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THIS ISSUE

Love that colour cover. If nothing else, this week's Cord is sure bright and sunny. Like the weather. Ugh. Cheese. By the way, come up to the offices and visit our new fish, Montgomery and Waylon. They narrowly avoided a brush with the innards of the regurgitator. Whew. One minute they're sushi, the next they're mascots.

news



Lots o' student-oriented articles this week. Starting off, the Student Union Building is running right on schedule, sort of. They promise to have Will's up and pouring by September. Fuck you ICE. This was scrawled on the walls of the Dow Student Centre in the Peters Building.

opinion

Sloan's still tugging at those heartstrings, and Pete Robinson gets a big wet and sloppy one for this green, festive season. Not only a great kisser, Robinson also wrote an excellent editorial this week dealing with our gutsy MP, Svend Robinson (no relation).



feature



It's good for the soul. This week's feature is about doing something good for your community. Those opportunities include the Humane Society, Junior Achievers, or just simply getting lucky. Check out the bed-head on Sloan. But boy, that niece is cute.

sports

Not a whole lot of varsity sports left to write about. Still Robinson covers the CIAU hockey finals and TAMIAE playoffs are underway. Scott Cullen previews March Madness, with a rundown of some of the players to watch for. Stinson does Oliver Stone.



entertainment



Sex. What is it good for? Laurier's fashion show. With an awesome turnout, fashion show members put on a fantastic performance, bordering on professional, even down to the MC's, who reminded everyone of the wisters each year at the Academy Awards.

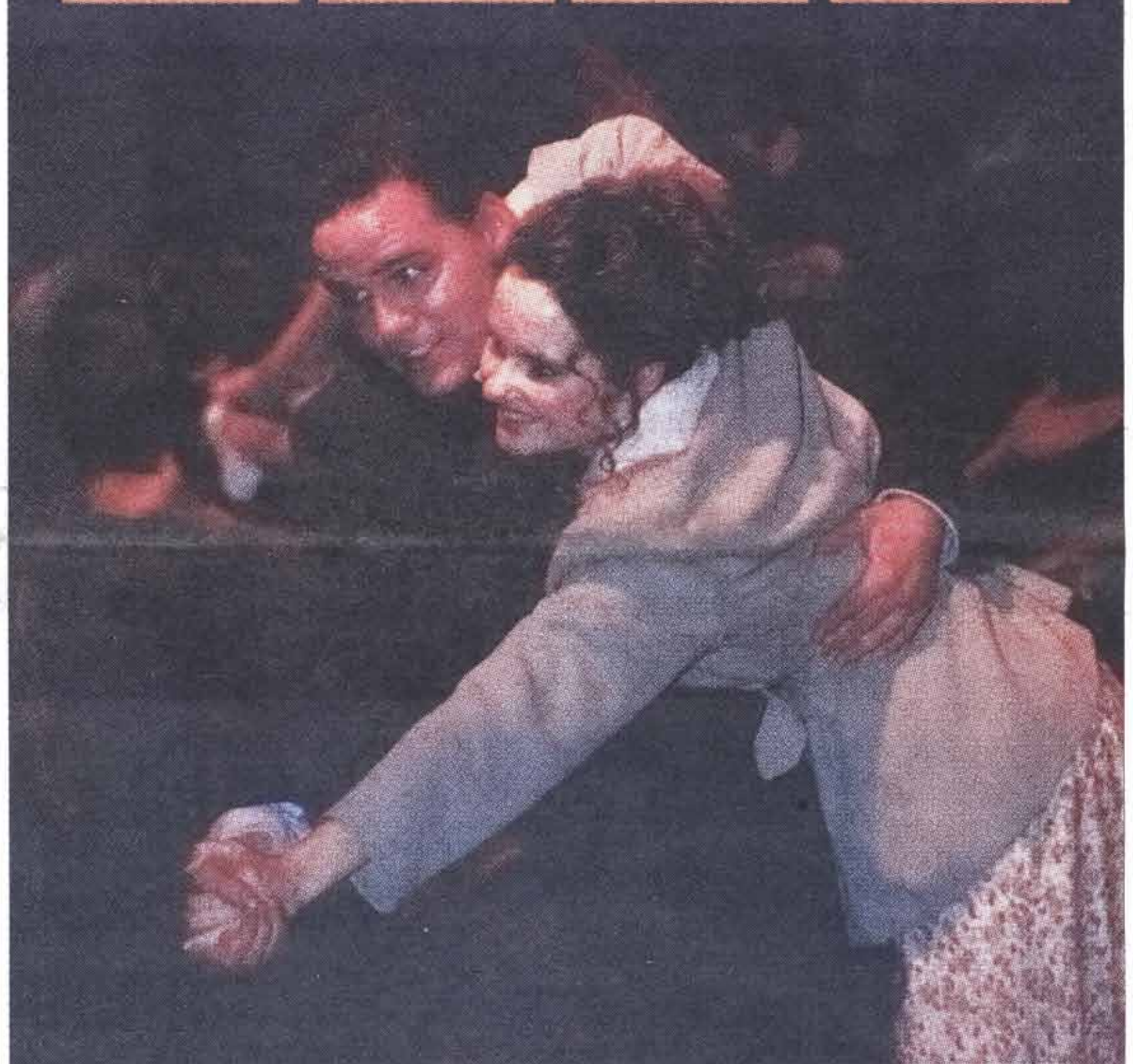
two cents worth

Only two more Cords after this one. And guess what? They have more crazy colour. Just to clarify, I know colour is cool and all, but we can only run it when a generous beer company buys a full colour ad on our back cover. Long live Labatts.



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MELANIE SEAL CORD ENTERTAINMENT

The world needs more sex in it, as often Laurier can get uptight about the pressures of school, and entering the real world. "Paths of Rhythm", Laurier's annual fashion show, was like a long awaited orgasm after enduring years of celibacy.

From the onset, the music was loud, energetic, and the opening segment was filled with quick moving choreography. Dancers were gyrating, grinding and pumping to the beat, to show the audience what was to come. The audience was more than receptive, and cheered, hooted and hollered the whole night. They couldn't get enough.

It seems odd that with such a vibrant and alive cast, and moves that had clearly taken a great deal of time to choreograph, the producers would elect to have Masters of Ceremonies that were so nervous, inanimate and clearly reading line by line. There was a great deal of cheese in these lines as well, and no attempt at delivery.

Local designer Lisa De Marte had the first scene, and boy, those clothes were unique. There were men dressed as women, lots and lots of skin, one dress that looked like a soup can (which was later pathetically referred to as 'tasty'-ugh!) and another model who was dressed in the latest from the blacksmith's shop.

One dress seemed to be made out of tin foil with little red pom poms around it, seemingly stolen from the windows of a seventies taxi cab. One audience member said after this scene, "the world needs more macrame dresses." Laurier was loosening up.

The "grunge-slash-wear-whatever-you-want" theme continued with clothes from Eye In the Sky.

The audience got even more into it, and the room clearly raised a few notches in temperature. Not to worry though, the MCs were effective in keeping the room from exploding, as they cooled it down with their horrible comments.

"Throb" was the song for the next

scene, with a wonderfully vocal Janet Jackson. A row of women in "nineties" wear gyrated in time, and all wore comfy boots.

The lingerie scene was filled with even greater amounts of body gyrating to the tune of "Sexy Noises". The men were on their knees, and moved up to slowly and sensually disrobe the female models. The threesome was an implicit message of the show, and this scene was no exception.

At the break, the audience was buzzing with excitement, and many were saying how they enjoyed the show, but that the commentary was taking away from it. Dave Thom, a visiting student from the U.S. said, "More fruit should be thrown at the MCs." Most however, were very impressed with the choreography. "The dancing is incredible," said another Laurier student.

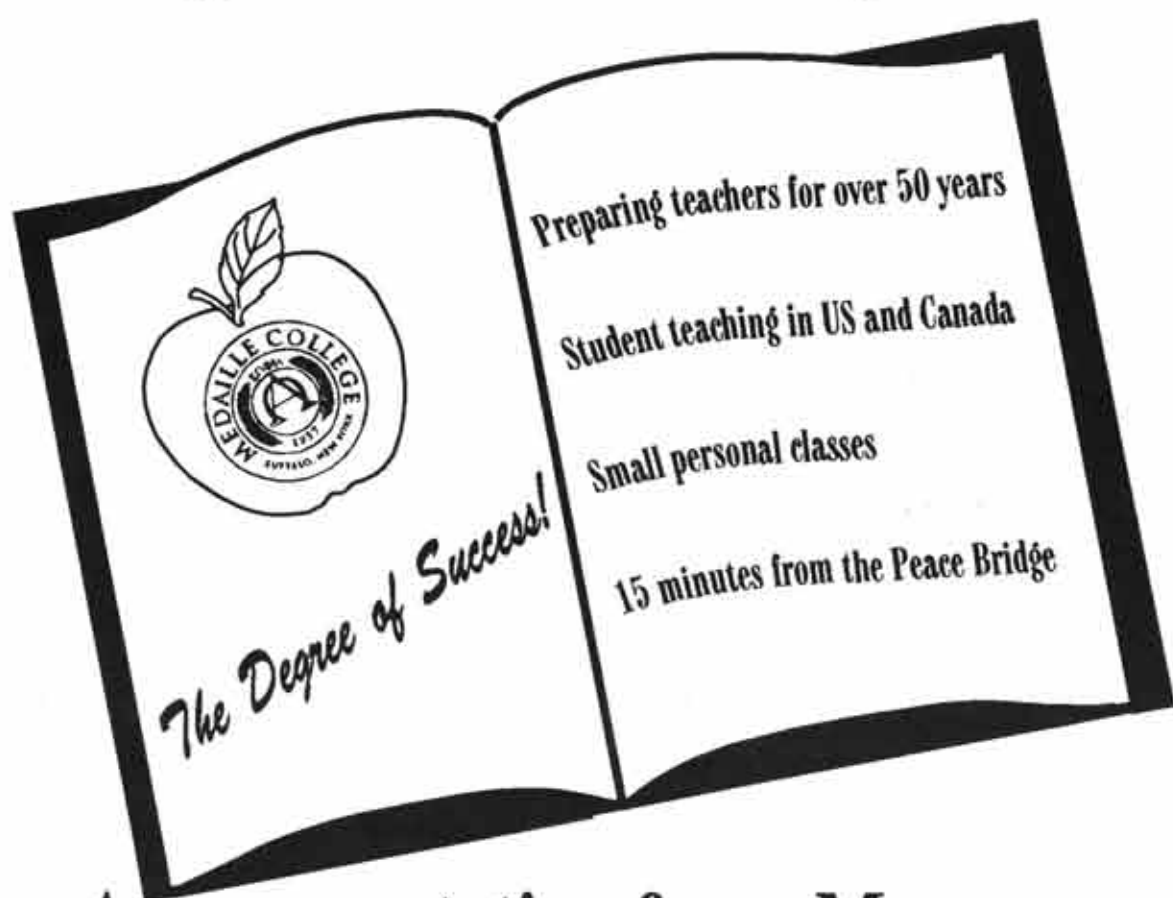
The second half was filled with as much sex as the first, and another memorable MC moment was the reference to the models as being, "less than pure".

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PICTURE SCOTT MCKAY

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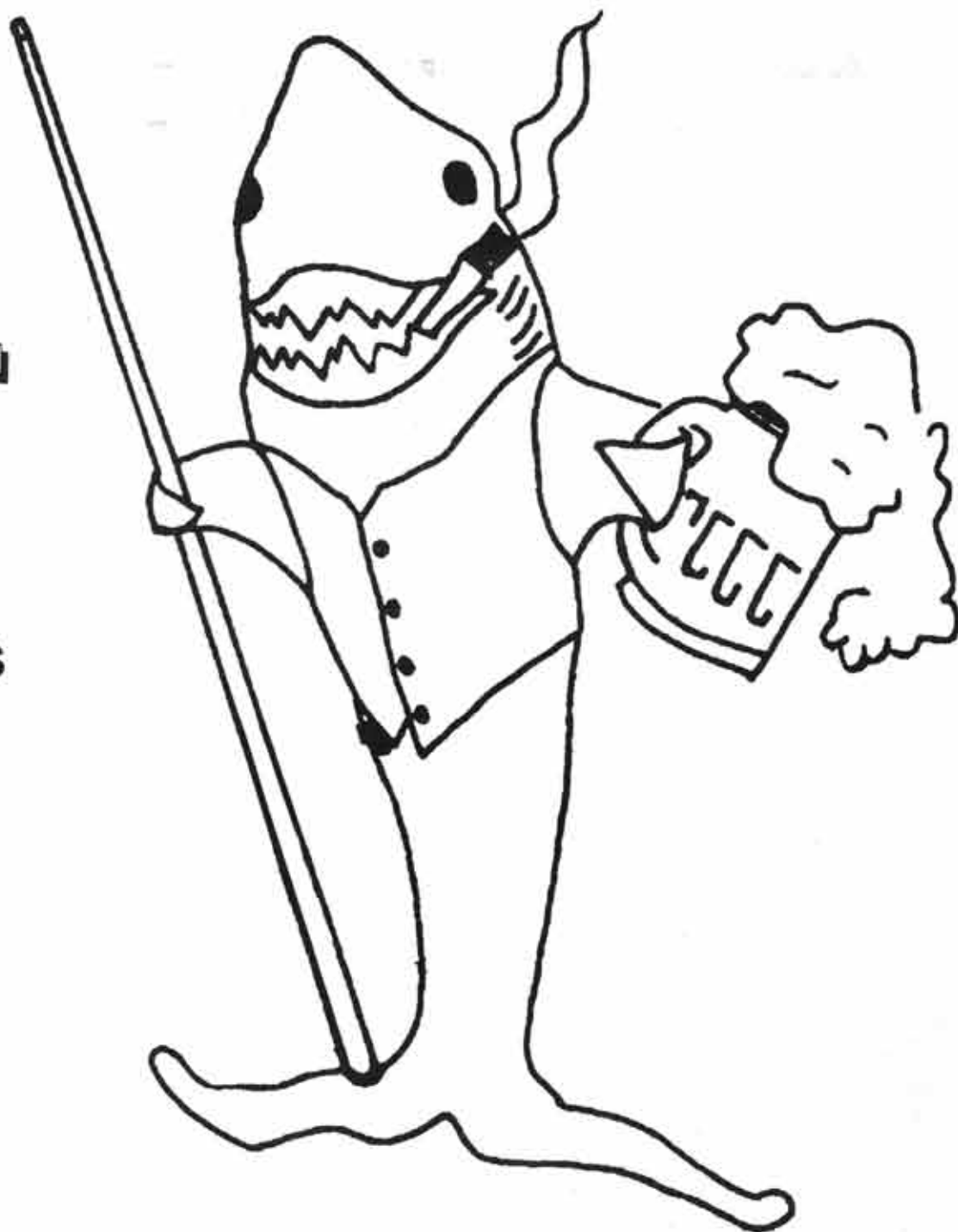
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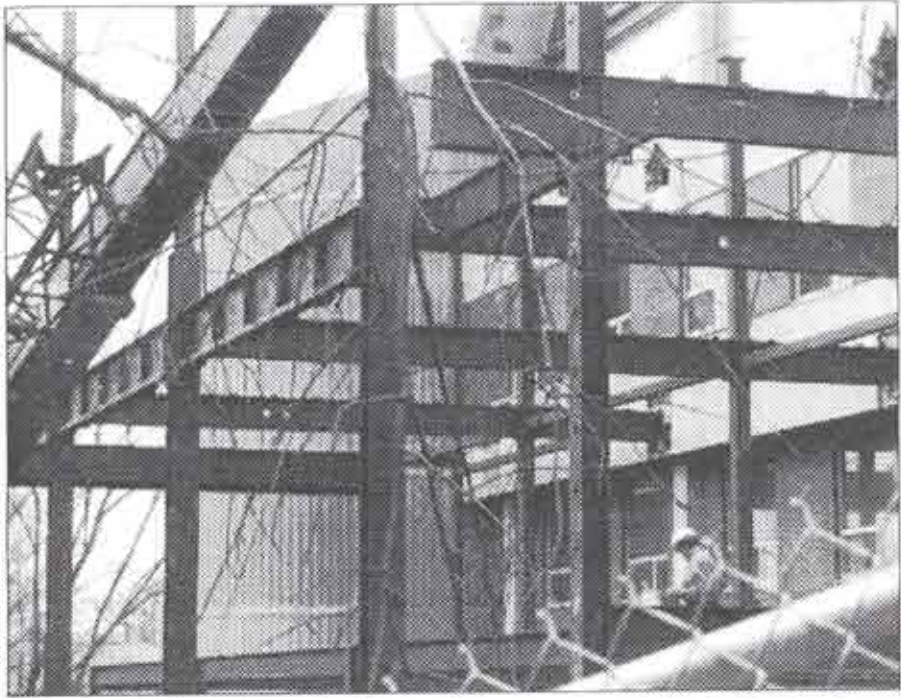
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New SUB: The money pit



PICTURE MARION HENSEL

Holy Lincoln Logs Batman! The steel superstructure for the Student Union Building expansion seemed to go up overnight.

TOM HRUBES
CORD NEWS

The new Student Union Building scheduled to open in September has already run over its initial budget.

A problem that Students' Union Business Operations Manager Tim Hranka has said is "no one's fault. It's just the harsh realities of life."

According to the newest budget released by the Students' Union, the building is \$356,900 in the red. Robb Hadley, Chair of Finance and Building, says the cost overruns are 80% due to "mechanical costs."

These costs include things such as installing electricity, firehoses, heating and plumbing systems. "We thought we could tie into existing

systems," explained Hadley. "It could have gone either way and it didn't go our way."

Instead, many of the systems will have to be replaced or substantially upgraded. Hranka reinforced this idea

"What they [the contractors] thought we could do wasn't possible as they started to expose things," said Hranka.

Hranka went on to point out one such example "We need a firewater pump...according to building codes there must be a source within a certain distance, we thought we could tie into existing systems. [Instead] we must spend \$50,000 on extra capacity."

Along with the existing expansion plans another addition will be constructed on the south side of the building. It will consist of upgrading the loading docks and providing more space for the food preparation areas of the food court.

This is intended to create more space in the seating area at the front of the building. The \$200,000 that the expansion will add to the building is being provided by the university. Half in the form of an outright grant and the other half in the form of a 10 year interest free loan.

Another \$13,500 increase in the budget comes solely from the increase in architectural fees. These fees have increased because they are calculated as a fixed percentage of the budget.

The final category is called "Other Design Costs". According to Hadley the \$35,000 in this category has "already been paid for" and is just an "accounting expense". "We spent \$8,000 on architectural drawings 3 years ago and another \$25,000 on them this year for the referendum."

Currently, Hranka is setting up an action plan that will be composed of one member of last year's Board of Directors, one of this year's Board, as well a staff member.

Their mission? To look into things such as "leasing rather than buying point of sale equipment" according to Hadley. "The committee will research on spending and go back to the university to get another loan." Other options include an alumni funding drive, although Jay Wadden, V.P. of Finance says any money received from such a drive would be "just gravy."

He goes on to say that "[we are] trying to do finances without donations."

Another possibility is getting donations to name the building.

Dean Nichols, who will be retiring soon.

The Students' Union will turn a profit "in excess of \$120,000 for this year" which will be reinvested in the building according to Wadden. He also goes on to point out that "we [the union] have substantial investments."

The actual construction of the building has fallen behind schedule due to problems getting the steel necessary for the buildings superstructure. Hadley expects the building's superstructure "will be up by the end of the week. By the end of the week we'll be right on schedule."

Hranka agrees that "we're not that far behind." Hadley points out that "the second addition will expand the seating area and benefit students. The building is being constructed for easy future expansion."

As for the delays in construction Hadley is, "still very confident in getting the project done for September." Josef Kunstman, the Site Superintendent

for Buttcon Ltd (the contractors building the expansion) agrees with Hadley saying "the building must be done by September. We'll work day and night if we have to."



