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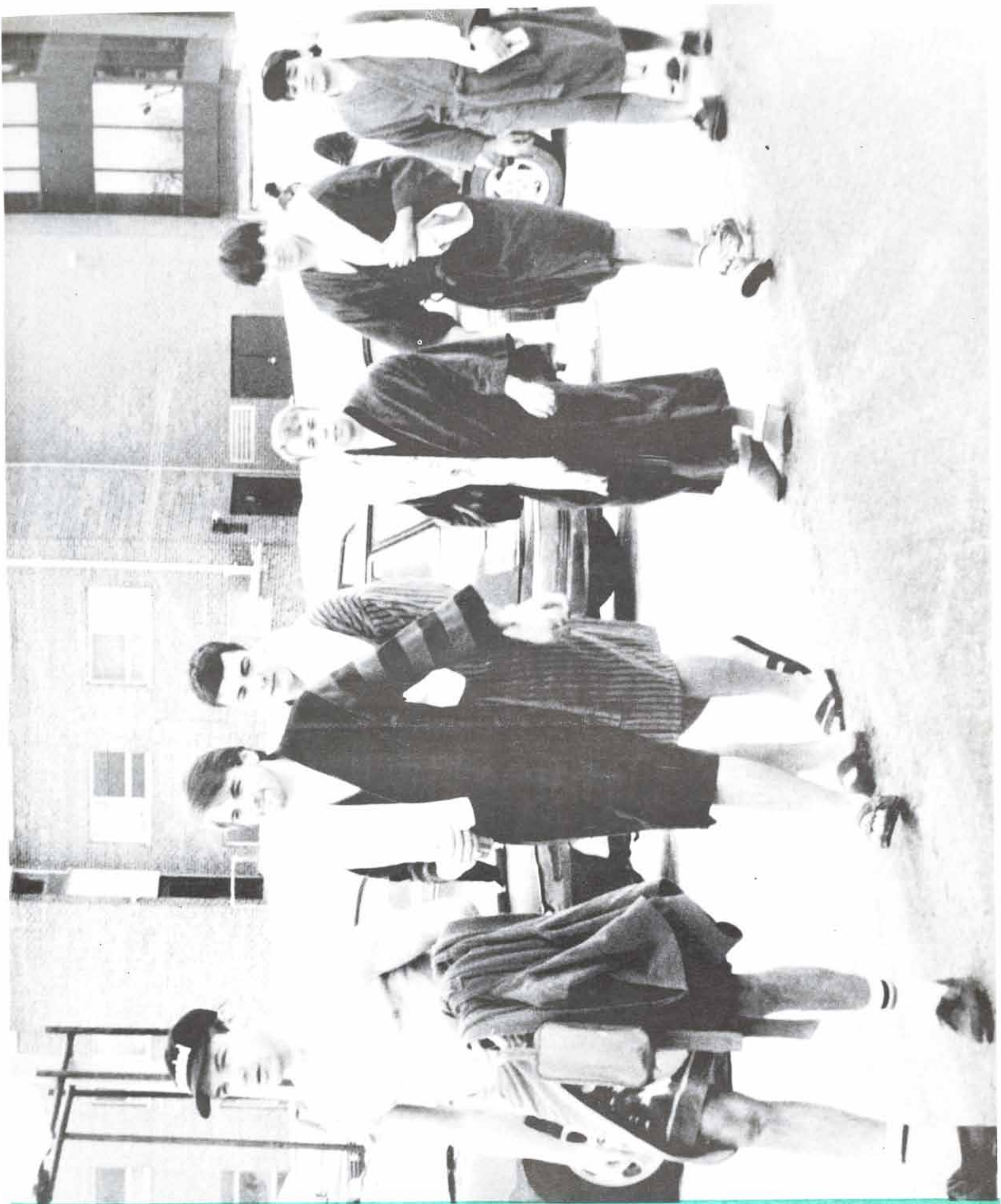
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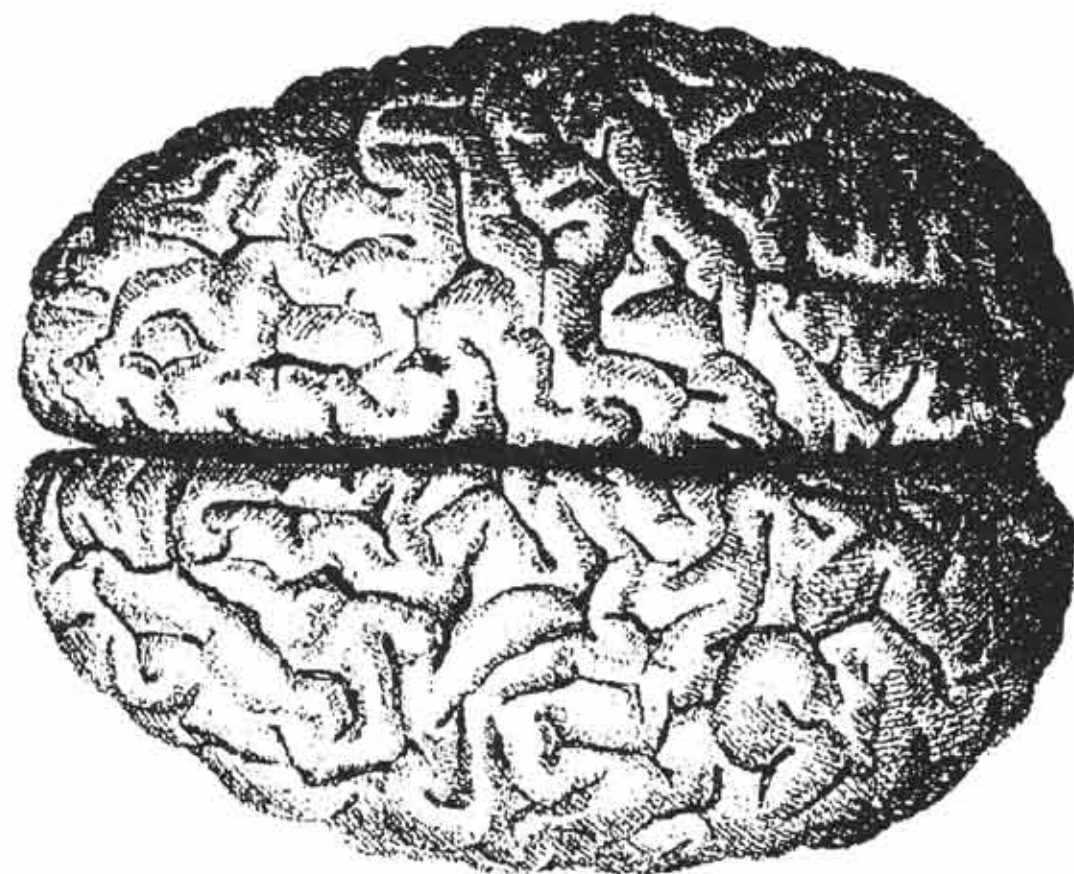
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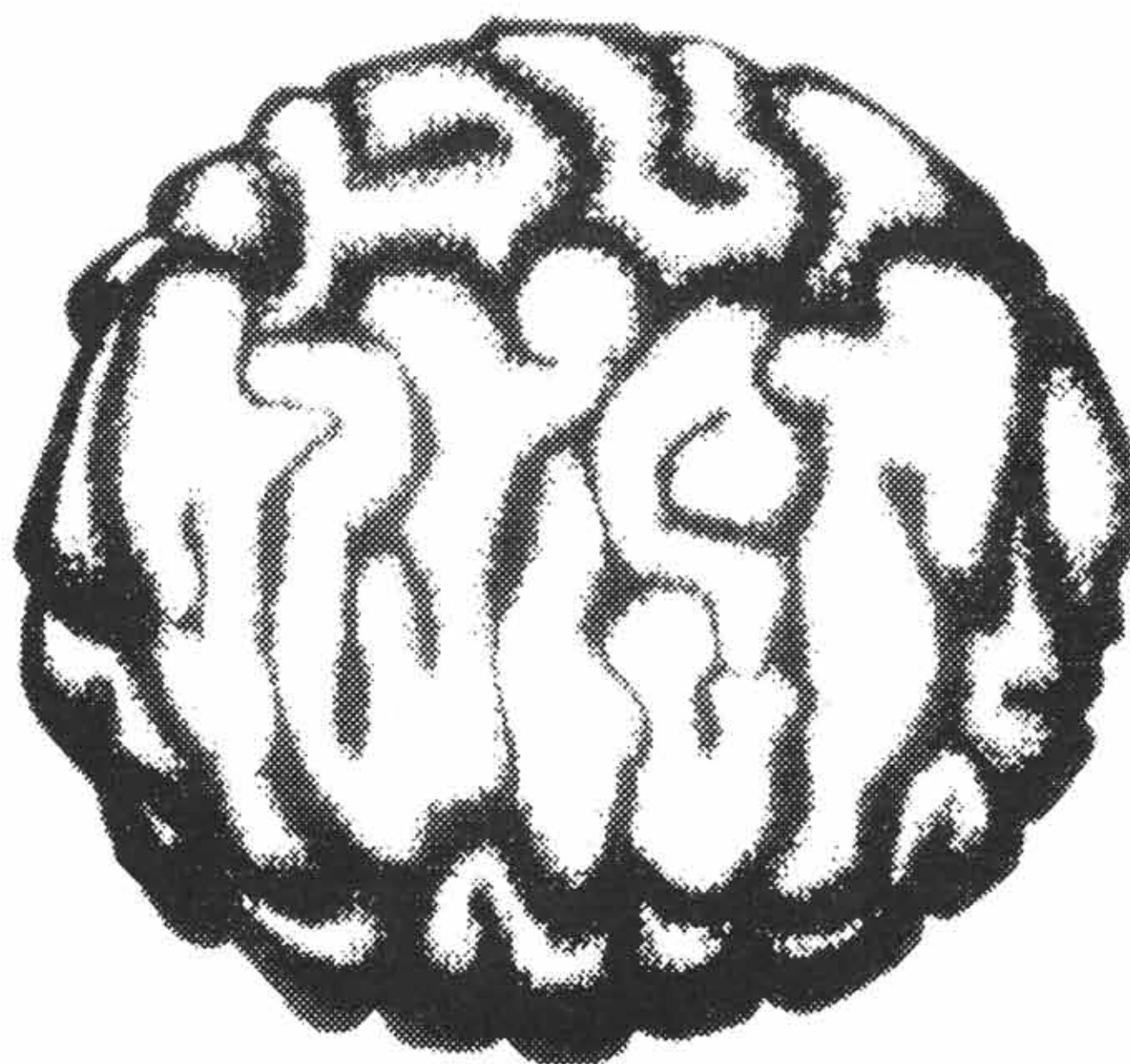
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# NEWS

## Students read storybooks

ALEXANDRA LAWSON  
*Cord News*

Last year two business students, Linda Jam and Clinton Howell, were given an assignment to start a program which would benefit the

local community. It was at this time that Laurier Students for Literacy began. This year it has grown substantially; there are 75 volunteers working for the organization. Each week the volunteers wake

up Saturday mornings for 10:00 a.m. Tina Zalac, a first year Psychology student and volunteer says, "It means I can't stay out as late on Friday nights, but it's worth the effort when you see the kids enthusiasm towards the program." And there is enthusiasm; on Saturdays up to 55 children come out, ranging in age from three to twelve years old. Laurier Students for Literacy also have reading sessions on Monday nights in Baden, and Tuesdays in Kitchener.

These reading sessions involve pairing a child with a volunteer. They also have reading circles, where each child, if they are able, is given the opportunity to read aloud.

The Literacy Program has received a lot of positive feedback from parents about their children's reading progress.

Tania Clement, who holds the Public Relations position within the Literacy program, said, "It's hard in the classroom for teachers to do one on one work with the kids. They are at different reading abilities so this gives the kids time to practice with a reading buddy."

Laurier Students for Literacy has many exciting events coming up. They are welcoming author Joellene Bogart on February 5, and on February 12 they

will welcome Wermer Zimmerman, author of the children's book, "Henny Penny."

If any students are interested in volunteering for the Literacy group you can pick up an application in the Students' Union office. What the

group really needs now are book donations. If you have any old children's books that you would like to donate, you can drop them off in the Students' Union office. Any book donation would be greatly appreciated.



Reading to the future.

Pic: Ron Zeeman

## Food Services likely to increase prices

MARK HEASLEY  
*Cord News*

"The purpose of Food Services is feeding quality food to the students at reasonable prices" states Food Services Manager Donna Faulkner. But you would not know it from the grumblings of the students themselves.

Current WLU Board of Governors representative David Bigioni is a student who has called for students to "get tough with the university" for the prices of food in the Torque Room and Dining Hall.

Is WLU unfairly charging its students for the food they need to live (and are required to buy in the case of those living in residence)? Not according to the Administration.

In an interview with Ancillary Services Director Cliff Bilyea, a comparison of sixteen university meal plans was shown as revealing that Laurier charges anywhere from 12.5

to 14.1% below average. Bilyea said that "relative to quality, Laurier students are getting good prices."

The current collective agreement between WLU and the Union that staffs the Torque Room and Dining Hall is another point of contention. Monday through Friday this staff receives wages anywhere from ten to fifteen dollars an hour.

However, the lack of a "continental work week" in this agreement has the exact same staff earning up to \$24 an hour doing the exact same job on the weekend.

This contract is due for renegotiation this July. When asked whether students could expect lower food prices if wages were decreased, acting WLU VP of Finance and Planning Ron Craig said that "everything will be on the table [at the negotiations], but time-and-a-half to double time pay for weekend work is not an uncommon practice"

Craig said that "as its [Food Services] customers, students have every right to ask questions about the end-product, but price alone should not just be looked at - we also offer high quality. If students don't like it, they can vote with their feet and go elsewhere for food."

Unfortunately, if a student lives in any other residence but Bricker they are required to buy the \$1900 minimum meal plan, and are not as likely to "vote with their feet" if the money is already spent.

Another problem is that of supplying food to conferences on campus. In its mandate food services is to "actively seek out special food service opportunities which would utilize the university services when not required for students and to offer food services on a profit basis in the community". Meanwhile, food services has budgeted a \$52 137 loss on supplying food to conferences. A loss that, according to Cliff Bilyea, will be far in excess of this projected loss.

Bilyea does not see food prices on campus going any other way but up. "The cost of the food, wages, and utilities are inching up, but offsetting that is our desire to improve the efficiency of our operation."

## Election Analysis: Part Two of a series of three

JIM LOWE

*Cord News Commentary*

Despite the best attempts of a bungling Election Council, the annual Students' Union exercise in democracy has reached the home stretch.

This year's campaign has been plagued by poorly advertised Open Forums, questionable rulings, and a habit by the Council to overstep its mandated powers.

The unfortunate thing is, most of the problems could have been avoided if the EC had bothered to listen to Adrienne Hodgkin and Charlie Angelakos, the only two Council members with election experience.

Nevertheless, the twenty-nine candidates have survived thus far, and will be spending the next few days jockeying for position in the hearts and minds of Laurier students.

Ralph Spoltore has got the most momentum going into Tuesday's vote but, with seven individuals competing for the Presidency, no one is guaranteed victory.

The consensus seems to be that Spoltore was the big winner in Monday's Open Forum, with Saar Pikar also leaving a favourable impression on the Concourse

crowd.

Pikar refused to let his lack of experience be painted as a liability, arguing that a fresh face would revitalize the Union. Spoltore continued to emphasize his personal leadership ability and people in the audience appeared genuinely impressed with his sincere commitment to make Laurier a better place.

Dave Tricker and Aileen McPherson also emerged from the Forum with new supporters. Tricker was, by far, the best public speaker of the bunch, but rarely strayed from his published platform.

McPherson looked a little uncomfortable on the stage, but was still able to emphasize her experience and volunteer-centred approach.

Phil Kinzinger continued to tout his Passive Nihilist philosophy. While his statements may have elicited laughs from the audience, his mere presence unnecessarily detracted from the valid arguments that the real candidates were trying to make.

Geoff Thureson demonstrated his commitment to, or contempt for, democracy by not bothering to show up.

The big loser in the Presidential debate was Dave Bigioni.

Bigioni acted confrontational with both the audience and his opponents, seeming particularly annoyed with Pikar. Although Bigioni should still be able to garner a number of votes, his hostility certainly didn't win him any new converts among those in attendance.

The Vice-Presidential debates went about as expected. Stefan Gleis asserted that it was time for new blood, but was unable to diagnose any problems with the current administration. He was consistently the only candidate not to be applauded by the crowd.

Scott McCormick gave the impression of a confident front-runner. He was able to get his points across and avoid shooting himself in the foot like Bigioni.

With several candidates absent from the Board of Directors Open Forum, their debate was not nearly as tedious as one might have thought.

The forum was dominated by the more experienced candidates: Chris Bradley, Joel Lynn, Craig Moffatt and Todd Thibert. All four impressed the audience with their grasp of the issues.

Among the lesser known can-

didates, Robb Hadley, Lloyd Nakaza, Brad Ross and Jay Wadden stood out. Hadley and Wadden handled questions well, and the sparse crowd seemed to appreciate their preparation.

Nakaza and Ross seemed somewhat less comfortable with the task of public speaking. When they got over their nervousness, both demonstrated progressive thinking and the potential to be effective directors.

The remainder of the candidates were pretty much indistinguishable from one another, with two exceptions. Both Peter Hearty (93/94 BOD) and Jim York (93/94 FYC) were questioned regarding their poor attendance at their respective boards; neither was willing to take responsibility for their past problems though, and attempted to cast the blame on other individuals and/or factors.

Unfortunately, the Open Forums will have little impact on who gets elected and who doesn't. The election will be won and lost over the next few days, where campaign organization will be essential. This is particularly true in the Presidential race.

The candidate who is best able to get their core of supporters out on Tuesday will be the next President of the Students Union.



### Cord News Commentary

The administration has set Laurier on a course for adventure with their minds on a new romance.

The January 18 issue of the Laurier News included "A Look at Laurier: Discussion Paper for a Long-Range Plan." Members of the administration have been contemplating a long-range plan for about a year, and now they have asked for input from the rest of the Laurier community.

Mission statements and long-range plans already exist throughout the University. For example, the Vision: 2020 campus plan roughly outlines the physical changes to occur on the Laurier campus over the next thirty years. The University's forthcoming capital campaign will attempt to raise the millions of dollars necessary to transform WLU into a competitive, modernized institution prepared for the next century.

## Students raise their voice for Prof

LORI DODMAN  
AMANDA DOWLING  
Cord News

The tenured profs in the Political Science department voted against renewing Professor Lev Gonick's contract in the fall, and this decision has left students fuming.

The administration has attempted to keep conversation on this topic to a minimum while the various levels of bureaucracy make their recommendations on this matter.

Some students feel that the administration is not doing enough to hear their views before making a decision. These students have circulated a petition and they plan to protest if the verdict is to let Gonick go.

Has the administration done its job when it comes to considering student comments?

Art Read, Dean of Arts and Science, feels that the administration has been receptive to the students' complaints. He explained that he "did not have time to get into conversation with a stream of students," but that he would read and consider the written opinions of students.

The opinions came flooding in. All who wrote to the Dean received an E-mail response or letter ensuring the students that their views were being taken into consideration. This impersonal reply did not sit well with many of the students who have continued their plans to protest.

Because the administration has failed to clarify the issue, rumours about the reason for the negative vote are flying.

Professor Gonick is presently employed under a two year Provisional Contract which will expire on June 30th 1994. The next potential contract to be offered is a three year Candidacy Contract. Receiving such a contract gives a professor the right to apply for tenure.

The decision to renew a professor's contract is based upon three considerations: the professor's teaching abilities, their participation in university community services, and their contributions in the areas of research and publication.

When Read was asked if these

Most faculties also have their own five-year plans, but there has been no such plan for the University as a whole. Recently, there has been pressure from the government and the University's Board of Governors, partially stimulated by the Broadhurst Report on Accountability, to create such a master plan.

In all organisations, long-range plans have to be balanced between being specific and likely inaccurate on the one hand, and being too generalised to be useful on the other. In our case, for example, plans based on the government's funding commitments two years ago would have been rendered useless as the government repeatedly renege on its promises.

The next problem of conceiving such a plan is determining to whom it should be directed. Our activities here affect students, the government that funds us, the community that gives donations, pays

taxes, and benefits from citizens with higher education, and the children of the future who will inherit our legacy.

Upon her arrival at Laurier a year and a half ago Lorna Marsden was praised for her excellence in public relations rather than her experience in universities. As she herself has often pointed out, one of her principle goals is to improve Laurier's image in the community. Most people beyond the borders of campus have only a rough idea of what Laurier is about and what its strengths are. Increasing this knowledge would add value to a Laurier degree as respect for the school grows and attract more donations from the private sector.

The discussion paper on the long-range plan indicates that this attitude is the dominating trend in the administration. The introductions to each section of the paper describe the Laurier community as characterized by prodigious stu-

three categories were being equally stressed, he replied, "I don't know if I would say that. I guess I would say that all categories are being looked at carefully. Lev has contributed in all areas. I am not prepared to say publicly that one cat-

egory is more important than another."

At the time of publication, the decision to renew Gonick's contract had not yet been released, but it is rumored that it will be out before the end of the week.

