

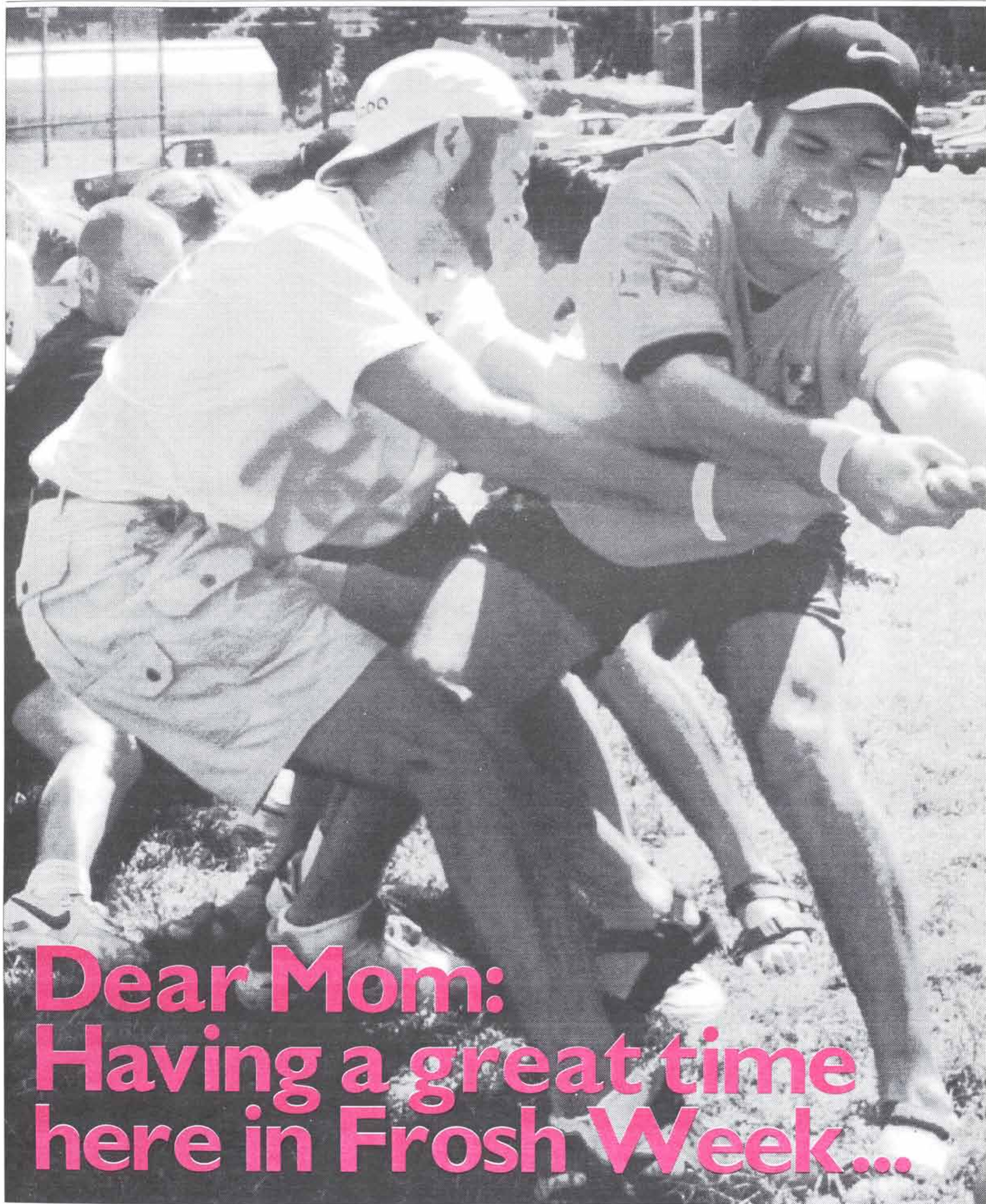
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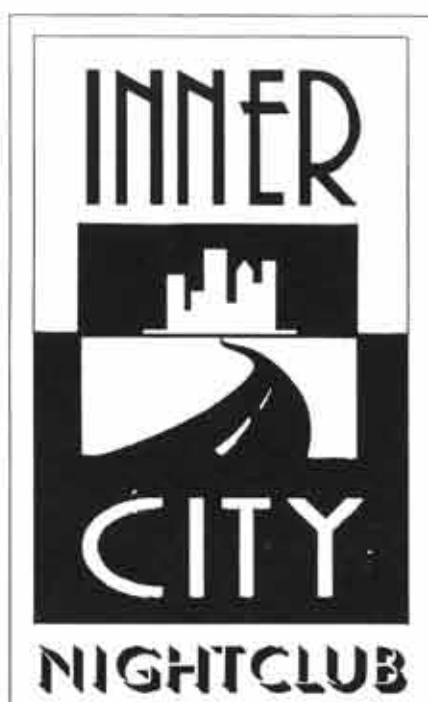
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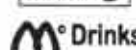
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While you were gone...

The aftermath of Ezra Street Party as captured this summer in The Cord



"On May 11th, McCormick and Ross withdrew their participation and support from the disciplinary hearings scheduled ... This came after consulting with Patrick Flynn, a lawyer who referred to the proceedings as "shocking non-Canadian behaviour" and "beyond the ridiculous."

"At the meeting of Waterloo council on May 15th, it was decided that the Students' Union would not be billed for cleanup costs as it would be very unlikely that they could be proven"

"We've been lucky two years in a row now. If it happens again next year, people will die."

"The administration and the Students' Union have both been looking into ways to prevent another disaster next year. The administration's disciplinary hearings are surely meant to be at least in part a deterrent, while the Union has begun the process of providing an alternative venue at the end of exams next year."

"Despite officials' attempts to suppress it, 1500 students attended the largest, wildest version of the annual Ezra Street Party on Saturday April 22nd. The event resulted in 42 arrests, 9 criminal charges, and two life-threatening injuries. Of those arrested, 18 were Laurier students."

"The University is currently reforming their code of conduct so that street parties are explicitly prohibited."

"It seems instead of finding answers to why this happened people are more concerned with who should be held responsible for the events which took place on that fateful April night."

"Waterloo City Councillor Joan McKinnon motioned that the city slip the WLU Students' Union a \$16,700 bill for the expense of the Ezra party."

"Carey Shaw, a first year student from Brampton, was suspended from Laurier for a minimum of two years for his role in the bash. Originally he was arrested for a breach of peace violation and was subsequently charged with causing damage to the inside of the police vehicle that took him away ... the allegations that he caused damage to the police van were dropped ... His suspension has not been lifted."

"We are ready to pursue legal action if the decisions are not retracted, we'll take this one all the way to the wall," McCormick emphasized ... "This is a case of students' rights being violated, we can't afford not to pursue this course. This is the purpose of the Students' Union, it's part of our mission to protect the rights of the students."

"The Union realizes that WLU students are not the only people that attended this event. In fact we estimate that only around 50 % of those in attendance were WLU affiliated."

"... the Union [will] no longer participate in the hearings as we feel that they offend all principles of natural justice and fairness ... The Union challenged the right of the University to arbitrarily punish students for conduct occurring off campus, and at events not affiliated or sanctioned by the University."

"There will be no big street party this year, next year, or any other year, because it will be broken up..."

Tricia Siemens, Waterloo Councillor in an interview with The Record, April 19, 1995.

Stuff that's changed

From Albert to Regina Laurier looks different

TOM HRUBES
CORD NEWS

Just in case you haven't noticed, changes have been made to the campus since last year. Both the Student Union and the Administration have been busy moving stuff around so you can't find it anymore. Here's what's different:

Purple and Gold - Laurier's store has moved from its location on University Ave. to the concourse in the Central Teaching Building. The store now resides in the former teacher's lounge.

Student Union Building - After falling 5 weeks behind schedule because of a bricklayer's strike the new S.U.B. is nearing completion. Access to Wilf's and the Centre Spot will be gained on the 6th, and the rest of the building will be accessible at the end of next week. The Turret's first night will be Thursday the 14th (so you can start lining up now). Administration offices will be completed early the following week.

The Student Union has

leased the bottom floor of the building back to the school. According to Ron Depuis, director of Physical Plant and Planning for the school, the bottom floor will contain a Mr. Sub, a Domino's and "certain components of the dining hall". Space for another vendor is still available in the food court. Originally Harvey's was to lease the space; however according to Depuis negotiations "fell through." Currently the school is seeking another vendor to fill the space with A&W and Wendy's as possibilities. The Torque room will be open until the food court is completed.

202 Regina - This building is the new home of the registrar's office, the accounting office and student awards. Other new tenants in the building include payroll, human resources, ancillary services and physical plant and planning administration.

Central Teaching Building - The 3rd floor of the C.T.B. has undergone renovations after being abandoned by the Psychology department. The

floor will now be used by English, History, Political Science and Classics.

232 King St. - Career Services has replaced Human Resources on the main floor. The former Career Services location, on the main campus, is now a staff lounge.

Arts Building - C wing has been renovated on the 2nd and 3rd floors as well as the 2nd floor of the E wing. The renovated areas are used for Geography and Environmental Studies. A new elevator has also been placed in E wing in order to give the handicapped full access to the area.

Peters Building - P1035/1037 is now fully handicapped accessible.

King St. Pedestrian Crossing - A new set of lights was added since student traffic to 202 Regina will be increased.

81 Lodge St. - Physical Plant and Maintenance will now reside there.

Alumni Hall - An expansion plan is in the process of being designed. Depuis says a new Alumni Hall will be complete by next year.

Amongst the many changes on the Laurier campus this year is this new stoplight, located on King Street next to the Laurier building at 232 King.

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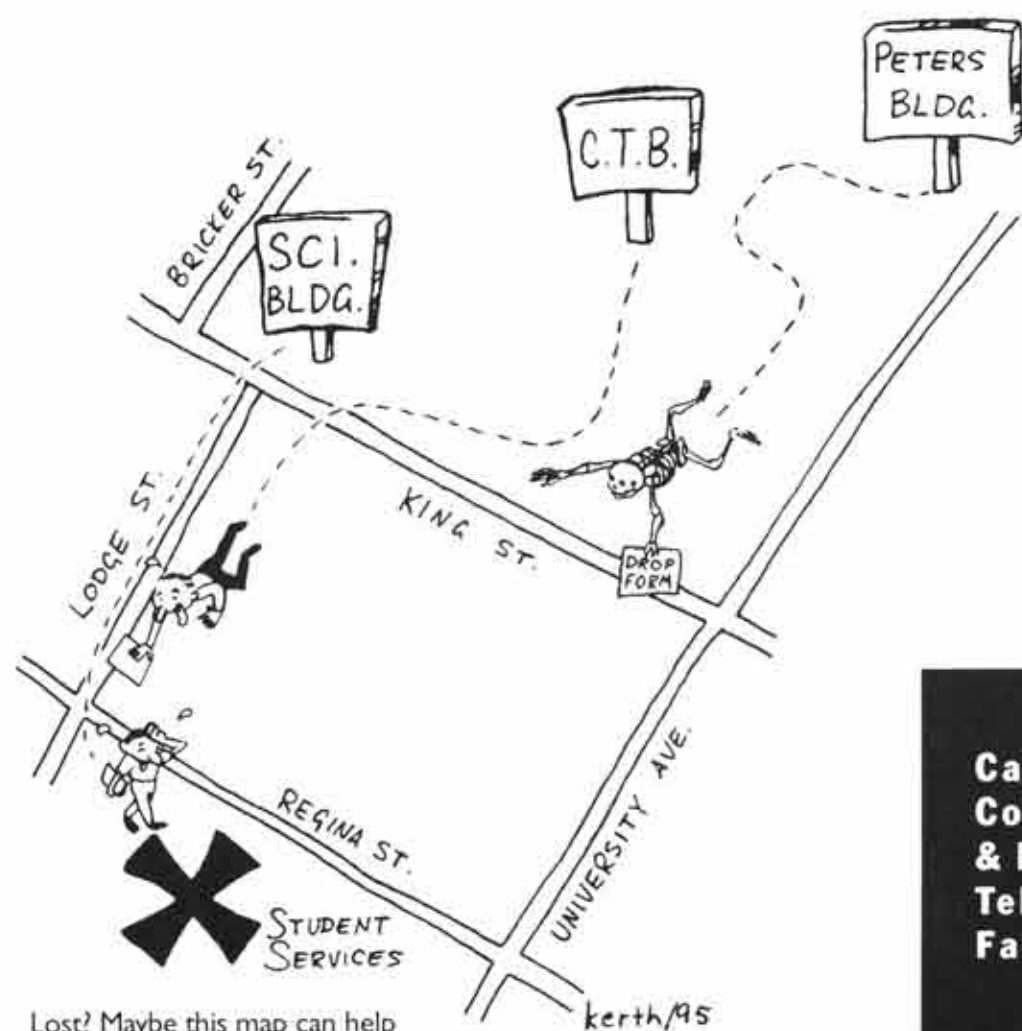
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Way out there

Student services combined in new location



Lost? Maybe this map can help

ROB GLOVER
CORD NEWS

Here's the good news - students this year won't have to walk all over campus to go to the Registrar's office, pick up their student loans, pay their fees or pick up their paycheques. The bad news is they'll have to travel a fair distance off campus to use student services.

