

40 staff and faculty to retire early



Herminio Schmidt, Chair of Modern Languages, is "raring to go" after he retires. He is one of 27 staff and 13 faculty to have accepted an early retirement package.

KATHY CAWSEY
CORD NEWS

Laurier's special Early Retirement Program, instituted to save costs and deal with government funding cutbacks, was an unexpected success. Twenty-seven staff and 13 fac-

ulty have accepted the package.

"At the end of the first day, we were already over-subscribed," Lorna Marsden, President of WLU, told the Board of Directors on Tuesday.

The university offered the pack-

age to 67 people, hoping that 22 would accept. However, 37 people applied on the first day.

The package was offered to employees who will be at least 60 years old on July 1, 1996 and who will turn 60 by July 1, 1997. As a

result, 17 staff members will leave in 1996 and 10 in 1997. Ten faculty will leave in 1996, with three more leaving the following year. As well, four faculty members will retire at the usual age of retirement in July, 1996.

Andrew Berczi, Vice President of Finance and Administration, said the reduction in faculty and staff will save the university \$1.1 million this year and another \$700,000 the following year. The money to pay for the retirement packages came out of an "extra" surplus in the university's pension plan.

"The effect on the students will not be so great," commented Anne Hall, Dean of the Faculty of Music. The Music department will lose five faculty members this year. "[The departing members] will all continue some teaching on a part-time basis, and we are expecting to make some new appointments."

Herminio Schmidt, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages, is one of the people accepting the retirement package. In the department's newsletter he commented, "It's never too late. At sixty, I am raring to go."

Like many of the retirees, Schmidt is not truly retiring but is

changing careers. He owns his own business, Aimco Services, which specializes in providing instruction in foreign languages for business executives.

Other departments losing faculty are the School of Business and Economics, the Faculty of Social Work, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Biology, English, Chemistry, and French.

The early retirement program is part of the university's strategy for dealing with a 17.4 % reduction in its operating grant - or about \$6.3 million from its budget. The cutback will also be faced with increases in tuition, increasing full-time enrollment, instituting a comprehensive fee for ancillary services and increasing various non-tuition fees.

The various academic departments will also face budget cuts.

"The success of the early retirement program has offered some flexibility to this process," said Rowland Smith, Vice President Academic. "There will probably not be major changes next year in [course] offerings, but all academic units are heavily involved with planning new approaches and structures as a long-term response to their changes in personnel."

Lynn and Raptis head up 1996 WLUSU

KATHY CAWSEY
CORD NEWS

On February 15 almost 1,500 Laurier students voted in elections for the Wilfrid Laurier Students' Union. Because of a late mailing of co-op ballots the votes were not counted until February 26.

Joel Lynn won the Presidential race, with 916 votes out of a total of 1,515 ballots cast. The new Vice President: University Affairs will be George Raptis, who gained 715 votes out of 1,408 people voting for the VP position.

"The election went pretty smoothly," said Scott Dunkley, Chief Returning Officer of the Election Council. "It went well."

Fifteen Directors were chosen from the twenty-nine candidates for the Board of Directors. At the top of the list was Julie Boyer, followed by Stewart Wong, Melissa Moore, Keri Peacock, Alison McMahon, Trevor Newell, Jay Wilgar, Gareth Cunningham, Renee Pelletier, Scott Harris, Michelle Graham, David Rewak, Kate Johnstone, Tom Lennartz, and Tara Barry.

According to Dunkley, voter turnout was good. "It was a little lower than last year," he comment-

ed. "But it was still very good for a university."

All the WLUSU positions were acclaimed, with Laurie Legault as President and Shayne Lidkea, Domenico Magisano, Jennifer Clarke, Ryan Lock and Beth Costelec on the Board of Directors.

The election was complicated by problems with the co-op mailings. Co-op students received their ballots only two days before their vote was supposed to be counted by the university. As well, a pamphlet telling the co-op students about the elections did not mention the positions for WLU Student Publications.

A new mailing was sent, complete with a new set of ballots. Although there was talk about postponing the entire election, in the end the election council decided to hold the election as planned but postpone the counting until the co-op votes were in.

"We had to change the date and co-op ballots," Dunkley explained. In the end, 10% of co-op students voted, a significant increase from last year.

The referendum questions also resulted in confusion. The questions asked whether the financial statements of WLUSU and WLUSP could

be accepted as printed.

"The referendum questions got a lot of spoiled ballots," Dunkley said. "That's the most disappointing result we had. We had around 400-500 spoiled." Most of the spoiled ballots were simply left blank.

Nonetheless, both referendum questions passed, WLUSU with a vote of 801 "yes" to 209 "no" out of 1,440 ballots, WLUSP with 847 "yes" votes and 207 "no" votes out of 1,499.

The two corporations have to

come up with some sort of strategy to inform the students as to what they're voting on," Dunkley commented. "These are corporations, not just high school elections."

The new executive will begin hiring 1996/97 positions in two weeks.

Election '96 Results Results Results Results

President

Joel Lynn	916
Robb Hadley	409
Craig Moffatt	109

VP:UA

George Raptis	715
Kelly Westlake	297
Sean Wilde	259
Kevin MacDonald	137

Board of Directors

Julie Boyer	841
Stewart Wong	778
Melissa Moore	630
Keri Peacock	606
Alison McMahon	529
Trevor Newell	508

Jay Wilgar	446
Gareth Cunningham	390
Renee Pelletier	357
Scott Harris	320
Michelle Graham	317
David Rewak	311
Kate Johnstone	303
Tom Lennartz	285
Tara Barry	279

Jennifer Allchin	239
Janet Bere	227
Ron Burkholder	211
Lorie English	243
Peter Greenwood	167
Cindy Kempston	209
Brian Krier	235
Chris McLaughlin	221
Kari McMullen	231
Koh Narusawa	231
Sonja Regier	250
Jeanette Rivers	137
Rachel Stickwood	242
James Veenaman	230

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Reminder: Co-ordinator applications are due Tuesday, March 5 at noon.

For the following volunteer positions, applications are due by Tuesday, March 12 at noon.

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Charity Ball Committee
Winter Carnival Committee
Homecoming Committee
Trips Committee
Icebreaker

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BACCHUS Boosters for Orientation Week
Foot Patrol Summer Co-ordinator

Foot Patrol Assistant Co-ordinator
Foot Patroller
Campus Clubs Council

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

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Laurier University Charity Kouncil (LUCK) Executive
Laurier Students for Literacy Volunteer
Laurier Students for Literacy Summer Co-ordinator
Dean's Advisory Council (applications in Dean of Students' Office)

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Radio Laurier Disc Jockey

Notes: Applications and more information are available in WLUSU offices. Feel free to come in and talk to the current position holders.

Tuition to rise 15 percent next year

ROBIN WHITTAKER

CORD NEWS

Ontario universities are now aware of exactly how much the cuts to education will affect them. For Laurier students, the result will be a 15 percent hike in tuition next year.

In November, the Harris government announced that the province's educational funds will be cut by 15 percent. Now, according to WLU President Lorna Marsden, Laurier will be forced to cut 17.5 percent of its total budget. These numbers, made available to the universities just over a week ago, add up to a cut of \$6.3 million for Laurier.

The process of making cuts is "quite decentralized," commented Marsden, noting that the VP of Academics, Rowland Smith, has the

bulk of the responsibility, followed by the VP of Finance, Andrew Berczi, and finally Marsden herself.

With the help of Laurier's Banyan computer system, the budget will be dissected and evaluated and the necessary cuts will be made.

Items such as early retirement are being considered as part of the budget solution in an effort to reduce the university payroll without affecting the quality of Laurier's education.

"We're anticipating no layoffs," Marsden stated. "We're doing everything we can to produce good quality teaching ... while dealing with the cuts. If you have a great academic program, you need a great faculty."

Unfortunately, this means tuition

increases.

Marsden explained that "we're trying to buffer" the effects of the budget cuts for the students, stating

WLU will be forced to cut 17.5 percent of its total budget.

that the government will allow universities to raise tuition as much as 20 percent.

"It's a real hardship," Marsden

said. "On the other hand the rest of the public is suffering too ... You have to face up to the fact that the whole country is struggling."

In an effort to ease students' educational constraints, Laurier will pursue a library link with the neighboring University of Guelph and University of Waterloo.

The situation is "very, very worrisome," Marsden commented. "We must maintain the quality and integrity of academic progress ... at the same time [deal with administrations such as] physical plant and planning."

Marsden noted that four years ago she began her work at Laurier with a government promise to increase educational funding by 3 percent each year. Instead, it has

been cut by 3 percent each year. With this year's 17 percent cut, Laurier faces its greatest economic challenge yet.

"Still," said Marsden, "we have no deficit," - something that many other Canadian universities have had to fight for some years. For this reason Campaign Laurier has been able to raise funds from alumni with relative ease, because contributors know that the money is going to enhance the university, not to pay off a debt.

"I think it's very useful for people to understand how [Laurier's] budget works," Marsden added.

The Senate will decide on its new budget March 13. Once it passes at the Senate level, the budget will become public.

Students doing more than just kicking in doors

WENDY MILLIKEN

CORD NEWS

As governments continue to plan and implement cutbacks, students are joining the action of protests and alternative plans. Students across Canada are looking for ways to maintain the level of education while dealing with the deficit.

A student protest demonstration on February 7th is one example of student efforts. The protest was part of a national "Day of Action" to protest the proposed federal cut of 2.6 billion to funding for post secondary education. According to the Canadian Federation of Students, 22,000 students nation-wide participated.

In Toronto, students from area colleges and high schools, as well as University of Toronto, Ryerson, and York Universities marched through downtown Toronto. The organizers made it clear that the protest was part of a larger social movement protesting Tory government agenda.

Speakers at the rally, which followed the march, pointed out that the actions of Ontario's Conservative government are following a national trend leading to an elimination of social safety nets. The Harris government was condemned by John Clarke of the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty as "the enemy of everybody in this province who isn't filthy rich."

The voluntary chair of the Council of Canadians, Maude Barlow, commented, "The party that oversaw the creation of Canada's social programs [the

Federal Liberals] is in one term undoing them all."

Organizers of the protest felt it sent a strong message showing popular resistance and connecting cutbacks to social services, tax breaks, and the banks.

However, not all student organizations supported the march. The Ontario Undergraduate Students' Alliance felt that the event would destroy student credibility.

Their worries may have been well-founded. A group of demonstrators broke away from the main demonstration and stormed the Ontario legislature. Of these, about 100 students broke into Queen's Park. Damages were estimated at over \$20,000, and four students face a number of charges including break and enter and intimidating the legislature.

This statute falls under an old and seldom used section of the criminal code, which includes treason and inciting to mutiny.

Student leaders are stressing that it was only a small, misguided section of protesters who stormed Queen's park. They have denounced the violence and offered to help pay for some of the damages. Despite the fact that the protest was largely peaceful, the majority of the media coverage focused on the violence.

A more positive step by students was made on February 13, when they participated in the release of the "Alternative Federal Budget." The budget, which was developed through an extensive consultation process, is designed to think of the

people's concerns first, and addresses the students' requests for grant programs and a higher education act.

The budget has three main components: a job creation strategy, a fair tax system, and a monetary policy that involves a debt reduction strategy.

Michael Mancinell, National Deputy Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students said that "the fairness of the budget is what

appeals to students." He pointed out "students understand that things can't change overnight but they also believe that alternatives to cuts have got to be found."

"For years, students have argued that more grants were needed and that a fully accessible funded post-secondary education system was necessary, to be told that no money for such programs could be found," said Guy Caron, the National Chairperson for the Canadian

Federation of Students. "But the Alternative Federal Budget only provides realistic alternatives to the cuts that can answer student demands."

With these efforts, students are hoping the government will hear them and pay attention.

Many organizations believe the only way the accessibility of post secondary education will be maintained is if the government listens to students.

Eight MPs Fight For University Issues

LLONELLA GILBERT

CORD NEWS

Two Members of Parliament from Kitchener and Waterloo hope that the level of excellence in Canadian universities will continue. Kitchener MP John English and Waterloo MP Andrew Telegdi are on an eight member committee organized last summer to deal with university issues in a difficult fiscal climate.

"The committee is a part of a larger caucus made up of 177 members that handles issues concerning the Federal Government," English stated. He also remarked that Peter Adams, Chair of the committee, was a geography professor at Guelph. Adams conducts most of

the committee's research.

Other members of the council include Ted Whinney, a former professor at McGill and Simon Fraser, and John Godfrey, a former professor at King's College. MPs Mary Calancy, Warren Almond and Regg Alcock all have universities in their ridings.