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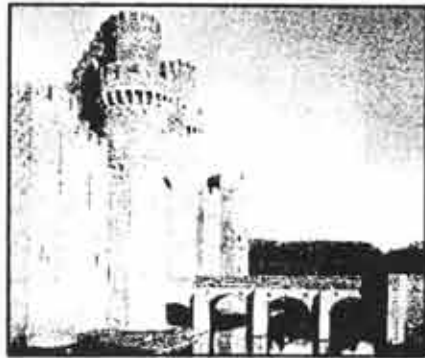
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# Planning for inertia

dents, brilliant professors, diligent support staff, and loyal alumni, all in co-operation under the maternal guidance of the efficient but compassionate administration.

The introduction asks members of this Eutopian micro-civilisation to decide if they fit into this model. It doesn't acknowledge the fact that Mao Zedong, Helen Keller, Charles Bronson, the Reverend Jimmy Jones, and all of their followers would fit into this model.

To the Laurier community, this is simply a glorified image of universities in general. The government will probably not be responsive to it either, because its efforts to place a value on the activities and output of universities have repeatedly disappeared in the quicksand of bureaucracy.

This paper can only be aimed at the private sector - the successful corporation looking for a prominent, respectable charity to sink their funds into and the common couch-potato who's senses are too dulled to look further into what's being thrown at him.

Don't get me wrong. I have respect for this University and the abilities of our administration. But it seems that the main purpose of this paper is to make Laurier more

attractive to possible donors so that we can finance all of the plans we have for the future. It is more padding to be added to the regular Laurier mail-out.

The discussion paper contains twenty challenges and proposed action plans to improve Laurier. These range from broad strokes such as asking alumni to be involved with the University and including staff in planning to recommending processes already under way such as the introduction of an Internationalisation strategy. Most of these recommendations are important, but relatively minor parts of administration. The administration's daily activities will not be altered by them, nor will the school improve noticeably.

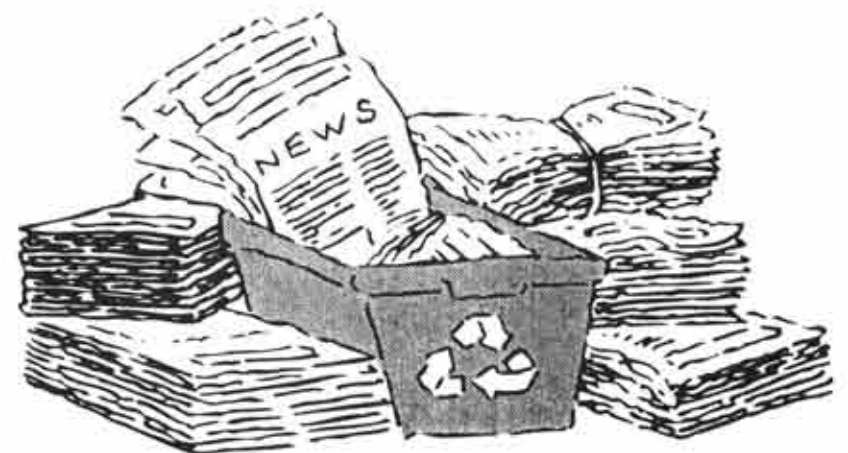
A long range plan could be a valuable addition to existing plans. Supposedly, that was the original intention. Such a plan would identify both the strengths and the weaknesses existing in the institution. Then, a course of action would logically emerge to improve upon weak points and to draw more upon strong points.

Instead, it looks like the long-range plan will give a dressed-up view of the University as it operates in today's inertia.

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# IN BREVITAS

# Open politics

## Election fines at Laurier

Four fines have been levied so far under the elections policy against candidates running for office at Students Union. "These fines were issued mostly from the election poster policies", said BOD member Martin Chartrand. Chartrand refused to comment on which candidates had violated the policy.

The policy was revised in January 1993 as a result of election problems in previous years.

According to the revised elections policy, advertising materials can only be placed on cement block, brick walls, and bulletin boards. Signs cannot be posted on glass, windows, doors, or in stairwells, escalators, or in the library (except on classroom levels). The candidates are only allowed to place five banners in the Dining Hall, the Atrium and the Torque Room.

The candidates are not allowed to campaign in Student Publications or Students' Union offices, or in profit centres such as Wilf's.

Fines can be levied up to thirty percent of the candidates' budgets, which are funded by Students' Union. If a candidate violates any part of the elections, they are dealt with in accordance with Idelcouncil. If you see any candidate violating the above regulations, remember these are the candidates that may end up running your Students' Union.

ANDREW "IRV" HOPPER

## Water repairs for Willison Hall

Repairs to a broken watermain caused the men of Willison Hall to be without water for Monday and Tuesday this week.

Water to Willison Hall was shut off at 8:00 a.m. Monday. Since then, the residents have had to use other facilities, such as those at the Athletic Complex. George Kirk, a Willison Hall resident said they had been walking to the AC to shower in the mornings.

Shane Downey, a resident of Willison Hall said "Where do we go to the washroom in the middle of the night?"

"The guys have been pretty good about [the water being off] actually," said Chris Dodd, Head Resident of Willison Hall. "I can't say enough about how patient they've been."

Ron Dupuis said the water had been shut off to repair a broken waterline, running from Willison Hall to Little House. Service was restored by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The location of the break is not known, so work at the beginning of this week was to restore water service from the main valve. Repairs will continue now that water service has been restored, to find the break and repair it.

KATHLEEN HONEY

## MARK HEASLEY Cord News

This past Monday saw next year's potential Laurier student representatives spew forth their platforms on contemporary issues facing the student population at large.

The Presidential candidates furthered the views they expressed earlier in Cord interviews, and in the words of candidate Ralph Spoltore "the problem is that we all agree". On almost all major issues, all the candidates (except Phill Kinzinger, who pooh-poohed every issue) agreed.

Regarding the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) and its stand on tuition hikes, Dave Tricker spoke well for the rest of the candidates by saying that "OUSA is an effective alternative (lobby group), the government actually listens to them".

Saar Pikar broke from the pack here, saying that students should not have to pay for tuition and should organize a walk out in protest.

The impending referendum on the Health Plan had some candidates (McPherson, Bigioni) sharing the upcoming plan to enter into a new insurance program through the business consortium. Spoltore wanted to see a referendum on the health plan, and Pikar wanted to keep the system mandatory to help subsidize students with less money.

Saar Pikar summed up the candidates feelings on the telephone issue, saying that the administration went about trying to save students' money the wrong way, and didn't see it as big a problem as it was, with repairs scheduled to finish in April.

On the issue of making course evaluations more binding, a range of ideas came forth ranging from Aileen McPherson's suggestion of forcing Faculty, if required, to improve the current calendar, to Tricker's suggested "Anti-Calendar" published by students.

Highlights also included Laurier Live piping in Meatloaf's "Paradise by the Dashboard Light" and a general air of Bonne Homie for the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.



Acclaimed Student Publications President Heather Mundell was also at the Open Forum.

Pic: Sheldon Page

# Laurier the only school that didn't close down last Friday morning

## KEN BREADNER Cord News Commentary

The radio jolted me awake last Friday morning with the news that Waterloo Region had shut down. Ten millimetres of freezing rain and thirty millimetres of rain had turned the world into a combination swimming pool and skating rink. I took a look out at my driveway. It looked like a bobsled run. Okay, I thought, today will be a good day to catch up on my sleep. No way am I risking my life out there.

The news continued. "Pearson International has been closed for the first time in its history...the police say don't drive unless you absolutely have to...needless to say, every educational institution in Waterloo has closed for the day."

"Of course", I muttered, already halfway back to my undercover work.

"Except Laurier. They are a different breed at Laurier. Laurier is still open, repeat, still open."

I got out of bed and stomped to the shower.

The Emergency Response guidelines, drafted in December of 1992, state that the President makes all

decisions regarding campus closure. The document does not say what factors may influence the President's decisions.

The University of Waterloo, by contrast, has a clear-cut policy based on the actions of the Waterloo County Board of Education. If the Board closes, the University closes.

Wilfrid Laurier did eventually close at 2:30, after the bulk of classes were over. No figures are available to show the number of professors and students truant that day. The main entrance to campus was blocked off due to ice; the majority of the walkways were not passable until late afternoon.

Contrary to a widespread rumour on campus, the University does not lose any grant money, from the province or elsewhere, if they close before noon. Gary Lambert, University Controller, said that "our funding is predetermined...I don't think it would be affected by our opening or closing at a certain time".

Dean of Students Fred Nichols, when contacted, said that we have a "stubborn administration".

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# Budgets, cutbacks, GST, bills... so tell me what else is new

AMAL MOUSSAOUI  
Cord News Commentary

This week's BOD meeting was dominated by one word: BUDGET. In our times this word can only evoke images of two other dirty words that bring chills and shivers to the bones of our otherwise high spirited Board of Publications Representatives: CUTBACKS and DEBT.

In the case of cutbacks, the BOD had previously slashed honourariums for Publications staff by 30 percent. The BOD also trimmed the fat off all publication expenses, which can not be cut further. Expenses, therefore, were to be watched dutifully to avoid debt.

Chris Bradley and Michael Rosenblatt reported the inevitable news to the other board members regarding the most recent figures, from December 31, 1993. Ad revenues from the Keystone, which were previously budgeted to be \$11 000 have in fact gone down to under \$5000. National Ads, which were expected to be \$8500 are in reality only \$1471.

Along with the sharp decline in ad revenues, there has been a sharp increase in expenses. Publishing expenses, telephone bills and computer supplies have all dramatically increased. Most notably, the expenses for publishing are \$9000 over budget.

One unexpected expense, which called a serious oversight on the BOD's part, is the Goods and Services Tax. This issue, which not surprisingly struck a raw nerve with BOD's Chairman Phill Kinzinger, resulted in him breaking his gavel in the process of striking down a question about whether the new computer prices being quoted by Rosenblatt included GST.

Another serious issue that plagued the budget report was the accounting procedures involved in producing the figures. As any student who has taken a course in financial accounting will point out, nei-

ther the traditional accrual or cash basis systems are being used. Instead, a haphazard system of billings and recording is currently in place. Both Rosenblatt and Bradley gave their assurances that the revenue and expense figures that they quoted would not change enough with proper accounting procedures to improve the financial picture. A time lapse in billing revenues and properly allocating costs are problems that an improved accounting system can take care of.

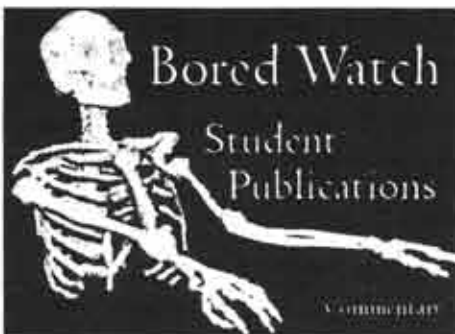
To explain the rising expenses, Sheldon Page (Cord Editor-in-Chief) and the BOD treasurer will attend the next BOD meeting. Director Heather Mundell noted that since further cutbacks cannot be implemented, the BOD must concentrate on fundraising activities. She further suggested that the BOD looks into re-hiring an independent salesman to raise revenues for Keystone ads which have sharply declined.

A regular budget review will now be in place. Tighter control of the billing procedures was also mentioned. The billing issue was paid particular attention to, as an unidentified \$700 bill for fixing the \$700 scanner was to be reviewed.

The importance of this budget report is highlighted by the fact that under the new operating agreement negotiated by the WLUSP President and Board last year, the Students' Union is under no obligation to financially assist the Publications Board. This measure was put in last year to make Student's Publications more autonomous.

Last year, WLUSP was roughly \$40 000 in debt, which was paid off by the Union. Whether or not the Union will help Pubs carry through its debt and consequently continue its operations is yet to be determined.

In other business, BOD member Jeff Oegema will be removed from the election council committee for his lack of attendance at committee meetings.



## SH..IT HAPPENS

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**Jan. 26 - 14:30 : Mischief**

A WLU student reports that when she returned to her parked car both her rear tires were flat. She originally thought that someone had been playing a practical joke on her, but when the vehicle was towed to a garage it was discovered that the tires had been punctured by what appears to have been a knife. There are no suspects at the present time. Investigation is continuing.

**Jan. 27 - 01:20 : Mischief**

Custodial staff reported that the window in the door leading from the Students' Union Building and the Concourse had been broken. No one seems to have heard or seen anything. No suspects.

**Jan. 27 : Non-Reportable MVA**

A WLU student reported that while he was driving out of Lot #7 he lost control of his vehicle due to the icy conditions and struck a parked vehicle, damaging the passenger side mirror.

**Jan. 28 - 01:10 : Trespass**

A Conestoga College student was evicted from the Turret after entering the premises when told that the doors were closed for the night. He was advised to leave campus. A short time later he was seen by Security in the area of the Info Booth and he was issued a written trespass notice.

**Jan. 28 - 05:20 : Medical Assistance**

A member of the custodial staff slipped on the ice in front of 232 King and sustained a cut above the right eye. He was driven to K/W Hospital.

**Jan. 30 - 22:45 : LLA Violation**

A University of Waterloo student, due to his bad behaviour, was charged with being intoxicated in a public place. Subject was escorted off campus and given a verbal warning.

**Jan. 30 - 04:00 : Mischief**

While on routine patrol, officers found the glass door leading from the Arts Building to the Paul Martin Centre had been damaged. It appears that someone had tried to force the door after the magnetic locks were engaged, thereby bending the frame and cracking the glass.

**Jan. 30 - 08:30 : Miscellaneous Assistance**

Officers assisted with a request from a concerned parent that he had not been able to get an answer on the phone after attempting to contact his son in Bricker Residence for the past two days. Officers located the student and it was found that his phone was malfunctioning and he was not aware of it.

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**Friday February 4**  
7:00 p.m. Canadian Crossroads International is holding a dinner at Victoria Park Pavilion. Waged \$12, unwaged \$8. Bring a non-perishable food bank item.

**February 6 to 12 is White Cane Week**

**Monday February 7**  
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# Senate squeeze

AMANDA DOWLING  
*Cord News*

"There's obviously a limit to the amount of juice that can be squeezed from the lemon," said V.P. Academic Donald Baker at last Tuesday's Senate meeting.

This comment was made by Baker when discussing plans to introduce student user fees to help pay for new athletic facilities. The new facilities are part of the University's proposed long range plan, which was discussed at length during the meeting.

Along with the new facilities will come a balance of new varsity, intermural, and recreational programs. These programs will be designed to cater to all members of the Laurier community, including females who have been somewhat shunned by the department in the past.

The athletic department is not the only area that will see changes

under the University's long range plan. Students in all departments can look forward to "much larger" class sizes as well.

As soon as larger lecture halls can be built to accommodate them, classes of as many as 600 students could be introduced for introductory courses such as Psychology 100 and Business 111.

"Not all classes can be seminars" said Baker who stressed that Laurier was committed to "offering the highest quality of education possible... delivering within the resources [it] has."

Team teaching is another concept which the plan proposes to introduce at Laurier. Under the new program two or more professors would share in the teaching

of one class. It is hoped that the added instructor in the classroom will help to give students a wider breadth of knowledge.

One student senator raised the concern that it may hinder teacher-student relations to have more than one professor per class. The administration believes that the benefits of team-teaching will outweigh any negative aspects.

At the conclusion of his report, Baker introduced plans to strike a committee to deal with student complaints and petitions.

This is probably perfect timing on his part, because when the "lemons" learn about some of the implications of the proposed long range plan, they will be very sour indeed.

## SHAPE's Winterfest

TRACEY BOWERS  
*Cord News*

Early last Saturday morning the Athletic Complex was riddled with laughter and good times as Winterfest 1994 got under way.

Winterfest was organised and run by Students of Health And Physical Education (SHAPE) here at Laurier. It was a morning filled with games and "good old fashion fun" for about a dozen special needs high school students in the community.

SHAPE ran this free event with the help of over fifty volunteers. The volunteers ran games and ensured all participants had a great morning.

Games offered included safe and modified versions of ball throw, a fishing pond, black jack, a batting cage and bowling among others. All of the students received participation ribbons and "medallions" were awarded for first, second and third place based on the number points won in the games.

This is SHAPE's first community oriented event They hope to do more in the future but this is their first year in operation. In the past they have held "secret mystery tours" and run a hockey pool for their members. Their next scheduled event is a spring formal.

Although the club's name is geared towards fitness, it is not exclusive to physical education students. They currently have about forty members, from multiple disciplines. As Paul Gray, SHAPE's secretary said, "you can get into SHAPE without lifting a finger." Anyone interested can fill out a membership form in the AC or get in touch with them through campus clubs.

Although many of the participants last Saturday were too busy to comment, the excitement was reflected in their faces. As Winterfest 1994 came to a close, Gray announced that SHAPE hopes to hold another Winterfest next year.

## No privacy for cheque bouncers

JENNIFER SCOTT  
*Cord News*

As one moves to the Laurier Bookstore counter to pay for their purchases, a white sheet of paper with boldly highlighted names catches the eye. It is stated above the page, "Do not accept any cheques from:" and then lists the offenders.

This display of names has raised the question of how the Laurier Bookstore deals with NSF (Non-Sufficient-Funds) cheques. Once a NSF cheque comes back from the bank, the Bookstore will try to contact the person so they have an opportunity to pay. They understand that mistakes happen and how one can underestimate the amount of money in the bank account.

One of the people listed was contacted pertaining to their name being on the list. This person claimed not to have been contacted and felt it was "justifiable for the Bookstore to have their own sheet of NSF offenders for reference but it was unfair for them to be publically displayed."

This attitude is held by other Laurier students,

including First Year student Tanya King who stated that "The name should be displayed for the employees to see, but not for the general public."

Shelley Worden, in charge of book acquisitions in the library, understands that bounced cheques are sometimes an honest mistake. "It happens sometimes when you think a cheque hasn't cleared and it has cleared and you don't have the money in the account. You are given an opportunity to clear it up with the Bookstore first."

This is either done by phoning or writing to the offender in question. If the person cannot be contacted or if the person is contacted and they do not settle the matter with the Bookstore, the Bookstore will not accept any more cheques and the individual's name will appear on the NSF list.

The individual in question will also be fined fifteen dollars NSF concurring to University policy. These fines are not always payed and the Bookstore is forced to absorb the cost.

NSF cheques are not a large problem though, says Worden, do to "the low rate of people writing bad cheques. Everyone seems to be honest."

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# Know your presidents

With the elections rapidly approaching and the whole hierarchy of Student Publications handed down to us as if by fate, the Cord has decided to focus on the race for Students' Union President and Vice President of University Affairs. We unfortunately have to neglect the race for Students' Union Board of Directors, first because there's too damn many of them, and second because most of them don't even know the correct spelling for the Students' Union.

First, then, for the presidential candidates. In a series of intense, hard-wrenching interviews, each of them were given the following questions and asked to reply as extensively as they wished employing references to past and present circumstances and plans for implementation wherever appropriate. These questions are based upon what seem to be the issues dominating both the election campaigns and the current President.

- 1) What is your position on the expansion plans for the Students' Union Building? What is your position on the University's Campus Plan?
- 2) What is your policy on course and teacher evaluations?
- 3) What is your position on student services, such as ancillary services and the residence phones?
- 4) What is your position on WLU's role in the community?
- 5) How would you characterize WLUSU's and the students' relationships with the administration?
- 6) What is your position on OUSA?
- 7) What are your plans for maintaining accountability to the students?
- 8) What is your position on the CCBC?

The expansion plans of the Students' Union Building include moving Wilf's to the bottom floor and adding retail space on the second floor. The University's Campus Plan, named Vision 2020, sets down broad plans for WLU's growth, including the new science building, renovation of the practice field, adding more buildings, and moving the Bookstore to 202 Regina

The current format of course and teacher evaluations are determined by the collective agreement between the University and the WLU Faculty Association (WLUFA). Various candidates in past elections have considered an anti-calendar similar to the U of T's, but little has been done.

Student services is a term that has been applied to the University's Ancillary Services, such as Health Services, Food Services, residences, the Bookstore, and the athletic facilities, as well as services offered by the Union, such as the health plan, Foot Patrol, Resumes Plus, and Tim Hranka. This year, a new phone system was put into residence with a limited number of lines. Students then raised an uproar to the administration and the Board of Governors.

Student representatives sit on the University's Board of Governors and the Senate, which respectively dictate financial policy and academic policy. The executive primarily consists of Lorna Marsden (President), Ron Craig (acting VP: Finance while Andrew Berczi is on sabbatical), Don Baker (VP: Academic, as well as all of their support staff.

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance is a relatively new lobby group representing several universities including WLU. Its policies call for increased funding from the government and the private sector to match increases in tuition, the introduction of an income contingent loan repayment plan (ICLRP), and the elimination of ancillary fees.

Did you know that the Union has a feedback program to answer your questions? Everyone has thrown around the term "accountability," but most people still seem oblivious to the activities of the Union after election time.

The Canadian Campus Business Consortium (CCBC) will probably establish itself firmly within the next year. It is currently in the planning stages. It will be a nation-wide organization of student unions representing over 200 000 students that avoids political and social affairs and concentrates solely on group discounts. One proposal is a common day planner that would attract larger advertisers. The group is also looking at an opt-out health plan.

The interviews ranged in length from 20 to 90 minutes. The following comments and opinions are those of the individual candidate. They made us laugh, they made us cry.

## Dave Tricker



1) Tricker supports SUB expansion. Campus Clubs need space, and expansion will attract new students and add value to a Laurier degree. Tricker's "communiversity" idea would be applied to the second floor, so we don't add services that are nearby. For example, a drug store might be more appropriate than an ice cream parlour, since there is one across the street.