Starting this fall, the Registrar's office, the Business office, Student Awards, the Payroll department and Admissions will all be in one location on the upper floor of the WLU building at 202 Regina Street.

The decision to move the various departments off campus was made last fall. The second floor of 202 Regina was renovated to accommodate the new tenants, who moved into their new offices in the middle of August.

Now, if students want to go from Student Awards to the Registrar's office, they only have to cross an open space, rather than having to travel from a building on King street across campus to the Central Teaching Building. Travelling from Student Awards to the Business office is even easier: they are right beside each other.

These departments, who deal with each other on a regular basis, have also gained extra office space. Several employees commented on the need for larger offices. "We no longer have to keep cardboard boxes full of files underneath stairwells," said Janet Heimpe from the

Registrar's office.

Pauline Delion, from Student Awards, agreed. "Here, we don't have to keep running up and down between two floors. It's all in one location." For her department, moving to 202 Regina has another advantage, she explained, "At the old location [232 King Street] we felt isolated. Here, we don't."

However, the accessibility of the new location remains a big issue. To get to 202 Regina students must first cross King Street, either at the new lights installed in front of the Science Building or at the intersection of King and University, travel downhill, cross Regina Street, and walk down another flight of stairs to the front entrance, then up another flight of stairs to Student Services.

From the time the University announced its plans to move the departments, Student Union president Scott McCormick expressed his concern about its accessibility. "How easy would it be to get there in a wheelchair on an icy day?" he asked, noting that neither Lodge nor Regina Street has any sidewalk where the building is located. However, he acknowledged the need for more office space for the departments. "We're students. We'll adapt," he said.

Most of the people involved feel the move was justified. "It's off campus," said Laura Gebeck from Admissions, "but [the University] is expanding and this move is necessary."

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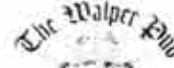


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Frosh take to the streets

Shinerama aims for \$50 000



KATHY CAWSEY

CORD NEWS

This Saturday, over 1500 frosh will be taking to the streets, parking lots, grocery stores and garage stations for Shinerama. Organizers Andrew McCartney and Kerry Dyer hope to raise \$50 000 for Cystic Fibrosis, matching the largest amount WLU has ever raised.

Frosh, along with Ice Breakers and other senior students, will be moving beyond purely "shining" activities this year. While they will continue the tradition of shining shoes, glasses, car windows, and, of course, bald heads, they will also carry groceries, return beer bottles

Laurier has always had strong Shinerama support in past years.

ner and tickets to "Tommy." Raffle tickets were sold by Frosh, and can also be bought at the concert on Thursday at the Coliseum and the football game on Saturday. The draw will be held during half-time of the football game.

Shinerama began at Wilfrid Laurier in 1964. Since then, it has grown into a national tradition, with universities across the country participating. Conestoga College will be joining Laurier, with ten car washes and ten shining locations in Cambridge and north Waterloo. University of Waterloo will not be raising money for Shinerama this year.

The organizers are hoping for a big push from Frosh this year, since the amount raised by Shinerama has been dropping in recent years. McCartney feels decreasing revenues were possibly caused by increased restrictions on the activities students could do.

"They used to do a lot of crazy things," he explained, describing how students would run out into traffic to shine windows or ride transit busses around their routes. In recent years, however, organizers have restricted such dangerous activities because people have been hurt.

"We would rather raise less money than have people do crazy things and get killed," McCartney declared.

and wash cars.

"We tried to brainstorm what things would be more practical," said Andrew McCartney, one of the organizers of Shinerama. "If someone's coming out of a grocery store with an armload of groceries, it makes more sense to ask to carry the groceries than to ask if they want their shoes shined."

Shinerama also raises money through the annual Shinerama raffle. This year, prizes include a trip for two to Montreal, a \$700 Bell Mobility Cellular phone package, a mountain bike and two package trips to Toronto including hotel, din-

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Parking spots closer to residence

BRAD ROSS

CORD NEWS

Over the summer, the Parking Committee readjusted the parking structure so spaces are closer to student residences. Because of the distance from campus, blue parking spots in 202 Regina have been moved closer to the residences. Many students felt unsafe walking to their residence during late winter nights.

Blue parking spaces will now be in lot 4 near Willison, in lot 6 behind Little House, in lot 7 near Bouckaert, and at 209 Regina. Off

campus students (white parking spaces) will be able to park in three new places: lot 1 off Bricker, lot 7 near Bouckaert, and lot 8 at University Stadium.

Parking permits for students will be on sale from Friday Sept. 8 to Tuesday Sept. 19. There will be 112 Blue parking permits for residence students available; parking spaces will be selected randomly if more than 112 people apply. 156 White parking permits will be available for off campus students. Priority will be given to students who live more than 2 km from the school.

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Bag O' Crime: Summer criminality

Break, Enter & Theft 0800 hrs Mon 24 Jul 95

The Purple & Gold manager reported that person(s) unknown had broken into the store over the weekend. Investigation revealed that the culprit(s) had entered the store by forcing the door and had stolen a quantity of rings, fax machine and clothing type merchandise. Total value of items stolen is approx. \$13 000. Waterloo Regional Police Identification Unit attended to dust for fingerprints. The matter is under investigation and a number of possible leads are being followed.

Theft under \$5000 (Bicycle)

1340 hrs Mon 24 Jul 95

A WLU student reported the theft of his bicycle from the racks between the Library and the Peters Building. No suspects.

Suspicious Person

2145 hrs Mon 31 Jul 95

Officers responded to a report of a suspicious individual in the area of Chancellor Dr. Investigation revealed that the individual was a resident staying in Hotel Laurier. No further action required.

Engage in Prohibited Activity

2200 hrs Mon 31 Jul 95

An individual was spoken to regarding roller blading inside university buildings. A warning was issued.

Trespassing

2340 hrs Mon 31 Jul 95

Two non university affiliated males were evicted from the tennis courts. Neither had an Athletic Complex membership.

Trespass Warning Issued

2335 hrs Tue 1 Aug 95

A male individual was evicted from WLU property after driving his motorcycle at a high rate of speed in lot #3.

Suspicious Persons

0050 hrs Wed 2 Aug 95

A vehicle was stopped after two males were observed loading items into a vehicle in the area of the library. Investigation revealed that the individuals were contractors who were loading their own tools into the vehicle. No further action required.

Mischief

620 hrs Wed 2 Aug 95

A resident of Bricker Residence reported that he had observed three males kicking and stomping on a bicycle on Bricker Ave. The matter is under investigation.

Trespass

2005 hrs Mon 21 Aug 95

A number of males were observed on the field at the University Stadium. The individuals were identified and warned off the field. No further action required.

Theft under \$5000

1630 hrs Tue 22 Aug 95

A report was received of a bicycle being stolen from the bike racks at the Athletic Complex. No suspects.

Harassing Phone Calls & Personation

1330 hrs Wed 23 Aug 95

A WLU student reported that she had been receiving harassing telephone calls and that callers had obtained her name and number from the Internet. Investigation revealed that another WLU student was responsible. The matter is being dealt with through the Dean of Students' office.

0 hrs Thu 24 Aug 95

Two vehicles were damaged as a result of a large tree falling onto parking lot #6. Tree removal contractors were contacted to remove the tree. The owners were able to drive their vehicles away.

Trespass

2005 hrs Thu 24 Aug 95

Eight individuals were evicted from the Athletic Complex. None of them were students or had memberships for the facility.

Trespass

2305 hrs Wed 30 Aug 95

A male individual was issued a trespass warning after he was found in the Student Union Building construction site.

LLA Violation

1300 hrs Thu 31 Aug 95

A WLU student was transported to the KW Detox Centre after he had attended Health Services. No further action taken.

Theft under \$5000

0215 hrs Mon 4 Sep 95

A WLU student reported the theft of a 16' extension ladder from an Orientation Committee member's vehicle. No suspects.

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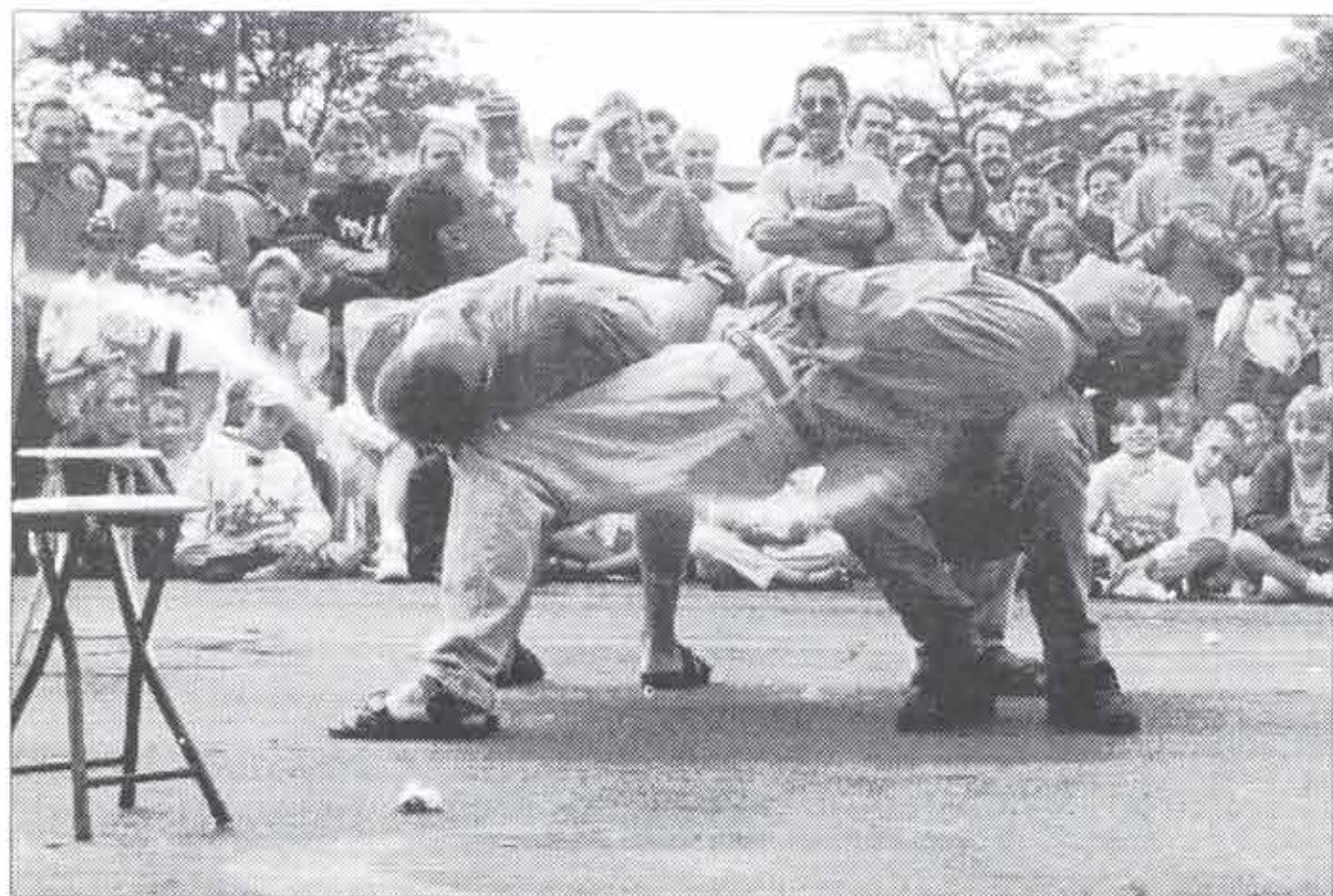
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Infighting at CKWR

Community radio station members hold protest demonstration



On August 25th, this protest went down outside CKWR, Waterloo's community-access radio station.

