with WLU for twenty years. In 1980, he graduated from WLU with a Masters in Systemic Theology, he then taught on campus, and is now leaving after four years as a Chaplain.

"I've really enjoyed my time here," Gmeindl said, adding proudly, "I think I've really done some good work here."

It has been ten years since Gmeindl was ordained. When asked about his decision to enter this field, Gmeindl laughed, "it wasn't God's voice coming down saying 'Bob, you've got to be a minister, babe'."

Leaning back in his chair, Gmeindl said the thought occurred to him "sometime when I was hitchhiking through Europe."

After a year at University, Gmeindl took off with sixty-five dollars to try to find himself. What he found was the "notion (that) my faith had some helpful things to say to people."

"I believe I come from a church that believes in love and forgiveness," Gmeindl said. In a "world



B. Gmeindl. Pic: Inst. Relations

that believes in cause and effect, Christian faith says — surprise, God forgives."

Gmeindl said, "I've been told that I have some unconventional beliefs." One of which includes his vision of humanity. "God created very good people," and because we allow ourselves to view humanity as bad, "we tend to forget that."

On the topic of Religion, "I don't believe that Christianity has exclusive rights to God," Gmeindl said.

Keeping an open mind when it comes to other Religious beliefs, Gmeindl enjoys discussions with members of all religions, believing that God would look down and say, 'you're all fairly cool.'

Upon leaving WLU, Gmeindl said he'd "like to continue (working) on a campus," adding that he is "looking at both church and secular employment."

Gmeindl stated that "students are too serious," so when asked for some final words of wisdom, laughing, he said, "have fun."

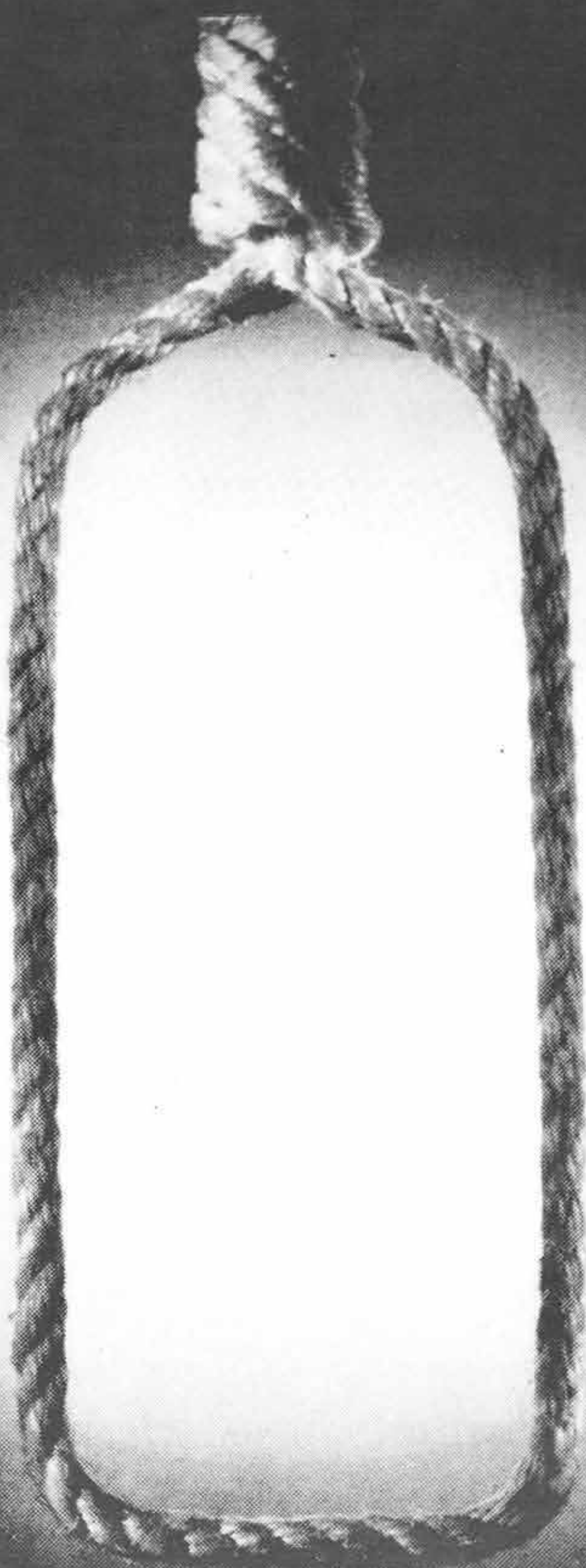


A cultural fashion show.

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Dunkers show their stuff



Power jamming

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Tom Dabek

Cord Sports

The second annual WLU Slam Dunk Competition was a wonderful showcase for Shane Nicely's slam dunk exploits. From his first dunk, the outcome of the competition was a foregone conclusion. Nicely dominated the event with earth-shattering dunks on each attempt. His first dunk, the same as the one Harold Miner used in winning the NBA competition excited the crowd and silenced the competition. Nicely used a Dominique Wilkins dunk to propel himself into the finals where he amazed the crowd with a Jordanesque dunk, taking off from just inside the foul line in what was the most impressive dunk of the entire competition.

The crowd favorite was WLU's Rico Medeiros, who despite his lack of size at 5'9" was the second most impressive dunker in the competition. His best dunk came in the finals where he threw the ball up,

caught it on a bounce, pumped and threw down a two handed reverse. The most popular dunk with the contestants was the 'self alley-oop' where you throw the ball up, catch it on the bounce and dunk it, however it proved to be the least popular with the crowd, which lost its fascination with that particular dunk after about the tenth attempt.

Another crowd favorite was Andrew Scharschmidt, who despite failing to advance past round one continued to receive vocal support throughout the competition. Golden Hawk football star Hugh Lawson also had a lot of support and excited the fans with a Shaquille O'Neal hang-from-the-rim-dunk.

The competition was a huge success, with the stands jam packed with fans who were having a great time. Hopefully next year's competition will bring together a strong field that can compete with Nicely's aerial assault.

Football clinic

Evan Bailey

Cord Sports

Future Golden Hawks from the Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge area were treated to the third annual Waterloo County High School Football Clinic. The clinic was organized by seven Laurier Phys. Ed. students; Kathie Fitzsimmons, Mike Babcock, Marg McAdam, Craig Brenner, Michelle Meyer, Colin Sindlater, and Joe Brazeau. Coke and Dutch Boy pitched in as sponsors. Fourteen high schools in the area participated in the full day event.

The camp began bright and early (8:30 am) Saturday morning in the cozy confines of the Athletic Complex. A few of Golden Hawk football players were present to assist in the day's activities. The Agenda for the day consisted of a comment from Coach Rich Newbrough, a drug seminar, and a skill development program.



Football clinic skill development

pic: Rich Vollereng

The day was a success. The participants enjoyed themselves and when 4:30 rolled around a few future football stars had been formed. Two thumbs up for all those involved in the event.

Laurier goes over the top

Martin Cheski

Cord Sports

Arm wrestling made its debut at Laurier in the Arm Wrestling Championships at Wilf's on Saturday afternoon. A large crowd was on hand to witness the event. After a brief explanation of the finer points of arm wrestling, courtesy of three members of the Port Hope Arm Wrestling Club, the preliminary matches began.

The contestants were divided, by weight, into men's light, middle and heavyweight, women's open class and left hand open.

The star of the preliminary matches was lightweight Paul Boyd whose longest match was three seconds. Boyd handily put away his competition with the help of an effective icy stare which could be felt as far away as Mac House. In the lightweight final Boyd was pitted against Don McClure. Boyd's past arm wrestling experience was evident as he quickly put away McClure to claim the lightweight title. Late entry Frank Nardi took home third prize.

The middleweight semi featured Cam 'Sly' Croxall against Ryan Djordjevic. Croxall used the fingerwalk technique to defeat Djordjevic, but then fell to a more powerful Steve Jorgensen in the final.

The most exciting match-up of the afternoon was between Nena Orescanin and Amanda Tuill. These two ladies battled, to the delight of the crowd, for over 1 1/2 minutes in their preliminary match and for over three grueling minutes when they met in the quarter final. Tuill won the second match to advance to the semis after falling to Orescanin in the preliminary match. Both ladies were visibly shaken

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The mother of all battles

pic: Scott McKay

Men on March madness



March Madness is here! The annual N.C.A.A. tournament begins tonight, as sixty-four teams battle for the college hoops championship. The tourney's top four seeds are North Carolina, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan.

North Carolina has dominated opponents throughout the year, and are picked by many experts to be in New Orleans at the end of the month. Expect the Tar Heels to face stiff challenges from Cincinnati, Arkansas and Virginia.

M.O.S. East PICKS: Arkansas (BG), Cincinnati (AH), N. Carolina (JL)

Indiana's Hoosiers are a perennial crowd favourite, but may have to contend with two-time, defending champs Duke. This bracket contains a number of tough teams, including Kansas and Oklahoma State.

M.O.S. M-W PICKS: Duke (BG), Duke (AH), Duke (JL)

Kentucky is the top seed in the Southeast, but may have the hardest time advancing. Seton Hall has consistently been one of the year's best teams, and has the potential to go all the way. Keep an eye on Florida State and Wake Forest as well.

M.O.S. S-E PICKS: Seton Hall (BG), Kentucky (AH), Seton Hall (JL)

In the west, Michigan could have an easy path to the Final Four. The Wolverines have been mauling their opponents of late and, while fourth ranked Georgia Tech could be tough, their strongest competitor will be Vanderbilt.

M.O.S. West PICKS: Arizona (BG), Georgia Tech (AH), Michigan (JL)

While college basketball may be dominating the airwaves, the rest of the sports world continues to roll on. Baseball is gearing up, hockey is in its stretch drive and the rumour mill is once again churning in Argoland.

Down in Dunedin, winter hurricanes have not been able to blow away concerns about the Blue Jays third base woes. Eddie Sprague, quite simply, does not have what it takes to be an everyday third baseman. Toronto fans will be missing Kelly Gruber soon enough.

The N.H.L. season is winding up, but none of the divisions are without exciting playoff races. The Adams Division may have turned into the league's best, with Montreal and Quebec battling it out for first overall. When the Leafs/Wings horserace and the Patrick Division logjam are factored in, we are left with one of the most exciting stretch drives that hockey has ever seen.

In C.F.L. news, a league which seems to lose credibility by the day, it appears as if the Toronto Argonauts will allow Rocket Ismail to head to silver and grayer pastures in Los Angeles. Ismail, who's stunning kickoff returns were rivalled only by his knack for concussions, is simply not worth the cash that the Argos are paying him. It will be interesting to see how the league adapts to losing one of its two marquee players.

Finally, how could we write this column without commenting on an incredibly successful week for Canadian sports. Canadians won medals from across the sporting world. From Eisler, Brasseur and Browning to Surin, McKoy and Pace, Canadians were treated to a display of excellence from their athletes. Such success, coming only one week after the Canadian sports ego was bruised by Ben Johnson for a second time, is more than enough of a reason to celebrate.

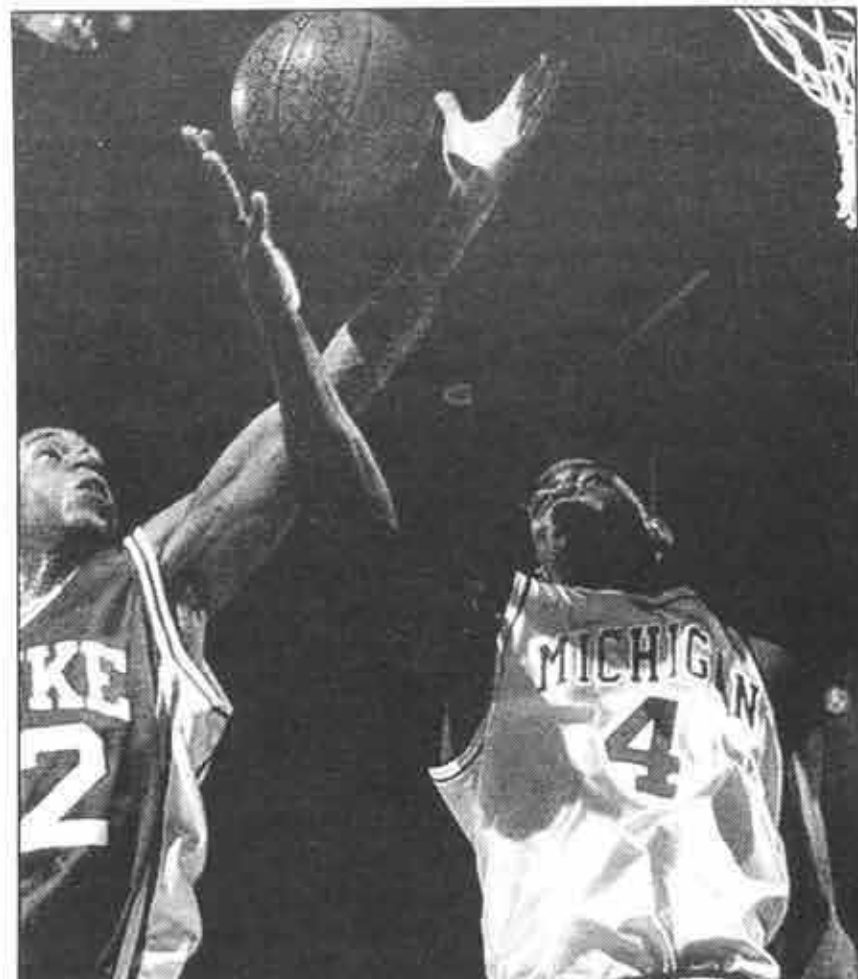
MEN ON SPORTS

SUPER PICKS:

AH 18/03/93 Mnt (V) over Que...Revenge is sweet
20/03/93 Bos (H) ties Det...Too close to call
21/03/93 Phi (H) over N-J...Eric will rock Scott again
BB 19/03/93 LAL (H) over Bos...Home court advantage
20/03/93 Uth (V) over LAC...I don't know why

Record: 2/8 (Last Week, 0/3)
BG 20/03/93 Det (V) over Bos...Wings fly high in the sky
20/03/93 L-A (H) over STL...LA's gearing up
21/03/93 Cal (V) over Win...No comment
BB 19/03/93 N-J (H) over Mil...Bucks get bucked
20/03/93 Den (H) ties Orf...Chicken Nuggets play better
Record: 5/12 (Last Week, 4/4)

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JL 18/03/93 N-J (H) over Edm...Oilers are sunk
20/03/93 STL (V) over L-A...Blues gearing up
21/03/93 Win (H) over Cal...Teemu breaks the record
BB 19/03/93 Pho (H) over Det...Charles in Charge
21/03/93 Por (H) ties Bos...Old Celts will surprise
Record: 5/12 (Last Week, 2/4)



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Arm wrestling a success

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after their see-saw battle and received a standing 'O' from the crowd. Tuill met Lori Spoltore in the finals, but dropped the decision. Anna Sakasov took third prize.

In the heavyweight division, over 200 lbs., there were only three competitors, but the big men put on quite a show. Mike Urminsky settled for third place while the final featured Paul

Stopenbracher and Pete 'Tiny' Gisborn. Gisborn was accused of using a controversial grip by some Stopenbracher supporters, but went on to defeat his smaller opponent.

Gisborn, still ecstatic from his heavyweight victory placed third in the left hand competition, while in the final Fred Grossman squared off against P.J. Martin. Grossman attempted to psych out

Martin with some delay tactics, but Martin was unfazed and went on to defeat Grossman in a heated match.

The final set of matches was for the overall title. The winners of the men's light, middle and heavyweight divisions would battle to determine Laurier's arm wrestling champ. In the first match Boyd met Gisborn. This David and Goliath match was too much for Boyd as he succumbed quickly to his much larger opponent. Gisborn then met Jorgensen in the final. Jorgensen surprised Gisborn and it looked as if an upset may take place, but in the end it was Gisborn who was crowned champion.

The event was a highly successful one and enjoyed by all who attended. Hopefully it will be back again next year to allow the champions an opportunity to defend their titles.