In regards to the Campus Plan, it is bad to move the Bookstore. The rest of the plan seems good, as long as the focus on teaching is not lost in favour of research. Perhaps different foci should be found for different professors.

2) The current evaluations "leave much to be desired," Tricker said. An anti-calendar or student course calendar "could give students a feeling of efficacy." Between ten and fifteen students and/or faculty could be put in charge of writing them up. Costs could be kept low through advertising revenue.

3) The phone situation represented a bad decision by the University, but WLUSU did a good job to go to the administration, Tricker said. We got the lowest grade system available, and this was a bad time to change the phones.

In Ancillary Services, we will have to get tough with the unions. Lorna Marsden has done a good job at getting competition, such as Mr. Submarine and Pizza Pizza. Health Services should be rationalised with the community, perhaps by taking extra services off campus, Tricker said. This will lower ancillary fees.

4) Communiversity is Tricker's main policy on WLU's relations with the community. "We can no longer afford to be everything to everybody," he said. We should advance programs like Telecollege and Laurier Students for Literacy, but we should also ask what the community can do for us.

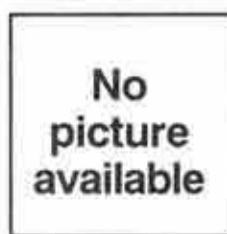
5) Our relationship with the administration is growing, Tricker said. He thinks we have to take half of our efforts put towards OUSA and apply them to lobbying our own administration. OUSA can write position papers, but Lorna Marsden probably has easier access to Dave Cooke [the Minister of Education and Training]. Students are only at the University for three to four years, so we should use the permanent people at Laurier to fight for us.

6) The CFS-O [Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario] and the CFS have lost their focus, Tricker said. He likes compromise solutions, the ICLRP, and the banning of ancillary fees. We are different from other universities, but there are lots of similarities between us. As Bush said, "stay the course," and as Winston Churchill said, "We have to hang together, or together we'll be hung."

7) Tricker wants to maintain accountability by "keeping the information flow up." He will talk with students in halls and around campus rather than staying in his office with the door closed. Although some strangers aren't interested in the Union, some are. He also noted that the President can be recalled or impeached if the job is not adequately performed. We need an out-going President, Board of Directors, and Vice President of University Affairs in order to maintain accountability in a university this size.

8) The CCBC is a "win-win situation," Tricker said. The day planner will do well, with profit-sharing arranged with Student Publications. Tricker supports the opt-out health plan.

## Geoff Thureson



1) Thureson supports SUB expansion, although doesn't know all the plans. He is concerned with the temporary closure of Wilf's during construction and the revenue that will be lost.

Thureson thinks the new science building will be good, as long as Laurier can attract the science students to fill it.

2) The evaluations should be more in touch, more exact, and more in depth, Thureson said. Their legitimacy would also be increased if results were released, telling students what other students say about the courses and professors.

3) The phone system was "buggered up nice,"

Thureson said. In Ancillary Services, competition for Food Services was good. We should be getting more bang for our buck.

4) Thureson said WLU's relations with the community are going alright, such as with the blood drives and Shinerama. He said housing issues should be left up to landlords; the Union should allow individuals to be responsible.

5) Relations with the administration depend upon the President - some have been bad over the years and some have been good, Thureson said. He favours an attitude of "healthy disrespect," not just being vocal but also getting after the administration about issues.

6) Thureson said he does not like large student organizations. The policies demanding decreases in tuition seem unrealistic. It's more realistic to pull out of OUSA or at least to move back from the forefront of the organization.

7) The Union can't have lots of referendums, Thureson said, so therefore the President should keep in touch. He said he will continue the general trend from years past.

8) Thureson said he is not familiar with the CCBC, but he will listen to them to see if they have any good ideas.

## Ralph Spoltore



1) Spoltore said the SUB Expansion Plans are "super ideas." He believes the changes will be so great for so many people on campus, such as Campus Clubs. This may challenge Laurier's small university atmosphere, which some people like, but it's good for everyone. On the other hand, firm goals need to be set for the contractors to guarantee that the process is completed by September of 95.

The University's Campus Plan provides a good goal - to expand more into the community. Spoltore admitted to being less familiar with this plan. His main concern is whether or not the students want this, instead of just the administration, and the students should be asked this question. "You won't find another candidate that respects the common Laurier student more than myself," Spoltore said.

2) We need monthly evaluations, according to Spoltore, to give professors time to improve their performance. These should be used in a positive way, rather than simply as an opportunity to "trash" the professors.

3) In regards to the phone system, Spoltore said we have to take care of these kids coming to University; this year's situation was a crime. Concerning Ancillary Services, we own Seagram's so we should be able to use it. Food Services should be altered to allow students to use their meal plan off campus more. Spoltore said he has talked to East Side Mario's about this and they are in favour of such a program. The administration should be shown that this is what students want and need.

A lot of things are "driven by money," Spoltore said. We look for the best price, but that is not necessarily the best for the students.

4) WLU's role in the community needs to be enlarged, Spoltore said. Citing his years growing up in this area, he said that Shinerama and Homecoming were "huge." We have to find more fun things to do to voluntarily get involved in the community. After all, university is more than just going to classes. The Lettermen, which Spoltore is involved with, try to do something every month, such as getting gifts for kids in the hospital at Christmas.

5) Sean Taylor has done well at maintaining peace with the administration this year, Spoltore said. However, we have to get through to the administration, in a positive way, that it's the students that matter. This can be done by getting together more often and putting the administration in the students' shoes. We're both working for the students, so we should be working together. The administration has got the power in this relationship, but maybe we can get them to give a little.

6) At the time of the interview, he was not sure where the school should go with OUSA, and feared it might threaten the small university atmosphere of Laurier. He said he would know more after the OUSA conference on Saturday.

7) To maintain accountability, Spoltore said he wants to be out there with students, to find out what they want. He believes the Union needs a person who can lead, and that would involve a

lot of on-the-job experience and learning.

8) The pay-back of the CCBC seems good on paper, Spoltore said, as long as the costs of being a member stay low and the group shows that it has staying power.

## Saar Pikar



1) Pikar said Sean Taylor provided a good plan for SUB expansion. The students should decide what goes in the second floor retail space, and the President shouldn't have more say in this matter than anyone else. Competition for Food Services would be good here, but competition for Wilf's would be bad.

In the Campus Plan, there is a lot the administration missed, Pikar said. We should step back to find the existing problems. For example, the Seagram Stadium Circuit Plan isn't successful because it isn't convenient. The recent renovations of Food Services absorbed a lot of money, but Pikar thinks it was made worse. It should have been a part of the Campus Plan.

Pikar wants to avoid decentralisation of the University, like what happened to the University of Windsor. Thus, he is opposed to the plan to move the Bookstore.

2) Pikar said that course and professor evaluations are not such a big issue. There should be more open-ended questions on courses, run by students. Most teachers would probably welcome the input, because they should be as committed to education as we are.

3) Pikar said that he was the last person in residence to be hooked into the new phone system. This system should be fixed by next year. Pikar would have kept people more informed about what was going on. He said a written apology to students for the problems would have been nicer than the \$25 which was refunded to the students affected.

The salaries of Food Service employees are ridiculous, Pikar said, and prices are way too high. He said you should pay for what you need and want, and that people should be given a choice, such as in regards to the health plan, which duplicates coverage many students already have. Health Services should also be changed by hiring a full-time doctor to replace the current system of revolving doctors. Pikar said this will add to the sense of community at Laurier and allow people to build a better relationship with their doctor.

4) We don't do enough in the community and we don't get enough recognition for what we do, Pikar said. WLU seems to have an inferiority complex. In the future, we should try to appear more throughout the community. We should try to do more charity work. "We are a community within a community," Pikar said, so we should concentrate internally, but we should use our weight to get things accomplished in the community.

5) Our relationship with the administration depends on the issues, Pikar said. A lot of "wheeling and dealing" occurs in the background, and students should be more informed about these activities.

6) Pikar said that he does not have enough information on OUSA to take a firm position.

7) Accountability can be maintained through residence talks, referendums, and the Cord. The salary of the President and VP:UA could be based on evaluations. He said that the President should be responsible for going to the students so they know what is going on.

8) Pikar does not have a position on the CCBC.

## Aileen McPherson



1) McPherson is familiar with the referendum in which students approved the expenditure for the building and the current version of the floor plans. She plans to use student polling to decide what to do with the second floor retail space. As well, she wants to find out why Wilf's is so successful, so that those factors can be guaranteed in the new set-up.

The new science building seems impractical when there is an adequate science program down the street at the U of W and the existing Arts and Science Building could use some reno-



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vations, she said. The plans to move the Bookstore are also bad, removing its convenience.

2) McPherson called the current evaluations "horrible." She supports an anti-calendar similar to that produced by the U of T. Right now, advertising is down and money has been pledged to SUB expansion, so the administration should be pressured to revise their evaluation and make it more specific.

3) In the phone situation, too many excuses were made for the problems, rather than just fixing things, McPherson said, and the Union should have been stronger about things.

There should be a complete overhaul of Health Services, McPherson said, employing the near-by walk-in clinic if necessary during the transition period. Food Services should also be changed to allow students to use some of their meal plan in Will's. Perhaps the purchase of the meal plan could be divided into monthly instalments. Food prices are obviously too high, according to McPherson.

4) McPherson worked on the Town and Gown committee and on Shinerama. Beyond these programs, she wants to turn the first home football game of Laurier against Waterloo into a more prominent event. The Charity Ball should involve the community more, such as by inviting city officials to speak and participate. The municipal government should be pressured to improve safety in the area, such as by making it safer to cross King Street at Bricker.

5) According to McPherson, these relations are poor. For example, four students sit on the Bookstore Committee, but students are not involved in relations with the faculty. The administration will respect the students more if students act mature. Improved relations can be passed down through generations of students.

6) OUSA is a good organization, McPherson said. Until they demand a per student charge, we should go along with it. Then, a referendum will be necessary. The proposal concerning the ICLRP should be more specific about how much students will have to pay after they graduate.

7) McPherson wants constant communication between her office and the students. The First Year Council's newsletter provides a good precedent for that mode of communication with students. Currently, each student representative submits a report each year, but most of them are not read. This process could be improved. Another possibility is the introduction of a regular report from the President in the Cord.

8) The CCBC is "definitely worth exploring," McPherson said. Their health plan has got to be better than the one we have. She wants to find out what the catch is, however. Students will also have to be informed about the issue.

## Phill Kinzinger



1) Kinzinger has no position on SUB expansion. He seeks "deconstruction of the institution" and selling off the building. This will be implemented with the approval of all shareholders.

He has a similar stance towards the Campus Plan.

2) Evaluations are a good step towards the eventual disestablishment of the University, Kinzinger said. In the future, there will be no Universities; just travelling lecturers.

3) Phill said these services will not exist in the future. "It's every person for themselves," he said, and each person will have money generated through the sale of the institution's assets. Future generations don't matter. Phill wants to return to civilization as it was before the industrial revolution.

4) Kinzinger said WLU should look towards the deconstruction of things and to travel.

5) There are no relationships right now, Kinzinger said, and thus he looks to the future.

6) We should get completely out of any such organizations as OUSA, Kinzinger said.

7) Kinzinger said that he is not going to try to be accountable to the students, and that they can say what they want. He wants open forums rather than red tape.

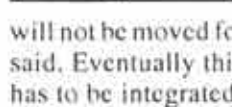
8) Kinzinger has no position on the CCBC.

## Dave Bigioni

1) The SUB Expansion Plans have to be pushed through the administration this year, Bigioni said. He has been involved with the plans for two years. He said the University's policy on food

will affect the second floor retail space of the building. The students will then be consulted on what services they want. Most of this will occur this year.

Moving student services to 202 Regina is bad, Bigioni said. Students and staff are all against this. From the staff's perspective, the move will lead to reduced use of the services, which will in turn lead to a loss of jobs. Students, on the other hand, have not been so vocal about this issue. Student Services and the Bookstore



will not be moved for three to five years, Bigioni said. Eventually this may be appropriate, but it has to be integrated properly.

2) "The current course and teacher evaluation is a farce," Bigioni said. An anti-calendar is the solution, although this will take a great deal of effort and co-operation from professors and the administration. He brought anti-calendars from the U of T and Western to demonstrate his points. Both Jim Wilgar [Associate Vice President: Student Services] and Don Baker have shown support for this, Bigioni said. The faculty union is not that strong. In the first few years of such a project, a 20 to 30 percent response is expected. The questionnaire will have to be progressive, open, and non-discriminatory. This will respond to students' desire for more access and accountability to match increases in tuition.

3) Students pay \$125 000 per year for Health Services, Bigioni said, but walk-in clinics are quicker, of better quality, and not closed for lunch. In the short term, accountability and student input into Ancillary Services should be increased. Beyond that, Bigioni wants to adopt OUSA's approach of eliminating ancillary fees.

Bigioni participated in sending letters about the phonesto some members of the Board of Governors and Lorna Marsden. After this action, Ron Craig began writing letters to the Editor of the Cord about the issue. The phones still have to be improved for the future.

Wages of Food Service employees could be reduced by a continental work week, in which some employees take Monday and Tuesday off, to level off wages.

4) Students play an "integral" role in the Waterloo area, Bigioni said. Students provide services and import funds into this community. As well, students sit on the Waterloo Council and the Housing Committee. In the future, we should bring the community on campus, such as in the upcoming municipal elections.

5) This year, the Union has a good relationship with the administration, Bigioni said. On the other hand, most students know little about the administration's activities, so the flow of information needs improvements.

6) Laurier can do a lot within OUSA, Bigioni said. The group shows a commitment to education, and Laurier has been able to influence it in the last two years. The term "quality education" needs to be defined and specified, however, as do other parts of the group's platform.

7) At the end of last November and the beginning of January, a survey of over 120 students revealed that most knew little of WLU-SU's activities, Bigioni said. One solution to this would be a letter to the Editor of the Cord from the President, perhaps bi-weekly. Communication could also be increased through Campus Clubs, faculty lounges, and residence talks. This year, Bigioni organized the Student Representative Roundtable meetings and the forthcoming Speaker's Corner. He wants to maintain constant contact rather than just approaching students when specific issues arise.

8) Bigioni said the CCBC is a great idea, and that we will definitely profit from it. An opt-out health plan is not feasible just with the students of WLU, but nationally we can afford to run an insurance company. This should be organized for the 95-96 school year.

## VicePresident of University Affairs

Each of the candidates for the position of Vice President of University Affairs were asked the following questions in private, intimate, and intense interviews on the week-end. The questions were based upon what seem to be the issues important to both the election campaign and the current VP. Many of the questions are the same as those asked of the Presidential campaign, because many of the issues involve both of those

positions. The candidates were allowed to answer the questions as extensively or as simple as they wanted to.

1) What is your position on OUSA (the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance)?

2) What is your position on the Health Plan?

3) How would you characterize our relationship with the Waterloo municipal government?

4) What role do you think students should play in the hiring and firing of professors and granting of tenure?

5) How would you improve WLUSU's accountability to students?

Note: OUSA is explained in the questions for the presidential candidates. The Health Plan is run by the Students' Union, using part of the SAC fees paid by each student.

## Stefan Gleis

1) Gleis in general agrees with OUSA's proposals. He said OUSA is the only political lobby group that students have to express their views to the government. He has a negative view of the Canadian Federation of Students [CFS], referring to it as the "Canadian Freak Show".

Gleis said students do not have direct input on OUSA's involvement in the university. He plans on holding a referendum on OUSA. The referendum would be held at the same time as other referendums to minimize the costs.

2) Gleis does not personally support an opt-out health program. "I don't want to cater to certain individual students within the University opting out when other students really need it." Health plan fees are usually higher if students are allowed to opt out. He said only a few students were already covered by their parents.

Gleis would only join the CCBC's health plan if it was lower than any non-opt out plan the Union could get on its own.

3) Gleis said the past relations with the Waterloo government have been good, referring to resolutions of past problems. He said the Waterloo government currently sees University students as "a fly", pestering the government.

For the upcoming year, Gleis plans to watch the Scholar's Green project and to ensure the lighting in the park is safe. "That [Scholar's Green] could be a very deadly area not just for females but for anybody getting mugged."

4) For the hiring and firing of professors, Gleis said "I believe students should be directly involved." Gleis said the administration refers to Laurier as a "teaching university", rather than one that focusses on research or publishing.

Gleis does not agree with the current student evaluations of professors. He said students should be able to evaluate their professors giving specific feedback. He said we should boycott the current surveys to send a clear message to the administration that the students want to be more involved. A board including students should deal with sensitive issues.

5) Gleis said if students feel a member of the BOD, the President, or the VP:UA is not doing their job effectively, the students can start a petition leading to the person's dismissal. Gleis also suggested having student run surveys on the Students' Union, similar to those held for professors.

He said he planned to keep his door open, make phone numbers available, and keep in direct contact with students. "I'd also be very available through the fact that Will's is my home." Gleis added. "If I don't feel I'm doing a proper job and properly representing the students then I'd step down"

## Scott McCormick

1) McCormick said he would continue the Union's involvement in OUSA. He said he has met

OUSA's new lobbyist, and thought they would do a good job. "It's logical to stay with OUSA."

McCormick said he would not have a referendum on OUSA for the 1994-1995 school year. He said that the student fees are not going up, since the cost of the OUSA membership can be covered through the Union's withdrawal from CFS, and by streamlining costs, such as cutting honouraria. He also said the annual trip to West Virginia was "a useless trip" and suggested cutting it. He said he would support holding a referendum when the Union considers making a student levy to cover OUSA membership fees.

2) McCormick supports an opt-out health plan. He said there is a significant number of students who have alternate health plans already. The cost would go up, he said, but only until the CCBC gets its health plan group organized. McCormick suggested negotiating a one year contract, where students could opt out and get their fees back. Under this plan, students have the chance to find better priced coverage, while still offering coverage for other students.

McCormick said the issue of health plan coverage would be brought to referendum. He would supply information on the benefits and costs of both types of coverage.

3) McCormick said the External Affairs Board was a positive step to improving relations with the Waterloo Municipal government. He noted Scholars Green as one of the projects coordinated with local government. He also noted members of the External Affairs Board attending City Council meetings and reporting to the EAB on them. McCormick would like to get the local Council members to work with the students on such things as dealing with questionable landlords.

4) "I realize that profs are not hired solely for their ability to teach; they're hired to do research and hired to write papers," McCormick said. Students should still have input to the hiring and firing process.

He said he wanted to get students on committees, even if it is not a voting position.

In the case of sensitive issues, McCormick said "my relationship with my professor is academic. If he beats his dog or sexually harrasses his secretary that is the Faculty Association's problem." McCormick said if the administration wanted to fire a professor for reasons not related to teaching, the students should know why the professor is being fired, but it should not affect the student.

McCormick said a student run course evaluation should be established. He said the current evaluations were a "farce" and that they only counted for one percent of a professor's earnings. The results from the student run evaluations would be printed in a student course calendar, after being reviewed before. This would allow professors to make a rebuttal. He said the evaluations would not be an attack, but "maybe a wake up call." The calendar would also take note of improvements.

5) The current Feedback program and the upcoming Speakers Corner are two methods McCormick noted as making the Union accountable to the students.

McCormick said the Union could be made more accountable through holding Board meetings in more public and accessible places, such as the Concourse. He also said he wanted to publish a mission statement for the Union, and give students updates on how the Union is getting along at meeting its goals.

McCormick also said the Board itself had the responsibility to remain accountable to the students. "If you're screwing the dog on the Board then it's up to the Prez, it's up to the chair to set a fire under your ass." *Compiled by Kathleen Honey and Steve Doak*

## ELECTION '94

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Cord News '94

# SPORTS

## Win streak at seven

PETE ROBINSON  
*Cord Sports*

The Hawkey Hawks took to the road last Thursday hoping to go into U of T's Varsity Arena and beat the struggling Blues and leave with their winning streak extended to seven.

The Hawks did what they set out to do.

They beat the rebuilding Blues 4-1 despite the fact that three defencemen were out with injuries, including Bob Shelp.

This, however, didn't exactly sit well with head coach Wayne Gowing. "I wasn't very happy, we didn't play bad, but it wasn't a good effort either," is how the head coach summed up his club's performances.

Not surprisingly Laurier was led by the offence of John Spoltore, who notched a goal and an assist. Joel Bishop, Craig Boyce and Todd White were the other Laurier goal getters.

The game started a slowly as the Hawks mounted little offence in the first part of the period. Toronto netminder Jim Boulieris stopped Hawk captain Chris George on a partial breakaway halfway through the first frame. Laurier goalie Rick Pracey made some nice stops to keep the game even. That is until Spoltore started a picture perfect pass play when he fed linemate George who in turn set up Bishop who redirected the puck past Boulieris making the score 1-0.

The Hawks then picked their play up a little at the start of the second when Craig Boyce grabbed a loose puck just inside the U of T blue line and blasted a perfect slapshot past Boulieris. It was Boyce's sixth goal in the last five contests. Todd White then banged in his own rebound at the 2:57 mark to make the score 3-0, and it appeared as though the rout was on.

However, after that U of T coach Paul Titanic pulled Boulieris, who really hadn't played that badly, and inserted backup Jamie

Taylor. If it was a move that was designed to give his team a spark, it seemed to have worked, for a while anyway. Chris Kostopoulos put his team within two when he deflected a Ken Stark point shot, while Laurier's Kevin Greco was serving a high sticking penalty.