SELENE MACLEOD

CORD NEWS

On Friday, August 25, programmers, members, and supporters of CKWR, Waterloo's community-access radio station, staged a peaceful demonstration outside station headquarters. The demonstration aimed to make the public aware of the tensions between the current Board of Directors and the members at the station. CKWR is a not-for-profit station that broadcasts local programs to the K-W community.

"It's one hell of a mess," Kim Cowan, advisor to the Board, stated in an interview prior to the demonstration. During a press conference the afternoon of August 25, Cowan said, "This is an incompetent Board of Directors that refuses to hand out information ... [or] react to the requests of the members."

In a meeting held August 22, the organizers of the demonstration handed out a chronology of events since November of 1994. The chronology stated Peter Tilkov (now President of the Board) changed the locks on the Station Manager's door at the CKWR office.

Tilkov was appointed Secretary in December of 1994, despite protests from Board members. Since then, five members of the Board of Directors have resigned. In August, Peter Tilkov was elected President of the Board of Directors. Of the rest of the Board, two members were elected. The other four were appointed to their

positions.

All but one of the staff members have been laid off or have resigned due to the working conditions. Ray Dupuis, the remaining staff member, is now responsible for running the radio station. The Board evidently expects that volunteers will assume the extra responsibilities.

Other problems besides staffing have also plagued the station. The main console needs to be replaced. Although Kim Cowan and Dan Hart, the former Station Manager, drew up a proposal for a new board, and Technical Director Mike Stevens offered to install the console, the Board has not yet replaced it. \$18 000 is set aside in a fundraising account for the new equipment.

In addition to technical problems, CKWR is having problems with its programmers. Native programmer Eric Gabriel withdrew his membership in the spring of 1995, citing an abusive work situation. Most notably, some gay and lesbian programmers have withdrawn from CKWR. Gay programs comprise a fair amount of the station's spoken-word programming. In August of 1995, a Director allegedly made anti-gay comments during a Board meeting.

In August, Tilkov canceled all contra advertising, and instructed Cowan to sever ties with the Global Community Centre, an educational resource centre. He felt the station should not be associated with "activists". The Global Community Centre was not given formal notification of this severance, and currently still broadcasts "Global Talk."

The membership of CKWR has been trying to force the Board to call a meeting since April, in order to nominate new members to the Board. The Board refused the members access to a current membership list, and all memberships are subject to the approval of the Board. Kim Cowan and Lisa DiFranco, a former staff member and one of the organizers of the demonstration, have both voiced concern that the Board may try to "stack" the membership list. All current memberships expire in September.

"These people have not been fair to the members, and by not being fair to the members, they're not being fair to the listeners," Cowan commented. "We have been denied the right to make changes."

"Morale is very, very low," said DiFranco in an interview the day of the CKWR demonstration. "The programming is suffering, the programmers are suffering, and the community as a whole just doesn't have the kind of quality programming it would normally have...Any time you silence a voice, everybody loses some freedom."

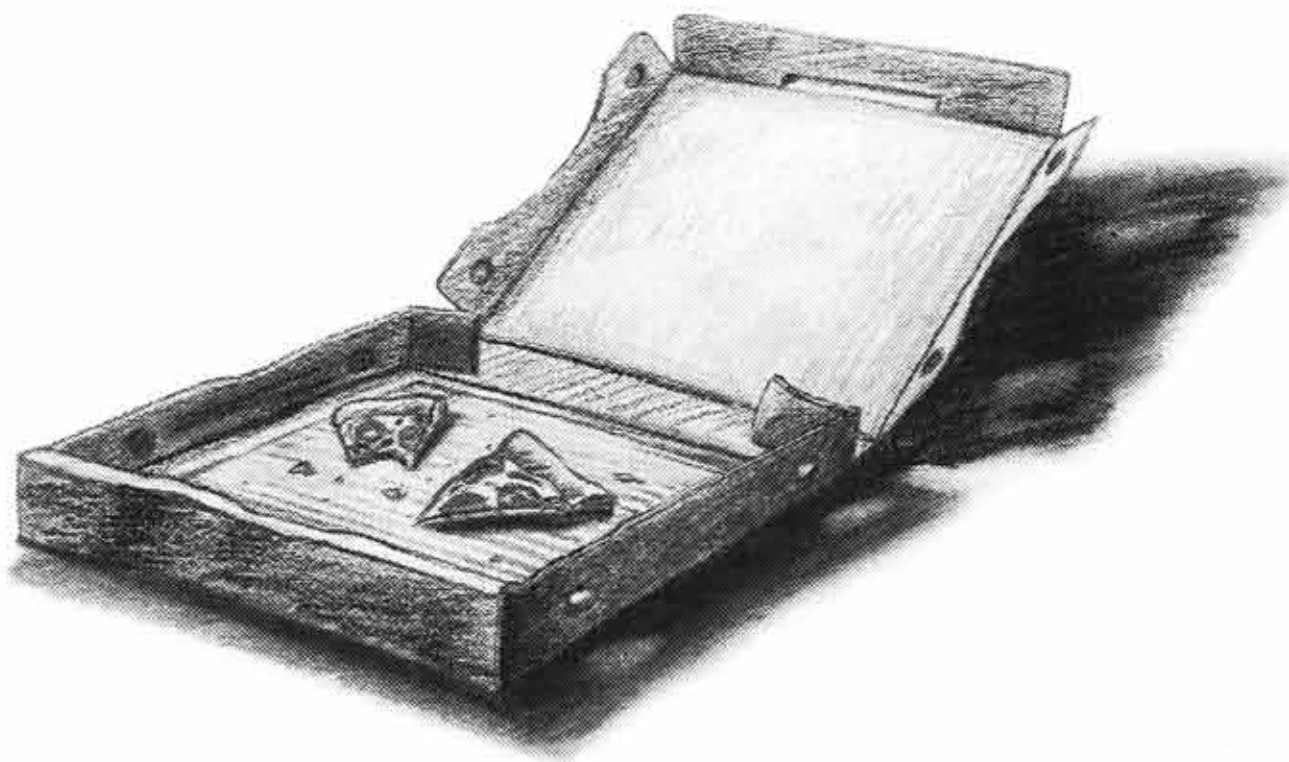
The demonstration was scheduled to take place between 9 am and midnight on August 25. At 8:45, police arrived at the station. In order to avoid being shut down, programmers compromised. No members were allowed inside the station before midnight. No on-air programmers were allowed to say anything about the demonstration. On-air programmers were allowed into the station 10 minutes before air time, to prepare for their shows.

Nevertheless, community support for the demonstration was strong. The station received hundreds of faxes, e-mail and letters of support. Furthermore, the situation received national media attention.

"It feels like what we set out [to do] has, in fact, been done," DiFranco commented in a follow-up interview.

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Relatively speaking...

Be it resolved extended families are useless

TOM HRUBES
CORD NEWS

The first impression my cousin Andrew had of me was that I was "kind of scary" as I stepped off the plane at the airport and onto the tarmac of the Czech International Airport. After enduring a 10 hour flight complete with a one hour delay and a child who managed to scream and cry for the entire flight I was hardly in the best frame of mind to meet our "extended" family. Up until this summer my relatives were a nameless entity that existed only in letters I never read and pictures I never looked at. My parents had both visited our relatives on separate vacations, but this was the first time our whole family went.

For the next 3 weeks I was dragged around from place to place and even from country to country. Over this period I began to gain

insight into this whole "relative" deal. While I can never hope to guess what makes them tick, I can hazard a few observations. Relatives do strange things when they get together. They live for discussing obscure friends and relatives that they haven't talked to in decades.

University!"

"Well my son just graduated from High School and he hasn't wet his bed since he was 7!"

The guy who hasn't wet his bed since he was 7 wins (it is pretty impressive). Next time I will be more prepared and know what to expect

"Well my son just graduated from High School and he hasn't wet his bed since he was 7!"

Small details of people's lives are vigorously exchanged and nothing is too trivial. Children are paraded like show ponies and achievements are compared:

"My son just graduated from

from my extended family:

Cousins - easily the best relatives. Mine are all close to my age so bonding wasn't a problem. Especially when beer is involved. I had nothing but the deepest respect

for my cousin Andrew when he explained that he was worried that we didn't like beer. "I don't know how we could have gotten along..." he said. Only one of my cousins had a bad attitude, but he's only 15 and in the middle of his teenage angst, so he can be forgiven for being a jerk. The rave reviews can also be extended to second cousins.

Aunts and Uncles - kind of like your parents on acid. They're some sort of bizarre copy of your parents. This is especially true if they have kids. Still, they are usually nice and don't give you a hard time since they really don't have any authority over you. I would especially like to thank my uncle Ivan without whose navigational skills we would still be driving through the Czech countryside.

Grandmothers - the scariest of relatives. They are as morbid as the 6 o'clock news and as unpredictable

as a tropical storm. One of my grandmothers cried when she saw me for the first time (I usually only get that on blind dates) and the other made me kiss her on the cheek (kind of gross). Grandmothers wield the weapon of guilt mercilessly and seem to need to remind everyone how old they are. One of my grandmothers liked to add "...still it doesn't matter because I'm going to die soon" onto every sentence. Still they have one big upside. You get to see your parents squirm on the hook of parental authority. A gratifying experience.

I can offer no comments on grandfathers as both of mine passed away a long time ago. However, from what I did see of my relatives I did enjoy the experience. Andrew (my cousin) says he will visit Canada soon, I look forward to waiting at the airport.

KATHY CAWSEY
CORD NEWS

Personally, I think extended families should go the way of the dinosaur, the dodo bird, and the two-and-a-half-kids-and-a-dog nuclear fantasy.

Extended families are an unnecessary hangover from the "duty" era of Victorianism. It's your "duty" to accept sloppy kisses from your aunts, it's your "duty" to listen to "I walked ten miles to school uphill both ways" stories from your uncles. It's your "duty" to pretend to be nice to your cousins even though they probably wouldn't know you existed if they went to your school. It's your "duty" to collect endless photographs of pasted-on smiles to put in piles of pictures that no one gets around to putting in albums no one looks at anyways.

Not that there's anything wrong with duty - when it serves a pur-

pose. Like doing your "duty" to your parents or your employer - even if we don't call it that anymore - makes sense, because those relationships are important. But how important are extended families? People tend to depend on friends, the government or the social net these days, and not the extended family. In my experience, extended families exist only to make Christmas and Easter a stiff, phoney "be polite, now!" time, and otherwise serve very little purpose.

You will be thinking by now that I hate all of my extended family. Far from it - some of them I quite like. What I object to is the fact that I am forced to like these people. I have no choice. I must spend time with them whether I choose to do so or not ... I must talk with them even when we have nothing in common ... I must send them Christmas cards

and birthday presents even though I hardly know some of them.

Cousins are the most glaring example of this circumstance. I have six first cousins, three on each side. To be perfectly honest, if I met them at school we'd likely never be

hell out of the adults with our piercing screams was one of the few things all of us could enjoy.

Second cousins are even more senseless. Oh, they provide a good place to stay if you're travelling - but again, you're expected to be best

...annoying the hell out of the adults with our piercing screams was one of the few things all of us could enjoy.

friends, although we likely wouldn't hate each other either. My sister and I have spent numerous family holidays playing "murder in the dark" with them, because annoying the

friends with them from the first second you walk in the door. And they, of course, are forced to spend time amusing you instead of doing all the things they would rather be doing.

Aunts and uncles, great-aunts and great-uncles, and first-cousins-once-removed (whatever that means) are the ultimate "small-talk" champions of the world. They know nothing about me. I know nothing about them, and hence the weather is hailed as an engaging topic. Some of my great-aunts I love (and, better yet, like) very much - but then there was the one who fed us tongue sandwiches.