"The eight member committee has used its research to persuade other members to cut back less funding for student loans, research, and indirect funding which entails changes in tax laws to benefit universities," said English. There is also support for the internationalization of education, which aims to establish more connections with foreign

universities.

This connection would allow more students in Canadian Universities to transfer to or spend a year at universities abroad, as well as giving foreign students easier access to Canada.

However, there has yet to be a serious proposal put forth to the caucus to keep university tuition low so that most Canadians can receive a post-secondary education.

"We have to help Canadian universities maintain their standard of excellence," stated Telegdi. "Canadians need to be able to afford post-secondary education so that they can obtain jobs and keep up a healthy level of competition."

What's Up around campus

• February 28, 8:00 pm, Recital Hall:
Theatrical production of The Fever

by Wallace Shawn.
• March 1, 9:30 am, Career Services:
Career Focus Workshop.
• March 1, 8:00 pm, Theatre Auditorium:
Opera production. \$10 faculty and staff, free for students.
• March 2, 6 pm:
The Sci-Fi-Fantasy Club hosts a

Medieval Feast at Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St.
\$10 members, \$12 non-members.
• March 4, 3:30 pm, Career Services:
Job Market Trends
• March 4, 7 to 9 pm, Room 2-112:
2 Movies: "5 Feminist Minutes" and "A Tender Tale of Cinderella Penguin."

• March 5, noon, Keffer Memorial Chapel:
Stefan Bleicher on organ. Admission free.
• March 5, 4:30 pm, Career Services:
Maximizing Minimal Experience
• March 5, 7 to 9 pm, Room 2-112:
2 Movies: "Sisters in the Struggle" and "Keeper of the Fire"

• March 6, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, Women's Centre:
Dr. Keefe, a physician from WLU. Health Services, will be speaking on Women and Health Care
• March 6, 3:30 pm, Career Services:
Resume/CACEE workshop
• March 6, 8:00 pm, Recital Hall:
Student composers. Admission free

Culture Shock

ERIC HENRY
CORD NEWS

During my Reading Week, the flow of tequila occasionally halted long enough for coherent thought. In these brief respites from comatose bliss, I contemplated our urge to seek seclusion from the cities we have created.

After all, a city is an artificial construction, built by the labour of people and not by the force of nature. It is an environment that cannot sustain us. The city must constantly look elsewhere for its food and energy, as well as a place to dump its wastes. It is our unnatural habitat.

For most of our two million years on this planet, we lived in the wild. The woods, the savannah, and the grasslands were our homes. We hunted the bounty of nature on its own terms, not with the menace of a

shopping cart but with bow and spear. But gathering what nature offers would not support the bulk of population that exists today.

Now we have technology, and can distance ourselves from the past. Who can remember what plants and berries are good to eat? The chore of foraging for food has been modernized. The daily struggle for survival has been sanitized with Corn Flakes and Pop Tarts. I think that in some way beyond our comprehension we yearn for nature once again. When we survive by our own means we are in control of our own lives, a condition so lacking in our society.

So we back the station wagon out of the garage, throw in a tent and some clothes, and begin the long trip up to Algonquin Park. We leave our prison of cement and steel for the wonders of tall stands of

pine. We trade in our Brita for the dubious water of a cool lake. We regain a feeling of authenticity. Money, cars, careers, and all the other goals we set for ourselves are washed away in return for the timeless tranquillity of the natural world.

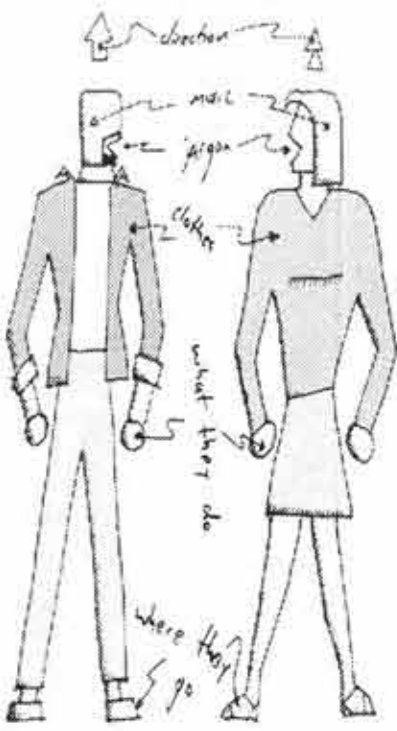
The simple fact is that we are a biological species evolved for a specific environment. Our culture allows us to expand beyond this limiting boundary, into the frozen barrens of the Arctic and the arid deserts.

But somewhere along this path we found ourselves with nowhere else to go. So we created an environment of our own, fabricated without nature's help. Despite it being our

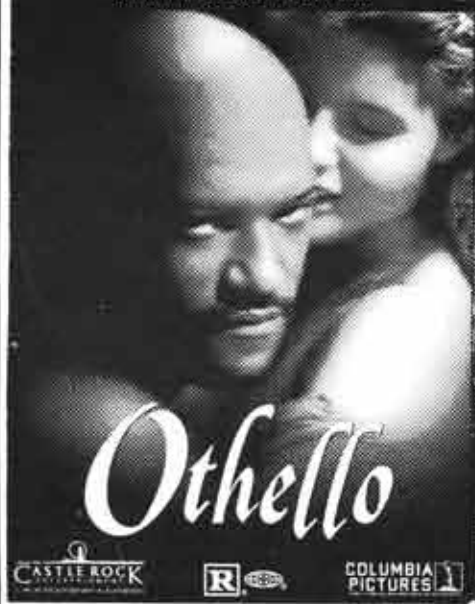
construction, the city is a synthetic environment we are not suited to live in. People become so crowded that we wallow in our own poisons. Our solution is to return to the untamed world that gave us birth.

Nature is something we cannot create, and do not control. The interactions in an ecosystem are vastly beyond our understanding. We can only recognize that we are products of this world, and bound by its rules. It is easy to marvel at the variety and astounding complexity of nature.

However, we must realize that our buildings and houses differ from the towering oak and the beaver dam only in degree.



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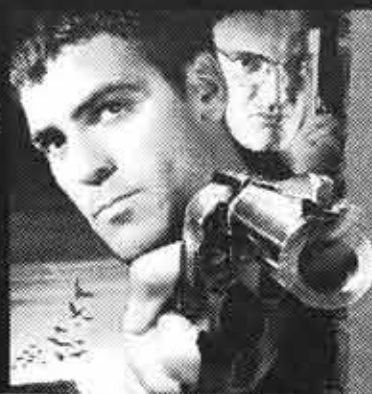
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MELANIE SEAL
CORD NEWS

Laurier's Heart and Stroke Blitz Night was a success. WLU students, working with volunteers from UW, raised over \$2,000 for the charity.

On Sunday, February 11, between the hours of 6 and 8 pm, forty Laurier students canvassed door-to-door to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Volunteers worked with students from the University of Waterloo in a team campaign.

"The amazing thing is that the students organize themselves for these events. When the two universities found out that their counterparts were doing a blitz night, they just combined their efforts," commented Louise Millar from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Conor McCreery, a WLU volunteer canvasser said the majority of campaigners were from Laurier. "They [UW] had a small group, but it

was their first year, so I guess it was a good start."

The group was split up into teams of two which were dropped off in the Bridgeport and Lincoln Village area, equipped with a sectioned map outlining the areas they were to cover. Going door to door, the canvassers found most people were supportive.

"People are people," McCreery said. "One guy asked me for I.D. ... but most people were willing to help out."

This year the Blitz Night raised \$2,066.42, over a thousand dollars better than last year's mark. Over two thousand individuals volunteered their time and energy in raising \$800,000 for Heart and Stroke in Waterloo Region last year.

Millar said Blitz Night has become an annual Laurier event.

"It turned out well," she said. "It was a cold night, but the turn-out was terrific."



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An old debate rages again

Be it resolved that men and women can't just be friends

SABRINA SACCOCCIO
CORD NEWS COMMENTARY

By our very nature, we are basically sexual creatures. Bred into our instinct is our natural drive to procreate, which compels humans to be attracted physically to the opposite sex.

These drives also stem from our social norms. The progression of Canadian society is based on children being socialized, usually in a family setting. This fact dictates society's normative behaviour: driving humans to seek a niche by finding a soul mate, settling down, and creating a family. And we do it just like our parents did - with a member of the opposite sex.

Since the beginning of time, women and men have been more likely to relate passionately to one another than merely as friends. Please don't get me wrong. I do believe women and men can establish a relationship based on friendship. It is possible. In fact, humans can associate with many friends of the opposite sex. What I believe to be impossible is for a woman and a man to become close, in a purely friendly way, as a man and a man, or a woman and a woman.

One big thing gets in the way. In the words of Billy Crystal, "there is always that sexual difference."

I do believe it is possible for women and men to spend a lot of quality time together and confide in one another. They can develop relationships based on equality and respect. However, their sexuality will inevitably drive them into temptation. Because respect and friendship exists in such a relationship, it will be easier for one or more of the par-

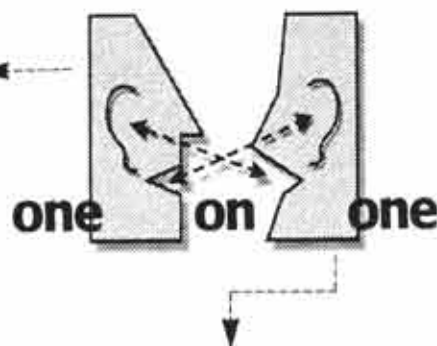
ties involved to feel physical attraction.

Everyone has looked at a friend of the opposite sex and thought: "Mmmm ... he/she looks really great today ... wonder what we would be like as a couple?" These thoughts have crossed all of our minds at one point in time. Thoughts of wanting to, I understand, are a lot different than actually doing. But even though you may not act upon momentary sexual feelings for a friend, you have still crossed over that sacred line of friendship. Because I am heterosexual, I have never crossed that line in my relationships with my girlfriends, so I am able to become truly close to them, having feelings for them entirely free of carnal desire.

Many guys and girls have told me how they have fallen into such a relationship rut with friends of the opposite sex. Some even admitted that it is easier to entice a friend into bed, because you are more comfortable with one another.

Results of a minor survey told me that few people could honestly say they had never had a friend fall for them, or had never felt a physical attraction for at least one of their friends of the opposite sex.

My girlfriends and I are very close. I have everything and more in common with them. We spend quality time together, and have respect for each other. This strong mental connection I feel for my friends of the same sex compels me to be affectionate without feeling physical attraction. But in relationships with a friend of the opposite sex, it's more than possible to mistake this mental connection for physical desire.



ANN-MARIE SMITH

CORD NEWS COMMENTARY

Can men and women be friends, not "friends"? Is a platonic, non-sexual relationship possible between two people of the opposite sex? I side, most definitely, with yes - friendship IS possible.

Remember in "When Harry Met Sally" when Harry said it was impossible for a man and woman to be purely friends and Sally was shocked? Well, I agree with Sally's point of view. I firmly believe that not all relationships between men and women need be sexual. Some of my best friends are guys and (as far as I know) these have always been platonic relationships and will remain platonic. Many of these meaningful friends have been friends for so long that to imagine them in any other way is hilarious. It would be like dating my brother.

Look around at your own group of friends - are all the guys and girls involved with each other? No. Most are platonic friendships. I find relationships with the opposite sex intriguing because they offer another point of view, less competition, and a different type of bond (more of a sibling type relationship) than with members of my own sex.

Friends like one another because of common interests, com-

plementing personalities and other such positive aspects. The one thing that separates friends from "friends" is a physical attraction. Not all people can be sexually attracted to everyone and here is where a platonic friend may lie.

A popular example is the television show "Friends", with six good-looking adults who are close friends. With the exception of the new affair between Rachel and Ross, there are no sexual relationships within the group. I see this as an accurate portrayal of most social circles: some people may be involved with each other, but the majority are simply on platonic ground.

Generally, I think Sally's reaction is a common female one. Harry's feelings that the "sex issue" gets in the way of a solid male-female friendship is a male thought. Many men find practically everything sexually stimulating, so for them to be secretly attracted to their women friends is not unbelievable - but I do not think this is true of women. We see friends as friends (and maybe only a few with dating potential?).

Women's behavior is often trans-

lated incorrectly. A woman may think she is being friendly, but a man often interprets it as flirting when there is no attempt to cross that friendship boundary. (At least no attempt that was obvious to the woman.) Confusion like this is what causes people to believe there is no such thing as an innocent co-ed relationship.

True enough, many more-than-friend relationships have grown out of friendship. Take Harry and Sally, Lois and Clark, Rachel and Ross, or Troy and Lilana from "Reality Bites" just to name a few. But I do not view those relationships in a negative light because they all sprouted from an original strong friendship bond, a bond that once had no sexual affiliations.