Pracey then came up with some timely stops to keep the advantage at two. Equally impressive was Taylor who turned away all Laurier shots in his direction, until Spoltore showed what makes him the most potent offensive weapon in the league. Coming down on a two-on-one with Scott Cullen he used Cullen perfectly as a decoy getting first the defenceman to commit, then the goalie before he slid the puck into an open net.

The third period was scoreless despite the fact that it had the best end to end action of the game. Again Taylor and Pracey made nice stops to keep the 4-1 score the same.

Gowing's dissatisfaction comes from the fact that the Hawks have a nasty habit of playing down to the level of their opponent. At times the Hawks appear to be brilliant against teams that force them to raise their level of play. Other times against the league's weaker teams, like U of T, Laurier seems to play just well enough to get by. This raises a somewhat scary situation when

thinking about the one-game playoff that decides who advances to play the division winner in the playoffs. One bad game on the wrong night and that could be the end of a very promising season.

That thought is not lost on Gowing, "We have to improve in every area of our game. At this point we can't take anything for granted."

Notes: The Waterloo Warriors are hot of

late. They hammered Guelph, 9-2 on Thursday, then beat U of T, 4-2 over the weekend. Suddenly what all along looked like a two horse race in the Far West division, may in fact be a three horse race...Kevin Greco was chosen player of the game for the Hawks...The Hawks were outshot 32-27...The Hawks are in action tonight at the Rec complex vs. York.

File Pic

## Maybe next year, Bills

PAUL GRAY  
*Cord Sports*

Well you read it here in the first issue of the term that Buffalo would make it to the SuperBowl for the unprecedented fourth time in a row and lose. At least Buffalo fans can take heart in that the Bills set two records. First, Oakville's Steve Christie set a SuperBowl record with a 54 yard field goal in the first quarter. Secondly, the Bills are the first franchise in professional sport to make it to the final four times in a row and fail to capture the title.

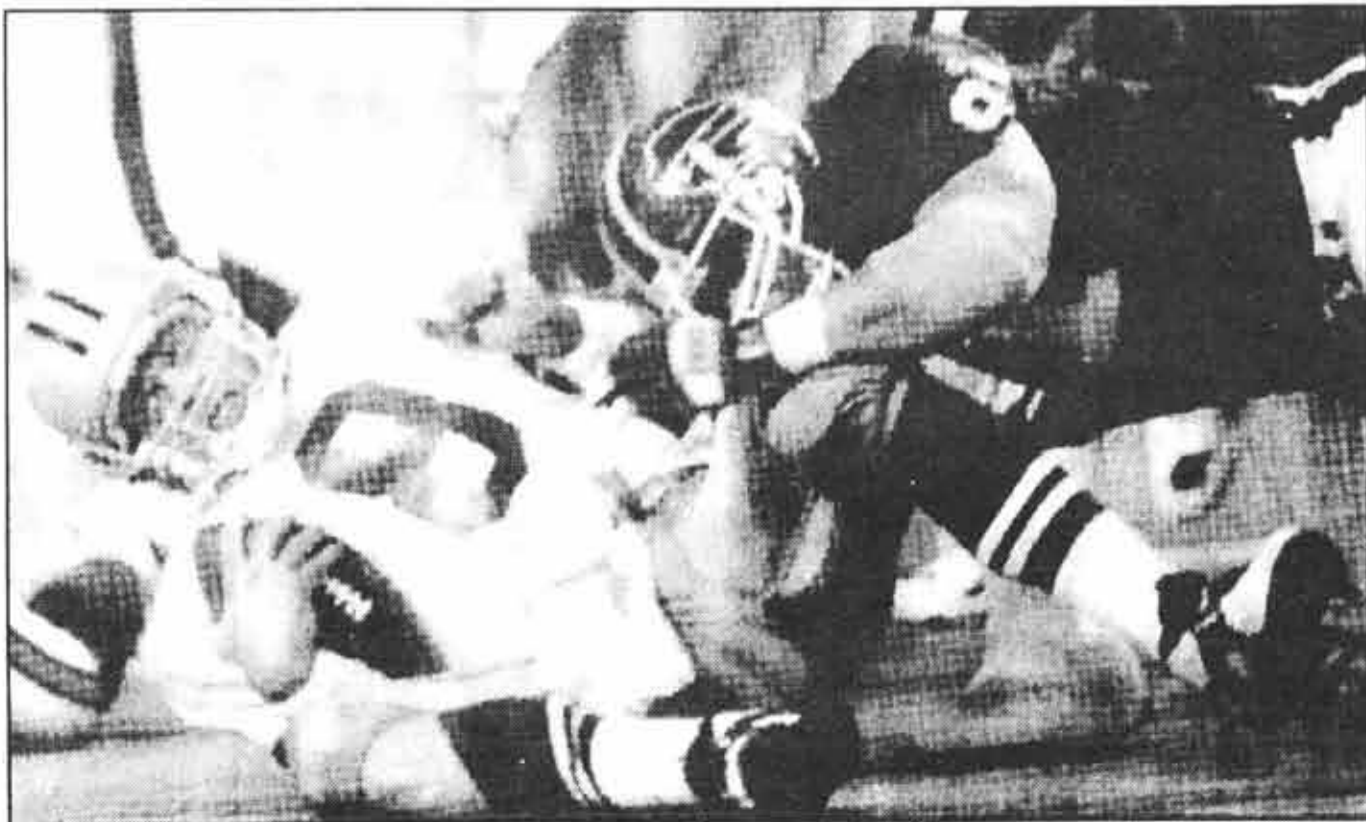
Emmitt Smith lead the Cowboys to their second consecutive SuperBowl title by capturing MVP honours as they took control of the second half and beat the Bills 30-13. Smith ran the ball for 132 yards and scored two TD's.

Everyone in North America thought they were in for one hell of

a game as the opening half was fairly close. The Bills held the mighty Cowboy offence to two field goals to take a first half lead of 13-6. This is where the two teams stood at the end of the first half.

The Cowboys took over in the second half. Heck, for that matter they didn't even allow Buffalo to score in the second half. Washington changed the momentum in Dallas' favour by picking up a loose ball and barrelling in for a touchdown to tie the score. From this point on the Dallas Juggernaut gathered speed. Dallas' superior size, speed and strength prevailed in what started out to be a great game turned blowout for this season's SuperBowl.

The crazy thing here is that Bills fans are already talking about next season. Geesh, don't they ever give up!?!?



Aikman gets trampled but the Cowboys survive and win SuperBowl XXVIII.

# All-Star Q&A

SCOTT STINSON  
Cord Sports

All right, the fun's over. The All-Star shoot-out has come and gone so now it's time to get down to some serious hockey business. Like most seasons, this one has brought many surprises and disappointments. It also raises many questions. Here now, for your reading pleasure, are the answers to everything about the NHL you wanted to know but were afraid to ask.

**1. Will the Red Wings get the goalie they need?**

Eventually. Detroit GM Bryan Murray has admitted that he is actively looking for someone to replace the porous Tim Cheveldae. Possibilities include Edmonton's Bill Ranford, Buffalo's Grant Fuhr and the Islanders' Ron Hextall. Sorry Leaf fans, but if the Wings get a star goalie to back up their deadly offense, they will have to be considered the team to beat in the West.

**2. Since when do expansion teams make the playoffs?**

Since the expansion draft was changed last year. Florida and Anaheim have benefited immensely from some favourable changes to the draft format. Each team landed very solid goaltending as well as an assortment of quality players. Suddenly, the Panthers and the Ducks have been able to do what the other new teams have not. Be competitive.

**3. Will the Ottawa Senators be hiring Dr. Kervorkian as team physician?**

Hey, you never know. If the Sens were a horse, they would have been taken out back and shot to put them out of their misery. Not only have they seen Florida and Anaheim sail past them in the standings, they will have to watch those teams pick ahead of them in next year's entry draft, thanks to a stupid agreement made last year. Dr. Kevorkian could not be reached for comment.

**4. Are the Leafs for real?**

Yes and no. After winning their first ten games, the Leafs have managed to stay at or around the top of the league standings all year. They are a very solid team. However, injuries have taken their toll, leaving the Buds with one excellent scoring line, a great goalie and solid defensive play. Although they went a long way without it last year, they still lack the depth to be considered a powerhouse.

**5. How the hell does Hartford have the league's 6th highest payroll?**

I haven't the foggiest. Not a clue.

**6. Why were the Rangers so bad last year?**

Good question. Two years ago they finished first overall. Last year they missed the playoffs. This year they are back in first overall. No major personnel changes. What gives? Mike Keenan, the new coach. Specifically, Keenan gives every player a reason to play hard each night. If you don't, you sit. Now the Rangers are playing hard, and the talent they've always had is performing well again.

**7. Should Montreal fans be worried?**

Let's see, last year Les Canadiens finished third in their division and lost their first two playoff games. Then they won the Stanley Cup. This year they are second in their division, headed back to the playoffs. Somehow, I doubt they're panicking.

**8. Why so much defensive hockey this year?**

Simple. Teams without an abundance of offensive talent, like the Panthers, Ducks, and Sharks, to name a few, have implemented a defensive style that involves little forechecking and clogging the neutral zone. It makes goals hard to come by for both teams and has seen the Sharks improve along with the first year teams' successes. It may be boring, but it works.

**9. What if the rumours of a work stoppage are true, and there is a strike before the playoffs?**

Then you just wasted your time reading this.

**If the Senators were a horse, they would have been taken out back and shot to put them out of their misery.**

## Black Plague hits volley Hawks



The women's volleyball team played a tough match against the very skilled University of Waterloo Athenas and hung tough right to the end but came away empty. The final score was 3-2 but the match was tight the whole way as the game scores indicate, 16-14, 9-15, 15-12, 8-15, 9-15. This was a great match from the first. The Hawks played one of their best games of the season. This young team showed their inexperience in the fifth game while Waterloo played calm and came away with the victory. Carrie Ostrom lead the way for the Hawks with 3 blocks and 10 digs.

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# Racking up the losses

**RALPH SPOLTORE**  
*Cord Sports*

My mother once told me that if didn't have anything nice to say about a certain topic or person, that I shouldn't say anything at all. As the sportswriter for both the men's and women's basketball teams I find myself in a bind. Do I totally disregard my mother's words of wisdom or do I tell the truth about what happened on the courts this past week? Let's do a little of both.

First the bad. Our lady cagers were in Waterloo on Wednesday night to battle a tough team wearing black and gold. Led by third year guard Janice Awad, the Athenas built up a quick 22-2 lead half way through the first half. This lead proved to be too tough for our ladies to rebound from and they eventually succumbed 64-36.

The men didn't fare much better against the Warriors on Wednesday night as they were also beaten by the "Black Plague" in a very poor overall effort. The Hawks were then forced to try to rebound from their 20 point loss to their cross-town rivals in a Saturday afternoon tilt against a strong squad from Guelph. The Hawks once again played fairly poorly throughout this match and were beaten 93-69. Those are pretty much the facts about our basketball games this past week and I am very happy that I got them out of the way.

Now the good. In the women's game on Wednesday night the Lady Hawks received a great effort from first year player Marjorie Visscher. Visscher played extremely tough shooting 5 for 5 from the field to lead the Hawk attack. This kind of effort will hopefully continue as the team is looking for another offensive threat from the field.

The most exciting news came from the men's game and in particular rookie shooting guard Peter Kratz. Kratz was absolutely on fire in both games scoring 31 and 23 points respectively. This baby Hawk comes to us from Sarnia Northern and he should be a major factor when rookie of the year voting takes place. However, it was not Peter's points that impressed me the most. His hard work and determined efforts were absolutely awesome. He literally played to the last second of the game when he gave a referee the bird after he felt a foul should have been called on him. He was the silver lining.

Another effort that should not go unnoticed was the effort put forth by our cheerleading squad. The team did as well as I personally have ever seen them perform. Hopefully both basketball teams can pick it up a notch in upcoming games. Both teams battle this week against tougher teams but hopefully we will do just fine.



The Hawks lose a tough battle against the Gryphs on Saturday afternoon.  
*Pic: Keli Watson*

## Hawks OF THE WEEK

**JOHN SPOLTORE**  
*Hockey*

John has had a remarkable three games as he has recorded 11 points in that span. In two games last week, John counted nine points and he followed that up this week with a goal and an assist in the Toronto game.

**KRISTA MADLENSKY**  
*Volleyball*

Krista is a first year player from Kitchener who had an outstanding match versus Waterloo. She started for the first time all year and had 12 kills and 10 digs. This is a fantastic performance for a player of only 5'4"

## Injury riddled Hawks pull out victory against Falcons

**JIM ELKINS**  
*Cord Sports*

The women's hockey team faced off against the Kitchener Falcons Friday night taking a victory and a step closer to the playoffs.

The first period remained scoreless until late in the period when the Hawks broke the game open with a pair of goals. The first goal came when Amy Massi won the draw and dropped the puck to Nicole Dekort. Nic's shot was tapped home by Wendy Wallace, the Hawk's leading goal scorer.

The second goal was the result of a Golden Hawk offensive rush. Nicole dumped the puck in along the boards where Amy Massi picked it up and darted for the net. She left a drop pass and set up to screen the goalie. Wendy slipped in from the point and filled the

mesh.

The Hawks had trouble containing the Falcons in the Laurier zone early in the second period. The breakout was halted by a collision between a Falcon defender and a Hawk centre which sent the Hawk forward to the hospital with a strained back and neck.

The Hawks struck immediately after the impromptu break. Rebecca Burrows fed a pass to Amy who flipped a wrist shot over the glove of the Falcon goalie. The Hawks lost another player when she was tripped into the boards.

The injury riddled Hawks sat back with a three goal lead. The Falcons capitalized on this resulting in two goals early in the third period. The Hawks picked up the pace and managed to hold onto the one goal lead to win the game.

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*Nature's passion,  
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Cycle after cycle,  
Year after year,  
Changing her face:  
The eternal goddess  
Of light and dark,  
Past and present,  
Love and hate,  
Has no mercy  
Nor peace;  
Oh, bring on the thunder!  
And the rain too—  
It washes me of pain,  
While curing me of pleasure:  
With a fresh face I look to the sky,  
As the scars of time slowly heal.*

Ted Smith



## FISHER SHEFFIELD'S EPILOGUE

by Terry Grogan

**PART SIXTEEN:  
"MYRA LAYS A  
BEATING ON FISHER"**

I paused, feeling awkward. As Myra Radakovich brushed her hair out of her eyes again, I put my hands up on the piano, slowly and sadly, as if in resignation. And then I turned and took Myra's perfectly manicured right hand in both of mine, as if to hand her some of my pain, as I told her: "Medium-height, built like a beach volleyball player, grey eyes that glistened, deeply-suntanned — even living in Tuktoyaktuk, up in the Arctic Circle, the ridges between her knuckles went from dirt-colour to white when she clenched her fists—with strawberry blonde hair combed out straight to give her head the stylistic shape of a triangle, and a deep, gravelly voice like Kathleen Turner: man, that girl had it all!...she had a small mole just underneath her lower lip, right on her heart-shaped chin: it was her only flaw — it offset her otherwise total perfection..."

My girlfriend leaned over and put her arm around me, smiling innocently, supremely self-confident with even *this* conversation: "Fisher... You know, you're *strange*, but that's why I dig you...OK, OK, OK, OK?"

"I just...I just...need to talk to Sarah for five *minutes*...to prove to myself that there was once something between us, that

we actually made some sort of connection, however brief...Through Sarah, I need to demonstrate to myself that Paulina wasn't just some sort of fluke...that I *am* capable of developing a relationship with a girl I'm attracted to."

A pause: "OK, OK, OK, OK?...That...makes sense...I guess..."

Then: "OK, OK, OK, OK?...No...that *doesn't* make sense... Fisher, you're all *messed up*."

Swivelling on our seat, I turned to Myra, and commanded her: "Tell the truth, Myra: what's wrong with me? And don't pull any of your punches."

Myra unhooked her legs, and then swung her right foot past my face, to straddle the bench we were on, coincidentally bunching up her skirt to her panty line. I shifted my position as well, turning to face Myra chest to chest, and we embraced one another.

"OK, OK, OK, OK?...You're a 21-year old, suicidal, sexually dysfunctional heroin addict novelist...Everything you've written during the last nine months has had the word "Death" in the title ...The only things you feel *passionately* about anymore are shrimping, and shooting dope...You've lost your quiet faith in love, capitalism, and democracy, so you've started to flirt with fascism —"

"We prefer to be called "reactionaries" —"

"But you've always been dangerously right-wing...You wish

Hillary Rodham Clinton would drop her middle name — it's just a little thing, but for some reason it *irks* you — because you see it as symptomatic of the Decline of Western Civilization, namely, Reagan's America...Growing up, you always figured that all Paulina Perestroika would ever want was to puffer around the house, barefoot and pregnant, while you went out and made the cash for her...But now: she's enrolled in chemical engineering at Tuktoyaktuk University, and not only is the shoe on the other foot, you're the one who's got naked feet."

"I've already lost what I never found," I agreed sadly with Myra, "All I seem to do these days is play Mau, shoot dope, and suck toes...But notice how it always comes back to *shoes*."

She just squeezed me tightly against her breasts...and then let me go.

I looked at her beautiful face, and thought of Joyce's body, but before I could say anything, my Myra, my sweetheart, put her finger on my mouth...silencing me.

"Thank you for not pulling any of your punches with that analysis."

"OK, OK, OK, OK?...Well, I *did* pull one."

Then she smacked me in the face with her left fist.

After I picked myself up off the floor, and sat back down on the bench, I told Myra: "Gee, thankd...I think you dtraightend out my node."

"No sweat."

"But," I continued, "getting back to what you just said... es-

entially what you're saying is, nine months later, even after Chicago, I'm basically the same — burp! — as before I ever heard of the place?"

Just then, I noticed Paulina Perestroika standing behind Myra Radakovich, carrying a small child wrapped in a baby blue blanket.

Paulina: "Goddamn bastard...Fisher, this is your *son*."

I blinked, and the brief hallucination passed.

Myra just sighed, pushing her hair away from her face.

"OK, OK, OK, OK?...Fisher, you're haunted by some just *unbelievable* ghosts..."

At that *exact* moment, deus ex machina, the band on the other side of the stage kicked into "Swing On A Star" — and it could have been worse I supposed, it could *easily* have been "Good Stuff" again instead—so I hopped up on top of the piano, dragged Myra along, and slowly began to waltz with her.

Myra kicked off her high heels so we'd be the same height, eye-to-eye, pressed tight against one another. As I felt myself being enveloped in her warmth, I asked my girlfriend: "Mommy, if I'm so messed up, why do you keep me around?"

"Sir?...It's because *I love you*..." she began to cry, smiling happily.

Barely moving, Radakovich and I slowly swayed back and forth to the waves of sound engulfing us, her left hand grasped gently in my right. Stepping carefully around the black top of the

grand piano, my left hand slowly running up and down Myra's curves, we danced barefoot above the stars — Sharon Stone, Jack Nicholson, Barbra Streisand and Danny DeVito — as I looked around the room casually, trying to pick out other celebrities on the dance floor at the moment as well.

Then, from out of nowhere, I spotted Sarah Rostenkowski! And she was slow-dancing with John F. Kennedy Jr.!

If I could just get Sarah to look at me...

Leaning back from Myra, and twisting around, I stuck two of the fingers from my left hand into my mouth, and wolf-whistled.

Sarah was getting pretty friendly with JFK Jr., laughing and smiling at him, telling jokes, but as I suspected, she was really watching me, her eyes locked on my every move.

So Myra and I continued to glide around the top of our piano.

And as I turned to meet Sarah Rostenkowski's jealous gaze head-on, I saw that the little freak wasn't even looking in my direction.

"Martha, Martha, Martha...Martha, Martha, Martha --" a little girl's voice began to sing.

And at that moment I tore myself free from Myra's arms, spun around, jumped doen off the piano top, and punched Fat Moc in the throat.

# Celebrating the gift

**NOTISHA MASSAAQUOI**  
*Cord Features*

With it's beginnings in 1915, Black History Month has become a vital event in North American society today.

The question that is often asked is why do we, the members of the African community feel it necessary to dedicate an entire month to the celebration of Black history? To answer this question it must be first understood how history is transmitted. Historical text used by most school systems are packed with information which falls into three basic categories:

1. historically correct
2. historically false
3. historically modified

In the early stages of our educational process, we do not possess the expertise to validate history independently. We as students often fall prey to the assumption that this task has been accomplished by those who write and sanction our history.

For Africans this is an assumption that cannot and must not be made.

North American history emphatically denies African involvement aside from our experience as slaves.

More specifically, Canadian history takes this denial even further by conveniently omitting its role in the slave trade other than providing a safe haven for American fugitives.

How many people know that African - Canadian Elijah McCoy, an inventor, was the inspiration behind the term "The Real McCoy"? That African - American Matthew Henson was the first to reach the North Pole; that Dr. Daniel Williams performed the world's first successful open heart surgery without anesthesia, or that Garret A. Morgan invented the traffic light as well as the gas mask

that saved thousands of lives during WW1. For the most part the role Black people play in the history of North America has been denied by omission and therefore falls into the previously mentioned category of modified or quasi history.