I have no problem with extended families - if only we could treat them like friends. Because, let's face it, you don't go and visit friends you don't like. But extended families are something different from friends - and you do have to go visit them, and be polite to them, and "love" them - even when you don't like them.

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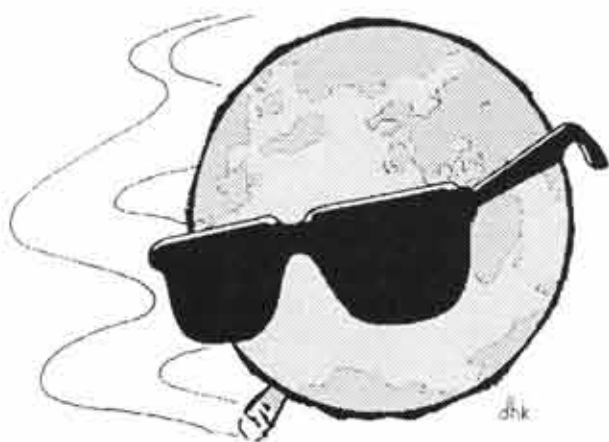


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Around the world in 7 days



... A group of Kashmiri Islamic militants beheaded a Norwegian tourist and dumped him in the Himalayan Mountains last month. Hans Christian Ostro was one of five Western tourists captured by Indian rebels in early July, and his naked body, lying next to his decapitated skull, was found by a peasant woman gathering firewood. The Kashmirian rebels have been fighting for freedom from Indian rule since 1989.

... A Canadian mountain climber was among those reported dead after an avalanche on the world's second highest mountain, K2. Calgary native Jeff Lakes was part of an expedition up the Himalayan peak last month led by the son of Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Fellow climbers buried Lakes on the mountain, which is considered the most dangerous and unstable mountain in the whole Himalayan range.

... After only one week in a Charleston, South Carolina military academy, 20-year-old Shannon Faulkner called it quits, a decision her male peers at the school greeted with cheers and honking car horns. Faulkner spent 2 years fighting for the right to become the first female cadet in the school's 152-year history, but threw in the towel after her family home was vandalized and she received death threats.

... South Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon recently performed what may have been the world's largest mass wedding. More than 35 000 couples exchanged vows in Seoul's Olympic Stadium, many of whom had met for the first time shortly before the ceremony. Worldwide, another 325 000 followers of Moon were simultaneously married via satellite by the Korean cult leader.

... Stressed out jurors in America's never-ending real life soap opera, the O. J. Simpson trial, have earned the dubious distinction of becoming the longest serving sequestered jury in U.S. legal history. Judge Lance Ito informed the jurors of their "achievement" when they reached Day 227 of their sequestration recently. The previous record was set during the trial of Charles Manson in the early 1970s.

... 15 000 Rwandan Hutu refugees were expelled from camps in eastern Zaire by Zairian troops last week. The Hutus fled Rwanda last year after the bloody seizure of power by the rival Tutsi tribe, and have since been afraid to return home, fearing reprisals for the genocide by Hutu troops of approximately 500 000 Rwandans.

... Movie legend Elizabeth Taylor and her seventh husband, construction worker Larry Fortensky, have agreed to a trial separation after four years of marriage. Taylor met Fortensky at the Betty Ford clinic in 1988, where both were being treated for alcoholism, and the two were married at Michael Jackson's ranch in 1991.

... Dutch police routinely planted explosives in passengers' luggage to test airline/airport security, a Ministry of Justice spokesman revealed late last month in The Hague. The tests were started after the

explosion of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, but were

finally banned on August 21st of this year. The procedure was revealed this past summer when a malfunctioning security check sent explosives without detonators on a flight from Amsterdam to Orlando, Florida, in the luggage of an unsuspecting professor.

... A 40-year-old Detroit man bound the hands and feet on his girlfriend with duct tape and then went after her with an electric saw before setting himself on fire. Neighbours and the woman's two daughters heard an explosion in the garage, and chased the burning man down the street with blankets. They were able to put out his burning clothes, but he later died at the scene.

... \$18 000 was the selling price on an airline seat once used by Pope John Paul II, which was sold by public auction in Switzerland. The white seat, decorated with the papal coat of

arms, was used by the Pope on a flight to Switzerland in 1984.

... Eduard Shevardnadze, leader of the Republic of Georgia and former Soviet foreign minister under Mikhail Gorbachev, declared last week that he will run for president in the country's November elections. Shevardnadze survived an assassination attempt late last month in Tbilisi, Georgia's capital, suffering only cuts and bruises when his car exploded.

... The trial of twenty-five South Koreans held responsible for that country's deadly department store collapse began last week in Seoul. The building collapsed in June, killing 501 people. Relatives of the victims are demanding heavy punishment for the defendants, who include most of the store's executives. Shoddy construction has been blamed for the tragedy.

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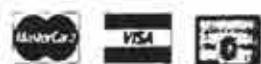
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Editorial

The street party that won't go away

Ezra. More than just a street name.

For those of us affiliated with the Laurier community, that word has come to mean so much. It's part of our lingo now, a word that, when uttered, is only really understood by people who are involved with Wilfrid Laurier University. You don't to say "Ezra Avenue" or "the big bash on Ezra", just plain "Ezra" will do. Everyone around here knows exactly what you're talking about. It's like the rest of the world is with the word "Elvis".

While to some students the memory of parties on Ezra has come to mean severe punishment, to most it still just means a big ol' piss-up. This could change in the coming days.

Soon, your Students' Union will be deciding whether or not they will take the Laurier administration to court to determine once and for all if the school has the right to discipline students for behaviour off-campus. Potentially, that decision has major ramifications; for Laurier and for students across the country.

The issue is a simple one: should a university have the right to punish a student who's behaviour in a non-affiliated, non-sanctioned, off-campus event has damaged the university's reputation?

To be honest, I can see both sides of the issue. Ezra happens, and the school sees its reputation in the community take a serious beating. So to save face, they lay a beating of their own on those students who were caught doing wrong by the police. They did what they felt they could.

On the other hand, are students supposed to watch their behaviour 24 hours a day, wherever they may be, lest they harm the precious reputation of their school? God, I hope not.

That's where the Students' Union comes in. They exist to protect the rights of all students, and it certainly appears as if the rights of some students have been compromised. They are doing what they feel they have to in order to fulfill their purpose.

Well, they are hoping to, anyway.

The plan all along had been to challenge the administration right to the bitter end on this one. Scott McCormick has said that the Union would "take this one all the way to the wall." The Board of Directors allocated money in their budget to cover the anticipated legal fees. All signs pointed to a long and drawn-out battle between the Union and the administration.

However, the past month has seen a little softening in the Union's stance. The administration has refused to back down and has forced the Union's hand. Seems they aren't quite as eager to jump into court as they seemed to be a couple of months ago.

It's good to see that they are thinking this through. While the Students' Union does have to protect the rights of students, they also have to be responsible with student money. Legal costs for a long court battle would obviously be substantial. If the potential for a court decision that favours the students turns out to be slim, there's a good case to be made for spending the money elsewhere.

I hope they go for it. While I can sit here all day and mull over the pros and cons of taking the issue to court, I always come back to the same reason why I hope they go for it. I was on Ezra Ave. on April 22nd. I remember watching beer bottles fly through the air like swarming locusts. I remember being very angry at what was happening, knowing that the students had predicted it would happen if the school refused to help control it. Everyone knew there was potential for trouble, and the students of this school were the only people to try taking proactive measures. After the shit hit the fan, everyone pointed the finger at the students rather than take some of the blame themselves.

That was bullshit then, and its bullshit now.

Damn near every student at this school thinks that the administration has acted unfairly. How many students have you talked to that are pissed off?

That's why the Union should take it to court if they have to. They are elected to be the voice of the students of Laurier. The students would want to battle it out. Yes, it will cost money. Yes, there is a fair chance the courts will rule that the administration actually does have the right to discipline students for off-campus behaviour. Nobody said it would be easy.

As of press time, The WLUSU executive were offering no further comment on the state of their discussions with the administration regarding Ezra. The matter is currently being discussed by both the administration's and the Union's lawyers. We will soon find out what their next move will be.

Go for it. Be the voice.

Editorial by Scott Stinson, Editor-in-Chief

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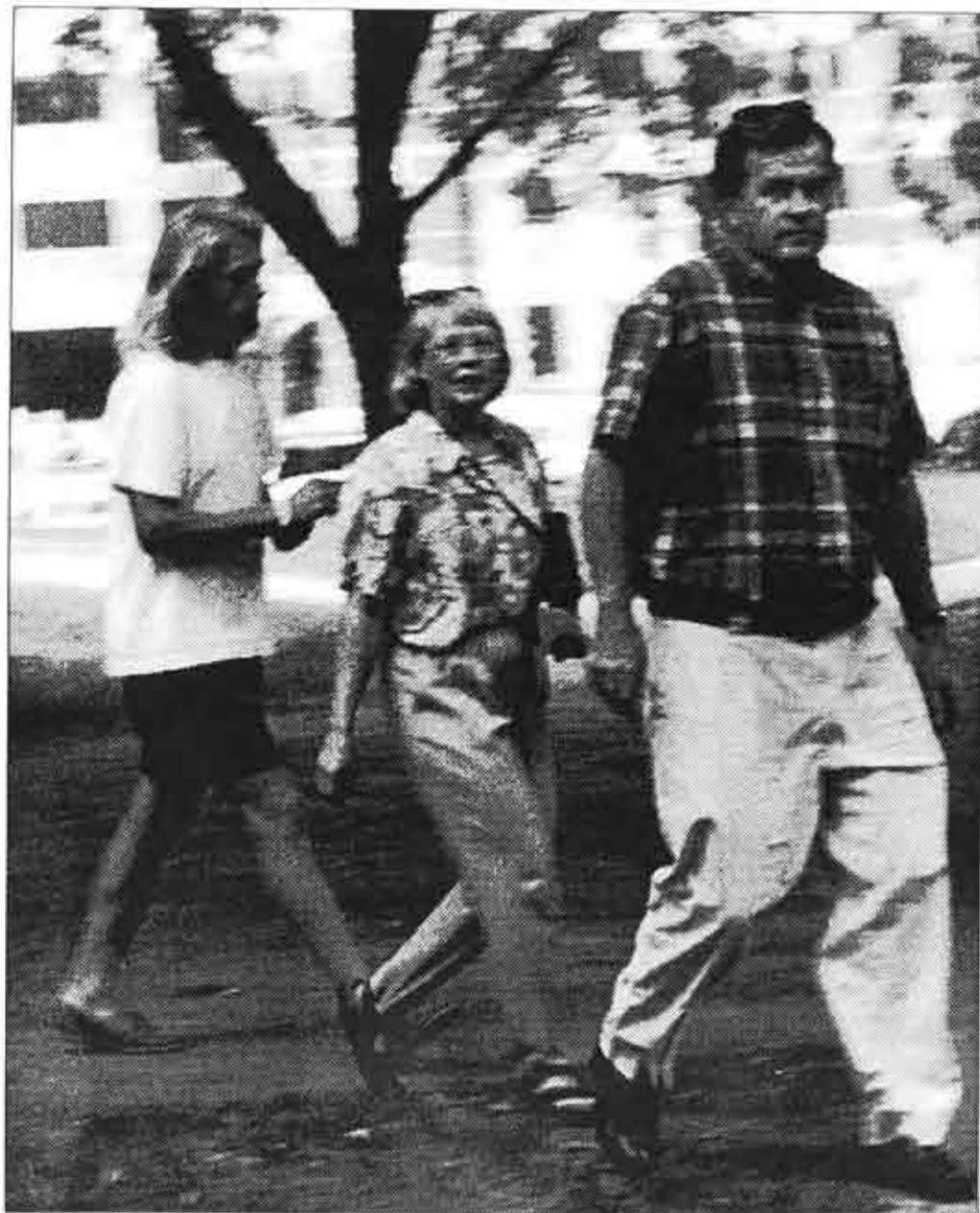
Everything was okay -- great in fact. University? No problem. Laurier? Lemme at 'em.. The sooner the better. Get outta this city, this town, this house. That was the feeling all summer. That was even the feeling when packing the car. It wasn't until you were on the 401 whipping faster and faster away from everything familiar that things began to sink in. It was for real this time after so many months of anticipation. Once on the cutoff you began to feel just a wee bit uneasy but hey, this is you. You can handle it. Everything will be okay.