All and all I really believe in the friendship pact. Without friends of the other sex where would we be? Life would be less fulfilling because our selection of possible friends would be dramatically decreased. So just because someone gets the pessimistic idea that men and women can't be friends - don't listen to them.

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False Fire Alarm

0159 hrs Thu 15 Feb 96

An unknown individual pulled a fire

alarm pull station in MacDonald House. No evidence of smoke or fire was found.

Suspicious Circumstances

1340 hrs Thu 15 Feb 96

Custodial staff reported that someone had been inside 10 Lodge St. The rear door was found unlocked and a basement window was open. Since the premises are empty nothing appears to have been taken.

Medical Assistance

0202 hrs Fri 16 Feb 96

An ambulance was summoned for a female who appeared to have fallen and struck her head. The injured person refused treatment from the ambulance attendants and left by cab with friends.

Break, Enter & Theft

0855 hrs Fri 16 Feb 96

Person(s) unknown broke into 196 King St. and removed two TVs valued at approximately \$400.00 each. The matter is under investigation.

Theft under \$5000

1431 hrs Wed 21 Feb 96

A report was received that a Pentium 60 computer was stolen from the PRISM lab in P2019 sometime between Feb 16 and Feb 21. The matter is under investigation.

Fail to remain MVA

1330 hrs Thu 22 Feb 96

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Editorial

Are we all (O)SAPs?

Every year thousands of students all over Ontario line up early in the morning. They have pieces of paper tucked firmly into their eager little hands and looks of hope on their face. Are these people waiting to meet some visiting celebrity? No, they are waiting for OSAP, the life blood that keeps their education going.

For many students OSAP is a fact of life that makes the impossible, (getting a post secondary education) possible. While the intentions of OSAP are noble it has become an abused institution. Ask anyone who has gone through the application process and they will complain that it rewards dishonesty.

One of the considerations in OSAP is the amount of money earned by your parents. However, if the applicant has been out of high school for more than 4 years they no longer are obliged to provide this information. This is why one sibling can receive only \$2000 (2nd year), while the other receives \$9000 (5th year), even though neither is supported by their family.

What do the lucky winners of the OSAP lottery do with their windfall? Often the money is misused by those who get it. These stories are a common part of student folklore. Submitted for your approval are the following cases, all completely true.

Case 1: A WLU student receives over \$7000 from the government. She decides to help support Canada's sagging economy by spending \$1000 on a reading week trip to Mexico. Since it is possible to get part of the loan forgiven, chances are she will never have to repay the \$1000.

Case 2: A 23 year old Sheridan College student receives \$8000. Her tuition is about \$700 a semester, with supplies costing her the same amount each term. She lives at home and pays no rent or food expenses. With the left over \$5200 she buys a car, a cat, and numerous presents for her boyfriend. In order to qualify for the money she quits her summer job a month early so she doesn't make too much money.

Case 3: A McMaster student gets \$10,000. She lives at home and pays no rent. With the extra money she gets a breast reduction.

Case 4: A University of Guelph student get \$9000. He owns a van, a Jetta, and a pick-up truck. Two of the cars have been bought this year with his OSAP money. He takes four courses a semester and has been in school for 5 years. At the end of this year he will have fewer credits than I will have at the end of this (my second) year.

Case 5: A WLU student receives \$9000, after they already have enough money to pay for school. The money is placed in various investments, including an art collection.

For every one of the people that receive too much there are those that receive too little. These are the people whose families can't or won't help. They can be easily spotted, often they live off rice, No-name macaroni and cheese and by the part time jobs they hold down to pay the rent. If anyone needs and deserves the government's help, it's them.

Although it's easy to point fingers at those who abuse the system, the fact remains that OSAP is a painfully inept system. It is hard to support a system where people are punished for earning extra money. A friend of mine had his loan cut by \$500 after he exceeded his expected income.

I'm not saying that people on OSAP should be forced to live Spartan lifestyles, devoid of any luxury. However, the fact remains that OSAP is not a car loan program.

It is not intended to pay for cosmetic surgery.

It is not part of a new government subsidy program to ensure that Canadians have tans in the middle of winter.

It is a chance to improve your mind, not your wallet.

Editorial by Tom Hrubes, Associate News Editor

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Letters TO THE EDITOR Support for Harris

Dear Editor,

I am writing to respond to Bradley J. McMillan's letter published February 14, 1996, in which he raised several questions about the manner in which the Harris government is seeking to put Ontario back on its economic feet. I happen to be one of those 'Tory supporters' to whom he refers in his letter, and although I cannot claim to speak for anyone other than myself, I would like to answer some of his questions for him. (Even though I know they were meant to be rhetorical).

First of all, Mr. McMillan asks the question: "Does it make sense to slash welfare, only to give the rich a tax break?" Yes. The reason for cutting the taxes of the so-called 'rich' is so that these people can invest their excess cash in Ontario businesses, thus creating more jobs for those who are currently unemployed and on welfare. As for welfare itself, even after the cuts the Social Assistance system of Ontario is still the second most generous in North America, Alaska being the only jurisdiction which gives greater benefits.

Secondly, Mr. McMillan asks: "Does it make sense to allow the rich to get an education and not the poor?" Even after our tuition increases by 50 or 100% as some people have predicted, students in Ontario will still be paying only a small fraction of what it costs to educate them. 'Poor' people can get OSAP, 'rich' people cannot. And even if OSAP is a loan instead of a grant, people with a post-secondary education statistically make more money upon graduation than people who did not attend college or university, so why should they not be expected to repay the province for the benefits they have received? As someone with whom I was speaking in the last week or so pointed out, the damage that those students caused to the Ontario Legislature would have paid the tuition of a couple of students all the way

through university and then some.

Next, Mr. McMillan asked: "Does it make sense to allow the Bay Street high fliers to dine out in Toronto's most lavish restaurants (and be able to deduct 50%), while at the same time there are line ups at food banks?" If the 'rich' did not eat out at these restaurants, who would? Would you prefer that professional chefs and other restaurants workers were all laid off? Perhaps they could join my 14 year old cousin preparing 'Big Mac's' for minimum wage? Somehow I don't think so. Also, just who do you think gives money and food to the food banks? Aside from the government, only people who are sufficiently 'rich' to be able to afford to give to charity do.

Mr. McMillan then asked: "Does it make sense to have homeless people freeze to death on the sidewalk?" I generally spend my summers living and working in downtown Toronto and I have met and spoken to quite a few homeless people, therefore I can say with all honesty that many of Toronto's homeless have mental problems which could affect their judgment. There were many beds left available in Toronto shelters on the recent nights when individuals froze to death, however some homeless people just do not want to go to a shelter. It used to be the case that if the Metro Police came across a homeless person on such a night they could put them in jail for the night and give them a meal to prevent their freezing to death, but someone decided that such actions violated their civil rights and it is no longer allowed.

Lastly, Mr. McMillan asks: "What type of future does this government want us to have?" That is easy to answer. The Harris government wants a prosperous Ontario in which those with the drive to succeed can do so, and which is not mortgaging the future of its youth for the benefit of the present generation.

To Mr. Harris' opponents, I say that Ontario is a democracy, and in a democracy people do not resort to violence and destruction to make their point. I did not storm the legislature in 1990 when Bob Rae was elected, nor did I throw eggs at him during public appearances. I waited five long years, writing letters and making arguments, just as Mr. McMillan has, and then I exercised my democratic right and helped vote him out of office. If you really hate Mr. Harris and his program, then I suggest that you wait four or five years and do the same.

Mike Baker

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All other applications close 8 March, 1996 at 4:30 p.m.
Interviews will be in the seven days to follow.



Teach-in a success

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter bashing the teach-in in the February 14 edition of the Cord written by Ryan Lock. What you, Mr. Lock, call the promotion of "fiscal irresponsibility", many of us call justice. We do have justice and democracy on our side; we are fighting for the human rights of Ontarians to accessible education, health care, livable wages and employment.

Why not secure a speaker from Queen's Park, asks Mr. Lock? All I hear each day is the rhetoric surrounding their slash and burn politicking; in the papers, on the t.v. news, even in the classroom. The Harris regime gets more than enough opportunity to dictate their views and decisions to the public. The "alternative viewpoint" is what the teach-in was about; alternatives to cuts to the social services which weren't the problem in the first place! This teach-in was the only forum to date, for those at Laurier opposed to, or seeking to become educated about, the human face of the cuts. The only "mockery of justice" going on is through the policies of our Ontario government and its uneducated cow-towing to corporate interests.

Laurier has been shamefully quiet about the cuts. I suggest that Mr. Lock re-examine who he's pointing his finger at and understand

that not every student at "this respected institution of learning" considers the current fight for social justice to be "garbage".

I would like to thank Mr. Eglin, Ms. Brock, Ms. Harrison, and all of the other organizers for bringing the reality of the cuts to Laurier. In the face of the kind of ignorance displayed by Mr. Lock and others, you showed yourselves to be the kind of educators that every school could use more of.

Naomi Ives

Election thanks

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the candidates on a very successful campaign and to thank all the volunteers that helped out in this year's elections. In particular, I would like to thank the Election Council, Rob Arnold and the Registrar's Office, Maria Tamblyn at the booking office, Printing Services, the staff at the Co-op office, and both the Students' Union and Student Publications for their outstanding efforts to make this election a success. I wish all the newly elected officials luck in their positions and I encourage everyone to continue their involvement in the Students' Union and Student Publications.

Scott Dunkley
Chief Returning Officer

A unique perspective

IDDRISU ADAM

CORD OPINION

Black History Month has come to mean for Africans and peoples of African descent all over the world and especially in North America, a time to review our lives in the context of the wider society to see the progress or setbacks that have taken place over the years in our fight for our rightful place in the world. This is done against the backdrop of centuries

of oppression, both overt and covert, in all facets of life - socially, economically and politically. Admittedly, tremendous progress has been made, especially in the last two to three decades in the general area of restoring the dignity of Black people. This is not to say that we have come to the end of the road. In my opinion, we are just getting started. So, back to Black History Month. For me, this month represents a period of deep soul searching to

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determine whether I am living up to the standards that have been set by our forbears. And so what is this article about?

I thought it would be a good idea to look at the issue of "race" and the experiences of one Black person both in Europe and in North America. Having stayed in Norway for a couple of years, and having been here for the last couple of years, I thought it would be interesting to look back at my impressions of how I perceive the attitude of people in Norway and here in Canada with regard to how they thought about us Africans and people of African descent. And I should mention that these views are my own.

As a small country in the backyard of Europe, Norwegians have traditionally had very little contact with black people. With increasing wealth, the country has embarked on a program of giving aid to students of merit from underdeveloped countries, especially in Asia and Africa to study in Norwegian institutions. After staying there for two years, the following summarizes how I perceived the way they thought about me and other Black people in the University of Trondheim's College of Arts and Sciences in Dragvoll:

"We have brought you ignorant and uncivilized person here from your poor and destitute country as a favor to train you to go back and help your country. In the meantime, try not to make a nuisance of yourself, be content with what you get, and be a good person, at least while you are here. We reserve the right to blame you when we don't have a white Christmas or when the summer is too hot. Basically everything good in this country has nothing to do with you and everything bad can be attributed to you."

Canadians on the other hand, are mostly a mosaic of people from various parts of the world. In other words, this is a country of immigrants. This makes the average

Canadian more open to reception of foreigners. The other thing is that Canadians have had contact with Black people for several centuries now. The acknowledgment of Black Canadians and their contribution to Canadian heritage and development, even though not openly talked about or discussed, is inherent in the adoption of February as Black History Month by the Canadian Government a couple of years ago. I have been in Ontario for the past 18 months or so. Apart from visiting Toronto and a couple of other small towns like Guelph and Cambridge, I have stayed here in Waterloo all this while. But with the little interaction I have had with white Canadians, the following is a summary of my interpretation of the average white Canadian's perception of me and other Black people: "I know little about where you come from. From what I see on the tube, you come from a place where famine and civil wars are devastating your people. This is a land of opportunity. You are welcome. Just don't you complain about racism here, because this is not America. This is Canada, where we don't have racism. You are welcome as long as you don't start talking about multiculturalism and similar stuff. Here, we believe in good old white Anglo-Saxon values. Shed your identity and try to be as white in your thinking and behavior as possible. Don't join other Black people on welfare. Try and get yourself a good average job, pay your taxes and keep away from drugs (which is devastating your fellow Blacks here in Canada and the US)."