Armwrestling at its best

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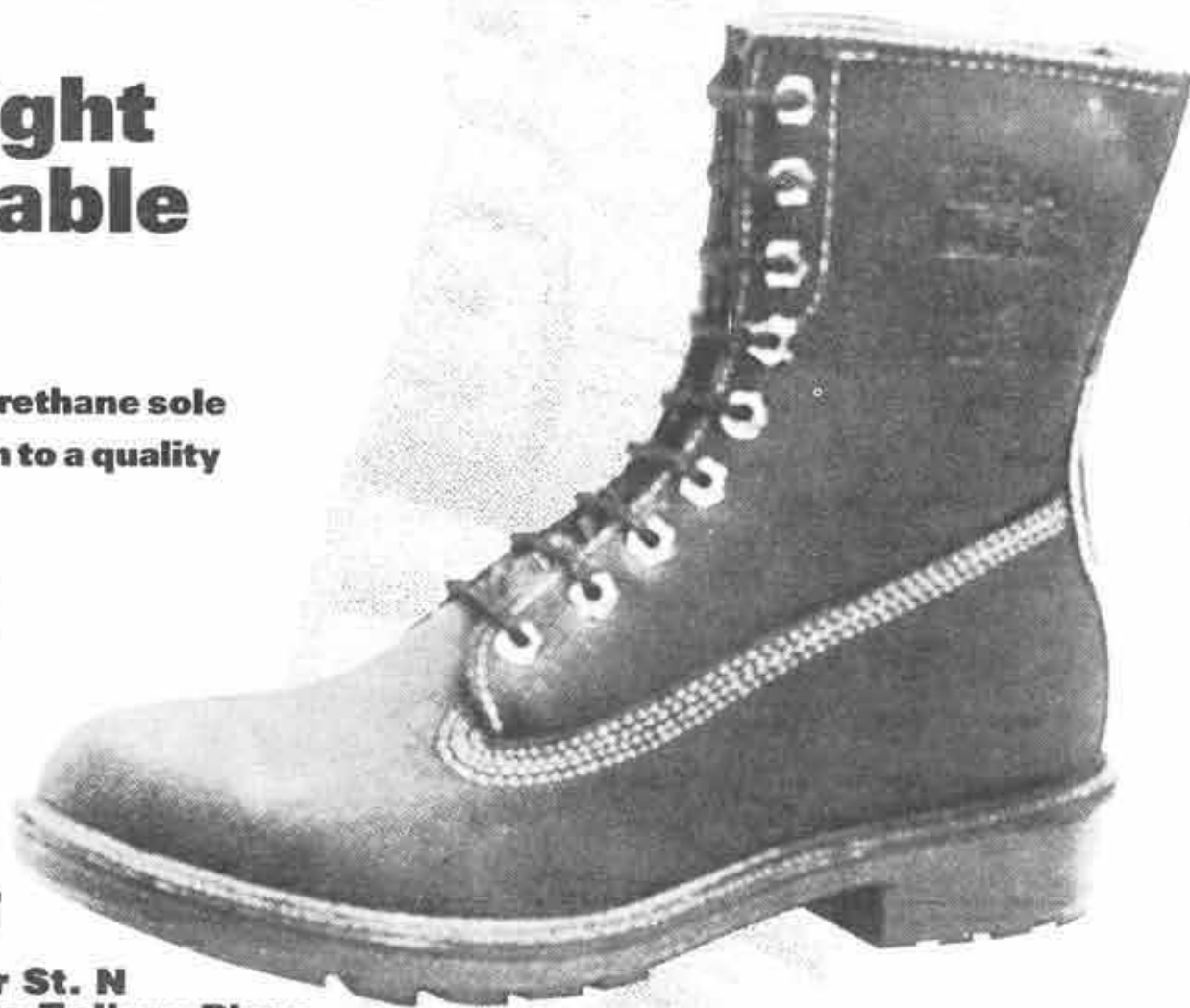
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Ottawa wins THL crown

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The 1992-1993 TAMAIE Hockey League came to an end last Thursday night as Ottawa captured the playoff championship by defeating Detroit in the best of three final.

The road to the finals for Ottawa and Detroit was challenging to say the least. After receiving a bye in the first round, Ottawa played Calgary in a two games total goals series. Calgary, led by Greg Rickwood and Bill Gourley made this an exciting series, almost knocking off Ottawa in the final minutes of game two. However, the strong Ottawa defense managed to pull off a win sending them to the finals, where they awaited the winner of the Quebec - Detroit series.

Detroit, after narrowly beating out Vancouver in the first round, was ready to battle with Quebec. Throughout the season these two teams have had close games, with Quebec winning every contest. Quebec was not able to overcome the strong work ethic that Detroit displayed or the strong play by Detroit goalie Tom Mochos. The final score of the two game total goal series ended up 4-1 for Detroit. So the stage was set for the final: Ottawa vs. Detroit.

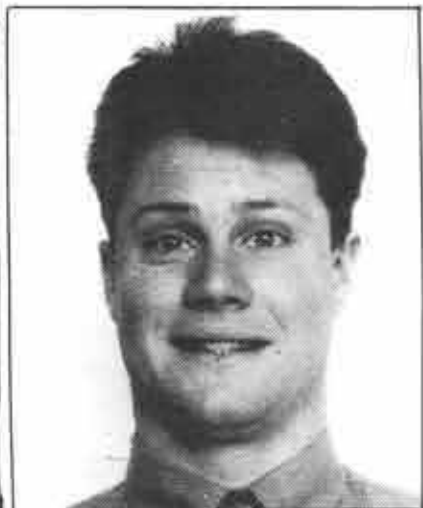
The final series was a hard fought battle in which Ottawa emerged the victor. The strong work ethic that has become Detroit's trade mark was not evident in the first game as Ottawa walked away with a 5-1 victory. In the second game, the Ottawa defense, led by Steve Hong and Dave Finch, were again able to shut down the Detroit shooters. Ottawa won the second game by a score of 4-1 capturing the championship. Throughout the playoffs Ottawa played the most disciplined hockey and managed to put it all together when it counted the most.

The directors of the TAMAIE Hockey League would like to congratulate Ottawa on their championship season and thank all the teams for an excellent season.

VOTE DAMMIT. TAKE THREE.

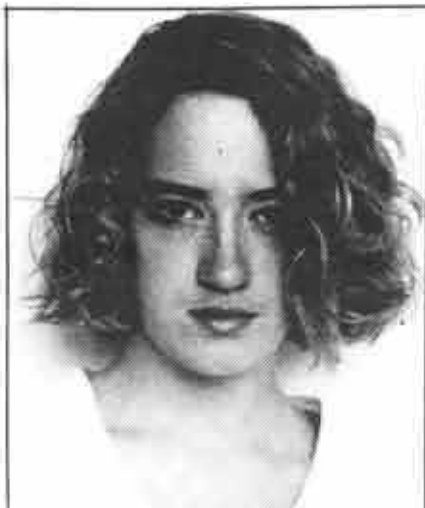
Concerned about course cuts? Large classes? The quality of education? Then prove it, by voting and actively participating in this March by-election. Ten candidates are vying for eight positions on Laurier's Senate. These eight student Senators will be your voice on Laurier's highest academic body. It's up to you to determine how that voice will speak. As for other positions, both candidates for the Board of Governors are acclaimed. All three candidates for the Student Publications are acclaimed. But you will still have the chance (and, perhaps, the duty) to hear what all the candidates stand for at Thursday's Open Forum at 11:30 am, in the Concourse. Go to the Open Forum, and get informed. And then vote, dammit, on Monday.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



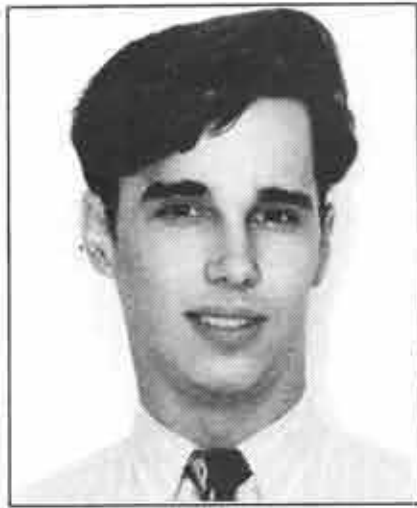
Jeff Oegema

As a member of Student Publications BOD, one of my main concerns will be getting more students from different faculties involved - both as Cord staff and as writers, be it on a regular or occasional basis. I think it is also important to address what some people see as a credibility and integrity problem in the Cord. Oh yeah - we've gotta get the car guy back.



Sue Barry

Students of Laurier, I would like to thank you for acclaiming me to the Student Publications, Board of Directors. As a member of the Board I will be responsible in representing you in a fair and objective manner. The Board of Directors for next year will face many challenging and, at times, controversial issues, such as the Cord Constitution and Election-Day Editorials. I feel it is important for the Board to work closely with the Cord and Keystone staffs. As a team, we will be able to continue improving the quality of Student Publications at Wilfrid Laurier.



Chris Bradley

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for acclaiming me to the Board of Student Publications. It is my intention to ensure that The Cord reflects student ideas and opinions. Further, I will ensure that through the Board The Cord is accountable to you.

Next year will be a very exciting year for Student Publications and also a very important one. I intend to make sure that you have a voice on the Board next year. I encourage you to approach me with any concerns you may have. Once again, thank you for your support.

Oral contraceptives go to referendum

Do you wish that coverage for Oral contraceptives be removed from the Wilfrid Laurier University Student Union Health Plan for 1993-1994, recognizing that the cost will drop from \$49.00 to \$37.82 per student?

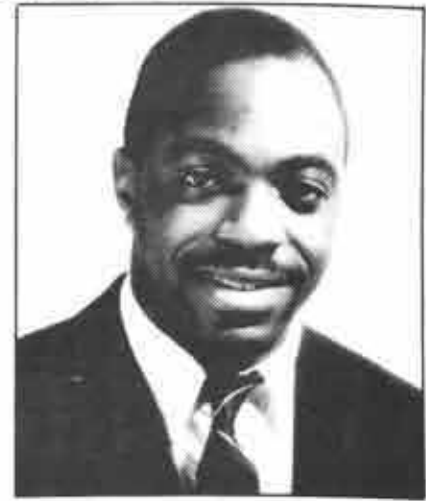
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS



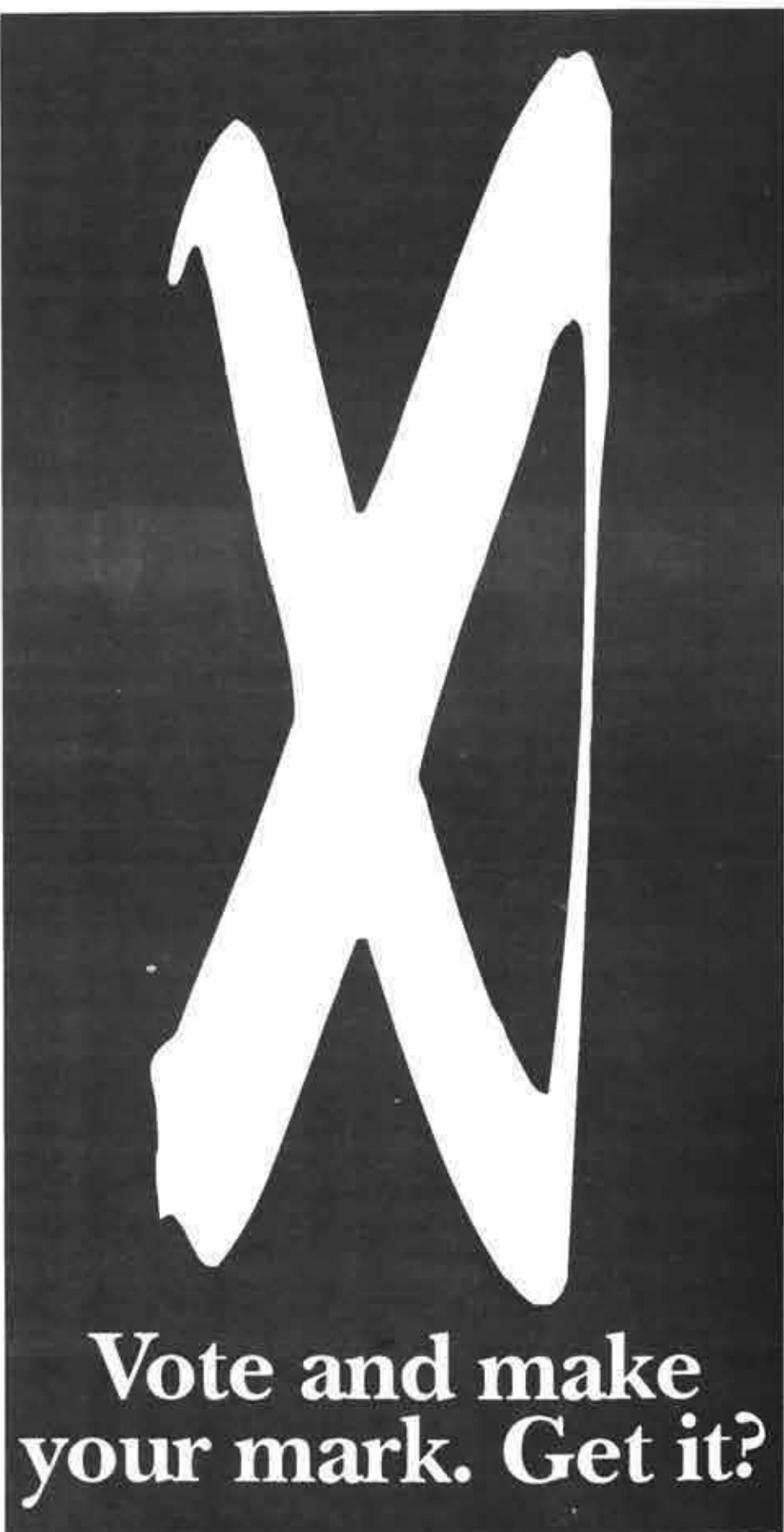
Dave Bigioni

The Board of Governors is responsible for the long run planning of Laurier. And as such, needs student representation with a strong voice who are willing to ask questions and demand answers. I stand for increased awareness of what BOG is and what they do. I stand for increased student representation on Bog. I want to know why Purple and Gold has the exclusive rights to the trademark; why food services had a breakeven budget but turned a surplus of \$80000 last year. I want to know how the administration plans to spend \$30 million raised in the capital campaign.



Sean Taylor

For those of you who don't know me already, I'm Sean Taylor and I'll be your WLUSU President next year. You may be wondering why the President of the Students' Union would want to get into the political arena again. There are three reasons: (1) I am informed, (2) I have opinions, (3) I will already represent students on a full-time basis. Although \$600,000 was cut from the University's operating budget, do you think that the Faculty will accept a pay cut in their upcoming negotiations? I don't think so either. The Students deserve a leader and representative who will demand a fair degree accountability of our Faculty and Administration. Next week remember Sean Taylor for Board of Governors.



Vote and make
your mark. Get it?

AND THE RACE FOR SENATE...



Barb Curran

I am a third year Honours Political Science student with a french minor and the internship option. My ambition is to become an active voice for you, the student. I believe any issue at Laurier is a student issue and that there must be strong student voices in Senate. There are two questions one should ask when selecting a student senator. First, what motivates this person and second, how well will they represent the student body? I strongly believe that I would represent the students of Laurier confidently and that my motivation is based on my concern for Laurier.



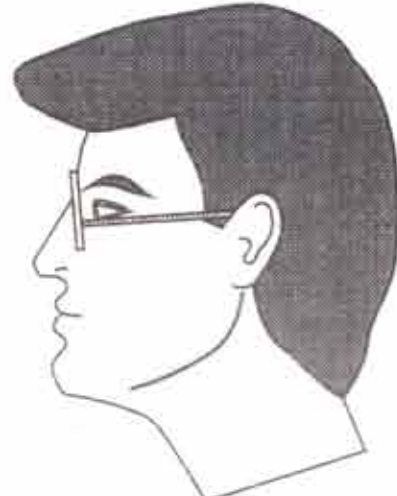
Terry Grogan

Hi, my name's Terry Grogan. I'm running for a seat in the Senate, the body that deals with academic regulations and admissions requirements. I would like to be a Senator because 1993-1994 will be a very important year at Laurier: our professors will be renegotiating their contracts; course cutbacks, overcrowding, and tuition increases will continue to threaten the quality of our education; and, the university administration plans a major overhauling of the Senate's structure of committees. Vote TERRY GROGAN because I'll do my part to be the voice of the student body when it comes to tackling these changes.



Tim Barnes

"Introducing Tim Barnes....He is often politically incorrect, he always questions Professor's ideas and he likes to get things done." If you vote for me I will guarantee to do my best to see improvements in class size and quality of education. My greatest concern is with compromising education for the "bottom line". The realities of finance must be combined with more innovative and resourceful ideas. Since Laurier became government funded the Administration has become increasingly self-perpetuating. It is time education became priority number one!! I've got the mouth and the guts to do something about it!!!



Ken McGuffin

Hi! My name is Ken McGuffin and I'm a third year political science student. This year I have been greatly concerned about the quality of education at Laurier. I was a member of the petition committee, attended Senate meetings and wrote a commentary for the K-W Record. However the time for complaining is over and the time for action is now. First, all student representatives need a common front when dealing with the administration on all issues. I propose regular meetings between student Senators and the Student Union to ensure that all students are working together. Secondly, there



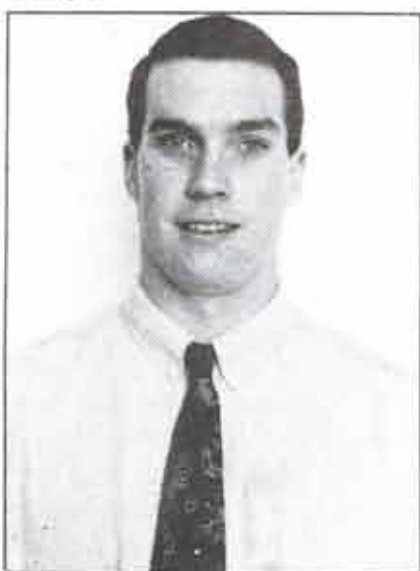
Susan Griffin

Hi! I'm Susan Griffin. I'm a second year Honours Business student. I would like to represent your concerns as a student senator. Over the past two years at Laurier, I have been involved in several activities on campus. I am currently a volunteer foot patroller. I would like to continue this involvement as a member of the Senate. Issues facing the Senate recently have been course cuts, making progression requirements uniform, and changing the course calendar. I will work hard to stay on top of these issues, and I'm dedicated to maintaining the quality of education at Laurier.