Your Dad pulls the car into the parking lot and you see people everywhere. So much chaos that you are not yet a part of. And the people -- all with their hair coiffed, their best pair of shorts and slightly stylish t-shirts. Suddenly you begin to wish you hadn't skipped your shower this morning, or chosen to wear just any old thing as invincible old you got ready to go.

The uneasiness increases as your car is parked and you walk along the lawn towards the AC, a good meter of distance between you and your parents.



... and so will he. You can visit at Thanksgiving.



A last walk with the 'rents. They'll be gone by this time tomorrow...



Name, rank and serial number.

They are after all just with you now for their own peace of mind. You didn't need them to come. The line up extends outside the AC. You join it, your family at your heels. You don't know where to look, or how to stand, or what to do with your hands. Most of all you're wishing that you had dressed just a little differently. It's like Grade Nine all over again. Though you hate to admit it, the confidence is gone. Every thing will be...well, you're not quite sure anymore.

You get your shoelace and your key. You head back to the car and pull around closer to the residence. Next all doors open and flocks of strangers descend on your belongings, carrying them away (to your room, you hope). You enter the building and follow them. The residence is very institutional but slightly, strangely familiar. The walls are made of the same cement blocks you stared at for hours on end in High School. You find your room. You meet your Don. You meet your neighbours next door. One of them look just a little nervous and that makes you feel much better. Your confidence slides up a notch as you begin to realize you're not the only one who feels the way you do. Everyone else is not okay with this

life changing event.

You begin to unpack when there is commotion in the hallway. Ice breakers tear down the hallway and frosh week begins. You clap, you cheer, you yell. You do stupid things that you never would have dreamed of doing in High School. Suddenly the most important thing in your life is the colour of your shirt and the deafening of your scream.

Strangely as you lose your voice, your cleanliness, and your sanity, your confidence cautiously comes back. There are 1300 other people feeling just as you do. You aren't freakish, funny, or alone. You are, after all, the United Colours of Laurier. Yeah. This is cool. Everything *will* be okay.

Welcome to life on the inside.



A whole bunch of breakers (You look up to them now, but this time next year, you'll be just like them).

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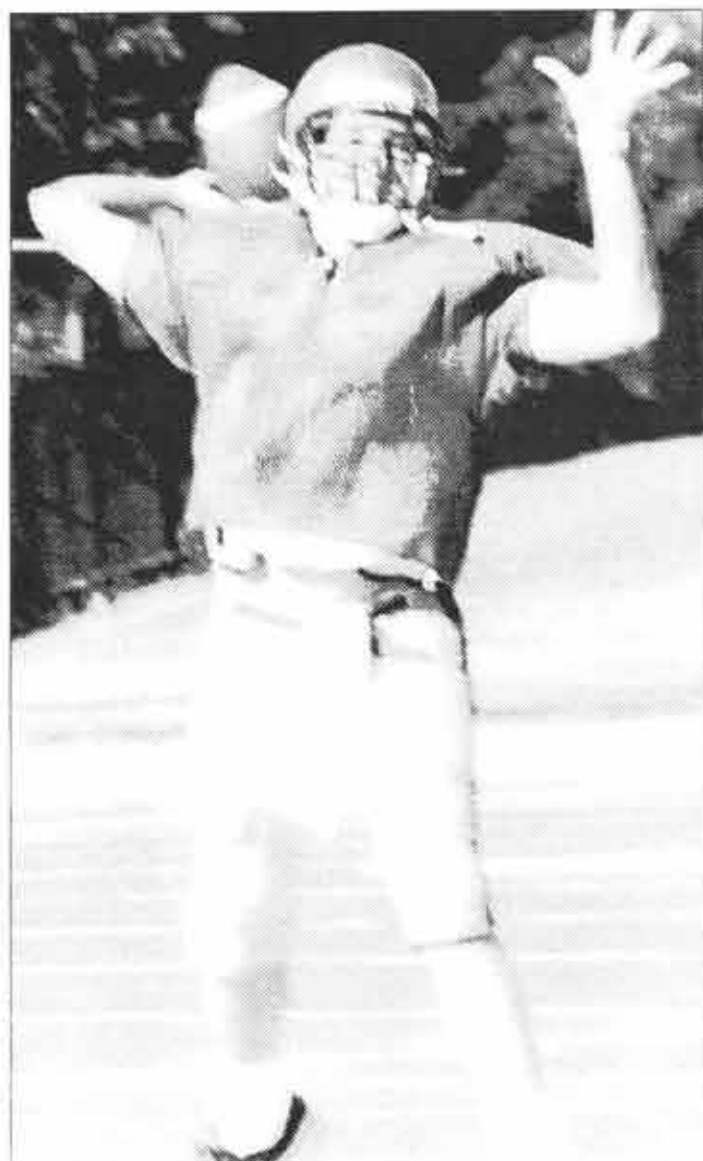
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McDonald: "New man at the helm."

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Every September football season hits campus along with bright eyed frosh, cooler temperatures and annoying Ice Breaker cheers; football season has arrived back on campus.

However, that is where a lot of the similarities end.

This season is the first time in six years the Golden Hawks will enter the schedule without the quarterback-receiver combination of Bill Kubas and Stefan Ptaszek. The battery mates that rewrote virtually all of the CIAU passing and receiving records last season are just two of many talented players that Laurier has lost from last year.

That fact is not lost on head coach Rick Zmich. "I see us being a team that passes fifty per cent of the time and runs fifty per cent of the time, rather than eighty-twenty." The change in offensive strategy is due mostly to the absence of

the personnel that made the "Air Laurier" attack possible in the past.

However that is not to say that the Football Hawks will be without some talented people on both sides of the ball. QB Kevin McDonald assumes the starter's role after serving three years as Kubas' apprentice. OUAA All-Star Zach Trenor will likely be McDonald's favourite target at the motion slot-back position. WR Andrew Scharschmidt returns after a year absence, and has been outstanding at training camp. His presence should give the Hawks a bonafide deep threat. Third year WR Brian McClure will likely start at the other wideout position. Rookie WR Cory Grant has turned a lot of heads during training camp and now stands to see a lot of action as the third wideout.

Entering training camp SB Chris Smits was being counted on to give the Hawks good production at the stationary slot, however a nagging shoulder injury has flared up far worse than expected. Zmich conceded that anything less than a season-ending injury for Smits would be a bonus. "If it's popping out running in to air, how can you expect him to play?" said Zmich.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, Zmich knows the answer to his own rhetorical question.

Within that group, the guy most under the gun is McDonald. He faces the daunting task of replacing the man who set the standard by which future QB's will be measured. The Kingston native, for his part, seems to be entering the fray with a positive attitude. "I have to use the things that I learned in the three years under Bill," he said.

"Bill always got respect from everybody right off the bat, hopefully my teammates will look toward me for leadership and we will become successful."

The offensive line was supposed to be the strong point for the team this year and it still is, however a bout of mononucleosis suffered by Guard Paul Dietrich will sideline him indefinitely. His replacement is transfer Adam Warmuth. Warmuth recently endured three years of mental torture at Oklahoma State trying

to officially land a scholarship. As tough a personal ordeal it was for him, it also kept Warmuth out of game action for three plus years. It is unlikely he can give Laurier the same level of play that Dietrich has provided the past two years.

T. Jeremy Rakowsky, C. Dyson Smith, G. Jason Vandale and G. Phil White will be the other starters on the O-line.

Peter Hwang will continue to keep the Hawks in good shape at tailback. FB Mike Kahnert replaces graduated Brian Niemy, despite the fact Kahnert will play for the first time, he is a solid physical player who should improve every game. TB's Andy Bacon and Anthony Ahmed will give Zmich solid depth in the backfield.

Defensively, converted DE Gerry Smith will lead the way for the defence. He will be complimented by fourth year DE David Squina and fifth year NT Nick Banbury. NT Nelson DaCosta and DE Jason Jacyno are sure to see plenty of action as well.

The D-Line will be counted on heavily by Defensive Co-ordinator Gary Jeffries. The reason? The linebackers and defensive backs, while talented, lack a lot of game experience.

OLB Dan Caza is hurt and will be replaced by Jason Gundy. ILB's Rob Allen and Shawn Crisp will start in the middle, while OLB Jason Burke is likely to start at the "hawkback" position. All four members of that quartet have never been full-time starters. Joe Douthwright and Craig Mellow can play both positions and provide solid backup.

In the secondary, third-year S Robbie Symons is a great talent. The Mississauga native came out of nowhere last year and became one of the defence's most consistent performers. He stands poised to make a run at All-Canadian status this year. CB Kenji Konno is the only other DB to have any significant game experience. S Rob Underhill will start at the halfback spot opposite Symons. In the middle, Gord Jopling will likely start at rover with Chris Redguard at the other corner.

With seven of the nine starters in the secondary and at linebacker having virtually no starting experience, Jeffries is a little concerned. "We think we have good people, but we have very little game experience," he said. A factor likely weighing heavily on Jeffries' mind is the

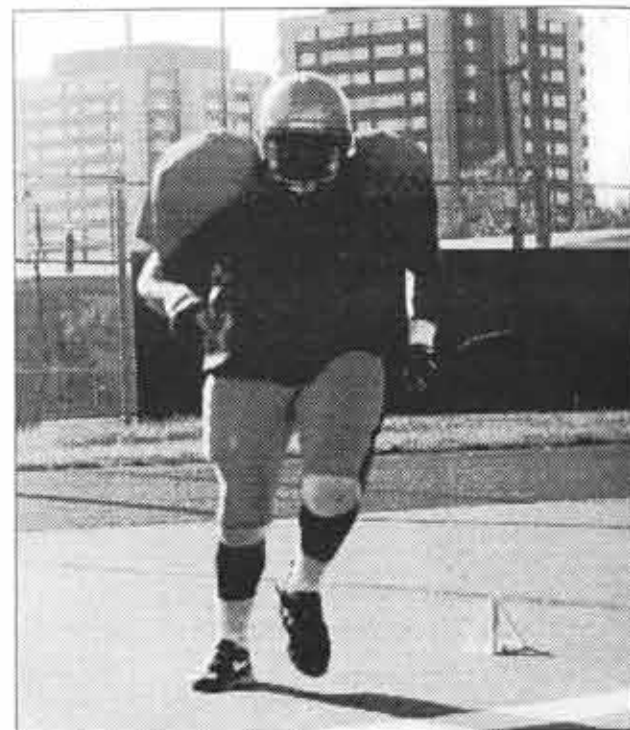
experienced quarterbacks around the league. Western's Warren Goldie, UofT's Mario Sturino and McMaster's Mike Kennedy are all experienced QB's who could take advantage of Laurier's inexperience.

An off-field development that can only benefit the Hawks is the return of assistant coach Jon Graffi. The former Golden Hawk All-Canadian returns to coaching after a one year hiatus. He was the defensive co-ordinator in the past, including the 1991 National Champions and returns to handle the linebackers and defensive backs.

On Special Teams there is a huge hole left by Pat O'Leary. Having handled the place kicking and punting for most of five years, he gave the Hawks a huge edge in the kicking game. Jarret Luke will handle the punting and the place kicking will be a toss up between Kevin O'Hara and O'Leary's younger brother Tim.

"One thing that I'm worried about is the kicking game, Pat O'Leary always kept us in pretty good shape," Zmich said.

After acknowledging that Luke will handle the punting, Zmich showed his trademark wit when assessing the place-kicker position. "Either way we will still be in pretty good shape because no matter what, we'll still have an Irishman kicking for us."



Smith: "The glue that holds the Hawks' defense together."

Lady Hawks set to soar

PETE ROBINSON
CORD SPORTS

Two out of three ain't bad.

At first thought these words conjure up memories of Meatloaf sweating like the pig he is, belting out the popular rock tune from the late seventies that just won't go away.

