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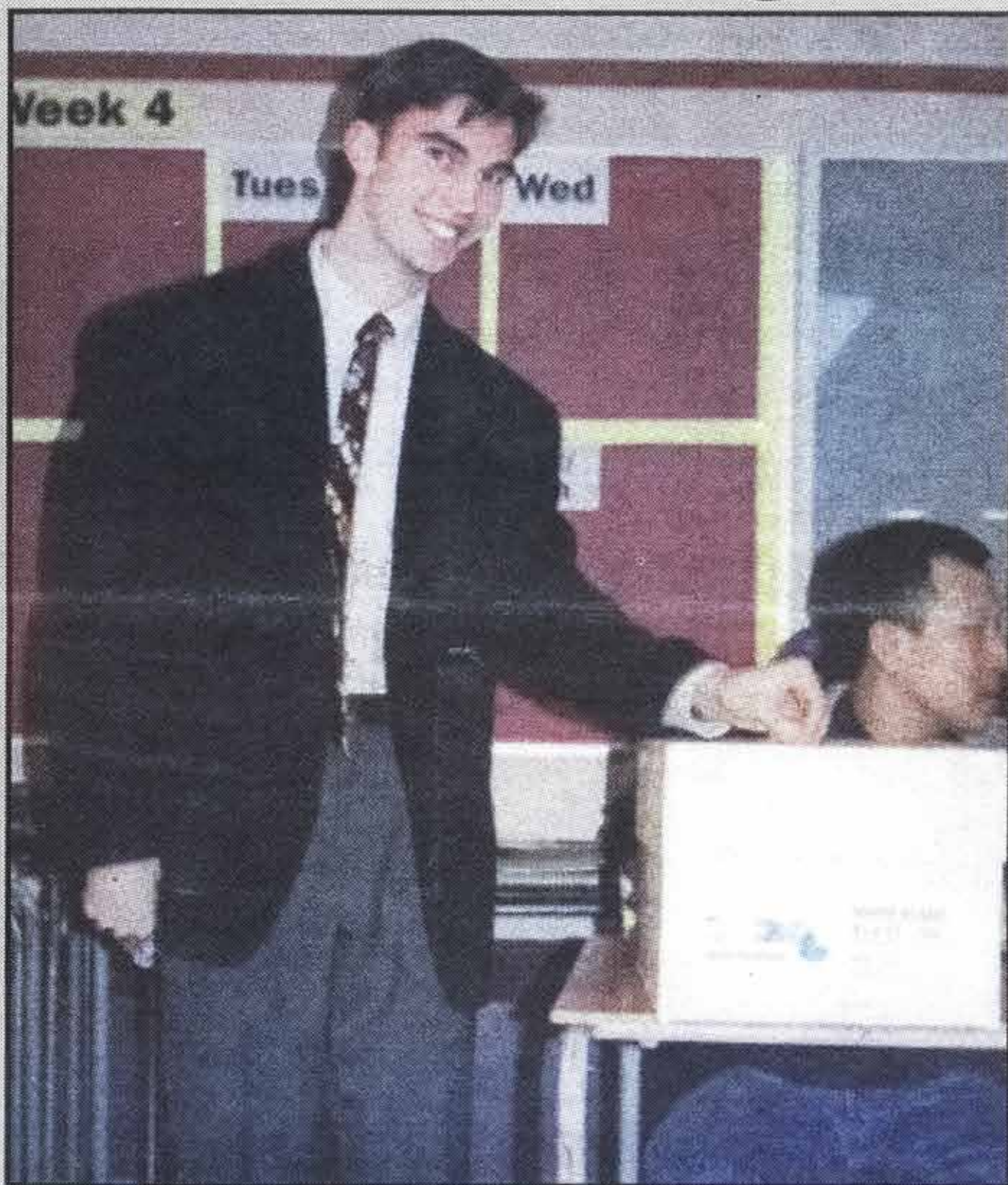


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ELECTION RESULTS 1998

WLUSU PRESIDENT

Gareth Cunningham	441
Michael Bradley	422
Ben Harris	197
Mark Duke	173

VP:UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

Scott Harris	579
Bryan McCourt	331
Jason Quehl	283

WLUSP PRESIDENT

Steve Metzger	608
Christine Gergich	501

WLUSU BOARD OF DIRECTORS (15)

William Chung	703
Leslie Ma	666
Megan Atkinson	626
Samantha Corbey	602
Tim Kuhn	539
Michael Fox	530
Derek Simon	521
Wesley Ferris	473
Rebecca Elmirst	463
Phil Triantafillou	452
Kevin Ramzi Nasir	434
Colleen Norman	395
Trevor Strassburger	381
Christopher Clemens	372
Kent Williams	353
Dennis Jin	294

VOTER TURNOUT

1998	24.5%
1997	34%

NOTE:

• These results were made available by the Chief Returning Officer at 2:30 a.m. on February 11th. They are unofficial until 2:06 a.m. on February 12th.
• No candidates ran for positions on the WLUSP Board of Directors. They will be hired to fill vacancies.
• Presidential candidate Don Wales dropped out of the race before election day.
• Presidential candidate Mike Keriakos received five fines and was disqualified.
• Vice President: University Affairs candidate Renée Pelletier received four fines and was disqualified.

Three ring election

Disqualified candidates lose appeal to D.A.C. in final hour

PATRICIA LANCIA
CORD NEWS

It was an event not seen at Laurier in at least a decade - two Students' Union candidates, considered by many to be the front runners in their respective races, were disqualified from the election.

After receiving four fines each, presidential candidate Mike Keriakos and Vice-President: University Affairs candidate Renée Pelletier were denied their appeals to remain on the ballot.

Election policy states: "A candidate may receive a maximum of three (3) fines. Any subsequent fine will result in a disqualification of the candidate."

Keriakos and Pelletier appealed to the Deans Ad-visory Council at an eight hour meeting Monday night.

They argued the technicalities and ambiguity of election policy, and said that the Elections Council (EC) had been inconsistent in their investigation of candidates.

"They didn't even investigate me and Renée as far as I'm concerned," said Keriakos. "They assigned the duties to candidates who had a conflict of interest."

The disqualification of running-mates Keriakos and Pelletier followed submissions to the EC by Board of Directors candidate Will Chung and VP:UA candidates Brian McCourt and Jason Quehl.

Last Friday a list of nine possible infractions was submitted to the EC for discussion. They concerned Pelletier specifically, but implicated Keriakos because of his association.

The credibility and integrity of the elections were cited by Chung, McCourt, and Quehl as the reasons

for submitting the list to the EC.

A press release signed by Chung, McCourt, Quehl, and VP:UA candidate Scott Harris and released Monday stated that: "These two candidates [Keriakos and Pelletier] behaved in a manner that was neither ethical nor decent. Their actions . . . would have reflected poorly on the Students' Union and the electoral process. . . . It is unfortunate and regrettable that this had to occur to put a stop to these two candidates' actions."

One of the possible violations involved Pelletier's decision to address Communication Studies students at a February 3rd information night. She is a liaison for the department.

The endorsement of her candidacy by program director Dr. Irwin-Zarecka was also questioned. Irwin-Zarecka was present at the Friday meeting to defend Pelletier.

"I found it to be the best use of the democratic process," said Irwin-Zarecka of her endorsement. "It really bugs me that something that was done in your [the students'] interest has been turned into an ethical issue."

While Pelletier was not fined for that address, she did receive a fourth fine for unstamped posters in the Athletic Complex - an infraction Keriakos was fined a fifth time for.

They were also fined for campaigning in Wil's, distributing literature to Business 121 T.A.s, and having other unstamped posters. Keriakos was also fined for distributing unauthorized campaign buttons.

The EC would not release a list of which candidates were fined, but

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Regional Municipality of Waterloo WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION SERVICES

The Region welcomes new students and asks all to recycle right!

Most communities in Ontario have recycling programs, but each of them have different rules about what materials are recyclable and how they are to be prepared for pick-up. In Waterloo Region, there are two recycling collection programs: a Cart collection program for participating apartments, condominiums, townhouses; and a weekly curbside Blue Box collection program for single family dwellings, semi-detached duplexes, smaller walk-up apartment buildings, and student lodging residences. Once you know which of the two collection programs services your place of residence, the information below will help you sort and prepare materials properly for recycling.

RECYCLABLE ITEMS

These materials only are acceptable in Blue Box and Cart recycling programs.



BOXBOARD

- includes cereal, tissue, shoe and detergent-type boxes, plus egg cartons and toilet tissue rolls
- remove plastic bag liner, foil and food
- flatten and stuff in an unflattened box



NEWSPAPER

- includes newspaper and inserts



MAGAZINES & CATALOGUES

- includes magazines and catalogues



TELEPHONE BOOKS & PAPERBACKS

- includes Bell telephone books and paperback books



HOUSEHOLD FINE PAPER

- includes white and coloured writing paper, such as bills, "junk mail", advertising mail, etc.




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- empty and rinse
- plastic caps must be removed and discarded; metal lids are recyclable



"HDPE" PLASTIC BOTTLES, JARS & JUGS

- includes rigid plastic food, beverage, detergent, personal and pet care bottles, jars and jugs with a screw-top cap and a symbol like this  on the bottom (no tubs please)
- empty and rinse
- maximum size 10 litres



ALUMINUM FOIL WRAP & FOIL TRAYS

- rinse and crumple foil; flatten trays



GLASS FOOD, BEVERAGE, PERSONAL & PET CARE BOTTLES & JARS

- empty and rinse



METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

- includes aluminum & tin cans
- empty and rinse



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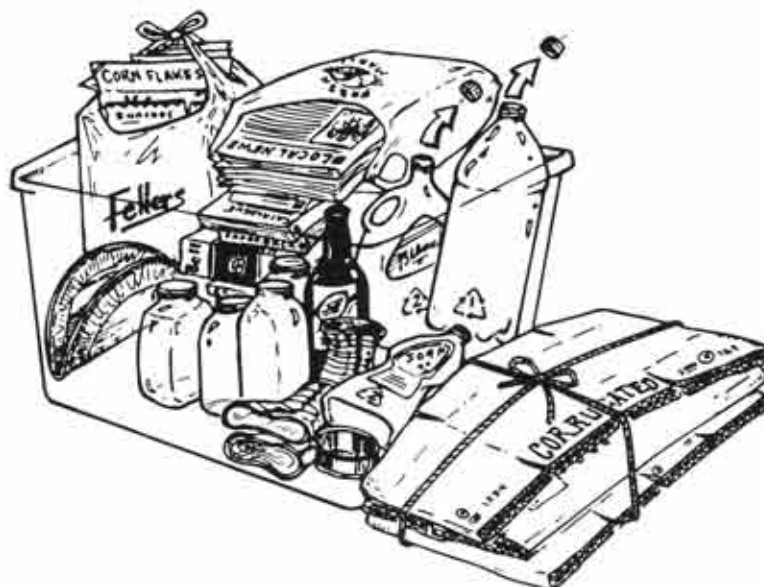
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REMOVE LIDS, EMPTY RINSE & PLACE LOOSE IN BLUE BOX

-  see-through "PET" plastic bottles, jars & jugs
-  "HDPE" plastic bottles, jars & jugs (no tubs please)
- aluminum foil wrap & foil trays
- glass food & beverage bottles & jars
- metal food & beverage containers



BAG OR BUNDLE

- newspapers & inserts
- magazines & catalogues
- telephone books & paperbacks
- household fine paper

FLATTEN AND BUNDLE

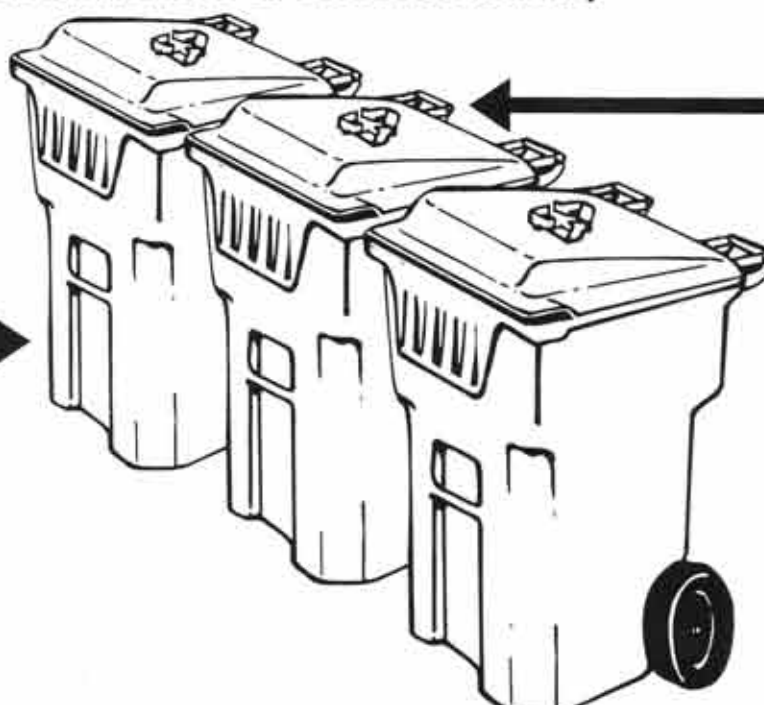
- corrugated cardboard (max. 30" x 30" x 8")

CART RECYCLING HOW-TO

(For Region of Waterloo apartments, townhouses & condominiums)

PAPER CART PLACE IN CART LOOSE

- newspapers & inserts
- magazines & catalogues
- telephone books & paperbacks
- household fine paper
- boxboard (should be flattened & stuffed inside unflattened box before placing in cart)



CARDBOARD CART

- flatten & place in cart loose

CONTAINER CART REMOVE LIDS, RINSE & PLACE IN CART LOOSE

-  see-through "PET" plastic bottles, jars & jugs
-  "HDPE" plastic bottles, jars & jugs (no tubs please)
- aluminum foil wrap & foil trays
- glass food & beverage bottles & jars
- metal food & beverage containers

NewsBites

Vintage Union

With the help of Pillitteri Estates Winery of Niagara-on-the-Lake, WLUSU has developed its own unique wine vintages: "WLUSU Red" and "WLUSU White."

An inaugural "uncorking" ceremony took place Tuesday, February 10th in Wilf's Den. WLUSU is now one of the first student governments in Canada to introduce its own wine.

A lucky trip

Danielle Menke, a fourth-year Laurier BBA student, has won a trip for two to the Nagano Olympics in Japan. She automatically qualified for the contest by purchasing a ticket to Chicago from Canadian Airlines during a seat sale last October.

The sweepstakes prize, courtesy of the airline, is worth \$16,000. It includes airfare, accommodation, ground transportation, and tickets to a number of Olympic events for Danielle and one guest.

Schindler's subsidy

Argentina's president approved a government subsidy yesterday for the widow of the German industrialist featured in the film *Schindler's List*. Emilie Schindler, 90, will receive the equivalent of \$1,000 U.S. a month according to the order signed by President Carlos Menem.

Oskar Schindler, with the help of his wife, is credited with saving nearly 1,300 Polish Jews from Nazi concentration camps by putting them to work in his factories. Emilie says she has received little financial benefit from Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning film. Source: Associated Press

Old scheme still steals

Police are warning business owners to beware of letters with Nigerian postmarks.