Dave Bart

I am running for the position of Senator because I want answers for all of the recent administrative decisions that have a great effect on my life and every other student who attends Laurier. I don't feel that the students have had enough input or been given valid justification for these so called "necessary cutbacks". Being a member of the Senate will allow me to explore all aspects of present and future administrative decisions that may effect the student population.



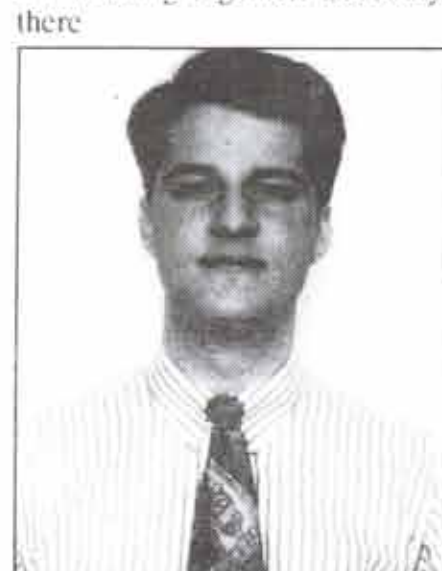
Andrew McKee

Hi, my name is Andrew McKee and I am interested in representing you, the student electorate, in WLU's Senate next year. As a third year student, I have felt the increasing cuts to the number, and variety of academic courses offered at Laurier. My goal is to improve Laurier's academic reputation by opposing administrative cutbacks. Secondly, I wish to attract private industry and future employers to WLU, and have them invest in our school, thereby eliminating tuition increases upon the student body. Finally, I hope to provide a voice in the Senate for campus and athletic clubs as well.



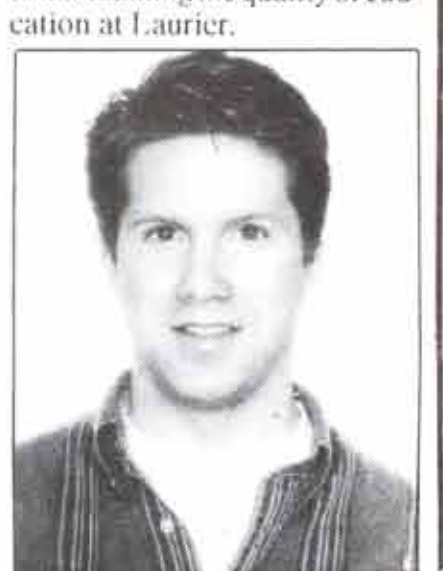
Sydney Pereira

Hi, my name is Sydney Pereira and I am a second year student running for a position as a Student Senator. The Senate is a body consisting of members of the administration and eight elected students whose duty involves establishing the educational policies of the University and making recommendations to the Board of Governors with respect to any matter pertaining to the operation of the University. Being a very involved and eager person, I would like to stand up for us, the students, and voice an opinion over Laurier's academic future. So, VOTE SYDNEY PEREIRA FOR THE SENATE.



Wayne Gingrich

I'm Wayne Gingrich and I'm running for Senate because I'm concerned about the quality of academic life at Laurier. I ask you, what are you getting for your tuition dollars? I encourage all students to ask each candidate, "How will you specifically represent the student body?" My platform form is based on increased accountability, the introduction of a teaching/learning centre, an "effective" use of the committee structure, and cooperation with the WLU/SU Board of Directors. REMEMBER, eight candidates are going to represent your interests at Laurier. On Election Day look out for your "best interest". VOTE WAYNE GINGRICH!



Pruyn Haskins

Hi! My name is PRUYN HASKINS and I am running as a candidate for Student Senator. I am a second year business student, and I believe that I could make a positive contribution to Laurier. Currently a Legal Resource Councillor, I am growing accustomed to dealing with students' problems. I enjoy dealing with people, and I work well in groups. I'm never afraid to voice my opinion and stand-up for what I believe in. If elected, I'll work hard to maintain the fabric of Laurier, and keep students' interests as my highest priority.

VOTE DAMMIT!
(IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR)

Ever wondered what is available on Laurier's computer system? Wonder no more - the Cord's computing feature is a whirlwind tour of what's available and how to get help.

Sheldon Page - Cord News Editor

Afraid of computers

Ingrid Nielsen

Feature

"Welcome to Political Science class 232. As you have heard, a large part of this class consists of using a mach1 worldnews computer account..."

"Ahhhhhhhh..."

My name is Ingrid Nielsen and I have computerphobia.

I hate them. They're condescending, confusing, moody, unpredictable, and not once have I ever sat down in front of one and thought, "I know this computer will do exactly what I want it to." It just doesn't happen.

The only experience I had with computers as a kid was a Commodore 128. My dad bought it for me for Christmas, just like every other dad that year. What could I use it for? Well, I could make my name cover the screen in diagonal. My dad was thrilled.

Eventually we all entered University of Computer. It was either learn Wordperfect or sell your soul to the roommate in the computer lab.

Even I have to admit computers are the only way to go with essays. I know, I know, I hate them too, but hiding will only make it worse. There's a point when we all must face down those lines of buttons led by a monitor in rank so we might as well hold our heads high and march valiantly into battle.

Horror stories? But, of course. It was a first year religion course, and I had an essay due in half an hour. I was typing like a demon, praying that maybe, just maybe, this one time the computer would be on my side.

Twenty minutes and two pages to go. The little letters are flying up on the screen, and I'm doing my once-every-two-seconds-on-screen check.

A new message appeared at the bottom of the screen.

"This program will terminate

in 10...9...8...7..."

My eyes did a two foot dive out of my head, and I started beating on the save key. No use. Then every other key. No use. People were watching as I swore, begged, reasoned, and bashed the daylight out of my computer. Fifteen minutes left.

All the while, my friend (he knows who I mean) had been sitting innocently behind me. He found this neat trick that allows you to send a message to someone who is working on the system.

"Ha. Ha. You should have seen your face. You were really..."

Whack.

This incident did wonders for my computer self-confidence.

Now we have to deal with E-mail. Great, another form of correspondence that people can ignore. Actually, the E-mail system is quite amazing in theory, and I'm sure one day I'll grow to appreciate it. It is also considerably less complicated since they recently re-vamped the system.

Unfortunately, now it is merely patronizing as it asks things like, "Do you really want to quit PINE (y)(n)?"

YES, or I wouldn't have pressed quit two seconds ago, and no I don't want fries with that.

So if next time you have to sit down in front of a terrifying terminal (funny how that word also means death), I'll be there with you in spirit.

Despite my paranoia, it probably won't chew up your essay, it might just play hide and seek with it for a while. It also won't re-interpret your E-mail message to your prof from may I have an extension on my assignment, to you have a big, fat bald head.

So why not give the millions of computer wonders a chance? Aside from your sanity, your assignments, and a byte of pride, what have you got to lose?

Where to go when a computer decides to eat your term paper

Libbi Hood

Feature

There is a solution available for problems big and small in the Laurier computer labs.

Here are several examples of common mainframe computer problems and where to go when they are encountered.

Viruses are an urgent problem for all computer users, regardless of experience. If you cannot retrieve a file, then suspect a virus. It is also a good idea to check for viruses when none are visible.

Computing services has printouts on how to scan for viruses. It is also possible to get a copy of the program to scan and clean your home computer. Any further problems can be taken to a consultant in 1-401A.

Printing is a problem for many who are unsure of the procedures. Operators and printouts are available for immediate help. Students can also learn more than the basics by attending classes offered by computing services.

Internet is Laurier's computer link to the outside

world. Classes are regularly offered to learn Internet. Students already using Internet can direct their questions to Bob Ellsworth in 1-401A.

Students also have problems with communications applications such as computer mail. Any technical problems with communications should go to Bob Ellsworth. Usage problems in communications should go to Arlene Greenwood in 1-401B.

Help is also available by sending electronic mail (see article on E-mail) to an account called help@mach7.WLU.ca. All mail is read and responded to by a staff member.

Opening an account at computer services is easy. Students fill out a short application and the account is available within a day.

Holding a computer account is free. The only charge is printing, which is six cents per page. A minimum of five dollars must be kept on the account for printing.

Classes are available in Wordperfect, Quattro Pro, and intro to DOS for the beginning computer user. Call Computing Services at x2270.

Help is always

available at

Computing Services

at X2270

Be on the lookout for Viruses

Steve Schaus

Feature

There are mixed reviews from the computing community concerning the impact of computer viruses.

Arlene Greenwood, the user liaison for WLU's Computing Services, said computer viruses are a "major concern".

"A computer virus is basically a program designed to disrupt the lives and files of other people," said Greenwood. "There are approximately ten new viruses released in the world everyday."

Bob Ellsworth, a user consultant at Laurier, agrees. "Almost every second day of the month a new virus is supposed to pop up." However, Ellsworth did say that only a handful of people at WLU have lost information because of a virus.

"Don't lose sleep over viruses," said Alan Lawrance, a programmer/analyst with IBM in Toronto. "They've been hyped by the media." Lawrance recalls the dire predictions of the media surrounding the infamous "Michaelangelo" virus.

Greenwood also said the impact of the Michaelangelo virus was over-estimated. "Only a couple hundred users were affected," said Greenwood. "However, the virus did serve to educate the public."

"Some viruses are harmless," said Ellsworth. "They just replicate themselves. Others can be much more destructive." Ellsworth also said the extent of damage varies. "Some programs are designed to pull a simple prank while others are designed to delete data or remove files".

One such virus attacked Internet, a very important, global computer network, said Lawrance. Approximately 16 million users, including governments, universities and research centres, were affected as the network was rendered completely useless.

What would motivate someone to create such a program? "It's the thrill of knowing they had an effect around the world," said Greenwood. "That their existence is felt." "Computer geeks or hackers see it as a challenge," said Lawrance.

Presently, it is virtually impossible to identify these individuals. "The program is hidden inside a larger, more legitimate program," explained Greenwood. "These programs are often time delay bombs which do not activate for several months."

While it is impossible to completely prevent computer viruses from existing, there are certainly precautions users can take. "Don't trade copied software," suggested Lawrance. "And only deal with reputable bulletin board systems."

"Don't leave a disk in your disk drive when you turn off your computer or reset it," warned Ellsworth. "Boot programs can also be infected."

"Computing Services is really pushing protection and detection," said Greenwood. "Virus Checker is available for those students with Banyan accounts."

A variety of software is available to computer users that will detect and remove any viruses. Two shareware programs are also available to WLU students from Computing Services.

Internet is the school's best

Ryan Feeley

Feature

Getting the most out of your mach1 account isn't very hard. With a few minutes to spare you can send mail to a friend in Ireland, download a virtual-reality shareware game from Germany, or talk online to a NASA engineer — completely for free.

According to Bob Ellsworth of Computing Services, Internet is a "Worldwide Computer network" consisting of thousands of computer sites (like WLU's mach1) and over one million terminals. Although students aren't charged for using Internet, the university pays a flat rate of \$18,000 a year to ONET (Internet of Ontario) for clean connections and some basic hardware.

Our connection, running through private phone lines, runs

at 56,000 bits per second — more than twenty times faster than Laurier's fastest modems.

Originally called Arpanet and used by the military, Internet didn't really become interesting until the introduction of the Berkeley UNIX system in 1980.

In the fall of 1990, WLU became a full-fledged Internet member, giving Laurier students complete access to information, software and computer pictures from all over the world.

If you're interested in getting really great shareware [free computer software] and interesting text files [essays, poems, stories], an easy way to introduce yourself to Internet is via the gopher system.

Gopher, meaning "go for", is an information retrieval system. You can peruse to your heart's content.

Also, before you start transferring files from somewhere to your account have something specific in mind — like Star Trek sounds. Take advantage of the databases which can tell you where to find Trekkie tunes.

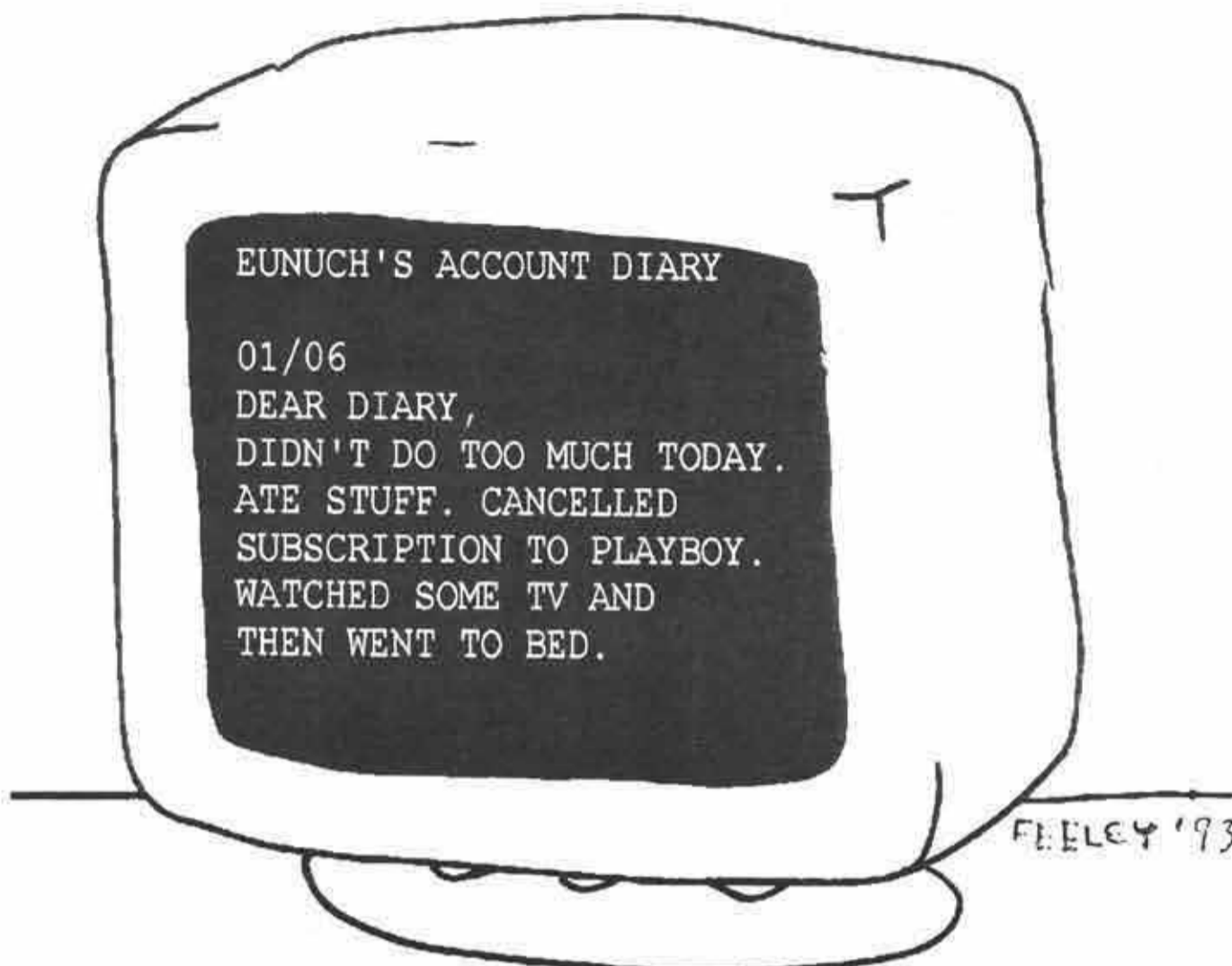
These databases are called Archies, from which you can access from your mach1 account.

An idea originating from McGill, Archie sites are operated by people who are nice enough to turn their own computers into databases. These databases contain information about what's on the hard drives of all the Internet sites.

So, if you're looking for something about Ross Perot, you call one of the several (around six) North American archies and ask it where old Ross may be. Then Archie will give you a list of the



The heart and soul of the WLU's computer system. File Photo



World information at your fingertips

Michael Rosenblatt

Feature

Interested in world events? Interested in finding information about the world? Have a hobby or interest that you would like to talk with others who share that interest about?

If the answer to any of the above is yes, then with a mach1 computer account, access can be gained to a world wide information network called newsgroups.

The newsgroups are carried to host computers around the world via Internet (a global computer network).

The newsgroups can be valuable for anyone that has an interest in common with anyone else. Newsgroup users can exchange information, or just shoot the breeze.

An avid guitar player for example would find the newsgroup that specializes in guitar music of value. The group contains tabulature for a huge variety of songs.

Once a particular song is located, the user can store the tab/lyrics in the user's mach1 account and print them out on a line or laser printer.

Newsgroups allow a user to post requests or messages - depending on the newsgroup and its function. With the guitar example a message could be posted asking for the music to a particular song. Eventually a response would be posted to the group and the user would have the music.

There are hundreds of different newsgroups available on the system that cover anything from the country of Brazil, Astronomy, to Heavy Metal Rock and Roll groups. There is something in the many newsgroups for everyone.