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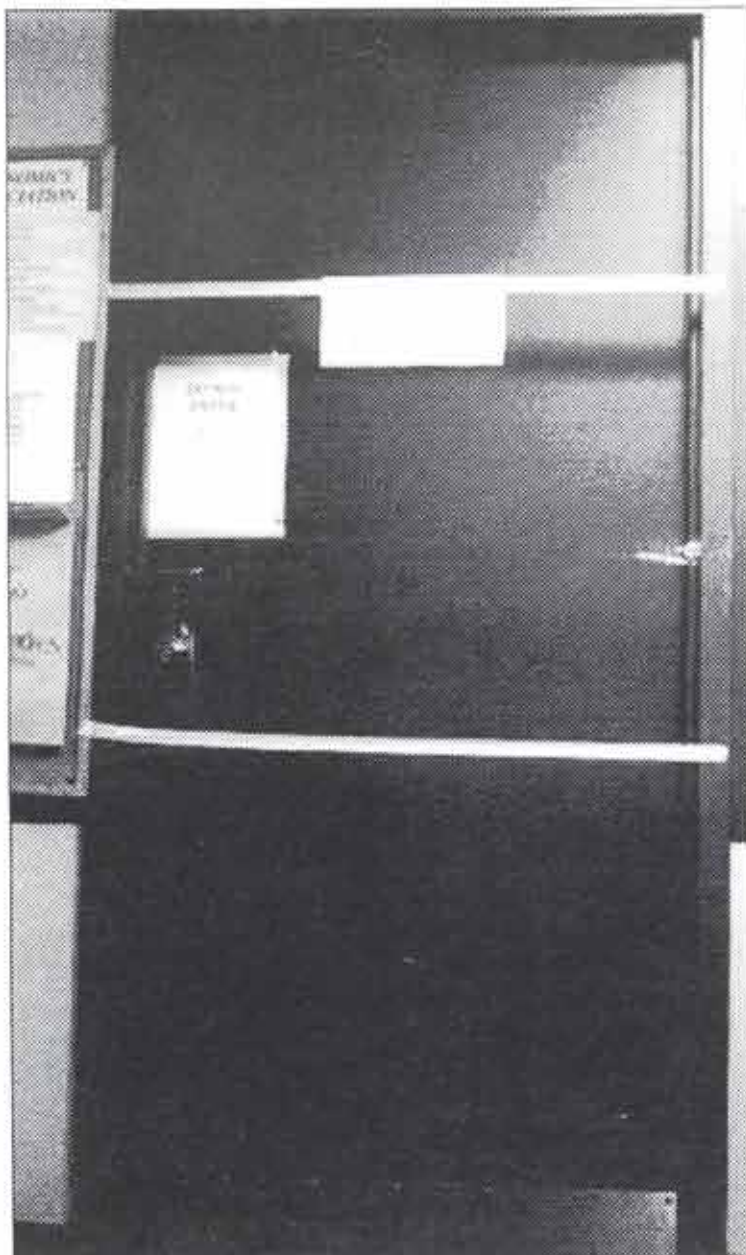
With the start of spring weather, construction teams have been able to switch into high gear to make up for lost time.

"Naming the building is up in the air," Hadley says, "it's in discussion not decision, to say anything would be premature." One name mentioned at the last Students' Union Board of Directors meeting was

for Buttcon Ltd (the contractors building the expansion) agrees with Hadley saying "the building must be done by September. We'll work day and night if we have to."

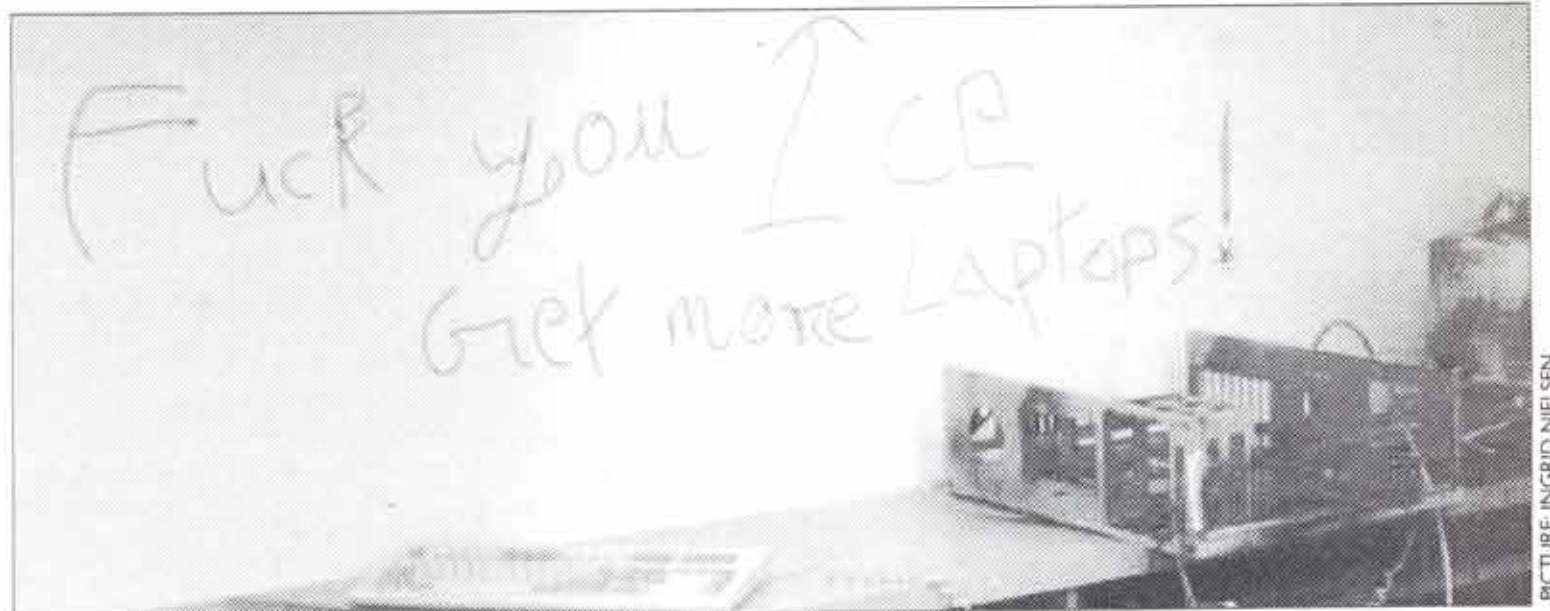
All steamed over I.C.E.

SBE's DOW Student Centre pillaged and plundered



PICTURE KELI WATSON

"Whoever did it had the code to the (keypad on the) door" said Russ Colasco, Chair of the SBE Student Clubs Alliance.



PICTURE INGRID NIELSEN

At bottom right, a gutted computer bears witness to the fact that the vandals weren't just there to register a complaint with the Business TAs. At least they managed not to misspell anything.

SCOTT STINSON
CORD NEWS

Sometime last Saturday night, the DOW Student Centre, the room that SBE Student Clubs uses as its office, was severely vandalized by persons unknown.

Russ Colasco, Chair of Alliance, the governing body of SBE Student Clubs, discovered the scene at around 10:30 Sunday morning.

"One computer was flipped over and spray painted, the other one was completely gutted, with what was remaining inside also spray painted. One monitor was missing and the other was wrecked. There was also spray paint on the carpet and walls."

Colasco estimates that the replacement cost of everything that was damaged will approach \$8000.

Of particular interest was the message the vandals left behind. Written on the wall in black permanent marker were the lines "Fuck you ICE" and "Get more laptops." The fact that the vandalism comes on the heels of Integrated Case Exercise (ICE) week in the SBE is probably not a coincidence.

As for the identity of the vandals, the matter is still under investigation by WLU Security. However, neither Security or the SBE is considering it a theft or break-in.

Peter Jorg, Manager of WLU Security Services, confirms that "There

is no sign of forced entry."

Colasco concurs, noting that, "whoever did it had the code to the [keypad on the] door."

Also a little fuzzy is the purpose of the attack. The DOW Centre, aside from the two computers, also houses a \$2000 laser printer. That printer was untouched.

As Colasco puts it, "If you're going to steal something, why wouldn't you steal the most valuable component?" As it was, the perpetrators made off with the innards of an old 486 processor, a monitor, and a mouse pad.

The DOW Student Centre will remain closed until Monday, March 20th.

University funding: State of the Union

STEVE DOAK

CORD NEWS COMMENTARY

Am I going to be paying twice as much for my education next year or the year after?

It's a fair question to be asking right now, even if you do take all of the rhetoric being passed around by university administrators and government bureaucrats with the mandatory grain of salt. To hear some of them talk, you would think that Post-Secondary Education (PSE) in Ontario is currently facing a threat of apocalyptic proportions.

Fortunately, most of the headlines are empty; the typical pleas for attention of pessimistic doomsayers. They are all part of the mindless political games of people in power.

The players include Ontario universities, consisting of the students, professors, staff, and administrators of the province's twenty-odd campuses.

Beyond these are the governments: Queen's Park and the recently renovated Superministry of Education and Training, who are constitutionally responsible for edu-

cation, and the federal government, which has traditionally chipped in a few billion per year for PSE.

The final significant constituency are the kids: those who will be inheriting this mess years after current students have moved off to the greener pastures of adult life and OSAP payments. But these kids are too young to vote, to pay taxes, or to raise much of a fuss, which renders them virtually worthless by the standards of governments (that's why it's so easy to build up the debt to pass on to them).

The governments, of course, have the great responsibility for corking the forks of millions of people so we don't stab ourselves or anyone else. And the guiding principle of government behaviour: manipulate public opinion to suit your needs whenever possible; cater to it the rest of the time.

This technique is what the Federal Liberals are so good at, and what the Ontario NDP cannot seem to master. Regardless, they will all tell you this is simply responsive gov-

ernment, hoping no one notices the correlation between government action (or the lack thereof) and voting patterns at election time.

Case in point: the NDP will have to devote unreasonable amounts of public resources to boosting their approval rating if they want a shot at re-election, or even just to avoid the fate currently facing the national NDP. They would have to spend millions on ad campaigns to tell voters how well their government is doing, with slogans like "Smile Ontario" or "Ontario Works."

In a world where politics are little more than economics, the debate between the federal and provincial governments has focused around PSE funding, and the questions of how much each partner has been contributing and how much they ought to be contributing.

This is complicated on the one side by the division of the feds' contribution between cash transfers and fiddling with the tax system, and on the other side by the complex distrib-

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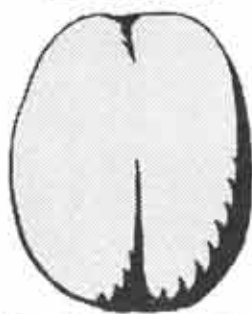
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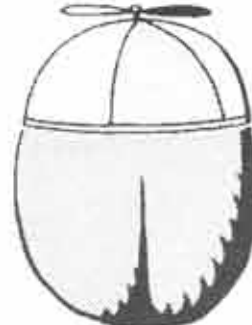
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Vehicle Fire

0830 Hrs Tue 07 Mar 95

The Fire Department responded to a report of a vehicle fire at Seagram Stadium Parking lot. The fire was extinguished. The vehicle was towed away at the owner's request.

Cause Disturbance (Fighting)

0238 Hrs Tue 07 Mar 95

While on patrol, officers observed two WLU students who appeared to be fighting and kicking at the bus shelter on King St. They were spoken

to and sent on their way. No damage was done to the bus shelter.

Cause Disturbance (Shouting & Swearing)

0125 Hrs Thu 09 Mar 95

Officers were advised that an occupant of Little House was shouting and swearing at an individual who was passing by. The resident, who was intoxicated, was spoken to but continued the barrage. The matter will be dealt with by the Dean's Advisory Council.

ATM Alarm Response

1240 Hrs Fri 10 Mar 95

Officers responded to an alarm from the ATM machine in the Student Union Building. Everything was found to be in order. No further action was necessary.

Intoxicated In A Public Place

2225 Hrs Fri 10 Mar 95

A non-University affiliated female was observed in an intoxicated state in the parking lot at 202 Regina. When officers arrived she was hanging onto a hydro pole to support herself. She was transported to a friend's residence nearby.

Disturbance

0100 Hrs Sat 11 Mar 95

One individual was charged under the Trespass to Property Act and two others were issued trespass warnings after a disturbance outside Wilf's.

Trespass And Intoxicated In A Public Place

One of the individuals who had been involved in a previous occurrence outside Wilf's returned to the Security Office and began to shout and swear. He was advised several times to leave but refused and continued his behaviour. He was charged for trespassing and being intoxicated and transported to the Detox Centre.

Theft Under \$5000 And Mischief

Sun 12 Mar 95

Sometime Saturday night, Mar 11/95 person(s) unknown entered P3117A (Dow Student Centre) in the Peters Building and removed a colour monitor, internal parts of a computer, a keyboard and five discs. The culprit(s) also used spray paint to deface equipment and wrote words on the wall telling "Integrated Case" people to get more laptops along with some vulgarities.

Anyone having any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the WLU Security Office.

Laurier Lectures Science Building Series

Department of Psychology
Wednesday, March 22, 1995

Dr. Bryan Kolb

Reconstructing the Broken Brain: Changes in Brain and Behavior After Cortical Injury

Department of Biology
Monday, March 27, 1995

Dr. George Barron

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Department of Physics and Computing
Tuesday, March 28, 1995

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ROB GLOVER
CORD NEWS

The Science Endowment Fund is now a reality.

Last February 16th, a referendum for science students, asking them whether or not they wanted the fund, easily passed with over 76 percent voting in favour. Almost 200 full- and part-time students voted, well over the quorum needed, in order to make the vote binding.

Starting next September, a levy will be placed on all science students. Full time students will be levied \$50, and part time students \$25.

The committee that was struck to design and implement the Fund referendum question is now in the midst of designing a constitution and

guidelines to administer the Fund, expected to be in the neighborhood of about \$100,000.

Like its Business counterpart PRISM, the Science students will be able to opt-out of the Fund, and will have to make a request to the Fund co-ordinators to do so.

To help guide them, the committee will be examining the PRISM constitution, after which the Endowment Fund was modeled. As well, they will be looking at the guidelines of a similar science fund run by students at the University of Waterloo.

The current committee, with one representative from each of the departments of Physics and Computing, Chemistry, Psychology, and Biology, as well as a Students'

Union rep and an advisor from the development office, will be leaving in April when their term expires, but work on the constitution is expected to take most of the summer to complete.

The Science Endowment Fund is the brainchild of Rob Carew, a senior physics and computing student frustrated by the chronic underfunding of his program, and WLU Development Officer Mark Rittinger, who was investigating different methods of funding the various science departments.

Enrollment in the sciences has doubled since 1989, but funding for them has not kept pace. With an ironclad agreement from Administration that funding for the sciences will not be slashed because of the Fund, the Fund itself should make up for some of the shortfall.

The primary goal of the Fund is

to update and replace existing equipment, as well as provide new equipment. The need for equipment was highlighted by Debbie Herrington, a committee member and the Chemistry rep, in a previous interview: "Right now, we're looking at a problem for next year. We have 90 students that need a particular course and we don't have the equipment to accommodate that many people."

But, equipment isn't envisioned as the only reason for the Science Endowment Fund. Sean Taylor, a Biology student and one of the people working on developing the Fund, had a different, though distant, goal in mind.

Taylor believed that "we should look beyond equipment. There's nothing to prevent a science council (the administrators of the Fund) from designating this for teaching

resources. I'm thinking somewhere along the lines of if we get enough computer equipment, why couldn't we do something like multimedia, or getting into uplinks with other campuses."

"Every student complains that the course they pick in the student calendar isn't being offered. If we can get piped into other campuses, we can get some of the courses not offered here, and there's significant cost savings there."

Science Endowment Fund Referendum Results

Quorum: 126 needed
Total Votes: 196

Yes: 139
No: 51
Spoiled: 6
% in favour: 76.15

'S Up Around Campus: How to blow off time

Wednesday, March 15

•Habitat for Humanity event at the Turret.

Thursday, March 16

- Debating Society debates against Alumni on tuition increases, in N1044 (Science Building), 7 p.m.
- Dr. M.D. Bryant and Dr. J. Badawi speak on Jesus in Christianity and Islam. 8 p.m. Room DC 1351 U of W.
- Blackwater Trio at Wilf's.

Friday, March 17

- WLU Open House. 9 a.m. Athletic Complex. For more info call 884-0710 ext 3100.
- Jimi Avon at Wilf's during the day.
- Blackwater Trio at Wilf's in the evening.
- Concert: WLU Baroque Ensemble 8 p.m. Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. Free admission for Laurier Students.

Saturday, March 18

- Concert: WLU Jazz Ensemble. 8 p.m. Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. Free admission for Laurier students.
- Mike Woods at Wilf's.

Sunday, March 19

- "The New Play Festival"; three one-act student plays. 2 p.m. TA. Free admission.
- Concert: WLU Symphony Orchestra. 3 p.m. Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. Free admission for Laurier students.

Monday, March 20

- Anthropology Club exotic food night and guest speaker. For more info call Jennifer West at 725-4720.
- Art exhibition by WLU faculty, students and staff in the Robert Langen Gallery until April 1.
- Faculty of Music Graduation Recital 8 p.m. Maureen Forrester Recital Hall.

Tuesday, March 21

- Music Therapy Students' Association holds election of executive.
- Music at Noon. Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. Free admission.

Wednesday, March 22

- Laurier Christian Fellowship meets in the Turret, 5:30 p.m.
- Debating Society general meeting and election of executive, 5:30 p.m. L126.
- Athletic Banquet at the Turret.
- Daemen College Teacher Certification Course Information Booth in the Concourse 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Concert: WLU Student Composers. 8 p.m. Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. Free admission.
- Dr. Bryan Kolb speaks on "Reconstructing the Broken Brain: Changes in Brain Behaviour After Cortical Injury". 8 p.m. N1001.



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Education funding

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ution of funds to various sources, such as straight to universities, towards special projects and needs, into the student loan system, and to feed the dinosaur that is our governmental bureaucracy in action.

The recently announced federal budget makes a strong step towards bringing the federal/provincial relationship closer to one version of reality.

Critics say it is the Liberals' way of undermining Canada's sacred social safety net without appearing to attack any particular program (many of which were created by the last Liberal regime).

On the other hand, the Grits have acknowledged that these services are supposed to fall under the jurisdiction of the provinces. Queen's Park can whine all it wants, but in effect it is fighting the Constitution - and it probably will not win.

The switch to a block-style transfer (one lump sum) from the feds to the provinces will not necessarily have such a pronounced effect on provincial operations as Queen's Park has implied.

Even when the federal government did designate certain amounts of funding to various programs, all of the money landed in the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) - Queen's Park's pot, from which it passes on money to every program it finances, regardless of the intentions of the federal government.

In effect, while the funding cuts

from the federal government force the Ontario government to make cuts, it is completely the choice of the latter where to make those cuts.

When Dave Cooke, the Ontario Minister of Education and Training, said federal cuts will remove \$700 million from the Ontario PSE system, he was using Lloyd Axworthy as a straw man, disguising the fact that it would be a purely provincial decision to pass the full brunt of the cuts to the PSE system rather than spreading them in a more balanced manner across the Ontario government's spending areas (which include all of the fat in the bureaucracy).

Meanwhile, the political scene within Ontario is dominated by the imminent election. This could be a boon or bane for the province's PSE system.

While student lobby organizations gear up for another Vote Education campaign like the one in the last federal election, public opinion of universities is shaky enough that a party might benefit by promising to cut funding to higher education.

On the one hand, a constant slough of reports has heralded the benefits to society of quality in higher education and efforts are being made to maximize accessibility to PSE, particularly among traditionally under-represented (aka: marginalized) groups.

On the other hand, universities are still seen as elitist by many peo-

ple, and various pieces of literature have put student contributions to the costs of their own education as low as twelve percent, even excluding the tax deductions students

receive for their expenses. It is easy to believe that students



could afford to pay more for their education.

Disparity between different assessments of student contributions to their education has arisen in part due to disputes about what should be included in the cost of education.

Most university activities and costs are categorized as teaching, research, or community service, with administration functions shared between these. Considering the conviction of most educators

that all of the functions are intertwined and inevitably enrich each other, it is debatable to what extent students should be responsible for helping to pay for the costs of research and community service.

From a student perspective, costs do not stop at tuition (\$2200 in 94-95, \$2400 in 95-96). A typical student pays upwards of \$400 on books, \$3500 on rent, and around \$3000 on food and other expenses. Wages passed up because of the difficulty of holding down a full-time job during the school year could also be counted towards the sum.

This would bring the total costs to a student to over \$20 000, raising doubts about the above figure of twelve percent. It also makes the possible \$2 500 tuition increase seem less significant by comparison.

Students accept these amounts because higher education seems to be worth the cost. If the costs were

unreasonable, most universities would not be filled to capacity or beyond, as they are currently. Likewise, it is doubtful that demand for entrance to universities will decrease significantly as tuition continues to rise, even if the rate of increase is higher than the recent standard of ten percent per year.

One possible result of funding cuts is greater variation between the tuition rates of different institutions. The provincial government only sets the maximum amount universities can demand - not the minimum. Most university administrations

insist they are underfunded (many schools consistently have deficits), thereby justifying their demand for the maximum amount.

With a drastic increase in the provincial maximum, the Ontario system might become more like American institutions, with differences in tuition reflecting differences in reputation and quality of individual institutions.

Placed in historical context, this seems like an unlikely possibility. It is nothing new for the government to release reports suggesting radical changes, like the Axworthy Social Security Review, whether focusing on the educational system or just about any other pies in which the government's finger is stuck.

More often than not, these reports are simply filed away in obscurity, and it is extremely rare that any of them lead to substantial changes. Usually, the shock of any changes are absorbed by the juggernaut of the bureaucracy, one of the main functions of which is to slow down any such process of change.

Despite the unlikelihood that tuition will be doubling in the near future, tuition increases are inevitable, most likely around the ten percent per year rate that has occurred in recent years.

This continues to be necessary to maintain education quality (or perhaps even to improve it) in the face of the funding cuts made necessary by the government debt and deficit. Either way, our generation will have to pay.

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NEXT WEEK: "First, we kill all the lawyers", Doak's Five-year plan to improve the education system.

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The Board had decided to appoint a Director rather than elect one because of the \$3000 price tag that would have been attached.