Peel Regional Police say an old scheme to steal money from Canadian accounts has been revived. The Peel force is getting about 30 complaints a day from people who have received letters from Nigerians claiming to be influential businessmen or former cabinet ministers.

The letters asks to transfer millions of dollars into the person's bank account for a period of time. In return for access to the account, 20 per cent of the large sum will be left behind once the account is no longer needed. The letter also solicits signed letterhead, blank invoices, and phone numbers. A Mississauga man recently lost more than \$10,000 to the scheme. Source: Globe and Mail

A report card for the ages

The Cord assesses WLUSP's performance

PATRICIA LANCIA AND
JAMES MUIR
CORD NEWS

Due to the dual responsibilities of Board members (who act as directors as well as department liaisons), the two member panel considered participation during board meetings, behind-the-scenes work, and interviews with department heads and board members in determining assessments.

Board of Directors

Christine Gerglich: B+

Christine was a hands-on member of WLUSP who participated in many different capacities. As board chair, advertising liaison, and Vice President: Operations, she contributed by promoting the organization on campus, setting up an advertising production schedule, and keeping morale high. In a year characterized by transition, Christine could have been more proactive in resolving human resources problems and controlling board meetings.

Michelle MacDonald: B-

As the Cord liaison, Michelle attended meetings regularly and represented her department competently. However, she could have developed a better understanding of key issues had she been more involved in the day to day running of the Cord. She lacked initiative when it came to resolving conflicts and improving interdepartmental communication. While Michelle performed the requirements of her job, she did little else. It is unfortunate that she did not receive adequate guidance from WLUSP executives in her role as board member.

Steve Metzger: B

Steve acted as Keystone liaison and exhibited a lot of enthusiasm for his task. During board meetings he offered insightful and useful comments and was concerned with the direction of the corporation. While the Keystone had its best year in sales during his watch, it was suggested that he could have initiated department business earlier. He could have also been a more active participant and a less passive volunteer by increasing his presence around the offices. Taking more of a hand in understanding the department's concerns instead of just being there in spirit would also have been helpful.

David Trueman: C

David was the liaison between the photography department and the board. He represented the department's concerns without incident and was responsible for research initiatives. David could have been more vocal at meetings and more involved with his department. More ambition, direction, and technical expertise on his part could have helped as well. He had the right intentions, but failed to realize them substantially.

Ryan Lock: C+

Ryan busied himself with the dual task of acting as board chair and as liaison to the advertising department. He also sits on the by-law and policy committee. His work with the advertising department was lacking in enthusiasm and initiative. The department could have benefited from stronger representation and, despite his efforts, he did little to remedy the conflicts between the

Cord and the advertising department early in the year. As chair he displayed competent control during his brief tenure. He might have considered his priorities before committing himself to so many subordinate roles.

Tom Hrubes: A President

Following the resignation of Kevin MacDonald in January, Tom took over the reins as President. Tom had to juggle presidential duties with a full course load, a task no other president has duplicated. Considering the demands on his time and authority he has performed admirably.

During his brief tenure he has worked in a variety of capacities:

drafting a performance appraisal policy, fielding questions during the Holocaust incident, helping Imaging Solutions get off the ground to become a viable and useful part of Student Publications, as well as performing day-to-day tasks.

He has expressed his desire to contribute to a better turn-around by keeping a presidential journal and developing a BOD training program.

Tom should relax more and take time to enjoy his job.

Mark Duke: A VP: Finance

Mark's performance exceeded expectations. He made the task easier for incoming VPs by helping to smooth the transition process from year to year. He also created financial summaries that are succinct and useful, offering a complete breakdown of the corporation's finances.

He made considerable headway in the accounts receivable area by taking a more assertive and forceful stance with defaulting advertisers. He always managed to find the funds to keep up volunteer morale. However, Mark could have been more assertive in his opportunity to make decisions.

Election policies called into question

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14 fines in total were levied. Only five were against the other 25 candidates, mostly for poster violations.

"It seemed as though they just had more fines," said EC member Raiman Dilag. "I think we actively searched out [infractions by other candidates] on an equal level."

"No one else was put under the microscope," said Pelletier. "It's one thing to have people checking posters, it's another to have people watching your every move."

Keriakos was disappointed that the election focus had been shifted from issues to posters, and questioned whose responsibility it was to monitor policy infractions.

"It's the job of the EC to look for these complaints, not the candidates," Keriakos said.

In the end the issue comes down to the credibility of the election and how students will view the actions of candidates on both sides, the EC, and the way the election was handled.

"I hope they [the students] don't perceive it as ganging up," said Scott Harris.

"I thought I would be more integral in the farcification of the election," said presidential candidate Ben Harris, "but it has done it itself."

"It is unfortunate that a lot of bad reputation has been brought to this campaign," said Quehl. "I don't know whose fault it is or if blame needs to be laid. We have to be proactive about it in the

future."

Almost everyone noted a need for revision and clarification of election policies.

"There is definitely need for improvement," said Jill Osborne, Chief Returning Officer. "When I make my assessment I'll be making recommendations on what is good and what needs to be improved."

University Planning Phase 1: Vision & Issues

A long range University planning project has started. A draft paper on a University vision and planning issues is available at the WLUSU office and the University Secretariat (P2092).

Comments are requested.

A "town hall" meeting for comments and discussions will be held:

Thursday, February 12, 7 pm, in the Paul Martin Centre

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Fat lies that make big business

KRISTINA SPENCE
CORD NEWS

On Tuesday, February 3rd, author and former diet-slave Terri Poulton, spoke out against eating disorders and the American obsession with fat.

"We are brainwashed to believe that all women have an obligation to be thin," Poulton said. "It's not about what we eat - it's what we spend."

The evening presentation, held at the Community Health and Social Services Building on Regina Street, was the highlight of Kitchener-Waterloo's National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Poulton's book, **No Fat Chicks: How women are brainwashed to hate their bodies and spend their money**, focuses on the economic aspects of women watching their weight. In Canada, the \$40 billion business of weight-control thrives on women's preoccupation with their weight and body dissatisfaction.

"Eating disorders start off as thinking or believing disorders. We don't realize it isn't our voice saying we're fat, it's the robbers who have their hands in our pockets saying it," said Poulton.

A woman's weight becomes a

greater weapon against her as she progresses in her career. Even former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney joked at the expense of a heavy female Parliament member, asking her when she was due. The comment was struck from the official House of Commons transcripts, Poulton said.

"Fat is to women as kryptonite is to Superman — it robs us of our powers."

The power of persuasion landed Poulton a six-month series of articles at Chatelaine in the early 80s.

As she attempted to lose 60 pounds, Canadian journalists and readers alike watched the girl next door fight the fat. Poulton lost the weight, posed as Chatelaine's cover girl for



Terri Poulton takes issue with the business of fat.

fully relocated to the United States.

Despite the 98 per cent failure rate of dieting, women continually spend an average of \$84 per temporarily lost pound and blame themselves for gaining the weight back.

Reviewers of Poulton's book have accused her of "dumping on slim people" and discriminating against the thin population.

The author's intention is not to discriminate against slender people, but to expose the businesses making money off of the overweight.

With a target audience of the entire population and a product of an unachievable goal, weight-control businesses

have not only created customers, they have created slaves.

By reinforcing the message every day in every way, people forget there was even a time when it wasn't like this, Poulton said.

"It's almost like an artificial idea or commandment: 'Thou shalt not be fat.'"

Canadian newspapers have critiqued Poulton's book, but as of yet no women's magazines have glanced in its direction.

Poulton's target audience keeps the weight-control industry in business - the same industry that purchases advertisements in women's magazines.

Poulton wants to open people's eyes to the fortune being made off a marketing concoction, but her competition controls her communication devices.

"The disservice is to the readers whose lives are wrought by eating disorders and image problems," she said.

In closing, Poulton encouraged the audience to start thinking for themselves and initiate a new trend of self-acceptance.

"Let's tell the profiteers we're mad as hell and we're not going to take it."

PHOTO: KRISTINA SPENCE

BagO'Crime

*69: Who still makes prank calls anymore?

Mischief
0230 Hrs. Wed. Jan. 28
Two WLU students were found to be burning paper in a classroom in the Peters Building. The matter is being forwarded to the DAC.

Accidental Injury
0245 Hrs. Wed. Jan. 28
A WLU student was transported to hospital as a result of receiving serious cuts to her head and knee. The incident was a result of one student chasing another in Willison Hall into a glass door.

Mischief
1705 Hrs. Wed. Jan. 28
The Security Department received several complaints of someone making annoying phone calls to residents of Euler Residence and leaving voice mail messages. Investigation revealed the caller was

from Bricker Residence. The matter will be forwarded to the DAC.

Mischief
Fri. Jan. 30
A report was received of a truck driving through the exit of lot 20 and breaking the gate arm. A description of the vehicle was given but it could not be located.

Suspicious Person
0228 Hrs. Sat. Jan. 31
Officers responded to a report of a suspicious male standing on Bricker Ave. and apparently watching a residence. The individual was located and identified. He was escorted from the area.

Unauthorized Soliciting
Individuals were given trespass warnings on three different occasions this week for attempting to sell various products to students without proper authorization.

Medical Assist
1850 Hrs. Tue. Feb. 3
A WLU student was treated by ambulance personnel for several facial cuts when a basketball net shattered as he "dunked" a ball.

Trespass
1915 Hrs. Thurs. Feb. 5
A non-WLU male was charged with

trespassing after being observed asking people for money outside the Athletic Complex. The individual is well known to the Security Department and has been warned and charged a number of occasions.

Medical Assist
0100 Hrs. Fri. Feb. 6
A WLU student was transported to hospital via ambulance when she was found in a semi-conscious state on the bathroom floor at Wilf's. Alcohol is believed to have been a factor.

Mischief
0200 Hrs. Fri. Feb. 6
Person(s) unknown overturned the calling card dispenser at the Nichols Campus Ctr. Alumni Lounge area.

University Regulation Violation
2210 Hrs. Fri. Feb. 6
A non-WLU male was evicted from the Science Building, when he was found using a computer in one of the labs without authorization.

Mischief
0115 Hrs. Sat. Feb. 7
Unknown persons ripped a pay phone in the Nichols Campus Ctr. from the bolts that were anchoring it to the floor.

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BoardReports

WLUSU: Ancillary fees may rise

KATHERINE HARDING
CORD NEWS

Last Wednesday's meeting was a two hour marathon of reports.

Colleen Norman, the First Year Council (FYC) Representative, made a presentation to the board titled "Laurier 101." The joint project between the Dean of Students office and FYC will mail information packages out to incoming frosh. It will provide new Laurier students with information on the meal plan, the social side of

the discussion paper released by university administration as part of the University Planning Project. Wong explained the process to the board and gave his thoughts and concerns regarding the Issue Paper entitled, "Laurier Today, Taking Stock."

He encouraged all board members to attend the "Town Hall" meetings being held February 10th and 12th by the administration to discuss the paper.

Laurier 101 is "a great example of working together for students."

Dean McMurray

Norman said that the project, "would not only inform first year students, but it would also promote all the great things at Laurier."

David McMurray, Assistant Vice-President: Student Services/Dean of Students, was on hand to endorse the project. McMurray stated the initiative was, "a great example of working together for students." The motion to allocate \$2007.25 to finance Laurier 101 was easily passed.

Thorough reports were delivered by the Vice-President: Finance, VP: Student Activities, VP: Student Services, VP: University Affairs, and the President regarding the activities of their respective departments.

The President's report was of particular interest as he reviewed

Wong also informed the board that Ancillary Services is considering implementing small increases on meal plans, residence, and books. While Cliff Bilyea, Director of Ancillary Services, offered a rationale to Wong about the increases, Wong expressed to the board that, "it is a tragedy, particularly for first year students."

There was also a discussion on the decision to shutdown the online open forum. Jill Osborne, Chief Returning Officer, explained why she decided to end the election experiment saying, "I said yes and decided to reassess the situation and that is when I shut it down."

Meaghan Brown, VP: University Affairs, suggested that while the online forum is a good and progressive idea, more research into the logistics has to be done. VP: Marketing Mike Keriakos made a recommendation to the board that the online open forum should be reinstated in next year's election.

Discussing plans for Laurier's future

KATHERINE HARDING
CORD NEWS

An era of substantial change and progress may be under way at Laurier, under the auspices of University President Dr. Bob Rosehart.

University administrators have undertaken the task of completing a three stage University Planning Project which will shape and guide the evolution of Laurier for the next five years.

In the first phase of the process, an Issues Paper was released to the university community on January 29th. The paper is based on a variety of planning reports completed in recent years and it seeks to broadly chart the strategies and processes that will shape WLU.

In order to make the entire process transparent, administrators are encouraging input and discussion by the university community and the broader community after each phase is completed.

The first phase has spawned two "Town Hall" meetings and the opportunity for individuals or groups to submit their input to Frank Millerd, the University Secretariat by February 25th.

The first "Town Hall" meeting held February 10th, was poorly attended, but served as a promising start to the process.

Moderated by Dr. Bruce Hunsberger, a professor from the Psychology Department, the forum's debate touched on many issues: Part-time staff, technology, 202 Regina and its place on campus, examining staff representation on hiring committees, the internationalization of Laurier students, staff/student diversity, and the lack of funding for the Special Needs office were just some of the topics brought up for discussion.

Only two student leaders were present (student senator Jason George and Steve Convey, WLUSU board member). George managed

to bring some student representation to the discussion. He questioned Rosehart on the issue of faculty salary practices stating, "why are some faculty members still drawing a dean's salary, even when they return to a teaching position...? this is unacceptable to students who are faced with tuition hikes."

Rosehart explained the practice as "unfortunate," but stated it is, "contractual and nothing can be done about it." Rosehart concluded the meeting by encouraging participants to "follow the process."

The second phase of the University Planning Project involves the development of a Green Paper listing options for the various planning areas. That will be followed by the release of a White Paper which will form the basis of the plan as adopted by the Senate and Board of Governors.

The next "Town Hall" meeting will be held February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre.



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JAMES MUIR
CORD NEWS

The twenty-minute meeting last Thursday saw all departments reporting uneventful weeks.

Tom Hrubes' presidential report included an update on the lack of WLUSP board of directors' candidates. After consultation with a lawyer, Hrubes announced that the positions would be filled by an open, fair, and competitive hiring process. Board members were asked to initiate the recruitment process which will be complemented with a series of ads in the Cord.

Christine Gergich brought to the board's attention a petition currently being circulated. The petition is in support of the ban of illegal publications on the WLU campus. Student Publications reserves the right to exclusive control of all advertising on campus under the Operating Agreement and it is felt

that these illegal publications infringe on advertising revenues essential to the publication of the Cord and other WLUSP ventures.

Michelle MacDonald brought a motion from the Cord editorial board. The motion, designed to clarify the process of advertising placement, gave the Cord EIC final say on advertising content. The board felt the motion was too vague and absolute. It was sent back for re-tooling.

Steve Metzger reported a good week in sales for the Keystone.