It would be complete naivety to believe that most of these omissions are accidental. What we must concern ourselves with is the notion that when historical information becomes entrenched in the minds of society, it has a tendency to become more than a historical depiction of the past. It becomes part of the traditions, standards, rites and facts upon which we base our present and future.

When the basis for the historical study of an entire race of people is invalid or modified or in the case of Blacks in North America, totally omitted, some serious problems are bound to arise.

We live in a society that has vested interest in the current standards and modified truths about African culture, and will defend these interests to the point of irrational behavior.

There are countless examples of how vehemently people have opposed change in the racial status quo even when they are presented with irrefutable evidence for the necessity of such change. This seems undoubtedly true when discussing the documentation of the history of Africans on the continent and in the diaspora.

As we close in on the end of

this century, we must be unyielding in our struggle against global racism which is perpetuated by education, religion and economic policies that are deliberately designed to perpetuate the myth of inferiority. We must not stop until we eradicate the injustices of apartheid, the subversive policies of the IMF and the social institutions that misrepresent us.

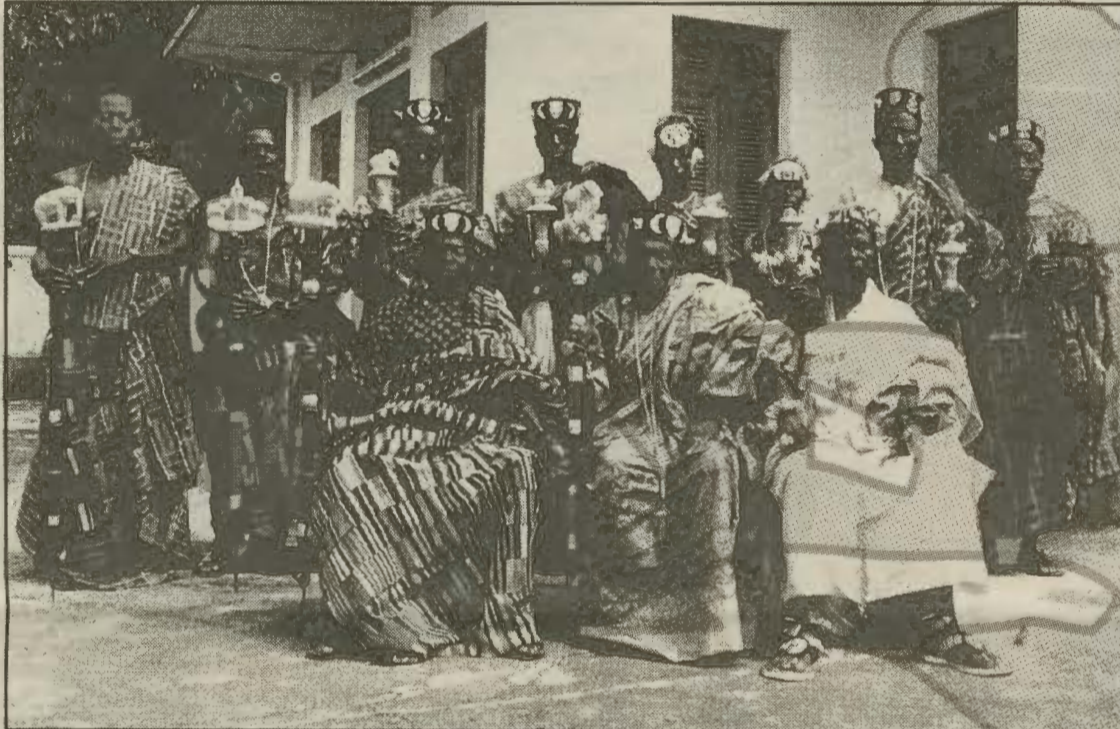
Why must we celebrate Black History Month?

In a society where we are submerged in European History 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, one month dedicated to a people rich in culture, splendor and achievement can only enhance what has already been instituted as the norm.

A famous quotation implies that a people without a past are like a tree without roots. It is through Black History Month that we as Black people are reclaiming our "roots." Let us not forget Toussaint Loverture, Haiti's King who defeated Napoleon's army on several occasions, Hannibal of Africa who led in the conquering of Spain long before Christopher Columbus knew east from west or the ancient African civilizations of Egypt, Ethiopia and Benin from which Europe borrowed most of it's culture.

In celebrating Black History Month we are informing "all" citizens of those points in history that have not received the attention due.

We are asking the global community to embrace and share in a culture that we as Black people feel is a gift to the world.



Chief and elders, Anna Village, Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), 1972

## Exploring Africa's diversity

**LAWRENCE ANUKAM**  
*Cord Features*

As we celebrate this year's Black History Month, I would like to share with you some aspects of the diversity of life in Africa.

Biodiversity (biological diversity) or the diversity of life has become a very popular term among scientists, politicians, and diplomats. Biodiversity is essentially a collective term that describes the degree of nature's variety.

In Africa the diversity of life is enormous; it includes genetic diversity, species diversity, ecosystem diversity, and human cultural diversity. Africa is the world's second largest continent, after Asia. With an area of about 30,420,000 square kilometres, it is three times the size of Europe and for times the size of the United States of America. Africa lies astride the equator; three-quarters of its surface area is the tropics.

The continent is a region of unparalleled biotic richness and cultural heritage. There are many natural habitats in Africa. It is a source of valuable natural resources and products, and supports diverse human cultures.

The Cape region of South Africa (the fynbos), has about 8,600 species of plants, of which two-thirds are endemic. (Endemic species are those species that can only be found in certain areas.) Many of the animal and plant species found in Africa are rare

and have never been found in other parts of the world. The continent still remains the last great home of most of the world's spectacular wildlife.

The water resources of Africa also tell the same story. Reports indicate that the lakes of Africa's Rift Valley contain more species than any other lakes in the world, with high levels of endemism.

Lake Victoria, for example, has more than 200 endemic species, Lake Tangayinka over 140, and Lake Malawi at least 500 endemic. In addition, some coastal waters of the continent are home to coral reefs, the underwater analog of tropical forests. These coral reefs are found mainly on the West and East African coasts and around Madagascar, Africa's largest island and the 4th largest in the world.

The human cultural diversity of Africa is vast. This is manifested by diversity in religious beliefs, languages, ethnic groups, traditional institutions, social structure, art, music, and many other attributes of human society.

Over the years all these have contributed in shaping the African history.

There are certain sets of cultural traits that recur very widely within the continent, and in some cases these traits seem characteristic of particular linguistic groupings of peoples. Within the 55 countries that make up Africa, more than 1000 languages are spoken.



Now we may ask ourselves one pertinent question: how much has Africa actually benefited from its biodiversity at the international level? From available records, we could infer that Africa has not really benefited much. Until very recently, many multinational companies operating in Africa, particularly those in the pharmaceutical and agricul-

tural sectors, have had virtually unrestricted access to the exploitation of the vast genetic resources of the continent without paying adequate compensation.

For example, nearly all the coffee trees in South America originated from the forests of Southwest Ethiopia more than 200 years ago, and today Ethiopian forests have virtually disappeared, without any form of compensation.

A successful drug for childhood leukemia has been developed from the rosy periwinkle of Madagascar, but out of the estimated annual revenue of \$100 million, coming to the multinational company from the sale of this drug, not a cent has been allocated to the country of origin.

Other examples abound in Africa where countries with struggling economies are being cheated by the multinationals. At the global level, there are inequities in who manages natural resources and who receives their benefits.

Recently, however, some international actions are being taken to correct this imbalance. The Global Biodiversity Strategy was launched in 1992 under the auspices of the World Resources Institute, the World Conservation Union (IUCN), and the United Nations Environmental Programmes (UNEP). The Strategy focuses on the development of a national and international policy framework that fosters the sus-

**This tree is diverse  
Black people  
are embedded  
and its benefits  
out all over  
Africa**

tainable and equitable utilization of biological resources. The policy framework will provide conditional and incentives for effective conservation by local communities.

The Biodiversity Convention was signed by many African heads of state in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992, during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

African countries participated actively in the negotiations for the convention as well as in the negotiations for UNCED Action Plan (Agenda 21) whose chapters 15 deal with conservation of biodiversity and environmentally sound management of biotechnology.

It is hoped that these global efforts will provide the necessary guidance and mechanisms necessary for the conservation of biodiversity and equitable sharing benefits accruing from it.

# of Black history

**BEN BAIDOE-ANSAH**

*Cord Features*

As environmental issues continue to top the agenda of countries and individuals, Africans are dealing with an additional environmental problem of their own. This is the dumping in Africa of toxic waste generated in industrialized countries.

The waste disposal business has been estimated at \$12 billion a year. It handles about 300 million tons of toxic waste generated in 24 industrialized countries. The sheer magnitude of the tonnage involved, the actions of environmental lobbies in the developed world, coupled with the expense of proper waste management, has made Africa an increasingly attractive toxic waste dump site.

Bernard Lorgan of the University of Georgia reports that there were at least 9 reported cases in 1987 involving over 19 million tons of industrial waste. The destination of these shipments were Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Benin. At least 11 cases were reported in 1988 involving contracts totalling \$830 million.

These shipments were also mainly to African destinations. The companies involved in these shipments were American, British, French, Italian, and Australian.

Greenpeace International reports that 115 shipments of hazardous waste made their way to Africa and Latin American desti-

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nations between 1991 and 1992.

One such arrangement foiled by the European Environmental Alliance would have seen Guinea-Bissau as a dumping ground for 10% of Europe's industrial waste. The US Environmental Protection Agency also uncovered 23 companies that illegally exported toxic waste abroad.

Shipment of toxic waste to Africa takes several forms. Some are official and involve the governments of the target countries. Others involve individuals and businesses in these countries who secretly import the waste without their government's knowledge and dump or bury them in the countryside. There is also off-shore dumping, which could also be the most difficult to detect and control.

Several reasons account for the attractiveness of Africa as a toxic waste dump site. Strict environmental regulations in most developed countries has made toxic waste disposal in these countries both expensive and problematic. Waste disposal companies are therefore looking for cheaper locations and Africa appears to be an easier and cheaper way out.

The shortage of landfills in the developed countries is another reason. It is reported that 80% of the 250 million tons of toxic, corrosive, ignitable, or explosive waste in the US is sent to landfills. More than half of these landfills have reached their full capacity. Therefore there is pressure to find new sites for the waste.

The weak and cash-strapped economies of many African countries make the cash generated by toxic waste import very tempting. Finally, where the dumping is done without the government's knowledge, the government's limited capabilities to detect such activities has continued to make Africa an attractive dumping site. This is especially true of off-shore dumping because its detection requires expensive equipment like radar, aircrafts, patrol boats, etc.

Companies in the industrialized world who dump waste in Africa do so from a profit standpoint. It is estimated that the treatment of less dangerous materials in the industrialized world cost between \$160 and \$1000 per tonne. For the most dangerous substances,



costs range between \$2000 and \$3000 per tonne. Despite this, the reported average paid to African governments was \$2.50 (two dollars and fifty cents) per tonne!! There is therefore a very high profit motive for waste disposal companies in the developed world to continue their operations in Africa.

Waste dumping in Africa is more than an economic issue however. Due to its probable negative environmental impact, it is also an ethical issue. Landfills were predominantly used for legal dumping in Africa. Due to the heavy rainfall in most parts of tropical Africa, there is the potential for contaminating ground and surface water systems. This is especially serious because a large part of the rural population derives its water from untreated natural sources. African societies also rely to a large extent on natural

products. This makes them vulnerable to any disequilibria in the food-chain which will result from waste induced toxicity. The current economic difficulties in Africa means that any negative effects resulting from toxic waste dumped on the continent will be hard to detect, let alone treat. It is immoral for the developed world to reap all the benefits of industrialization and ship its toxic by-products to Africa.

It is gratifying to note that steps have been taken to stop the dumping. In May 1988, Foreign Ministers of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) decided to terminate all agreements with companies using Africa as their waste dumping ground. The following month, Heads of State of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) made waste dumping in West Africa a criminal offence. At the country level, Sierra Leone, Gabon, Togo, Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Cote d'Ivoire have all passed legislation making waste dumping on their territories a criminal offence. Private consumer organisations from 18 African countries meeting in Kenya also called on their governments and international agencies to help

put a stop to waste dumping in Africa.

The European parliament has also adopted a resolution calling for an end to the large scale exporting of toxic waste. In May 1988, 116 countries ratified the Basel Treaty to control the movement of toxic waste. At the 1992 UN-sponsored environmental conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, trans-border movement of toxic waste was made one of the major topics for discussion.

In spite of the efforts being made to halt the "unwholesome international trade" in toxic waste, observers believe that dumping in Africa continues clandestinely. The pressure for this clandestine trade continues as the industrialized world's output of toxic waste mounts. The higher disposal standards being adopted in the industrialized world will reduce profits of waste disposal companies and increase the attractiveness of clandestine overseas dumping. Off-shore dumping may be particularly attractive because it will be the most difficult to monitor.

Africa is working to put an end to this unethical practice. It is hoped that the industrialized world will assist by taking steps to keep its garbage at home.

## A Canadian Perspective

**ZHORA ADATIA**

*Cord Features*

History allows us to acknowledge the past, celebrate our ancestors' accomplishments and learn from their mistakes. Black history is celebrated only once a year, in February, although it is part of Canada's history. Black people have been in Canada for over 300 years. They have played a role in building Canada to what it is today. However, Black people are still treated and seen as recent immigrants to Canada.

The first documented case was in 1628; a Black child from Madagascar arrived in Canada as a slave to a David Kirke. This was the beginning of slavery as a thriving enterprise in Canada. Although slavery in Canada was

abolished in 1793 slaves were still bought and sold until 1797. It is from these beginnings that Blacks began settling and working in Canada just like their European counterparts.

Blacks were also part of the military in Canada. In 1902, for example, the first Black recipient of the Victoria Cross was a Canadian named William Hall. Other examples include the Black battalions in the army that were among the first Canadian soldiers to leave for the war in 1914 and James Grant who received the Military Cross for bravery. Blacks also served in W.W.II in segregated and nonsegregated segments of the armed forces. It is evident that Blacks were and still are an important component of Canadian culture:

They were also an important part of the Canadian economy. For instance, the first ice company in Toronto was owned by a Black who cut ice from the mill ponds beyond Bloor Street. T. F. Cary, another Black, owned four ice-houses in the city by 1854. These are only a few examples of how Blacks in Canada have achieved and participated in the building of this country.

To include the history of blacks as part of Canadian history would serve to enrich the history of Canada and present a more wholesome perspective of how Canada evolved. The recognition of Black history as an important element of Canadian history promotes our ideal of multiculturalism and portrays history in a less ethno-centric manner.

**Intellectuals ought to study the past not for the pleasure they find in so doing; but to derive lessons from it.**

**-Cheikh Anta Diop**

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**- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## BEAT THESE ODDS!

SELENE MacLEOD  
Cord Entertainment

Despite dreadful road conditions, The Odds and Rymes With Orange made it to U. of Waterloo's Fed Hall for a fabulous evening of music and mayhem, Friday, January 28. For those of you that didn't—well, you'll never know, will you?

"Welcome to the Orange Zone. Welcome to the Orange Zone... Welcome to the Orange Zone..." I still don't know why people insist on inviting Rymes With Orange to be their opening act, because the band invariably blows the headliners off the stage. The Vancouver-based funky/progressive outfit is poised as Canada's "next big thing"...and with good reason.

This is the second time I've seen them live, and I'm more impressed each time. They hit the stage amid dry-ice foggy darkness, wearing miner's helmets, and played a too-short set consisting of material from their independently-released (Citrus Soul label) CD *Peel*.

Outstanding moments included their covers of the Small Faces' "Itchycoo Park", and the "Log" jingle of Ren and Stimpy fame ("This is Log. He wants to do some log surfing."); an exuberant rendition of their current single and video "Memory Fade"; and Sinclair's death-defying leap from the top of the stacks. Best of all, the band members circulated afterwards, hanging with the audience and answering any and all questions.

After Rymes With Orange, The Odds were a bit mellow. Not being very familiar with the band, I was surprised to hear a number of songs that I'd heard before ("Hey, I didn't know they did that"). Also based in Vancouver, Chris Northey (vocals/guitar), Steven Drake (vocals/guitar), Douglas Elliott (bass/vocals) and Paul Brennan (drums) have been on tour since May, in support of their Zoo/BMG release "*Bedbugs*".

Their sound could best be described as 70's-influenced, driving, upbeat pop-rock (did I hear the word "alternative?" Gasp!), easily comparable to bands like Sloan. Laidback and fun, their lengthy set consisted of a lot of banter ("Say hello to Bob the T-Shirt guy"); cool music from *Bedbugs* and their first release, *Neapolitan*; and quite a few surprises, such as a cover of the Aerosmith classic "Sweet Emotion" and something that sounded an awful lot like The Beastie Boys' "So Wha Cha Want".

Unfortunately, the show was marred by a rather muddy sound system, but the crowd enjoyed it immensely. I, for one, was held captive on the dance floor by a very tall, very drunk individual, and the band has to be good to get me dancing. If they're back again, I'm there (there are benefits to having a press pass!). How about you?



Pic: Selene MacLeod

## CONTRASTS: DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINING VOCALS

TANYA KING  
Cord Entertainment

Last Saturday evening Kitchener's Centre In The Square presented *Contrasts*, a choral performance featuring the Kitchener Waterloo Philharmonic Choir and our own Wilfrid Laurier University Choir.

The first performance by the KW Philharmonic was of Alfred Schnittke's "Requiem". The background of the piece was explained by conductor Howard Dyck, who gave examples of the different musical sounds heard throughout the piece. This was only the second time that "Requiem" has been performed in Canada. It was first performed in Edmonton last year.

The piece presented what Dyck labelled, "an astonishing variety of musical sounds." The choir was backed by a small number of musical instruments; organ, guitar, bass, trumpet, trombone, bells and timpani. The music itself was beautiful. The Latin verse was sounded in an almost eerie, minor sounding voice. The choir pulled it off marvelously.

Laurier should be proud to note that Laurier students stood out as the piece's soloists. Marie Criscione and Maria Shantz sang soprano with Stephanie Rowe and the superb performance of the piece was by tenor Kelly Robertson.

After a brief intermission the Wilfrid Laurier University Choir joined the KW Philharmonic Choir to perform "African Sanctus"; again under the conducting of Howard Dyck.

"African Sanctus" was written by David Fanshawe after his travels through Africa. As he rode a camel with a Bedouin tribe he recorded the chants, dances, and sounds of more than 50 different tribes. The tapes included sounds of Muslim and Arabic tradition, providing religious pieces of the Koran and other African traditions. The tape is combined with the music that Fanshawe wrote for the live choir which represents the sounds of European culture.

The incredible sounds of the more than 200 singers provided an incredible journey through African culture assisted by soloists Camilla Krishnamurthy and Stephanie Kramer, as well as some interesting percussion. The WLU choir was excellently trained ahead of time by Noel Edison.

One WLU singer later commented on how exciting and how much of an experience the evening was. She also commented on the excitement the WLU Choir got out of being able to perform in a real concert venue. Here's hoping that it was only the beginning of their opportunities.

## WHAT'S Happening

**F.A.S.S. '94: Jest Add Laughter** is performed in the Humanities theatre at UW tonight until Feb 5

**Furnaceface** heat up the Volcano Feb 4

**The Tea Party, Junkhouse** and **Strange Days** congregate at Lulu's Feb 4

**Monsters, Myths and Magic** is the theme for the Grand Bend Winter Carnival, taking place from Feb 4 until the 13

"Welcome Home" the **KW Symphony** at the Centre in the Square Feb 4 and 5

**Honeymoon Suite** bless us with their devine presence at Lulu's February 5

**Ani DiFranc** will be performing her brand of folk at Phil's Feb 8

**Concrete Blonde** stir things up at Lulu's Feb 9

Tennessee William's **The Glass Menagerie** is performed at the Theatre of the Arts Feb 9-12

Chosei Komatsu, the **KW Symphony's** new music director, conducts his first Pops series at the Centre In The Square Feb 10-12

**The Rhinos** crash the Volcano Feb 11

**Heather Bishop** returns to the K-W area Feb 12 with two shows at Kitchener city hall

**Beethoven Lives Upstairs** will be presented by the KW Symphony at the Centre In The Square Feb 13

Violinist **Erika Raum** joins the K-W Symphony for a Serenade Series concert at the Centre in the Square Feb 20

**Jean Hay's** exhibit *High Arctic* is on display at the Kitchener/Waterloo Art Gallery until February 27

# BRANDON DID WHAT?!

SCOTT KING  
Cord Entertainment

It's Thursday and classes are proceeding as normal. The school is bustling and at our institution of higher learning the students might be discussing ...current events? homework? Not likely, but if you listen closely, you will hear what they are talking about. Statements such as "Brandon did what?" or "Michael is such a slime" are the burning topics of conversation.

Chances are most of you have watched or faithfully follow the shows mentioned but for those of you who live a sheltered life, I'll bring you up to speed. The shows I'm talking about are **Beverly Hills 90210** and **Melrose Place**. And if you are like me, and I know many of you are, a solid two hours are taken up every Wednesday by the lives of these Californians. How is

it that we, the students of greater intellect and the future of this nation, can be captured by these shows week after week?

The following are a few ideas I've come up with to answer this question. The first is pretty simple. Sex. Hot babes and sexy men, torrid affairs and fatal attractions, these shows have got it all. And while it is true that 90210 deals with a little younger crowd, the only real difference is that on Melrose, we get to see a little of what Dylan and Kelly do when the camera cuts away from them.