The question then is, which of the two countries above has a better social environment for a black person? In my opinion, Canada, generally, has a much better environment than Norway or for that matter the Scandinavia as far as racism is concerned. For instance, I know a black person who was born in Norway and has lived there all his life for over 30 years now, but is still

referred to by his neighbors as den utlendingen (the foreigner). At least here when I go to visit the doctor, the first question they ask me is not which country I come from but proof of Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant papers. Then I have to tell them that I am a visa student and so on and so forth. But at least, it was a refreshing departure from what I was used to in Norway, where once a black person, you were automatically regarded as a foreigner.

This is not to suggest that it is all roses here in Canada. Believe me, I have met some really terrific white Canadians since I have been here - both on and off campus. But I have the impression that most white Canadians have resigned themselves to the "undesirable fate" of the influx of "other foreigners", especially Black people. Since by law, they cannot openly discriminate against black people, they look at us with cool resignation as if saying: "well, there is nothing I can do about it. If it were left to me to decide, you would not be here."

Whether this is a fair observation on my part or not is beside the point. The point is, this is exactly how I think most white Canadians view us. I know it is grossly unfair to generalize about white people and how they think about me and other Black people. But this is Black History Month. And for once, the feelings of white people should not stand in my way and prevent me from expressing myself. After all, this has been happening to us for centuries. I cannot even remember the number of times I have heard white people say of blacks in North America: "they are on welfare, have no sense of responsibility and are the causes of most of the violent crimes in our society. As if all black people are on welfare and all crimes committed in Canada are committed by blacks."

This reminds me of this incident that occurred in one of the comput-

er labs last academic year. My friend and I were returning from a party on a Friday night - around 10.30 p.m. Since we were passing through Laurier, we decided to check our e-mail accounts for any messages. On our way to the CTB, we passed two security personnel going in the other direction in their car (around the overhead at Aird building on university avenue). After trying the handle of the entrance there which was locked, we proceeded to the library entrance. This was not locked and we got in. We had not even settled into our chair to login when these two security guys we passed earlier bust into the room demanding to see our student identification. The interesting thing was that there were a couple of white students in the room as well, but these guys were not asked to produce their IDs. Luckily, my friend had his ID with him and so we were free. Thinking back today, the question I keep asking myself is: did they follow us into the computer lab because they thought once we were black we were automatically thieves? Admittedly, if it were today, I would have had something to say to them, but I had just been here for a month and a half and didn't know the problems that were here.

I am not narrating this episode to paint campus security as racist or anything. Far from it. What I am

trying to say is that some questions are still unanswered in my mind.

This is my advice to my fellow black students in Laurier. As black people in a mostly white community, it is our responsibility to portray the best of positive values for the wider community to judge us with. For it is said that people are judged, rightly or wrongly, by their appearance, attitudes and the very way they comport themselves. For we those who are visa students, it is our responsibility to be worthy ambassadors of our respective countries. Yes, ambassadors - that is what we are.

Even as we observe this historic event of Black History Month - a month set aside for the reassertion of the rightful place of Black culture and peoples in the world, let us resolve as a community, a community as big and diverse as Laurier, to set aside our prejudices and to look beyond the color of the skin of the person sitting next to us in the lecture room to see the person within. And maybe I also need to loosen up and stop thinking in terms of how I think white people are thinking about us black people. For all I know, I may be way off base. But at least talking about it can only help clear the air and make for a healthier study environment. A healthier Laurier is a stronger Laurier. Need I say more?

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I look at kids today and I have to wonder who raised them? They're loud, obnoxious and have no respect for their elders or people of authority. Every day in the paper there's an article on teen violence.

"Youths trash Hamilton school."

"13 year old boys beat 5 year old to death."

These titles scream at you from the daily news. With our changing society that's bound to happen, but why to such a degree? Perhaps if we look at the people kids idolize we might find the key to this solution.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not the oldest person around but through

my 20 years on this planet I've seen the world change before my very eyes. I've seen the people I've idolized dragged through the mud because they are considered "too wimpy" for today's society and I've been scoffed at for my views.

I won't lie to you and you can laugh all you want but Superman is my idol. Yep, the big blue boy scout in spandex is the person I idolize more than any one in the world. Superman helps people, so do I. Superman would do anything for a friend, so do I. Superman never breaks his word, neither do I. I could go on and on comparing Superman and myself but I won't bother. Suffice it to say, with his morals in mind, I've lived my life. That's my story, but when I look at today's kids and the heroes they're growing up with I just have to shake my head in dismay.

Unless you've been hiding under a rock for the past few years, I'm sure you've heard of the X-Men, the band of mutant outlaws trying to make the world a better place. Each week kids thrill to their adventures on TV and buy their comics. They are the supposed super heroes of the nineties being the 'in' thing right now. Have you ever stopped and looked how violent these characters are? Of course, there's your token 'goody two shoes' characters like Cyclops and Jean Grey but what about Wolverine, the new idol of kids everywhere. "Gonna gut ya, gonna kill ya!" is a line from his lat-

est comic, "You're dead." is another.

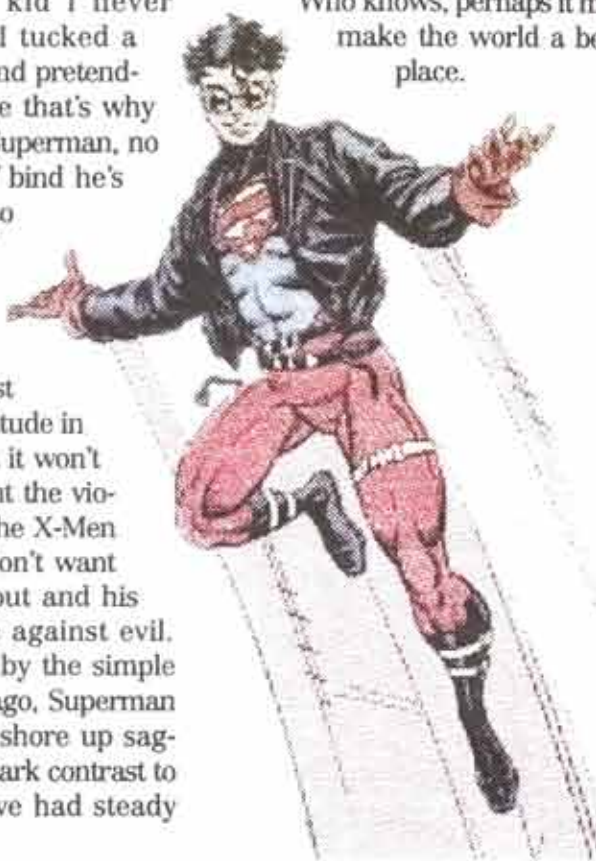
Although the television show downplays the violence, the comics glorify it. I can't count how many times I've read comics where there is a 1/4 page devoted to Wolverine gutting an enemy with his claws and blood spraying everywhere. This is the hero of millions? A psychotic murderer with a blood lust? The scary thing is I've seen kids running around with sticks tied to their arms slashing at their friends in an attempt to imitate their hero. What happens when those sticks turn into knives and their friends fall dead to the ground?

When I was a kid I never slashed at people, I tucked a towel into my shirt and pretended I could fly. Maybe that's why I've always idolized Superman, no matter what kind of bind he's in, he won't resort to killing his enemy for there is always a peaceful solution to the problems in his comic. The biggest problem with this attitude in today's society is that it won't sell comics. Kids want the violence and blood of The X-Men and Batman. They don't want the big blue boy scout and his never-ending battle against evil. This can be proven by the simple fact that four years ago, Superman had to be 'killed' to shore up sagging sales. This is a stark contrast to the X-Men, who have had steady

sales since the introduction of fresh new characters who don't have any qualms against using violence as a means to an end.

Perhaps I'm being preachy or even beating a dead horse, but I wish kid's today could see that there are a wide variety of heroes out there who don't have to use violence to solve their problems. Next time you're with a child try and introduce them to Superman or any other hero that's relatively peaceful.

Who knows, perhaps it might make the world a better place.



My personal inspiration

ANN HUSKINSON
CORD FEATURES

Unlike many people who may have had only one hero throughout their lives, such as Superman, Babe Ruth, or Powdered Toast Man, I have always admired many individuals who I consider to be heroes.

Sure, I've always considered cartoon characters and sports stars to be cool, but more often I look up to the people in real life who make a difference in the world.

To me, a hero is one who sticks their neck out for others, or perseveres through the storm although others doubt their abilities.

People who risk their lives to help someone in danger, who sacrifice something for those in need; this constitutes a hero for me. Those who travel to third

world countries to aid the starving or live with the lepers - these people deserve so much more recognition than they will ever receive.

The heroes in my life include my parents, and the two wonderful ladies I was named after, and my aunt. They are all beautiful people who have touched the lives of many. I know that I am not alone when I say that I look up and respect all of them.

I admire my mother for her generosity and loving nature, despite her poor health and murky past. She continually astounds me and I feel that simply being around her has made me into a better person. She can bring a smile to anyone whom she comes in contact with. Her kindness radiates from her like a beam of light. People always tell her that she can't help the world, but who says she can't. The love that she spreads to those in need makes them more likely to share

their love with others and so maybe she can heal and help the world. It doesn't hurt trying, anyhow. Love does anything but hurt.

My father is an equally wonderful individual worthy of as much praise. One of the things I love most about my dad is that his words have great healing power. No matter how bad things get, when my Poppa tells me that everything will be okay, I believe him. I try to use his soothing power in my own life to comfort those in need. The power of positive thinking is great indeed.

My namesakes are a nun and a missionary, both of whom continuously go out of their way to bring love and light into the lives of those who need it most. Although I live far away from both of them, we still stay in touch, and I always feel that their goodness is present in my life.

My Aunt Margaret, although crippled by the polio virus at age ten, went on to become a teacher

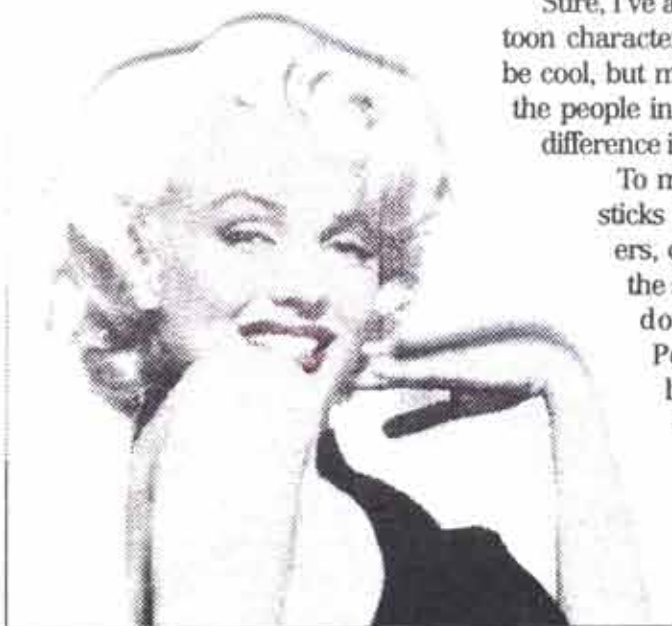
and get married. She has always followed her dreams; her independence and strength are amazing.

When I think life is tough, I look at what she has been through and what she continues to go through every day of her life, and things don't look so bad.

A hero to me is someone who does something to make things on our planet a little better and a little brighter. Someone who fills those cloudy days with sunshine and rainbows.

Someone who can make you smile on the outside although you may be hurting so bad on the inside.

In our Western world which focuses so much on individuality and taking care of oneself ("because no one else will"), it's inspiring to know that some people still care enough to help the sick, the dying, and the lonely. For these people, my friends, are the true heroes of the world.



HEROES

DAVID POPOVICH
CORD FEATURES

Many individuals go through life with the desires and aspirations of one of those they have come to admire. All of us have at one time or another, dreamed of knowing or living the life of a well known celebrity or publicly recognized figure. But, why do we admire them? Is it because of their wealth, their status, their popularity that make us desire to live as they do? At one time those who were regarded for their courage and abilities were regarded as heroes. Those who had fought for their country returned heroes; those who stood for what they believed was better for their culture or enacted beneficial change became idols and celebrities.

Today's society has taken this concept and applied it to those who are recognized for their physical abilities and their social accomplishments. Unfortunately, people who are caught in the spotlight of the media are often given a greater sense of status than others. Multi-million dollar celebrities are instantly regarded with higher value because of their work in films or on television. In this world, a bright smile or an attractive body often transforms one into a social icon to be worshipped by all.

Just think of the responses these 'stars' receive when they attend a

movie premier or appear at a restaurant. What is it that makes these people so special? What have they done which gives these individuals such acclaimed reverence among the rest of the population? Many of these performers contest that it is only a form of employment like any other, yet one rarely witnesses a mob surrounding a hot dog vender, complimenting the person for doing such a great job. Ironically, performance art is far from being regarded as a true profession.