A finance report was given by Mark Duke. Duke was happy with the way things were going, but informed the board that local advertising revenues would probably fall slightly short of the projected goal of \$80,000. However, national advertising was "way over budget" to the tune of approximately \$5000.

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MOHAMED BHAMANI
CORD NEWS FEATURE

As summer approaches, the student mind turns to the inevitable job search process. If you missed last week's Job Fair, there is still a job search resource available to you.

Tuesday February 3rd, Laurier's Career Services, in conjunction with the University of Guelph, the University of Waterloo, and Conestoga College, conducted its fifth annual Job Fair at Bingham Conference Centre in Kitchener.

There were 120 companies and firms in attendance. That amounted

to a 28% increase over previous years.

Diane Edwards of Reuters Information expressed the importance of such an event for companies.

It allows them to fill vacancies with newly trained graduates and it also provides her firm with the opportunity to receive exposure to potential recruits.

"Within the first two hours, over 1400 students arrived at the fair," exclaimed Jan Basso, head of Career Services at Laurier. "We only projected 2500 for the day."

Basso said this was a great opportunity for students to gain exposure to corporations when looking for a career. As well, about thirty employers were offering summer jobs.

Part-time and Co-op positions were also available, but were in shorter supply.

Aaron Reid of Compagen Computer Systems agreed with Basso.

"If we had this when I was in school, it would have been much easier for me to find a job to get my career started," said Reid.

For students who missed the Job Fair, another job search resource is still available. A good place to start is with the **1998 Canada Student Employment Guide**, published by Student Employment Network.

The guide is known nationally as the best student employment resource in the country.

It lists job opportunities for over 800 companies across Canada, separating them into industry and geographical indexes.

As well, it provides a separate section that lists specific company needs in regards to education and

skills.

The contents of the book were compiled by Kevin Makra, a University of Toronto graduate. His own lack of success in finding employment made him realize that there are few resources available to help students find work.

The result is an employment guide that sells over 15,000 copies annually.

"The guide is a great idea," said first-year Honours English student Armen Ashekian. "We need to bring the Youth Unemployment rate under 15%; this is a good start."

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State Of The Union

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

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From the Prez:

We are in the end stretch for the year but this doesn't mean there is a lack of activity on the campus! Here is some critical information that has been passed to me that you should know:

WLU Strategic Planning: A document called *Laurier Today, Taking Stock* has been released to the community. It highlights issues that will be confronting the university in the next few years and will form the basis of a strategic plan for WLU. The Administration is looking for commentary on the document so that **you have a say in the future of OUR university**. A copy is available in the Students' Union and comments can be sent to Dr. Frank Millerd, University Secretary at fmillerd@mach1.wlu.ca before February 25th. There is also a "Town Hall" meeting on Thursday, February 12, 7:00pm at the Paul Martin Centre to discuss the paper.

Potential Fee Increases: The Director of Ancillary Services has projected the following fee increases for 98-99:

Residence: 2% due to increase in cost of utilities and physical plant wages

Meal Plan: 2% due to food services wage increases

Books: 3-5% due to more professors purchasing American books in conjunction with the low value of the Canadian dollar.

Stop these continuous increases! Advocate and be heard: email the Director at cbilyea@mach2.wlu.ca to voice your concern **before the increases are implemented!!**

WLU Budget 98-99: Models for next year's budget will be released soon which will include tuition increases! Keep an eye out for it.

More info as it comes in...

Stewart Wong, WLUSU President



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Rick Henderson, Scott Williams, and the Web Team:

For your recent work on the website! You guys really built a foundation for the future! Great Work! Please check out the *Squawk Box* on www.wlusu.com for the latest issues.

Student Activities:

Congratulations to the Winter Carnival Committee!!

Andrea Green, Kim Brown, Ange Ingratta, Steve Snyder, and Coordinator Kim Giles, deserve huge pats on the back for the week of fun that they put together for over 750 participants. All events ran smoothly and efficiently. Commendations from participants and spectators were heard all over the campus. Way to go team!!

Student Services:

Congratulations to James Wheeler and Bryant Sullivan, our Student Services Volunteers of the Month.

The Campus Clubs Council would like to congratulate the Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs for putting on a great volleyball tournament at Bluevale Collegiate January 31st. A special thanks to Brett Nodwell for all the hard work he put into making it a success.

Still Hiring!!!

Tutorial Services is still looking to hire tutors for BU121, BU255, BU 393, EC140 and, EC295. If you have received a B+ or above in any of these courses and enjoy working with people, stop by the Students' Union and pick up an application.



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CORD INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY
In 1991 a hostile Iraq, under the leadership of President Saddam Hussein, invaded Kuwait. To protect its oil interests, the United States, under the guise of an international effort, mounted a military campaign to free the small Persian Gulf nation and restore American control over the region.

Since then the United States has, through the United Nations, imposed stringent economic and political sanctions on Iraq. The purpose of those sanctions is to get Iraq to end its production and stockpiling of any and all weapons. Yet, the overwhelming result has been the oppression of the Iraqi people, limited to quotas of food and medical imports, and not the ousting of Saddam Hussein.

This acts as the backdrop to the emerging confrontation. Iraq has largely complied with the United Nations resolutions, but has refused to allow U.N. (read: American) arms inspectors into presidential palaces. The United States, in turn, has committed itself and its allies to attack if Iraq does not comply.

The big question is whether the United States would be justified in an attack this time around. In a word the answer is no, but chances are they will attack anyway.

The first reason the U.S. should not attack Iraq is that there is no present threat. Iraq has not attacked anyone, and it is not even allowed to fly in about fifty percent of its own airspace. If it could, it would

not matter, because the Iraqi air force virtually does not exist. Secondly, a military strike on Iraq would only provoke its retaliatory use of the very chemical and biological forces feared by the U.S.

There are also other issues that need to be addressed. The first is timing. Despite pleas from Japan and the International Olympic Committee, the United States has said that it cannot guarantee preventing war until after the Olympics.

Further, Saudi Arabia has asked the United States to avoid an attack until after the Hajj, the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.

Secondly, the question of Canada's involvement arises. Yesterday evening, Chretien announced that Canada would be sending transport planes, between 300 and 400 support troops, and that the frigate HMCS Toronto was on its way to the Gulf, from the Mediterranean. It is a far cry from the 2,000 troops, 24 planes, and three ships sent in 1991, but whether Canada's thinly stretched military should be there at all, is still controversial.

As for international support, the United States has much work to do before rounding up the allies it had last time. Russia, France, China, and the Arab nations (except for Turkey and Kuwait) refuse to support military action, and so far, Britain is the only country that has come out with full backing for the U.S. led initiative.

What is intriguing, though,

is the real interests at work. For example, Russia is owed massive amounts of Iraqi debt that will only get repaid if Iraq can begin exporting oil again. Thus, it is against military strikes, and for the easing of sanctions.

French companies are also looking forward to the end of sanctions, so that they may purchase Iraqi oil. Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Tony Blair is searching for ways to demonstrate that Britain can maintain a unique separate position from its European Union counterparts.

Then there is the mass hypocrisy that pervades virtually every stand of every interested party. The most glaring irony is the American use of the phrase "weapons of mass destruction" to describe the

threat of the Iraqi arsenal. However, most nations (except maybe the Swiss), have such weapons. To add insult to injury, the United States is the world's recognized military leader, and thus holds the most "weapons of mass destruction."

The United States is the U.N.'s single biggest debtor, and just recently stood by while the rest of the world committed itself to banning landmines. It is odd that such a nation would suddenly move to support U.N. resolutions and purport to be protecting world peace. Besides, isn't attacking another country in violation of the U.N.'s existence, whose purpose is to save the world from "the scourge of war"?

The United States is not as truly interested in enforcing United Nations resolutions as it

pretends to be. Take Israel, for example.

In 1982, U.N. Security Council Resolution No. 509 stated that "the Security Council demands that Israel withdraw all its military forces unconditionally to the internationally recognized boundaries of Lebanon." Today, Israel still occupies that territory. The United States cares neither for that, nor for the fact that Israel is the only Middle Eastern nation with nuclear weapons capabilities.

Nevertheless, the following facts remain. Fact number one: There are now thirteen U.S. naval ships, 14,000 sailors, over 200 aircraft in the Persian Gulf, and more on the way. Fact number two: Diplomatic negotiations continue. Time will only tell what the outcome will be.

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I think the Canadian figure skating team should attack Iraq.

Tim Durkin

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Cord Editorial

WLU Student Politics: Rock bottom just got a little bit lower

The student election became such a silly circus. This troubles me. Not because the democratic process was compromised, (I had become accustomed) but because I had so little to do with it. I wanted to be the protest vote who would cause all the ruckus, and I get shown up by some petitioning whipper snapper Vice-President candidates. How rude! It's as if you can't be an ass without someone beating you to it.

How many times can students be bothered (or is it amused?) by soft drink contract debates, and tasteless, obscene tee-shirts? The Students' Union is fast reinforcing its title as the most cornball outfit in this whole squirrely platoon.

Their school spirit is a myth devised by the devils of nostalgia and misplaced sentiment. Instead of thinking about walking on the hawk, why not think about where the real world is going to be when you get out of here? Instead of brewing me a beer, brew me up a kegful of worthwhile Union sponsored events that don't revolve around alcohol every single time.

If student politics continues to be run by the reality insensitive (fratboys and con-

niently useful dating couples alike) this University will lose its already tenuous grasp on the truly important, real issues.

1. Keeping costs down.

2. Gaining the respect of the community.

WLUSU has berthed itself a familiar "fiscally responsible" engine of mass mediocrity.

3. Focussing on education, not entertainment.

The removal of Mike Keriakos and Renée Pelletier from the ballot was a sham. The blatant schoolyard bullying on the part of candidates leaves one with the impression that these fella's enjoy scrutinizing by-laws and protocol, a worthy pursuit indeed, especially when you can take

out your competent adversaries.

I am reminded of a band of pirates, self-serving but willing to ransack someones ship as a group for mutual profit.

I would have enjoyed watching M. Keriakos "light 'em up" in the board room.

The intense idiocy should have very rightly come to a glorious head with the election of me, Ben Harris, as President of the Students' Union. But, apparently no one at this school appreciates the fun of "sticking it to the man." Boring. I say. Boring and old and tiring.

As a school, we need reality, not just football. The socially constructed Laurier culture is represented by that most reprehensible symbol on the tee-shirt from Hell -- "Western Goes Down." Who's going?

WLUSU has berthed itself a familiar, "fiscally responsible" engine of mass mediocrity. Congratulations.

**Editorial by Benedict Harris
Arts Page Editor**

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Letters To The Editor

Mary Lou and me

Dear Editor,

The purpose of this letter is not to tell my side of the story, a more impartial version will likely be on the front page. I am not bitter in the least at Elections Council, or the Deans Advisory Council. In fact, I would like to thank both of these groups of people for their time and thorough decision making. I am, however, extremely disappointed with their decision to disqualify me from 1998 WLUSU/WLUSP elections.

The way we make decisions these days frightens me. Although everyone involved (from the Dean, to the Chief Returning Officer) knew that the Elections Policies are in desperate need of a re-write, they used these very same election policies as the starting and ending point in making their decision. Yes, I had some poster violations. I didn't dot my i's and cross my t's. I did however run a highly ethical campaign.

When virtually all the Executive candidates signed a petition to have Renee's (and thus, mine) campaign put under the microscope, we did not do the same to them. Is it right that we be disqualified for having two more minor infractions than the candidate whose team relentlessly dug around for dirt on our campaign? This digging included harassing colleagues and going through things in my office. Our campaign was put under the microscope while everyone else's was simply watched - is that fair? This is a time when what clearly felt right, should have been done. I may have lost the election - but at least I did not lose my integrity.

I want to tell you all a story, the same one I told the D.A.C. after they rendered their verdict. Mary Lou Retton was an American gymnast competing in the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. No female American gymnast had ever won an Olympic Gold medal. Mary Lou Retton nailed the final vault of the competition. She knew that her vault was perfect, the crowd knew that her vault was perfect, and her coach knew that her vault was perfect.

Coach Bella, one of the most renowned gymnastic coaches ever, was so excited that he stepped on to the mat. In the rule book, this would mean automatic disqualification. Mary Lou saw out of the corner of her eye

that Bella was on the mat. For a split second she thought, are they going to disqualify me? They didn't disqualify her, even though the rule book said that they were required to. They gave her a perfect "10." She became the first American woman to win Olympic Gold in gymnastics.

The decision these judges made was never scrutinized because it felt right to everyone. This was the type of courageous decision making that I was looking for from both elections Council and D.A.C. Their lack of courage has rendered this entire election a farce and has rocked people's faith in the Students' Union.

I want to thank all of my supporters. Regardless of how this all ended up, you guys made it worthwhile. Michael Keriakos - WLUSU President...it had a nice ring to it.

Michael Keriakos

Campaign thanks

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to all those individuals who took the time to assist me in my bid for WLUSU President over the last few weeks. It has been a long haul, but it has been well worth it. Many people have dedicated a lot of their own personal time and effort into the campaign and I just want to them to know that it certainly did not go unnoticed. With the results of the election yet to be determined, I want to take this time to let those people know that I appreciate all they have done, and I hope they believe me when I say that it won't be soon forgotten. Because of my friends, I can honestly say that regardless of the outcome of the election, I feel as though I have come out a winner.

Yours truly,

Michael Bradley

Issues vs. unfair scrutiny

Dear Editor,

This year's Students' Union elections have clearly been one of the most controversial to date. My initial decision to run for the position of VP:UA was a difficult one for me to

make but it came about after realizing that I thought I could truly make a difference. I was not given that opportunity.

People can debate until days end whether or not Mike and I deserved to be given the fines which resulted in our disqualification. I do not believe that this is the real issue at hand. The fines are petty and I would be shocked to learn of any candidate who had not committed similar violations (i.e. did not have their posters on a non-brick surface at some point throughout their campaign). The fact of the matter is Mike and I were the only two candidates put under the microscope.

Throughout the last 5 days I have had my name slandered and have been accused of running an unethical campaign. The only type of campaign I have run is one based on issues... issues that have been lost and forgotten throughout this chaos. It's unfortunate that not every candidate could have remained focused on their own platform as opposed to concerning themselves with finding fault in someone else's.

Why I have been accused of running an unethical campaign is a question I still have not been able to answer. I have heard that much of this is due to a professor and some of my Coordinators having endorsed my candidacy. My fellow candidates have assumed that I somehow encouraged or requested that these people support me in public, seeing this as an abuse of my position as a T.A. and as a current WLUSU Vice President. The individuals making these accusations have yet to speak to me about this matter. My side of the story has yet to be sought.

I thought I was taking the high road when Mike and I began our campaign and did not concern ourselves with reporting petty poster violations committed by other candidates. I thought we were playing a fair game when we focused our efforts on the issues rather than slandering other people's name.

Playing fair may have been the game we were playing, but that's apparently not the way you win. It's a pretty shitty lesson to learn... but end of day, I'd rather loose and feel good about the choices I have made, then win and hurt someone in the process.

Renée Pelletier

LettersToTheEditor

The fabulous Footers!