Both shows have attractive people of both sexes and for all tastes. Personally, I've seen rooms divided over the 90210 girls (but we all know Kelly is the best!!!), and a few heated debates between ladies over the many men of Melrose. The point is sex sells and

we buy it on a weekly basis.

Another reason we're tuning in are the plots. They're mindless, predictable and completely addictive. There is just something about seeing the trials and tribulations of these groups that we just can't tear ourselves away from. Morally, they can be at times too pure and then can turn around and can be completely corrupt. I call it soapoperitis.

Through the 90210 gang, we can relive our younger, carefree days, even though most of the cast are older than us, and through the Melrose crew, we catch a glimpse of how the "real" world will be, that is, if we lived in California, had jobs and the morals of Howard Stern. However, we still manage to somehow emerge ourselves in these ideals and story-lines without question.

The shows, follow one or both, also provide us, as students, with yet another common social bond. Not only do we clamor together to watch the shows, we speak to the television characters and to each other, agreeing and disagreeing, commenting on the moral dilemma at hand or just how cute that dress looks on Donna.

These conversations carry over

to the next day, which leaves us where we are now, on Thursdays, listening to everyone else's opinions and predicting next week's outcomes. And we will continue to do this, as it seems that we have found a way to bridge the social gap between us all, and indulge ourselves in a little eye candy to give our taxed university mind's the rest they sorely need.

# PURE SOCKO

DAVID POPOVICH  
Cord Entertainment

What do beer, plaid jackets, dancing with plastic lawn ornaments and Ohio have in common? Well, when one is on a quest to seek out new bands and entertainers there are no limitations to the distance in which one may travel. In my particular case I'll go virtually anywhere, so long as I don't run out of gas. Venturing out across this globe in search of new and exciting entertainment took me south of the border to Bowling Green, Ohio.

This extraordinary place, chalk-full of fantastic people and unimaginable adventure furnished me with the opportunity to discover up and coming entertainers who have not yet travelled northward to our fine country. While taking in the sights and sounds of this town of many wonders I was fortunate enough to catch the action of Johnny Socko. Wild, Wacky and Far Out!

With flashy die hard retro seventies action wear clashed with an outrageous Ska brand of music, this band from Indiana could definitely rattle the cage. The music was loud, rough and overall fantastic. It wasn't too long before a sizable percentage of the audience was up and dancing. Various lawn ornaments embellishing the stage were prone to be seized by those groovin' on the dance floor.

Both the audience, as well as the group were

animated and energetic. Everyone was having a phenomenal time as the band played well into the early morning hours. The group was more than happy to take requests from the audience integrating virtually anything, from rockin' melodies to show tunes, into their unique playing technique.

One of the most outstanding attributes of these gentlemen was their casual approach to their music. The absence of a stern musical agenda, which at many times limits a band's versatility, and their easy going attitudes produced a vibrant and lively dimension to their music. Like many of their Canadian counterparts this band is just getting its start doing the continental trek playing the university circuit. When I spoke to the band they informed me that presently their schedule is limited to U.S. cities only.

However, for those of you who are interested, they are releasing their premier CD, entitled **Bovine Aquarium** some time this month. So, if you're into Ska or are just looking for something a bit more wild than usual you should be on the lookout for Johnny Socko. Adventure awaits ... beyond!

If you are interested in any information pertaining to Johnny Socko please feel free to write to: Johnny Socko, P.O. Box 393, Bloomington, IN 47402 U.S.A.

## HAGGIS EATER



Celtic rock band Rawlins Cross played to an enthusiastic audience at the Bombshelter last Thursday night as part of a ten day tour of Ontario and Quebec.

Pic: Dave Scott

### Corrections:

In the article Twelfth Nightmare: Hippie Hell, Colin Buehler's name was misspelled. We apologize to Colin again.

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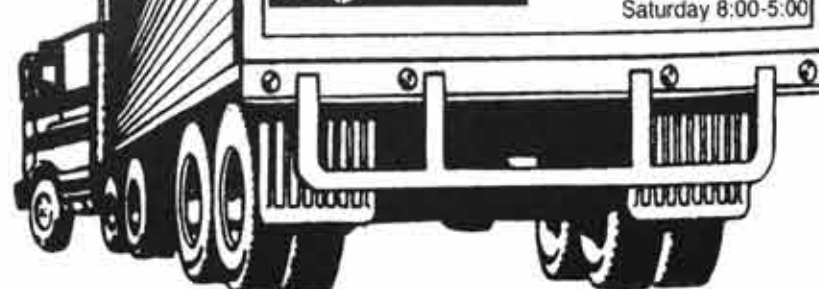
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**DINNER?**

STEFANIE TRUDEAU  
Cord Entertainment

Every time I passed by *Late For Dinner* at the video store, I was intrigued, but for some reason - a gut instinct perhaps - I never ended up renting it. Then, while browsing through the 1994 Video Review Guide, I noticed a four star rating for *Late For Dinner* so I decided to give the movie a chance. I should have trusted my instincts. Four stars for this film seems a little much.

The story begins in 1962 when two best friends, Frank and Willy, are in trouble with the law for something they didn't do. While escaping the heat, they meet a scientist who is looking for guinea pigs for an experiment which involves submerging the subjects into a deep sleep and a deep freeze which will preserve them for an indefinite amount of time. Thinking they will just wake up the next morning, the two friends volunteer for the experiment.

When they do emerge from the freeze, it is 1991. The story then continues with Frank and Willy trying to figure out where

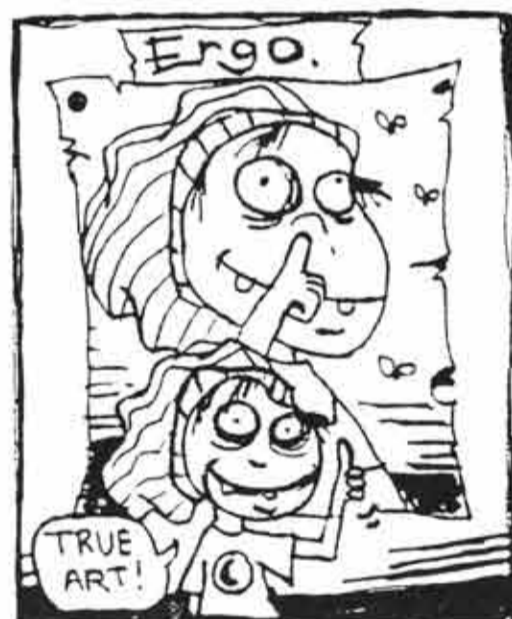
they are, trying to fit in, and trying to find Willy's wife and child which he left back in the past. There are some humorous moments and some touching scenes, but the film's major flaw is how long it takes for the story to get moving.

By the time the two guys wake up in the future, it was difficult for me to even care what happened to them because I was so bored. Another point that was a little hard to swallow was the way they aged Willy's wife. I don't think they did anything more than add a streak of gray to her hair. Other than that, she looked the same as she did in 1962.

Compared to how long the story took to capture my interest, I felt that the film was cheapened even more by the short and unsatisfying ending. Brian Wimmer and Peter Berg who play the title roles were, at most, mediocre, as were the rest of the performances. I wouldn't recommend viewing this film unless you don't have anything else to do, but I can't speak for everyone. Some of you may actually enjoy *Late For Dinner* as much as the editors of the 1994 Video Review Guide did.

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### JAYSON "RAMBO" GEROUX

*Cord Entertainment*

This week, I dare to review *The Brigade*, written by Laurier's own professor of military history and editor of Laurier's *Canadian Military History* (reviewed just four weeks ago in this very column!), Terry Copp. Professor Copp has established himself as a dedicated military historian with his *Maple*

*LeafRoute* series, his book on *Battle Exhaustion: Soldiers and Psychiatrists in the Canadian Army 1939-1945*, as co-director of the Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic, and Disarmament Studies, and as editor of the above-mentioned *CMH*. In *The Brigade*, Professor Copp discusses the Fifth Canadian Infantry Brigade from 1939 to 1945.

I will admit to all of you right now that I have had Professor

Copp for a couple of courses (History 297 and History 397), and I think he is an outstanding military historian. So you will have to excuse my personal bias. I do also realize that I am kind of ass-kissing right now, especially if Professor Copp is reading this. However, to be truthful, I will be straightforward and honest with my review, as I always am with all the books I read.

**The Brigade**  
by Terry Copp  
Fortress Publications Inc.  
208 pages  
\$34.95

At first Professor Copp was only going to write about the Calgary Highlanders, one of the three regiments that make up 5 CIB. Copp learned, however, that a history of the whole brigade—the Calgaries, the Royal Highland Regiment of Canada (or the Black Watch), and Le Regiment de Maisonneuve—would make more sense. Copp does a fine job in discussing all three regiments from the brigade's early mobilization to its days in battle from July 1944 to May 1945, and he advances arguments that fly in the face of past historians' discussions of the Canadian contribution to the liberation of Europe during the Second World War.

Professor Copp also included two major differences with *The Brigade*. First, he has written the book in a narrative history fashion,

taking a wide variety of sources and evidence and fashioning a "story" to describe what takes place. Second, he attempts to take the reader down to the battalion and company level, bringing the reader



into battle, as it were. As Copp points out in his epilogue, too many military history books tend to focus on strategy and operational planning, while not taking the reader into combat. Copp wishes for his readers to feel, and not just read, what happened in combat with the Calgaries, the Black Watch, and the Maisonneuves.

Copp advances the argument that the Canadians were equal to and even better than their German counterparts, thus refusing the old argument fueled by past historians that described the superiority of the German army while at the same time denigrating the Canadian sol-

diers who fought. Canada's soldiers fought with inferior weaponry and were consistently on the offensive, while their German counterparts were heavily dug-in, well-equipped, and desperately on the defensive. Also, because Canadian military commanders (Copp also discusses their weaknesses and strengths and assesses the effects each had on the battlefield) failed to recognize the need for superior numbers when it came to infantry force-ratios, Canadian casualties were very high and costly. In fact, Canadian-German battles were some of the most intense and bitterest battles along the entire Allied front. **YET** Canadian forces overcame **all** of these odds to defeat the German defenders.

Thus Copp refuses to denigrate Canada's soldiers as past historians have, and instead praises them for their adapting to and overcoming the difficulties. He does so in a well-written and thought-provoking book which details the actions of the Fifth Canadian Infantry Brigade. From this book, we learn that Canada did play a major contribution to the liberation of north-west Europe during the Second World War.

A special thank you goes to the incredibly nice Kathryn Wardropper who lent me this book to review. You can find *The Brigade* as well as Professor Copp's many other books in the Laurier bookstore.

## GLASS MENAGERIE

ANNE FERGUSON  
*Cord Entertainment*

The University of Waterloo is presenting Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* as the fourth of its six-play run in honour of the Drama Department's 25th anniversary.

Open auditions were held to find the cast of the play but most of its members are drama students at U of W. Directed by senior student Jennifer Epps, the play features Joel Harris, Nancy Forde, Linda Albanese, and Joey Morin.

Often termed Williams' most autobiographical work, *The Glass Menagerie* relates the narrator's memories of his mother and sister, both of whom are unattainable in their dream worlds. Tom's (the narrator) loneliness and longing, mirroring Williams' own, leads to his heartbroken desertion of his family.

For those of you anxious to

experience a little culture not too far from home but unfamiliar with U of W's campus, here are some directions for the common pedestrian such as myself: at the University Avenue entrance go up the stairs keeping the bookstore on your right. Take the first pathway left, this time keeping the library on your right, and walk down the steps.

Where, you may ask, are you going? The Modern Languages Building of course, in which you will find, straight ahead, the Theatre of the Arts!

*The Glass Menagerie* is playing at U of W's Theatre of the Arts in the Modern Languages Building. Show dates are Wednesday February 9th to Saturday the 12th, at 8:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the Theatre Centre Box Office at 885-4280, or at the door. Rates are great at \$8 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults. See you there!

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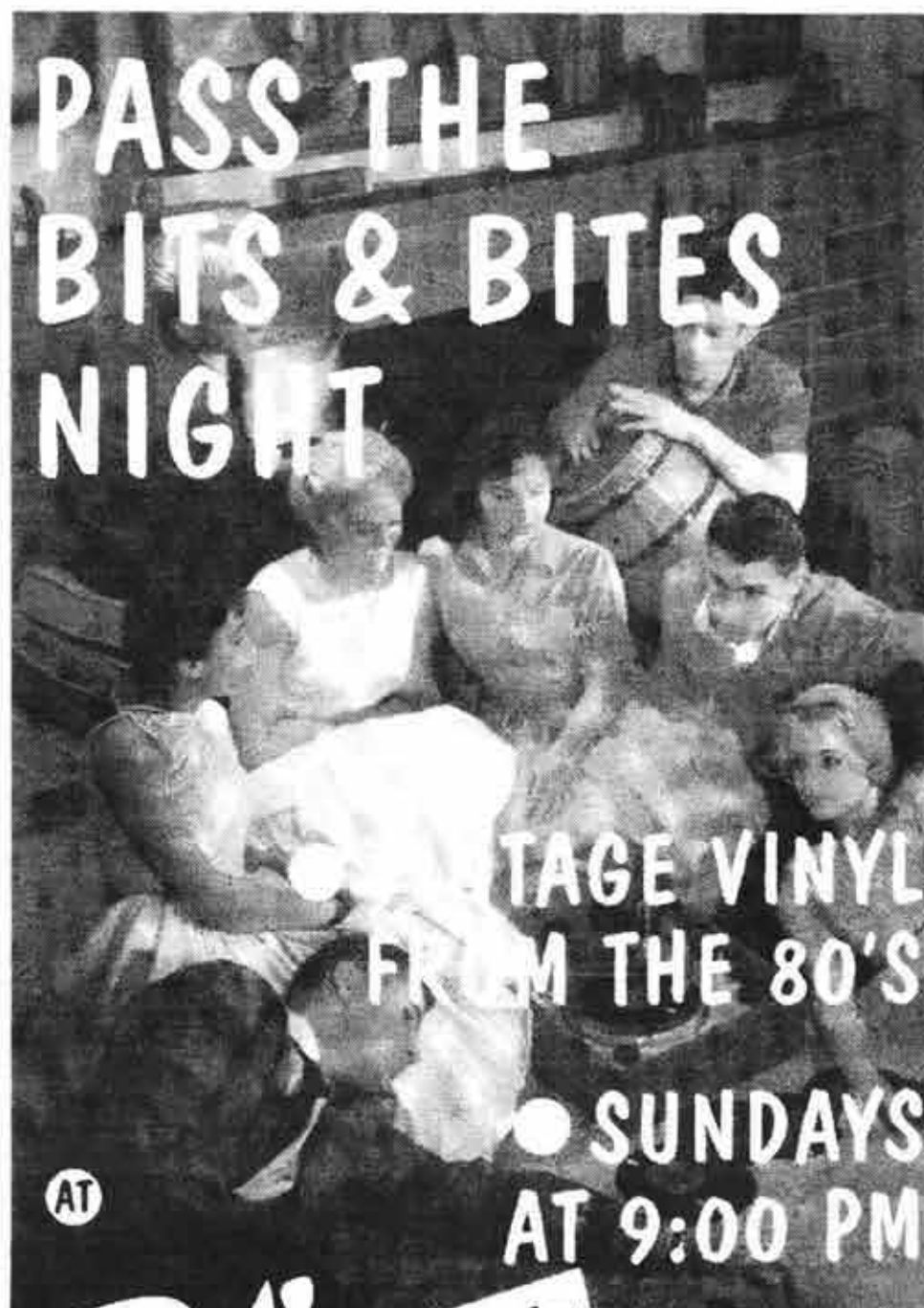
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# VIEW FROM THE FARM



**GREG SLOAN**  
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The past weekend saw perhaps the entertainment spectacle of the year. This event saw millionaires chasing each other around and trying to get possession of a piece of pigskin. Of course, I'm talking about SuperBowl XXVIII, otherwise known as the game that Buffalo just can't win.

Like almost every other SuperBowl, this game was about as exciting as plunging the toilet. After all the hype, Jim Kelly and the boys proceeded to choke once again. I was rooting for the Bills just because I feel sorry for the city of Buffalo. Now they must pin all their hopes on the perennial playoff losers, the Sabres.

An annual tradition which has become just as important as the game itself is the SuperBowl party. A bunch of people get together, consume vast quantities of food and drink, and watch the annual blow-out fest. I am not one to stand in the way of tradition, so I joined my friends in devouring a concoction we affectionately call Chili.

The hardest stuff we drank, however, was Pepsi. The Keg party we all attended the night before stopped us from having any desire to drink beer. It would have been comparable to eating the Broccoli souffle at the Dining Hall out of an ash tray. I stayed the night at my friend's place, known affectionately as the Ezra hotel, because I just didn't want to negotiate the walk home.

I planned on getting up early Sunday morning and walking home so I could actually get something done before the big game started. It didn't work out that way. I laid on the pull-out couch until three o'clock in the afternoon, reading the movie posters that are up on the walls and keeping time to the pounding in my head. The smell of the chili cooking did revive me a bit, and by 5:30 I actually began to regain complete feeling in my body. We planned on waiting until kick-off before we began eating the chili. The fact that we have no will power, however, meant that we devoured a pot and a half of the stuff before the players were even introduced. Having filled our bellies, we now sat back and were ready to watch the festivities.

The first half was actually exciting, and it looked

like it might turn out to be a real football game. My roommate Reid showed up just after the game started and showed off the gaping head wound he had suffered the night before. We all waited with great anticipation for the half time show to begin. How could you not be excited about something that was titled "Wavy Lays Halftime Show - Rockin Country Sunday".

However, the vast importance of the Judds being reunited was lost on my fellow viewers. Tang commented on the hundreds of extras who were dancing to the rhythms of an overweight dirtass in a baby blue jump suit and having "fake fun".

Halftime also saw the second round of the chili and nacho's. We polished off the plate, but we weren't feeling that great. Doughboy was right when he said we will probably all be hung over tomorrow, not from alcohol, but because of consuming vast amounts of the meaty broth. Carnage said his stomach burned with hatred over the agony brought upon it by the endless onslaught of chili. Militia-Man was just upset because it was his dish day.

The second half featured the all too familiar picture of Thurman Thomas fumbling the ball, and the Bills offense stalling. The biggest disappointment, however, was the commercials. While our American neighbours were able to see new multi-million dollar spots featuring Kramer, Cindy Crawford and beer bottles playing football (the Bud Bowl), we were treated to about a gazillion car commercials. Each quarter was sponsored by a different car maker. Yippee.

And what's this commercial featuring Shaquille O'Neal trying to rap? The lyrics consisted of the lines Do you want me to shoot (no), Do you want me to pass (no), Do you want me to slam (yes), Do you want you on our television set singing your heart out (no), are you a victim of overexposure (yes).

Dallas won the game, and Carnage had to fork over two dollars to Tang. The money wasn't a big deal. It was the fact that Tang's complete knowledge of the game is that yes, the players do have to wear helmets. He was trying, however, and it didn't take us long to teach him that there are four downs in American football.

Boon and Brad looked like they were about to explode after the second round of nachos began to set in. We all swore that we would not eat chili again, or at least not until SuperBowl XXIX. I only hope that the Bills don't show up next year for Super disappointment number five. Maybe we'll be lucky and Denver will take their turn at being trounced, giving Buffalo a rest. And hopefully it will be the Detroit Lions who will be doing the trouncing. And that's the view from the farm for this week.

**Comparable to eating the broccoli souffle at the Dining Hall out of an ashtray**

# WAR ZONE AT PHIL'S

**DAVID POPOVICH**  
Cord Entertainment

Last Wednesday I trekked in sub-zero temperatures to Phil's to catch the band The Stoaters. After nearly freezing to death getting there I was informed at the door that the group's van broke down outside of Ottawa, therefore they were not coming. Believe me readers this is a typical day in my life!

Fortunately, their opening band, War Wagon, saved the day and put on a really great show playing for those few who braved the harsh Arctic climate. This local group of Celtic performers entertained the tiny congregation with



Pic: Selene MacLeod

lively tunes sparked by their jolly antics. Accompanied by your standard electric guitars and drums they animated the music with atypical flutes, Celtic drums and tambourines. This indisputably was the element which furnished the songs with their rich, warmhearted harmony.

Phil's was for a brief time transported across the Atlantic, crash landing somewhere in the U.K. I really don't recall the last time I've had European flashbacks while hanging out in that place. It was fantastic! The enthusiasm of these five figures on stage projected a certain energy, warming up the bar that cold winter's night.

I know most people assume that the opening band isn't as good as the headliner and usually regard the openers as background noise; however this is not necessarily true. I've seen a good number of centre stage acts who haven't even come close to the performance of War Wagon.

This group was extremely skilful, energetic and really enjoyed themselves while performing, without losing focus on their performance.

# DYNAMIC DUO

by TANYA VENTURA AND MELANIE SEAL

Dear Dynamic Duo,

As I constantly see all of the ads, banners and people promoting Winter Carnival '94 (The Laurier Snow Olympics), I have been recently having extreme sexual urges, fantasies and premonitions related to the carnival's events. Here is one of the examples of my erotic sensations. #1 The Olympic marshmallow stuff. I know that this game innocently involves stuffing marshmallows into your mouth and repeating a word without swallowing. My imbalanced sexual preferences have twisted an image of this game which involves stuffing the marshmallows somewhere else and slowly licking, biting

and swallowing them! I have been having dilussions about other games. Ooooh, help me please Dynamic Duo. Signed, Erotic in the Laurier (Sex) Snow Olympics!