More so, only those who make it to the top are credited by their peers and their culture. Why is it that those who can bring life to a character on the stage are cheered and praised by thousands, while those who restore life to a person on an operating table are recognized by so few? Society seems to have a misconception of those who are most valued. Why is the signature of Dr. Stephen Hawking of less value than that of Brad Pitt? I'm confident that Hawking's theories and research will bring far more value to the world than that of bad boy Brad. I've never really understood why these people are given so much credit for work which places them in front of the camera.

I recall an old interview I saw with Pete Townshend of The Who: he claimed to be "God". Disregarding his own arrogance

and the possibility of any psychological disorder, what he said is true for many in the spotlight. The power which one can acquire being so highly regarded by society, can give them the ability to attain a great deal within and above the rules and social norms of society. Just because a person is acknowledged by the world of performing arts by no means makes them a more cherished member of society who deserves special care and treatment than any other citizen.

People often admire sports figures for their abilities, yet over the past few years several of these modern day Olympians have lost the immortality which they have historically acquired. Athletes such as Ben Johnson sky rocketed to fame, winning gold in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul and setting a new world record in the 100 metre dash, only to be stripped of the metal after testing positive for steroids. A hero and idol to millions — in one brief moment he became a ridiculed failure.


Another sports hero by the name of Earvin Johnson, a man regarded by many as one of the greatest basketball players of all time, faded from centre stage after acquiring HIV. Perhaps the most notorious fall from grace is that of football great O. J. Simpson. Just think of how all the doubt and negative publicity has

affected his life. Whether he is guilty or not guilty, Simpson is not the case; it is the social consequences of the trial itself that will have serious repercussions on his future.

To admire a person for what they do or what they believe in this day is more of a matter of trust than ever before. Unlike the traditional mentors of the past; Joe DiMaggio, Martin Luther King, or Albert Einstein, those on the pedestal today must live up to the ideals which society has forced upon them. To pre-

sent an image of greatness often means that the person must meet other, at times unattainable, expectations imposed by an unrealistic society. To be admired is to be scrutinized. Unfortunately, our society expects too much of those they deem to be idol or hero, creating a fantasy life not only for the celebrity, but more significantly the one who admires.

When reality does shatter this shell of illusion, it is society which is hurt most of all.

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Gilbert takes two medals

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"We've upped standards...so up yours."

That was the slogan on the t-shirts worn by the Laurier swimmers, and it held true for the championship meet as this was a fast and tough meet, especially on the women's side as it had been the best standard of competition in its history.

The Golden Hawks fielded their largest team ever, with five women and one man. Last year we had four women and we haven't had a man at the championships in over twenty years. The team of Tom Fuke, Carolyn Gilbert, Sue Miller, Laura King, Jen Parsons, and Jenny Parwicki did their school proud. The

women accumulated 119 points to hold down tenth place.

On Friday, came a tough decision day for Carolyn Gilbert as her two best events (100 breast and 100 fly - she set 2 OWIAA records two weeks prior) were back to back which meant she would sacrifice a quality effort.

She opted for the breaststroke race and it proved to be a tough field. Gilbert qualified 7th from the prelims but rallied in the final to place 4th, missing the bronze by 2/100th of a second. She then watched the 100 fly final where the 3rd place time could have been done in Gilbert's sleep.

The disappointment was short lived as the women's 4x100 free relay, featuring Gilbert, Parsons,

Miller, and Parwicki placed a surprising 8th which scored 22 points. King added valuable points placing in the consolation final of the 50 back.

Going into Saturday's events Laurier women were 9th, ahead of Lethbridge and Alberta. Gilbert, better prepared took no chances and swam to final swims in the 50 fly and the 200 breast. Sue Miller recovering from a stomach virus managed two consolation final swims in the 400 free and 100 back.

In the finals Gilbert swam to a personal best and a 5th place finish in the 50 fly and swam a very strong 200 breast for the bronze. Laurier didn't field a 4x200 relay because of event restrictions so Alberta and Lethbridge jumped ahead after

Saturday's events leaving Laurier 11th.

Tom Fuke swimming his best event placed second in the consolation final of the 200 breast. Fuke having his sights on the final was disappointed but it being his rookie year, he had a very good season.

On Sunday Sue Miller, the versatile swimmer trying to overcome her illness managed two consolation finishes in the 800 free and 200 back and then swam the 100 fly portion of the relay.

Gilbert swam within 4/100ths of a second of a gold medal and settled for the bronze. The 4x100 medley relay swam to a 9th place finish, enough to scoot past Lethbridge and only a few points behind Alberta.

The 1995-96 swim season was

very good. The men's team was much stronger and finished a 3-3 dual meet schedule a 4th place in their division while the women managed a 3rd place finish in their division with a 4-2 record.

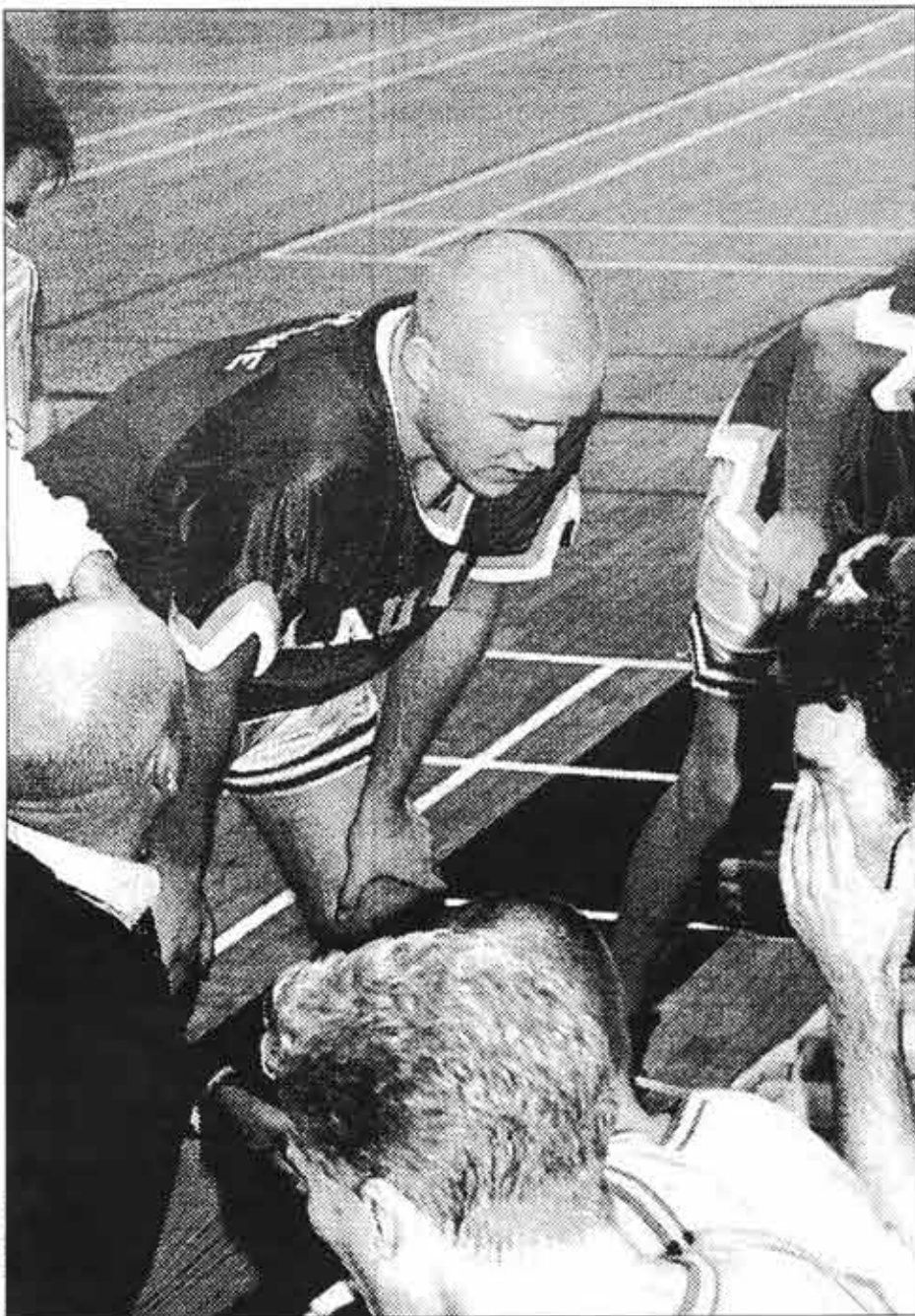
The Men improved 3 places at the OUAA's while the women maintained their 5th place at OWIAA's.

The women held their top 10 ranking in the country under a tougher competitive environment compared to last season.

Graduating swimmers are co-captain Jen Dougall, Laura King, Steph Logan and Trish Waterhouse.

Next stop for Fuke, Miller and Gilbert will be the Olympic Trials. The trials will take place next month, from March 30 to April 4th in Montreal.

Men's hoops goes 1-13



FILE PICTURE

After a season high on promise resulted in but one victory, the hoop Hawks must continue the rebuilding effort.

CONOR MCCREERY
CORD SPORTS

Well it's over, the long torturous road known as the Men's Basketball season was finally ended following a 91-89 overtime loss to Windsor that left the Hawks with a, hold your breath now, 1 and 13 record.

If this were a pro team so many heads would be rolling you would think that King Henry VIII had paid a visit. But in the world of collegiate sports (those that aren't football at least) this is described as a "set-back" or a "bump in the road". The problem is men's basketball at Laurier has been traveling the "bumpy" road for over a decade.

This year it really looked like the cause for optimism was real, especially when Andrew Scharschmidt came aboard to bolster the middle of the court. I mean the Hawks had always had one of the best (if not the best) collection of shooters in the OUAA and with a little bit of size surely they would be ready to compete this year.

Well yes and no, the Hawks generally played their opponents tough. Illustrated by a close 105-101 game against Western on Wednesday, and a one point loss to Mac two Thursdays ago, even the ten point defeat suffered at Brock's hands last Saturday was respectable. But against teams that the Hawks felt they should beat, the Lakeheads, the Waterloos, and the Windsors, the Hawks came up with just one

win, and handed away several games.

So what should we expect next year, well perhaps the worst. Scharschmidt, Jim Toole, Tony Weis, and Jay Spencer are all in their fourth year, while this does not mean that they are gone for sure it is a good bet that the "Shark" will leave, and that perhaps at best one of the remaining three will be around next year.

That leaves the Hawks with a starting line-up that might look like this Mike Grozelle at point, Peter Kratz at two-guard, Dave Moore at three, Stu Tait as the power forward, and perhaps Adam Warmeth in the middle. Basically with Kratz, Tait, Moore and guys like Dan Pace, and Bob Papadimitriou the Hawks will still have plenty of three point threats but unless Warmeth develops in a hurry then the Hawks will have a hole in the middle - again. (Although if Andrew Vlasman, or Eric Angevine can take the next step that will be partially filled).

The front-court will be helped if Corwin Troje can show that the flashes of talent he showed us this year are for real, also Jason Warren gave the Hawks raw athleticism last year and if that can be harnessed he should be a lot of fun to watch.

All this will be in vain unless the Hawks develop a killer instinct. This past season the Hawks were unable to put together the run that would knock an opponent out, this is par-

tially due to personnel and partly to coaching - Coach Jefferies made some interesting moves this year, and seemed at times overmatched by opposing coaches.

So is there any good news you ask? Well yes the Hawks have the talent to be a .500 team and if they play more intelligently they will be. However, the brightest potential light, is the dimmest in terms of reality.

Shane Knically is a student at Laurier, and he can flat out play. With him in the line-up the Hawks would be a legitimate force as Knically is big (6'6 -ish), and he can shoot the rock, as well being a smart defender.

Knically is only a part time student and may not be available to the Hawks.

Another interesting sidelight to this story is the interest generated by Knically south of the border. He is reportedly being recruited by such division one powers as Cincinnati and Alabama. It is late in the recruiting for NCAA basketball but Knically could still go on scholarship to any NCAA school that's interested.

If Knically does come, the gym at WLU will be full, with fans and perhaps trophies. However, if Knically is unavailable the Hawks will enter year 15 of their rebuilding program as they always seem to - filled with plenty of potential, but empty as far as results are concerned.

PETE ROBINSON
CORD SPORTS

In a winter season that has seen more gloom and doom than bright lights, Amy Turek, Cheryl Pounder and Sarah Collins have been stars.

Collins was selected to the OWIAA West all-star team, after a season in which she posted some huge individual numbers and played a pivotal role in a semi-dream season for Laurier Women's Basketball.