Dear Editor,

I hung up. The first time I called Foot Patrol, I actually hung up before they could answer. Barely dark out and not going far, I thought they would think I was stupid. But, I paused, took a breath, and picked up the phone again. After a somewhat shaky start, my first Foot Patrol experience ended on very stable footing. A team arrived within just minutes of my hanging up the phone and they happened to be two of the nicest people. They made walking home not just another thing I had to do but a whole social activity. My first walk was such a fantastic one, I started taking Foot Patrol more and more often and now I feel that I must be one of their most frequent customers.

Some people are apprehensive about taking Foot Patrol because they don't want to bother anyone and also because they figure it takes too long. I want to put an end to

people's misconceptions. In my experience, I have never waited more than five minutes and have never had anyone think anything of where I was going. Foot Patrol is a fabulous service - it's efficient, fun and these people really want to walk you home, so take advantage of them.

More importantly, however, I wanted to say thank you to all of the "footers" who give their time to provide such a great service. I admire all of you for dedicating your evenings to ensure that the rest of us get home from ours safely. Walking home with you has been a pleasure and makes braving the blistering cold almost bearable. Thank you.

Code 4, Beth Hirshfeld

Study skills forgotten

Dear Editor,

I am a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA) for the Study Skills program at WLU. I'm writing because I'm

trying to understand why our department, which I believe should be one of the most used and well-known on campus, can hardly even be found by most students. [An earlier] Editorial of the Cord outlined some of the important services on campus, and I would like to remind you about another one.

In case you're wondering, we're located beside Health Services. We specialize in workshops, and one-on-one consultations with students, where we can examine their study techniques, look over assignments, think about stress management, give them tips on time management, show them how to do well on exams, and the list goes on. Does this stuff sound important to anyone out there? Hello? The reason I applied to be a PLA is because I figured almost everyone on campus has at least one of the above-mentioned problems, and I could be trained to be of use to them.

Let me demonstrate how useful I am, shall I? I conducted a "Time Management and Procrastination" Workshop last week. These topics

seem to be two of the biggest problems for students today... hence the neverending "I never have any time" complaint we hear incessantly. Well, imagine my surprise when NO ONE showed up to the Workshop. Was it a lack of advertising? Nope. Were people too busy? Probably. Too busy to attend a workshop on How To Be Less Busy??

Hopefully, most of us are here at WLU to learn a couple things. Our department exists to help make things easier for you... why wouldn't you use it? Besides, it's free!! Students who have come to see us return saying that their homework has greatly improved, and they feel better about how things are going in general. We offer a lot of practical advice on a variety of issues, and we even have free handouts. I really hope students aren't thinking that it's an embarrassing thing to be asking for help about their schoolwork... I admire that approach far more than the student who would rather complain about how tough everything is than to be pro-active about their concerns... especially when it's free!!

People should be knocking our door down. Instead, it's eerily quiet in the office.

Please don't continue to miss out on such a useful service. For anyone that's interested, we have an Exam Preparation & Performance Workshop on March 4 at 5:30 pm (room L127). I'm sure there will be a good turnout!

Liz Kochummen
Peer Learning Assistant, Study Skills

Election circus

Dear Editor,

Before I start I would like to congratulate the new president of the school. However this letter is in full support of my president and friend Mike Keriakos. I think that the elections committee needs to seriously look at the policies that are in place as it regards to elections. Mike Keriakos was booted out of the election for the dumbest things I have ever heard of. Mike was one of the strongest candidates and the worst part was he did not get beaten out on the issues, it was all about posters and other small issues. It seems to me that the elections committee has a little too much time on their hands to go around and find these violations. The real losers of this whole process is us the students, we are being deprived of a great candidate for president, I wish that all of you could see the side of Mike Keriakos that we see, a caring, compassionate man who would have been a breath of fresh air in our school. This whole circus has made me become even more disenchanted with the election process and I did not think that was possible. So in conclusion, Mike and Renée good luck and I would like to say that it was an esteem pleasure to serve on your campaign staff.

Chris Worobec

ShakingTheTree

Canada's Sinkable History

SARAH PARKER
 CORD OPINION

It appears that yet another important piece of Canadian history has been lost in the shuffle of selective memory.

Titanic is this season's blockbuster movie event and with the ship's "unsinkable" construction and lavish interior, it is indeed a marketable tragedy. But the Titanic has a rival.

Until 1987, the greatest peacetime shipping disaster in terms of passengers lost, belonged to Canada. On May 29, 1914, the steamship Empress of Ireland, en route to Liverpool, England from Quebec City, crashed into a Norwegian ship, the Storstad, and sank fourteen minutes later at the

mouth of the St. Lawrence River.

Loaded with the less than glamorous bourgeoisie and 200 members of the Salvation Army, the Empress of Ireland had a passenger death toll of 840, and lost 172 crew. The Titanic lost 807 passengers and 696 crew.

But fourteen minutes left no time for awareness let alone mobility for escape, whereas with two hours and 40 minutes to tempt fate, the Titanic was indeed a "luxury" liner.

The outbreak of World War I months later does provide one reason for this ship's slip from history, but there are always personal faces to a disaster and mine is one of them.

My great-grandfather's first wife and daughter were on board the Empress of Ireland as members of the Salvation Army. They were in steerage and therefore had no hope for escape, and like most, probably perished in their bunks. A few years

later, my great-grandfather remarried and it was in this second marriage that my mother's father was born.

Without a doubt, Titanic is one of the most powerful and upsetting films I have ever seen. Its realism has given me insight into the death of the little girl, my great aunt, who sits staring innocently behind glass from on top of my piano. And to think that my life is dependent upon her death.

But mine is just one of many Canadian families affected by this shipwreck. Its impact courses throughout so many bloodlines across the country that it warrants a more prominent place in Canadian memory, but the obsessive fascination with Titanic proves how history is merely the hand-picked stories a few people choose to tell.

It's a shame that Canadiana is so often perceived as a dead weight.

AGuideToGoodLiving

The Curse of Sid Valentine

RW HICKEY
 CORD OPINION

I don't know who Saint Valentine was. I don't know what he did to be sainted, although I'm sure it was saintly. Maybe he drove all the telemarketers out of Estonia. Maybe he invented the four-slice toaster. I don't care.

Regardless of how keen a fellow he was, Sid Valentine (or whatever his name was) has managed to make my life a living hell every February fourteenth for years.

When I was little, Valentine's Day seemed benevolent enough. At school, half the day would be reserved for festivities. You'd hand out cheap cards to every kid in your class, even the funny smelling one. In return, you'd find that your own make-shift mailbox overflowed with sweet sentiments from your peers,

even the funny smelling one. You'd eat cupcakes topped with impossibly pink icing and a single, stale cinnamon heart, and everyone went home happy.

Then it all went horribly, horribly wrong. Teachers stopped clearing their schedules for Valentine's parties. Kids stopped bringing in cupcakes, and the distribution of Valentines became covert and selective. February fourteenth had ceased being a day of communal bliss. It had twisted into twenty-four hours of nail-biting anxiety.

I can't begin to count the number of Valentines that I've clutched over the years, in a cold clammy grasp, composed especially for some vision of loveliness. Ultimately, they all ended up undelivered in a crinkled heap at the back of my locker. I *can*, however, count the number of Valentines I received. They were from my mom.

Now, my Valentine's Days have taken on an even more desperate

tone. My parents have rechristened it "Our Son Is Going To Die Pathetic and Alone" Day. Oh, how I weep.

Despite my pain, some of you stubbornly will celebrate Valentine's Day this Saturday. If you must, please spare the hackneyed chocolates and long stemmed roses. Those gaudy trinkets will vanish in a moment, leaving you with nothing. I have an idea that will truly set your special day apart.

This Valentine's, say "I love you" with a roasted turkey. Unlike candies and flowers, a good size turkey will last more than a week! It'll yield an endless supply of delicious soups and sandwiches. Once you've plundered your plenitude of poultry, you'll still have the skeleton, and I'll bet you crafty types could make those bones into some attractive and eye-catching jewelry! Sounds romantic, no?

Try turkey this Sid Valentine's Day. You'll thank me later.

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Human Genetics

Changing conceptions of nature

LORI DYSIEVICK
CORD FEATURES

Although the old method of making babies is as popular as ever, more and more couples are finding that it isn't working as well.

The rising number of couples using the services of infertility clinics in Canada indicates that more people are having problems conceiving children.

Ruth Clarke R.N., head of the operating facilities in the in-vitro fertilization clinic at the Toronto Hospital, General Division, says her centre deals with 4,000 to 5,000 couples annually.

"About one in four couples have problems with infertility. There are seven infertility clinics operating around Ontario. Ours is the largest infertility program in Canada. We do everything - donor insemination,

in-vitro fertilization, and surrogacy," Clarke said.

New reproductive technology services are becoming more common and therefore are often controversial.

Recently, a private fertility clinic in Toronto began to offer "implantation genetic diagnosis" for couples who wanted to ensure that they do not have a child with a genetic disease.

Currently the clinic is able to distinguish 27 different diseases including cystic fibrosis and breast cancer.

The cost of these services is about \$6,500 to \$9,800.

Ethical questions haunt the field about whether the selection of any characteristics about the embryos, gender, hair, eye colour, height should be offered.

"There are private clinics in the U.S. that offer those services," said Clarke. "I don't know of any in Canada."

The private clinic in Toronto only offers the screening for genetic diseases and disorders.

The clinic conceives a few embryos and then determines which ones do not have the gene causing the disease and implants them in the mother.

For many couples that have a high risk of passing on one of these diseases to their children these services are a small miracle.

In Canada, Ontario is the only province that pays for infertility treatment.

"OHIP covers up to three (in-vitro fertilization) cycles, but couples must pay for the drugs. Actually, I am surprised with all the cuts that Harris has made, that they still pay for that," said Clarke.

The drugs that couples must cover the cost for used in treating infertility are expensive, \$3000 to \$5000, according to Clarke.

One of the reasons that the programs have not been cut might be an attempt to keep the birth rate up.

Clarke offered some surprising statistics about the levels of infertility in Canada.

"In the past twenty years, infertility in men has risen by 30% among the general population," she cited some of the causes as exposure to paint fumes, fashionable tight pants and marijuana.

"Smoking marijuana deforms sperm, they may have two heads or two tails and so they can only swim in circles" stated Clarke.

She told a story of a man being treated for infertility who had a sperm sample with a very high number of abnormal sperm. So Clarke asked him if he smoked marijuana.

"He was angry and said, 'Yeah, what's it to you?' I replied with 'I don't care if you do but you might want to stop until you get your wife pregnant.' Then I explained how I knew. He was really surprised. Most people don't realize what a big difference it makes."

Another cause of higher rates of infertility in both men and women is the increase of infection of sexually transmitted diseases.

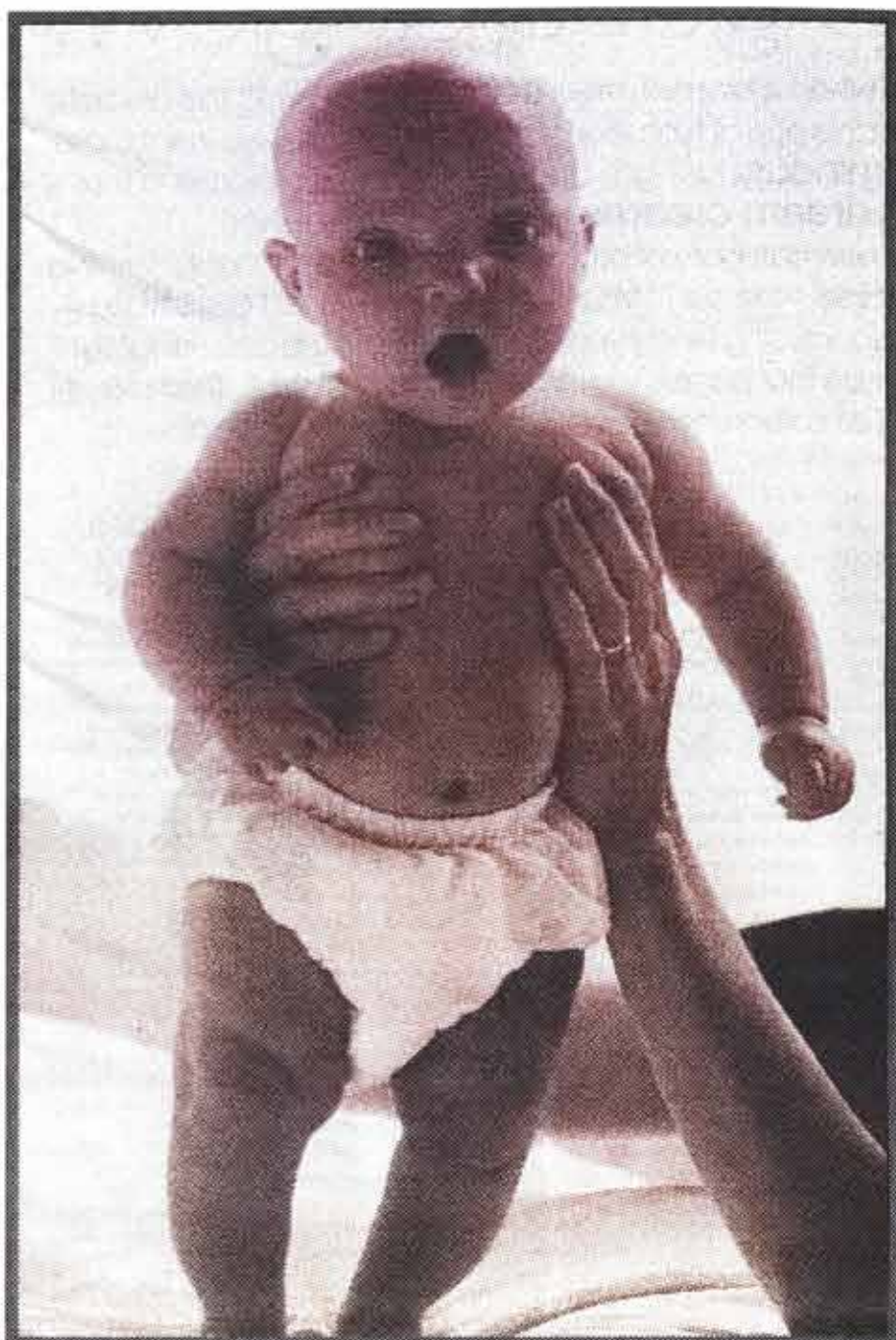
"[STDs] like endometriosis, pelvic inflammatory disease and chlamydia. These diseases often scar the fallopian tubes so the egg can't move to the uterus," Clarke said. This scarring often causes female infertility.

Other problems causing infertility include hostile mucus in a woman's vaginal fluids, high levels of the male hormones in women or a common cold or the flu.

"Making sperm or ovum takes your body 85 days," Clarke said.

If you had the flu or a cold then the sperm or ovum your body began to develop at the time won't work very well and you could be infertile when that sperm or ovum is ready, 85 days later.

For women the infertility treat-



Thousands have infertile couples have become parents through in-vitro fertilization and reproductive technologies.