Dear Erotic,  
You chalk up huge points on our scale of sexual creativity! Go with it, it's worth a letter to Lorna Marsden. In the meantime enjoy the upcoming Winter Olympics! (How about the way those men lie on the luge?)

Dear Dynamic Duo,  
My roommate and I are beginning to feel that there is something wrong with us. You see, we don't have any peculiar fetishes, we don't 'like' sheep, are not attracted to each other, and although we like Data from TNG, we most often would rather have sex with any one of the unnamed buxom ensigns cavorting about the ship. You see, we are two straight guys - we are eager viewers of Baywatch - and we're not watching for plot. If you know what I mean. Aside from being altogether politically incorrect, and feeling rather untrendy, we can't help but admire great hooters and cute buns. And by the way, while we are aware that these are grade three-like pseudonyms, we can't just bring ourselves to use terms like "mammary glands", or the "fatty tissue adjacent to the biceps". Do we need help? Are there "kits" out there that we could use, or are we simply too boring and conventional for the 90's?

Signed, Two FashionTV Junkies  
Dear "FT" Junkies,

You guys are perfect for the nineties: television is the safest sex you can find. There's nothing wrong with good old faithful reliable guys. Beastiality is nothing to desire. Many of our letters are extreme, but you have proven the average Joe has problems too. Many women find themselves watching "Melrose" for reasons other than plot.

If you have any questions about sex, write a letter to the Dynamic Duo and drop it off at the Centre Spot. Marshmallows? Eww, yuck.

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# FASHION SHOW ENJOYABLE BUT TOO LONG

MELANIE SEAL  
Cord Entertainment

Fashion. Anyone that has seen the way I dress knows that I haven't the slightest clue about trends coming out of Milan. So, as I climbed the steps to the Turret, I comforted myself with the fact that perhaps I would be a little enlightened. At

the very least, I would get to see some skin.

Once inside, I found the place filled with display stands that local merchants had set up. There were booths like Campus Crew, Joico, and a place to buy Phantom of the Opera tickets. The show was a part of **Discount Daze 2**, a chance for

the local merchants to show off their clothing. It gave students a chance to view clothing in their price range.

The MC came out dressed in a tux, and I thought to myself that the show had a professional look. It started out with casual wear. The models were obviously well rehearsed, as they strutted their stuff as well as the emaciated girls on Fashion Television.

The clothes from Origins looked kinda cool, and though I wouldn't wear any of it, people next to me said "That store is across King, right?" Exposure was the main purpose for the show. My only complaint would be that there were tons of clothes put out in a set, from only one store. I noticed this with stores like Campus Crew, Mark's Work Warehouse, Thrifty's, and Randy Rivers. How many times do I have to see jeans and sweats? I liked that the stores displayed the variety within their own stock, but repetition made the show a little lengthy.

The music definitely added to the show. I know it kept me interested. The commentator stumbled on some pretty cheesy lines, but this added to the overall effect.

The bathing suit set was most impressive. I came with the desire to see skin, and boy did I get it. Although I noticed the amount of 'unnecessary boobness', and flexing muscles (relax guys, you all can't look like Arnold) the 'peeping Tom' in me was thoroughly impressed. These models must be given credit for their ability to walk around half-naked in the midst of



Nice models wearing nice clothes

Pic: Peter Bollenbach

## DOUGHBOYS RISE



The Doughboys baked The Volcano Jan. 17th Pic: Dave Scott

their peers.

The models were very good and a great selection was made by John Kolovrat, the organizer, as all shapes and sizes were represented. I saw what the clothes would look like on my build, not just the model type. As clothes got fancier, I was aware the price range had to be going up. But the stores like Club Mill, Dalmy's, Stars, and Fairweather have great quality clothes. I could feel my credit card burning in my wallet.

At this point the length of the show began to tax me. We had already sat for about an hour, and I found myself yawning and starting to fidget. A look to see my friend doodling in her notepad proved I was not alone.

Back on track, the guys looked sensational in their suits. (Why haven't guys clued in to the fact that a tie is the way to a girl's

heart?) But the Bridal Penthouse put on the last set, and the tuxedos were awesome. Maybe it's just me, I couldn't see any difference between the six tuxes. They all looked good. Now I was squirming simply because of my own fear of anything closely resembling a matrimonial ceremony, but I do have to admit the wedding gown was pretty. It wasn't the Princess Diana dress I had imagined myself in, but it would do. I kinda felt a wee bit sorry for the model that had to be the "groom-to-be"; that's got to cramp a guy's social life.

Overall, I enjoyed the fashion show, although I found it too long. My friends were begging for mercy and wanted out right away. I wouldn't say that if you missed it you'd live an unrewarding life forever; but being free it was a good way to think about spending money I don't have!

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# Presidential election 1994: Pros and cons

This is the season for the sounds of student elections to ring through the halls of academia, calling to everyone to vote.

Although the students have minimal say in the selection of the administration and the faculty that control our educational experiences at Laurier, we do have the ability to choose our student leaders. Democracy is challenged by ignorance, however, and it is the responsibility of you, the students, to make sure you are informed on the issues that are important to you.

The **Cord's** offices are right down the hall from those of the Students' Union, and we spend much of our time watching and writing about the Union. Although we cannot force you to vote one way or the other, we can provide you with this, the **Cord's** annual election feelings, as an informed view of your presidential candidates.

**David Tricker:** Tricker has little experience with the Union, although, as he pointed out, that's because he was not acclaimed to a position this year. He has obviously kept abreast of the issues, or at least he has shown a successful effort to learn about everything. He plays the part of politician well, looking more comfortable during the open forums than any of the other candidates, but it takes a lot more than that to run the multi-million dollar Union. Practice makes perfect, and Tricker falls short in this category. He is prepared to get involved with a number of projects such as a student course calendar and next year's municipal elections. He's also got enough catch-phrases to make many of the issues a part of everyday conversation. For example, there's his "Communiversity" idea, to eliminate services which we don't really need on campus, such as Health Services. He could run into problems if students go vocal as soon as any of these conveniences are challenged. He shows a willingness and ability to learn, but will his inexperience be a great obstacle to his performance?

**Geoff Thureson:** Thureson does not have a list of titles to back up his name, or knowledge of the issues. He is unaware of the policies of the CCBC and OUSA, the two groups which could bring huge financial benefits to the University. He apparently plans to rely a lot on the full time staff and the Vice Presidents to accomplish things and to keep him informed. He said he wants to be President to see if he can do a better job than the presidents he has criticized in the past, but he also said he wants to keep a lot of things the way they have been. He missed the open forum on Monday, at least in part to play video basketball in the Corner Pocket. On the plus side, his style of individuality will bring a breath of fresh air into the Students' Union. He will force the students to reconsider their opinions on traditional practices. But will he take the initiative to get anything done?

**Ralph Spoltore:** Spoltore earns kudos for being the nicest, most sincere, most modest, and most enthusiastic name on the ticket. He was one of Taylor's executive assistants this year, with the mission of bringing the athletics department further into the Laurier family. Attendance at games is up this year, and the athletes are showing up more in the SUB, so he might be doing a good job. His enthusiasm is infectious - when talking to him, there can be no doubt that he really believes in this school, and you leave with the reassurance that this is a damn fine place to be. It will be interesting to see how far he can spread the disease of school spirit and how much effect that will have on the changing face of Laurier.

On the other hand, Spoltore is the first one to admit that he's not thoroughly knowledgeable on the issues he will face. What this also means is that he's not afraid to ask the people that do know what's going on - and he's friendly about it so almost no one can reject him. Unfortunately, this may push other people's perspectives on him, but he will probably not lose his drive to do everything he can "for the kids." Can he transfer his ability to lead on the football field to the Office of the President?

**Saar Pikar:** Pikar's main experience comes from his extensive travelling throughout the world and his experiences at institutions in other countries. He is currently heavy in the residence system on campus, haven to the ever-important frosh vote. Pikar is convinced that he can do a good job through determination and persistence. He will bring a new perspective into the Union and a drive to change everything that doesn't suit him. Unless, of course, he runs smack into the unmovable juggernaut of the administration, revamped with a new VP: Academic and the return of the magical Andrew Berczi to the VP: Finance position. Pikar seems to be very set in his ways, which can be good at getting things done, but can be bad once he starts stepping on toes. Beyond this apparent determination, however, he has flip-flopped on the Health Plan issue, claiming that people who do not need the Health Plan should not pay for those who do in an interview on Sunday, but then saying at Monday's open forum that such a plan should not be challenged. Will his lack of familiarity with the Union also makes him a likely victim of mid-year burn-out?

**Aileen McPherson:** McPherson's experience as Vice President of Student Activities this year has exerted a strong influence on her platform for the Presidency. She has vowed to take a team approach to the job, building school spirit both within the Union and throughout the campus. Her department has run well this year, but running the Union is a much larger job than running a single department. She knows what the issues are, although she does not have enough experience with most of them, such as OUSA, to adequately put forth a strong position on them. With time, however, she can increase her knowledge base. She will bring a healthy attitude into the position, and a determination to get the job done. But can she maintain the enthusiasm of the volunteers and keep herself focussed on the important although boring administrative tasks of the presidency?

**Phill Kinzinger:** Kinzinger has promoted himself as a prophet of Passive Nihilism. It's nice to see that two unrelated terms can be linked like this, applying knowledge from first year history. Although he has brought an air of levity to this year's election, his platform is not to be trusted. An example of Passive Nihilism was Kinzinger's early exit from Monday's open forum after he claimed that he was hungry. Kinzinger claims that Passive Nihilism is a transient movement allowing one to throw off the philosophy at will. If elected Kinzinger will probably drop Passive Nihilism like a hot potato. During his two years on the Board of Publications, Kinzinger has proven to be ruthlessly dedicated to proper procedure and rigid structure. Kinzinger's platform is a farce. Are you willing to put him in control of the Students' Union?

**Dave Bigioni:** Bigioni was on the Union's Board of Directors in 92-93 and is currently on the University's Board of Governors. His greatest strength and his greatest weakness are the manner in which he is ingratiated in the system. By this time, he has acquired a thorough familiarity with the way things are run throughout the University and the people that run them. It's an asset for him, because he is completely ready to take over the reins and lead. It's a liability, because many of his faults have been revealed, and it is unlikely that he'll bring much innovation into the system.

It seems that Bigioni has been planning out his Presidency for years - he's probably got a huge file of reports and statistics on most of the topics he will have to deal with. During the current year, he has grabbed the spotlight with his introduction of the Student Representatives Roundtable, the Speakers' Corner project, and the telephone situation. In the last of these, he and Sean Taylor complained about the problem to the University's Board of Governors. At the meeting, they were promptly snubbed by the fact that this issue is not under the jurisdiction of the Board. By going over the heads of the administration, however, it seems that a more sincere apology for the problem was received from Ron Craig (VP: Finance) as well as Craig's reports in the **Cord**. Bigioni sticks to procedure when it suits him, but ignores it in other situations, an attitude which could lead to problems in some situations but which could prove effective in others. Can he tell the difference or will he need luck?

With seven names on the ballot, any of the candidates could pull through in the end. First year students always turn out in the greatest numbers, but this year has witnessed an increase in the consciousness of other parts of the student body as well. Most of the candidates are around and ready to talk, but you will have to go to them as much as possible if you value being informed.

So get out there and vote dammit!!!

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## Lost support

Dear Editor:  
I was a Dave Bigioni supporter, but I am no longer. My view of a great student leader is someone that represents the interests and spirit of the school and more importantly of the students! What I witnessed today at the debate in the concourse was a display of ignorance and deception. Dave, the supposed front runner of the election, and the apparent best candidate for the job, lost my vote today when he made an off-hand derogatory comment towards fellow candidate SAAR PIKAR! I feel, as many other people do, that the person who would best represent our school and students is not someone who puts down other people for the sole purpose of self promotion. But rather is honest and true in order to gain our deserved support. I hope that the students at WLU will see through Dave's facade and will elect someone better suited to be our next Student Union President!

Ian Morton (a Concerned Voter)

## Sick of WLU's hypocrites

Dear Editor:  
I am absolutely fed up with all the liberal left-wing hypocrites here at Laurier spouting off their slander against their own culture. Left-wing liberal political correctness is not any better than neo-nazi right-wing extremism. Every liberal out there wants everyone to have their own right to their own opinion...as long as it doesn't differ from their own. What I really liked in last week's CORD was, "This 'Christian Perspective' is so ethnocentric and full of propaganda that it has no place in a newspaper representing a University with such diverse religious affiliations." Great work! Now let us apply this to some other columns... This 'Pink Ink' column (read WymenWords, enGENDERed species, or whatever) is so gay-centric and full of gay propaganda that it has no place in a newspaper representing a University with such diverse sexual affiliations." Get a life people. Once you start coming down on any view and start to censor anyone, you leave it open to start a new "Crusade." (HA HA.)

Oh yeah, by the way, I'm the one that actually is "open minded" enough to purchase and read *Did Six Million Really Die*. I don't give a shit what anyone who hasn't read the book says about it. I would much rather read the book for myself and then pass judgement. Don't let juries usually hear the evidence before they give their verdict.

It is very nice that I live in a country where I am able to present my views without being shot. I hope the extremist left wing radicals never achieve their "utopian" agenda, because I do like my freedom. I hope Samuel Morrison, Andie Noack et al, Jim Boyce, Denys Davis and whoever else continue to be presented in the CORD whether I agree with them or not. If I am to attack a view, I am certainly not about to resort to demanding that the person be pulled from the paper.

I hope some of you left-wingers out there stop and actually think about what your political goals really are.

Ryan Smyth

## Fish not pushing

Dear Editor:  
I am a Christian, and I have encountered many a situation where my beliefs were ad-

manly opposed. Let's face it, in today's society, being a Christian is unpopular, and that is why I am not at all surprised by the violent reaction to the new column "Fish."

In reading the last couple of "Fish" articles, I must say that I agree with what he had to say (although I would have gone about it differently). I find it interesting that some of the initial responses to this column came from people who felt that he was forcing his religion upon them. I certainly did not get that impression at all. Let me explain. As a follower of Christ, I want to share my faith with others for a couple of reasons. The first reason is that God commands me to do so in His Word, and more importantly, the second reason is that I love Jesus Christ, and the difference that He has made in my life makes me want to tell others about Him. I am by no means forcing my beliefs on others by telling them about the "Good News" that Christ loves them and died for them. Ultimately, the decision comes down to the individual, either to reject or except Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

A fellow by the name of Josh McDowell, used to argue against the Christian faith, and he set out to disprove everything about it, but in doing so he came to realize that Jesus really was who He claimed to be, and as a result, Josh became a Christian. Over two hundred prophecies were made about Jesus Christ in the Old Testament, and he fulfilled every one of them. In his book, *More Than a Carpenter*, Mr. McDowell gives the odds of Jesus fulfilling just eight of those prophecies: "By using the modern science of probability in reference to eight prophecies, we find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000." To help you understand how staggering that probability is, he gives us an illustration (and I am paraphrasing): "Take the state of Texas and cover it two feet in silver dollar coins (that's the same number as the probability mentioned above). Mark one of those dollar coins with an 'X' and throw it back into the pile. Stir the whole mass of coins across the state thoroughly. Now put on a blindfold and walk in to Texas as far as you like and find that marked dollar coin with only one attempt...The chances of you doing so are the same as those for Jesus being who He was...And yet, HE WAS." With odds like that, what have you got to lose? Check Him out.

Darryl McWaters

## Will we all be burned in Hell!

Dear Editor:

Quite frankly, I can't understand the Fish. What is this guy's point? Does he mean to tell the general population of Laurier that they are going to burn in hell no matter what they do? That the world's population is doomed to a fiery eternity of torment by rejects from the east of Hellraiser?

Frankly, I don't think that equal time is being given to my religion. I believe in ridiculing religious fanatics who come to my door. I believe in sending torrents of derisive laughter toward those who profess a direct connection with ANY god.

Ordinarily, I don't bother responding to religious extremists who seem intent on damning the world to a fiery death, but frankly, the Fish is going a bit far. I think that everyone who wants to see these bastards fry in hell should start a petition to have his soul fry in the fiery depths south of heaven should email me. We'll have our revenge yet.

Jim Laird

PS. Christians 0, Lions 7 - Rah Rah Rah.

## Craig's letters are misleading

Dear Editor:

Over the past several weeks we have been hearing about the residence phone problems. Dr. Ron Craig has written two letters, one appeared in the January 6th issue of the Cord, one appeared in last week's issue of the Cord (January 27th). It appears that Mr. Craig is trying to convince us that the Phone system is no longer an issue. His letter last week goes into some detail in informing us of what solutions that they have tried, and he attempts to convince us that the phone problem is one of last year. I strongly disagree with this point of view as a person who lives in residence that uses the phone system on a daily basis. I continue to have problems calling both long distance and local calls in the evening. This problem is compounded by my friends and family having trouble getting through to reach me. I am not alone in my view, other residence students that I have talked to share these same concerns. Although I have not experienced it myself, I have heard of other residence students being billed for calls that they never made. As well, in the January 20th, and January 27th issue of the Cord in "SHHH... IT HAPPENS" Security has reported receiving numerous complaints about the Telephone system. The administration has had over a full term to tackle this problem which should have never happened in the first place. Over the Christmas break would have been the ideal opportunity to make necessary changes to the phone system so it properly works. The administration must listen to the students and correct this problem immediately, not over a long period of time the way that they are currently handling it.

Craig Moffatt

## Spelling error found in the word "woman"

Dear Editor:

As an English major here at Laurier, I feel I must bring your attention to the spelling error found a total of eleven times throughout last week's "Womenwords" column by Andie Noack. Oddly enough, the word Noack spells wrong consistently is the very word at the centre of her article. The word is "woman".

Noack ends her article with "We are simply womyn [sic]...if you perceive this as a personal threat then maybe you should take a really close look at the world you live in." The world I live in speaks English, and in English, the singular is "woman" and the plural is "women". Is Noack that insecure about the letters m-e-n that she subconsciously avoids writing them? No, because "men" is spelled correctly throughout.

## President Clinton and the pursuit of the American vision

AMIT KAPUR  
Cord Commentary

It was roughly a year ago that the Clinton era began. Some hailed it as a second Camelot, others feared it would ruin a country. One thing that everyone agreed on. There would be Change!

Even from the first moments of his presidency, he tried to tackle some tough issues. In dealing with the Gays-in-the-military issue, he took on the military and Congressional establishments (including many members of his own party). His face-saving compromise wasn't so much a change of his position, but more of an indication of how he tried to use power that he didn't have.

Again, with Bosnia, he was prevented from implementing his plan of bringing peace to the area with the force of air strikes. European countries showed their displeasure (especially those with peace-keepers in the region) and in the end, again nothing was done.

Come to think of it, the first part of his year in office wasn't really anything to write home about. The death of his budget-stimu-

She could at least be consistent and spell it "myn", but that might imply equality between the genders, and this is surely not her cause or intention.

Ken Breadner

## A Fish story

Dear Editor:

I have chosen to convey my comment in the form of a very true story. It is my particular desire that the author of "No Place For Fish In Cord" which appeared in last week's Cord, will consider how this column relates to the statements she committed to paper.

For the first 18 years of my life I believed that I was a Christian. My family dutifully attended church on Sundays and I was a "regular" at Sunday School. It was as if I attended a special school where I was enrolled in "Christianity 101". Over the years I proved to be an exceptional student. I believed that I was a Christian on the basis that I knew all the answers.

The only problem was, all of these answers meant nothing to me. I was no different than a "non-believer". I thought I was a Christian but I now realize that those who knew me, did not view me as a Christian. I didn't have a separate life-style—I did what everyone else did and I said the things that everyone else said. The only difference was the fact that I acknowledged that there is only one God whose son is Jesus Christ.

Two years ago, I met a very special person who showed me that my acknowledgements were not going to get me into heaven. I began to read the Bible and I discovered that my good works would not get me there either. I finally began to understand what the Bible was saying. Only sinless people can pass through the gates of heaven. Now that's a problem. Everyone has sinned and come short of the glory of God. No matter how hard one tries to avoid it, he/she is doomed to fall into sin. Even if one is very careful in the manner that he/she acts that won't cut it as the smallest evil thought is considered a sin. Now, Jesus is the only sinless man who ever lived and He gave up his sinless life so all who believe in him may have eternal life. If we accept Jesus into our hearts and truly believe that his blood covers up our sins in the presence of God, God will then view us as sinless and He will accept us into heaven. The emphasis is accepting Jesus into your heart. You must desire in your heart to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, you must have a life-style that ensures that you will glorify God in all you do. When you commit the smallest sin, you will feel devastated deep down inside and you will earnestly strive to do better. You will have a RELATIONSHIP with God and you will find satisfaction in all God has given you.

I am truly grateful that I know what being a Christian really means and now when I tell people that I am a Christian — I really mean what I say!

Katherine Black

lus package and the squeaking by of his deficit-reduction plan led many to wonder if the democratic Congress would be a help or a hindrance.

As time went on, however, you saw less of a clumsy country bumpkin, and more of a sophisticated politician willing to play the Washington-game to get the legislation he wanted.

He understood that he would have to match wits with political minds that had been around for a lot longer than he had and would have to use all the dirty tricks and political pressure that has made Washington D.C. famous.