In addition, the system runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be accessed from any terminal that is connected with mach1 on campus. For those who like personal one-on-one contact, it is possible to have a computer pen-pal at a different university, in another city, state/province or country.

Laurier students have recently been conversing with people from South Africa, San Francisco and many other places.

At present there is no extra charge to the student for using the newsgroups. The University pays a set yearly fee, which remains the same whether they have one user, or three thousand users.

Users can use the network as often as they want. Since newsgroup material can be stored on the mach1 system, it should be noted that due to disk storage space restrictions, it is only possible to save a limited amount of material.

Old files should be deleted to make room to store new information.

For new users, the newsgroup reader program (RN) is easy to learn. A user can start to feel comfortable with the system after about three uses of about fifteen minutes each. There are no difficult tricks to using the system, and help is always available through Computing Services.

To get started with the system, a mach1 account is required. Accounts are available from Computing Services. Computing Services offers a book entitled "Zen and the art of the Internet" to get one started with newsgroups. The book costs \$3.50.

Arleen Greenwood from Computing Services said that due to the increased interest in the newsgroup system, more documents will be available in the near future.

Any questions or concerns about the newsgroups, can be directed to Computing Services.

Operating WLU's computers

Crawford Samuel

Feature

it isn't. He has a large wrench in his office for the really big jobs.

One of the problems is disk space. He makes decisions on whether to move people to new disks, and or to archive old files.

"They get pounded a lot," says Langford, in reference to the disks. The disks are like a hard disk in a hard drive, but are one gigabyte (1,000,000,000 bytes).

There can be 210 people on mach1 at a time and so the disk is going constantly. Langford has had to come in at three o'clock in the morning and has found fifty people on the system.

The biggest problem is when the system crashes. It could be a hardware or software problem.

"If somebody's going to lose two to three hours of work...I mean, that's not good."

"If it's software, what caused that to happen. That's where you get into the really ugly problems. The difficulty is that you have to know exactly that caused the problem before you can call (the technicians)."

secret: Access to free software

possible places Perot stuff may be — besides the Larry King Live Show.

Once you know where to call,

Getting your

\$\$ out of UNIX

you're ready to FTP (File Transfer Protocol). Logging in as an 'anonymous' user, you can copy software, text files, sounds, or graphics from any FTP site location to your mach1 account.

You probably have around two

megabytes of space in your account, and if not, check with Computing Services. If you have your own computer, this is immensely valuable. According to Bob Ellsworth, these files are completely virus-free. UNIX won't carry them.

All files in your mach1 account are useless until you can put them onto a disk. Thank goodness for Banyan and the remote file transfer. This allows you to take files from mach1 and put them onto a floppy disk. From there, they're yours to do with as you wish.

To take advantage of this tremendous service, get a mach1 account and a Banyan account. You might want to get the Internet manual called "Zen and the Art of the Internet" from Computing Services. It's only \$3.50, and with

some toying around, you can be fully functional in a matter of days.

Gophers, archies and FTP sites come fully equipped with help programs, so if you're really confused, help will help.

Although painfully slow, everything can be done from home, including transferring files from your account to your own computer.

All you need is a modem, a PC or Mac, and you are set. Call 884-7910 and pick up a copy of the Kermit file transfer program from Computing Services.

If you're willing to take some time to learn it, Internet can provide you with hours of enjoyment — and hundreds of games, virus scanners, graphics, sounds, and disk utilities.

Internet is the best kept secret this school has.

E-Mailing around the world

John McHutchion

Feature

Imagine being able to contact people around the world without having to play telephone tag. Imagine the time, money and paper saved by not having to use the postal system. WLU's electronic mail system makes this possibility a reality.

Since the mach1 system was installed last summer, Laurier has been using the PINE mail system. This easy to use system connects all mach1 users at the school - including faculty, staff and students.

Arlene Greenwood, the Operations and User Liaison Coordinator for Laurier's Computing Services, explained that the ability to use PINE simply requires knowledge of another user's logon to serve as a mailing destination.

An online user directory is available for finding out mail addresses. If the user's name is known or even just part of a name, chances are that a mail address can be located. This service lists Laurier users only.

Greenwood said that PINE is meant to be self-explanatory and users should be able to explore the program without fear of hurting the system.

Besides being able to communicate with all PINE users on the mach1 system, Laurier faculty and students can also make use of the university's link to the Internet system.

Internet is a global computer network that links university, corporate, government and private com-

puters. "You can't go to the moon, but you can go every place else," said Greenwood.

For the \$18,000 paid by the university to be connected to Internet, users gain access to hundreds of computers throughout the world which serve as a wealth of information sources, in addition to being able to communicate with other Internet users.

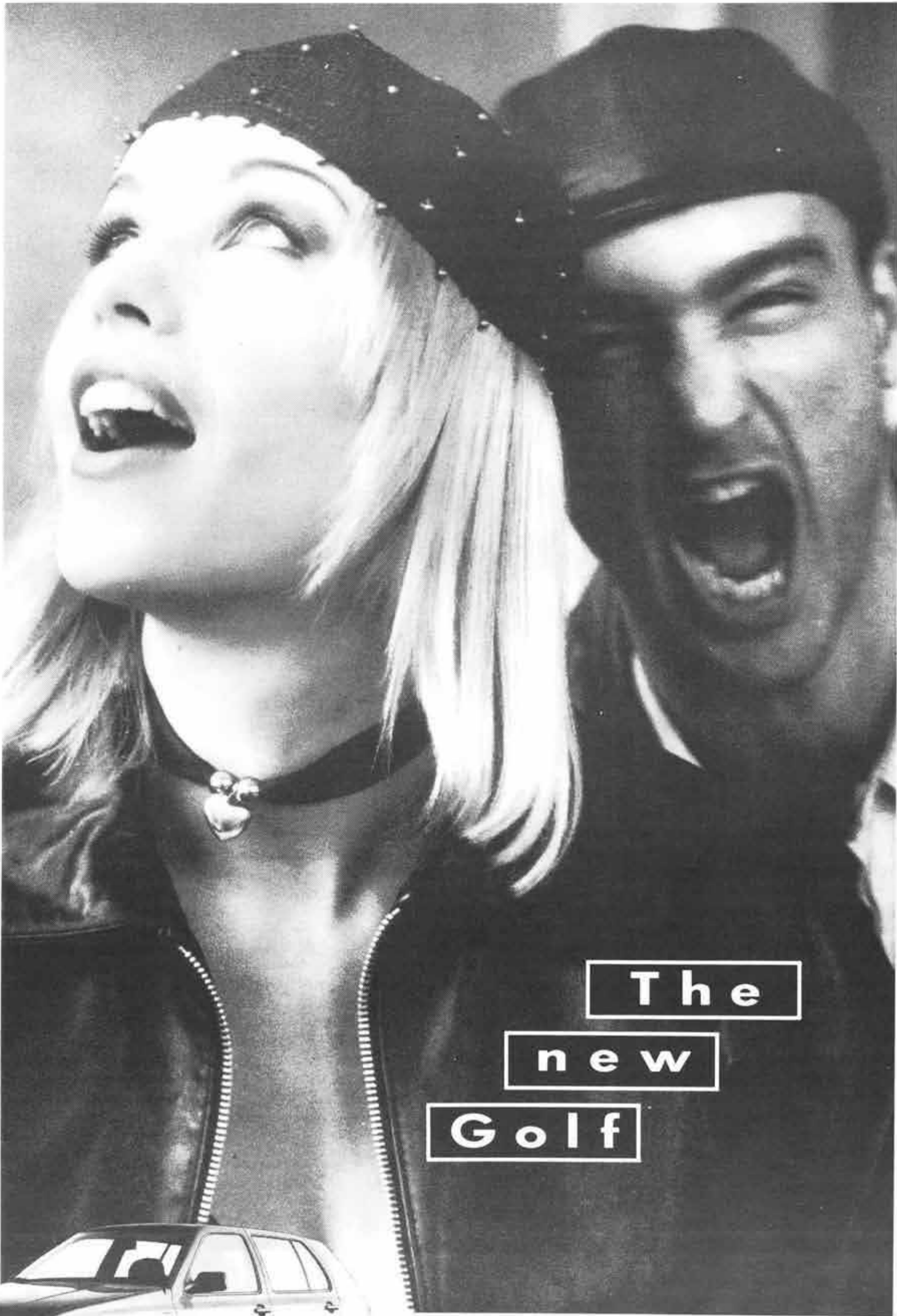
Those concerned with opening their computer to the outside world can take precautions before using the electronic mail system.

A user's computer account which includes mail messages is as safe as the users wants it to be. This means being careful what is done with one's password.

Greenwood said that users should make their password very secure (read unique) and not something obvious that can be easily cracked.

While electronic mail systems open many doors they are not without limitations. Disk storage space constraints limit the amount of mail messages that can be held in a user's files. If mail users are receiving and saving large messages Greenwood said there is possibility of running out of allocated storage space.

For those interested in learning more about electronic mail systems, such as PINE and Internet, Computing Services has handouts on operating instructions and can offer advice on use of the systems.



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The
new
Golf



groovy?



UP & COMING

Tonight and tomorrow, Alannah Myles plays the Bathurst Street Theatre (18 & 19).

This Friday the Volcano Club in Kitchener has hHead.

Laurier Live comes to the Turret once again, this time featuring the Flaming O'Haras, The Three Long Men and others.

Phish play the Concert Hall on April 17.

There's a second show added to the Black Crowes stand at Varsity Arena for the fifteenth as well as the fourteenth.

furnaceface and Cell play Lee's Palace on March eighteenth.

dinosaur jr. are at the Spectrum on April 6.

Blues great Albert Collins is at the el Mocambo on April 14.

Crash Vegas play two nights at Lee's on March 19 & 20.

jr. gone wild play the elmo on the nineteenth.

Drivin' and Cryin' play Lee's Palace on April eighth.

Midnight Oil do the Concert Hall on April 13.

Goody-two-shoes kinda guy Bob Geldof plays the Phoenix on April twenty-ninth.

Blind Melon are at Lee's on April 13.

Blues Traveler play the Spectrum on April 20.

Cop Shoot Cop (hmm, sounds good) play Lee's on March thirtieth.

Belly play Lee's Palace on April first.

Noam Chomsky's Consent pulls no punches, tells no lies

Feizal Valli Entertainment

I have seen the light; I have seen Noam Chomsky.

Playing in limited release in art houses and film classes around the country, **Manufacturing Consent**, a documentary about Chomsky, has been winning praise from the public for some time now.

Who the Hell is Noam Chomsky you might ask? It's the same question I asked prior to seeing this film and here is the answer: he is a renowned linguist, a prolific author and also just happens to be "the most important intellectual alive" (a term coined by the New York Times).

Put out by the National Film Board, **Manufacturing Consent** follows Chomsky over the course of his lifetime up to and including the publishing of his latest book from which the film's title is taken. The film is a brilliant combination of interviews, debates and statistics and even though that might sound dry it's not; in fact, it happens to be one of the most engrossing movies I've ever seen, despite its length (165 minutes).

Why the Hell haven't you heard of Noam Chomsky you might ask? Here's the answer: Chomsky, as the film points out, is a critic of every possible institution there is, especially the military-industrial complex and the media. In his numerous speeches and interviews Chomsky lashes out at those people in power who influence the public and "manufacture consent" for their own purposes by lying or mis-representing facts. As such, Chomsky finds himself

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You may never read headlines like these the same way

often maligned by the mainstream media and ignored by the public at large; Chomsky's appearances are generally on college radio and public television.

The directors of **Consent** choose as their focus one of Chomsky's central arguments about American involvement in South-East Asia. What emerges is a picture of a "secret" war being fought in a tiny country called East Timor, southwest of Malaysia, by genocidal American Intelligence Agents while at the same time, atrocities were being committed in Cambodia by the Soviet-backed Khmer Rouge.

That year some 70 inches of news text were written about the illegal American war in Timor while thousands were printed condemning the war in Cambodia.

Suspicious media manipulation like this can ultimately be applied to Chomsky himself; while he enjoys a certain amount of celebrity, as "the most important intellectual alive" he should be a household name. Nonetheless, his lack of notoriety doesn't seem to bother him. For Chomsky, it's more a matter of keeping the public informed and the media on its toes. **Manufacturing Consent** does both.

RECOMMENDED



The Jim Rose Circus Sideshow, Federation Hall, March 27

If you didn't manage to catch Lollapalooza this past summer you also managed to miss its other main attraction, The Sideshow.

A loose collection of loose canons, The Jim Rose Circus Sideshow features, among others, "Mr. Lifty", who lifts weights dangling from his nipples and penis, "The Torture King", who eats lightbulbs, and Matt the Tube, who inhales condoms through his nose.

THE JIM ROSE CIRCUS SIDESHOW

OVERHEARD

"I was into pulling 360's in the Universal parking lot and disappearing for three days for things one needs blood transfusions to recuperate from."

Robert Downey Jr. on his early days as an actor.

Homegrown good

Scott McKay Entertainment

Campus Grown '93 is out and it's hot! The Wilfrid Laurier Musicians' Network has recently released their third issue of music samplings in the form of a cassette with a cool cover. Boasting musicians from Laurier, the compilation is well worth listening to and an excellent way to show support of your fellow students.

The music varies significantly on the tape from a blues like sound from **Matt Osborne** to something out of early **Clash** in **The Result's** "A Political Song".

I listened to the tape several times before doing this review. Certain songs tended to stick in my head more than others, but they are all well done. "The Tree That Never Grows" by **The Haggard Man** reminded me of the early seventies, almost **Jefferson Airplanish**. Sit back and get mellow music. I wanted to take my clothes off and run through the park with flowers in my hair (except it was too cold).

The Three Long Men have a unique harmonic sound that is most pleasant to the ear. The song on the tape, "I Never Thought", has a very catchy tempo to it and makes the listener want more of the same.

I do not understand the lyrics to the "Lilith Crane" and **Pray**



For Rain's want of this rather sexless and monotonistic television character. The music, however, is not monotone by any means. Upbeat and spunky is more like it.

Poor **Matt Osborne!** I hope his rather humorous song is not based on actual experience. I would not want to find my wife doing the nasty with other people. The blues-like tune carries the song well and sets the mood for such an unfortunate incident.

After prying my head free of the dry wall I sat back and enjoyed **Madhat's** "Reprise-Tranquillize". Shooting me back to my punk days with a techno-thrash beat, I recalled those happy days of self scarring and audio blasting.

There is not one song on the whole tape that is not worthy of attention. The artists have done an excellent job and the mix of writing styles and musical tones offers something for everybody. This tape is worth checking out. Happy listening!

Back to the littlest detail

Martin Walker *Entertainment*

I challenge anyone to find me someone who hasn't seen **Back To The Future**. While not as momentous as *Star Wars* or *Gone With the Wind*, it still remains a very well liked and well watched movie. Then came the next two movies...true commercialism at its best. However, a true connoisseur of these movies will enjoy the movies in relation to each other, including all the minute details that the avid **Future** fan must look hard to find. Below is a list of things to watch for in the **Back To the Future** movies. If you liked the **Friday the 13th** Butcher-count, you should enjoy this.

1) Huey Lewis (you know, the "Power of Love" singer) in a cameo role as the teacher who stops Marty McFly's (Michael J. Fox) audition because his group is just "too darn loud". He's not the only famous personality to appear in these movies. **Red Hot Chili Pepper's** Flea also is featured in Parts 2 and 3 as Marty's loser friend "Needles" while SCTV's Joe Flaherty plays a Western Union guy. "Young Guns" Casey Seimaszko is also in all three parts, portraying one of Biff's thugs. Most prevalent, however, was rock group **ZZ Top**, as the country band playing at the Hill Valley festival in 1885.

2) Check out the Hill Valley movie theatre throughout the

movies. In Part 1, the movie theatre started out in 1985 as a porno theatre playing "Orgy...American Style". When Marty goes back to 1955, "Cattle Queen of Montana" is playing. When Marty goes back to 1985, no pornos are playing. Instead, the billboard highlights "Assembly of Christ."(!) But in the year 2025, "Jaws 19" is shown ("This time, it's really, really, really personal").

3) George McFly (Crispin Glover -the guy that went insane on David Letterman) is eating Peanut Brittle in a cereal bowl.

4) The shopping mall where Marty goes back in time from is called Twin Pines Mall. But upon going back to 1955, he runs over one of Old Man Peabody's two pine trees. When Marty goes back to 1985, the name of the mall has changed to Lone Pine Mall.

5) The manure company that Biff (Thomas F. Wilson) falls into in all three movies is owned by the same company each time. "D. Jones Manure Company" exists in 1885, 1955 and 1985. There is, however, no record of it in 2025.

6) Old Man Peabody reappears back in 1985 when Marty returns as a drunk sprawled out upon a park bench.

7) Elizabeth Shue takes over the role as Marty's girlfriend (Jennifer) in part 2 and 3. Where the original actress went (a general nobody, anyways) is unsure. Crispin Glover refused to be in

parts 2 or 3, so the only shots they used of him was from footage from Part 1 or from a look-alike actor from a distance.

8) There is a poster in 2025 advertising "Surf Vietnam".