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If you could clone anyone, who would it be?



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Shane Dickenson
Third year Honours Business Administration



John Travolta, so there will be one for me and one for Kelly Preston.



Julie Holbrook
Fourth year Honours Sociology

I wouldn't clone anyone. I don't believe in it.

Gurpreet Thind
Second year Honours Economics

Mother Teresa

Sam Corbey
Second year Honours Political Science/Communications

ment is often an awkward experience.

Hormones are often given to women in large doses causing extreme side effects.

This can make the experience very uncomfortable for the woman causing mood changes and physical

also a large time commitment. Depending on their treatment, women and some men must come to the clinic once a day for injections and to monitor their progress.

Clarke explained, "It's a real hassle for them to have to be there at 7:00 a.m. every day. I'll have about 30 women waiting there for me in the morning at 7:00 and if they are a bit late or miss one we have to stop the whole thing. It won't work."

Clarke also stressed how difficult it can be for a couple to undergo the emotional experience of creating a baby in a lab.

"It's not a nice way to make a baby under all those lights with all those people," she said.

One of the consequences of conceiving a child using fertility treatment is the higher risk of multiple births.

The septuplets born in the U.S. recently were the result of fertility drugs.

The research into improving reproductive technology can only grow with the demand for the services increasing.

There are no concrete statistics on how many couples suffer from infertility in Canada because there is no governmental regulation of any of these services.

A bill regulating reproductive technologies died when the 1997 federal election was called.

So prospective parents have complete freedom to access these services amidst the controversy.

Smoking marijuana deforms sperm; they may have two heads or two tails and so they can only swim in circles.

discomfort.

"We have to pump them with hormones. The ovary, normally the size of an almond, grows to about the size of a walnut when you ovulate. But on these hormones it grows to the size of an orange," said Clarke.

Using the infertility services is

The human cloning debate

RANDY WAECHTER

CORD FEATURE

The international scientific community has been experiencing an acute case of anxiety recently, with the announcement that researchers in the United States are prepared to attempt the cloning of human beings.

It would seem that governments around the world, are not prepared for this step in the "evolution" of biological research.

They claim that we must "police" scientific research and control the intellectual activities of these scientists in the interest of the human race.

Scientists have finally stumbled upon an area of research which strikes a nerve in the minds of governments and the people that these political institutions represent.

It becomes clear that there is much more to this debate than the question of whether scientists should be allowed to clone human beings.

The underlying, and much more important issue here is whether scientific research should be "policed". By presenting a bill throughout the European community which would ban all research into human cloning, governments are ensuring control over science.

With this action these governments are attempting to set a frightening precedence which would control the social institution which has resulted in the current lifestyle so many of us take for granted. They have over-reacted and moved with such velocity in the wake of public opinion that they haven't even had the opportunity to look into this issue or even contemplate how they would go about enforcing such a scientific ban.

Indeed, unless almost every nation on earth banned such research, scientists will simply conduct this research in countries which have not banned such activities.

I would also contend that there will be some nations that choose to endorse this line of research and even support those scientists who

choose to conduct human cloning research within their borders. This would inevitably result in a "black-market" of scientific research, with all of the consequences that are attributed to black market activities.

Why is it inevitable that some countries would encourage this line of research despite international outcry? Simply because, as has been demonstrated time and time again, it is impossible to control innate human motivation - more specifically, that of curiosity. We have an extreme desire to understand the world around us, as has been demonstrated for thousands of years. The idea of banning knowledge would without a doubt encourage researchers to tackle this area with even more fervour.

Which results in an equally controversial and extremely important question: Is a ban such as this effectively a ban on human knowledge, and is it right? For those who relate with the famous words of the English philosopher Francis Bacon (1561-1626) "Knowledge is power", the answer is obvious.

What future developments are we denying ourselves by banning this area of research? A cure for AIDS, or cancer? What about knowledge into the genetic bases of numerous diseases from schizo-

phrenia to Autism? Since all scientific knowledge is based on research into related and non-related fields, this is truly a distinct possibility.

I shudder to think of where the human race would be today if, in the 30s and 40s, the international community had decided to ban all

be prevalent if nuclear research hadn't been developed.

Much of what we know about chemistry and physics is based on what we have learned from nuclear research and application. The number of deaths per year from pollution and carbon deposits from the burning of fossil fuels alone would be staggering without the development of nuclear generating stations.

The fact is that with any human advancement we must accept the good with the bad.

For some reason these European governments now believe that we can have the good without the bad through the banning and control of scientific research. This is an interesting notion, but one which is superficial and cannot be achieved. Banning this line of research may seem like the "right" thing to do in the short-run, but there are "bads" which must also be accepted, such as the stunting of scientific progress. This will occur simply because scientific research is an entity which advances as a whole.

A scientist in Canada will struggle for years with a research question until a researcher in Japan conducts an experiment which presents a solution to the Canadian's research problem, and thus the cycle continues. What will be the result of banning this line of research? What questions might it answer?

Unfortunately, we have no accurate way of answering these queries.

In the meantime, I continue to hope that the European ban on human cloning doesn't expand to other countries around the world.

I must agree that there are dangers to this line of research, as research into nuclear power - the force that drives the entire universe - was dangerous.

However, like all scientific discoveries, we must find comfort in the fact that human beings, as a whole, are not brash and destructive.

Our history has been wrought with those scientific revolutionists who have ultimately changed the way we perceive the world despite the outcries of those around them.

Where would we be today if Copernicus had not concluded that the earth revolved around the sun, or if Eratosthenes hadn't concluded that the earth was round, or if Darwin had not purported the theory of evolution?

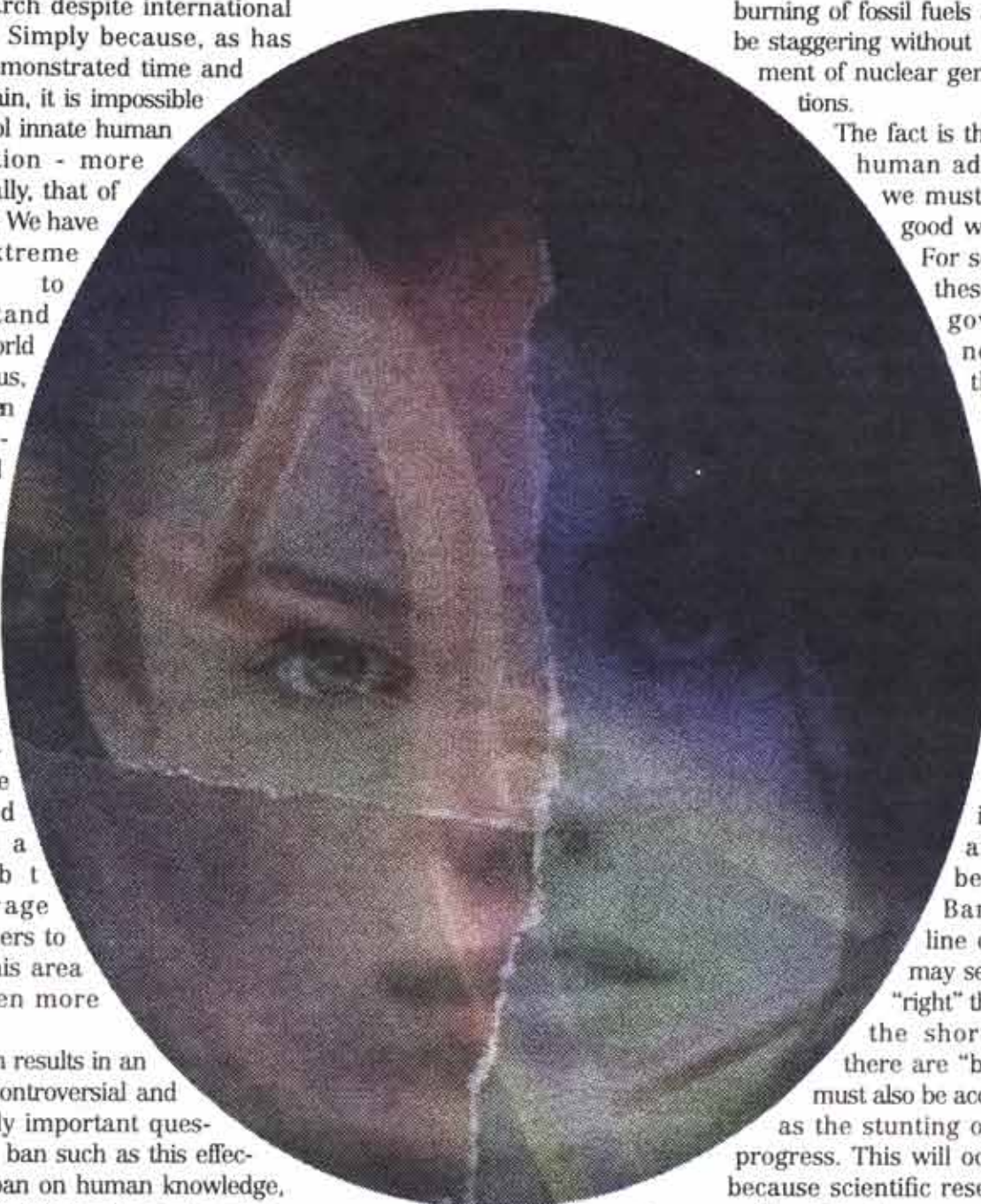
All of these famous individuals received violent opposition to their ideas and their research by society. It is not unusual for human beings to oppose new ideas and beliefs.

Despite this, scientific research has continued for centuries, constantly changing our views of the world and our standard of living.

During the medieval period, the Christian church threatened to execute any scientist who carried out "banned" research activities. Even during this time, scientific research continued.

In the same way, I believe that despite international bans scientific research into the cloning of human beings will continue.

In the same way that we are now comfortable with the notion of a round Earth and a heliocentric universe, we must have faith that research into the cloning of human beings will offer more "good" than it will "bad", and, like the human race has accomplished throughout history, the bad in this area of scientific research will be minimized.



nuclear

testing.

At first, one might argue that we wouldn't be under constant threat of annihilating ourselves, and that the atrocities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki would never have occurred, and this is true. But I contend that many, many more people would have died from various illnesses and accidents that would still

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Walking the Foot Patrol way

SARAH RIDLEY

CORD STUDENT LIFE

Have you ever been walking home at night and become uncomfortably aware that there's someone walking behind you and you don't know who it is? Have you ever crossed the street to avoid a dark laneway or someone in a parked car? Even if you haven't experienced a situation like this, there's no reason to start now.

Thanks to Laurier's Foot Patrol program, everyone who needs to walk home late at night can be sure of a safe walk. The program is free and runs every night from 6:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. (2:30 a.m. from Wednesday to Saturday).

Footers walk in teams of two, one male and one female. All it takes to get a walk home is one quick phone call to the Foot Patrol Office at 886-FOOT.

I recently had the opportunity to follow two Footers on their shift. I don't think it's possible to truly appreciate the dedication and good spirits of the members of Foot Patrol until you've literally walked a mile (or ten) in their shoes. "No walk is too short," says Foot Patrol Co-ordinator Rob Chiasson. Apparently no walk is too long either, as our second walk of the night took an hour and fifteen minutes to complete! Seasoned Footers assured me that a walk of that length is not typical but that an average shift is between five

and seven hours in length. On a busy night, Footers will be walking for most of their shift. A good workout maybe, but not the most enviable job when the weather turns nasty.

Laurier Footers are well equipped for any emergency (weather or otherwise). Every team carries a first aid kit, flashlight, and radio, with which they keep in touch with the on-campus dispatcher. They can be seen wearing bright yellow Banff ski jackets or bright blue rain slickers, both with 'FOOT PATROL' stenciled in reflective lettering on the back and front. All Footers are trained in CPR; this training is provided, and is not a requirement for application to the program. When they're not walking someone home, Footers on duty can be found almost anywhere on campus - patrolling paths, buildings, or looking for walks at Wilf's or the Turret.

The primary purpose of the program is to ensure that Laurier students have a safe way home at night. But there is another reason to take Foot Patrol home. "At this time of night it's more of a social thing than a safety thing," said one of our first walks, Cheryl Baratto, a first year Business student who lives in University Place. "Later at night it's a safety thing too."

Many Footers apply to the program because it's a fun way to get

involved on campus and meet people. There certainly is a strong sense of community among the group. They get together regularly for socials and events, and participate in organized activities like Winter

support of Security is very important to the effectiveness of the program. I experienced this teamwork firsthand while on duty with members of Foot Patrol.

While walking through the

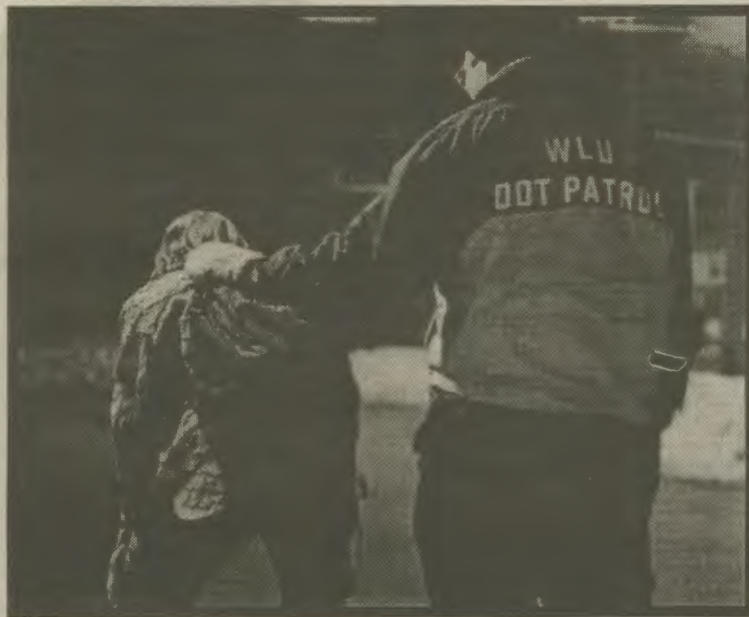


PHOTO: STEPHEN WILLIAMS

Foot Patrol: they're even there at your least memorable times.

Carnival and the intramural sports program. Foot Patrol could also be found this year helping out during Orientation Week, at Camp Laurier, and the IRC First Year Formal.

The Foot Patrol program often works in conjunction with WLU Security and participates on the University Safety Committee. The

Science Building, we noticed a student riding a bicycle in the courtyard. A quick report to dispatch brought a campus security guard within minutes, who took off in pursuit of the student and his companion. This was not a life-threatening situation, but it was encouraging to see how effective the communica-

tion network would be in an emergency.

Laurier's Foot Patrol program has been going strong for five years now. There are over 100 volunteers currently involved in the program, including three coordinators. Interested students apply in March, and interviews are conducted then. There are also positions reserved to be filled in September, to give first year students a chance to apply. The response of applicants has always been very enthusiastic; this past year more than 500 students applied for the 100 positions. This is a testimony to the generous nature of Laurier students, as Foot Patrol, unlike many university walk-home programs, is a completely volunteer organization.