For example, the battle over NAFTA showed him at the peak of his deal-making abilities, as he opened up the US Treasury to push the deal through. Many might think what he did was wrong, but he simply used the powers of his presidency to lead the nation. In other words, he did his job.

While many fights over economic issues are over, there still remain some of his most difficult fights ahead. His health care  
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# Thoughts on Lorena

**SCOTT MCKAY**  
*Cord Commentary*

The recent court proceedings and finale of the Lorena Bobbit trial has prompted me to question the justice system of the United States, and for that matter, the society of the entire Western World.

The not guilty by reason of insanity may be just. Obviously the people of the jury seem to think so. But I do have to question the validity of the verdict. Mrs. Bobbit and her lawyer revealed a time in her life which was a living hell. Living with an asshole that liked to have unwanted sex. A leech that bounced between jobs and provided little money if any to the household of which she was the primary supporter. The end result was the removal of Mr. Bobbit's penis by a less than surgical method that only the Galloping Gourmet could appreciate.

I certainly do not doubt the fact that she was indeed in a state where clear, rational thought was difficult if not impossible as a result of living with this hell. The fact that she held on to his kabosa till she was in the car and then whipped it out the window would suggest that her thought patterns were somewhat skewed. To me this would suggest that maybe she was trying to "get away" with the crime and hope it would go unnoticed if she could hide the evidence! Obviously her actions were not a product of rational thought.

What it comes down to is the fact that she did slice the boy. She does not deny this. She claims during her trial not to remember the chopping incident, but during his sexual assault trial she did seem to find that information useful, excuse me, I mean available.

He is not guilty either. After being questioned in a court of law the decision was that he did not sexually assault her. So actually, to revise her verdict as need be, she is "not guilty by reason of being insane for no reason at all". All we are left with then is the penis on the side of the road that she put there because she went crazy over something that did not happen. The "World's Police Force's" justice system contradicts itself in front of the whole world.

I believe that she was in a mental state that caused her to act without considering the outcome or the seriousness of her actions. However, I cannot help paralleling this to other crimes were a person acts without considering their actions. Imagine if you will, a man that loses his wife to another man, his job and his house all within two months. Feeling a little down and alone the wounds of fate are temporarily eased by the use of alcohol. He hops behind the wheel, not considering the possible outcome of his actions, and gets charged and convicted of impaired driving. A federal offense that not only provides him with a criminal record, but decreases his employability due to the lack of transportation. This man did not consider his actions either as a result of mental instability. And it was not even considered that he might not be guilty by reason of insanity. (True story)

We could take this a little farther. Hitler had syphilis which is known to cause insanity. Is he not guilty by reason of insanity? Mark Lapicene was put in a situation that he could no longer deal with so he acted out in a way that he thought would solve his problems. His actions go against everything so-

ciety pounded into his head, but he still did it. Obviously he was not working with a full deck either. Is he guilty? He pulled the trigger. Of course he is. No one would ever doubt this.

If some people are allowed to get away with violent crimes against other people, regardless of who they are or what they did, what does this say about our society. A double standard seems to shine through quite clearly. If a criminal can cause people's hearts to open to them because of some sob story, suddenly they are no longer a

criminal but just temporarily insane. "Oh, excuse me. I did not mean to stab you in the face, I was thinking about something that was bothering me. Forgive me please."

We hear our civil leaders talking about a fair justice system. A contradiction in terms I say. If a person cannot be responsible for their actions regardless of their mental state or what the syndrome of the day happens to be then how can that be fair and just for all? All our actions are a direct response of our mental activity. Who are we to say if they are rational or warranted?

## Is nothing sacred?

**TODD SIMPSON**  
*Cord Commentary*

A penis. It can be a wonderful thing. Sure, it has its ups and downs but be nice to it and it will always be nice to you. Abuse it and lose it. Just ask Lorena Bobbit. Here's a woman who definitely believes in attacking the root of her problems. This whole display of slice and dice gives a whole new meaning to the saying "reach out and touch someone" and, at the same time, begs the question "what is happening to society?" Just think, somewhere out there ex-Lorena Bobbit boyfriends are letting out a quiet, nervous sigh of relief with one hand firmly clutching their "willy", perhaps adding a stroke of reassurance.

Of course it's easy to blame Lorena but to be fair, although I can't help but feel that ol' John Wayne got the short end of the stick. We don't really know what kind of relationship these two had. John Wayne Bobbit could very well be a complete asshole. There is that "snake in the grass" feel to him and he does seem a bit reptilian.

Unfortunately, especially in Mr. Bobbit's case, men do not possess certain reptilian-like powers. You know, like the one where if you grab a reptile by the tail, it falls off and a new one grows back. It's a cool idea though isn't it? I mean if the boyfriend's being a jerk one swift tug and it

would be game over... at least for a little while. Or if he's going away on a holiday and you're worried he might cheat... but I digress.

Regardless of the circumstances, no man deserves the fate that has befallen Mr. Bobbit. True, men sometimes do think with their penis and not their brain. It's also true that some men only have a penis for a brain. Still, it's hard to condone Lorena's actions. She has said that she was simply striking out at the thing that brought her harm but is it not the man who is guilty and not the penis? When a person is shot do they go after the gun for revenge or the person doing the shooting? The gun is just an instrument which stands up for a cause. In Lorena's case a good swift kick in the pallini's would have been more than sufficient if Lorena had wanted to bring Mr. Bobbit down to size but oh no, Lorena chose to go for the Ginsu.

It will be interesting to see the outcome of this trial but a word of warning to the judge: acquitting Lorena "the slasher" Bobbit might set a dangerous precedent. Who knows, instead of packing mace your next date may be packing her Wilshire Stay Sharp. And you know what they say... give 'em an inch...

*Editor's note: Since the writing of this article, Lorena Bobbit has been acquitted of all the charges against her.*

## Clinton has fulfilled his promise to push for change

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package has only been barely debated, and foreign policy is now requiring more and more of his time. And not to add to his troubles, he now has an independent counsel trailing after him, trying to find the answers to the Whitewater scandal.

In retrospect, I think Clinton would be

happy with his first year in office. Despite some of the political defeats and embarrassments, he fulfilled his promise to push for change. Now that the easy part, thinking of change, is over, he must do the difficult part - make the change. Only then will he be able to create the vision of the United States that he and a majority of Americans share.

## Cord Feedback

*A selection of the last week's comments from the Cord Feedback booth in the Concourse every Thursday.*

From issue #19

Terry G: It's not easy being Green, but I'm sure it's harder writing that drivel.

*Brent McCombs*

Front page - it would be nice if we knew what these photos were of.

*Scott Starra*

Read Dave Tricker's presidential platform and had a chance to discuss them with Dave. He's a very solid candidate. Anxious to hear why Jim Lowe didn't consider him.

*Toby O'Hara*

Scott King - you don't like something that was written in the Cord? I thought that they had the right to offend everyone equally.

*Ryan Balzamo*

Samuel Morrison - I find you both insulting and disturbing. According to your standards I am going to hell. Tell ya what - I'll hold a seat for you.

*Scott MacGregor*

I hope that Samuel Morrison doesn't burn his feet too badly standing on that insolent fire and brimstone platform he so devoutly espouses. I like the replacement name for Bag O' Crime (being faculty, it took me a couple of weeks to get it!)

*Gord Wood*

I like the purple cover, as well as Sean Wilde's eloquent poetry.

*Hugh MacPhie*

Sean Wilde, can I be the president of your fan club? Oh ya... you owe me money.

*Matt Seguin*

I believe Bigioni's platform outlines his leadership, experience, and commitment, and not Jim Lowe's assumed elitist attitude.

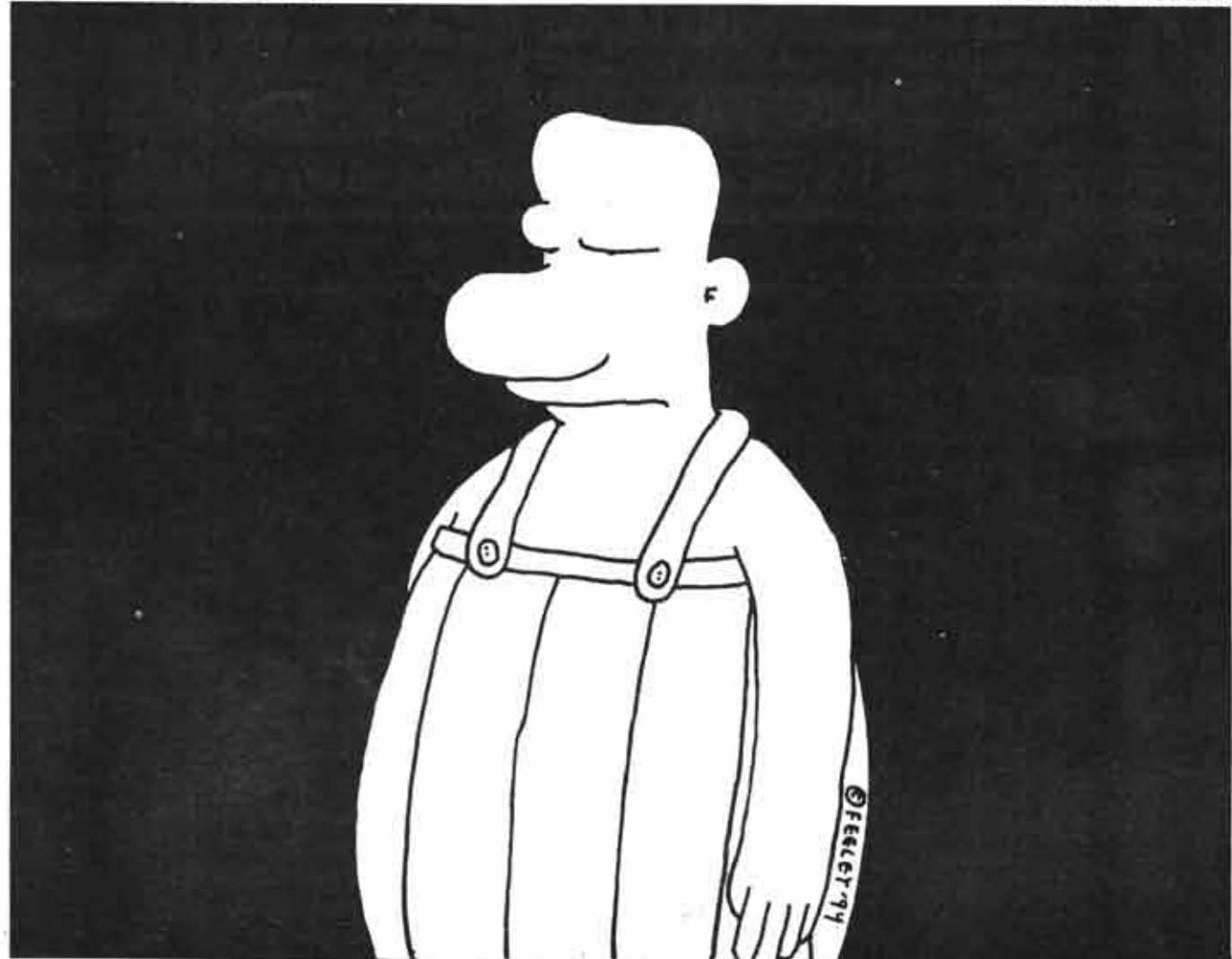
*Jennifer Marr*

Scott McCormick's a no-shit guy. He's got my vote.

*Gary Fast*

## CEREBELLA

BY RYAN FEELEY



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE, HE WAS BROKE AND ALONE. DISGRACED ROCKSTAR PETER TORK WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A LOT OF THINGS, BUT "FUN" WASN'T ONE OF THEM.

## WOMENWORDS

by members of the Women's Centre ♀

by BETH HAYDL

**Exhibit A:** On the back cover of Ms. magazine is a monthly photo section. It features advertisements, running in other publications, that are so blatantly sexist that they require no editorial comment.

This month, there are four ads on the page. Two of them are just plain mean and hateful towards women. Another one is scary - a picture of a woman with the internals of a fax machine plugged into her eyes, ears, and mouth. I don't think it's particularly sexist, it's just brutal and weird-looking. It'll probably win an award.

But my real problem is with the last ad. A woman is sitting, reading a book. Her dress is pulled off one shoulder. A man is standing behind her with his hand on her breast.

Call me crazy, but I don't find this ad offensive. It looks nice. He's not hurting her, she looks happy, he's just touching her gently - what's wrong with that? Why is that sexist?

I don't think it's right to use sexuality to sell stuff. I also don't think it's good to use love, pain, or pathos to make money. No form of human emotion should be commercialized. But almost all advertising is exploitative. It's the capitalist system.

Plenty of ads genuinely exploit women's sexuality to sell beer or cars to men. But not every ad with a woman in it is sexist. And not every ad with sex in it is

sexist. Feel free to argue this point amongst yourselves.

**Exhibit B:** I stayed up late one night to watch that "Too Much For Much" show on MuchMusic. Yes, obviously I have no life. Anyway, they have those slidy things and when the audience members see something offensive in a video, they push the button up. At the end you see a graph showing what specific images the audience was generally disturbed by.

In every video, no matter what, whenever a woman was shown on screen, whether she was dancing, singing, smoking a joint, whatever, the graph went up. That's scary. People are no longer making a distinction between hateful images of women and positive ones. They're just offended when they see women. I call that sexist.

**Exhibit C:** The common definition of pornography used by anti-porn feminists includes the concept of degrading depictions of women. Mainstream girly mags that display pictures of women having sex with each other are often placed in this category.

Now, if the women aren't hurting each other, just making each other feel good, why is it degrading? Is it because it's in the context of a "men's" magazine? Well, men can buy On Our Backs (lesbian sex magazine) and whack off with that just as easily as with Hustler. Is it because the women have bad hair and tan lines and too much makeup? Hmm.

**Summation:** Sexism is disgusting. Naked, sexy women are not. Learn to see the difference.

## FISH

BY SAMUEL MORRISON

A Christian Perspective

All religions believe that they are the most true. All believe that they point most clearly the way to God or to some other ultimate reality.

However, because religious claims conflict, all claims cannot be accepted as true. For instance, the Koran places Christ in a lower ring of heaven than their own prophet. While Muslims do not believe that Christ is God, Christians cannot believe otherwise. Which view is true?

Perhaps Christ is an incarnation of God, but not God himself. Hinduism believes that Christ is a divine incarnation, but does not accept that Christ is the complete deity of God embodied. Instead, Christ is only one of many incarnations. Who is right?

In addition, Hinduism is a pantheistic religion; it believes that all things everywhere are God. Judaism, Christianity and Islam are not pantheistic religions. Instead, they believe in a Creator separate and not inhabiting the essence of the material world. Clearly, they cannot both be correct. God cannot exist and not exist simultaneously in the very substance of life and being. Which view is true?

Furthermore, Jewish peoples reject that Christ is God and their long-awaited Messiah. Again, either Christ is God or he is not. Both cannot be true. Are the Jews correct?

The truth of all religious claims are evaluated upon the deity of Christ. If Christ is not God, then perhaps another religion holds a more accurate view than Christian-

ty's.

Perhaps Christ is only a moral teacher as the Jews believe. Perhaps Christ is only a social revolutionary, or perhaps a madman. Actually, any alternative explanation of Christ matters little after his claim of divinity is abandoned.

Rejecting all other religions and accepting only Christianity as the most true is not closed mindedness. Indeed, since Christ died for all mankind everywhere, all men have equal opportunity to attain salvation. Men everywhere should rejoice and thank God that a way to heaven exists.

Since Christ is indeed the God of his claims, the way to heaven lays exactly and only as he claimed. According to Christ, a person enters heaven only if their sins are forgiven. Forgiveness comes only when accepting that Christ died to forgive men their sins. Either Christ is God or is not. There is no middle-ground.

People who claim that one should be objective in their acceptance of all religions, do not understand the necessary contradiction in their claim. Even when religions oppose each other on the nature of God, objectivity implies that both views are accurate, but opposing views are contradictory and therefore cannot be given equal credence.

Also, God decides how his created world is to join in fellowship with him. God makes the rules; he is not obliged to accept all of man's invented religions no matter how advanced. Therefore, the complexity of other religions matters little because God has already outlined the correct way to obtain salvation through the blood-sacrifice of Christ.

Now answer the question: Who is this man Jesus? How you answer does indeed matter.

# An agnostic perspective

JASON GILMORE  
Cord Commentary

I've conga'ed with the Christians, jived with the Jews, do-wopped with the Taoists, be-hopped with the Buddhists and I've mamba'ed with the mystics. Yup, that's me. What am I rambling on about, you ask? I've decided to offer Cord readers a fresh and constructive view of living religiously in the world of today. You aren't going to get any dogma or preaching from me, and I will never focus on any one religion in a negative manner. All the religions I listed above are some of the religions I truly respect and admire, but I don't wholly embrace any of them. Am I 'indifferent' (as another writer may claim)? I don't think so. It's more like I'm aware of the basics that they all talk about. What's this? Common bonds between many of humanities' religions?! Yep. If you decide to keep on reading, I'm going to talk about common problems from different religious perspectives. While I won't be nitty-gritty accurate, I hope I can represent each view fairly. Remember, I am not here to bash but to explain.

Today I would like to talk about the age old problem called "human suffering". Maybe you have experienced it sometime. (Yes, that's sarcasm; lighten up!) What's it all about, and how can we get rid of it? I've come to understand that the Judeo-Christian

perspective claims that suffering began when Eve took that serpent's bad advice and bit into that apple. Egads, we're naked! Worse than that, there is good and evil, a world of opposites! Losing favour with God, we are all doomed to suffer. The basic remedy is to accept God and his mysterious ways if you follow Judaism, or to accept that Christ as your saviour if you are a Christian. 'Bridging the gap' that we have created reunites us with eternity and suffering melts away.

The Buddhists also talk a great deal about suffering. The main cause is said to be fixations with worldly objects. When we lose something that we thought was ours, we feel an emptiness. This is a vicious cycle of repetition. Only by following the Eightfold Path towards Nirvana can we be free from suffering, said Guatama Buddha. What this basically involves is renouncing these fixations and instead enjoy the peace that results. Only then are we free from suffering.

Taoism and mysticism also talk about suffering, and they reflect common views held by followers of the religions mentioned above. Taoism isn't a religion per se, but rather just a description of how to live a fulfilling human life (not that religions don't talk about this). Suffering occurs when you lose your connection with the natural flow of things and instead become fixated or obsessed with objects and possessions. To

relieve suffering, you need to understand that objects can be used, but also must be released. Making use of what you do not have brings you closer to being fully human. Mysticism is found in many religions, but can also stand on its own. Suffering is a result of losing or forgetting our connection with the One (which differs from religion to religion). Finding out the proper way to reconnect causes our suffering to fade away. The traditional path for humanist mystics (for example) is to realize that although we are individuals, there is a common bond, a transcendental Self that unites us all.

So what am I trying to tell you here? First of all, it seems to me that different

religions are largely 'prescriptions' (don't read too much into this word) for how we can deal with problems that everyone faces. Secondly, each person should be free to decide which religion (or non-religion) helps them deal with everyday living the best. Thirdly, there is no room for fundamentalism. To say that your religion is the right one for everyone, other religions are wrong, or by not converting, something bad will happen is simply wrong to claim. It reeks of dogma and supremacist thinking. What I have shown above is that no one religion is better than any other; just different in its approach to life. If this isn't obvious, I hope you are just misinterpreting your doctrine.

## Dudes for Thought

RAHUL RAJ AND  
HUGH MacPHIE  
Cord Commentary

If you were a green wall in the cord office you would witness utter boredom as student writers ride the roller coaster of real world emotions in order to invoke totally opposite emotions in you.

Speech kills thought, as words can never do justice to your thoughts.

What does it take to make a person famous?

1/4 cup of luck  
1/4 cup of ravishing beauty  
1/4 cup of the ability to bullshit  
1/4 cup of regret

If North America was to have a wall of democracy just as Berlin had the Berlin wall, what exactly would it consist of?

What if 51% of the population thought that building this wall was absolutely ridiculous, would it still be built? It doesn't matter, it would be built anyways and that

my friend is democracy.

How easy would it be to fool the entire human race?

What if I were to convince all members of the KKK that their vision was actually a negation, and therefore in the eyes of higher beings whose sight was unblemished, they were actually dark skinned. Would they go around lynching themselves?

Does society consider Einstein a genius simply because no one could understand what the hell he was talking about?

Everyone accl at something, and thus sometimes they are considered experts because of their abilities. The problem arises because it is extremely difficult to determine what exactly you accl at. Hopefully it won't take an expert to tell you what you are good at, because that could take a very long time, and then you would be fucked.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST:** One bald headed boyfriend. I don't want him back please keep him. Answers to the names Barbie, dimples, asshole, cock sucker, finigan's friend, hammer and peniwieni.

**PERSONALS**

Vote Commitment. I was at Monday's Open Forum. Find out who wasn't. Vote **Craig Moffatt** for WLU SU BOD.

All those wanting to become a member of the mile high club Call Doug.

2 B Announced starring Surfin' Irv is playing at Wilf's Feb. 19th starting at 9:00 p.m. They are opening

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Grad Class General Meeting Feb. 8 5:30 p.m. Room P1025

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Jello: Movie, skating, & chocolate this weekend?

Love James

Dug, Hope you were pleasantly surprised! Remember Sweetie, nothing is impossible. xoxo M.

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