Lidkea, and his six stalwart companions will be running the administrative side of Publications as of May 1st.

And remember Lidkea: we'll be watching you.

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In the coming year, I hope to help WLUSP in any way possible, especially in a few key areas. These include our continuing goal of autonomy and visibility.

WLUSP is attempting to become totally autonomous, which will mean that we will

gain more control over our operations, and be better suited to serve the needs of the students of WLU.

I want to help ensure that the transition is smooth and effective.

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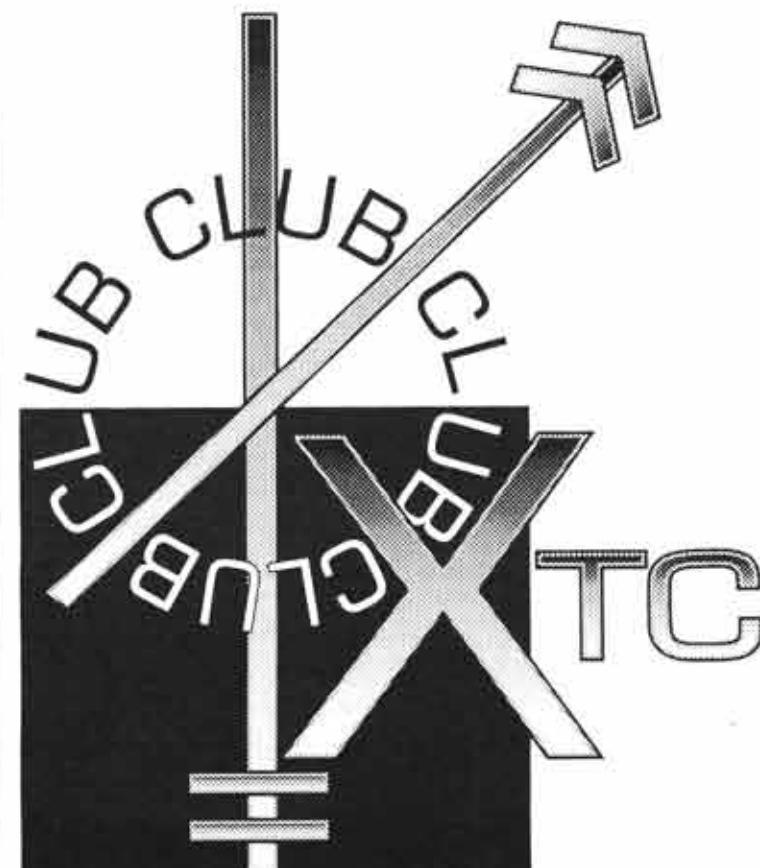
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Cord Constitution

Proposed Amendments, March 9, 1995

Be it resolved that:

- Sections 3.7 and 3.8 be removed from the Constitution.
- "One (1) WLUSP Graphic Arts Technician" be removed from the list of masthead staff in section 4.7 (4.7.18).
- "Cord Advertising Production Manager" be changed to "Advertising Production Manager" in section 4.7.20.
- "WLUSP Systems Technician" be changed to "WLUSP Systems Administrator" in section 4.7.22.
- "voting privileges" be changed to "staff status" in section 4.6.
- section 5.2 be changed to "Quorum is 1/2 of members with Cord staff status. Proxies do not count towards quorum."
- section 7.1 be changed to "Each year, The Cord shall publish an advertisement for applications to the position of Editor-In-Chief in two successive issues of The Cord. Said advertisements: 7.1.1) shall begin during the week of the WLUSP General Meeting. 7.1.2) shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting at which candidates shall be interviewed, and hiring will take place. 7.1.3) shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting at which Cord staff delegates to the hiring committee will be elected, and 7.1.4) shall include eligibility requirements for Editor-In-Chief candidates."
- section 7.2 be changed to "Candidates for the position of Editor-In-Chief must be students, as defined in section 1.5, or the current position holder."
- "The Cord editorial Board, other Cord position holders and the Board of Publications shall be included in this count." be removed from section 7.6.3.
- "The Editorial Board member shall be selected by the Editorial Board by whatever process the Editorial Board deems appropriate." be added to section 7.6.8.
- section 9.2 be changed to "9.2) A Constitution Committee shall be struck by the Chair of the Cord Staff. 9.2.1) The Constitution Committee shall examine the Cord Constitution, and propose amendments as necessary, at least once per academic year, during the fall term. 9.2.2) The Constitution Committee shall include the Editor-In-Chief, a member of the Board of Publications selected by the Board of Publications, and five Cord staff members selected by The Cord staff at a duly constituted staff meeting. 9.2.3) The Constitution Committee shall be chaired by the members of the Board of Publications, unless the Committee elects another Chair by a simple majority vote."
- changes in numbering of sections, spelling, and grammar be made wherever necessary to maintain the continuity and coherence of the Constitution.



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Editorial

Long live guts up on the Hill

The Canadian public seems ecstatic about the "guts" that the government and the navy showed in their decision to fire over the deck of the Spanish fishing trawler Estai, in an effort to prevent it from fishing in our waters. And rightfully so.

The gutsy move was indeed needed and long overdue. Canadians are fed up with the way in which our government, at all levels, shows an annoying lack of backbone in issues that are at all "controversial."

However, the past decade has seen someone act in a manner within our government which rings similar. Not only has Svend Robinson shown an astounding amount of courage in dealing with issues that he believes in, he has done so without the delay and the posturing that preceded the actions that the government took against the Estai.

Robinson, the first openly gay MP in the House Of Commons, has maintained a strong presence in Ottawa both before and after his groundbreaking announcement.

Let it be known that I am neither gay nor an NDP supporter. However I have a tremendous amount of respect for a man who stands up for what he believes in. In the course of his political career Robinson has served his country more than most people could do in a lifetime.

The British Columbia MP is an instrumental figure in the Right To Die movement. He was present when a B.C. woman, Sue Rodriguez, finally succumbed to the Lou Gehrig's disease that ravaged her body for three years. She fought a losing battle to have a doctor-assisted suicide, one that was finally quashed by the Supreme Court after a lengthy court battle. Robinson stayed by her side throughout, right up to the moment she died. Afterwards, when the RCMP investigated the death and evidence that someone had helped her die surfaced, undaunted, Robinson stayed by her; this time in death.

It was not the first time Robinson had a brush with the police; or the last. He served jail time as part of his stance against logging in Clayoquot Sound. How many politicians, or people for that matter, would go to jail for what they believe in? This country would be in a lot less trouble if the Conservatives would have shown this type of courage when dealing with the huge national debt.

Furthermore, if both the Conservatives and now the Liberals, would have had the same resolve in dealing with Quebec, this country would stay together without the painful schism that is sure to develop whether the separatists win the Quebec Referendum or not.

Robinson's dedication does not end there. During the debate that raged over homosexual rights last spring, Robinson faced off with Nova Scotia MP Rosemary Skoke. Skoke, who calls homosexuals "evil and immoral," and goes as far as saying that the torture and murderous persecution that homosexuals endured in biblical times was justified, met fierce resistance from Robinson.

Most impressive about Robinson's stance was that he said Skoke was wrong based on simple decency and dignity, a fact that no one can deny. Either before or after his "coming out," Robinson has never stooped to the militant garble that can be so prevalent in gay and lesbian causes.

Robinson's presence in the House has not gone unnoticed. Many political insiders in Ottawa call him the most effective Parliamentarian. Back in the 80's, at a time when some would say that Canada was following much too closely on the heels of the U.S., particularly in foreign policy, Robinson kept the Mulroney government on its toes looking out for the interests of Canadians. He even heckled Ronald Reagan during a speech to parliament, prompting Reagan to remark, "is there an echo in here?"

Robinson, who will be speaking at UofW's Arts Center this Thursday, injects a sense of decency and honesty into the House of Commons, which at times is sorely lacking.

One can only hope that Robinson continues his presence in Ottawa. If he doesn't it would be a shame, not only for the groups he represents, but for all Canadians.

Editorial by Peter Robinson, Assistant Sports Editor

The opinions expressed in this editorial are those of the author, not necessarily those of the Cord staff, the editorial board, or Wilfrid Laurier Student Publications.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

On February 15, 1995 the Cord ran an article reporting that sexual assault charges against two varsity athletes had been dropped. A mere three weeks (two issues) later, the Cord ran a front-page feature on the "inspiration" and "pride" varsity athletics provide to the university community through the selfless dedication of varsity athletes.

The crack in the wall of WLU's athletic community was quickly sealed with blatant propaganda. The power of this organization to protect itself from scrutiny and to solicit the unconscious complicity of others in that agenda is both frightening and dangerous.

I participated in Laurier varsity athletics for three years: two of those years as a member of the women's volleyball team and the third as a member of the basketball team. Indeed, as Ralph Spoltore says, "We are all like a family" in the athletic community. And like a family, we do not air our dirty laundry; and we protect and punish our own, on our own terms.

The picture of varsity athletics painted by Libbi Hood in the March 8 Cord is blatantly and negligently false. We have all been complicit in accepting and maintaining the irreproachable facade of varsity athletics. My complicity ends here.

Recruits to the varsity programs do not always "have to measure up to the high entrance average that WLU requires". Special consideration is routinely offered to likely prospects.

Hood writes sympathetically of the athletes who must write exams while on road trips for away games and tournaments. There is in fact often an advantage to writing an exam on the road: one gets to use one's notes and textbooks.

I am fully aware that not all athletes abuse the liberties granted by professors. But some do. This seemed only fair to me at one point in my academic/athletic career; after all, don't athletes sacrifice three hours of potential study time each day, six or seven days a week to participate in varsity athletics, to represent their school? I realize now that a routine of skipping classes for practices, labs for the pre-game shoot-arounds, has a marked influence on your transcript. Professional and graduate schools aren't quite as enamoured of my varsity career as I once thought they might be.

Athletes believe that somehow they are getting more than just an education, that the padding in the "extra-curricular" section of their resumes and curriculum vitae will balance a less than stellar academic record. We often try to minimize the effects of that sacrifice by bending the academic rules just a little bit. This is not "help".

All this serves to do is to suggest that athletics are more important than an education; that these individuals are first and foremost "Varsity Athletes", and only after that are they students. When Corey Pageau and Ken Ruddick were suspended from the hockey team, their teammates and coaches were incensed, absolutely furious. Does this reaction suggest that the most significant concerns of these individuals should be not their studies and personal lives but their careers as varsity hockey players?

"Athletes are practically forced to be role models" writes Hood; "if a basketball player gets in a fight, or a football player gets kicked out of a bar, people always seem to know that it was an athlete". She suggest that every activity of the Athletic community is highly visible and scrutinized by the community-at-large. So why no mention of initiations? The public of Canada were so incensed at discovering the disgusting and de-humanizing hazing rituals practiced by the Airborne that the nation was forced to disband its "crack troops".

One has to wonder what might then happen if the similar hazing rituals of several of WLU's athletic teams were exposed. "Rookies" are stripped and shaved and humiliated by veteran players as their "initiation" to the Team. Young men have been hospitalized for alcohol and drug poisoning on "Rookie Night". These are the individuals we display as "role models" and "student representatives"?

In conclusion to her article, Hood tags on four brief paragraphs to remind the reader of the disparity which still exists in varsity athletics between male and female participants, with an optimistic quote from Rich Newbrough assuring the community that changes are being undertaken to remedy this situation by instituting new women's teams and getting "closer to financial parity". How much closer? Hood might really have stumbled onto something if she'd asked for the figures and accounts which confirm Newbrough's blithe assurances.

In 1993 an external review of the Athletic Department made several recommendations which included "That a three-year plan be developed to achieve equity for the women's programs" and that an Advisory Board and Advisory Councils be established to meet to meet twice yearly to "review, provide advice and make recommendations on policy matters including scheduling, budgeting and funding, eligibility, equity...and to provide Annual Reports to the Director of Athletics and Recreation". These bodies began meeting in January 1995. This kind of delay will be unacceptable in meeting the other recommendations.

The misogyny in varsity athletics is insidious. Women who spectate at hockey games are referred to as "puck bunnies", sexual objects available for the pleasure of the skilled player. A team posts a list in its locker room of players who are "pussy-whipped": a term of derision suggesting they are guilty of being excessively susceptible to the influence of one female. A coach berating his players for their lack of team cohesiveness bangs on the lockers after the game and shouts, "When I played football we were a TEAM! We ate together, drank together...we even fucked the same women!"

I am not suggesting all varsity athletes are consciously morally bankrupt individuals. I am not suggesting that they have the duty to be more, or the right to be less, conscientious than the rest of the university population. They are not role models. They are not gods. I refuse to allow the Cord to pass propaganda (albeit unwitting) off as objective, "non-advocacy" journalism. The varsity athletics system managed to stave off scrutiny throughout the Pageau/Ruddick affair. There was more at stake here than the fate of these two young men, an entire order was on the line: silence had to be maintained, the impenetrable facade kept up. A front page tribute to the saintly, hard-working, All-Canadians is a vital move in the restoration of that order.

I am afraid of alienating many people with whom I have spent a lot of time and energy and for whom I have a great deal of respect, but I simply cannot believe in the "Family" anymore. It is corrupt. It allows, perhaps even encourages, people to say and do inhuman things to one another. It was extremely difficult for me to recognize and identify what goes on in varsity athletics - I participated in it for three years. I know that it will be nearly impossible for those who are still active in varsity athletics to also make that recognition. Of course it would be easy to continue to speak my indignation in whispers to sympathetic ears. But these smug assertions that justice has been served, that the issue ends with this isolated affair and has no implications for the "idyllic" varsity athletics' environment are unacceptable. I cannot be complicit any longer. Wilfrid Laurier University can no longer allow Athletics to exist as a separate fiefdom, unaccountable to any authority but its own; this institution's responsibility lies in education - a commitment to self-consciousness and awareness about the activities it finances and promotes to the community.

Jennifer Fransen

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cord feedback

More Izabel Waite poetry please!
Wendy Jackson

gold dancer:
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Where's Brad Ross' articles gone to oh where?
Ryan Balzamo

Paul Gray - You are the classiest man alive!
Scott McGregor

Hey Bill: Nice poem! I see I have some competition! Esp. since The Cord keeps losing mine!!
Izabel Waite

"View from the Farm" and Garden Gnomes forever.
Paul McQueen

Damn. Choke to Start was tighter than a frog's ass!

Where's the Sons of Freedom review - It was great!
Leanne Vibe

Ryan Fowler
Dorelz Seifert

Did the Dynamic Duo just watch "When Harry Met Sally" or what?
Tammy Tiedeman

The choreography of Choke to Start was TIGHT. Gabe's a solid

Tell us what you think. Write a letter to the editor, or drop us a line at the feedback booth on Thursday. Really, we want to hear it.

Letters due Monday 12:00noon, on disk or via e-mail (22cord@mach1.wlu)

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BY: PETE ROBINSON AND INGRID NIELSEN



Smooch!
Paul Joseph and Tim Eckert



Okay, but just because it's St. Patrick's Day.

Mrs. O'Leary
Mom of Patrick and Tim

What would you do if I said, "Kiss me. I'm Irish!"

The right to be a parent

GARY VAN LINGEN
CORD OPINION

As was noted in last Friday's Toronto Star the government of the Province of British Columbia changed the rules and procedures concerning the adoption of children.

Now any person, single or married, has the right to

adopt children. Barring the otherwise usual conditions of not being considered fit to adopt, one's sexual orientation no



longer matters as a condition by which one may be denied the opportunity to provide a safe home for an otherwise homeless child.

The adoption agencies do not to ask about sexual orientation when considering someone for being a potential adoptive parent. This was done not as an effort to remove the previous barrier of sexual orientation so much as it was an effort to bring all the laws of the province in line with its human rights code where singles and married couples have the same rights.

The adoption of children has proven to be one of the more contentious points in the gay-lesbian-bisexual rights fight.

In the past it was automatically assumed that to be gay, lesbian or bisexual meant that you were going to be a bad parent. The corollary to that was the assumption that every heterosexual parent was going to be a good parent.

Studies of the children coming out of families headed by gay and lesbian couples show that the children are at no particular disadvantage in any way, except for some social stigma attached to the parents. This is not intrinsic to the children nor the parents, but to the society around them and the children's own sexual orientation is not influenced by that of the parents.

We cannot convert children no matter how much the conservatives amongst us would like everyone to believe it, and the children will turn out just as well as if they had come out of a family headed by an opposite sex couple.

The gay couples probably will get the brunt of society's anger over this issue. We have been cast as the villains in cases of sexual abuse of children, the media often reporting only those cases where sexual orientation meets the stereotype.

Such behaviour towards a child, any child, is reprehensible and I too would hurt anyone doing so. So would almost anyone else I know.

In time, not right now, I would like to have children. Whether by natural means (I have two standing offers) or adopted, I think I would be a good father. I have already shown I work well with kids and I know I could provide them with the love and care that they need.

Hopefully my partner will feel the same and together we can raise them. The fact that there are still some people who would deny us the opportunity because of some mythology is angering.

Until these people have met me and any other gay, lesbian or bisexual potential adoptive parent, no one has the right to deny us the same rights they have.

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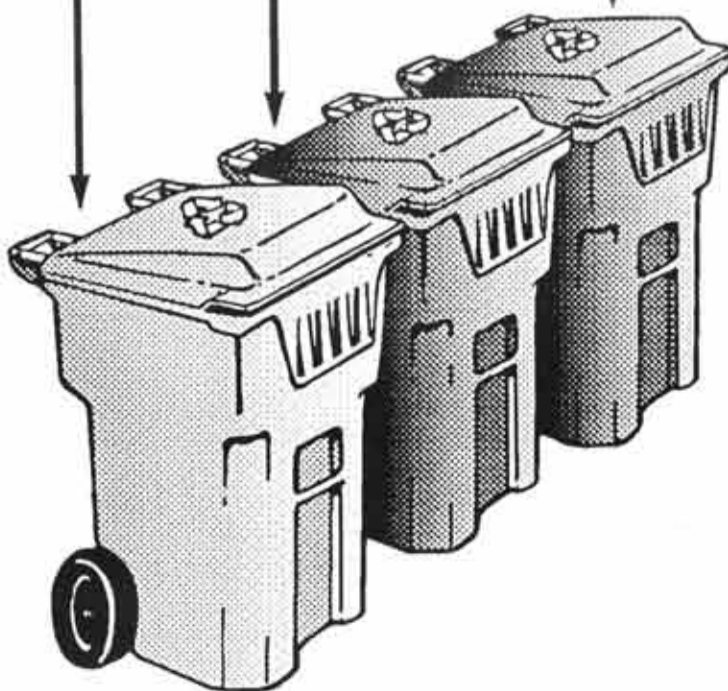
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Airborne regiment unfairly judged

DARLENE PREECE
CORD OPINION

The way in which the Canadian military functions will never be understood by the people who ultimately run Canada's national defense system.

In the past few months, the Canadian public have been given access through the media to video tapes and information pertaining to hazing rituals, beatings, and other violent examples of life in the military in Somalia.

However, for one defense minister to present the notion of disbandment of an entire regiment in order to save face is ludicrous. My fault does not lay with Canadian peacekeepers who at any time were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, but with the politicians who at a moment's notice, would wipe out an entire tradition in Canadian military because of what they deem unsatisfactory behaviour.

The people of Canada must not let the government punish every peacekeeper in the Canadian Airborne for actions that may have occurred half way around the world. After all, these people are soldiers, and let us not forget that a soldier is a trained killer.

What I cannot understand is how our government can justify the disbanding of the entire regiment for the actions of a selected few. Sure disciplinary action must be taken for the treatment of the Somali who was killed, however none of these people were saints. The citizens of Somalia have been known to steal and ransack Canadian camps, and cause utter havoc. The Somali in question was detained by peacekeepers because he was caught stealing military equipment.

I'm not saying that his death was justified, but the action against our peacekeepers has to be acknowledged. I don't condone murder in any fact of normal life, but what our peacekeepers face on a daily basis is so far away from "normal" most people cannot begin to fathom it. The question now is, why do we give absolute governing power over the military, to people who will never understand the military?

The political and media reaction to the recent release of the naval "right of passage" tapes was enough to make me livid. The ritual of passing the equator is a time honoured tradition that the navy had held in high regard for some time. What I'd like to know is, will the government now disband

the navy as well? To carry that thought further, who then would defend our nation.

If the politicians are that upset over the release of these tapes, it makes me wonder what they are actually upset about. Could it be that Canada will be looked down upon in a world view? Could Canada handle the embarrassment of an incident that would show the world that she isn't as perfect as previously thought?

If these situations happened in the United States, I wouldn't say that it would be glorified, but it certainly wouldn't get the air time that it is receiving in Canada. Certainly no general would have been relieved of his command as with Major General Vernon.

Initiation is a rite of passage that occurs on every level. It's a fact of life.

A soldier's life is a harsh one, not the kind of life most people want to live. These men and women have trained long and hard, overcome many physical, mental and

emotional boundaries. They have given up their civilian life so that they, on a moment's notice, would fight to their death to defend the lives of our friends and family. All I want to say is that peacekeeping is no picnic.