Some students may hesitate to call Foot Patrol because 'it's only a short walk' or they 'don't want to bother them - they're probably busy.' This may especially be true for first-year students living in residence. Rob Chiasson emphasizes that a walk is never too short to call Foot Patrol. "Those are plum jobs," he says, smiling. Chances are, a team will be going your way anyway, and if not, there's usually a team on campus to respond quickly to your request.

Next time you find yourself facing a walk home at night, think twice before heading out alone. A safe walk is only a phone call away.

Don applications due

MARTIN KEARNS

CORD STUDENT LIFE

What if someone offered you an opportunity to move back into residence at the end of next August to relive the first year experience? Would you take it?

You get to leave your boring summer job a week early to get here before frosh week and move in unhindered by crowded parking lots and screaming icebreakers. This time around however, when you get to your room you discover that you have it all to yourself and it even comes with a bathroom.

Now, you're probably wondering what the hell you do the week before frosh week while nobody's on campus and you could be at

home making money. Well, put it this way - it's like training camp for Laurier's greatest team, the residence staff team. This team always has a winning season and most certainly makes the playoffs every year.

The day after you move in you will have your first team meeting. When you get in that room it doesn't take long to figure out that you are surrounded by the best players at Laurier. It is obvious the coaches did their homework and as you look around the room, there is a good mix of seasoned veterans and promising recruits. Like most training camps, it is tough and you have to come prepared, but if you didn't have what it takes you wouldn't be there.

The week is intense and as it draws to a close, you can feel the excitement as the upcoming season approaches. It's a long season but your team is equipped to handle almost anything and you have the utmost confidence in your 60 new teammates.

Having played almost two seasons now on this team, I can say that it does require a large commitment, but like all successful teams, the rewards are more than worth it.

If you think you may be interested in being a part of this team, ask a don about the experience or pick up an application and job description from the Dean of Students office and get it in before Friday, February 20th. Tryouts are soon!

Drinking101

ALEXIS ARROWSMITH

CORD STUDENT LIFE

Zombie

1/2 oz. Dark Rum
3 parts orange juice
1/2 oz. Light Rum
1 part lemon mix
Layer grenadine along the edge of the glass.

Shooter: B-52

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1/3 Bailey's
1/3 Orange Brandy
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Devon & Taylor

Dear Devon and Taylor,

I find myself oddly attracted to Ben Harris. Ever since I found out that he is running for a position on Students' Union, he's all I can think about. I would really like to share a can of 7-UP with him.

When I learned that he also hated The Tragically Hip, I knew we were soul mates. His monkey drawings entice me, not to mention his worldly wisdom that is exuded in Letters To Ben.

I'm too shy to approach such an icon. What's the best way to meet this artistic genius?

Signed, "I Wanna Caress Harris"

Dear Devon and Taylor,

I broke up with my boyfriend less than a year ago. It wasn't a nasty breakup, but we both realized it was time to spread our wings instead of our legs. Since then, we haven't had a lot of contact and have become only casual acquaintances.

However, when I do see him, I am so attracted to him that I want to jump him right on campus. I only have a physical attraction for this boy and I can't seem to get over it. How do I get over him?

Signed, "Busty Lusty"

Dear Busty,

There comes a point in each of our lives, when we realize that we can be attracted to someone physically, while knowing that a relationship on an emotional and intellectual level is impossible.

Obviously, you haven't reached this realization yet. Oh well. For you ignorant types, we suggest a quick lay. So grab your honey and as Nike says, "Just Do It." Have fun!

Yours, Devon and Taylor

Dear Wanna,

So, you're attracted to Ben. Wow. Then again, who isn't?

Your attraction may be easily explained. Perhaps it's Ben's potential position of power that is luring you to him. Or, maybe it's Ben's left wing politics that represents a radical, therefore, sexy magnetism for you.

Who knows? It could be an honest lusty craving you have for this scrumptious individual.

If you see him, approach him. What do you have to lose? Good luck.

Yours, Devon and Taylor

If you need advice, write to Devon and Taylor and drop your letter off at the Cord offices. Anonymity guaranteed.

Learning to be successful

A seminar about life, business, and school

ANDREA THOMAS
CORD STUDENT LIFE

How would you define personal success? Would it involve having lots of money or being respected and admired by others? Or would you consider yourself successful if you simply lived a happy and fulfilling life by a meaningful philosophy?

On February 3, students were challenged to consider these questions at "Success 101," a seminar hosted by Laurier's Campus Crusade for Christ. Three speakers were invited to share with students about how they have found success in school, business and life.

The first speaker of the evening was Bruce Fornier, an associate professor of economics at WLU. Fornier suggested that the key to success in school is to be a balanced person. "University is not just for your brain," Fornier remarked. Students should take the time to develop the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of their lives.

Fornier encouraged students to be giving, to set high standards for themselves, and to be accountable to others. Fornier asserted that a person of integrity must choose to do what is right if there is a conflict between nice and right, and that people should be allowed to experience the bad consequences of the choices they make.

Fornier concluded by challeng-

ing students to actively think about the material they are learning and to use their time in school to develop themselves as complete individuals.

Derek Cairns, Principal and Director Vice President of

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Brightside Financial, spoke about achieving success in business. Cairns stated that success is not just about accomplishing material goals, but rather success is "a philosophy of your mind, a path you are traveling."

Cairns stated that successful business people are creative and fluent in their thinking, are less sensitive to rejection and disapproval, and refuse to equate failure with their own self-worth. Successful individuals welcome challenges with optimism, and invite opportunities to learn from everyone,

including competitors.

In the end, Cairns asserted that "there isn't enough money in the world to make you happy." Instead, success comes from living a healthy life with no regrets; a life where you recognize that there is a creator and you achieve the maximum potential given to you by that creator.

The evening concluded with Paul Henderson, hero of the 1972 Canada-Russia hockey series, who spoke about achieving success in life. Henderson stated that after all the attention he received with his historic goal, he woke up one day to realize that he didn't like who he was or where he was going. He began to question, "When it's all over, what do I want my life to count for?"

Henderson sought spiritual guidance, and after a year of searching he became a Christian in 1975. Henderson discovered that "You can't live successfully without a spiritual direction. A value system is needed to hold things together. Henderson ultimately encouraged students to become "Godly world change agents," and to live life lightly and freely. He concluded by challenging all students to adopt a spiritual dimension in their lives.

For further information about Success 101 or Campus Crusade for Christ, please contact Carla or Derek at dcyu@easynet.on.ca.

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KAREN MCCRANK
STUDENT CAREER ASSISTANT
CORD STUDENT LIFE

Whether you are graduating this year or just looking to take some time away from school, working abroad is definitely a worthwhile option to explore. Working or volunteering in a foreign country can be an experience of a lifetime.

Many of you have probably considered this possibility but do not know where to get started or what opportunities exist. Finding the best resources and knowing where to begin is not really as confusing as it may first seem.

With the right preparation, self evaluation, and clear objectives, you too can work abroad. No matter what your educational background is, chances are you will find numerous job openings in a variety of fields.

If your interest lies in volun-

teering in developing countries, there are a number of reputable organizations who are always looking for enthusiastic candidates.

Whatever you plan to do, there are always great resources you can access to help make your arrangements less time consuming and more efficient. A good place to find these resources is in Career Services' "Work, Study, Travel Abroad" section.

Graduates looking for permanent positions overseas can locate companies in the Directory of Canadian Companies Overseas, the Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! newsletter or our Jobs and Careers Abroad directory. Similar information can be found by accessing this web site: <http://www.netjobs.com/job-seekers.html>.

Another popular work venture is to teach English as a second language in a foreign country such as Korea, Japan, or China. The number of these teaching positions is increasing all the time and it is a good opportunity if you are interested in a career in education. Most of the positions require

a Bachelor's degree and a commitment of one year, but there are a few that offer summer positions for students returning to school in the fall. With this in mind, Career Services' Teaching Abroad Binder is a good place to start your search.

If you want assistance in traveling abroad The Student Work Abroad Programme (SWAP) may be for you. They take care of many arrangements, provide orientation sessions and ongoing hosting services in the host country.

If you are interested in making a difference to countries in need of support, there are a number of good opportunities. One such opportunity is Canada World Youth, an organization that trains and sends young volunteers to countries in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe.

For more information and resources on working and volunteering abroad, visit Career Services at 232 King Street North, call 884-0710 ext. 4495, or view www.wlu.ca/~wwwcs.co.

What's Happening Here

Memory and Concentration Workshop
February 11, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
L127 (Library)

For more information, contact Counselling Services at 884-0710 ext. 2338.

SCA Information Series
February 11, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Career Services

Find out about the volunteer Student Career Assistant program. For more information, contact Career Services at 232 King Street.

Effective Stress Management Techniques: An Overview
February 24, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
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Learn specific strategies for identifying the causes of stress, managing physical responses, controlling disruptive thoughts, and maintaining a relaxed state under stressful conditions. For more information, contact Counselling Services at 884-0710 ext. 2338.

Deadline for Application to SCA Program
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Career Services

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Hawks on the golden trail

MIKE MCKENNA
CORD SPORTS

A two game losing streak heading into the playoff can't be considered an optimal situation for the Laurier Women's Hockey team, but with this Saturday's one game showdown with the Guelph Gryphons looming, the regular season is in the past. This team is looking towards a birth in the National Championships.

The Hawks, who finished in third place in the regular season's standings, will face off against the second place Gryphons Saturday at 3 p.m. at Varsity Arena.

The winner will not only gain a spot in the OUA Final Sunday Afternoon, but also a trip to Montreal for the first ever CIAU National Championships.

In the final game of the regular season Sunday night, the Hawks showed that a spot in the National Championships is a more than realistic goal.

Playing without leading scorer Cheryl Pounder, the Hawks entertained the first place University of Toronto Varsity Blues.

The Blues entered the contest having lost only one game all season, and in control of first place in the standings.

Joyce Torrington got the start in the Hawks net, and the rookie net-minder did not disappoint the thousands of fans in the Waterloo Arena.

The Blues put the pressure on

early and often, but the Hawks played well in their own end keeping the quality scoring chances to a minimum.

Torrington was there to close the door when Toronto came close.

After a scoreless first period, the Hawks grabbed a 1-0 lead when Lisa Backman found the back of the net on a beautiful pass from Caroline Hall.

The goal seemed to spark the Hawks, as they were getting solid contributions from all three forward lines before the referee decided to take the game into his own hands late in the second period.

After Laurier killed off a 5 on 3 power play to end the second, the team went to the dressing rooms with the Hawks still up by a goal.

Since one 5 on 3 didn't seem to be enough, the third period started with a continuation of the Hawks parade to the penalty box.

Laurier finally succumbed to the Blues attack early in the third, when Urzula May put one past Charmaine Boteju, who had replaced Torrington in the Hawk net at the midway point of the contest.

Toronto then netted the winner, again on the power play, making it a 2-1 decision for the visitors.

The Hawks had to be pleased with their effort for the evening, and with some fine tuning this week, they should be ready for "Showdown Saturday" at Varsity



PHOTO: GEOFFREY U

The Hawks will be out in search for a place in the CIAU Championships this weekend.

Arena.

As the season comes down to one game, and one game only, the team will need to be ready to go come Saturday afternoon.

A total team effort will be needed right from the net out.

Grit and determination will win this game, and gain the Hawks a shot at the National Championship.

Good luck girls. Knock em' dead, and give Laurier Athletics something to smile about. Don't forget that game time is at 3:00 p.m. this Saturday at Varsity Arena.

Ready to take on the world

SCOTT O'HARA
CORD SPORTS

On the afternoon of Sunday, February 1st, Brent Laing and the rest of Team Ontario faced off against Alberta in the Karcher Canadian Junior Curling Championship.

Playing before a large crowd of over a 1,000 and a national television audience of several million on CBC, Laing and his Ontario team mates were victorious in capturing the national championship.

"It was an incredible opportunity to represent our province at a tournament where we played against the best players in this country. It was a lot of fun," stated Laing upon returning to Wilfrid Laurier.

Laing and his team mates will now represent Canada at the Star Choice World Junior Championships in Thunder Bay, Ontario. As a representative of his country, Laing and his team will face the immense pressure of trying to bring home a World Championship, while playing on home turf. "Tons of pressure. But I think we will be prepared and

hopefully, we will put on a good show," stated Laing on his chances of pulling off the National Championship. His outstanding play in the tournament earned him first team All-Star Honours as the top lead at the tournament.

Laing, who is a first-year Honours Economics student, also plays for the Laurier curling squad while balancing his Provincial and now National duties.

Having been away preparing for the week long tournament, and with the World Championships from March 20th-29th, Laing will be keeping himself busy.

With the opportunity to watch one of their fellow residence members on national television, fellow residents at Willison Hall were quite excited by the matter at hand. Laing's roommate Mike Painter-Main stated, "It was incredible to see Brent represent our school and our province so well. We're all proud of him. I think I'll go find him and give him a hug!" O.K. Mike! The rest of us might not hug him, but we'll wish him well at the World Championships at the end of March.

Laing and his Ontario team mates were victorious...

Hurting finds new meaning for Hawks

CHRIS PEARCE
CORD SPORTS

The Men's Basketball team played two more regular season games last week at home against highly-ranked McMaster, and then down the road at Guelph, against the Gryphons.

Both games had high points for both teams, but they ended with a low outcome for the Hawks. As usual for the squad as of late, they kept it close most of the game, before allowing their competition to take over late.

The team has managed to keep it close into half time and beyond, down by five to Mac, and two to Guelph, after the first frame. Unfortunately though, as the old adage goes, close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades, and a loss is a loss.

Against Mac, a lack of rebounding, and an inability to capitalize on many opportunities told the story of the Hawks' loss. They just couldn't get the lead against a deep Marauder team that simply out ran them in the end.

All-Canadian Titus Channer chipped in his perennial 25 points,

while Hawk Jeff Zdrahal contributed an equally as impressive 23 points for Laurier. Ken Hodgkins and Drew Moir also had a solid effort, with 18 and 14 respectively.

Against Guelph, the results were frighteningly similar. It was a close

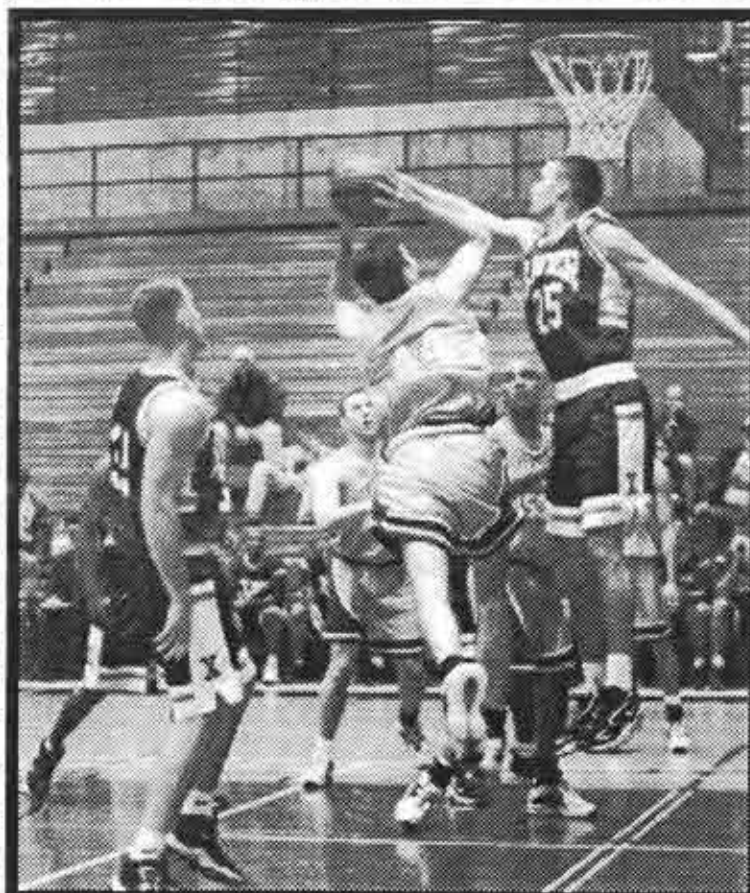
poise in playing strong, but in time all that will matter is the final score of 101-86, Guelph.