9) In the restaurant in 2025, there are a bunch of T.V.'s playing old 80's T.V. shows. One of them is playing old Family Ties episodes with Alex Keaton (Michael J. Fox!) shown.

10) The Chicago Cubs win the World Series in 2025. They sweep the Florida Gators(?).

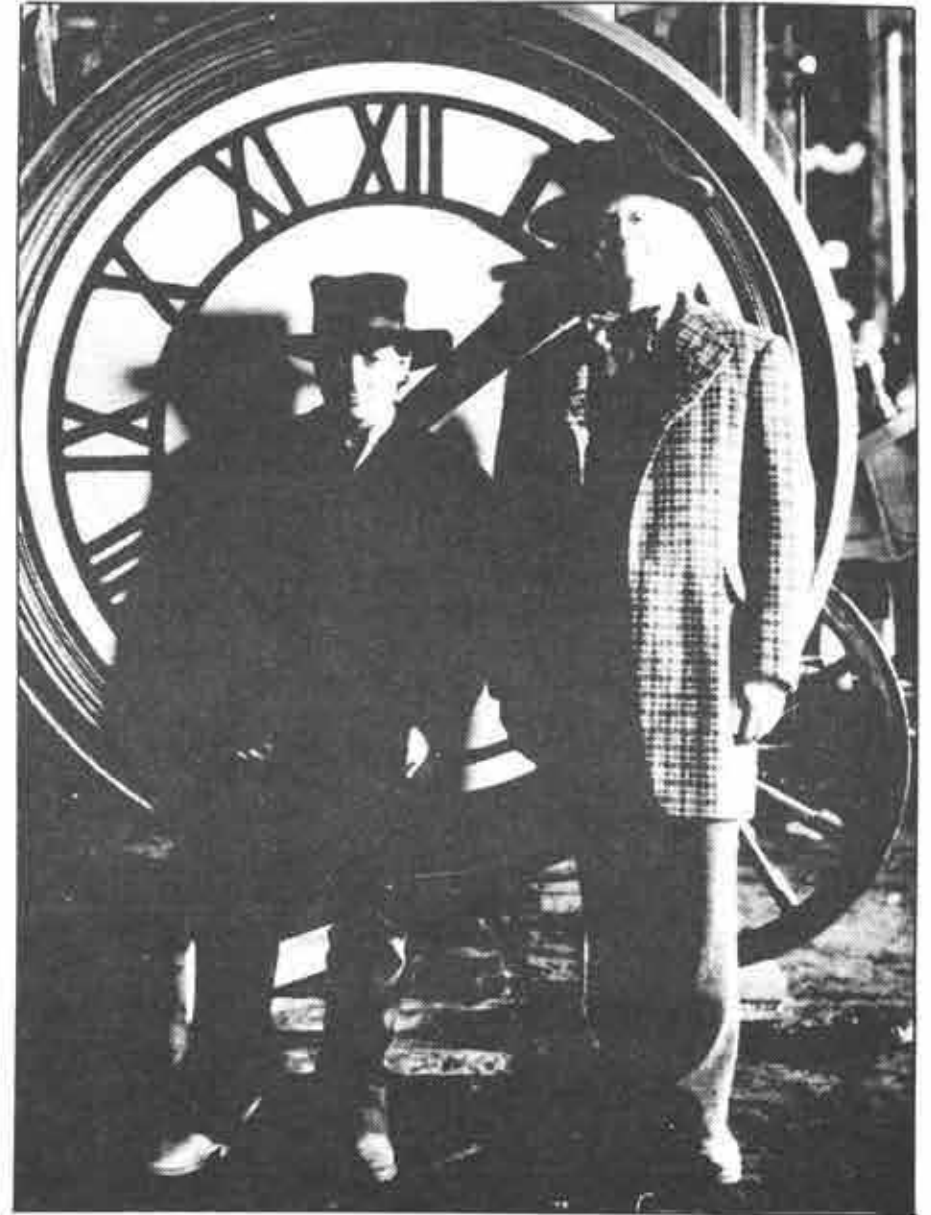
11) The "Save the Clock Fund" is still going on in 2025. It was originally started in 1985, and obviously is still trying to raise enough money to repair the infamous clock tower.

12) Check out the newspaper headlines. In the alternate universe of the evil 1985, one paper headline reads "Nixon To Seek Fifth Term. Another headline in 2025 advertises Queen Diana's visit to Hill Valley (the town where everything happens).

13) "Home Breast Implants" are being advertised on the Home Shopping Channel in 2025. Marty McFly Jr. is angry because he can't watch "The Atrocity Channel".

14) In 1885, a "Joe Statler" is selling horses. In 1985, Joe Statler is selling Toyotas.

15) A recurring joke throughout Part 3 was the fact that Marty called himself "Clint Eastwood" in the wild west of 1885 (to try



and instill a sense of fear). After Marty goes back to 1985, I guess the townsfolk thought he plummeted off the ravine. You know this because the ravine has been named "Eastwood Ravine" in 1985.

These are just some of the

nifty **Back To the Future** jokes that you probably missed because of their obscurity. If you missed them, don't worry. It only took me about 40 times before I started catching them. Next week: the fun and glory of the **Godfather** movies.

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Consolidated point fingers



Opens the New Fast Automatic Daffodils relax while Consolidated lecture *pic: Jason Harmer*

Jason Harmer

Entertainment

When I hear the word 'RAP' I cringe in fear and develop an automatic stereotypical picture of an L.A. homeboy wearing a touque spewing out non-sensical slang backed by record scratching and excessive bass.

NO MORE...

After seeing Adam Sherburne, Mark Pistel and Philip Steir I have developed a new respect for this techno band gone 'rap'.

After a fabulous high energy set from the New Fast Automatic Daffodils and a rather brief pause Consolidated broke out their video screens for a display worthy of any activist anywhere.

Their music and video performance allows no one the luxury of turning a blind eye to the overwhelmingly disturbing problems which plague our society today. "This Is Fascism", showing video footage of Hitler saluting a mass of troops overlaid on top of the American flag, followed closely by Mr. Bush applauding along with Barbara on the many disturbing war scenes including of course everybody's favourite all-american military exercise - Operation Desert Storm.

All three of the band members being

vegetarians gave way to the footage of cattle slaughter. "Typical Male" pointed a finger towards the stereotypical male who 'thinks with his dick'.

After the gig, Consolidated gave one of their popular open mic sessions where the audience has the opportunity to question and comment on the band or anything their little drunken heart desires. Some people actually had some worthwhile questions for the band but of course some right-wing wanna-be reform party politician had to try and accuse the band of being hypocrites and challenge them that they were exploiting Rodney King by showing video footage of him. Some complained that the band was preaching to excess and others said they didn't say enough about the solutions to the topics at hand. I say the band presented a lot of information over the course of their set and whether you decide to act on it or not is entirely up to you.

The only disagreements I had with Consolidated was their views on Hunter S. Thompson and industrial music, and the fact they closed with Neil Young's "Rockin' In The Free World".

All in all this anti-fascism, anti-american dream, anti-homophobia, anti-sexism, pro-vegetarian band was well spoken and well informed and definitely worth looking into.

Dear Ouija Dear Ouija
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Dear Ouija,

My nick name is Dirty. As hard as I try to keep clean people still call me Dirty. I've tried to keep my image clean but no matter how hard I try, no one will notice. Oh omniscient Ouija, how do I get people to start calling me Zest?

Signed,
Zestfully Clean

Dear Zestfully Clean,

First of all I think you should start using it. Extra attention to the genital area is a must as it does not get as much ventilation as the rest of the body.

Dear Ouija,

I am a participant in a group of people who all work for the same place. We all party together and have quite a lot of fun. I admit I do partake in alternative substances albeit nothing excessive.

Last weekend, my friends had a party and one of my friends pulled out a dube that was about 8 inches long and 3 inches thick. We had the best time ever. I think society would be a better place if we all partake in a large dube or two. What do you think?

Signed,
Cheech

Dear Cheech,

First of all, why wasn't I invited? I think you should start a lobby group to get marijuana legalized. Until then, pass it down the line.

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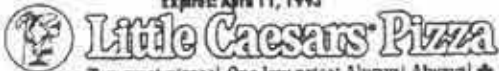
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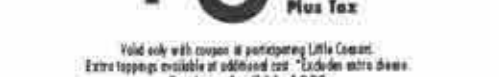
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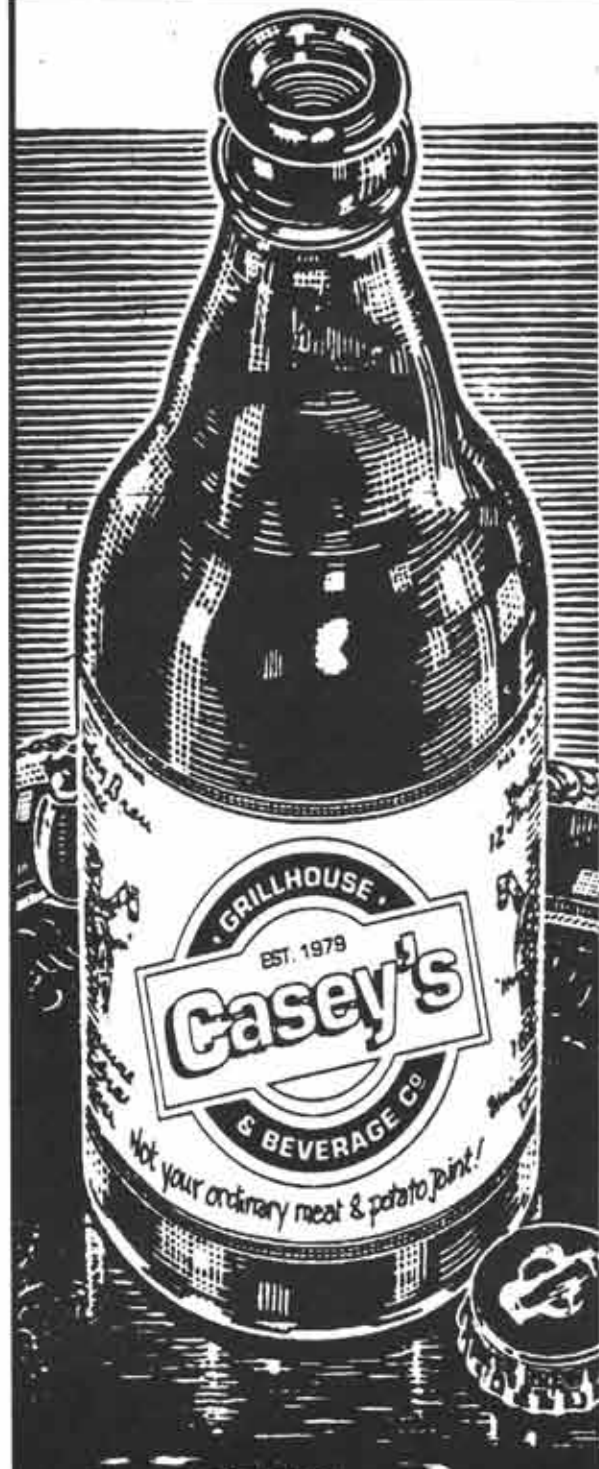


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DCC? MD? CD?

For The Record this week is written by Rick John

Entertainment

In 1983, Philips introduced what they defined as 'the wave of the audio future': The Compact Disc. The introduction of the CD saw (in North America, anyway) the general phase out of the vinyl record just as analogue 'compact cassettes' saw the phase out of bulkier 8 track tapes a few years earlier. Vinyl, however, still flourishes in some countries like the U.K. and in DJ specialty shops here in North America as it's easier to use in mixing and gives better bass response than CD.

Now, a mere paltry 10 years after the introduction of CDs there are three new music formats vying for the consumers' dollars, pounds and deutschmarks. They are Digital Compact Cassette (from Philips), Mini Disc (from Sony) and Recordable CD (which are extremely expensive at \$8,000 per machine and \$50 per blank disc and are therefore not aimed at the general public).

The big argument right now is whether or not the market can accommodate all the formats available. Can cassette, CD, MD and DCC all survive and if not, who is going to be the loser? The answer, as usual is the consumer. Recall, if you will, all those great albums your parents bought on 8 track that they've had to replace or all those crackling LPs you've converted to CD? What the introduction of these new formats means is mega-bucks to the manufacturers as consumers scramble to rebuild their music collection in the new formats.

There is, however, no guarantee of the survival of either of these new formats. This means that you could find yourself shelling out several thousands of dollars rebuilding your collection in MDs only to find that in 1995 Sony wants to discontinue it because the Philip's DCC is the better seller. It happened with Betamax, 8 track and vinyl and it probably will happen with this new controversy.

Currently both Philips and Sony are embroiled in a harsh advertising war to lure consumers to their side. The big battle, however, is going to be fought over software. Sony has the catalogue power of the entire CBS empire (Columbia, Epic, CBS masterworks, etc.) as well as other major label support, while Philips has the PolyGram empire to offer (PolyDor, Mercury, Vertigo, frr) as well as the Matsushita owned MCA catalogue.

One of the big draws to MD is the CD-like quality of random track access it possesses. You can access any track instantly, while the DCC unit is still sequential. As well, MD combats a problem that has beleaguered CD owners, mainly the laser-skip when the machine is jogged, by building a three second memory chip into the new unit. This feature can be a bit unnerving because when you take the disc out of the unit, it still plays for another three seconds. Another advantage is that unlike tapes, MD can't stretch or jam in the rollers of the player. MD, however, is not 'backwards compatible' like DCC. DCC units can play, but not record onto standard analogue cassettes.

Both systems are available for sale and demonstration at area audio shops, and software (blank and pre-recorded) is available at all fine record stores. So, before you lay out your \$750 for a portable MD player, go check one out - you may find DCC is more your cup of tea.

Circa great!

Rich Reiding Entertainment

Now and again, without warning, a true gem of a record sneaks into the shops that's simply dying to pop your eyes and ears wide open. Yeah, sure! Another Flavour of the Week? Well, maybe. But never does the taste get more irresistible than this. If you thought Nirvana and Ned's Atomic Dustbin were exciting, or better yet they bored you into a coma, for heaven's sake read on. Please.

The band is **Rocket From the Crypt** and the lp is **Circa:NOW!**. Don't forget.

Stage names like Speedo, Atom and Apollo 9 may make them seem like a joke, but never mind. Right from the opening seconds, out roars a sonic blast of

cosmic proportions guaranteed to give the best earache you've ever had.

This brilliantly named San Diego quintet is light years removed from today's sweaty grunge rock; the word 'slack' is completely absent from their dictionary. What we have here is ultra high energy mega-melodic popcore with a kind of relentless pounding that fails to bloody quit even after it ends. And how it ends! A rip-roaring rhythm accompanied by an annoying chanting of 'take that' fusing into a thing about smoking pot! Well, that's how I hear it; check for yourself.

Circa:NOW! is a welcome breath of fresh air roughly reminiscent of 80's American powerpop hardcore like the De-

scendents and **Husker Du**, but with saxophone to boot. The lyrical content may not have Bob Mould's insightfulness, but hell, so what? For about 40 minutes, you can jump around like a maniac while humming along at the same time.



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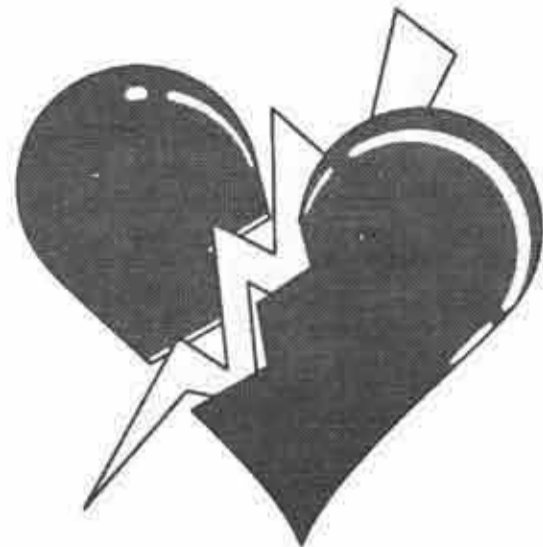
Rick John *Entertainment*

It's a bit confusing, this album titling thing. In 1981, a small, virtually unknown band from Birmingham exploded onto the worldwide music scene with their well-received self-titled debut. Now, 12 years and several personnel changes later, Duran Duran have decided to start phase two of their career with the same formula that began phase one: release a self-titled LP. Their second eponymous release DURAN DURAN (cat. no. 7 98876 2/4) hit the shelves on the 16th and is poised to repeat the success of the top 3 lead-off single "Ordinary World". Originally slated for an early 1992 release, the band took back the master tapes and rewrote some of the material. A product of that extra year is the rumoured second single "Come Undone", a

dancey-love ballad well worth the extra months of prep time. Also on the new disc is the killer track "Too Much Information" which attacks the view many held of the early Duran Duran as a video band ("This band is perfect just don't scratch the surface"... "Just put us on the cover we'd be smiling anyway"). Similarly, the track "To whom it may concern" (written out as a memo from "Duran Duran Ltd." in the lyric booklet) points to a certain animosity towards a fictional character named Mr. Bones. With lyrics like "I've had enough, you can try to pull us down with your pinstripe weasel stuff but word travels in this town", it's clear that Simon's singing to either an old manager or the person who told him that releasing "Liberty" would be a strong career move.