We sent our peacekeepers to active UN duty where peacekeeping was not an issue. Instead, the issue was "peacemaking". UN soldiers face such brutality that they must become desensitized in order to carry out their duty.

I think that it is time for Canadian politicians to look to our neighbours to the south for a few suggestions on how to run national defense. We are letting our politicians make grave decisions regarding something they have no understanding of.

Meanwhile, those of us at home sleeping in the very safety that the peacekeepers provide, have the choice to watch or not to watch violence however surrealistic it may be. Our men and women do not have the luxury of turning off the TV set. For them violence is reality.

They live it, watching it day in and day out. So if actions taken by a select group of our soldiers disturbed the majority of us and embarrassed our defense minister, then let due process handle them. But to shut down the entire regiment, Mr. Collette is inexcusable.

Darlene Preece is a member of the Canadian Army Reserves and a Laurier student.

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reality**

State of passive awareness

JOHN EASTLAND
CORD OPINION

Few can appreciate action which is actionless. Meditation is a very active yet actionless endeavour. It's the only thing I can think of where the less one does, the more one accomplishes. A conundrum, perchance.

Sleeping is an activity with a minimum of action, yet without regular sleep one can become stressed, ill, and diseased, possibly even leading to one's own demise. Meditation is, therefore, an actionless activity that has great merit for the participant. It is also one of those actionless activities that one must do for oneself. Reading about it or listening to a lecture on the merits of sleep just won't achieve the same results.

If you remember the article which dealt with "Coming Home To Yourself," I promised to tell you about everybody passing through the meditation state at least twice a day. Can you guess when these two times may be? I'll give you a hint.

It has to do with the previous paragraph. If you guessed that it is at that precise point between consciousness and the unconscious state of sleeping, then you are right. It is at that very point of passive awareness that we pass through the meditation state.

Meditation is the state of passive awareness that we can induce at will. Twenty minutes of this state of profound relaxation and mental clarity is worth, according to research findings, approximately three hours of normal sleep.

It is thus that we replicate this state of being by doing our sitting practice first thing in the morning; this is the time when we are clos-

est to the state we were in a short time before awakening. Meditation is more than just passive awareness, but it is one of the hallmarks of the beginning series of exercises. This state of passive awareness is like a doorway to the primordial self.

And so we continue on with exercises that will aid us in becoming relaxed, alert and aware of the timelessness of being.

The next exercise focuses on the four sensations of our internal physical body.

Starting at the base of the body, become aware of the sensation of evacuation, as in defecation and urination. Next, become aware

of the sensation of ejaculation, as in sexual physical needs. Then become aware of the sensation of digestion, as in the need to eat and drink. Finally, become aware of the sensation of respiration, as in the need to both inhale and exhale. You will find that doing the exercise in this order follows a very logical path in that relationships are

formed between each of the functions of the internal body.

This exercise should be added on to the ones you have already learned from the last article. As you become proficient in the earlier stages of the exercises, they will take less time to go through.

The entire sitting time should always remain at twenty minutes. As we proceed you will find that it takes only three or four minutes to bring the body to a state of deep relaxation. In the next session we will add on a series of helpful hints about the physical aspects of sitting and a breathing exercise.

Until next time, "may you recognize the PEACE within."

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GREG SLOAN
CORD OPINION

Friends. The word is more than simply the title of a trendy new TV show.

Friends are a marketing agents best tool: convince the consumer that your product will help them make new and exciting friends and you will have a winner on your hands. Beer commercials hype the beautiful men and women in their ads far more than they hype the actual taste of their liquid bounty.

When you get past the glitz and glamour of television advertising, however, you soon realize that they are on to something. You wouldn't get very far without your friends. Unless of course you are Donald Trump. Then you can simply buy new friends...and small countries.

Fate has a lot to do with who your friends are. Fate smiled on me way back in September of 1991; due to forces out of my control, I had been placed in the midst of a very strange scene: B3 Willison.

It is very rare that 24 guys from different backgrounds will all get along for 8 months. Sure, we had our share of problems (road hockey tends to bring out the worse in some guys) but for the most part floor mates also

became good friends.

This past weekend we had a B-3 reunion. Over the three years since we left the Projects (as Willison is lovingly called) we have drifted apart from each other. Now, as we were facing the unknown future, we wanted one last descent into drunken oblivion together.

Some of us began playing Century Club (a shot of beer a minute for a hundred minutes) sometime around five. It all becomes a little fuzzy after that.

When playing Century Club I always make it my personal mission to outlast my friend Carnage. Unfortunately, on my two previous tries I have been vanquished. I would like to say that this time was different, but I seem to be following the same bad script. One day I hope to be able to take my spot among the proud legion of centurions who have successfully waged war on their livers.

What was so special about Century Club this time is that no one puked. What did happen was that Militia Man ate the flowers off of my roommate Kevin's African violet and then microwaved it, Carnage was poked with sticks, and firecrackers were shot into a busy street. And all this before it got dark out.

Things were threatening to get out of hand as the containers of spices that were carefully piled on top of the stove came crashing down.



HICK'S PIC

Who are these wild and crazy hooligans that hang out with that cool Hick-guy.

Carnage and Boon began to dance on the spice containers, breaking them open and sending a cloud of paprika wafting through the house. Something had to be done before they found the cayenne pepper. I realized the magnitude of the situation and I reacted the best way I knew how. I beat Carnage senseless with a plastic strainer until it snapped in two.

Other than the African violet, the only other casualty was Kevin's bird. On our way to the bar my roommate Reid fell in a mud puddle and had to come back and change his clothes. While putting his clothes in the dryer he somehow managed to fall onto the birdcage and destroy it. In his condition he was unable to recover our winged friend, who made the best of his new found freedom. Fortunately Kevin came home and managed to rescue the bird before it flew out the door.

Last night's shenanigans reminded us all of those wild and carefree days in first year. Reid

passing out in the bathroom of the Skydome at the Vanier Cup for the entire second quarter; Militia Man passing out in what he thought to be his bed, only to discover in the morning that he was on the wrong floor; a bat finding its way into our bathroom.

Since first year I have met a wide range of people. Working up here in the Cord has introduced me to, how can I say it, a whole different way of life. Cordies have a reputation of falling down drunk at Students' Union functions. What do they expect when the free wine is flowing?

My best friend since grade four has been a fellow farm boy, Chris Smith. We have never attended the same school, but we were in Cubs and Sunday School together. There's no better way to bond than singing Michael Row The Boat Ashore, except maybe blowing up a Coleman stove when your Scout leader is conveniently occupied.

I also had great times with my friends from Blenheim District High School. It boggles my mind when I think of how many nights we wasted driving up and down the main drag of Chatham. Before you all scoff, Chatham does have a main drag, with stoplights and everything. If we were really lucky we made eye contact with a carload of girls.

Then there are the five summers I worked at the Ridgetown College of Agricultural. The section I worked in for four years, Soils, was shut down last year, but we will always live on in spirit. Look at our record: multiple vehicles damaged, a combine rolled, a lawnmower crushed by a truck and trailer, and many, many expense account lunches paid for by the government.

So now here I am, unsure where the future will take me. I have lost some friends along the way, and I know as I leave university, I will unfortunately lose more. It is simply the reality when your buddies come from all over the province.

However, I am lucky enough to have this chance to reminisce, and to be able to thank everyone who I have had the chance to hang out with during my long and illustrious life. It may not be a beer commercial, but hey, what is? And that's the view from the farm for this week.



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Former Black Panther denied justice

Activist and journalist provides inspiration and insight to a generation of black youth

JOE SILVAGGIO

CORD INTERNATIONAL

TORONTO (CUP) -- When we think of political prisoners many of us conjure up images of a phenomenon that exists exclusively in distant, foreign, less-democratic nations.

We tend to overlook the possibility that our North American justice systems possess inherent political forces that motivate certain unjust legal procedures and decisions.

Mumia Abu Jamal is a revered black journalist, a former member of the Black Panther Party, an inspiration to a generation of black youth -- and a political prisoner on death row.

Many are outraged by what they see as a blatant breach of justice in a country that regards itself as a democratic model for the rest of the world.

Jamal revealed himself to be a dissident voice through his passionate political journalism in the United States. His political resistance began at age 13, when he took part in a protest against segregationist Alabama governor George Wallace, during which he was beaten and arrested.

At 14, he co-founded and was minister of information for the Philadelphia chapter of the Black Panther Party, a black resistance movement.

In 1970, Jamal was featured in a front-page article about the Panthers in the Philadelphia Inquirer, making him highly visible to the FBI's operation against the black movement. This operation left 38 Party members dead and files compiled on 18,000 people and 600 organizations.

As a journalist from 1970-1981, Jamal had many of his columns broadcast on National Public Radio. With his unique poetic style and deep, resonant voice, he inspired all who shared his experience, earning him the title "voice of the voiceless."

In 1980, Jamal was elected president of the Association of Black Journalists and Philadelphia Magazine voted him as one of its top "people to watch" in 1981.

But the magazine's editors weren't the only ones who considered him someone to watch. There were some powerful figures who

saw Jamal as a threat.

Former Philadelphia mayor Frank Rizzo was one of these figures. For more than 20 years, Rizzo led a campaign of terror against the city's large black population and in each case Jamal was there to protest and expose the injustice -- from vicious cop raids against the Black Panthers to the 1978 siege of the MOVE commune.

At one press conference, Rizzo fumed about the "new breed of journalism" and pointed to Jamal: "They believe what you write, what you say. And it's got to stop." Three years later, Rizzo got his wish.

In the early morning of December 9, 1981, Jamal was working as a taxi driver when he saw his brother being beaten by a police officer. Jamal got out of his cab and took a near-fatal bullet wound in the stomach.

He was found sitting on the curb, bleeding, while the officer lay dead. Jamal was arrested for the murder, despite four eyewitness accounts that claim to have seen a third party shoot the officer and then run from the scene.

Jamal was found guilty of the murder of a police officer at a trial riddled with constitutional rights violations. The trial featured Judge Albert Sabo, known in the legal world as the "King of Death Row." Sabo, member of the Fraternal Order of Police, has sentenced more men and women to death than any other sitting judge in the U.S.

He started off by denying Jamal the right to represent himself and then barred him from the court room when he protested. Jamal's court-appointed lawyer was unprepared and repeatedly asked to be relieved. In a city that is over 40 per cent black, only one black person sat on the jury.

Prosecutor Joseph McGill secured the death sentence by telling the jury that Jamal's membership in the Black Panther Party and his use of the slogan, "Power to the people," proved that he was a "cop killer."

McGill told the jury, "You are not asked to kill anybody. You are asked to follow the law -- the same law that will provide him appeal after

appeal after appeal."

In other cases, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that this same argument required automatic reversal of the death sentence. In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Jamal's appeal.

As Jamal wrote in the Yale Law Journal, "You will find a blacker world on death row. African Americans, a mere 12 per cent of the national population, compose about 40 per cent of the death row population."

With 1.5 million people behind bars, the U.S. is by far the world's biggest jailer, imprisoning blacks at a rate far higher than South Africa's

apartheid rulers ever dreamed. America's death rows currently hold 2,800 people -- mostly blacks and Hispanics, and almost all very poor.

Recent polls in Canada show an increased demand to reinstate the death penalty. It would appear that many Canadians have enough faith in the state to let it decide who lives and dies.

This is the same state that sends a disgraceful regiment to Somalia, helps fund the Heritage Front and accepts drunkenness as a defence for rape.

Canadian justice mistakenly imprisoned men like Donald Marshall, David Milgaard and Guy

Paul Morin. If the death penalty were law, they might never have lived to see their convictions overturned.

To those who applaud the growing resurgence of right-wing notions of law and order, it would be apt to consider a quote by Dostoyevsky, who said that "the level of civilization in a society can be judged by entering its prisons."

An international campaign is now being waged in Jamal's defence. More than 40,000 people have signed petitions or sent letters to the Pennsylvania governor demanding that Jamal not be executed.

Do Canadians have enough faith in the state to let it decide who lives and dies?

University students see tragedy first-hand

Witnessing human rights violations in Burma that have gone virtually unreported by the press

SHANNON HUNT

CORD INTERNATIONAL

VICTORIA (CUP) — After six days of fighting, the Karen National Union (KNU) headquarters at Manerplaw fell to Burmese government troops on January 26, 1995.

The defeat went largely unreported by the world press.

"It's so remote from here. It's so horrendous and it's not even [publicized] overseas," Clare Rumball, a University of Victoria student, said.

Rumball and Jennifer Greer, both in Pacific and Asian studies at UVic, were studying on scholarships in Bangkok, Thailand, in 1992.

They are among the few who have had a chance to see first-hand the effects that the 45-year fight for political autonomy from the Burmese government has had on the Karen people.

"It really opened my eyes," said Rumball. "This was the massive wiping out of a whole community. It's a weird feeling when you come back here and you think about what you saw there and the stories you heard."

Rumball continued: "When they [government troops] attack a Karen village, they kill the children. The men are killed outright. People had to swim across a river [to escape]. Their children were floating off and they had to keep going."

"People were forced [by the

Burmese army] to carry loads of ammunition regardless of their age, regardless of their strength," she said. "If they get sick, if they fall down, they are shot."

Documented accounts of incidents like this explain why the 1994 Amnesty International Report cited Burma for continued human rights violations and targeting of ethnic minorities.

The Karen people are one of the larger ethnic minority groups within Burma. There are three to four million Karen in Burma, which is just over nine per cent of the population there.

With more than 100 languages and a vast array of minority peoples, perhaps it's not surprising that ethnic conflict has plagued Burma since its independence from Britain in 1948.

The military junta now running Burma has signed ceasefire agreements with 13 minority groups in the last two years. The Karen were considering a similar agreement when the government, aided by Buddhist soldiers who had broken with the Christian-led KNU, attacked the Manerplaw headquarters.

Over the years, the fighting has forced a sizable number of Karen to flee into neighbouring Thailand. At the end of January, Robert Htwe of the Karen Refugee Committee said that there were almost 70,000 displaced Karen people in camps in Thailand.

At camps like these, Rumball and Greer had a chance to meet some of the Karen who had fled Burma. A local YMCA group arranged for a trip to three camps near Mae Sot on the Thai-Burmese border. Rumball and Greer said the stories they heard about the horrors that forced the Karen to flee Burma belied the apparent normality of the camps.

Many refugees have built homes, taught their children according to Karen tradition, and maintained traditional ways of cooking.

However, the Karen are still referred to by the Thai government as "displaced persons," not as refugees.

As such, Thailand allows them to stay in the country, but assumes no responsibility for them.

Valid work permits are denied to the Karen. They are often forced by local land-owners into performing services, like cutting teak trees, in exchange for being allowed to stay.

"Basically the Thai government pretends they don't exist," Greer said. "Because they don't have refugee status they are really in a precarious situation. Any day they are facing possible eviction from Thailand."

The threat of being sent home now looms larger than ever before because of improving relations between Thailand and Burma.

The Thai government once saw the Karen as a useful buffer against Burma. However, many Thai politicians and businessmen now feel it is in their best interests to avoid antagonizing Burma.

In fact, Thailand's Interior Minister, Sanan Kachornprasart, has already said he views the situation as a military rather than a political matter. He has made it clear that the latest arrivals will be sent back when they are well enough to travel.

"We [Thailand] will certainly push them back. We cannot let them stay here for years," he said on January 31.

Rumball said the Karen would like nothing better than to be able to go back to their villages in Burma. But it is not safe for them to do so.

With the latest Burmese military offensive forcing growing numbers of Karen into the arms of the reluctant Thais, the Karen may be forced to rely on international pressure to get attention for their cause.

"It's just sad that [the Karen] don't get recognized as a group in need," Rumball said. "You are talking about big numbers of people and no one is aware of it."

An opportunity to speak with representatives from Chiapas, Mexico

On March 31, two human rights activists from the Southern Mexican state of Chiapas will be speaking in Kitchener-Waterloo, giving personal accounts of their involvement in the civil struggle for democracy in Mexico.

Efraim Valdemar Valdez Lopez and Citlali Ramirez Tapia, will speak as representatives of the Emiliano Zapata Proletariat Organization (OPEZ). They will be speaking at Trinity United Church, 74 Frederick Street, Kitchener.

The two speakers will also be available to talk to and ask questions on Friday, March 31. For an appointment call 746-4090.

This is only one example of an event that you could cover for Cord International. We would love to have you write for us, and explore international issues at the same time. If you have an idea, or are looking for an opportunity to write about international concerns, contact Lillian at the Cord at 884-2990.

Venting frustrations on the baby seals off east coast

SHARON THOMPSON

CORD INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY

"The greatness of a nation and its moral purposes can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mahatma Gandhi

The government of Canada has failed Canadians by not protecting the fish population from Canadian and foreign over-fishing activities.

Following its admission of February 3, that the northern cod have been fished to commercial extinction, the Canadian government declared a bounty on seals, announcing the opening of a "recreational" seal hunt. Now unemployed fisheries workers are venting their frustrations on the seals, and the means to vent their frustrations is in the form of slaughter. The fisheries workers' attention is being diverted from the real culprit - the Canadian government, and its mismanagement of the fisheries.

The seal hunt, which formerly claimed about 200 000 animals each year, hasn't been the same since the 1980's, when it was targeted by an outraged public opposed to the brutal clubbing of seal pups, (known as "white-coats").

The European Community responded by banning the import of sealskins, which prompted Ottawa to ban the hunting of seal pups. Since that time, the industry has struggled largely because of national condemnation and limited market, which reduced the number of seals who were bludgeoned to a rate of about 57 000 per year (over the past 5 years).

Unfortunately for the seals, sealers don't depend on the European buyers anymore.

Last year, Asian traders let it be known that they were in the market for seal parts - especially penises. The Asian aphrodisiac trade is ready to swallow all the seal genitals Canada can provide.

To pacify the Canadian public, who may not immediately warm to the idea of killing seals for their genitals, whole seal carcasses will be sold to China, enabling the government to present Canada's new export market as a trade in whole seals, seemingly having nothing to do with sex practices. However, the genitals alone fetch up to \$130 per set, while the pelt, flesh and oil have little commercial value, selling for a mere \$20. Once again, Canada's reputation will be at stake, if this sordid deal is given the go-ahead.

From March 15 to April 15, 194 000 seals (186 000 harp seals and 8 000 hooded seals) are slated to die, according to Federal Fisheries Minister Brian Tobin.

Tobin is also encouraging non-experienced hunters to partake in the slaughter. As if this isn't messy enough, this year sealers won't even have to leave shore to club, shoot, and hack baby seals and their mothers. For the first time since 1982, there is no ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, forcing seals ashore to give birth to their babies.

"It's going to be bloody," promised Paul Watson of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

"Atlantic Canada is now locked into a permanent poverty cycle. They've just been told

they'll be poor for the rest of their lifetimes," says Watson.

The Canadian government is hoping that the former fisheries workers and other unemployed citizens will transfer their anti-government anger to the defenseless seal pups, just as they are also gambling that the public has forgotten the cruel and bloody images of the Canadian seal hunt prior to 1984.

To voice your opposition or concerns with this slaughter, write to Mr. Brian Tobin, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, 200 Kent Street, Ottawa, K1A 0E6.

Written with files from Leslie Warren, and The Foundation for the Encouragement for Ethical Living.

The Dominican Republic



PICTURE: MARION HENSEL

Let us overlook the Toronto jogger who was shot for his Nikes and the Austrian who was robbed at knife-point on the beach, and the near-plane crash I experienced and my worship of the porcelain god on my sailing trip. The scenery is really breathtaking...really.

- Capital: Santo Domingo
- Population: 7 320 000
- Area: 48 442 km squared
- Language: Spanish
- Currency: Peso
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Laurier volunteers lend a helping hand

INGRID NIELSEN

CORD FEATURES

So you want to reach out and help someone. Great! However, the one stumbling block to look out for is the of "but I don't know how to get involved".

No more excuses, people. Listed below are some of the numbers and information it takes to get started.

loved.

Although the Society doesn't need a lot of volunteers, they still need people for walking pets, grooming, and special fundraising events. To get one of these positions, all you need to do is fill out an application and demonstrate a basic knowledge about animal care.

For an application, call 745-5615.

and basically, they are also looking for good role models. You will also need four solid references.

The original program involves a time commitment of 3 to 6 hours a week; however, they have designed a new program to appeal to university students. It is called Big Bunches, and it involves two Big Brothers joining up and hanging out with a group of 6 to 8 young boys, for 2 to 4 hours every other week. There are 50 boys on the waiting list for a Big Brother. They really need your help.

Call 579-5150.

Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery

If you are looking to be surrounded by beautiful things, you might consider this volunteer opportunity. Although the gallery doesn't need a lot of volunteers, they do have times when they need assistance setting up a display or working on the opening night of an exhibit. You should be available to work nights or weekends.

To find out more information, call Debbie Currie at 579-5860.

Helping the homeless

If you are interested in helping, one-on-one, someone who might be experiencing difficult times, or who really needs a helpful hand and a cheerful face, there are many shelters and community kitchens to contact. These three are a good start.