It also may apply to the WLU Women's Soccer Team, who have qualified for the National Championships two of the past three seasons, including winning it all in 1992. Last year was somewhat of a rebuilding year for the women, but as far as rebuilding goes it was pretty good. The Hawks came away with third place in the OUAA, narrowly missing a third consecutive birth at the Nationals. This year could see them return to the lofty perch that they occupied in 1992.

"The sky's the limit with this team," said head coach Barry McLean. "We are shooting

for the National Championship."

McLean's optimism is born out of the fact that despite having several rookies in the lineup last year, Laurier still came away with the league bronze medal.

A year older, so therefore a year better? Well McLean certainly hopes so.

He is counting heavily on the striker duo of Karen Conboy and Camilla Vejvalka to pace Laurier offensively. In addition, returning veterans Michelle Humann and last year's MVP Gigi Cignini are talented players that go a long way to explaining McLean's optimism heading into the season.

He expects that a solid recruiting class headed up by Lorraine Hodds, Emmie Hull, Carrie Ashdown and Kara Yates will perform well. It is likely that at least two of them will start.

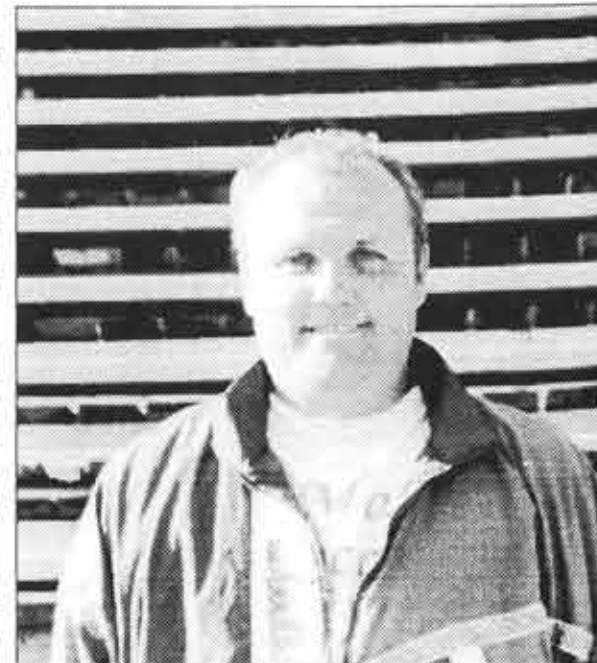
Goalkeeper Sonya Ritcey is the only starter not returning from last season.

Second-year keeper Cythia Zuidervliet fills her spot.

One factor that will help the Hawks is the fact that all games are played on the University Stadium astroturf. "It is an advantage for us in the four games we have here because it benefits the technically sound players most....we have players like that," said McLean.

Laurier opens the season this weekend with games at Brock on Saturday, before returning home to face Waterloo on Sunday. Sunday's games are part of a soccer double header that sees the women in action at 1:00, with the men going at 3:00.

McLean would like to come away with at least a win and a tie, noting that the four points that would bring, would put them in good shape heading into next weekend's action.



Barry McLean returns to Laurier to coach both teams

Athletics gets control of University Stadium

LIBBI HOOD
CORD SPORTS

As of October 1, 1995, all athletic and recreation facilities, including the University Stadium and Sports Centre (formerly Seagram Stadium), will be managed by the Department of Athletics and Recreation. The change came about as a result of negotiations between Ancillary Services, the current manager of the stadium, and the Department of Athletics and Recreation.

Rich Newbrough, Director of Athletics and Recreation, simply stated the reason for the change as, "it didn't make sense the ways we were doing things [in previous years]." The previous set-up included the Golden Hawks football team paying rent for practice time on their own field.

The Hawks also paid more money per game for the Stadium than the Waterloo Warriors football program who rent the space from Laurier. The fee was based on a percentage of the gate and the Hawks' bigger following resulted in their paying at least twice as much per game as the Warriors.

Newbrough expects the situation to improve through the Athletic Department's control of University Stadium. However, any money saved through the football program may be offset by the need to hire a new staff for the Stadium and Centre, including a new manager. Previous Manager John Thompson will take over as Director of Housing on October 1.

Students not directly involved with the Department of Athletics

will also benefit from the change this year, as use of the gym at University Stadium will now most likely be free. The cost of renting the gym last year was \$30 per hour. Super Circuit will also be expected to be covered under the general athletics fee that students pay along with their tuition.

It has not been decided whether the athletic fee will go up for all students due to this change, but it has already been approved this year. Any changes will be implemented for the 1996-97 academic year.

Such changes have to be discussed with and approved by the Advisory Committee on Compulsory Ancillary Fees.

Along with the plans to make Super Circuit a free option

for students, Newbrough hopes to move the program from the stadium to the Athletic Complex on the main campus, to raise the accessibility of the program. With the relocation of many of Laurier's student services to 202 Regina St. the AC is central to most of Laurier's staff and students.

The Super Circuit is expected to be available by the middle to end of September and for it to be temporarily located in the first squash court. This could raise some concerns for the Physical Education department as they offer a course in squash, but Newbrough maintained that it would be a temporary measure.

Moving the Super Circuit and including it within the mandatory Athletics Fee would also raise questions for approximately 30% of Circuit membership holders who

come from the community, and are not University affiliated.

Changes at the stadium itself are still up in the air. Until the Department of Athletics has fully taken over management of the stadium and have time to work through the transition, it is unclear

exactly which ideas for change and improvement are feasible. The biggest limitation will be the current budget with which they are working.

The Department of Athletics and Recreation will continue to uphold the operating agreement which

accompanied the purchase of the Stadium for \$1 from the City. This includes community involvement, as well as renting space to the University of Waterloo's Athletic Programs for as long as they need it.

Use of the gym at University Stadium will now most likely be free.



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The National Football League should consider itself in great shape today. Why? Three words: no labour problems. With the NBA locked out and MLB still reeling from their strike of last year, the average sports fan is in love with the NFL. They play games on the field, not in court.

With that in mind, and with the NFL season just a week old, it's time to answer some of this year's burning questions.

1. Where is Deion Sanders going?

The Super Bowl, most likely. All of the teams currently bidding for the Neon one's services are legit contenders (Niners, Cowboys, Dolphins, etc.) and adding him to the lineup would give any of them a decided advantage come playoff time. While the winning team will have to clean out Fort Knox, promise to play him on offense, and name the stadium after him to get Sanders signed, there is good reason to do so. Simply put, he takes away the opposition's best receiver every game. Just ask Troy Aikman.

2. Were those Week 1 upsets for real?

No, no, and yes. The Cincinnati Bengals should savor their victory that came about two months earlier than their first win last year. This team has some talented players at key spots in Jeff Blake at QB and Darnay Scott and Carl Pickens at wideout, but don't expect too much. You don't recover from a 3-13 season without sucking a little.

The St. Louis Rams also looked better last week than perhaps they really are. Despite giving up four Reggie White sacks and over 300 Brett Favre passing yards, they eked out a win over the Pack. Then again, when a quality QB like Favre gift wraps three interceptions, a team can pull out a victory here and there. The Rams won this one by default.

On the other hand, the Tampa Bay Bucs may actually be turning the corner to semi-mediocrity. The Yuckaneers, while not terribly deep, have assembled a handful of game breakers like Trent Dilfer, Eric Rhett, Hardee Nickerson and Alvin Harper. They play tough teams close, and as evidenced in their pummeling of the Seahawks on Sunday, they have a little of that killer instinct. They may even get that oh-so-elusive eighth win.

3. Was Frank Reich the steal of the expansion draft?

Not so fast. Reich is a fine quarterback, and the Carolina Panthers should be glad to have him. However, his talent is overrated. Yes, he played better than Jim Kelly in big games for the Bills. Hell, Ray Charles could have. Give Reich a full season behind that porous Panther line. He'll stop walking on water soon enough.

4. Can anyone in the NFC touch the Cowboys or the 49ers?

Well, no. Expect these two teams to meet in the NFC championship game for the fourth year in a row.

5. Are there any clear favourites in the AFC?

Not like in the NFC. The Steelers and Dolphins have to be considered contenders, as both teams have been close to the Super Bowl for the few seasons. However, there are a bunch of teams that could make some noise. The Browns and Broncos are both improved, as are the Patriots and Raiders. The quality of these teams has most fans overlooking the Chargers - and all they did was get to the Big Dance last year.

6. What would football be like in Hell?

I'm not entirely sure, but I bet it has that whistling bomb sound effect that Fox Sports has decided to use in all of their highlights.

7. Am I going to go out on a limb and pick the Super Bowl matchup? No.

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New and improved Athletic Complex

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Council finishes first year

PETE ROBINSON
CORD SPORTS

The Laurier Athletic community has recently undertaken measures to deal with issues that have arisen in past years resulting from the political, economic and logistical climate that abounds on campus.

One such measure was the formation of a body called the Athletic Advisory Council. The body made up of coaches, players and university staff deal with issues concerning the athletic community at Laurier.

The Council met several times during winter term of last school year. The underlying issue was the financial crunch that is effecting every educational institution and their Athletic Departments across the province.

The most pressing concern identified by the Council was the inadequate weight room facilities. Ideally the Council wants to expand the existing facility, however the obvious financial burden of doing that makes it a remote possibility.

Other issues covered by the Council included coaching evaluations, the allocation of funds to lower profile sports, training room facilities and sexual harassment.

The Council agreed to adapt a

comprehensive coaching evaluation for this season. It was thought that this was a pressing need in order to increase the accountability of coaches and increase the communication level between coaches and players.

The financial crunch felt on campus and more specifically in the Athletic Department, scuttled any effort by the AAC to allocate funds to lower-profile sports.

The Council decided that there was not a sexual harassment problem in Athletics, but in order to take a proactive stance to any potential problem, they made a recommendation that every Varsity athlete should attend a seminar on sexual harassment awareness.

Perhaps the most disappointing result of the Council's first year was the fact that the University's administration rejected their request for \$50 000 in order to buy equipment for the weight room and facilitate a move to larger downstairs room in the A.C. The room is currently housing desks used during exams.

The budget committee dealing with the request felt that this was a "renovation" and passed it along to a committee dealing with campus renovations and expansion.



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OCAA Football Preview

With the football season set to start on Saturday, with the Football Hawks taking on York at University Stadium, here is a thumbnail sketch of the rest of the OCAA football teams starting with the Yeomen.



York Yeomen

The much maligned Yeomen enter the season without a single player on their roster who has won a regular season university game. However that is not to say that the Yeomen don't have some talent on their roster.

WR Andre Batson is one of the most explosive players in the league and he appears ready to establish himself as one of league's elite receivers.

On the other side of the ball Head Coach Tom Arnott is very pleased with his linebacking corps. Led by third-year man Pat Wickett and second-year Steve Bodanis, Arnott believes that this unit will lead his team's defence to respectability.

With 45 consecutive losses, the stigma that hangs over the players' heads could be as big a deterrent to finally breaking in to the win column as anything else.

Arnott is concerned about his lack of depth at all positions; any injuries could severely curtail York's modest talent pool.



Western Mustangs

Defending National Champions return 15 of 24 starters from last year's team. However, included in the losses are all five of last year's starting offensive line. FB Craig Young and SB Bill Panopolous are gone as well, but the 'Stangs have standout QB Warren Goldie back for his final season. Look for WR's Tom McConnell and Sandy McGregor to have big years, and if the O-Line gives him the necessary help RB Sean Reade could have a Hec Crighton-like year.

Defensively DT Toby McHale and LB Mark Lawson are gone, however Western has the most talented defense of any team in the league. If they play like they are capable of playing it could offset the significant losses that the Mustangs have on the other side of the ball.



University of Toronto Varsity Blues

With QB Mario Sturino deciding to return for a final year and the release of WR Francis Etienne and DE John Raposo from their respective CFL clubs, Toronto's fortunes quickly took a turn for the better.

In addition to Etienne, Sturino will have dependable SB Scott Mitchell to throw to. His offensive line has three of five starters from last year back, including center Joe Tassone.

Another strong point for the Blues will be the defensive front seven anchored by Raposo, DE Tom Hipsz and LB Barry McCamus. The graduation of DB's Dean Turner, Brian Devonish and Greg Walker raises questions about the condition of Toronto's secondary.