Surprises abound throughout this release. "Breath after Breath", a striking duet with Milton Nascimento, complete with Spanish lyrics, harks back to a Peter Gabriel/Sting-ish, world-beat sound and Jonathan Elias' Requiem for the Americas project, which the band took part in back in 1989. "Femme Fatale", the old Velvet Underground tune, also receives an update on the new album and is destined to become Duran's "The Chauffeur" of the 90s. All in all, the album is a well assembled mixture of semi-acoustic ballad and danceable pop hits. Look for Duran Duran to repeat the success of their first eponymous LP with this latest one. There's only one question remaining: will the next album be called Rio again? Or maybe Buenos Aires?

The Entertainment Section is now accepting reviews of country music, although Feizal is all acheg-breaky over it.



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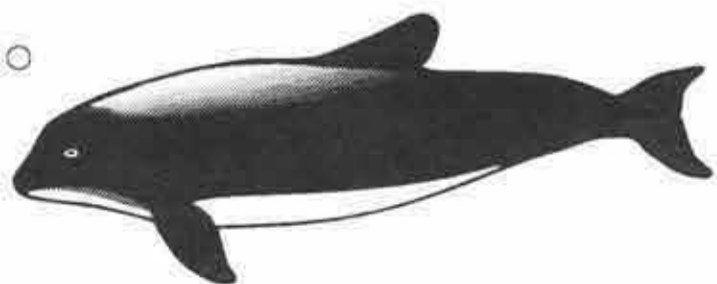
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Untitled

A comment on society if you will,
 Phallic youth, amassed in armies,
 Driven mad
 By a rhythmic pulse of Neolithic origin,
 Spiralling concentrically around an abyss,
 Consuming itself in flames
 Safety sought in mystery, the shaman sits,
 Emerged in an existential depression
 His eyes reflect the tranquility of the celestial bodies over-
 head.
 He calls them by their ancient names,
 Names known only by their makers
 While the fool sits, to the side, in a corner,
 Smiling idiotically like a retarded jack-o-lantern.
 The dim light of the candle flame seen in his eyes,
 Within, cerebral visions dance merrily,
 Like a mental roller coaster with no safety bar.
 We're spiralling downwards, sideways and upside-down,
 But not one of us would trade a ride on this roller coaster
 For a ride on the more serene merry-go-round.
 It only goes up and down.
 Like masturbating,
 It's not the real thing
 You're just going through the notions
 Wishing you could be doing something you're not.

Jamie Petch

Unfulfilled

The superficial banter feeds the mist around my soul.
 I fake the smile, recite the names,
 It burns me like a coal.
 Platonic love, no deeper than the sheets on which we lie
 I say the words without the meaning,
 But then, inside, I die
 Shout past the noise and clatter, through the din and fogginess,
 In hopes of reaching through to one
 Who knows true happiness

I struggle under burdens set upon me by the rest,
 Their dreams and expectations, pushing,
 Put me to the test.

And now my final thought does turn to lonely people all,
 I am but one of your who also
 Battles not to fall.

Should I not unable be, to hold my head above the wave,
 Forgive me and remember,
 I was too alone to save
Jeff Dawley.



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Don't be reeled in

I have these fish, you see. Two orange ones and a white one. They're not very interesting pets, you can't play catch with them, but they're fun to watch when I'm procrastinating. Every morning when I wake up they're making silent chomping motions with their mouths at me through the glass of their aquarium. They're dependent and hungry, so they eat whatever I give them whether its smelly fish flakes -- or dirt. I've tried it. They fight over the stuff.

Lately I've developed a more empathy towards my fish. I've realized that I'll take what I can get and I'm struggling to get things I don't even want. I'm registering in classes I have no interest in because they're the only ones available. I've realized I'm naive to think I can actually get into the electives of my choice. I'm merely taking what fits and and is open. If that means getting up at 8:30 am every Friday to attend Selected Themes in Political Thought, then so be it. I'm chewing on the dirt as we speak.

You've heard the horror stories. People waiting in line at 6:30 in the morning, not having enough lab space to accommodate all the students who need a particular course to graduate, waiting lists of literally dozens of people and fourth year courses closing within minutes on the first day of registration.

In the faculty of Arts and Science next year, the part-time teaching budget alone was reduced by \$228 000 thereby eliminating 57 one-term courses. Why is it that when budget cuts are made, it is our courses and professors that are cut and reduced? Isn't the purpose of university to attend classes and to learn from professors? Not much more can be chipped away before Laurier is stagnant and overpopulated with students possessing oversimplified course loads.

A new science building is being constructed to alleviate the unbelievable space problem in that department. But who is going to fill the new building if the professors and the courses no longer exist?

Students won't. They will have transferred to more accessible science programs at other universities where courses of not only their major, but of appealing electives are offered.

I wonder who is telling these fresh-faced high schoolers who so frequently tour our campus the truth about registration here at WLU? Who is informing possible Laurier students interested in sociology that getting a general degree here is akin to playing an expensive game of Russian roulette?

You must remember being that young, that hopeful and that idealistic. You think the world is chock full of possibilities and an infinite number of choices. Someone should warn them that academic selection is pretty scarce at this particular institution. And that their choices, to be valid and feasible, must comply with the complicated politics and diminishing budget of the university.

I entered this place three years ago innocent, not suspecting that a recession and ensuing funding cuts would lower the quality of my education. I feel I've been reeled in, well...like a fish.

I feel I'm dependent on those who know more and wield more power. I'm hungry for a decent education. But I'm tapping noiselessly at the glass door of an administration who knows I'll devour whatever they give me. I'm grappling and waiting in line for academic provisions that I don't even want. I'm being fed dirt.

But unlike my three little fish swimming around in their microcosm of an aquarium, you and I don't have to be gullible and mindless. As a student body, we possess a voice that should and must be heard. We have the ability to change things as long as that voice is not the unproductive whining of the past two weeks.

Take valid personal complaints to someone with the authority to fix them. Band together as a collective voice. Because even if you can't choose your courses, you can choose your response.

Editorial by Jennifer O'Connell, Assistant Entertainment Editor

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Thumbnail Editorials



THUMBS UP to Barbara McDougall, Perrin Beatty, Bernard Valcourt and Michael Wilson for dropping out of the Progressive-Conservative leadership race. Now, if Kim Campbell and the rest of the Tories would only follow suit...



THUMBS DOWN to the Students' Union for its continuing contemptuous attitude towards students. The Union is running a referendum to decide whether or not to remove the Pill from the student-run health plan. The Union's "information" for the referendum question has two reasons to get rid of the Pill -- and another three reasons not to keep it. There is no effort on the part of the Union to discuss the drawbacks of removing the Pill from the health plan. There is a deliberate attempt on the part of the Students' Union to ram this proposal through, without any real chance for students to debate, and make an informed vote. That is contemptible.

The Cord continues its publishing year, with the end clearly in sight. Any Letters to the Editor must be submitted signed, typed and double-spaced by Tuesday, March 23 at 12:00 pm for the following publication. But, we can only print letters that bear the author's real name, telephone number, and I.D. number (if applicable). All letters must be 500 words. All submissions become the property of The Cord and we reserve the right to edit or refuse any submissions. The Cord will not print anything in the body of the paper considered to be sexist, racist or homophobic in nature by the staff as a voting body, or which is in violation of our code of ethics. Hurry up and write -- you only have two more weeks left.

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Boyce minimizes oppression

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter in The Cord by Jim Boyce on Thursday March 10, 1993, it is in my interest to express my views since I am the author of the quote he used or to be precise, the quote he misused.

Personally I would like to thank Mr. Boyce for taking the time and effort to respond to the article. I was beginning to think that the student body at Laurier was not interested in the ideas of the group Men Against Violence Against Women, (MAVAW).

When Mr. Boyce attended the meeting of MAVAW in the fall, he was told that violence committed against women was different than violence committed against men. Mr. Boyce asks in his article "But what does this mean". Mr. Boyce says that this difference in violence against the genders, which he does not explain, "hardly proves that the battering, bruising and murdering of men is of absolutely no importance". The members of MAVAW do not imply or never had implied that violence against men is of no significance. It is regrettable that Mr. Boyce does not tell the reading public why the violence is different, since we believe that this would help clear up his misinterpretation and his misrepresentation of the facts. This difference is that women are assaulted by men for the simple reason that they are women, whereas, men are not assaulted by women for the simple reason that they are men. Power, control and domination of women by men is all prevalent in our society. Even Mr. Boyce agrees with this.

It is interesting that Mr. Boyce believes that men need to protect women in our society, or at least this is his interpretation of MAVAW. By quoting me out of context, Mr Boyce has put his own ideas forward which I will try to explain to his reading public. The quote concerning four women in your life deals with the fact that 1 in 4 women are sexually assaulted by males. Mr. Boyce believes that this leads to a double standard in which MAVAW will impart patriarchal values. We at MAVAW are educating the public, and asking men to take responsibility for their own actions, not to protect women. Mr. Boyce's attitudes towards women is evident through his interpretation of the fact that 1 in 4 women are assaulted by men being equated as women being weak and needing protection, not the actual fact that these assaulting men are aggressive and power orientated in their attempts to subdue women.

Now that we have exposed Mr. Boyce for what he is really is, which is another insecure male trying to minimize the oppression against half of the human race, I ask him, if you are so concerned about violence against males, and have been for several months, how come I haven't heard of your efforts to establish some kind of support center or group. You can't allow women and men supporting women's rights to voice their opinions and try to do something positive about it. Maybe if you lost your anal retentiveness you could join the human race in trying to extinguish oppression or would that not be too cool with the guys.

Paul Laurie

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Cord's Letter Policy

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- The Cord reserves the right to edit any letter, but will not correct spelling and grammar.
- The Cord reserves the right to reject any letter, in whole or part, that is in violation of existing Cord policies, specifically: letters which contain personal attacks, or defamatory statements.

Woman, proud and free

Dear Editor,

I feel compelled to respond to the comment in the Cord Feedback column by Paul 'hide your shame' Zikopolous. I would like to say that my reaction to this comment was at first, disbelief, followed by intense anger. I would also like to address this letter to anyone who is currently making use of the front cover of the March 4th edition of The Cord as a pinup, or to anyone who has made a remark about the 'unattractiveness' of the woman featured, or to anyone who just happens to give a damn about the issue of women's breasts.

First, this woman is not being exploited, and the use of the picture is not a sensationalistic tactic. The Cord is a non-profit organization, and theoretically does not need to care if the paper is read by anyone. The prominent placement of the picture was initially a shock, but as one saw The Cord lying around for a week, the shock wore off. We got used to the sight of the female breast, didn't we? The more we see the breast in its natural state, the less inclined we are to sexualize and objectify breasts. Because they were (or apparently are) considered 'objects' to be hidden away and only seen in pages of 'adult' magazines, they have been sexualized. When nipples aren't airbrushed and breasts aren't crammed into lacy little push-ups, they aren't sexual objects anymore, are they?

If the woman was scantily clad with a come-hither smile, would these same people, like Paul

Zikopolous, protest? Probably not. We should be happy that The Cord didn't wimp out and censor the picture, as this would have contributed to the 'Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde woman breast' syndrome - "keep 'em hidden until we wanna see 'em, and they better be lookin' pert and perky, cause damnit, we pay big bucks to see 'em! Yuk Yuk!" Excuse me, but I think I'm going to vomit now. Or cry.

When Zikopolous made his comment "hide your shame", he instantly implied that breasts are shameful, and furthermore, the human body is shameful. Are you aware, Paul, that you have breasts? That you are surrounded by people with breasts? That this "shame" is what nourished you and gave you life in your infancy? When you look at the woman in the picture, you feel disgust. To me, that woman is a symbol of freedom and beauty. I am proud of her and I think she is brave to go against sexist throwbacks like yourself.

The human body, whether female or male, black, white, hairy, underweight or overweight (or even if it happens to sport a pair of breasts) is a being of the purest beauty, not of shame, and is meant to be admired -- not scorned. Attitudes like yours, Paul, are exactly what caused the exploitation and sexualization of women, and is the reason people are now offended by the sight of an unexploited breast on the front page of a newspaper.

Adrienne Kolotylo

Shatter, don't work around, glass ceiling

Dear Editor,

This is a letter concerning the seminar given by Janice Fioravanti and Dr. Lorna Marsden on International Women's Day (March 8) addressing women in the workplace, in specific -- the glass ceiling. The glass ceiling was defined as an

"invisible organizational barrier that prevents women from reaching top ranking positions. Women can see through the glass to the next corporate level but the seemingly unbreakable ceiling prevents them from getting the promotion". Some of the messages we received reinforce and perpetuate the glass ceiling

maintaining barriers that women face.

We feel that the advice given by the lecturers circumvented the real issue. Marsden and Fioravanti focused on teaching survival tactics within a male defined workforce. The real issue is to challenge the existing structures that limit all women and

their opportunities.

Marsden argues that women should learn how to say yes. However, this does not appear to be the problem women have today. Women are mothers, wives, business women, caregivers, and responsible for most of the housework. Consequently, women are suffering from burn-out. They over-extend themselves and say yes too often. Often working-class women and their struggles are ignored. These women in most circumstances do not have the privileged option to say yes or no. Their answer must be yes in order to provide food for their children. Marsden for the most part speaks to and addresses issues concerning white, middle to upper-class, educated women. She fails to recognize the diverse needs of diverse women.

Marsden advocates a "never give up" policy towards sexual harassment. She states that "women should never resign...keep on going no matter how outrageous you may think the treatment is, it is always better to stay in there and fight it..." Living with systematic discrimination produces horrific side-effects -- decrease in self-esteem, poor job performance, absenteeism and sleeplessness to name a few. It is unfair to expect women to endure this type of

abuse unconditionally.

Her final message is to surround yourself with critical friends in order to assess whether you faced some discrimination. This perpetuates the ideology that some women imagine discrimination.

Fioravanti affirms that a glass-ceiling exists but, that it is the responsibility of women to find the openings or "airholes". This is a very individualistic view for women and success. It is not women's responsibility to search for or create openings in which to slide through. We do not wish to diminish the accomplishments of women who have been successful. In fact, we believe that these women have worked harder than most men in similar positions simply because of the obstacles they have overcome. However, instead of recognizing the success of a few privileged women, shouldn't we be addressing systemic discrimination against women?

The glass-ceiling must be shattered. The issue is not how women should learn to rise within a male defined institution, but rather, how women and men should re-define the system to eliminate oppressive barriers.

Lisa Swain
Mohini Athia

Rule of thumb cruel

Dear Editor,

Over Reading Week something strange happened to me, I learned something. My mother, in her constant quest for trivial facts, came upon something not so trivial. She read an article that explained where the phrase "rule of thumb" came from. Most people use this phrase to refer to a common rule to go by; a hint at how to do something, but this is not the true meaning.

"Rule of thumb" originated way back when it was legal for a man to beat his wife. You see, a man could not legally beat his wife with just anything, no, the object that he used could be no wider than his thumb. Therefore, when a man beat his wife, he used the "rule of thumb".

It is no longer legal, or acceptable for a man to beat his wife with anything, let alone something as wide as his thumb. So why do we still use this sick saying? I hope that the reason is that this law was in place so long ago, that no one remembers its true meaning, because the notion that people use this saying while knowing what it really means is incomprehensible.

Some people may say that its meaning today is

so far removed from its true definition, that it no longer matters what the true meaning is. I disagree. Throughout history men have beaten their wives, sometimes to the point of death. Should these atrocities be forgotten? I think not. This saying is offensive to both men and women alike. It is appalling to think that in the year 1993, we are still so backward as to use a saying that refers to the size of an instrument of torture.

The reason that I am bringing this issue up is that, since Reading Week I have noticed that many of my textbooks use this saying. Furthermore, I have noticed a couple of Professors using it. I am sure that these people do not know what the original meaning of the phrase "rule of thumb" is, but that does not excuse its use. I would hope that once people know what this phrase means, they will be just as offended as I am, and will think twice about using it again. There are so many phrases out there that could be used to refer to a common rule to go by, why use one that is associated with torture and cruelty?

Karin Paulson

Stop classroom stereotyping -- now

Dear Editor,

Most of us have dealt with some stereotypes of sorts in our lives. Stereotypes are often rooted in people's beliefs. Like ideologies, they serve as spectacles through which reality in the social world is seen, through most of the time, distorted and oversimplified.

We all have pride in Canada and boast of the significant gains women and all visible minorities are making. One would hope that all sane minds in Canada would support and move geared at strengthening a face-free and

gender-neutral society.

Unfortunately, my experiences at Laurier in the past few months contradict that stance. Stereotypes still thrive in offices and lecture halls unabated. Even at a time when in the history of this institution, we have the first woman president, probably the best executive that will ever sit in this chair, women are still referred to in derogatory terms.

For sometime now, a professor has been making derogatory comments about people in a manner that turns them into objects of ridicule, probably jerks. For a

minute, imagine you are a woman student, just about to write your midterm, then the professor announces that he made the exam tough deliberately so he could weed out women from men. What would be your reaction?