K-W Food Bank - 743-7564

St. John's Soup Kitchen - 745-8928

House of Friendship - 742-8327

Tutoring

This is a favourite volunteer opportunity for all those interested in attending teachers' college. Most schools appreciate all of the help they can get; usually all you have to do is contact the school and ask for whoever is in charge of training and screening volunteers. To find the numbers of local schools, check out the white pages under Waterloo County Board of Education and schools, or Kitchener separate or Waterloo separate. Opportunities are usually available to work with the children right in the classroom.

On the homefront...

Here is a sample of some of the opportunities to volunteer offered by the Students' Union.

Laurier Students for Literacy

Teaching a youngster to read, or at least helping them along; that's the satisfaction you get from this volunteer experience. You will be expected to attend one reading circle every two weeks on campus, where a growing group of youngsters show up each week to read and be read to.

To apply, contact the Students' Union and get an application. Final deadlines have not been set so keep your eyes open for more information. Enthusiasm, a fondness for children, and reliability are required. You don't need experience, but you will have to be ready for a serious commitment. The program depends on you being there. They also need volunteers for the summer.

For more information, call Brad Ross at 884-1370.

Foot Patrol

This is by far one of the most successful programs offered by WLUSU, and it is run completely by volunteers. It is a walk home program for people travelling around school at night. Some of the advantages include meeting new people, physical activity, and a

great stress reliever.

To become a foot patroller, you will have to act fast. You can fill out an application from the Students' Union, and return it by March 21.

You don't need prior experience or First Aid training. There is extensive training for all those accepted. What is required are good people skills, and an understanding of campus safety issues.

They usually hire up to 96 volunteers.

Other Student Activities with the Union

The Students' Union offers many other volunteer opportunities that I just couldn't fit in, everything from legal counselling to the Charity Ball to Campus clubs. Just come up to the offices and ask the receptionist, Mary, for more information.

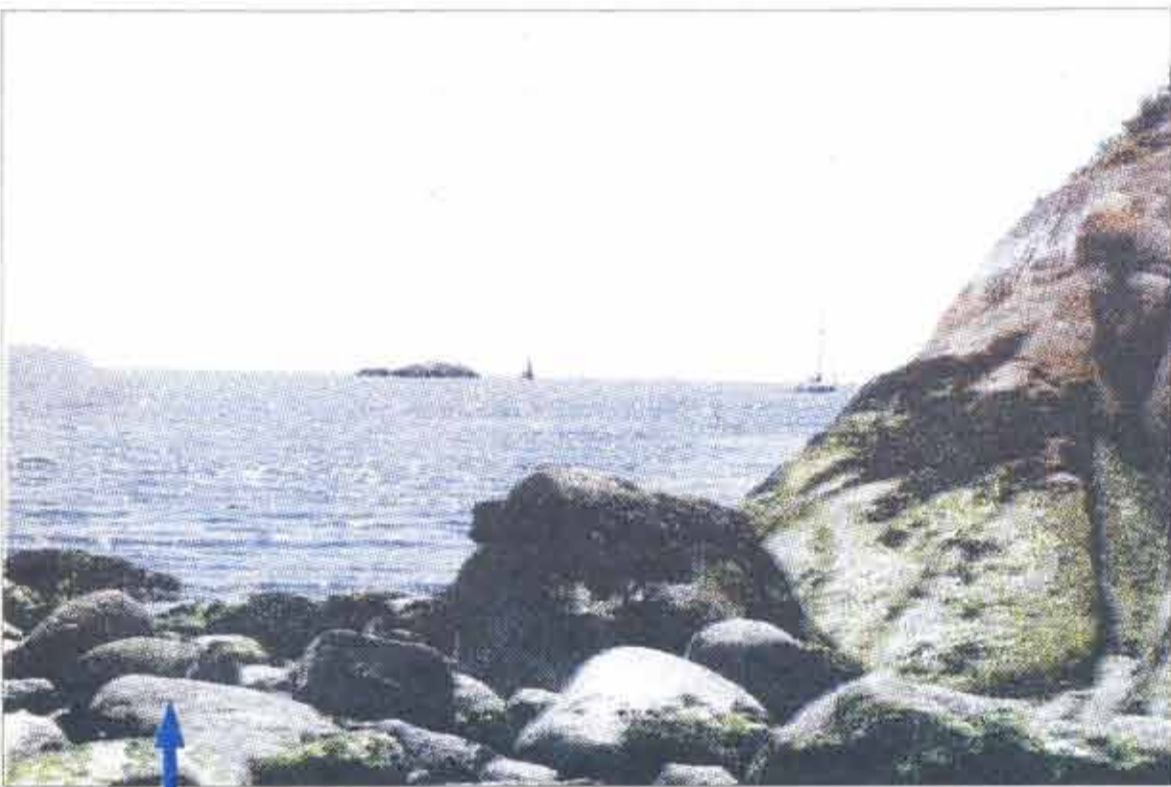
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The Cord (Laurier's Student Newspaper)

What an awesome way to get involved (and I'm not just saying that!). You don't need any experience, just a willingness to get involved, to learn, and to act goofy (sometimes). The Cord offers a great way to get practical journalism experience, as well as computer, photography and writing experience. There are always a million things to do so please don't be afraid to come up to the Cord offices. You can always ask for Ingrid or Scott.

Keystone (Yearbook)

Remember the fun of working on your high school's yearbook? No? Well, time for a refresher. The people here are always looking for help with everything from photography to writing to layout.



W.P.I.R.G.

If you are of the environmental bent, this organization offers a wide variety of opportunities to clean up around the neighbourhood, around the country, and generally to start a positive trend. This group is a student funded, student run organization located at the University of Waterloo. They are always looking for volunteers to deal with such diverse topics as recycling, deforestation, energy conservation, patriarchy and competition.

Some of the opportunities include:

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 - environmental radio show on CKMS
 - recycling bicycles
 - office support
 - Save Clayoquot Sound
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Kitchener Parks and Recreation

If you dare travel into the far lands of downtown Kitchener, you will quickly realize that it isn't really that far. Once you're there, and feel like volunteering, check out the City Hall located one street over from the downtown bus terminal. There's a skating rink out front, and it generally just looks like a city hall. Once inside, head to the seventh floor and seek out the Parks and Recreation department. This is the main source of volunteer opportunities.

The choices include everything from leisure buddies to assisting those people with special needs, senior citizen's helpers, and volunteer tour guides of City Hall and the city, to opportunities to help out at annual events run by the city.

The department offers a step book about how to get involved, who to talk to about each opportunity, and an application.

Call 741-2382.

Kitchener-Waterloo Humane Society

Is the one thing you miss most about leaving home your pet dog Sparky? If so, you can ease that pain by helping out at the humane society and helping someone else's pet feel

Big Sisters/Big Brothers

This is a great choice if you're looking to have some fun, be around kids, and really help out a little person. It is not a huge time commitment when you consider the wonderful, fulfilling work you are doing.

Big Sisters is a short term match program that offers a September to May match-up (flexible). They try to pair you with a young girl or boy who shares your interests. You would have to fill out an application, attend an orientation evening and have an interview with a case worker.

The only real stipulations are a police screening of your background, and that you have to be 20 years old. Otherwise you just need to be a good role model for some youngster who really needs a friend. The time commitment is three hours a week for about eight months. The orientation evenings are on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of every month. Call 743-5206 for more details.

Big Brothers is a separate organization. They also need you to fill out an application, attend an orientation night, and have an interview. Your background will also be screened.

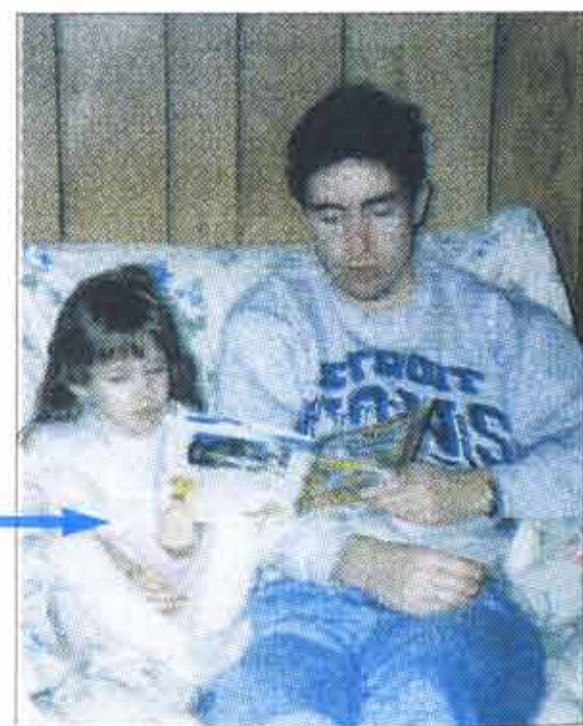
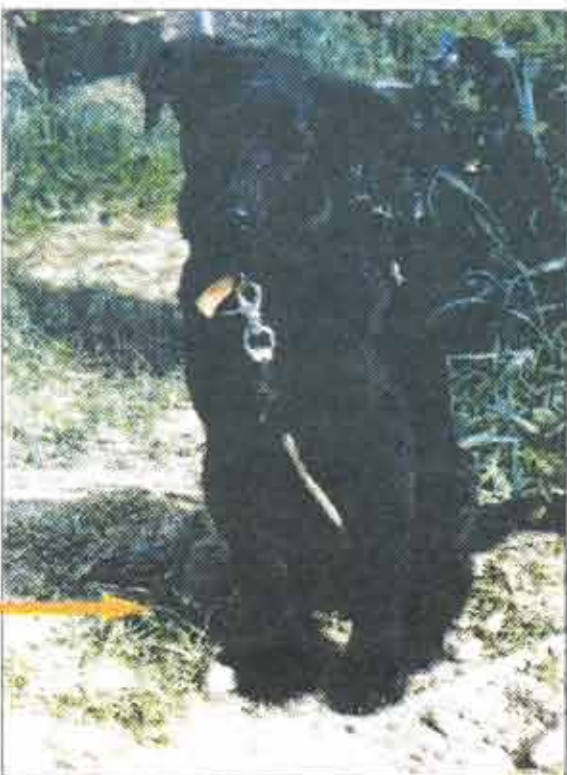


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Board of Directors

For those with a more organizational twist, get involved with bureaucratic end of Student Pubs. They are also always in need of fundraising volunteers.

Do you feel lucky?

Join Laurier's charity fundraising gang

KATHLEEN LAMB
CORD FEATURES

If you go to Laurier you could be in LUCK. At Laurier, the term "luck" has a slightly different definition. LUCK is an acronym that stands for Laurier University Charity Council.

As part of the Students' Union, LUCK works under the Vice President: University Affairs and under Charity and Community Affairs.

This is the first active year for the group. The ball began rolling last year when two first year students, Kaiizer Suleman and Rob Switzman, approached the Board of Directors with plans for a club that would give Laurier students an opportunity to help various charities. After some discussion, the group became part of the Students' Union to prevent an overlap with the Community and Charity Relations Department.

At the beginning of the year eleven people were chosen to form an executive which acts as the engine that drives LUCK. By employing a system of executives, the council avoids a hierarchy and functions as a team.

LUCK draws on a large network of volunteers who sign up to help the council at the beginning of the year during Campus Clubs week.

Media Director Jeanette Stuart assures those of us who failed Time Management that commitment to LUCK is flexible. Even a conditional offer to help is welcome.

Even if you did not help out directly by working in a booth or selling tickets to a dance, you may have already given your support. Any vague memories of a LUCK member knocking on your door for "empties" during their late October, early November Beer Bottle Drive? The money raised from the bottle returns was appropriately donated to the Canadian Liver Foundation. Donations from local bars helped considerably but it is rumored that some local student homes generously gave upwards of nine cases (the big 24s).

If you do not recall someone carrying your beer bottles back to the store for you, you may remember slapping a little loose change onto a sticky, two-way tape cut-out of a four leaf clover, or participating in the Forty Yard Draw at the football game against Waterloo (a 60/40 draw).

The proceeds from these events, in addition to bar-b-que funds, went to The United Way Campaign in October.

Area children also found a little luck in our very own Turret near the

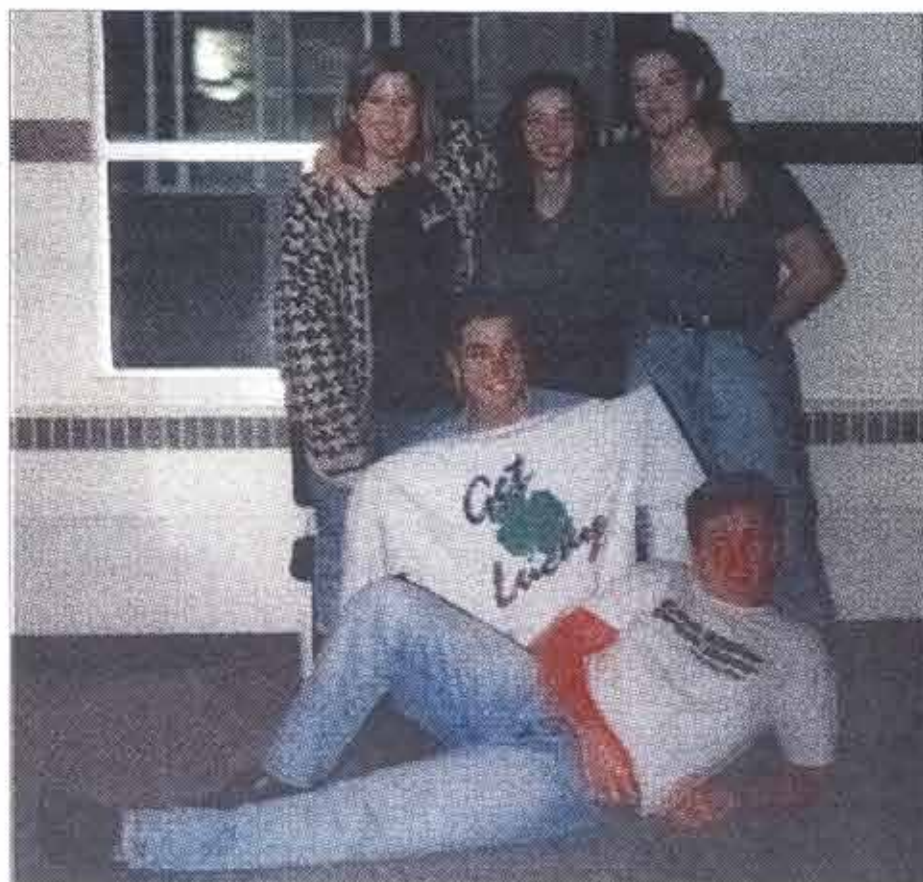
end of October, when LUCK hosted a Hallowe'en Party for elementary school kids.

A Christmas party was also held in the Turret to help underprivileged children in December. The most recent event was the Dance for Heart near Valentine's Day, which raised money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

LUCK's fundraising activities are inventive and focus around events or causes that interest Laurier students. LUCK aims to help frequently overlooked charities in an effort to aid the community that provides a temporary home for most of us. LUCK events are often advertised in the Concourse or in the TV lounge and volunteers can sign up for events at the General Meetings held twice a year.

An extension of LUCK is WLUC-CAA, or Wilfrid Laurier University Committee Concerning AIDS Awareness. The committee consists of seven members who organize events around AIDS.

This year their focus has been on AIDS Awareness as opposed to fund raising. LUCK volunteers are often given the opportunity to help at events such as January's information booth in the Concourse. A mandatory two hour training session was attended by all volunteers.



Give me an L. Give me a U. Oh, never mind.

There is still time to share a little LUCK in their upcoming event to raise money for Word Vision on March 19-20, during a 30 hour famine in the Student Union building.

A final note of encouragement comes from Stuart, who commented

that Laurier students are not apathetic.

"I think people want to help out, they just have to find the time." Judging by Stuart's enthusiasm, LUCK provides a great opportunity to help others while leaving its members with a positive feeling.

Building a better mousetrap

Junior Achievement offers a way to expand your skills

MELANIE SEAL
CORD FEATURES

Who says business students have all the fun? Sue Barry, a third year political science student, spends at least four hours out of her week with high school students as part of the "Junior Achievers" program.

The program is an international organization that helps high school students produce, market, and distribute a product in the "real world". Junior Achievers has been in operation in the Waterloo area for the last twenty-five years, and was formed in Canada in 1954.

There are about fifteen to twenty students in a group, each group having five advisors,

The students elect a management team, and all members act as shareholders and directors. Each company has an audit three times in its productive year.

The actual production of saleable items takes place within the walls of the JA classroom. Kathi Smith, the president of the JA program, says that many of her 300 volunteers are university students. "They are students who are interested in teaching; the high school students aren't the only ones to build resumes," Smith said. The JA program is completely non-profit. Sponsorship comes from national companies such as Bell, Union Gas, Royal Bank, CIBC, and local companies

like Raytheon in Waterloo.

Advisors like Sue are needed to help with decisions on marketing and investing. The students work hard to stay above their break-even scale.

"I found the book work more in depth than (BU) 247 (Managerial Accounting)," Barry said; "the students work hard for productivity."

Other goods made by JA high school students are lap desks, First Aid Kits, CD clocks, wine bottle holders, and even a mason jar lamp.

At the end of the school year, the products are liquidated, and a shareholders report is written up. An awards ceremony takes place to commend the most productive company.

Sue was introduced to the program in her high school years. Becoming a volunteer was a natural progression.

"I wanted to give back what I got out of it," Barry said. She feels the students are very appreciative, and "they're so happy when the books balance."

Melissa Howie, high school student by day and VP of Human Resources in the JA company of "Cedar Obsession" by night, echoes Barry's sentiments.

Other goods made by JA high school students are lap desks, wine bottle holders, and even a mason jar lamp.

"I came last year and had a lot of fun...it's really good business experience for university. It helped me get a job this Christmas in retail, they liked that I had the sales experience," Howie said.

Cedar Obsession is currently retailing cedar hangers, with holes in the middle of the hanger frame for scarves and belts.

Volunteering seems like such a big sacrifice of time. When asked if it gets tough to continually juggle school and Junior Achievement, Barry said, "Sometimes, I don't usually leave there until ten o'clock to come home to do homework...but it's worth it. It just takes good time management."

The learning isn't only for the students. Barry said she has picked up a lot of "business things,

recognition of people and their different levels of commitment. You don't want to push a volunteer, but you want to encourage them on."

There are bonuses to giving some of your free time away. Barry said of the experience, "It has helped out with getting jobs." Barry was quick to point out that you don't have to be a business major to help out, nor do you have to have been a Junior Achiever in your high school years. There are various levels of commitment at Junior Achievement.

"There is a great sense of accomplishment," Barry said.

See them achieve. See them have fun. See their résumé expand.



The Cord's Second Annual Gala Readers' Poll

Well, here it is again, what you have all been waiting for. That's right, the return of the Cord Entertainment Readers' Poll. Your chance to make your voice heard about what's going on in the entertainment industry.

Vote and vote often. The results will be tabulated by none other than Leonard Nimoy (he owes me for not making it to the Entertainment Writing seminar), and the results will be published in the last issue of the Cord for this year on March 29. All entries must be in by Monday, March 27 at noon in the Cord offices.

As if you needed any more motivation to respond, there will be a draw held from the entries received for the following fabulous prizes:

- A grab bag of miscellaneous CDs and cassettes
- An official 1995 Juno Awards T-shirt
- Free Cord classifieds for a semester
- An honorary submission to the Bag O' Crime
- Your face/body appearing in a joke advertisement

What kind of music do you like?

- a) Classic Rock
- b) Alternative
- c) Dance
- d) Country
- e) Flamenco
- f) Other: _____

Who is your favourite Laurier-based performer?

- a) Matt Osborne
- b) Flaming O'Haras
- c) Ma's Home Remedy
- d) Phineas Gage
- e) Atona
- f) Other: _____

What is your favourite local bar?

- a) Wilf's
- b) Turret
- c) Phil's
- d) Loose Change Louie's
- e) Other: _____

What kind of TV programming do you enjoy?

- a) Sitcoms
- b) Music Videos
- c) Sports
- d) Soap Operas
- e) Other: _____

What is your favourite TV show?

- a) The Simpsons
- b) The X-Files
- c) Melrose Place
- d) Friends
- e) Other: _____

What is the cheesiest TV show of all time?

- a) The Partridge Family
- b) Three's Company
- c) Perfect Strangers
- d) Full House
- e) Other: _____

What is the greatest anticipated TV moment of all time?

- a) The Harlem Globetrotters go to Melrose Place
- b) The Bills win the Superbowl
- c) Charlie Brown gets the little red-haired girl, kicks the football, and beats Lucy senseless
- d) OJ gets sentenced
- e) Other: _____

What is your favourite movie of all time?

- a) Gone With the Wind
- b) Empire Strikes Back
- c) Rocky Horror Picture Show
- d) Casablanca
- e) Other: _____

Who is your favourite film actor?

- a) Tom Hanks
- b) Harrison Ford
- c) John Travolta
- d) Sean Connery
- e) Other: _____

Who is your favourite film actress?

- a) Rene Russo
- b) Whoopi Goldberg
- c) Jodi Foster
- d) Marissa Tomei
- e) Other: _____

What is the greatest band of all time?