The Kitchener native, who toiled at St. Davids high school for coach Tom O'Brien her coach now at Laurier, notched 39 points in a early season game against Waterloo. The

double overtime victory ended up being the pivotal two points that catapulted the women into the playoffs. In an equally important game, Collins notched 29 points against the Brock Badgers, shooting a sparkling 92% from the floor. The 73-62 win was the clinching victory for the Golden Hawks berth in the playoffs.

Collins ended the year 9th in the league in scoring, averaging 15.3 a game.

Another Laurier athlete that ended the year on the leader board was women's hockey player Amy Turek. Turek bounced back from the disappointing news that she was

cut at the National team training camp, to end the year third in the league in scoring with 31 points in 14 games.

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She won the title last year, but the powerhouse squad of U of T occupied the two top spots en route to their OWIAA

Championship.

Turek's performance was good enough for a spot on the first-team all stars.

Also gaining honors was the rookie women's hockey player Cheryl Pounder. The Mississauga native was selected to the second-team on defence. She played a key role in the women finishing third in the OWIAA.

WILD WEST IN HAMILTON: Arguably the most entertaining aspect of the men's entire sports schedule is the Wild West Shootout held in Hamilton on the weekend. The tournament decides who goes to the National Finals next weekend

in Halifax.

The event kicks off on Friday night with the winner of the Guelph-Waterloo game taking on Western at 6:00 pm. Lakehead will travel to Brock Tuesday (before press time) to see who will take on McMaster Marauders at Saturday 8:00 pm.

The winners will meet Saturday at 3:00 on CHCH. The winner will get an automatic berth in Halifax, with the loser having an outside chance at a wildcard.

CURLERS LOSE IN SHOOT-OUT: Laurier's defending OUAA champion curling team lost a heartbreaking shutout in the final last weekend to claim fourth in the province.

Sporting observations

SCOTT CULLEN
CORD SPORTS

An eventful "reading" week south of the 49th brought these observations:

- Pat Riley likes control. No, really he does. In fact, after his trade deadline activity which included picking up Tim Hardaway, Chris Gatling and Walt Williams, Riley had completely changed the starting line-up from when he took over the coaching reigns in Miami at the beginning of this season.
- Kevin Garnett has two things that

Christian Laettner does not. A game and maturity. Laettner is another Duke big man that has floundered in the NBA (see Danny Ferry and Mike Gminski as predecessors) and his public feud with Garnett was his ticket out of Minnesota and into Atlanta. In the words of ESPN's Keith Olbermann, as Washington's Juwan Howard was blowing past Christian, "Sit down Laettner."

- Washington Capitals' goalie Jim Carey is one of the league's worst puck handlers among goaltenders.

While this may not seem to be a big deal, Carey is a huge liability when the puck is dumped into the Caps' zone. For someone who is so highly regarded as one of the league's brightest young goalies, it would make sense to spend a little time working on this glaring weakness.

- The folks in the southern states still haven't quite picked up the nuances of ice hockey. Two examples. First, when Chicago Black Hawk Tony Amonte sniped a hat trick against the St. Louis Blues, the

United Centre was covered in hats. About one hundred hats hit the ice in Chicago and the crowd was ecstatic. In contrast, Teemu Selanne notched a trick for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and ONE hat hit the ice surface at The Pond.

The second example comes from the Washington Capitals game against the New Jersey Devils which we were fortunate enough to see first hand. Capitals' winger Peter Bondra did not play after his second shift in the second period in this game, which the Caps lost 2-1. Throughout the game we wondered where Bondra was and assumed an injury because Jim Schoenfeld could not afford to bench his top offensive player in such a close game with a divisional rival. After the game, listening to the post-game

show on the radio, the Capitals announcers wondered why Bondra had been "benched". It had not even occurred to them that he was hurt, despite the fact that he had been doing plenty of stretching before the third period began. Sure enough, it was confirmed that Bondra had a groin injury and this was apparently news, even to the Capitals commentators.

ESPN is just too good. Envy was the only feeling I had as I watched game upon game on the American sports channel. Add in "the deuce", ESPN2, which televises plenty of hockey, and you have a sports buffet. Sure, they have their weak shows (watching Will Clark go hunting does not qualify as entertainment for me), but all in all it is far superior to TSN.

O'Brien nets coach award

PETE ROBINSON
CORD SPORTS

Clad in his customary shirt and tie with Diet Coke in hand, you can see Laurier's interim Women's Basketball Coach Tom O'Brien strutting up and down the sideline during any game this season.

O'Brien, who assumed the coaching reins this year while regular coach Sue Lindley was on sabbatical, put together a 6-8 season after the team was 1-13 last year.

O'Brien, along with rock-solid players Sarah Collins and Audrey Kaersahnout, engineered a run that culminated in Collins being picked to the OWIAA West all-star team and O'Brien being picked the West Coach of the Year.

With the women's season ending last weekend at the OWIAA

Championships, the question now is what to do with the situation that will likely have Lindley come back at the end of the year.

O'Brien has the blessing of his players, who have put together a string of letters to both Women's Athletic Director Cookie Leach and Athletic Director Rich Newbrough in support of keeping O'Brien around. However, the same support is not forthcoming regarding Lindley. Many players have privately said that they will not play with Lindley as coach.

It seems Lindley has alienated many players in the past en route to putting a record together that produced only a single win in two seasons. Another factor working in O'Brien's favor is the fact that coaches in the future will be undoubtedly hired on a contract basis rather than in a full-time capacity in order to keep budget costs down.

Put simply, many players and observers have commented that the decision should be obvious: O'Brien produced, Lindley hasn't - therefore it should be pretty simple.

Apparently, however, it isn't so simple. With the dynamics of the situations in place - Lindley reportedly has a written guarantee and the fact that she can teach in the department as well, means that the job is hers if she wants it. If she does, O'Brien with Coach of the Year award in hand, is out in the cold.



FILE PICTURE

Women's hoops saw their playoff run end early.

One thing is for certain though, if Newbrough and Leach don't handle the situation with kid gloves, it may ruin one of the few shining lights within the athletic department.

PETE ROBINSON
CORD SPORTS

The almost dream-season was just that as the Women's Basketball team ran into two nationally ranked teams at the OWIAA Championships last weekend.

After dropping a 19 point game to eventual-champion U of T, Laurier dropped an 11 point game to Lakehead.

It was the upset victory over the Nor'Westers that propelled the women into the playoffs.

Both Toronto and Western will represent the OWIAA next week at the nationals.

McGinnis Top 15

Rank	Name	Points Total	Last Week
1	Phil Adamson	696	1
1	Matt Gillis	696	2
3	Ben Cornwell	689	3
4	Trevor Allibon	679	4
5	Rob Manger	677	6
6	Shaun Kennedy	675	5
7	Jeremy Kerr	658	7
8	Brad Savage	650	11
9	Dave Miller	647	9
10	Scott Cullen	639	8
10	Ben Durliat	639	12
12	Jaon Van Heerden	637	12
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Leafs Talk does Mardi Gras

JASON PAUL
CORD SPORTS

Leafs Talk headed south to New Orleans for the break and it was no surprise how naive Americans are about our pastime. No one knows the difference between the Stanley Cup and a coffee cup.

ISSUE 1: LOCAL FOLKS. Most people would just look at me with a blank face when I asked about hockey. They would think about it for a second and say, "Hackey? We dun't have any af that 'round here." Then they would shift the conversation to basketball. They just wanted to talk about "that new Raptor team us Canadians have up there and that Big Country guy." My buddy who's a Wings fan asked a couple young guys at Mardi Gras about the Red

Wings chances this year. The guy looks at his Red Dog necklace and responds, "We love Red Dog around here, it's our favourite beer." We ask again but they've never even heard of them.

We did run into some fans which was astonishing. Our park ranger talked forever about where Gretzky was going to wind up and how great the Oilers used to be, he even knew who Dave Semenko was. One of our taxi drivers knew all about Tim Horton's and who he was. Impressive until we found out he used to live in Windsor.

ISSUE 2: MEDIA. One word: non-existent. I wasn't expecting pages and pages of coverage but c'mon, high school basketball would get more exposure. The local paper is called The Times-Picayune and

there was not a single article on hockey, just a tiny schedule hidden in the corner with out-of-date standings. The local news wouldn't even go that far - they just skipped it. One bar we were in, they had a video of girls exposing their breasts at Mardi Gras and on the other set they were showing some junior hockey - a very pleasant combination.

When we arrived back in Waterloo, there were a couple week-old papers lying around. We made some dinner and read every sports page front and back, savouring every word. To be denied hockey coverage for ten days had taken its toll.

ISSUE 3: THE LEAFS. The one good thing about the lack of hockey was not having to watch any of those brutal Leaf games. Don't know what

happened, don't want to know what happened. No surprise that Sergio's still in the press box, Donnie Beaupre has been pretty brutal. It looks like Dave Gagner was a pretty good pickup - so far. If the boys can't beat up on the weaker teams, it's going to be a short playoff run.

QUESTION MARKS: What's up with Muller dropping the gloves again? How are the Leafs in sixth place in

the conference? Since the Kings like to give away their players, how would McSorley look in the blue and white? Who else is dreaming of the line combinations for the World Cup?

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OUAA Final Four in Waterloo

PETE ROBINSON
CORD SPORTS

Laurier hosts the OUAA Hockey Final Four for the second consecutive year this weekend, when the Guelph Gryphons, Waterloo Warriors, Laurentian Voyageurs and UQTR Patriotes take to the Rec Complex to decide the winner of the Queen's Cup and the OUAA's entrants into the University Cup next weekend.

The event is the second such foray into hosting the provincial Championships. Last year Laurier put on an unprecedented show when the event was both a success on the ice and on the balance sheet.

Last year Western beat Guelph in overtime in the final.

This year stands to be an even better success with the addition of a local team in Waterloo. The Warriors are currently ranked

number two in the country and easily dispatched the Windsor Lancers.

Earlier last week Windsor beat Western 4-3 in overtime to upset the Mustangs and prevent them from defending their title.

The Warriors, along with UQTR appear to be the favourites to gain berths in the final. Both Guelph and Laurentian were division winners this year, but don't appear to be quite as strong as the Warriors and the Pats who currently sit at #1 and 2 in the country.

The event is a culmination of a whole year's planning and has put Laurier on the map as far as organization and hosting events is concerned. It is expected that Laurier will be announced as the host of next year's Churchill Bowl next week, in part due to the promotional prowess shown in hosting the Queen's Cup.

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CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Note to video store owners: Stock up on Jackie Chan movies.

With the opening last weekend of **Rumble in the Bronx** (the first Chan movie to see North American release since a failed effort about ten years ago), movie goers all over the continent are going to be asking themselves the same question: What

have I been missing?

If *Rumble* is any indication, we've been missing a hell of a lot. It brings to the screen everything that makes a Jackie Chan film great: Lightning fast fight scenes, insanely dangerous stuntwork from Chan himself and of course, hilariously bad dialogue.

The beauty of a Jackie Chan movie is that it makes no apologies for the absolute lack of a storyline.

The only purpose of dialogue is to let people catch their breath. So they don't dress it up any. So their lips don't move in synch with their voices. It's bad, but so bad it's funny. Tongue in cheek bad, if you will.

While the dialogue is enough to keep you laughing, it is Chan who takes the movie to another level. As an action star, he is the polar opposite of Steven Seagal. Seagal struts around breaking arms and jamming

various implements in people's heads, all the while acting poised and cool. Chan runs around like a bat out of hell, mostly trying to avoid getting killed, all the while acting pretty much scared. The humility he brings to the part is such a stark contrast to the tough guy image of North American action stars, you can't help but love him. He has a powerful, charismatic screen presence that says that even though he's in pain, he's loving every second of it.

In Hong Kong, Chan is incredibly popular because he does his own stuntwork. The common feeling is that he is risking his life to entertain his fans. You definitely get that feeling watching *Rumble* in the Bronx. In the course of the film, Chan scales the outside of a five story parking garage, leaps from the roof of an apartment building to the balcony of another, jumps from a raised pier to a moving hovercraft, gets run over by the same hovercraft, and gets squished against a wall by a truck. It's spectacular, and it really has to be seen to be believed.

When not performing some suicidal stunt, Chan was the center of some great fight scenes. These are also hard to believe. You see, Chan doesn't just fight one or two bad guys. He takes on at least a half dozen at a time. Being outnumbered, he also uses whatever happens to be handy as a tool of self-defence. Be it a wheelchair, a cane, a fridge, a cross-country ski, whatever, Chan makes use of it. Also good for laughs.

To prove that he does his own stunts, a blooper reel is included at the end of every one of his movies. More than a few of the outtakes end with him being carted off in an ambulance. During the shooting of this movie, Chan broke his ankle while leaping onto a moving hovercraft. The next day he was back on the set with a sock that looks like a shoe covering the cast.