A positive sign in this one came from better defense, better shooting, and the more even scoring distribution by the Hawks. Zdrahal popped in 24, despite some foul trouble. Bobby Papadimitriou had 19, and Kenny Hodgkins and Chris Poplofski each had 14 in the loss.

When asked for a comment about the game, forward Patrice Pusey responded by saying, "I don't want to talk about it!"

The Coach feels that people must understand that this is still a young team that must learn a lot in order for progression to take place. Once again, Hawk fans are being asked to wait for success.

According to Coach Kilpatrick, the team still has an extremely hard time with mature units. Well, they'll have to grow up a lot if they're to salvage a win this week. They play Waterloo in the AC today, and then travel to Hamilton to take on Mac again on Saturday, a clear chance for redemption.



FILE PHOTO

The Hawks have been getting stuffed all year; they'll try to change things tonight in the AC, against Waterloo.

game, led by the same characters, that just didn't go the Hawks' way. Guelph is an athletic and talented club, and Laurier showed some

redemption.

Down to the wire

IAN COOPER
CORD SPORTS

This year's 3rd annual Turret Cup was held on January 30th and 31st, and for those of you that were not in attendance, you missed an action packed tournament filled with high intensity hockey.

This year's tourney was more competitive than the previous years, with twelve teams striving for the coveted "Turret Cup." The defending champs, The Heat, were back looking to taste the sweet victory of another championship.

The action really heated up with the semi-final games as The Heat, still in the hunt for a second championship, hooked up against a tough Turret Tools club. In the other semi, the Rangers took on the returning semi-finalists from last year, the

Tourquesters, who were back with a vengeance.

The Heat and Turret Tools played a hard fought, emotional game with tempers flaring. The game ended in a 3-2 win for the determined Tools. The second semi-final was an intense match-up with the Tourquesters coming out on top with a 3-2 victory.

The final showdown between the Tools and Tourquesters was at 5:30 on Saturday. In the final, the teams kept it close with the lead changing hands throughout the game. The two goalies were by far the MVP's of the game, making spectacular saves at both ends of the ice.

After regulation time and 10 minutes of sudden death overtime, the teams were even at 2 a piece.

The goalies were facing their biggest challenge with each side choosing their best three snipers to try and win the Cup for their respective teams.

After facing three shooters each, the goalies kept it a tie game. On the ensuing shot, Mike Johnson of the Tools scored what turned out to be the Championship winning goal.

The tournament was run by a group of second year Physical Education students, and was a great success. It couldn't have happened without the help of the referees and volunteers, as well as the great support from Moison, Domino's, Gus Maue, C-spot, Wilf's, and the WLUSU clothing store.

Congratulations to the Tools for their victory, and we hope to see all the teams back again next year.

The quest begins

SCOTT O'HARA
CORD SPORTS

It was close. Almost too close for comfort, but the Men's Volleyball team is playoff bound for the second year in a row. Despite a slow start and a mid-season coaching change, the Hawks have managed to spin things around.

The Hawks will now face off against Windsor in the OUA final on Tuesday (yesterday) evening to decide who will go on to play in the final.

Laurier's playoff birth was in question for a long time. The Hawks were pounded on by McMaster last Wednesday, and left in a 3 way tie for the fourth and final playoff spot. With that loss

Laurier needed to beat the lowly Waterloo Warriors. They also would need help in other games around the OUA. The Hawks managed to squeak by the Warriors in 5 games on Friday night but then needed to await the outcome of the Guelph vs Brock game, and the Windsor vs McMaster game. With a Brock or Windsor victory, the Hawks would be in. Brock lost, but Windsor won, so the Hawks were in right?

Wrong! McMaster was protesting the game because of a refereeing debacle that took place. As is the case with almost any refereeing protest, they were subsequently turned down and Laurier was finally playoff bound.

The Hawks now are faced with

the task of attempting to match their feats of a year ago, when they shocked the nation by qualifying for the National Championships. Can the Hawks pull off another Cinderella story? It will be tough, but don't count them out yet. They have a very difficult opponent in Windsor, and if they should win that, they will probably face the undefeated Western Mustangs. This Laurier squad is capable of playing with any team on any given day, and let's not underestimate this team pulling together and playing hard for their team leader and captain, Kevin Shonk. Shonk, who is in his final year at Laurier, has often provided spark and inspiration to the squad.

Back to reality

JEFF SCHOUCLA
CORD SPORTS

The new year started off very promising for the Laurier Men's Hockey team with wins over Queens, Ryerson and RMC, but last week they ran into the wall with two horrifying losses.

Friday night, the Hawks travelled to Toronto to play U of T, a team that was definitely beatable. However, the Hawks got off to a terrible start, and by the time the 1st period siren rang, Toronto had a commanding 5-1 lead. Laurier ended up losing the game 6-2.

Despite outshooting U of T 37-29, and having Brian Martin scoring in his Laurier debut, and having Chad Brezynskie score his team leading 12th of the season, this one was over after 20 minutes.

"We just got off to a terrible start and we looked a little rusty and they just capitalized, we pretty much killed our chances of coming back when they scored their 5th goal," noted Coach Wayne Gowing after the game.

The Hawks next destination was Guelph for a matchup with the Gryphons. You could predict a mismatch from the get-go because Guelph came in with a spectacular 13-5-4 record and a 10 point first

place lead in their division. Frank Ivankovic got the nod to start the game in nets but it didn't matter on this night as the Hawks suffered an embarrassing 7-1 loss in which they were dominated in every facet of the game. The only Hawk goal came from rookie Anthony Belza.

Laurier now stands with a record of 6-14-2 with 14 points. Clearly their division is stacked with

tougher opponents, as the third place Waterloo warriors have 28 points

To make matters worse, their road record is a brutal 1-8-1, and their next two games are on the road, with games against York and Laurentian.

The Hawks have handled York all season, and now must play for pride as the season winds down.

Athletes of the week

MIKE MCKENNA
CORD SPORTS

Male Athlete of the Week-Dennis Hoffman

Hoffman, a fourth year Political Science major from Unionville Ontario, has stepped his game up to new levels in recent weeks. His increased offensive output has allowed the Hawks to add a new weapon to their offensive attack. His strong play led the Hawks to a huge win over Waterloo Friday night, and will be needed as the Hawks head to the playoffs and look to fly back to the National

Championships. Female Athlete of the Week-Stephanie Dart

This third year Honours Physical Education and Kinesiology student from Ennismore, Ontario has emerged as a leader of a very young but talented team, which for the first time in recent memory looks to have qualified for the playoffs. Dart's strong play has improved all season long and led the Hawks to a pair of victories over Nipissing this weekend. These victories should give the Hawks what they need to grab a spot in the playoffs.

SportsBriefs

MIKE MCKENNA
CORD SPORTS

Muylaert named Head Coach for Canadian Hockey Team at 1999 World University Games

Former Laurier Assistant Coach and current Guelph Gryphon Head Coach, Marlin Muylaert, has been selected as the Head Coach of Canada's entry in the 1999 World University Games. The games will take place in Slovakia in January of 1999, and the team will be an all-star team from the Ontario University Athletics Hockey League.

Muylaert, who has lead the Gryphons to the CIAU championship tournament four of the past five years, and whose Gryphons are the defending National Champions, was also part of the coaching staff that lead Canada to the inaugural World University Hockey Championship in 1997.

Do or Die

After posting a pair of wins this weekend over Nipissing, the Women's Volleyball Team's season comes down to one final game. The Hawks, who went to North Bay and swept both games on the weekend by 3-0 scores, will face off against the Waterloo Athenas this Wednesday night. The winner will make the playoffs, while the loser will see their season end prematurely. Laurier beat the Athenas by a 3-1 score earlier this season, and will need to be on top of their game on Wednesday night if they hope to grab the final playoff spot in the OUA West Division.

Curling Teams off to the OUA Championships

For the first time in five years, Laurier will send both its Men's and Women's Varsity Curling teams to the OUA Championships on February 20 and 21. The championships will be hosted by Queen's, and will feature the top University teams from across the province. The Men's team will look to defend its OUA Championship, while the Women, who have qualified for the first time in five seasons, will also look for impressive results.

Figure Skating

The Laurier Women's Figure Skating team will also be in competition for the OUA championship on February 20 and 21. The team will travel to Varsity Arena in Toronto with hopes of bringing back a title. The team is coming off some impressive results in the Guelph Invitational competition, and Head Coach Stephanie Robert and her team have been working hard to prepare for the provincial finals.

A few odds and ends...

In reply to an article a few weeks back, Rugby Coach Garreth Jones is still in place behind the bench for the Men's program. Sorry for the inconvenience caused by my oversight...The men's basketball team is now the only one in the country not to have won a game...Something is wrong with the Athletic Complex and the gym floor when a basketball game is stopped in the middle of play so the floor can be mopped up because of the seepage from the swamp underneath it... When will someone in the hierarchy of this University realize that athletics needs money too...Laurier will play host to the OUA Final Four Hockey Championships on March 20th and 21st, mark it on your calendar. It should be some good hockey at the Waterloo Recreation Complex as the top four teams in the province face off for a trip to the National Championship in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan starting March 25th.

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And the Oscar nominations are...

CARISSA WHITE

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On Tuesday, February 10, the nominations for the 70th annual Academy Awards were announced at the Academy's headquarters in Beverly Hills. Winners will be announced on Oscar night—March 23, 1998 on ABC.

Nominations for Best Picture include front-runner **Titanic**, which has quickly become known as the most expensive movie ever made. Easily the most visually spectacular of the nominated films, it is generally accepted in Hollywood that this film by **James Cameron** (also nominated as Director) is the one to beat. If you haven't had the chance to see it, it's still playing at King's College.

Next is the romantic comedy **As Good As It Gets**, directed by **James L. Brooks** (Broadcast News). This film, originally entitled *Old Friends*, is a story about three distinctly different people: an obsessive-compulsive writer (**Jack Nicholson**); a waitress (**Helen Hunt**) and Jack's neighbour, an artist played by **Greg Kinnear** (it's playing at Fairway).

The Full Monty, a British comedy from **James Catto** (also a Best Director nominee), is about an unlikely group of male strippers. Although it is not currently playing, it will be reopening at Fairway.

Good Will Hunting, directed by **Gus Van Sant** (himself a Best Director nominee), was co-written by its stars, **Matt Damon** and **Ben Affleck**, who received nominations for Best Original Screenplay. The film tells the story of a math prodigy who is discovered while working as a janitor at MIT (it's now playing at Fairway).

L.A. Confidential, a dark film noir (with echoes of Chinatown), is set in L.A. in the 1950s. **Curtis Hanson's** film (for which he received a Best Director nod) includes a multilayered plot revealing varying degrees of corruption. It revolves around a police force, a prostitute and a tabloid photographer. Watch for it to reopen at King's College.

Canadian film **The Sweet Hereafter** didn't get nominated for Best Picture; although its director, **Atom Egoyan**, received his first nomination for Best Director (check it out at the Princess, February 18-19).

The Lead Actor category is quite crowded this year. **Matt Damon** has received a nod for his title role as janitor-turned-mathematician Will Hunting in the aforementioned *Good Will Hunting*. Don't expect him to get gold though, the Academy



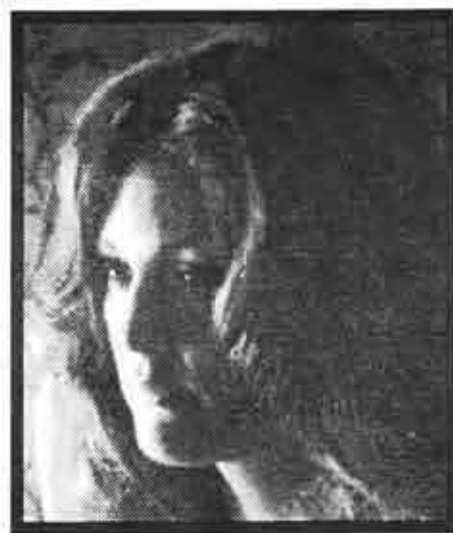
A fresh, hunky Rain Man: the Academy declares math 'officially cool' again with a raft of nominations for *Good Will Hunting*, including Best Original Screenplay (co-written by Matt Damon and Ben Affleck).



Leaving the Outbreak monkey decisively in the dust, Hoffman gets the nod for *Wag the Dog*.



Titanic raked in a whack of nominations, but none for Leo. A prepubescent riot swells...



An aging porn queen with a heart of gold: Moore delivers the shivers in *Boogie Nights*.

prefers actors, especially young ones, to pay their dues first.

Robert Duvall is nominated for his work in **The Apostle**—a film he also directed. Duvall's character is a Pentecostal preacher from Texas whose wavering belief system lands him in trouble with the law.

Peter Fonda, a first-time contender is nominated for his work in **Ulee's Gold**—a character piece about a Florida beekeeper who struggles to keep his family together. Fonda's character's look has been likened to that of his real-life father, Henry. Nostalgia, a chance to reward a seasoned actor, and the near inevitability that the Golden Globe winner will also earn the Oscar, all make him a solid contender.

Dustin Hoffman receives his seventh nomination (he's won twice) for his role as a Hollywood film producer in **Wag the Dog** (playing at Fairway). **Jack Nicholson** has received his eleventh Oscar nomination for his work in *As Good As It Gets*, making him the actor with the most Oscar nominations of all time. His chances of winning, like Hoffman's are lessened by his two previous Oscars.

The Lead Actress category is comprised primarily of British women in period pieces. **Helena Bonham Carter** is nominated for her role in **The Wings of the Dove**—in which she plays a character divided between genuine affection and greed. This is her first Oscar nomi-

nation despite considerable roles in various literary adaptations.

Julie Christie, a third-time Oscar nominee, is recognized for her role in the romantic comedy **Afterglow**, in which her character cuckolds her husband with a character played by **Jonny Lee Miller** (*Trainspotting*). **Dame Judi Dench** is nominated for her performance as Queen Victoria in **Mrs. Brown**, her first nomination despite a lengthy career on stage and screen.