- a) The Beatles
- b) Led Zeppelin
- c) U2

- d) Pearl Jam
- e) Other: _____

Who is the sexiest man alive?

- a) Brad Pitt
- b) Leonard Nimoy
- c) Greg Sloan
- d) Kevin Costner
- e) Other: _____

Who is the sexiest woman alive?

- a) Winona Ryder
- b) Pamela Denise Anderson
- c) Bea Arthur
- d) Sheryl Crow
- e) Other: _____

The best song ever was:

The personality (TV, film, or musical) I would most like to see dead is:

What band would you like to see play at Laurier?

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March madness!!

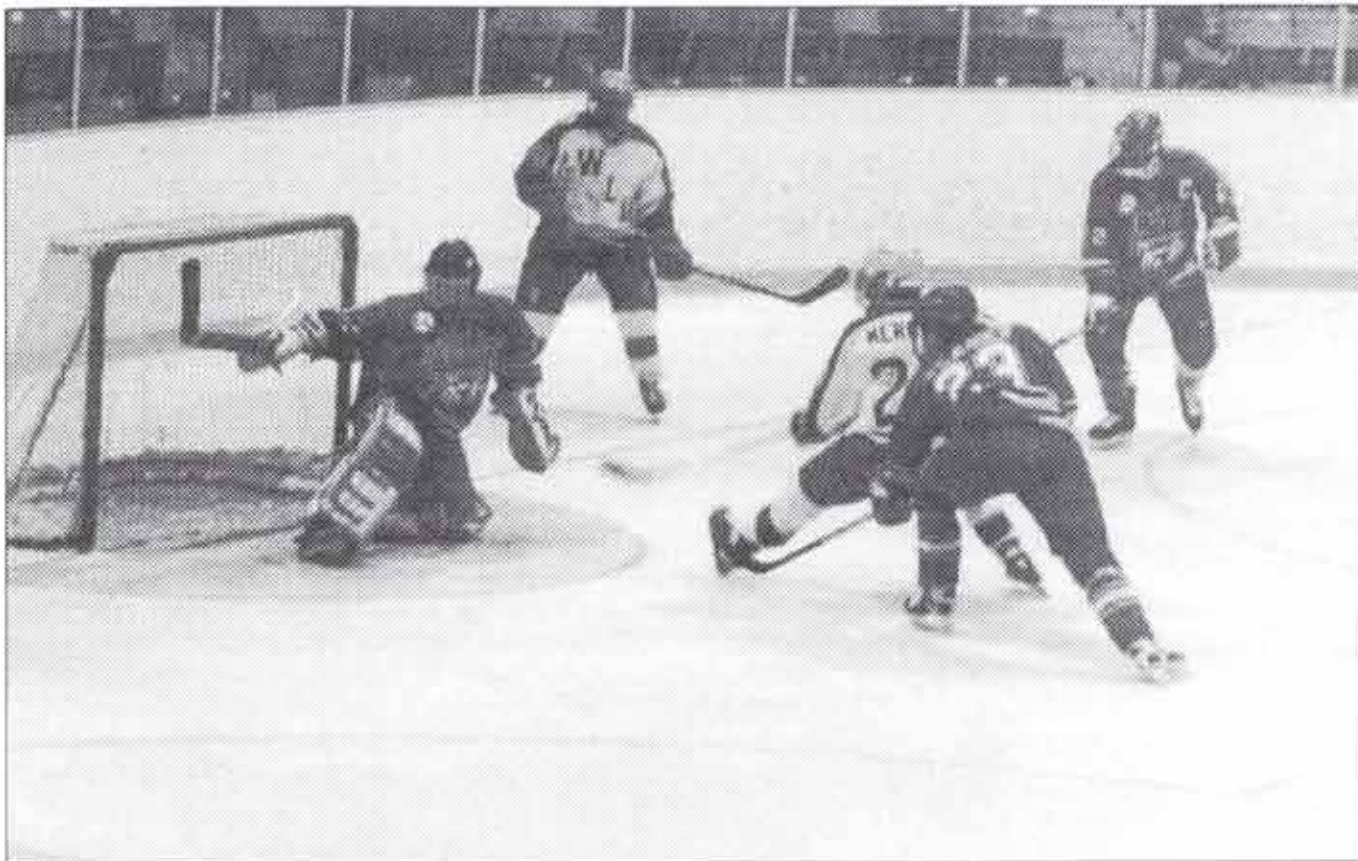
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PICTURE STEVE DIETER

Guelph netminder George Dourian, pictured here in action against Laurier earlier in the season, had a rough game in the University Cup final against Moncton, letting in a number of soft goals in the 5-1 Gryphon loss.

PETE ROBINSON
CORD SPORTS

The Guelph Gryphons started the University Cup championship with a bang, recording the game's first seven shots on net and completely

dominating the opening moments of the game. It didn't last long; the Gryphs came crashing down to earth at the 9:20 mark of the first.

The Moncton Aigles Bleu scored on both of their first two shots, and

the Gryphons were never the same after that. Moncton cruised to a easy 5-1 win, and Guelph is starting to show symptoms of the "not being able to win the big one" disease, having lost two straight national

finals. As well, they lost in the semis two years ago to U of T.

The usually dependable Guelph netminder George Dourian wore the goat horns, letting three goals go in between his legs and mishandling another shot from a near impossible angle.

The turning point may have come in the opening minutes, when Moncton's Peter Jacob was off for roughing. Todd Wetzel hit the post after his shot had cleanly beaten Moncton goalie Pierre Gagnon, and Guelph's power play fizzled after that, going 0 for 5. Furthermore, Gagnon was unbeatable, stopping 22 of 23 shots. Only Brad Haezle was able to beat him at the 9:25 mark of the third, when the game was clearly in hand.

Dominic Rheaume and Patrick Caron each scored twice for Moncton, with Jacob adding a single.

Moncton got to the final with a 5-4 win over Western. The winner was scored with under two minutes to play, when an errant bounce off the end boards fooled Western goaltender Shawn Bassillio. The puck came back out in front and was quickly deposited behind Bassillio.

It was the second straight year

that Western was denied a shot at the final on a controversial goal. Last year, two Western defencemen blocked Bassillio from returning to the net after he left the crease to clear the puck. Guelph then scooped up the puck and scored the overtime winner. Guelph later lost a 5-2 decision to Lethbridge in the final, in a game that was very similar to Sunday's.

Guelph got to the final this year with a 4-1 win over Calgary.

The championship was held in Maple Leaf Gardens to an announced crowd of 6682. It would be hard to justify how the organizers could say there was that many, but we'll take their word for it. The game in the Gardens brings to an end the three year agreement with the CIAU to hold the final there, and it is unlikely the game will take place there again. The CIAU will re-evaluate how they will showcase their big games next year; it is no secret that both the CIAU and the OUAA did not enjoy huge financial success with their ventures into the MLG and the SkyDome over the past two seasons. The Vanier Cup will stay in the Skydome, but it is likely the football playoffs and hockey finals will have more of a regional flavour.

Beware March madness

The annual affliction will soon strike unsuspecting victims once again

SCOTT CULLEN
CORD SPORTS

It is now that special time of year when the snow melts, the birds start singing and the NCAA tournament gets underway.

The brackets have been set for one of the best sporting events all year. Granted, the hype around college basketball is considerable (thank you, Coach Vitale), but the NCAA tourney provides an opportunity to witness the American Dream during every game.

Only in the NCAA tournament does a virtually unknown team (e.g. Florida International) get to step on the floor with a powerhouse (in this case, UCLA), and have one game to decide who will continue and who will go home. This past NCAA season was so unpredictable that it is difficult to foresee who will end up in Seattle.

The tournament is renowned for all the upsets that take place along the Road to the Final Four; but tournament success is often found with teams that have a strong inside-outside combination.

Here are some of the top combinations to look for at this season's big dance:

Tyus Edney and Ed O'Bannon - UCLA. O'Bannon is the inspirational leader on the number one team in the country. The Bruins' power forward can score and rebound, and is paired with his younger brother Charles in the UCLA frontcourt. Edney has great quickness, and distributes the ball to the many UCLA offensive threats.

Scotty Thurman and Corliss Williamson - Arkansas. The Big Nasty is the complete power forward and leader of the defending

champion Razorbacks. He heads a talented cast of returnees, and despite the Razorbacks' inconsistency during the season, look for Williamson to establish himself throughout the tournament. The versatile Thurman hit the winning bucket in the final last year and is a reliable compliment to Williamson.

Randolph Childress and Tim Duncan - Wake Forest. Yet another point guard who can control a game, Childress can score and pass, as well as providing veteran leadership in clutch situations. He combined with the 6'10" sophomore Duncan to give the Demon Deacons their first ACC title since 1962.

Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace - North Carolina. Wallace is expected to be ready to play after his injury in the ACC tournament, and small forward Stackhouse can put points on the board with the best of them. The Tar Heels are always ready for the tournament, and Wallace and Stackhouse will be relied on to lead them this year.

Allen Iverson and Othella Harrington - Georgetown. Iverson, the Big East Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, is possibly the most exciting player in college basketball. He tends to get out of control, but his quickness and leaping ability helped him average nearly 20 points per game. Harrington has struggled this season with Georgetown's new high-tempo game, but he has looked more comfortable in recent weeks.

Jacque Vaughn and Greg Ostertag - Kansas. Vaughn is a solid floor leader for the Jayhawks, and the 7'2" Ostertag is a monster in the low post. The Jayhawks' front line is even more intimidating when Raef

LaFrentz and Scot Pollard, both 6'11", are in the game.

Ray Allen and Donny Marshall - Connecticut. Sophomore Allen has been a consensus All-American this season with his wide array of skills, including his ability to knock down the outside shot. Marshall possesses quickness and good hands for a big man.

There are several individuals who will be relied on to carry their

teams to Seattle. Super center Joe Smith of Maryland, "Big Country" Bryant Reeves of Oklahoma State, chrome-domed three-point bomber Cuonzo Martin of Purdue, scoring machine Shawn Respert from Michigan State, Kerry Kittles from Villanova, and Ryan Minor of the surprising Sooners from Oklahoma.

There are many more excellent players in the tournament and there will undoubtedly be some new ones

emerging in these high-pressure games.

College basketball produces games that are played with high emotion and intensity, which makes it very entertaining to watch. As of Thursday, March Madness will have officially taken over and there is nothing better than this unpredictable 64 team tournament for pure excitement. Spring has officially begun.

Track season ends

MIKE DONIA
CORD SPORTS

Different from many other sports, track and field has no professional league such as the NFL or the NBA. The best athletes in this sport don't play for franchises, but compete for themselves or their country in events like the World Championships, the Commonwealth Games and the ultimate, the Olympics.

Due to the nonexistence of pro leagues in track and field, one can find some of the country's best athletes right here in our university system. One well-known example is Olympic decathlete Michael Smith, who competed for the University of Toronto both before and after competing at the Olympics.

A more recent example is this year's OUAA 60 and 300 metre champion O'Brian Gibbons, now in his fifth year at the University of Windsor. He has spent his summers representing Canada in events such as the World University Games, the Francophone Games and this past summer, the Commonwealth Games. The country's university system is filled with athletes of national and international calibre, and one could argue that watching the CIAU championships in track and field is like watching a preview to Canada's Olympic trials.

This past weekend, the Varsity Track and Field Team competed against some of this talent. Laurier sent five athletes to the OUAA/OUAA Championships held at the University of Windsor. As usual, the championship meet brought together some of Canada's pre-

mier competitors in the sport.

In an exciting 3000 metre race, Golden Hawks' Mike Donia was fourth in his section followed by teammate Jeff Shortt in seventh place. The Golden Hawks 4 x 400 metre relay team, made up of Mike Foster, Harry Keenan, Jeff Seaby and Jeff Shortt ran an excellent race, knocking 6 seconds off this year's previous best performance.

Other big championship results include Jeff Seaby's sixth place finish in a very fast men's 1500 metre race. This capped off a strong season for the fourth year runner, who graduates this spring and will surely be missed next year. Seaby, who still has two years of eligibility left, could wind up competing against his old teammates if he does post-graduate work at another school. Let's hope not for the Hawks' sake.

The loss of team captains Mike Donia and Jeff Seaby marks the end of an era in Laurier running. Remaining captain Jeff Shortt and his teammates will have big shoes to fill next year in both the cross country and track seasons with the graduation of these two.

Coaches Ray Koenig and Les Roberts await the return of star triathlete Jeff Beech, who is currently training in Australia after competing in the World Championships. Beech, who was the team's number one cross country runner for four years straight, still has another year of CIAU eligibility. If he decides to return, he will be a great asset to the team.

Betting on a comeback

SCOTT STINSON
CORD SPORTS

You know, I think there's something they aren't telling us.

Last year, NBA Supreme Being Michael Jordan stepped away from the game after three straight Championship seasons with the Chicago Bulls.

Add to those titles a slew of scoring records, league MVP awards, playoff MVP awards, Defensive Player of the Year awards, All-Star selections, All-Star MVP's, Slam Dunk titles, and it is easy to see why Jordan retired when he did.

There was nothing left for him to do, and he wanted to have a go at a reasonably normal life, away from the perpetual media circus that followed his every move.

Sounds like a sensible decision, right?

Well, yes, until you consider the events of the following months. Barely five months out of the limelight, His Airness announced that he was going to pursue his lifelong dream of playing major league baseball.

All over the continent, media circus specialists were springing into action, ready for the thrill of the hunt once again.

Back then, I could rationalize Jordan's decision to play baseball from a purely competitive standpoint -- he was dying to win again, to prove his athletic ability like he used to every night.

However, I couldn't rationalize his decision to throw himself at the packs of media wolves that would once again shadow his every move. If he was really serious about living a normal life with his family, this seemed a very odd way to go about it.

One has to conclude that the media attention was never really his primary concern.

Now, Jordan has started practicing with the Bulls, a situation that has fueled specula-

tion of his imminent return like water on a grease fire (and speaking from personal experience, that's some serious fuel -- ouch).

Although at press time nothing was confirmed either way, a Chicago radio station was apparently leaked not only a confirmation, but the exact date when Jordan would take the floor at the United Center, March 24th.

I'm inclined to believe them, at least the confirmation part, if only because I can't imagine why Jordan would practice with the team if he wasn't planning to return. There are many hoops in the Greater Chicago area, I think he could find one to practice on that wouldn't cause such a big ruckus.

I also doubt that the team would be all that big on his practicing with them if he wasn't serious about returning. Teams work on specific things during practice time, and it isn't likely that anyone would want to see that practice time frittered away appeasing a former teammate/deity. Not the players, not the coaches, not the management.

So let's assume that Jordan is going to come back to the Bulls. Otherwise, I won't be able to air my conspiracy theory.

What conspiracy theory, you say? Go ahead, say it.

Recall, if you will, the situation that arose during the playoff series against the New York Knicks in Jordan's final season. Jordan was spotted in Atlantic City gambling up a storm early one morning even though he had a game that night. The media hounds were released and allegations of Jordan's gambling habits sprung up like so many spring flowers.

As Jordan and Co. knocked off the Knicks and then the Phoenix Suns to win the NBA title, league commissioner David Stern announced that he was going to launch an investigation into the gambling habits of The Most Prolific Scorer to Ever Play NBA Basketball.

Which reminds me very much of the time the commissioner of Major League Baseball, the late Bart Giamatti, announced that he was going to launch an investigation into the gambling habits of The Most Prolific Hitter to Ever Play Major League Baseball. Pete Rose, for those of you scoring at home.

As you may know, that investigation ultimately resulted in Rose being banned from baseball, including his rightful place in the Hall of Fame. The whole incident was a public relations nightmare.

Back to Jordan. After he retired, the

"investigation" that was underway just sort of died. Jordan was no longer a player in the league, so Stern figures his investigation no longer has much of a point. He is right. Everybody is talking about Jordan's ability to hit a baseball, not whether he liked to hit with 16 showing at the blackjack table.

So here's my theory. Stern's investigation turns up more than he was hoping it would. Jordan has a serious gambling jones. Does Stern ban Jordan from the game he has dominated? Does Stern put a gun to his head and pull the trigger? No, and no. He's a P.R. guy through and through, one who took a struggling league and built it into a powerhouse in large part because of his ability to promote and publicize. The last thing he wants to do is drag his biggest name through the mud.

Instead, he meets with Michael and the Bulls' management. They decide that the easiest way to avoid a scandal is if Jordan retires early. He does. Scandal avoided.

A year and a half later, Jordan is given the OK to return, now that all those allegations are long since forgotten.

Except by me.

The truth is out there.

Outside the Lines

The battle for Lord Stimpny's Cup

ANTHONY PASTO AND
STEVE GROENEVELD

CORD SPORTS

Hard-hitting, high-flying action and great goaltending: once again, it's the time of the year for the TAMIIE league hockey playoffs.

March Madness is upon us, as all the players are focused and determined to sip the champagne from Lord Stimpny's Cup. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman was one of the many fans to take in the action at the Bubble. Rumours are that Bettman and THL commissioners Newell and Jones are working out a deal regarding an NHL expansion franchise coming from the TAMIIE League. With the addition of the luxury boxes inside the Bubble, the future looks bright for the THL. Here is how the first round of the playoffs unfolded:

Vancouver 5 Toronto 2

The first matchup of the evening had the powerful second place Toronto Maple Leafs going up against the third place Vancouver Canucks, a team who felt they had something to prove. And prove it they did, beating T.O. 5-2. The combination of Fudge and Westlake didn't take long to click, giving Vancouver an early lead three minutes in.

Toronto looked a little confused and had a difficult time putting it together. Toronto's

highlight was Russ Clark going toe-to-toe in a little fisticuffs with Vancouver goon Brent Reynolds. The rest of the team's lacklustre performance could be attributed to the fact that big name Leaf players Chang and Zucker are currently locked in contract disputes. After the game, Toronto veteran Rob McGowan was quoted as saying, "This was our year, we had a strong team and should have went to the big show." He is contemplating retirement, but look for his name on the list of possible coaches for the new TAMIIE NHL team.

Ottawa 6 Calgary 3

In the second game of the night, a promising fourth place Calgary club went into action against a confident number one Ottawa, with the Senators winning 6-3. After a slow start in the beginning of the year, Ottawa has constantly improved, and has brought their winning attitude into the playoffs. Ottawa's Mike Jones has stepped up his play of late, recording 2 goals and 1 assist in the crucial win. He was quoted as saying his added stamina is due to more hours riding the bike, eating his vitamins, and saying his prayers.

Therefore, #1 Ottawa and #3 Vancouver meet in a 2 game, total goals playoff next week to determine the 1995 THL Stimpny Cup Champions.

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12. Penn
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13. Drexel
6. Tulsa
11. Illinois
3. Villinova
14. Old Dominion
7. NC Charlotte
10. Stanford
2. Massachusetts
15. St. Peter's

WEST

1. UCLA
16. Fla. Intl.
8. Missouri
9. Indiana
5. Miss St.
12. Santa Clara
4. Utah
13. Long Beach St.
6. Oregon
11. Texas
3. Maryland
14. Gonzaga
7. Cincinnati
10. Temple
2. UConn.
15. Tenn. Chat.

MIDWEST

1. Kansas
16. Colgate
8. W. Kentucky
9. Michigan
5. Arizona
12. Miami, OH.
4. Virginia
13. Nicholls St.
6. Memphis
11. Louisville
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1. Kentucky
16. MSM Md.
8. BYU
9. Tulane
5. Ariz. State
12. Ball State
4. Oklahoma
13. Manhattan
6. Georgetown
11. Xavier, OH.
3. Mich. State
14. Weber St.
7. Iowa State
10. Florida
2. UNC
15. Murray St.

Drawing the damn brackets takes too long so you can just cut this part out and draw them in yourself. Don't knock it.

The Cord Sports NHL Pool

Big news. Rob Manger is your new leader in the Front Row NHL Pool, having passed longtime frontrunner Samantha Touchie. By the by, there are only two more Cord's after this one, so time's running out on this here contest. Keep your eyes open to see if you finish in the prizes.