If you have ever enjoyed an action movie, you must go see this one. It's that simple.

Murder on campus uninspiring

JASON KALRA

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

A Studied Death

Betsy Struthers

(Simon & Pierre, Toronto: 1995)

I've never really been fond of mystery novels. I've found them a bit too confined. I mention this so that those one or two people who read this column (who aren't asleep or dead by this point in my review) recognize that, while I try to pretend I'm objective, the painful truth is that I'm a slave to my own preferences. Which is why you should never *really* trust a book review (I'm sure if I was being paid for this, some massive dayglo sign that says "JOB SECURITY" would be flashing

in my mind). At most, I would ideally hope you just might get a vague impression of the book, maybe even read it out of spite, disagree with me, and beat me to a bloody pulp for my density. I can't think of anything more validating than bleeding for a deeper literacy.

Now, this being a mystery novel, I won't tell you what it's all about (thereby giving away the SURPRISE ENDING). But I can tell you this: it is about a university that has been visited by three deaths — the first two dismissed as suicides, and the third quite definitely murder. Of course, the motive for murdering this university student is unclear — she was disliked by some of the fac-

ulty and students for her ultra-conservative views, she was disliked by her family, she had a baby with an anonymous father...and so on. I'm not suggesting that these are grounds for murder, but in the desperate search for the culprit, these seemingly trivial aspects take on new significance. Through a maze of red-herrings, the killer is unmasked, has a believable motive, and everything ends fairly creamily.

I think I have rational reasons for disliking this book. The dialogue is glib in places: "...I was still here lying naked next to a naked man, his heart beating under my hand, my own pulse hammering. Will pulled me over on top of him, hug-

ging me tight. The first kiss banished murder and abandonment; the slow play of his lips and limbs confirmed life." Golly. THANKS FOR COMING OUT. Also, the characters are very lifeless and pretty typical; nobody really quaint or interesting. However, there was one aspect I did like — the behind-the-scenes politically charged atmosphere of university faculty. There's some good passages that illustrate the power struggle going on behind students' backs, and some readers might find these various illustrations interesting, perhaps even amusing.

Overall, I'm not a huge fan of this book, moreso because of the writing



style than the mystery structure (I really tried to like it; I swear!). But it's not a horrible book either, it has some humour and the whodunit wrap-up thing at the end isn't bad. I don't want to succinctly dismiss this novel, but ultimately I'd recommend it only to die-hard mystery fans.



Yukiko's a secret no longer

JOEL LYNN, GEORGE RAPTIS, AND
FRED NICHOLS

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

This week, Joel and George team up with Dean of Students Fred Nichols to bring you a cool little place, **Yukiko's Cafe Patisserie**, located at the corner of Caroline and William Sts., just west of King St. in a renovated old house.

The first thing we noticed about Yukiko's was its cozy dining room and its bright and welcoming atmosphere. The space is finished with hard-wood floors, modern art, and comfortable seating.

One of the hardest things to do at this restaurant is order. In addition to the huge menu, there are a variety of interesting and inexpensive daily specials to choose from.

Deano's lunch consisted of black bean soup with sour cream for starters, followed by a plate of spinach and bean lasagna served with a garden salad and fresh crusty bread. Says the Dean, "I would order the same meal again without hesitation; it was excellent."

George also began with the bean and sour cream soup, but chose the mushroom linguine for his main course, which included a creamy sauce and a variety of marinated mushrooms. Although he would order the meal again, he would have liked his noodles to be boiled a little longer; they were a bit firmer than he likes. "Noodles", George always says, "are one of the few things better soft than hard."

Joel ordered the homemade

pea-soup, followed by a salmon melt with Caesar salad. The soup was excellent. The salmon melt was good; however, it should have been served with a thin slice of grilled salmon rather than salmon flakes in



a cream sauce.

The staff was efficient, cordial, and genuinely concerned about service. The waitress visited us at least three times during our meal. She sold us on the specials, and like many new restaurants in Waterloo,

apologized for their lack of a liquor license.

You can either drink OR drive in this country, but you can't do either at Yukiko's. Although their liquor license problem will soon be solved, there is a major parking problem. If it hadn't been for Deano's sweet-talkin' skills and lead foot, the meter-maid would have given us a parking ticket. After 4:30pm and on weekends, you can park at the school, but during weekdays, you've got to search around for a spot.

Although we did not get a chance to try any of Yukiko's famous desserts, we were impressed with their large dessert display. The restaurant is actually known for their desserts, so we're going to have to go with the word on the

street...they're good!

Of all the restaurants we've reviewed, George believes that his meal at Yukiko's was one of the tastiest he's enjoyed this year. Joel agrees that his pea soup was the finest he's ever had. Given the quality and quantity of food and excellent service with very reasonable prices, we expect Yukiko's to become one of the most popular restaurants in town. Seating space will eventually present a problem as business increases.

"I will certainly return to Yukiko's with my wife and family," commented Deano, "I would also recommend the restaurant to my friends." Joel and George agree: "We'd bring Deano's wife to Yukiko's any time."

• ear candy • ear candy •


Poledo
There You
Sonic Unyon

Poledo's debut CD, entitled "There, You" is the newest release from Sonic Unyon - home of **hayden** and ex-home of **treble charger**. Poledo's bio claims the band doesn't play, "they ROCK!". This made me expect some sort of Motley Crue/Poison rip-off. I couldn't have been farther from the truth. Poledo's closest frame of reference is probably the

"Bleach" album from Nirvana. It combines a rough, unpolished sound with catchy guitar. For instance, the CD's opening song "Def Meddle" disintegrates into a Sonic Youth like guitar screech halfway through, before going on its merry way again. However, the most catchy and commercial song on the album has to be the super energetic "Puddle", which makes that band sound almost... happy. They also demonstrate a bizarre sense of humour with song titles like "Yr Soul-less Ass", and "Dead Brother in a Chair". Expect to hear more about this band in the future, as this debut CD is sure to get some much deserved attention.

Tom Hrubec


Different Class
Pulp
Island

Right now, Britain is in the middle of a most sublime threesome. Now before you get the wrong idea and start thinking about how naughty our neighbours across the pond are, let me clear something up for you. It is no longer Blur vs. Oasis in Merry Olde England; it is now Blur vs. Oasis vs. Pulp. Spurred on by the mega-hit 'Common People', Pulp has jumped up to play with the big boys. These saucy lads from Sheffield have turned out a real treat in *Different Class*, a record that is both obnoxious and strangely unpretentious at the same time (That means that some of the songs jump out to give you a good shit-

kickin'; others slip by and leave their mark on your sub-conscious so that days later you're humming lyrics to a song you didn't even realize you knew). Pulp have a yummy orange trippy feel to their stuff (to borrow a line from Liz Phair) that makes you enjoy the album more every time. The boys are singing about one thing for the most part on this disc - relationships, or more specifically, sex. With lines such as "Cos I've been sleeping with your wife for 16 weeks", and "You were the first girl at school with breasts" it's a safe bet that Raffi won't be doing any covers soon. Pulp are definitely adult, and that is precisely what makes them so enjoyable.

Conor McCreery



Frank Black

The Cult of Ray
American

This is the first album on a new record label for this former Pixies frontman. I don't know whether it was the label's idea or Frank's, but this album seems like an attempt to recapture the sound of the band that made him famous. Unlike his last solo album, this album has a few numbers that could almost be labelled Pixie-esque. As with any work of Black, the lyrical content and song titles seem almost satirical. "Jesus Was Right" and "Kicked in the Taco" deserve a listen. Also on this album are the amplified pop rock songs, that lack the acoustic styling of past efforts. Worthy tracks include "Men In Black", and the instrumental "The Adventure and Resolution." It's unfortunate that comparisons are made between Black's work and the Pixies', but these things happen. This is a pretty good album that is worth its price, but in no way is it a collector's classic.

Sean Moore



Where to Hang

Feb 28

WLU's production of **The Fever** at Maureen Forester Recital Hall at 8 p.m. free admission.

Feb 29

• **Blackwater Trio** are at Wilf's

March 1

• **Jacksoul** is at Wilf's
 • **Rheostatics** are at the Volcano

March 2

• **Comedy Night** in Wilf's
 • **Headstones** are at Fed Hall

March 4

• **Waterbuffaloes** go to the Phoenix

March 6

• **Bertha's Attic** play at the Beat

March 7

• **Sandbox** is at the Bombshelter
 • **Ghandarvas** and **Tristan Psionic** are at the Volcano

March 8

• **Tom Cochrane** plays at Lulu's

March 9

• **Skydiggers** are at Fed Hall
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Dear TNT: I'm a fruitophile

Dear TNT,

I am a man who can't stop thinking about breasts! I love them-big, small, or round. I have tried everything with women's breasts, and I'm running out of things to do! Help! I can't live without something new and exciting to do with breasts.

Signed,
Breast Lover

Dear Breast Lover,

One of the most sensitive areas of a woman's body are her breasts. Both sexes will respond to oral and manual stimulation of their nipples. Caress the underside of the breast with a soft finger pad or fingertip,

and create the most urgent sensations of sexual desire. Try the "winding" movement. This is when the nipple is held between the thumb and forefinger and wound like a watch. Even late in foreplay, a gentle tugging at the breast or nipples will add to their pleasure. Don't forget the old favourite of resting the penis in the cleavage. Remember to try and share your love for breasts with other, wetter parts of the body.

TNT

Dear TNT,

Every time I look at fruit I get turned on. However, I'm getting bored with your typical banana, grapes, etc. I

need some new and exciting ideas.

Signed,
Fruitophile

Dear Fruitophile,

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TNT

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Hard Cord



AARON HUNTER
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

1. The two-dollar coin.

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2. "Prison Life" on HBO.

Oh, yuck.

3. Reading Week.

In light of everything else, it's amazing how our society continues to encourage drunken downhill skiing.

4. The 10-Acre Truck Stop, just off the 401.

Don't get the milkshake and salad combo.

5. "Henry Lee", a Nick Cave and PJ Harvey duet.

Isn't it beautiful when the really twisted people find each other?

6. Dead Man Walking, starring Sean Penn.

I pronounce you guilty of aggravated sideburns.

7. Rheostatics at the Volcano March 1st.

Liquefy me?

8. Disturbing McDonald's ads.

That poor deluded baby.

9. Yoko Ono plays Lee's Palace March 25th.

She's weird! She's weird! She's weird!

10. March.

In like a lion, out like a... Oh, shut up grandma.

This Week's Words O' Wisdom

MADAME ANNA
CORD ENTERTAINMENT



in the stars

at 5:18" at 5:48" at 5:17" at 4:2" at 3:17"

ARIES (Mar.21-Apr.20)

Try not to be too blunt with people this week. If you're planning on giving that someone special the heavenly, wait until after their midterms. Everyone deserves some compassion.

TAURUS (Apr.21-May 20)

Let your loving side overshadow your materialistic nature this week. Just because all the chocolate is gone doesn't mean there's nothing left in the box, if you catch my drift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

It looks like you may be in for some fun. Just remember not to gossip about it too much (as you are known to do). If a certain someone finds out what you've been saying, you may be spanking your own monkey for a while.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Don't be too anxious or insecure about performing this week. (All women will fake to save your ego.) Everyone knows it's not the size of the ship that counts, it's the motion of the ocean. Just hope your currents are running fine this week.

LEO (July 23-Aug.22)

The bedroom could use your creativity this week. Make your sweetie's whipped cream dream come true. If you're feeling really daring, bring out the rubber sheets and go to town. Make it a night your lover

will remember quite fondly.

VIRGO (Aug.23-Sept.22)

Dispell people's version of you as boring by taking that oh-so-big step from virgin to not-so-virgin. Let yourself have fun for once - just make sure it's safe fun (no glove, no love).

LIBRA (Sept.23-Oct.22)

Put that agreeable nature to good use. Try not to be too distant near the beginning of the week - pretend you really do care for at least a few days. Then you can go back to being your normal conceited self and caring about who's really important - you.

SCORPIO (Oct.23-Nov.21)

This is a great week for you. You can use your penetrating, passionate, erotic, extreme, and violent character traits for one whole day, and someone may even enjoy it! Everybody loves the sting of the scorpion - pass that poison around baby.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.22-Dec.21)

Your athletic side may be in a good position competitively this week, especially in pole vaulting. Let that piggy inside of you take in all it can get.

AQUARIUS (Jan.20-Feb.18)

Let your rebellious, aloof nature take the reigns this week. Use your ingenious mind to think of new ways and new places to enjoy your loved one's embraces. Your planetary ruler is Uranus - enough said.