What about being a Japanese student in a Western environment, you ask a question about a concept in a book the professor co-authored but in reply he shuts you down, saying you don't understand these things. Funny?

Lastly, think about yourself as a Chinese student from the Far East. The professor, in the middle

of the lecture gives a comment that people from the Far East do not understand economic laws. All they know is how to reproduce like rabbits. How would you respond?

Some students laughed of course. And when he adds, prudent investors do not invest because they love your green eyes or your black skin!

Now, how far can these kinds of remarks go? When is enough enough?

Of course this country has academic freedom and professorial prerogatives. Is this professor within this limit? If we think they are relevant examples, can we agree that he ought to know a better way of framing them so they don't demean us? Is it too

much to expect sensitivity and understanding from seniors who ought to be our role models? Is it expecting too much to think that professors, more than anybody else, ought to know that difference based on gender, race or ideology are meaningless?

In a country that is trying to build cultural, racial and gender harmony, one does not need to prove to anybody that he is a man or is better. It is enough to know that you are a person and competing fairly.

The standard should be competitive excellence, not gender, race or ideology. Professors know more. But we also deserve better. Stop it, Professor, it is not funny any more.

Name withheld by request

Cremation is cool

Dear Editor,

All around the world people are still burying the dead. At the same time the cities encroach on the farmlands that feed us. Why do people still insist on being buried. Does the thought of having worms writher through their bodies for eternity excite them? Does the thought of laying around long enough that someday an archaeologist will immortalize them in a museum excite them? What are these people thinking?

Cremation is one way to go which makes more sense. In China it is illegal to bury the dead. (Well Communism has one good point.) They realize that not only is there a population problem on the surface of the earth, but a problem underneath the surface as well. Burn the dead! Save the space!

Cemeteries are also a waste of space.

Cemeteries are for the living, not the dead. So if people want to worship the dead so badly let them do it in their own home. Sure, just set up a little plaster bust of Uncle Mot in the living room and worship away.

When is it alright to dig the dead up. All across the country there is forgotten grave yards. Eventually there is nobody around that knows anybody in the grave yard so the grave yard begins to slip into a big vegetated area. An area that no one can use because there are useless dead located there.

Why not just burn the dead and end the problem before it starts. Ashes are also good for growing gardens. See, look at all the benefits.

Scott McKay
Cord Staff

Space talk

Dear Editor,

Last year the University Administration agreed to give the Students' union a certain amount of funds which enabled us to hire an architect to look into possible expansion plans for the building. Now these plans are becoming reality and the possibilities for the new Students' Union Building are endless. These plans would make the building twice its original size and would incorporate the expansion of Wilf's, the Turret, campus clubs space and perhaps even include a new Food Court and Student Services i.e. Health Services and Counselling.

In order to finance the expansion it is likely that the Students' Union will ask the students to pay the \$15 a year that they now pay towards the elevator fund, towards a fund for this new 'space' project. The elevator fund will be retired as of May '94, and therefore we would not be asking the students for any additional money, rather they simply continue paying towards a new funding goal.

This year's Board has just decided to take this issue to referendum in the fall, but before doing so we wanted to get a feeling of how the students felt about it. On March 2, during our public BOD hours this was what the question for the week dealt with. The response has been overwhelmingly in favour of the expansion of the Students' Union Building and in favour of the continued payment of the \$15 a year to achieve this. Here are some of the comments given:

- "It's good to see students getting something back for their efforts and money."
- "This would allow us to expand services and remain financially sound."
- "This would boost student moral and offer more centralized services for the students."
- "I'd like to see more handicap doors, and perhaps an off-campus events centre."
- "Food court is a good idea and a new terrace in Wilf's is a great idea."
- "Looks great, WLUSU is too overcrowded. Different departments need more space, i.e. campus clubs."
- "But what about the academic program?"
- "Better this than @*?!* astroturf!"
- "Non-smoking bar wanted."
- "About time there was competition with food services."

Yes: 63
No: 3

Ruth Gmehlin, Michelle Moore
Students' Union Board of Directors

Humans have it easy

Dear Editor,

Picture this: Two bears funneling toxic waste through a pipe -- into an onlooking man's house. The caption reads "Animal Waste Management".

Do you get it? Yes, it is a Far Side comic but it's also making a very good point. Things wouldn't be so great if we weren't at the

"top of the pecking order" and other living beings started infesting our living environment with their waste. What if they started shooting some of us for sport? Uh, sorry, but Johnny the wolf has come up with a brand of styling mousse and he's going to smear it in your eyes to test how dangerous that is....Damn it,

there's an overpopulation of moose in the woods, so they are going to tear down your neighborhood to plant a new forest. Do you mind? Too bad. You're not boss anymore.

Do you get my point? Maybe you don't. My point is we are animals. Just because we've been cursed with this extra amount of "intelligence" and a thumb, doesn't mean we have the right to exploit other living beings.

Overpopulation is definitely a problem and it is helping to destroy our environment. If you are environmentally conscious, don't just do it for future generations; Think about the life forms that are going extinct or being endangered every day. If you are not already environmentally conscious, then get with the program!

I would also like to take this opportunity to say cheers to Scott McKay for his last two letters in the Cord.

Line Perrier

Good grades are not enough

Dear Editor,

Over the past weekend, fourth year business students were forced into participating in yet another case competition. Although it was structured to be similar to the I.C.E. competition in third year, this exercise was to test the skills that we have supposedly learned in our core classes, under an 'intense' pressure situation. From the students' point of view, the case itself was so easy to understand that any tough, intelligent decision making was not required. But, what this competition did accomplish was to bring to the forefront the many inadequacies and imperfections of the SBE.

An upsetting result of the exercise was that it revealed the blatant favouritism that business professors (with the exception of the finance profs) have towards certain students. Is it really fair that fourth year business students should be permitted to judge their peers? Albeit these students are extremely intelligent individuals, there is no way that a fellow student of mine should be allowed to determine my final grade in a course. Also, it was conveyed to us that these 'judges' had to make a tough choice in participating in the exercise or becoming a judge. After talking to one of the judges, he told me personally that he was never actually given this option. He gladly accepted this appointed position of power without any indecision or thought.

What bothers me the most with this whole situation is the complacency of the students. After going through four years of this place, students (especially the ones in business) have learned to blindly accept any of the garbage that the administration throws at us. Who are we to question why? We should have a right to ask the tough questions because we are the ones who are paying for this.

The purpose of this article is to inform the younger students of what to expect in the senior years. Basically, if you are smart, attractive, and willing to buy your professor a drink at Wilf's you're on the road to the top. Simply being smart and getting good grades just doesn't cut it any more.

Derek Kodama
Fourth year business student

Cord is prejudiced

Dear Editor,

Thumbs down to **The Cord's** "Thumbs Down" editorial on February 25, where it is charged that, "Ten out of eleven members of the [Academic Restructuring] committee are men.... Male domination of the committee is disturbingly reminiscent of a bad 1950's sit com."

If this is the criteria for "insensitivity to gender issues," then Student Publications has long been guilty. How else can we explain the fact that the last four editors of **The Cord** have been males or that the Board of Directors has traditionally been dominated by males (and white ones at that)? Let's face it, this situation shows serious "insensitivity" or so it would seem if we followed the logic of the "Thumbs Down" editorial. Obviously, it would be unfair to accuse Student Publications of such a thing without providing any proof, and it is just as unfair to make a similar judgement about the Academic Restructuring Committee (the editorial never

mentioned whether or not committee members were qualified).

This editorial is not only unfair but inconsistent. The same issue of **The Cord** features a picture of the recipients of the President's Scholarships: three white women. Where is the "Thumbs Down" editorial deploring the "insensitivity" towards aboriginal Canadians, males, members of minority groups and the differently abled? If one is going to make insinuations about "insensitivity," at least be egalitarian about it! But rather than be consistently (or inconsistently) unfair, it would be even better if **The Cord** could be consistently fair.

The type of popular prejudice that the "Thumbs Down" editorial supports is astounding in comparison to the following week's editorial on bigotry in journalism.

J.W. Boyce
Religion and Culture

Oatmeal does not a nation make

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Pat Brethour's "A Tory for Breakfast".

Pat, I hope my letter brings you closer to current reality. There is so much I want to discuss, so let's start with your point that the Tories haven't made any

"headway" on the deficit, O.K?

The Tories began with a primary deficit of about \$16 billion in 1984. In 1992, the Tories had created a primary surplus of about \$7 billion (An improvement of 143%). Now, let's put this in your terms. Say you write an exam, and by golly you get

143%. Now, I'm not sure about your marks, but I would conclude that I'm makin tons o' "headway". True, the total deficit is in the red, but that's because the Tories are making interest payments on Canada's huge debt. And this monster is the result of spending-happy Liberals, with

whining N.D.P politicians that want the \$500 billion debt increasing at a much faster rate.

Also, you said the Tories should axe business tax deductions. I get the impression that you are not a huge fan of any business in Canada (Since you suggested that we axe business grants also). Let me suggest that business, while not perfect, provides Canada with benefits that aren't possible in their absence. I think jobs are a good example, don't you? It's a sheltered world you live in if you think businesses will stick around when you treat them like shit. Let's put it back in your terms. Say you are at Wilf's, and a great looking women/man (hey, it's the 90's) walks up to you. For best results, you should:

- Give a polite compliment and offer to buy him/her a drink.
- Tell him/her how sick you are of men/women and tell him/her to start buying his/her own fuckin drinks.

Finally, I'd like to address your point that Free Trade has caused unemployment and creat-

ed "a shattered manufacturing sector". Brace yourself: Manufacturing in Canada is dying. Do not blame the Tories, it's not their fault, it was already dying when they won office in 1984. It'll keep dying as long as Canada pays \$14.41/hour for shit productivity and quality levels. And what of all these people who supposedly lost their jobs to free trade? What of their future? Well, that's up to them is it not? Or have we forgotten the reason any of us came to Laurier in the first place? We are taking control of our future. Canadians do not need the Feds spoon feeding them success, they're better than that. To market yourself you can get everything from a PHD to calling up Gloria from All in the Family to get a diploma in art, management, t.v. repair...

You see, Perrin Beatty was trying to explain that "the right thing to do" works better than "the popular thing to do." That is how you nation-build, not by researching cereal endorsers.

Bil Huk

And someone critiques the entire comment section

Dear Editor,

Alright, here goes. "We have an obligation to right our wrongs". In this letter last week, David Ray had "a remedy", which was "the truth". So, if I don't believe truth exists, that pretty well shoots down that argument, doesn't it? However, were I to believe in a different truth, the same thing would be accomplished.

If I were to say that grouping Canadians into 'the West', and stating that we have an obligation, was wrong, was...racist, and I believed it, then Mr. Ray's truth would not exist. If I were to say that Canada is in severe trouble right now, and needs money to stay developed itself, then advocates of sending money would be wrong.

How do we decide what is right? Through democracy? Fine...except it no longer exists.

We can no longer elect an official to represent our views, because there are too many issues. Your grand scheme, Pat, for removing the PC government is all well and good, but hey, there's no 'right' choice. Somewhere along the way, populations grew too large, and democracy stayed hidden in textbooks, and ideology.

Well, thanks for telling us that Jon, but we don't believe you, and if we did, what are we supposed to do about it? Well...I don't know. I'm just here to complain like everyone else. While I'm complaining, I'll complain that the government is supposed to be composed of people that individuals have put their trust into, not people who we are constantly attacking. How can we expect a country to fare well, when we don't put people we trust into power? And yet, no solution seems to come to mind, because

there are too many issues, too many stances, and too many individuals.

With all the call for referendums and asking for the people's opinion (i.e. telling the people that represent Canada currently that they can't make certain decisions, because hey, all we did was give them enough ticks on pieces of paper), perhaps we should abolish the government as it stands, and leave everything to referendum. If we can't trust people to make decisions, then an alternative is to make those decisions independently. Have a much smaller government around to handle the day-to-day affairs, and some sort of information-releasing or referendum-handling group. I don't know. And yet, I ask you all, what are we to do? Never will everyone agree on anything. Does majority rule? Do we continue to question, or do we accept, leaving time for peace and quiet, or other issues we wish to question? We now stand at a point in time when everything is changing, where everything is being questioned.

The morals which have governed society for so long are now being challenged. Take your position now, folks, because these issues aren't going to rest anytime soon, and there will be more to follow. Wonder...as Jim wonders, we must all wonder.

The opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of the author.

Jonathan Winter

Correcting corrections

Dear Editor,

The letter I sent to *The Cord* last week regarding the review of the Faculty of Music opera production was misread, and the paper has printed a Correction that is more incorrect than the original mistake. I am grateful for Leslie O'Dell having had her gender straightened out, but she had nothing at all to do with the opera production. Leslie De'Ath conducted the opera on Feb. 26/27. Leslie O'Dell is a professor in the English faculty, and directs theatre productions on campus.

(Mr.) Leslie De'Ath,
Associate Professor,
Faculty of Music

Dating in the '90s, Part 2

Terry Humphreys *Comment*

The crucial moment is stretching into eternity, and you don't mind because you could stand on the dance floor all night just staring at her. The question is, will she slow dance with you or go back to her friends and discuss your

The Men's Room

by members of Men Against
Violence Against Women

very peculiar dancing style?

You feel like the moment has stretched just a bit too long now, and is feeling a uncomfortable. You move in closer, indicating your want to continuing the dance and hope she feels the same.

She moves in close too and just as you think things couldn't be going any better, you hear her say "I think I'm going to go back to my table, OK?"

OK?...no it's not OK, but

what can you do?

Your mind starts to race. You need to think of something quick to keep the interaction going. "Are you sure you don't want to dance some more?" you ask, hedging your bets.

"No, I hate this song, but thanks anyway", she says. Does she really hate this song, or is it a quick way to ditch you? It's getting late and you might not get a second chance.

"Can I buy you a drink?" you blurt out, and a second later wish you could take it back because it sounds like such a line.

"No," she says, and you think you hear the politeness in her voice slip a little. Is she getting perturbed? You may have just lost the battle in the seconds it took to say that line.

You hope that you just imagined that disdain in her voice.

You only have one line left and it's a doozy. Should you ask her for her phone number? It's always a tough decision and you

never know how people will take it. But it is the only card you have left to play before she walks off the floor...and out of your life, or so it seems. You muster what is left of your ego and decide you are either going to win or lose this step in a big way. "Please don't take this the wrong way, but, would it be possible to get your number?" you ask with abated breath.

"What did you say?" she yells over the music. The agony. Saying it once was bad enough, but twice? You step in close beside her and repeat yourself. That long moment of silence returns to plague you once more.

"Actually", she says with shrugging shoulders, "I'm sort of seeing someone". The classic line that is neither here nor there but is impossible to discount.

That's it, the game is over and although it went farther than you planned, you can't help feeling

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WOMENWORDS

by members of the Women's Centre

by Beth Haydl and Mohini Athia

Although there is enough pie for everyone it obviously distributed unfairly. Feminism is the advocacy of equal pie for women. We don't want to take pie away from the men, we just want an equal share for all regardless of ability, sexual orientation, race, class and gender. When we say "pie" we mean rights. Rights are different from privileges in that one person's right does not come at the expense of another's.

If men are afraid that they will lose something if women gain equality, this may be because what men enjoy are privileges, not rights. Male privileges include but are not limited to: being able to walk home at 2:00 am without feeling nervous, earning an average of one-third more than women for equal work and being taken seriously by employers, professors, doctors, and auto mechanics.

Maybe some men hate feminism because they don't want to lose privileges. Maybe some women hate feminism because if they call themselves a "feminist" they'll be hated. Few women take pride in publicly calling themselves feminists.

A common misperception is that feminism means female superiority, and that because of the rise of feminism, women will receive all the pie. A male professor here recently commented that in our society, the pendulum has swung in the opposite direction in favour of women.

The professor felt women were demanding everything and men were getting the raw end of the deal. Yes we are demanding -- demanding our rights because we know that they will not be relinquished without a struggle. Why would men surrender their privileges willingly?

Feminism is not a negative thing. People are threatened by change, and they tend to view it as negative. But feminism is positive and progressive. Feminists celebrate women and womanhood, things which have generally not been celebrated.

We do not need men to give us validity and identity. But loving women also does not mean hating men.

Loving women doesn't mean that all women speak with one voice and that all women agree with each other all the time. Each woman comes from a different perspective. Every woman's feminism is different.

Let's say our society is an apple pie. A liberal reformist feminist would take the pie we have and redistribute it equally among women and men. The goal is to achieve legal equality. An eco-feminist wants an organically grown pie, not one made with artificial ingredients and bleached flour because she equates the destruction of our environment to the degradation of women.

Socialist feminists want to throw away the apple pie and bake a new cherry pie. Radical feminists want a cake, dammit. A lesbian separatist wants one pie for women and another for men. And an anarcho-feminist wants all different flavours of tarts [communities] living autonomously and communally.

Many feminists draw from all of these perspectives to varying degrees. That is the beauty of feminism -- diversity.

What we all have in common is a desire to improve the lives of all women. Feminism, the ideology, the term, the reality exists and will continue to be a shaping force of our society. Feminism is here to stay.

Pill referendum leaves voters in the dark

Jim Lowe *Cord Comment*

Just when you thought it was safe to trust your Students' Union again, political underhandedness and hidden agendas have reappeared.