Here's the Top Ten:

1. Rob Manger	294 points
2. Samantha Touchie	285
3. Adrian Osborne	282
4. Chuck Fairley	279
5. Wendy Wallace	269
7. Gary Watson	268
7. Paul Werynski	268
8. Jeff Shortt	267
10. Rebecca Worden	264
10. Agnes Timmerman	264

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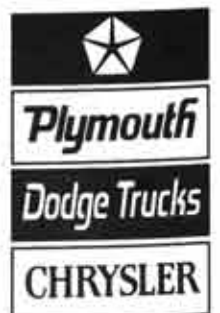


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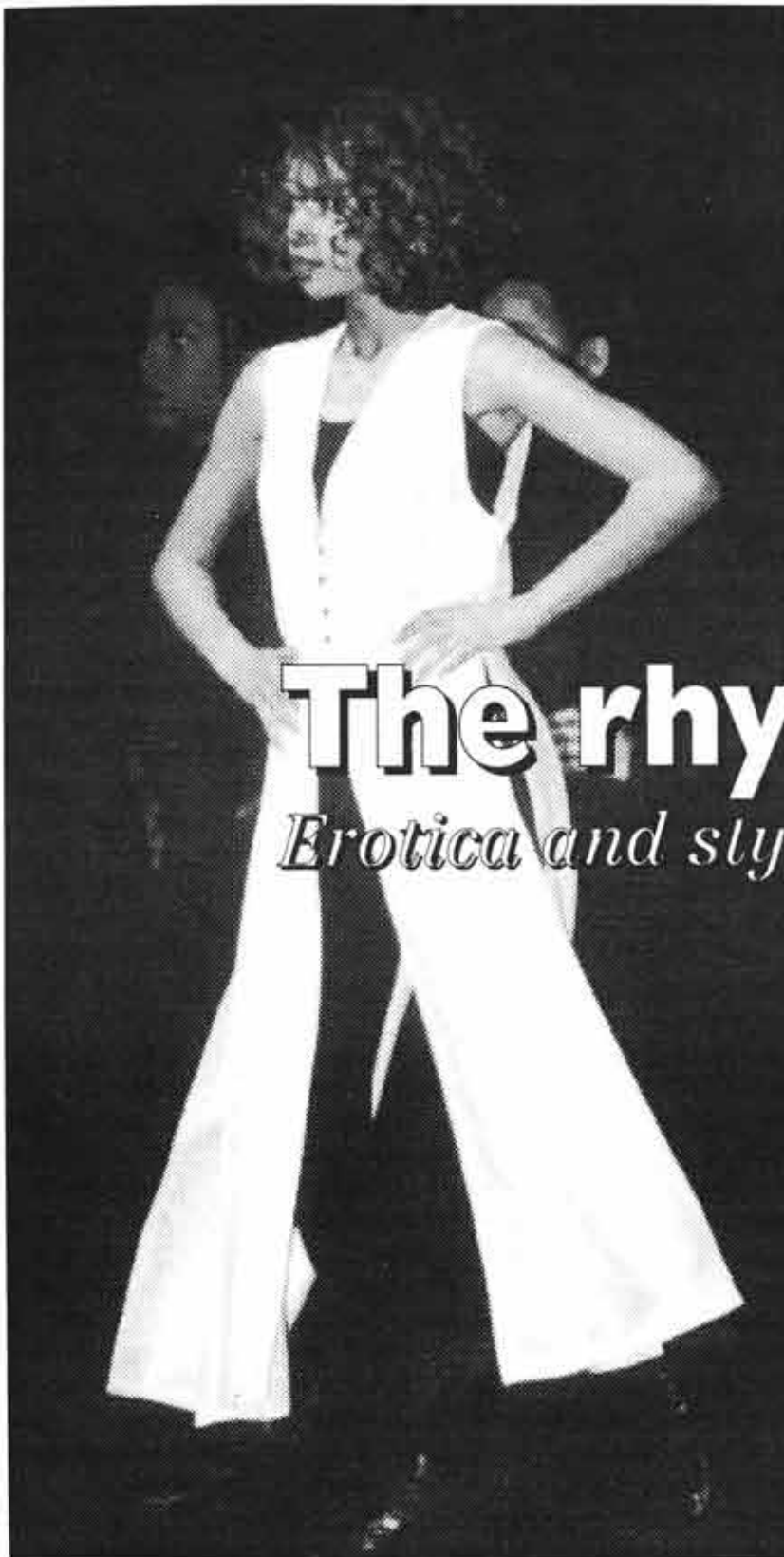
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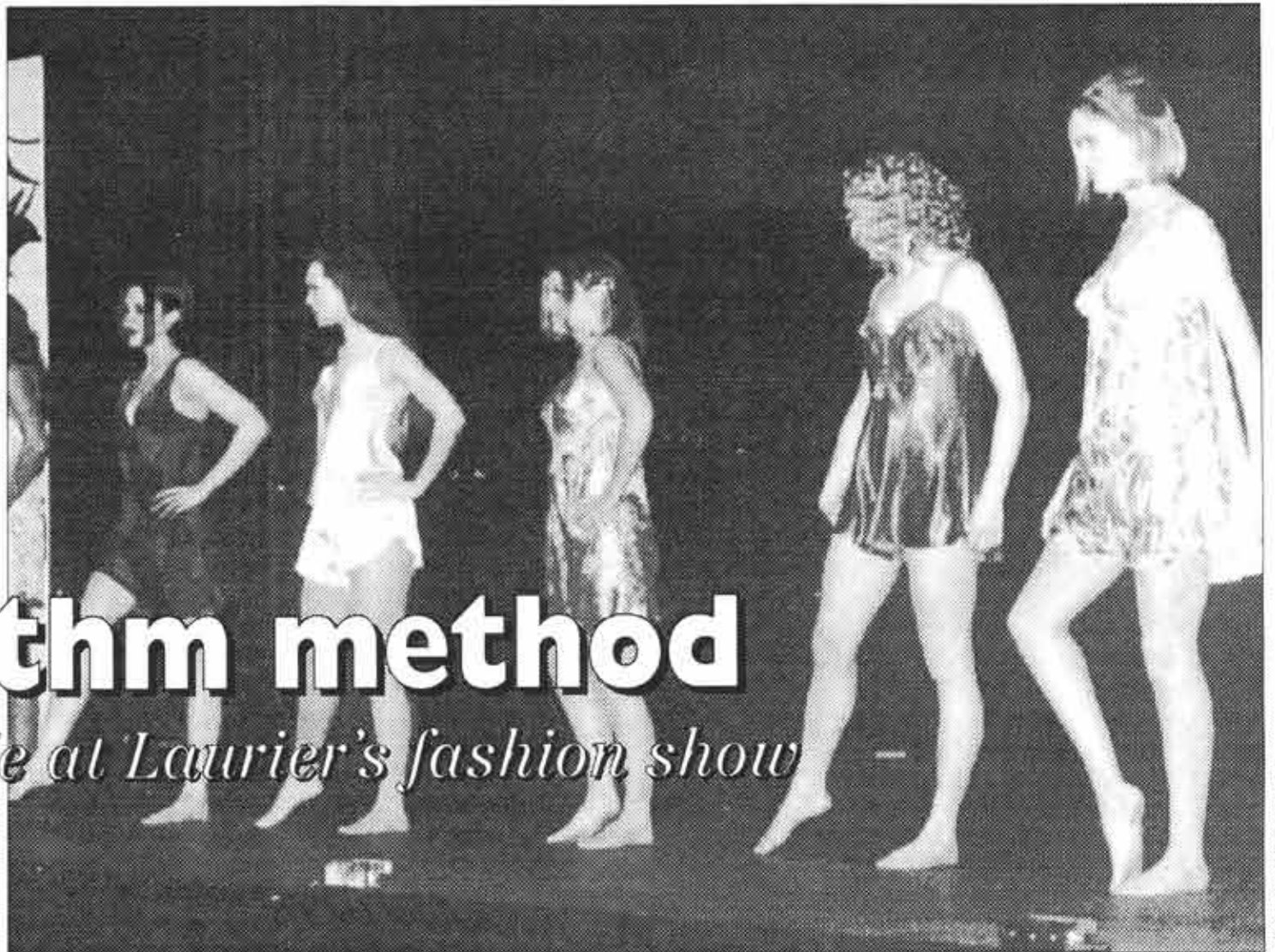


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The rhythm method

Erotica and style at Laurier's fashion show



It was #3, officer: she was the heart burglar

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Not only was there the expected grinding and pumping, but another position was added where the male model kneeled before the female model, she put her leg over his shoulder, and then proceeded to put his head in her crotch.

The fitness scene continued this obsession for bodily pleasures. One model was bench pressing a woman. The step aerobic demonstration was

awesome, and one had to be impressed with not only the models co-ordination in this scene, but also their ability to keep smiles on their faces.

The "Return to Innocence" scene was above sensuality. There was not a lot of skin, but the movements were very erotic. Flowing curtains and streamers in a whipping motion increased the sensuality, and the candlelight ending was fantastic.

The final scene brought harsh real-

ity to this eroticism. Lisa Wong's sacrifice of a male for his infidelity brought many images of Bobbittism to mind. The smoking phallic symbols and the banishment of the male slut was a great way to end the show.

In all, the show was a great success. It was clear that there was a great deal of work put into it, and that there are many beautiful and talented people at Laurier.

Audience members went home with a smile on their faces.

Observe the talent

New drama department opens its doors for a peek into theatre at Laurier

STEPHANIE TRUDEAU
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Perhaps "The Regeneration of George McGrath" was the last production of Theatre Laurier, but, it is not the last production of theatre at Laurier.

On Sunday March 19 at 2:00pm in the Theatre Auditorium, the third annual New Play Festival will be held.

This year marks the first year that theatre has become an official major at Laurier, and because of this, the New Play Festival has developed a unique style of its own.

The performance will display the talents and works of the theatre students who are presently in the various theatre courses.

The production consists of three original one-act plays written by the

playwrighting students, directed by the directing students, and acted by the acting students. The Festival is also being produced entirely by the playwrighting students and their supervisors.

So, basically, the day will provide other Laurier students with a rare chance to come out and observe the goings on of Laurier's new program, and also, to observe the talent in the drama department of this university which seems to have been sorely overlooked in the past.

This year, the festival has taken on a few different and exciting angles than it has in the previous years. It has evolved from a reading of plays by campus alumni and faculty, to a performance of plays by campus alumni and faculty by the students, to finally, an entirely stu-

dent involved and performed event.

Since this is, however, the first year of the theatre major, some course admissions and content still had to be ironed out.

There are only three playwrights in the playwrighting course and each have penned a one-act play during the fall and winter terms.

The directing course consists of twelve directors, so, naturally, some negotiating took place.

Six directors expressed extreme interest in participating in the New Play Festival, which will also serve as their final exam, while the remaining six directors have found other projects.

Still, there was the problem of six directors and three plays. After discussions and opinion expres-

sions, it was decided that Act

One of the New Play Festival would consist of a performance of all three plays by three directors, and Act Two would be the performance of the same plays, but by different directors.

This concept will provide not only the playwrights, but also the audience with an opportunity to see the works done twice, with two different interpretations, and two different casts.

Due to the decision of the production of each play twice, the festival then took on a kind of informal workshop tone.

An adjudicator will be present the entire week of March 12-19 while rehearsals and possible rewrites

are happening.

The plays will be performed at a dress rehearsal on Friday, reworked with feedback on Saturday, and officially performed and adjudicated on Sunday.

The dress rehearsal on Friday will be for the benefit of the high school students and will provide them with opportunities to give feedback and ask questions.

If you can spare a couple of hours, come out to the TA and watch the New Play Festival. The participants would be more than happy to receive Laurier interest and support. You will not be disappointed.

Admission is free.

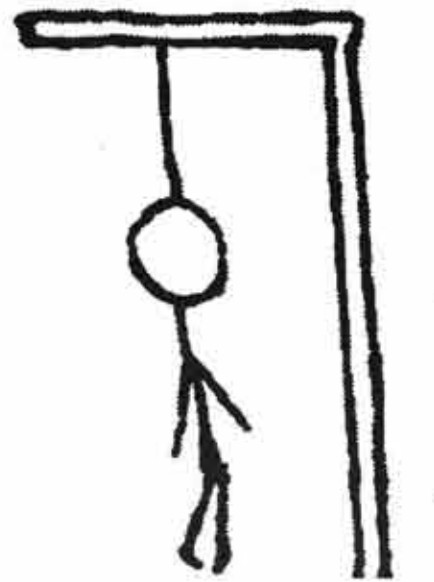
What's On Stage

- March 15
 - The Mahones are at Phil's
 - Michelle Wright is at Centre in the Square
 - Pete Couillard is live at the Fox and Pheasant
 - Band Nite begins at the Volcano
- March 16
 - The Black Crowes are at Maple Leaf Gardens
 - Rusty are at the Volcano with guests
- March 17
 - Malhavoc are at the Volcano
 - The Irish Descendants are at Lulu's
 - Des'ree is at the Bamboo
 - Weird Al Yankovic presents

- "Alapalooza" at the Music Hall
- Fathead are at ol'Chicago's
- WLU Baroque Ensemble perform at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall
- March 18
 - Spirit of the West and Acoustically Inclined are at Fed Hall
 - Monster Voodoo Machine are at the Volcano
 - April Wine are at Lulu's
 - King Biscuit Boy holds their album release party at ol'Chicago's
 - WLU Jazz Ensemble perform at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall

- The UW Dance Department presents Vital Signs through the 19th at the Humanities Theatre
- Snow Job '95 is on MuchMusic
- March 19
 - The New Play Festival is in the Theatre Auditorium
 - The Outhere Brothers are at the Knack in London
 - WLU Symphony Orchestra performs at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall
- March 20
 - Canadian Music Week International begins
 - WLU Student/Staff/Faculty exhibit opens at the Robert

- Langen Gallery
- Pete and Chad are live at the Crocodile Rock in Zeke's restaurant
- The 1995 Brit Awards are on MuchMusic
- March 21
 - WLU History Department and Senate Cultural Affairs Committee present John John: A Merry Play Between John John the Husband and Tyb the Wife in the Theatre Auditorium
- March 22
 - Extreme are at RPM
 - Bootsauce are at Lee's Palace



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- SUNDAY MARCH 19**
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Dear Dynamic Duo,
Well, my girlfriend and I had been having great sex. That is until last week, when she began to hiss like a

snake. At first I was okay about it, but lately she's been wanting to introduce animals like mice and pythons into it. Also, the hissing is driving me nuts.

Signed,
Snakebitten and Confused
Dear Snakebitten and Confused,
Some would say to draw a line of morality when rodents become involved. Who are we to judge? If the hissing doesn't turn you on, wear ear plugs.

Dynamic Duo
Dearest Duo,
What is it about a school girl that drives me wild? Why is it that whenever I see a young girl in one of those plaid wool skirts and knee socks, I have to know what colour her panties are? Why do little girls do this to me?

Signed,
I wanna be a schoolboy
Dear I wanna be a schoolboy,
Pedophilia is against the law - just ask Michael Jackson. Scottish traditions state that nothing should be worn under the kilt, though in this climate most mummies force their little girls to wear panties. Is it the kilt that attracts you, or the tender flesh found underneath? Either way get some help. Or you will age to be a dirty old man.

Dynamic Duo
Dynamic Duo,
My problem is not of a personal nature, but affects me directly. My boyfriend, to be blunt, is very hairy. This however, is not the problem. In order to show off the results of his love for weight training, my lovable

DYNAMIC DUO

by TANYA VENTURA AND MELANIE SEAL

Chewbacca shaves his body hair - all over; leaving his body with the texture of industrial strength sandpaper. The repercussions of this act have proven to be painful and costly as I find myself treating my many lacerations and scrapes with Polysporin. I'm turning to you, Dynamic Dynamos to aid me in this matter.

Signed,
Buffed and Burning
Dear Buffed and Burning,
A weight trainer's rule is no pain - no gain. His rippling physique probably does look better with him not as Chewbacca but rather as a Chihuahua. Try something sensual - have a bath with him and apply Neet. If the two of you are into harder sex, try either hot wax or Epilady. If all else fails, try a weight trainer who is a little less hairy. If you want to keep your Chewbacca and ride his Millennium Falcon, just take the pain. Check your Sunday fliers for a Polysporin coupon.

Dynamic Duo
Dynamic Duo,
To put it to you as an understatement, my problem is immense. Every time I get sexually aroused, and am building the Rock of Gibraltar so to speak, I pass out. I have determined through the confessions of the women who bear witness to this, that I go very pale just before passing out. I now understand that my weak body does not contain enough of the type "o" stuff to sustain proper brain activity and function sexy-like at the same time. What can I do?

Signed,
In Short Supply
Dear In Short Supply,
Check a Bio text book, your brain is not located in your penis. (Despite popular belief). If you don't have enough blood to hold onto your pathetic Chip of the Rock of Gibraltar, then try a transfusion. Besides giving up, our suggestions are blood doping and a cock ring. But maybe you should just concentrate on school work. A woman is always turned on by a man with an extraordinarily large intelligence.

Dynamic Duo
Dear Duo,
I write for a certain nameless university paper, and I am interested in one of my fellow writers. She doesn't know and I don't know how to approach the topic without getting shot down and ruining our working relationship. Please help.

Signed,
"Pubby" love
Dear "Pubby" Love,
A letter to the Editor is a great way to get the attention of others. You could also try the feedback booth, and the personals section. Remember, the pen is mightier than the phallic symbol of the sword. Certain university papers are having an end of the year hot tub party. Perhaps let your hot dog have a free swim in the hot tub. Then she'll know you're interested, and if she gets angry she'll have the whole summer to cool off.

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Women in Hollywood

JASON PAUL

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

What has happened to Hollywood? An industry that milks a trend until it is sucked dry has turned its head to a glaring omission that has been evolving over the last few decades. The role of women in film has degenerated to that of sexual symbols.

No more is this evident than at the self-gratifying festival known as the Academy Awards. A few years back when the theme was "women in film" snickers could be heard throughout the industry. Every year there is a struggle to find five quality nominees for best actress. This year Jessica Lange was nominated for a film that has been sitting on the shelf for three years. This was also the case for Michelle Pfeiffer for her work in **Love Field**. Meryl Streep was almost nominated for her work in a so-so action flick, **The River Wild**.

As the sexual limits in movies are pushed further and further, the quality of female characters degenerate. In the '30s and '40s, actors such as Bette Davis, Katherine Hepburn, Ingrid Bergman and Joan Crawford had as much power and available roles as Laurence Olivier, Cary Grant and Jimmy Stewart.

But as sexual exploitation increased, physical appearances became even more important. How many good roles would these actresses have rejected if they had had to expose their breasts?

Look at how the female stars of today get their big break. Sharon Stone becomes famous overnight for slyly crossing her legs. Julia Roberts hits it big by

playing a happy hooker in the "Cinderella story" **Pretty Woman**.

Demi Moore can now command \$12 million per role because of films like **Indecent Proposal**, where she is sold to another man for a night of passion.

There is also a double standard for the roles of aging actors. Stars like Jack Nicholson and Robert Redford still command ridiculous salaries even though they look old and wrinkled. Look at the two lead stars of **Bonnie & Clyde**. Warren Beatty is one of the most influential stars in the business, meanwhile Faye Dunaway looks as gorgeous as ever and is stuck in supporting roles and perishing sitcoms with Robert Urich.

Granted there are actresses out there who have overcome this obstacle. Jodie Foster is the icon of the '90s and Barbara Streisand has more power than she knows what to do with. Whoopi Goldberg has been very successful in

her comedic roles and Emma Thompson looks like the next big star, but after that, there aren't too many others.

Let's face it, sex sells. Glenn Close once said that all Hollywood "wants is f*ckable women in their movies."

But this is what the public wants because these are the films that make \$100 million and until that trend changes, the role of women will not.



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Cute Canadian Critters - The Ramones on estrogen.
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Captain Highliner 1 - Captain Quixote 0.
3. **Outbreak. Playing at a theatre near you.**
Have your monkey muzzled today.
4. **Blanket and Licorice.**
Two London indie bands. Check them out.
5. **Fishing dispute (2).**
Shiver me timbers! Pass me rum and prepare to board. Arrghh!
6. **Dance Me Outside. Playing at at theatre near you.**
Dance me outside, inside, and all over baby. Just dance me.
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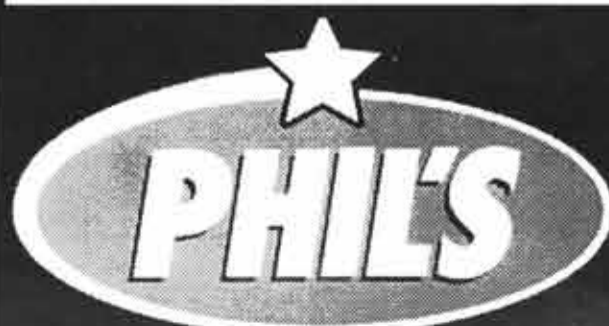
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Proletarian Tales, Part 1

by Anton Volcansek

Raymond glanced at his wristwatch. It read half past three, but he couldn't tell since it was twenty metres below on the factory floor.

With his remaining forearm and hand, Raymond switched the band saw off. It was a good band saw. Kind of expensive, but that's the sacrifice a company made for increased efficiency.

In this post-NAFTA world, Raymond knew that any advantage a company could exploit it would. As a newly one-armed man he realized he was now a disadvantage to the company. Raymond feared for his job.

Luckily, Raymond was working double-overtime for the third night in a row, so the chop department stood relatively empty. His supervisor was only into the second hour of his fifteen-minute coffee break, so that provided some needed time. He hurried down the stairs, tying a tourniquet above the elbow to comply with safety regulations which were discarded years ago. He laughed at this sentimentality and threw the tourniquet away.

Reaching the bottom of the stairs, he jumped the last metre. Of course, the last metre of a staircase is a luxury, so they were removed a few months earlier to combat a drop in the dollar.

The dim light made it difficult to locate his arm. He searched between drums of waste material and open vats of cleaning compounds to no avail. Finally, the luminescent watch-face revealed where in the darkness the appendage had dropped. He approached it quietly, careful to not startle the rats lest they might cart it off.

"What are you doing 61307?" asked Raymond's supervisor, Foreman 12.

Raymond turned around quickly to face the robot.