Helen Hunt receives her first nod for her role as Jack Nicholson's sparring partner in *As Good As It Gets*. Hunt is the one to watch as Americans have conquered this category recently. **Kate Winslet**, nominated for her role in *Titanic*, also

received a nomination in 1995 for her performance in *Sense and Sensibility*. She has a good chance of winning.

The Supporting Actor category is populated by several veterans as well as a couple of newcomers; one of whom is former late-night talk show host **Greg Kinnear**, honoured for his part in *As Good As It Gets*. Another is **Robert Forster**, a first-time nominee for his turn as a disillusioned bail bondsman in **Quentin Tarantino's Jackie Brown**, a role which has Oscar written all over it. (Check it out at the Princess, February 12-17).

Anthony Hopkins receives his fourth Oscar nomination (he's won once) for his role in **Amistad** as John Quincy Adams. **Burt Reynolds**, a seasoned Hollywood veteran, receives his first nomination as porn producer Jack Horner in **Boogie Nights**. His chances are good, owing to his neglect by the Academy in the past. With *Good Will Hunting*, **Robin Williams** reworks essentially the same role he played in *Dead Poets Society* some nine years ago. He didn't win then and likely won't win this time around either.

The Supporting Actress Category finds women from various age groups and backgrounds. **Kim Basinger**, who's known more for her beauty than her depth, receives her first nomination for **L.A. Confidential**. She also has the advantage of having won the Golden Globe in January. **Joan Cusack** (a second-time nominee) is recognized for her performance as **In & Out's** would-be bride. Cusack's been languishing unrecognized for too long and deserves to win as much as anybody.

Minnie Driver has received her first Oscar nomination for her role as Matt Damon's Harvard girlfriend, Skylar, in *Good Will Hunting*. *Boogie Nights's* **Julianne Moore** turns in a surprisingly understated performance as a nice girl who happens to be a porn actress. Her first Oscar nomination, Moore's startling simplicity gives her an outside chance at the prize. **Gloria Stuart** is nominated for her role as the older version of Kate Winslet's character in *Titanic* and although her role wasn't substantial, her status as a Hollywood veteran may give her the win.

Now that the nominations are out, take the opportunity to catch those movies you haven't seen yet. It'll make Oscar night all the more fun.

Carissa White knows her movies.

WLU Jazz Ensemble: a band with pizzazz

SHARI MISNER

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

This past Sunday in the Recital Hall, the **WLU Jazz Ensemble** put on their first show of the year. I was very impressed. This is coming from someone who has no background or knowledge in jazz whatsoever. Actually that's not true, my knowledge starts and stops with Harry Connick Junior.

The concert ran for about an hour and a half, with a short intermission. Nine pieces were played,

with "First Run Off" by **Pete Coulman**, and "Short Trip" by **Rick Talt** being the winners. The music was not only jazzy but also included a lot of Latin rhythms. I almost expected some flamenco dancers and Charo to run out of the wings.

The Jazz Ensemble is very talented. Some outstanding solos were performed, especially by **Brendan Bell**, a trumpet player, during "Day in, Day out." **Craig Young** showed his great drumming skills, while **Christine Canning** blew me away

with her trombone solos. Other honourable mentions go out to **Andrew Greig** on alto Saxophone, and **Jeffrey Blake** on tenor sax.

The band had great musical harmonization, and their director **Ron Schirm** really hammed it up with his little dance moves and interactions with the members of the band. Ron also interacted with the audience, contributing little trivia bits and laughs between the pieces.

The band seemed to be gen-

uinely enjoying themselves; there were little yelps and clapping coming from the trumpet section. Out of all the band members, the trombone section seemed to be having the most fun—laughing and smiling and dancing in their seats. Seeing as the selected music was so lively and upbeat, I think it would have been boring if the members of the band had just sat there with smirks on their faces.

When you walk by the art gallery and peer in, look in further.

If you are not a music student, as I am not, you will be pleasantly surprised at what you see there. The Recital Hall here at WLU is an outstanding place. If you ever get a chance, go in and see some Laurier talent. Keep an eye on the walls near the Recital Hall for upcoming concerts, and then go; you will be pleasantly surprised. Besides, with your student ID it's free. If you missed them this time, the WLU Jazz Ensemble will be performing again in March.

Deciphering the mystery

MELISSA BENNER
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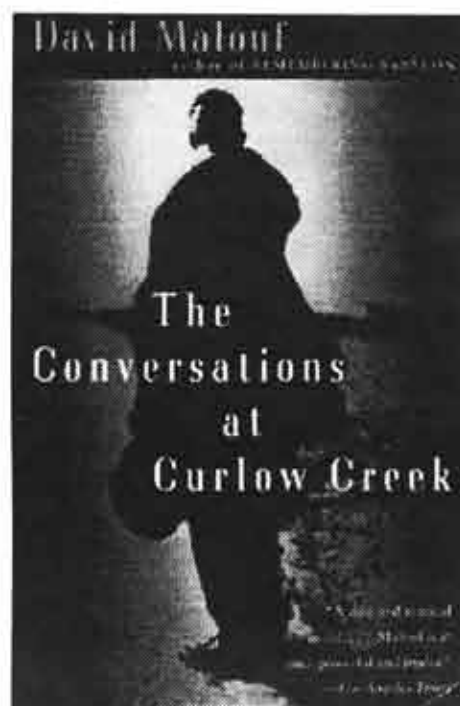
The best works of fiction always leave a feeling behind. An impact that is the best essence of the words, the plot, and the characters combined and distilled into a final, usually elusive sense of truth. This type of book is "preferable, like all good stories, an old one in a new form." The mark of an artist is the subtle twisting of conventional themes into new, unique truths and in many ways, **The Conversations at Curlew Creek** by David Malouf, is this sort of novel.

The Conversations at Curlew Creek

David Malouf
Vintage, \$16.95

ingly elusive, hinting at but never directly stating things.

The interaction between Carney and Adair is just one element of the intricate inner workings of the landscapes, characters, and emotions that Malouf evokes. The secondary characters of the novel fade in and out of the immediate reality experienced by Carney and Adair, but are so perfectly crafted that the reader hungers for more detail, more development — and is never really satisfied. The ending too, is quite ambiguous, deciphering it may say more about the reader than about the intended end to the confusing chain of events.



The book contains many serious philosophical questions; it can be seen not just as an inner journey of self-discovery for Michael Adair but also for the person who accompanies him — the reader. Malouf deals with the important subjects of love, death, life, justice, and peace in a thought-provoking manner. At times, the novel reaches almost universal levels when everything seems interconnected and the mystery is as important to the final project as the answers discovered.

One has to read this book slowly to savour the poetry in Malouf's images and words, and to fully appreciate the philosophical undertones. The elusiveness of Malouf's writing and the ambiguous ending are an effective means to force the readers to come to their own conclusions. Most importantly, after reading this book, put it down and try to revel in the feeling, the aura that this complex book creates.



Perhaps you'll return from the break with the courage to write. Perhaps Tim's nightmares will stop for good.

Finger Eleven: up and coming

JEREMY RICH

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

With anticipating eyes focused forward towards the stage, the crowd at Mrs. Robinson's were treated to an amazing performance from **Finger Eleven** on Thursday night. The relentlessly heavy set began slowly with the new album's strongest song, "Consolation Day." As guitarists James Black and Rick Jackett began to pounce rhythmically about the small stage, the song built as Scott Anderson's impassioned vocals filled the entire club with raw power and intensity.

The performance only got better from there. James launched the band into an intense rendition of "Above," a powerful song that questions religion and conformity with a chorus that states: "We are strong but we're dumb. We look above." The band followed with several other songs off of their

album **Tip**. Some of the early highlights of the fourteen song set were "Quicksand," "Condenser" and the band's only slow song, "Swallowtail." Impressively, the band strayed from their original material for a mid-set cover of Depeche Mode's "Walking In My Shoes," which was pulled off with their unique hard-edged groove.

Previously known as the **Rainbow Butt Monkeys**, Finger Eleven then played "As Far As I Can Spit" off of their first album and it was carried off as well as I'd ever heard it before. The band's set climaxed with the final song, "Costume For A Gutterball," where a five minute jam gave James Black the opportunity to treat the audience to his full array of guitar antics. As the band left the stage, the crowds cheering did not subside until they returned to play "Tip," one of the album's most

intense tracks. Anderson belted the lyrics out like a man possessed, and he was ably backed by one of the tightest bands I've ever had the pleasure to see live.

In a conversation with Finger Eleven frontman Anderson, he stated that "It's been an uphill battle," in reference to the obstacles the band's tackled since the August release of the new album. With limited radio and Much Music air play, the departure of their drummer and a split from their record label, the band has had a difficult year. Despite all this they were all eagerly greeting fans and signing autographs after the show.

Finger Eleven are one of the most talented Canadian bands out there, and with their original and intense brand of music, I am certain they will not be up and coming for long.

Letters from Ben

Dear Editor,

I had decided to steer clear of the topic of urine, but I feel compelled to tackle the problem head on. You cannot walk twenty feet away from the Turret without seeing some slob whipping out his indescribables and peeing on a wall. I have seen this on the steps on Midcampus Drive, behind a car in the Athletic Complex parking lot, and more disturbingly, two boys having a 'sword fight' in the quad. This must stop. Urine is for the sewers, not for the streets. If we are not careful, we will have the drunken lying in pools of piss in the gutters, adding fuel to the cliché of gutters in general. The yellow snow I see on Monday mornings reminds me that there



is so much work to be done on people's brains. I have not yet decided whether this work involves education, or actual repair work on the brains repugnant enough to send the offending neural impulses.

I don't believe females when they say that they are jealous for not being able to pee anywhere they want. The rule is that you can't. I think there are clear mes-

sages in life that guide you towards pee areas. I have enough trouble with the idea of the dreaded and immobilizing urinal. I don't need to get stage fright because a large group of people walks past. Also, I don't buy the "dare to be different excuse" either. "Nobody can tell me where I should pee" grunts Joey Sex-Criminal. "Your parents failed you" I suggest.

Ben Harris

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How much I wish to scream for joy,
Relay my passion,
Speak the nature of my infatuation.
Yet, the desperate label clings to this craving you call insanity.
Insanity?
I think the reverse true.
Always wondering, regretful,
Letting life trickle through the cracks of your frigid fingers.
Insane and cyclic, I call you,
Conditioned for invulnerability;
Captive to the shackles of decayed reason and trampled pride.

I want more, I want him
And crave to embrace the gamble.
Yet something beyond my control,
Engulfs me, Imprisons me,
And forces an intercourse with social reason.
Dreams disappoint, hope falters,
And week after week,
I caress your face,
Make love to your mind,
Or wish I could.

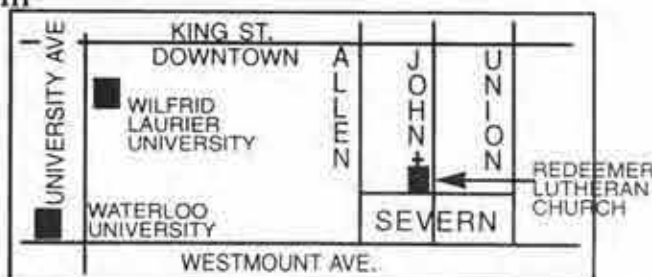
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VALENTINES

Happy Valentine's Day Honey Bear! I can't wait for August 29th!!! Loving you forever and always! Topper

Jeremy,

I love you all over with a cherry on top. Christine

Pat,

you have given me so many memories and much more. There are not enough words to say how I feel, I love you.

Amber

Tim-Buddy

LG - all the way!!

Happy V Day BUDDY

Love "Baby"

K. I never thought I would do this, Happy Valentine's Day. B.

B. Will you be mine. I choo-choo-choose you. K.

Amber,

My Valentine. You've touched my heart and soul. To the first of many Valentine's Days together.

Love always, Pat

To all my current future wives. I love you all in deep ways. SP for spunk, JC for sheer hotness, CG for cuteness, KV for being so damn mean and TF for head. Ben Harris

E.E.E.A, it has been an amazing year! We made it to two Valentine's. Are you feeling lucky? Much S.W.

Mmmmmmm Peanut,

Happy Valentine's Day and welcome to the half year marker. Rolph sends his love to the B-meister, SJW

Attention BAS babes! (you know who you are) Fishy friends like you make life great. Happy Valentine's Day! Love Kim

To my awesome Valentine, Life wouldn't be the same without you in it. Here's to the sunny south! Love Kristen

Kate, who needs this mush!!! Let's party it up at the Charity Ball instead. Casino and cash bar!!! Can't wait!!! Kim.

Happy Valentine's and birthday Will! Have fun in Fla. (not too much!) Most of all, remember how much I love you. Sue

To My Orange Cat,

Happy Valentine's day my sweetheart

Love Brown Cat

P.S. Mol Ouy Nai (I love you)

Baby doll, I cherish every moment we are together. I'll love you forever. Your one and only Cutie!

Chris, February 14th is a bad time. Let's postpone it until Charity Ball, March 7, 1998. Only \$25 each. Love Krissy.

Sonya, I saw sparks fly from the corner of my eye. And when I turned around it was love at first sight. Secret Admirer

WRR4, Kisses on all your pink parts. MMW

Jen, sorry, can't do Valentine's Day. How about Charity Ball? March 7, 1998. Tickets are only \$25/person. My treat. Jeff.

to the sweetest, most thoughtful assistant a girl could ever have. tim, will you be my valentine! luv ya, erin.

Honey, please go with me to the Charity Ball on March 7th. Tickets are just \$25/person! Love, your sweetheart

Michelle, Finnie, Karlene, and Meagan... just sending this to say you're the greatest. All my love, Sarah

Happy Valentine's Day Conrad A2 ladies. You are the best - keep sweet. Your floor pal - Tricia

Oh, Kim Shillum - you got it all. My friend, the Valentine's energy coming off you could fry an egg. Aaron.

To the special meal in my life that gives me the stamina to make it through the day. Hail Breakfast.

T. You are the better half. P.

That's it Derek, we're doing it. For one night you will be my love slave - and you'll like it! Angela.

In order to understand this Valentine you will have to know the author's intention. Non-textual evidence available upon request.

106-1 Peppler

love-ya

The Gerg.

Rob,

"Isn't my body desirable?"

C.

To my most unlikely partner in crime,

You need pants that are small enough to fit your ass. Buy some deodorant.

But remember, we better!

Patricia.

Adrienne,

Sorry we can't be together. I'll miss you. See you when you get back.

Love,

Tim.

Good luck to the Girls Hockey Team this weekend. Hope Valentines Day is as sweet as can be, bringing you a win over Guelph and a trip to the National Championships!

You Know Who

[Editor's note: Yell when reading!]

G.

Thank you for the letters. They're better than flowers. I'll see you at Black Lake on Sunday.

S.

Everyone,

There's no romance in cliché

P.

Lorna,

Valentines Shmalentines. Happy Birthday!

Love and Koala Bears forever.

Robin.

To my 176 girls, thanks for the memories. Never forget our literal "brush" with the law in North Carolina, margueritas on the porch or Sue's post-it notes. Cheers, K.

RW Hickey,

Happy Sid Valentine's Day.

From your chums at the Cord

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