PISCES (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are an escapist, a good thing this week when your partner ties you to the bed until you beg for mercy. Show them how fast you can slip out of those knots, and then do some tangling up of your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec.22-Jan.19)

You have been repressing yourself sexually for quite some time now. It's time to let things explode - just make sure you're covered when it happens.



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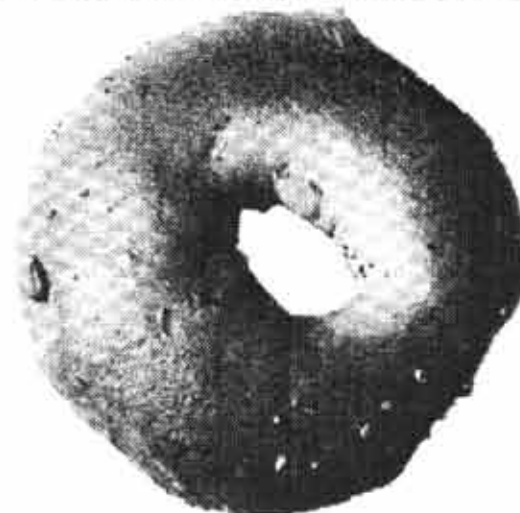
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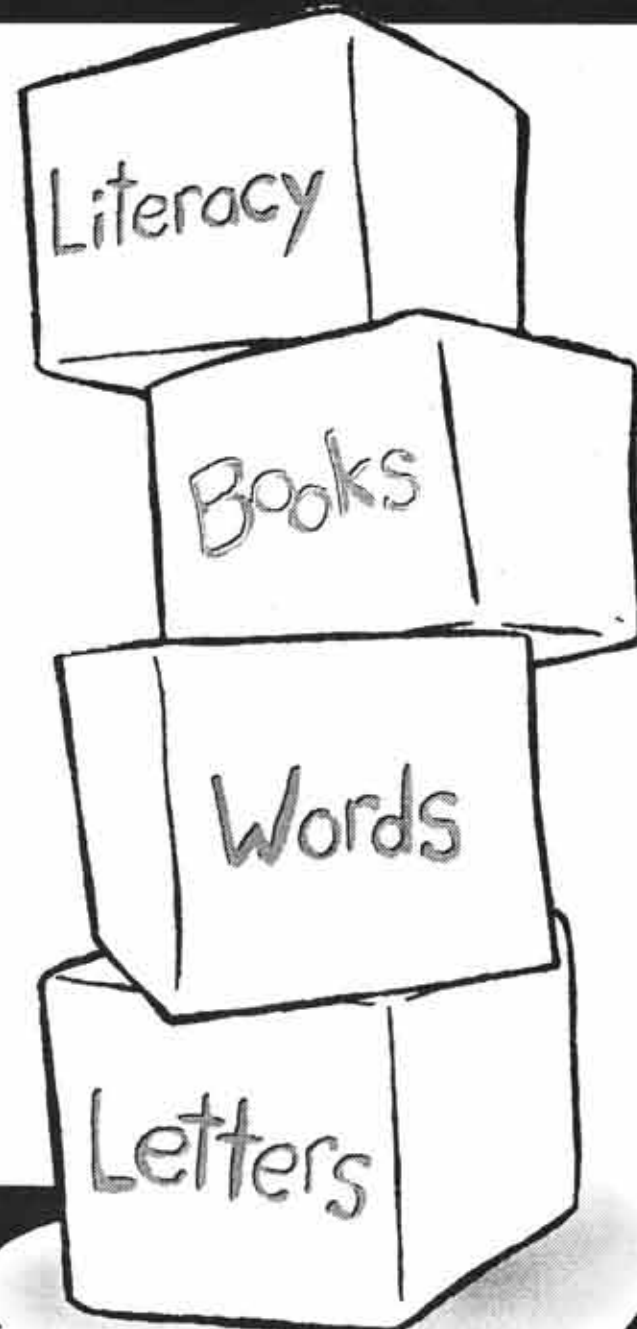
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Without Feathers

I was feeling rather rundown leading into last week, so I decided to take it easy, as they say. I did not leave my bed more than a dozen times all week, half of them for bathroom breaks.

Guilty about my week of slothful inactivity I crawled out of bed on Friday night and asked Franz what we did in class that week.

He stared at me with a raised eyebrow above his monocle and answered, "There were no classes this week, mein Herr. Reading Week is a kind of holiday. No classes."

I slapped my forehead in disgust, but recovered my composure in time to utter, "Yes, of course. I knew that. Carry on."

Realizing I played hooky on my own time sent me reeling back to bed. I did not emerge from the blankets until Monday when I commanded Franz to burn my soiled sheets and flip the mattress.

You know, the first time you flip it, the mattress is just like new. The second time you flip it, you are reminded of past humiliations. The third time, you wonder why you even bother ordering your manservant to do it.

Franz has joined a yoga class. I discovered him in a lotus-pose, chanting the mantra "Kill the rock star, kiss the lifeguard, kill the rock star, kiss the lifeguard..."

When I indicated my presence by slamming the door and laughing hysterically with a pointed index finger, he snapped out of his trance and pretended to be hemming the drapes.

"Oh, hello, Herr Anton," he said.

"What are you doing, Franz?" I demanded to know. "You're not in some yoga class are you?"

"As a matter of fact I am, mein Herr."

I could see the fear in his eye. Playing it cool, I said, "There's nothing wrong with yoga, Franz. I don't see why you have to hide it from me."

A puzzled look came over his Prussian face. "You didn't let me join that cycling club in '88 because it cut into my work schedule. I couldn't accept the leading role in David Cronenberg's Naked Lunch because you didn't want me to take my vacation two weeks early. I wasn't allowed to go to physiotherapy sessions after my penny-farthing accident because you were in Australia and needed someone to answer the phone in case anyone called, even though we had an answering machine."

"I didn't trust the technology."

For some reason, I didn't feel like denying him this pleasure. It might make him less tense, although I don't where he encounters stress.

"Take your yoga, Franz," I said. "Just keep that eastern mumbo-jumbo away from me."

"Many thank-you's, mein Herr. May happiness follow you always."

"Shut up."

Anton Volcansek

...a little too

Mysteriously alone,
fresh thoughts present-
requiring coaxing
they do come along
usually quietly
(sometimes with music.)

Not the music you might think
as lyrics or anything
easy like that.
More of a celestial...
hmmm?... seasoning.
April's sweet showers
and all that.
Epic yet, remotely
disposable.
"Only the here and now
really count."
Whoever said that
has never had the music
of the spheres
ringing
in his brain.

This world's journey
seems to be
ever beginning.

Searching?

You will find
only brief glimpses
into life's essence.
It does all boil down
to something.
Just not here.
Certainly not now!
How does that song go?

"I wanted to get lost
and love the questions there."
Rick Cole

All Night Long

Everything seems to be getting hazy
the shadows merge and make my vision shady
I figure maybe I'm just going crazy
or just digging myself deeper in the sod

I try to trip yet tumble
try to gain control but fumble
try to scream out yet mumble
that there's no such thing as God.

Lazy made her change the scream
moving faster in the dream
You must stay hard angry? mean
too much confusion, I just nod
off.

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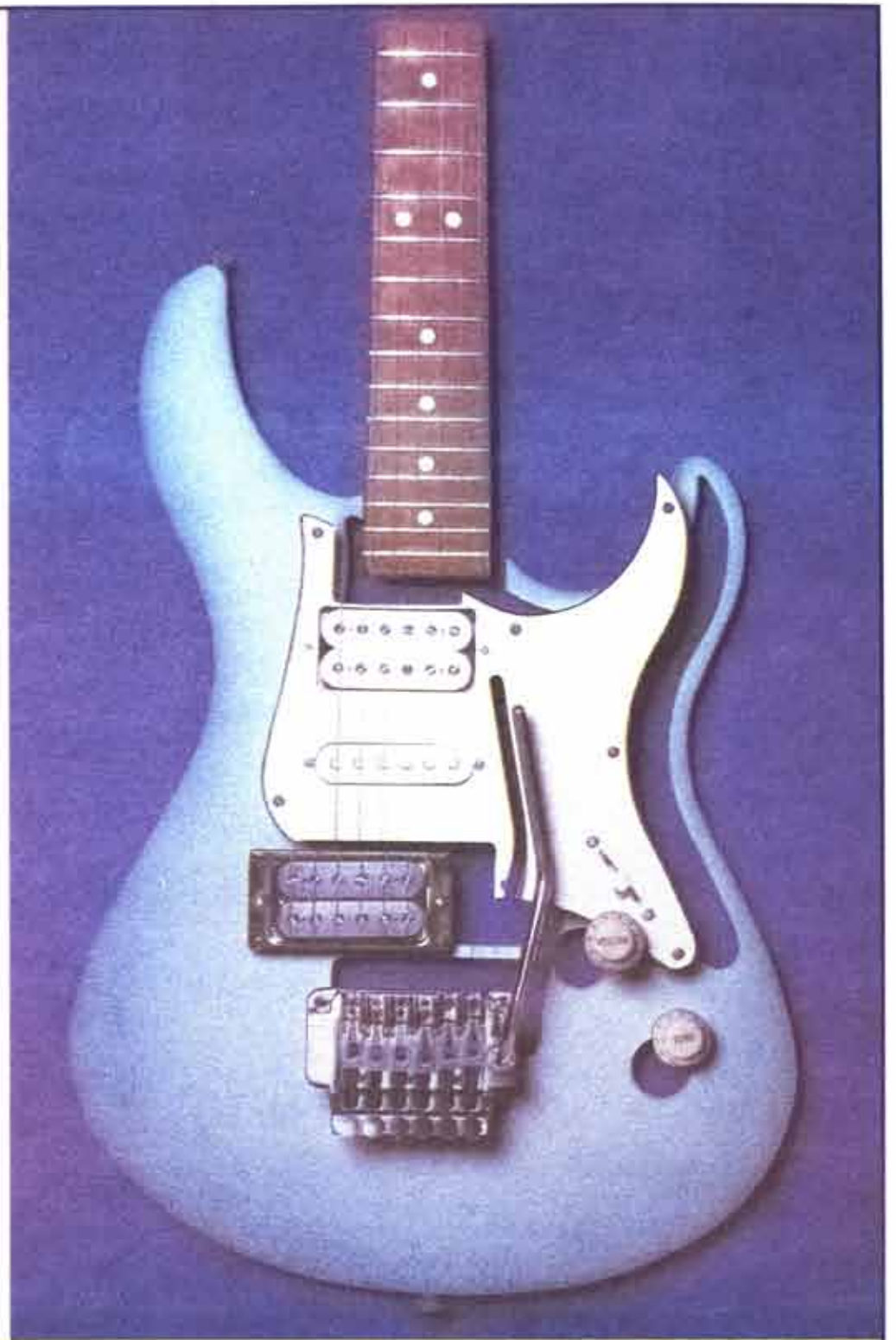
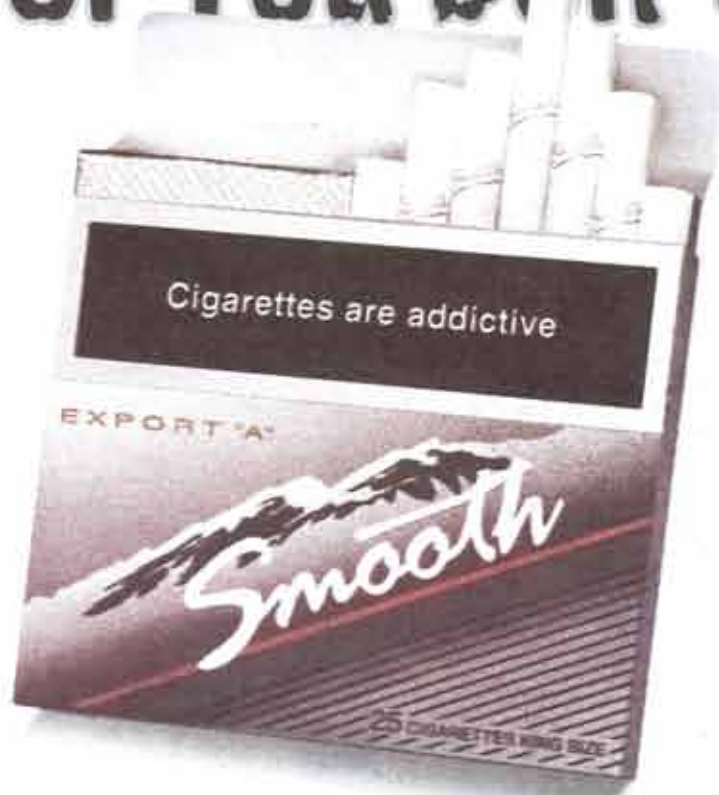
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