The Blues will also likely be very inexperienced at tailback where Scott Driscoll, a rookie, will start in place of David Richer.

The Blues are now two years removed from their 1993 Vanier Cup, after a year of reloading it appears as though U of T, along with Western are going to be the teams to beat in the OCAA.



McMaster Marauders

McMaster's situation is of particular importance to Laurier simply because 2 of 8 games will be against the Marauders.

A team that narrowly missed the playoffs last year, McMaster returns 19 of 24 starters. Included in the 19 are all five starting offensive linemen. That unit should complement QB Mike Kennedy nicely. Kennedy is establishing himself as one of the best QB's in the league entering his third year as a starter.

The biggest loss of all will be WR Mike Morreale, now with the Toronto Argonauts. Replacing him will be a tall order. As well, the defensive secondary was prone to giving up big yardage last year and will have to tighten up in order to give the Marauders a chance to contend.



Guelph Gryphons

The Gryphs enter the season with the same problem that the rest of the league has. WR Kevin Reid, OT Rob Kitching, S/LB Chuck Assmann and DB Heron Tait are just a few of many quality players who will not be back. In addition the heir apparent to the starting QB job, Nathan Body, is academically ineligible.

The Gryphon attack should be fueled by the return of both starting RB's Terry Wiggan and Rob Popkey. Quality receivers Kip Wigmore and Mark Dragich should offset the loss of Reid somewhat.

However the Achilles heel of the Gryphons may be at QB,

where the graduation of Rob Kitching and the subsequent ineligibility of Body mean Ted Dyer takes the helm. He spent the previous two years as a backup receiver, and although Head Coach Dan McNally insists he is up to the task, one has to wonder why he was not playing QB when the Gryphs were experiencing problems with Kitching before.

From the other side of the ball, the Gryphon defence gave up a total of 215 points last year playing without Assmann and LB Kevin Mellow. Only Mellow returns this year, and with the further loss of Heron Tait and DE Hugh Tharby, it stands to reason Guelph may experience similar problems this year.

Windsor Lancers



The difference between Windsor making and missing the playoffs was 6 points.

Unfortunately for the Lancers that 6 points was the combined total of their three losses to UofT, Waterloo and Guelph. Eventually Head Coach John Musselman's team finished 2-6.

Musselman returns four of his five starters on the offensive line. That unit, led by OCAA all-star OG Chris Church, should open up holes for CIAU Rookie of the Year, TB Chris Moore.

Unfortunately for the Lancers they will have to deal with the graduation of five-year starting QB Rob Zagordo, Andy Vasily, his replacement, doesn't have any real game experience and will hit many bumps along the way.

Windsor also graduates their two best DB's and will have a tough time replacing them.

University of Waterloo Warriors



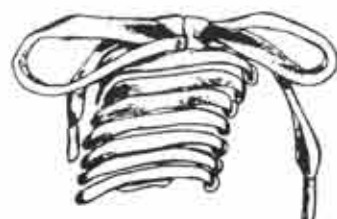
No team is as hard hit by graduation as Waterloo. Cory Delaney, Brad Harris, Andy Allen, Steve Bennett, Gord Fawcett and Mark Parsons are just six of many players lost from a very talented 1994 squad.

Defensively the Warriors should fare pretty well. DL John Shoniker, LB Jason Van Geel and DB Tony Garland are solid players who will lead the way.

The "plumbers" will need that help defensively, because a suspect O-Line may prevent Waterloo from using some very talented skill position players. FB Mike Mallot, WR Adrian Thorne and SB Rick Shea have a lot of talent but they may never get a chance to get the ball. QB Patrick Gorman was lost for the season due to an off season injury and his replacement, Kevin Denschinko, has not played football in two years and has never started a university game.

It would appear as though the playoffs would be a longshot for the Warriors.

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Gene Haunts The Palace

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The latest in a long line of new wave British pop bands, **Gene**, played a memorable Toronto debut recently to a packed crowd at *Lee's Palace*.

Formed in mid-1993, Gene's chemistry and charm evolved rapidly. After writing a hat full of songs and tightening up their live set, 1994 was the breakthrough year in the U.K.

Gene is: Martin Rossiter (vocals), Steve Mason (guitar), bassist Kevin Miles, and Matt James.

With a sophisticated sound featuring the best elements of **Paul Weller**, **The Smiths**, and little touch of drama a la **Queen** thrown in, **Gene** are a great live band. Although these comparisons shed some light on their background, Gene have a very definite musical agenda all of their own.

Their debut single *For The Dead*, released in May 1994 was acclaimed in the music press. **Select** claimed it "...swaggered with self-confidence; everything a pop-single should be." As single of the week **NME** noted, "It is a remarkably lovely record that manages to transcend its influences just by being so damned good."

With follow up singles "*Be my light, Be my guide*", and "*Sleep Well Tonight*" achieving similar acclaim, the band established a solid base, and recorded a magnificent debut album **Olympian**, released in May '95.

Produced by Phil Vinall (Elastica, The Auteurs), *Olympian* is a blend of thought provoking lyrics and bluesy, haunting guitar riffs.

At a time when the music scene is tending towards an anti-intellectual, "guy" mentality off-bands like **Blur** and **Oasis**, it is a refreshing change to find a band that is swimming against the tide.

The gig at Lee's Palace was further proof of Gene's brilliance. The band exuded poise and control, not to mention Rossiter's swaggering and Mason's guitar postures.

The atmosphere was joyous, with highlights of the set, including, "*London Can You Wait?*" and "*Haunted By You*."

At risk of again making Smith's comparisons, which is an unfair burden to both parties, it is unquestionable that the poignant thinking loner with a yearning to be incredibly famous is a common theme from both Morrissey and Rossiter.

The Canadian release of *Olympian* features two tracks exclusive to the Canadian album, which is yet another reason to check out this rhapsodic CD.



Eating Out with Joel and George

This week George and Joel visit Mel's Diner (located in the same plaza as Loose Change Louie's)

In the short time that Mel's Diner has been open, Joel and George have each made a couple of trips down to the sixties joint on University Ave right behind HMV. The place kind of reminds us of the Peach Pit from Beverly Hills 90210, and fortunately Brandon doesn't work there. Background tunes from the 50's and 60's blend well with the decor that appears in the television

series of the same name. Long pants are advised to save any accidental skin removal from the authentic vinyl seating. You will be happy to note that Alice is looking as good as ever.

The first time we arrived, the staff was extremely busy. The restaurant had only been open for a couple of days. Although the food was great and the atmosphere was cool it took quite a while for service and our orders got kind of screwed up. George is still waiting for his mayo.

Joel is still waiting for George to stop talking about his long lost mayo.

The second time we ventured to Mel's, everything was under total control. First time jitters aside, we walked in, got a table, a waitress that we could almost call Mom, and a pretty damn good Reuben sandwich. George was going to get a burger, but the waitress talked him into something a little more healthy. Thanks Mom.

Most of the items on the menu are reasonably priced, especially the

"blue light" specials. The menu includes everything from the Three Stooges Spaghetti and Meat Balls to Liver and Onions. Meatloaf is also on the menu however we have yet to test-drive this particular dish. Perhaps George and Joel should organize a field trip to Mel's for all those who don't like the dining hall's version of Meatloaf. Problem is we would have to book the Turret to host the event.

We do strongly recommend Mel's to our readers. Great food, great

atmosphere and reasonable prices make Mel's a nice alternative to Waterloo's collection of roadhouse dining. If you really want to do Mel's right, get your rag-top out of the garage and cruise to a place that is sure to become popular on the Waterloo restaurant scene. Now, if George and Joel could only find Mel. Apparently he has the solution for the missing mayo.

Eating Out is our new column from the stomachs of Joel Lynn and George Raptis

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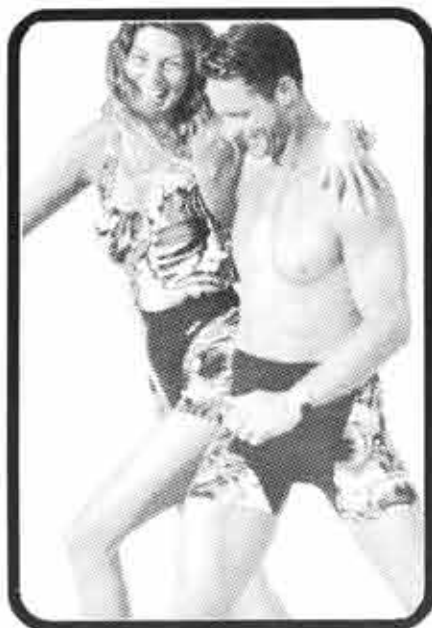
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The mystery of Boner's dad

BRAD ROSS

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My article includes trivia on the long lost television programs of our youth, some new programs, a lot of older shows but general stuff only people in our age group properly understand. The 80s hosted classic sitcoms like *Three's Company*, *Different Strokes*, *The Facts of Life*, and of course the Thursday four pack of *Family Ties*, *Cosby Show*, *Cheers*, and *Night Court*. See if your parents were correct in their assessment the "you watch too much television" by trying the following trivia questions.

1. Name the five characters from

The Facts of Life.

2. Mike Seaver's best friend was "Boner" in *Growing Pains*. What was Boner's dad's name?
3. What planet did Alf come from?
4. What was Arnold and Willis' last name in *Different Strokes*?
5. In the show *Too Close For Comfort*, what was the name of the comic strip the father drew?
6. Name the special guest star who played the Keatons' clumsy but gorgeous housekeeper in *Family Ties*.
7. What actress starred as Alex's girlfriend during the last

episodes of *Family Ties*?

8. What was the name of Jack Tripper's pub in *Three's Company*, and what was his chef's name?
9. Markie Post, who played "Christine" in *Night Court*, in real life had two babies. How did the writers alter Christine's character while Markie was pregnant?
10. What show did "Alfonzo" star in after *Silver Spoons*?

Answers:

1. Jo, Tuti, Blair, Natalie, Mrs. Garrett. 2. Sylvester Stabone 3. Melnick 4. Jackson 5. Cosmic Kow 6. Geena Davis 7. Courtney Cox 8. Jack's Bistro, Phillippe 9. Became a judge, Elopel 10. Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Forced Into The Video Store

MELANIE SEAL

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Usually, the summer provides lots of great movies aimed at the kiddies. Recall the summer of *Jurassic Park*, with effects and hi-fi stereo that made its audience quake in their seats.

This summer, however, most of the movies released lacked in quality. Movies that sold the most tickets and made the most money were often about heroes of yesteryear.

The two Celtic contributions to celluloid, *Rob Roy*, and *Braveheart*, relied on heroes from legends of long ago to make the story work. *Rob Roy* did quite well, but then again, the writers were guaranteed a winner when they chose a subject that has delighted Scottish school children for hundreds of years.

Batman Forever did okay in ticket sales, yet never saw the success that the previous films have had. Perhaps after years of having the comic book character thrown in our faces, we are ready to say enough is enough. There were those who did enjoy the movie—most likely the pre-pubescent girls who for some unknown reason lust after Chris O'Donnell. This movie revolves around a hero we have known for years.

I ask Hollywood writers why they insist on digging up old stories and remaking them, trying to squeeze as much capital gain out of them as possible. Case in point would be *First Knight*. Sean Connery has undoubtedly seen better days, and by re-enacting the saga of a love triangle in Camelot, he merely dates himself with the Middle Ages tale itself.

Is there any creativity left in Hollywood? I saw a brief glimmer of light with the cre-

ation of *Crimson Tide*. This movie was not only an original tale, it was a movie about the ominous power of controlling "the button" while being totally isolated from the political occurrences of the outside world. This summer, being the best movie wasn't that difficult.

The summer was filled with flippant little romances like *While You Were Sleeping*. Who falls in love with a guy in a coma, simply because he looks good? Come on Hollywood, even you aren't that shallow.

When Hollywood produces films like *The Babysitter's Club*, and *Something to Talk About*, I grow concerned that there aren't even any recent film school graduates with talent. No wonder Crichton is living high off the hog, even when his film *Congo* had cheap effects and lousy acting. The story itself is good—the movie had so much potential.

As we wind down with movies like *Mortal Kombat*, the movie-goer is glad to see the end of the summer of 1995 movie season. Definitely a let down, but things can only get better.