"I...I'm...Ahhh...Ummm...I..." he stammered.

Foreman 12 blinked blankly. Receiving no coherent reply he electronically processed a reprimand which effectively canceled any future opportunity for Raymond's advancement within the corporation.

"Get back to work and we'll just keep this episode to ourselves," the machine lied.

"Thank-you, Foreman 12," said Raymond with suspicion, but unsure as to why.

The robot wheeled back to his coffee break while Raymond battled a three-tailed rodent for his arm. Eventually winning the tug-of-war, Raymond carried the arm back up the stairs to his post where he laid it on the work table.

Laughing at this good fortune, Raymond reminded himself of his predecessor who also had an arm severed by the band saw a week earlier. That man had the awful luck of doing it in front of a supervisor who immediately fired him before he could retrieve the body part from the floor below.

Underneath the worktable was a crusty old box with the remnants of a first-aid kit from the pre-NAFTA age. He surreptitiously removed a spool of thread and a needle from the box then slid it back into place behind oily rags.

Raymond stitched his limb into place. The band saw spun unattended, noisily maintaining that work was being done. Satisfied that he could manage until his shift finished, Raymond tied the last stitch and pinned the needle under the worktable.

"What are you doing 61307?" asked Raymond's supervisor, Foreman 12.

Startled, Raymond knocked his head under the worktable. Clutching the back of his neck with his hand from the stitched arm, he faced the robot.

"I...I'm...Ahhh...Ummm...I..." he stammered.

"What?" said Foreman 12.

"I'm working" said Raymond.

"Fine. Don't get edgy," advised Foreman 12. "It lowers productivity."

"Yes, sir."

The robot wheeled away and Raymond sighed with relief.

"I've got to get to a hospital as soon as I'm out of here," he murmured. His arm really hurt now.

He referred to his watch which read 4 o'clock. Only a half hour to go.

Raymond glanced again at his watch. This time his gaze lingered for a few moments as he tried to register what caught his eye. The watch was a Lawson® model, but he could have sworn he always wore a Ridley®. Yes, his wife gave him a Ridley® for Christmas.

He raised both hands in front of him.

Raymond had two right hands. And insurance didn't cover it.

Running
water reminded
i of the Time.
Still and quiet,
i looking out
the world was
a blur.

Fallen angel
covered in ashes,
i only had these arms
pulling away,
pulling away
at sunshine.

Running water reminded
i of the Time.
No one home.
i felt surprised
when nothing happened.

mark green

Abaissier
le store et
mettre le convert.
Relache mon ami.
Laisser, J'y penserai.

J'taim rendre grace
a quelqu'un.

M'amuse
abaisser le store et
mettre le convert.

Sans merite!

Pardon, je se meprendre an
sujet de quelque chose.

mark green

Out
of hunger
the flowers were
consumed.

Close and
naked,
i stood.
In the garden.

Feeding off
the Beauty
in blind Freedom.

mark green

Juxtaposition

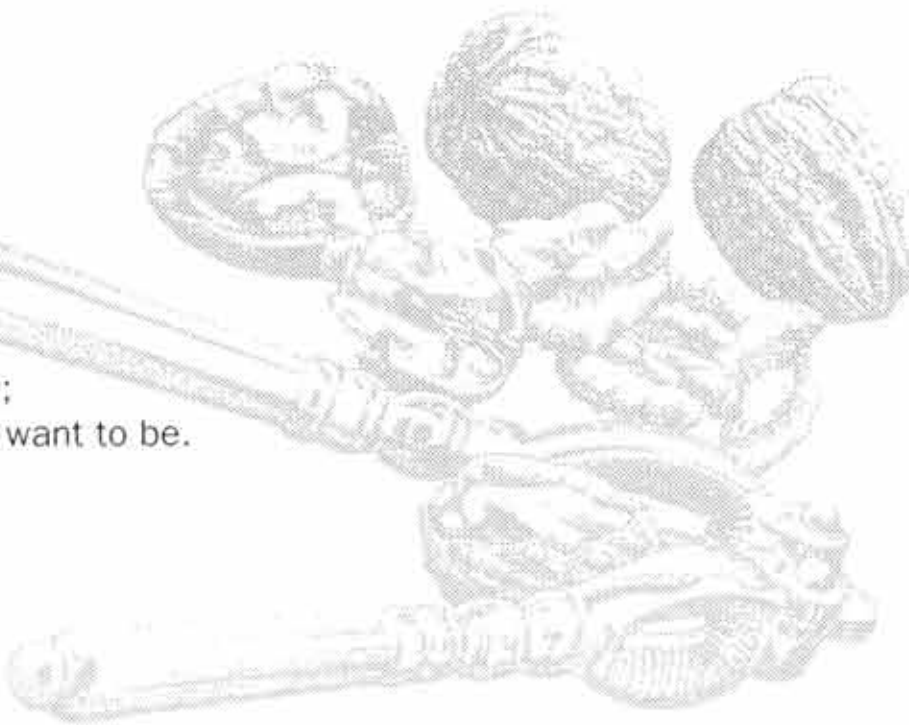
the light drifts into the room
 dulled by the glass of academia
 15 students sit, slouch, languish
 in intellectual repose
 talk of Oedipus, Sophocles, Nietzsche, and tragedy
 filter through my ears
 the professor, a professional of many years waxes poetic
 bemoaning the Apollinian repression of Dionystic impulses,
 the fatal flaw
 I leap, I shout, I rant and rave in an uninhibited frenzy
 the professor can't abide any disruption,
 class is over.

Andreas Rothe

Oh, Gentle Walnut
 So hard and yet so free;
 Inside of you is where I want to be.

Open up your crack
 so I can eat you out.

Anton Volcansek



The Nature Of My Thoughts

My thoughts of you remind me of summer's gentle breeze,
 Of birds so sweetly singing, of flowers and of trees,
 Of waters blue and grasses green, of skies of blue and white,
 Of dancing meadows and laughing brooks, of the golden sun so bright.

My thoughts of you remind me of autumn's coloured vest;
 Oranges, reds and yellows adorn the forest's breast;
 Of animals preparing to meet with winter's plight;
 Of harvests rich and plentiful; of pleasant autumn nights.

My thoughts of you remind me of freshly-fallen snow,
 Of diamonds that will glitter when the sun just hits it so,
 Of evergreens draped in white, of starry skies above,
 Of frozen lakes and frosted glass, of Christmas and its love.

My thoughts of you remind me of flowers in the spring
 That bloom again with vigor, of birds that sweetly sing,
 Of nature just awaking, of planting this year's seed,
 Of life and mirth and starting fresh, of Easter's hope indeed.

My thoughts of you remind me of all that's good in life
 No matter what the season—in laughter or in strife.
 Just the thought of you my friend brings such joy and mirth
 As though I had all at once the beauties of the earth.

Jamie W.L. Hill

My Cold

I am a prisoner
 I am imprisoned
 prison inside
 can run don't hide
 I am a prisoner
 I am imprisoned inside

To this prisoner
 to these sounds
 crackling in between my skin
 burning the air
 and lungs inside
 I'll run, I'd hide

There's the power
 grabbed it and pulled for the river to hide
 increase the volume
 slowed the pace
 running and run
 out of the race
 I am a prisoner
 I am the prison
 Can't run slow to hide
 I am the prisoner inside

Manuel Matias

RAVINGS OF THE MAD POET Living Within

Walking down a path of fear,
 Sensing nothing around me,
 But an ever-burning light.

Moving closer, it consumes me,
 Pleasure and terror,
 Envelop my soul with the
 Closeness of a womb.

GET OUT!!!
 It screams.
 Flee the trap that is living,
 Inside, yet surrounding
 All that is near.
 I try to pull away,
 But it tears at my soul.
 To walk away from that light,
 Seems savagely wrong.

Slowly I return.
 The world within,
 Regains its equilibrium.
 Opening my eyes,
 I realize what I have done.
 And try to hide my shame.

**Forever yours,
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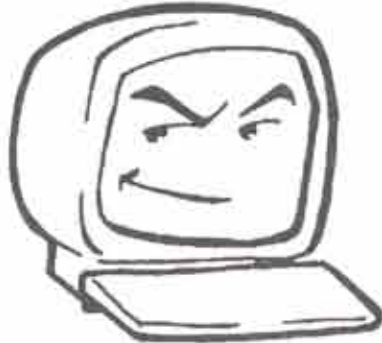
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Welcome to Zoom, the first auto supplement to appear on campus at WLU. If you're a member of the Laurier community and are looking to buy a car, we hope that this supplement will help you in arriving at an informed decision.

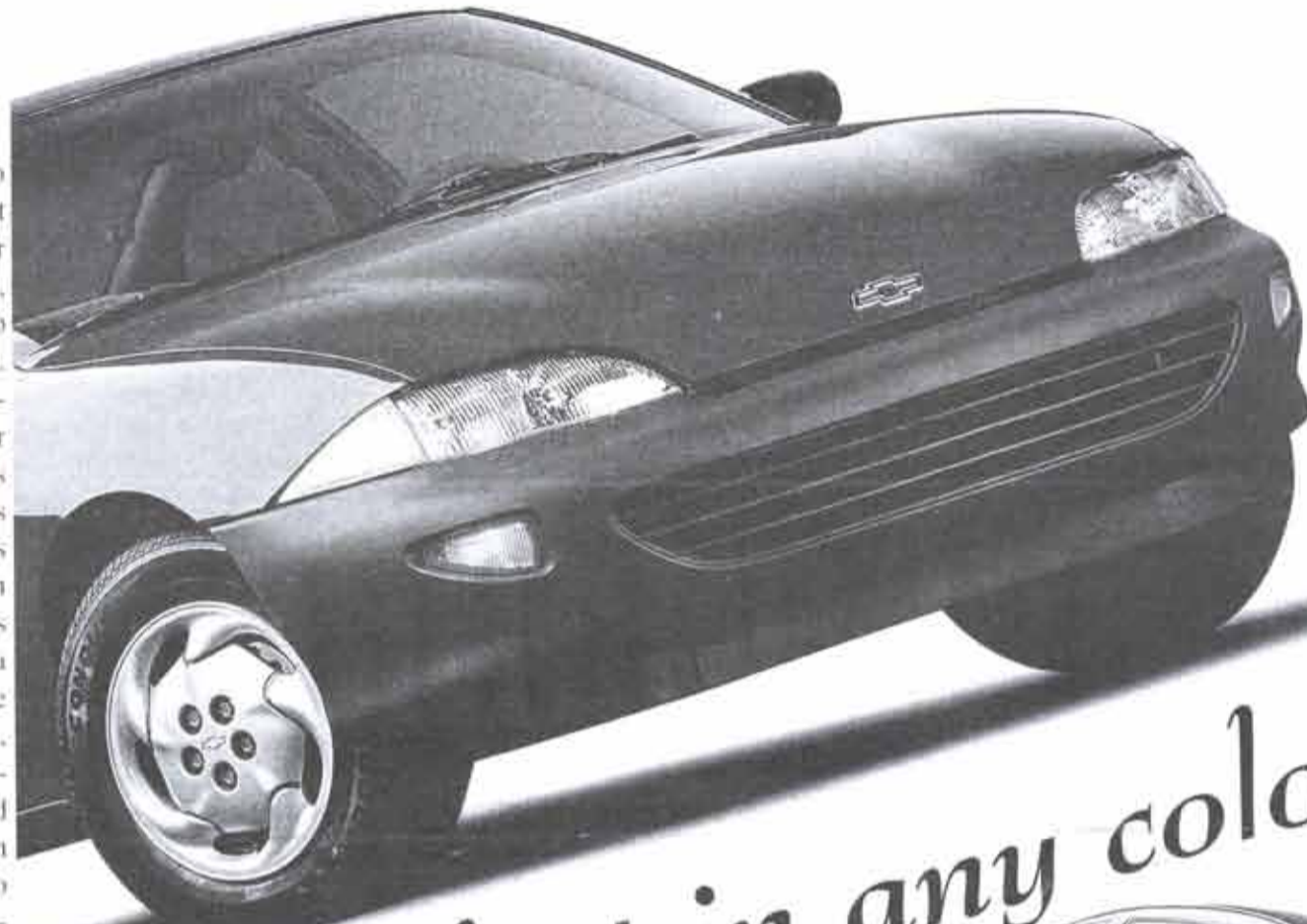
Auto shopping has never been considered a fun experience. Lining up for course registration is some people's idea of fun compared to the headaches encountered when car shopping. The visions we all have of the sleazy car salesman with a cheap suit and a cigar makes us cringe when thinking of shopping for a car. Although this stereotype may have been the case ten or twenty years ago, it is rarely seen in today's highly competitive auto market. The dealers and manufacturers are working hard to earn you business, and many are willing to go that extra mile to please their customers. The knowledge which dealership sales staff have of their products is far greater today than in previous years. This knowledge can be very helpful to

shoppers if they are able to take advantage of it. But in order to take advantage of the salesperson's knowledge, shoppers have to do some homework of their own. With the average car purchase hovering around

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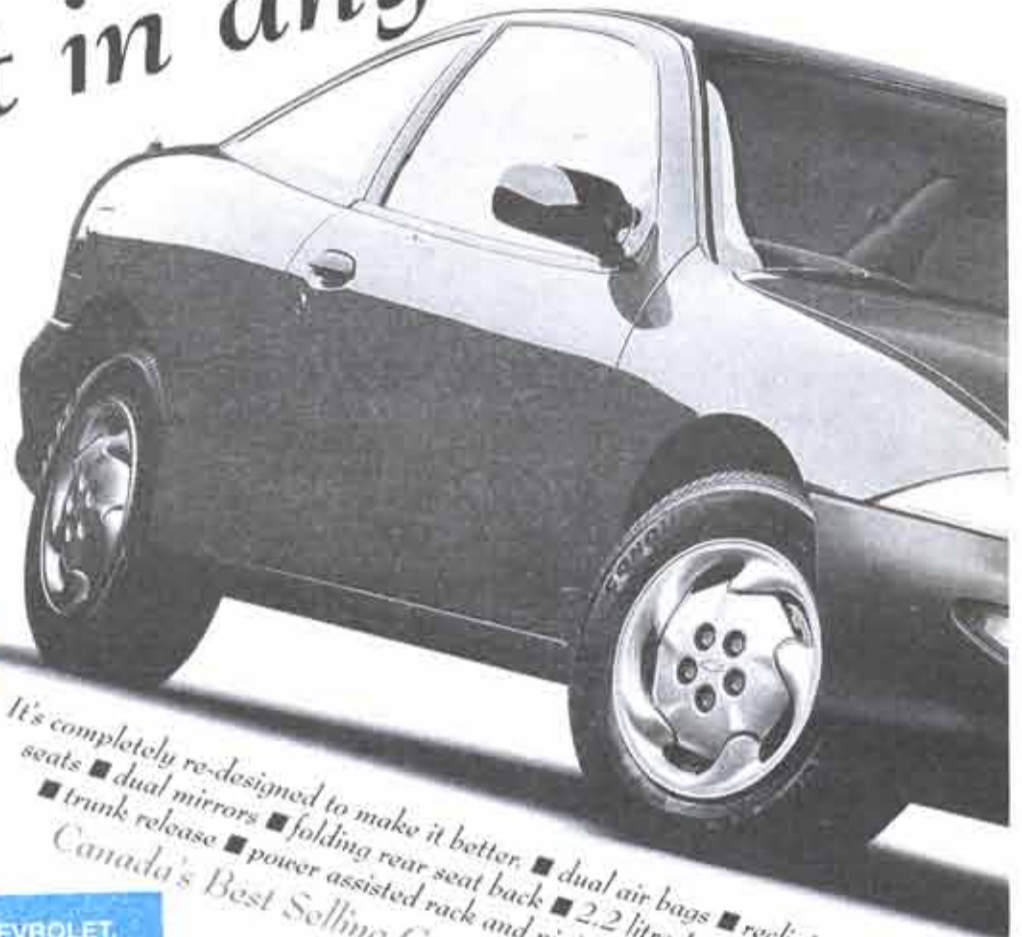
the \$20,000 mark, consumers must be willing to educate themselves in order to make a wise buying decision.

Cars are marketed to create an impulse on the part of the consumer. The look of the car is always the first thing we notice. We envision our friends pouring over us in our brand new car, driving on a windy country road, driving to our new job after graduation, or just speeding to our class (which we are late for, of course). We are infatuated with how it looks. Yet we haven't even looked at the price! We don't know what type of engine it has, how many people can fit or how far it can go on a tank of
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gas. Is it equipped with FWD, ABS, DOHC, EFI, my goodness, enough with these acronyms. Once we've fallen in love with the way it looks, it seems we have nothing left to do but try and justify that we need this car! And now that we've finally made our decision, we want to drive

it NOW! O.K., it has taken me two weeks to decide on the colour, size of engine, type of breaks, hatchback or coup... but I want to drive it home. It's just like when we were kids buying our new shoes and the shoe salesman asked if we would like them in the box, or to wear them home. Who doesn't wear them home?

It is when you go shopping in this state of mind that conflicts seem to occur.

You wanted a red 2-door hatchback with the AM/FM

There are guidelines you can follow to prevent impulse buying

cassette? But wait, the dealer says they have a black coupe already on the lot and it has a CD player! If the price is right, why not? You convince yourself that you really did not want the 2-door after all. It's

the CD player you really want. This type of situation can put a shopper in a position where decisions are made purely on impulse. Unfortunately, impulse decisions often cause buyers to be unsatisfied with their purchase a few months after the sale.

Protect yourself! There are guidelines you can follow to prevent impulse buying that will help ease the pressures of shopping for

an automobile. The first step is to make a list of the features and qualities in a car that are most impor-

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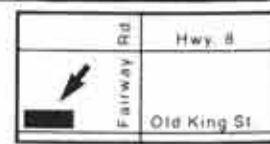
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to compromise these features for the styling of the car. Too many people look at the styling of a car they love and will pay more to get it even though it does not offer what they really need. Pay attention to features first and then look at the styling once you've narrowed down your choices. Only after you have driven every vehicle on your shortlist will you be able to make an objective decision.

The last important step is choosing the dealership. How are they going to treat you when it is time to do routine check-ups and maintenance? Remember that you have to live with your car. You're not through with the dealership as soon as you

drive your car off the lot.

A few final words of advice. Don't rush your purchase! Expect to wait a few weeks for your order depending on the specific options you requested. Don't disregard your preparation by wanting the first car that looks good to you. Your automobile will

have to last you a long time, so be sure that you are satisfied with your decision 100%. Avoid impulse decisions and your car shopping won't remind you of waiting in line for course registration.

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The Top Ten

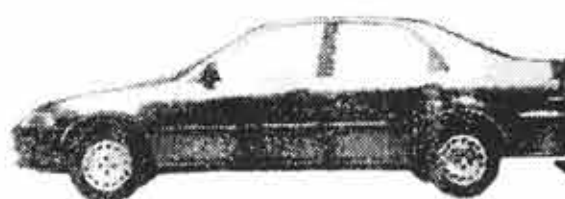
Here are the ten best selling passenger car models in Canada. The make, model and 1994 sales figures are listed.

1. Chevrolet Cavalier	40,465
2. Honda Civic	33,872
3. Pontiac Grand Am	31,351
4. Chrysler Neon	28,345
5. Pontiac Sunbird	27,314
6. Ford Taurus	25,734
7. Chrysler Intrepid	22,959
8. Honda Accord	22,256
9. Ford Escort	21,591
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So what type of advancements can we expect in the next decade? Electronics will allow drivers to

Electronics will allow drivers to tailor their vehicle to their personal preferences

tailor their vehicle to their personal preferences: the effort required to steer the car, seat position and radio presets, dash board lighting intensity and suspension characteristics. All of this will be capable with a touch of a button; and every time the driver steps in to the car, the cockpit will automatically adjust to the

preferred settings.

What are the drawbacks to this technology? The main disadvantage is the repair costs of malfunctioning electronics. Diagnostic tests aid today's mechanics in finding the problems. However, it can still be very difficult to pinpoint the root of the problem and correct it quickly and inexpensively. The possibility of a malfunction and the costs that are involved can make the out-of-pocket expense a painful experience. Simple items are often overlooked because inexperienced mechanics are quick to blame the electronics system. In

addition to this, repair shops that are not equipped with diagnostic equipment will not be able to find problems that occur with today's on-board computers. This proves the importance of a good service department at your dealership and why it is a good idea to have the dealership service your vehicle for anything that is considered beyond routine maintenance. Be sure that the service department is trustworthy and reliable. The risk of costly repairs also warrants the purchase of a manufacturer's warranty.

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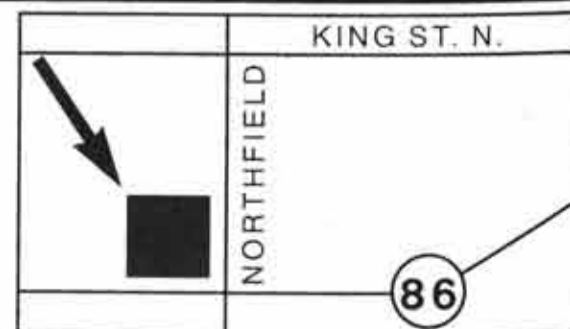
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