In less than two weeks, the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union will be holding a referendum -- a referendum which happens to target women who choose to be sexually active.

Certain inhabitants of the Union offices, it appears, don't like the fact that our health plan subsidizes oral contraceptives. So, they've decided to slip a question dealing with its continued existence onto the Senate and Board of Governors' election ballots.

What those Union execs are conveniently ignoring is that a majority of Laurier students voted in favour of including oral contraceptives only 13 months ago.

Ever since the students approved the new plan, its opponents have claimed that the referendum was not run properly,

and "ignorant students" were misinformed when they voted. For a time, that argument may have held some merit. But now, the same people who complained are running an even more clandestine campaign.

To be fair, there are a number of reasons for removing contraceptives, not the least of which is a promise from Health Services to deliver the Pill at a comparable rate to the current plan.

Including oral contraceptives in any health plan is an expensive matter, and warrants discussion by its participants.

There are also a number of reasons to keep the health plan as it stands. Oral contraceptives come in a variety of prescriptions, and often have side-effects. Before a woman can be prescribed the Pill, she must undergo a number of tests, and be monitored by her physician for three months.

This requires an intimate relationship between doctor and patient, a relationship which many women would not want to begin with anyone other than

their family doctor.

You probably won't hear much about this referendum, though. At the present time, no open forums have been scheduled and the corporation has not made any attempts to stage a proper Yes/No information campaign.

Why? Because they'd rather rely on student apathy to achieve their political goals. The contraceptive plan was approved during the annual election last February, at which over a quarter of the school voted. March by-elections, however, rarely achieve more than 12 per cent voter turnout.

Even more disgusting than this attempt to exploit student lethargy is the blatant biases in both the election mailout and the referendum ballot. The mailout, which should present both sides of the issue, contains two reasons against keeping oral contraceptives in the plan, and three reasons in favour of removing them.

At last check, those two phrases meant exactly the same thing. That equals five reasons to vote yes, and not a single acknowledgement that an opinion to the contrary even exists.

The political interference is even more evident on the ballot. The original question was relatively unbiased. However, for some unknown reason, Vice-President Alexandra Stangret asked the Union's Chief Returning Officer to include the possible financial savings of removal (the yes side's big selling point) on the ballot. No attempt was made

to include the proposal's drawbacks.

If, after a proper information campaign, the student body chooses to agree with such a proposal then, fine, the health plan should die. To attempt to undermine its value and viability by quietly targeting segments of the plan, is cowardly.

Oral contraceptives are a health issue. They warrant inclusion in a health plan just as allergy pills or PMS medication do. How many more groups will be targeted through muted referenda until the support base for the plan is totally undermined?

Sadly, this referendum will not render a valid decision about oral contraceptives in specific, or even the health plan in general. This referendum will only reveal whether or not the students of Laurier will allow themselves to become mere sheep to an elite group of politician-shepherds.

If those shepherds are so confident that their opinion on contraceptives is correct, then they should be running a fair referendum.

This article is not about the merits of the oral contraceptive plan. For the record, I voted against including the pill in the health plan last year. Why?

Because, there was virtually no information provided to me on why I should vote yes. Sadly, with a campaign based on arm-twisting and backroom whispers, it is likely that the majority of the five or six hundred students who

voted in this referendum will be equally in the dark.

You would think that a corporation that effectively has two Presidents, two Vice-Presidents (University Affairs) and twenty-eight board members would be willing to run a proper information campaign for such an important issue. Unfortunately, Students' Union politicians are willing to let the students of Laurier be used as political pawns in the designs of a few of their colleagues. This is unacceptable.

Regardless of how you feel on the issue of oral contraceptives, do not let this insulting action by our politicians go on without condemnation. Tell current bosses Alexandra Stangret and Christina Craft that you are fed up with political maneuvering.

Inform Tim Crowder, Sean Taylor and next year's Board of Directors that such games won't be acceptable during their term. Start real debate on the issue among your friends and colleagues.

Above all else, don't allow your vote to be used as a tool for someone else's partisan agenda.

This issue is not as clear cut as the politicians would have you believe and, as members of this "corporation" we cannot continue to let ourselves be snowed.

Jim Lowe was a candidate for VP: University Affairs in the February election and campaigned in favour of the current health plan.

PINK INK

by Denys Davis

Once again Madonna has been crowned queen of the gays, or in this particular case, the lesbians. The Glad Day Bookshop in Toronto has been on trial for selling *Bad Attitude*, a raunchy tyke bag filled with hot pictures and steamy fiction about bad girls who ask for their bodies and minds to be assaulted. On February 16, Judge Paris handed down a slap-on-the-wrist decision ruling that nine of the ten articles were not obscene, based on evidence presented. Here is how the story unfolded.

As usual the Crown called in its panel of experts, namely Crown Attorney Charles Granek. He's famous for his last porn case which was won on the basis that Canadians could not tolerate seeing casual, physically satisfying, unprotected sex.

Also present was porn researcher Neil Malamuth, professor of psychology at the University of Michigan. The presentation made by the Crown was the usual story of media exposure leads to attitude change and that attitude change leads to behavioural change.

In the vernacular, if you see bad stuff you will do bad stuff. In this case if women see or read material in 'Bad Attitude' where women are pushed around and love it, some harm will happen to some innocent woman.

Psychologist Jonathan Freedman from the University of Toronto, told the court that Dr. Malamuth's testimony was (not his word) crap, based on the fact that the connection between seeing porn and doing bad things has never been adequately demonstrated. He further says that the effects of lesbian porn and straight porn may be different and any research done on this has been inconclusive.

Another star for Glad Day was Professor Becky Ross from Ryerson, the holder of Canada's first doctorate in lesbian studies. Unfortunately Ross' testimony, on this her first appearance in court, was carefully dissected by Granek. What Ross did succeed in doing was reading Madonna's latest book, *Sex* to the court. The point of this was to show the rather remarkable similarity between *Sex* and *Bad Attitude*. Madonna, icon of the masses, has sold 35 000 copies of the book and has remained completely unmolested by police and censor boards.

Legend has it that at this point, Judge Paris's eyes lit up, amazed by the number of books sold. This must be some sort of statement on what is acceptable to the average Canadian.

During closing statements, Granek implied that he had the forces of decency, civic order, romance, the family, politeness, Western civilization, the Supreme Court, and fear on his side. Judge Paris asked Granek if he had seen *Truth or Dare*. "Um-hum."

Earlier in the trial Helmut Newton's SM fashion photos from *Vogue* were introduced as evidence. Judge Paris had said, "Yes, I'm familiar with the magazine. We have it at home."

Now, I don't mean to belittle the issue of violence against women. I personally can't believe that some of the more violent porn has absolutely no effect on encouraging violence, even though it has not been scientifically proven. What I do believe is that censorship is the greatest crime imaginable. Who are you to say what I can watch on TV, what I can read in magazines I pay for, and what I can sit in my own home and enjoy. It's about time that the pro-censors realized that the tolerance of the average Canadian is changing. Or is it really? Maybe nobody from the powers that be, in their infinite wisdom, has ever asked for their opinions before!

Students need leftovers

Retrospect

The week in review

by Pat Brethour

I've only bought a case of iced tea once in my life. That was in the last month of my first year here at Laurier. It was April 23 and I still had \$28 left on my meal plan.

I only wasted \$28. I was lucky. One woman I knew had hundreds of dollars left on her meal card, that she had been unable to use or to sell to other students.

She bought five boxes of chocolate bars.

Every year students buy mass quantities of junk food at the end of April. Either that, or they make an involuntary contribution to Food Services, courtesy of Laurier's archaic and rather inane meal plan.

For those who don't know (or who have forgotten), all residence students (other than Brickerdwellers) must buy a meal plan. The amount -- \$1 838 for 1993/94 -- is pre-set and non-refundable.

According to Don Baker, that amount is set on a three-meals-per-day basis. If you miss a meal, says Baker, that's your problem. You shouldn't expect a refund.

Bullshit.

Don Baker has forgotten a couple of things. First among them is that students are paying customers, both of Food Services and of the university. He says that providing refunds is impossible under the university's present accounting system. That may be entirely true, but there's no reason why that accounting system cannot be changed.

Can you imagine a restaurant that refused to give you back your change because their cash register wasn't working?

Of course, that wouldn't happen in the real world. And it wouldn't happen at Laurier, if the administration had an ounce of respect for residence students.

Baker, and the rest of the administration, have

all forgotten one other essential point: students don't eat at Food Services sometimes...because the food is sometimes awful.

I remember some delightful concoctions in my first year: Ham and Cheese Soup, Corned Beef Burgers (semi-raw) and the infamous Swiss Steak.

You can hardly blame a first year student for sneaking off to McDonald's, can you?

Enough about what the meal plan is, or is not. What could the meal plan be like?

The University of Guelph's voucher system is the most attractive option I've ran across. You buy coupons, and cash them in at the appropriate food spots around campus.

You don't have to pay nearly \$2 000 in September -- and you have a choice of places in which to spend your money.

Even without the voucher system, the administration could still reform the meal plan, and easily.

Students could be allowed to forward the unused portion of the meal plan to the next year. Although they would still have to eat Food Services' offerings, they probably wouldn't end up carting boxes of chocolate and iced tea home.

Giving out refunds in April is another possibility. The Food Services committee already has such a proposal formulated. Their \$200 limit is unnecessarily low, but it is a start. If the administration approves it.

Students should be able to either cash in their full meal plan surplus at the end of the academic year. Anything less than that still leaves hard-earned student money in the pockets of an undeserving university service.

Don Baker, and the rest of the administration, better damned well start listening to students' concerns about the meal plan.

Students, not the administration, know best about the meal plan. That's the way I see it -- at least until I see Don Baker at the Dining Hall for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

SHOOTING FROM THE LIP

Question: How would you get rid of a roommate that you didn't want?

The Shots:



"Put Kool-Aid in their gas tank."
Stephanie Williams
Third Year



"A quick handshake and a .357 magnum."
Jay Slade and Dave Brosseau



"It's called, get a boyfriend your roommate does not like."
Lisa Hughes



"Put Exlax in their homemade cookies."
Heather Small and Jill Chalmers
Second Year Pranks



"Make a couple phone calls and kill them."
Vlasios Melessanakis and Xenia Ioannou
Fourth Year

by Eda Di Liso and Jennifer O'Connell

Toeing the party line

Amit Kapur

Cord Comment

Well, it seems that Dennis Drainville, an MPP and backbencher for the NDP party, is in deep trouble.

Drainville opposes one of his government's policies: a fact he has made public. The criticism he is receiving is not from the opposition, nor from the public. The criticism is from his own party.

The issue is casinos, and Drainville has spoken out against the NDP plan to bring casinos into Ontario. Unfortunately, Drainville has now attracted the scorn of the party leadership, which wants to show unity on these types of issues.

As a result, the NDP is formulating new plans regarding when MPP backbenchers may speak out against government policy. The government is to decide when anyone in their party is allowed to criticize them.

This brings up the issue of whether there is adequate free speech in our parliament system, because the NDP is not the only party to create rules on whether you can vote your mind.

Party discipline is a concept which is common in the Canadian political system. When you are elected to represent a constituency, you are expected to represent the interests of the people who voted for you. But there are also rules that often prohibit you from voting anything other than what the party votes.

Though many people have tried to challenge these rules, dissidents like Drainville have privileges and more senior positions withheld from

them because of their failure to seek 'approval' from the rest of the party.

In extreme cases, dissidents have been kicked out of a party because they didn't play follow-the-leader.

Voters on election day must therefore not only decide whether the person they vote for will represent their interests, but even if they can. They should ask if their MPP has any rights to speak up and vote according to how they feel if they disagree with the party.

The rules that many parties use often make it very difficult to vote anything but the party line. Does this mean that Brian Mulroney or Bob Rae themselves control what government policies decide? Does this mean that parliamentary approval is just a formality? Doesn't that strike one hell of a blow to the democracy which we so proudly claim?

In the Drainville's case, the NDP is coming up with some petty excuses for implementing their policy. According to house leader Dave Cooke, MPPs could vote freely on 'issues of conscience', however it is still up to the government to decide what your conscience is. Does this mean that Drainville's views, though strongly held and reinforced by his religious beliefs, are not a matter of conscience?

From the time of their creation, the NDP has been trying to pass itself off as the party that cares about people, a party unlike any other. NDP leaders have obviously forgotten about their political roots and have proven that free speech is acceptable in their party -- as long as it is their free speech.

Initiation is torture

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very angry at her for some reason. Probably because the ego is a little bruised.

The greatest torture of it all is

that you'll have to do this all over again the next time a woman catches your eye.

So what is the point to my dating scenario? Maybe nothing, but I hope you have caught my

less than praiseworthy description of the whole encounter. The biggest question in all dating encounters is how to find out what the other person thinks of you first. You have to do so without coming right out and asking. You do it in a way that will enable you to save face, in the event that they think you're slime.

So the solution is to engage in an excruciating series of minute steps, gestures, cues, and small talk that are second guessed every inch of the way.

As a male, I have dreaded having to always be the initiator of dating encounters. At every minute step of the way, there are countless decisions that males have to initiate. And at any one of these steps they can be rejected. It is like a continuous roller-coaster ride for the ego.

Women need to take more control and responsibility for initiating and carrying a dating encounter. Once this happens, we will be on the road to breaking down sex-role stereotypes...at least in the dating field.

CORD FEEDBACK We're here to hear.

The Cord's Feedback Booth is open each Thursday, from 10 am to 4 pm, in the Concourse. All members of the Laurier community are welcome to comment, although students will be given priority. Comments appear unedited. All comments must include the submitter's ID number. Issues of pressing or enduring interest will be commented upon by The Cord. We're your student paper -- so make your view known.

Hey Ingrid, it's called reality, check into it!
--John Smith

Aren't you ever going to bring the car guy back?
--Daniel Byers

Poor ignorant Feizal and his fear for the police. Attention seeking continues.
--Mike D'Costa

Who's this VARGHEESE GUY? Why are you bothering Pat? It's about time someone stands up for the police. Good article Sean.
--Jason Lemaich

Less inky.
--Jen Ireland

Where's that car columnist with the 'dry witty humour'? The Cord is lacking Dean's opinions on quality foreign cars. Bring back our favourite car guru, now!
--Andrew Rice

It's getting warmer out. I think a column on a convertible would be appropriate (from that cool car guy).
--Steve Rident

The comments in Retrospect are repulsive. The use of the paper as a socialist soapbox is reprehensible. For the love of God, Pat - resign.
--Darren Mahaffy

When over 100 people attend an event to see two prominent cabinet ministers it is a news story. Do not relegate campus news to your biased editorials.
--Bonnie Parr

Hey Cordies - reality Check ... you're a student newspaper, not a daily. How 'bout some humour? PS Thank God for Ryan Feeley.
--Brent McCombs

More Cord corrections

In last week's corrections box, we mistakenly stated that Leslie O'Dell had directed Pilgrim's Progress. Our correction was incorrect. Leslie De'Ath was, in fact, the director

In last week's Cord, the Science Fiction and Fantasy Club was mistakenly identified as "SFFC". The club's real official-type acronym is SCI FIC.



Classifieds



Events

Waterloo Wellington Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Assoc. invites chronic fatigue syndrome sufferers, their family and friends to a meeting, Tuesday March 30, 1993, 7-9pm at the adult recreation centre, King and Allen St, Waterloo. Info 623-3207

WLU 3K/10K RUN FOR THE UNITED WAY

Sun. March 28 at 9:30am
Registration Fees: 3K - \$10 (no t-shirt), 10K - \$12 (1st 100 registered receive free t-shirt), \$15 on race day. Registration forms available in the Concourse on Mar. 18, 23, and 25, at the A.C.

Attention Scuba Divers! Laurier Sea Hawks will be organizing a trip to underwater Canada & the Brunswick House Saturday April 3. We need 40 people to guarantee a bus. Please sign the sheet on the club's board by the Second Cup if you want to go. For more info contact Jason Stangroom at 885-0250.

The KW Rally club is holding its next rally on Sat. Mar 20. Register at the Pizza Delight on Hespeler Rd. in Cambridge. The cost is \$15 per car. Call 742-9039 for more information.

Got a car? Got any friends? Then come on out to the Tamiac Pre Exam Car Rally on Friday April 2 Party afterwards. Sign-up at P31171 or Call Sue at 725-5602.

March 19 - Final day to withdraw without failure from six-week Physical Ed. courses which began February 22.

Bring your friends out to Tamiac's Car Rally '93 held on Friday April 2 - Last day of classes! \$5/person, sign up in P3117A or call Sue at 725-5602.

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Happy Birthday!
Love, Silly Doggy

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2 MORE TO GO
WITH WHOM WILL WE LIVE
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Hey you! Yeah you!
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Happy 23rd Jayne,
Love, Olive

Good Luck to all Senate Candidates! From Susan Griffin

Babble Babble Babble
Thanks for listening to me, Cliff will put us all out of our tree, You're a true friend I say, And to you Happy Birthday. Babble Babble Babble

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Do ME a favour,
VOTE PRUYN HASKINS FOR SENATE

Old MacDonald sittin' on a fence
Eatin his meal,
with a monkey wrench
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