At the same time, I wonder how movie companies can be surprised that video rentals do so well. What do they expect us to watch? In today's economy, the movie-goer wants to be sure that they are getting their eight dollars worth. If Hollywood can't write any good movies, we have to rely on the classics.

The cinema would be a better place if there were more Spielbergs and Tarantinos; while people with little or no talent stuck to writing the NBC miniseries of the O.J. Simpson story.

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The Art of Hangin' Over

When you didn't know when to say when...

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University not only provides one with a valuable education to assist one in finding employment upon graduation, but also teaches one many things about other aspects of life. One of the more practical things I've learned in my three-plus years at WLU is the art of "hangin' over". A hangover is something that most of you will experience, some far more often than others. The best method to cure the common hangover has been a heavily-debated issue for centuries.

My personal dictionary defines "hangin' over" like this:

hangin' over (v). The action(s) associated with dealing with or ridding oneself of the condition brought on by excessive alcohol consumption. The phrase itself is also very effective in everyday conversation. Instead of saying "Oh man, I'm so hungover ... I'm not doin' anything",

you can say "Hey, I'm hangin' over", and it sounds like you're doing something when actually, you're not.

To paint a more vivid picture of what a hangover feels like, here are some translations for foreign hangover-related phrases:

- "katzenjammer" (German for "the wailing of cats")
- "jeg her tommermann" (Norwegian for "workmen in my head")
- "ont i haret" (Swedish for "pain in the roots of my hair")
- "so to gi ko-ho!" (Vietnamese for "water buffalo plowing inside my head")

No two hangovers are the same, as everyone experiences the symptoms in varying degrees. My own personal hangover consists of minor/major headache (positively correlated with consumption), fatigue, temporary loss of 90% of brain, strong desire to do nothing, and aching teeth (?). Over the years, I have

had the opportunity to experiment with many different remedies to rid myself of these hangovers.

First, I have two basic theories I live by when I'm hangin' over. The first is...no analgesics (painkillers). Some people live and die by these capsules and tablets, but I firmly believe that one must deal with whatever short term abuse is self-inflicted through over-consumption of alcohol. In short, you deserve to feel the way you do. Maybe next time you'll remember how lousy you felt and you'll drink more responsibly (it never works for me, either).

My second belief discredits the "hair of the dog that bit you" theory. Drinking the next morning is not recommended, especially when one has morning classes to attend. I equate the morning drinking "cure" to coming back from a rotator cuff injury. You should wait until you're absolutely 100% before pitch-

ing again, because if you try to return too early, you only risk injuring yourself more.

My own routine of hangin' over starts with a strawberry shake - this provides you with fruit, sugar (which you are now lacking) and something frosty to get rid of whatever "pasties" the Oral B didn't get. If you don't have the wherewithal to make or purchase a shake, a couple of glasses of chocolate milk should suffice. Next, eat something with a lot of grease. There is no documented medical benefit to this, but it works for me. Then, assume a horizontal position in a room with minimal illumination. The only real cure, remember friends, is time. If my home remedy causes you intestinal warfare, please do not contact me. I am not a certified physician, nor do I profess to be. One last note - I do not condone "binge" drinking. I just like to be a part of it. Cheers!



ear candy

AARON HUNTER



Stone Roses
The Complete Stone Roses
Silvertone Records

First of all, this is by no means the 'complete' Stone Roses. The misleading name is just another of Silvertone Records' efforts to make this final exploitive cash-grab as big as possible. (The Stone Roses' last album was recorded for DGC.) For the new fan, the collection is flawed by its exclusion of incredible songs like 'This Is The One' and 'Sugar Spun Sister', and for the rabid veteran, the collection is flawed by, well, its lack of weird and interesting material. This album comes off as someone's quickly thrown-together mix tape of their favourite old Stone Roses songs. If you ever need a laugh, borrow this from somebody and read the essay in the liner notes (of course, not written by the band themselves). It is the most pretentious piece of crap I have ever read. And while you're doing that, listen to 'Sally Cinnamon'. That'll cheer you up.



Blur
Blur Recorded Live From Mile End Stadium
Food Records

You'd think that Blur would be a horrible live band; their arrangements are usually so complex, and their songs seem so studio-oriented. However, this theory of mine has been shot down

by everyone I have ever spoken to who has seen Blur in concert. Whether through brilliant mixing or just plain talent and charisma, this four-song EP succeeds very well. Nothing too unknown here; the casual Blur listener will probably recognize all the songs. (They are all recent singles.) The band strays into new and more colourful orchestration in some parts: for example, the horn section in 'For Tomorrow'. Instead of being bogged down by the limitations of live performance, Blur capitalizes on the chance to change things up a little. Damon Albarn tinkers with the vocals quite a bit, and it works. Highlight: thousands of fans screaming the chorus of 'Girls and Boys' in unison.



Ben Lee
Grandpaw Would
Grand Royal Records

Ben Lee is a sixteen-year old kid from Australia with a good voice, lots of important industry friends and a serious case of Evan Dando-worship. Sonic Youth's Thurston Moore helped his band NoiseAddict get into the studio, and now Lee's got his own solo album; just him and a guitar. Well... just him and a guitar and backing performances by the likes of Liz Phair and the Spinanes' Rebecca Gates. Of the eighteen loosely-constructed, unpolished songs, at least six are real gems. The songs are interesting because their lyrical cleverness is crossed with the simple rhythms and chord progressions that you would expect from a teenage boy writing about love and stuff. This is unapologetic pop music; it says so on the back. It's slowed down, toned down, stripped down punk rock. Given his talent, his strong support and his very young age, I would say Ben Lee is heading for eventual stardom. Hopefully, he is not just going to fade slowly into adulthood.

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Dynamic Duo

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Dear Dynamic Duo,

I came to frosh week leaving a high school boyfriend behind. While I thought I was going to be able to be faithful to him, I find myself watching my Icebreaker intently. As the days progress, I watch the way that his pink shirt sticks to his sweaty body while he screams the blue team chants. Oh dynamic ones, tell me how I can keep my legs closed and my thoughts pure. I want to stay faithful to my boyfriend even if he does only go to Western.

Signed,

Desperately seeking Ice

Dear Desperately seeking Ice,

You're at Laurier now, why would you come here wanting to think only pure thoughts. While many will agree that trust and fidelity are the basis of any good relationship. However, you are in university now. Now is supposed to be the best years of your life. What better time in your life is there to sample the sexual catalogue of diversity? Why not have a terrific romp in the night with your Icebreaker. Your man in London never has to know. The God's honest truth, he's probably making out with some young fresh virile beauty with firm everything-go for the Icebreaker! You know that you want it. You know that he wants it. Why else would he have become an Icebreaker?

Dynamic Duo

Dear Dynamic Duo,

I had this fantastic summer fling with this terrific looking chick that I met at the beach. Things would be terrific except for the fact that I now have this disgusting rash around my testicles. I wouldn't be that worried but the other day it started to pus and ooze. I now walk around with a pile of toilet paper in my pants trying to stop the stuff from staining my jeans. Yuk! Do I call her, and ask her what's up? Or do I just go to the clinic? What could this be?

Signed Itchy-Scratchy

Dear Itchy Scratchy,

Grr-oss! Get thyself to a clinic as soon as possible. Call her only if you want to make her sick to her stomach. But get some disinfectant quick....and I hope you learned something this summer. Always use protection when you have sex on the beach. Nobody wants pussing testicles.

Dynamic Duo

Movie Rental of the Week

MELANIE SEAL
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SINGLES

1992, Warner Brothers
PG-13 (language)

As far as movie rentals go, this is a definite winner. **Singles** was not that widely publicized when it was released in the theatres; it's only claim to fame that can be quickly recalled was that it starred *Matt Dillon*. **Singles** has a soundtrack that sold better and received more recognition than the movie. Starring alongside Matt Dillon are Bridget Fonda, Kyrä Sedgewick, and Cambell Scott. The characters are dealing with falling in and out of love, and the changes one goes through when romantically attached to another human being romantically. At the same time, the characters deal with all the little monkeywrenches that life throws at you when you're twentysomething. While the movie is filled with a great deal of truth, it doesn't smother its audience with it. **Singles** is humorous. Bridget Fonda sums up the theme of the movie accordingly, "There's a certain dignity in being single."

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9. What's your colour?
8. What rez are you in?
7. Did you get a single room?
6. What are your views on premarital sex?
5. I'm red, you're green-let's unite our colours.
4. So...how do I get to be an Icebreaker next year?
3. I've got this free condom burning a hole in my pocket.....
2. You need help setting up your computer...if you've got the slot, I've got the RAM.
1. I feel sick, can you put me in the "Bacchus position"?

I mean, we really need people.

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Episode One - Departure

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MONTY BRONTE

The portal appeared right above the computer. It just appeared one day. There was no reason for it. We hadn't done anything. Somebody on the other side must have caused it.

We'd been sitting the next room. We were mourning the death of the Cord mascot, a fish named Montgomery. Sue had noticed our wee pal "fins up."

"I thought I asked you to feed the fish earlier today," she said to me.

I thought back to when she'd said this to me. "When?"

"When I passed you in the hall. Earlier today ..."

The conversation was interrupted by a terrific gust of wind. All of our ears popped. We sat for a minute with our fingers in ears, stunned. Tracey got up from the couch and walked in the next room.

"Uh." She paused and the rest of us knew something was wrong.

I thought at first the construction company had come through the wall by accident. Scott told me later he'd thought the ceiling had collapsed. We were both wrong.

"Uh, has anyone seen this dark swirling hole in the wall before?"

The rest of us ran to the doorway. Beyond Tracey we could see, well, a dark swirling hole above Xanadu. Xanadu was one of our copmputers. It was appropriately named for the situation.

We wondered what it was. A minute or two must have passed before someone spoke. I think it was Scott.

"This is like Star Trek."

"Yeah," said someone else, "like Star Trek ... except we're not in space."

"And I'm not a hairy Klingon," I added.

We moved closer. The wind was stronger and it felt like it was pulling at us.

"We shouldn't get too close," yelled Dave. I knew it was Dave cause he had one hand on the door and his other hand on me. I knew Dave had a fear of falling, and the way this hole was, it looked like a deep well. He was probably trying to keep as far away as possible, and prevent us from falling to our doom.

We heeded his advice his advice and backed off into the other room. Tracey closed the door, but the crack at the but the crack at the bottom created this horrible sucking noise from the wind. It shrilled like a banshee on the moor. I'm not ashamed to say my hair stood on end.

"Fuck me, that's cool," I said.

"Maybe we should tell someone about it," Sue piped up.

"Like P.P. and P.," Scott responded sarcastically.

We grew silent again, but the wind continued to suck at the door. "Let's get a rope and anchor it. We can climb into the hole and pull ourselves out if we have to".

"What?"

"Are you nuts?"

"No I'm serious. There could be another world on the other side."

We were silent again. From the other room we could here Tracey's advertising agreements rustling in the wind. They were probably getting sucked right into the hole.

We watched as Tracey unplugged the long telephone cord from the wall. "This'll do". She opened the door and walked back into the room.

Scott started to laugh. I don't think he believed what was happening. He walked in after her though and helped her tie the telephone cord to the filing cabinet.

"There could jus be open space on the other side", yelled Dave. "You could die".

I was stepping back. "I don't think my wife would approve. I have to finish the laundry tonight. I don't want to piss her off".

Tracey and Scott shrugged. They started to climb down the telephone cord, which was suspended in mid air and being pulled down the centre of the hole.

"Come on Dave", yelled Sue. She was dragging him over to the telephone cord. They descended.

I stood there, turning back and forth. "Fuck, fuck...fuck". I grabbed a role of film and a camera from the cabinet. "Fuck me". I grabbed the telephone cord and started to descend. I could barely see Sue and Dave below me. I got about twenty feet down the cord, when suddenly it shifted. I looked up.

The cord shifted again, and suddenly it went limp. I looked up and saw the filing cabinet hurtling towards me. There were five people on this telephone cord. It was anchored by one half empty filing cabinet. We'd pulled the cabinet into the portal by our sheer weight. We were in free fall. All I could hear was Tracey screaming. "You dink Phill". As if it was my fault.



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