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University seeks input on budget

KRISTINA SPENCE

CORD NEWS

Last week's Town Hall meeting, held Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m., initiated the second of three phases in Laurier's budget develop-

The administration wanted outsider input regarding the proposed budget models, but the meeting mostly provided clarification of budget contents and rehashed funding issues.

The three budget models presented, number 12, 13, and 14, outlined options for the institution.

The projected tuition increase maintained its importance, serving as the deciding factor for the final outcome in each model.

Concerned crowd member, Ron Depuis, Assistant Vice-President of Physical Resources maintained that Laurier's lack of tuition increases in previous years requires current and luture students to make up for the lost income.

"Looking at the three models, there's really no choice," said Depuis. "The major revenue for the school is tuition. I don't think we have a choice to go with anything less than model 14."

Over the three projected years, starting September 1998, model 14 incorporates 10%, 8%, and 5% increases in tuition.

"These increases will allow Laurier to maintain its programs," Dr. Robert Rosehart, University President.

Model 12 assumes tuition increases of 0%, 1%, and 2% while model 13 assumes a stable 5% increase over each of the three

The near-studentless crowd exhibited little support for the less profitable alternatives.

Each budget is based on the assumption of no growth in fulltime student enrollment and predicts a decline in part-time students.

Dr. Robin Armstrong, Acting Vice-President: Finance and Administration, presented some other future expense concerns and requested input from the crowd on how to approach the issues.

Unfunded liabilities, pension fund payment, fee deregulation,

and a Banner upgrade each earned a place on Armstrong's list of impending problems.

With a capital fund deficit of \$650,000 and Campaign Laurier expenses at approximately \$250,000, the university needs to cover some of its liabilities soon.

In relation to the pension fund, Laurier has neither reserves to contribute to the annual \$2.5 million payment, nor a plan to accommodate for the debt.

Also, there has been no discussion concerning different fees for specific programs.

However, it is certain that MBA and professional graduate programs will be included in the province-wide deregulation.

As for the Banner upgrade, the amount currently quoted on the budget has been deemed "very low" and Armstrong lamented the situation.

"We're not in a position to allocate more money than stated. It's a good start, but not enough," Armstrong said.

Laurier is currently operating with the 2.0 version of Banner and by the end of 1998 the 3.0 version is expected to be operational.

Armstrong stressed that the system's degree of customization has cost the university more than other schools and future upgrades must contain minimal customization.

In making the upgrade to 3.0, Laurier is also making a three-year commitment to Banner.

The solitary student in attendance, Derek Simon, expressed his concern about the transfer of Ancillary Services money to the university.

Simon, a Students' Union Board of Directors-Elect, also requested an explanation for the \$80,000 payment to the International Office, a department which serves a limited number of students.

Rosehart stressed that last year's budget proposed an increase in the transfer of money from Ancillary Services for this year, but the university took the same \$400,000 instead of increasing the transfer to \$500,000.

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The Clothesline Project



The Clothesline Project: Members of the Women's Centre were in the Concourse yesterday raising awareness about violence against women. During the public display, a clothesline was hung with shirts. Each shirt is decorated to represent a particular woman's experience, by the survivor herself or by someone who cares about her. From left to right are Women's Centre members Nicole Vitello and Jeneane Fast.

Recycling problems on campus

RICHELLE READ

CORD NEWS

The on-going contamination of recycling bins by negligent students has lead to a significant quantity of normally recyclable materials to be unnecessarily thrown out,

Mary Basier, Manager of Custodial Services [CS] estimates that around five to ten per cent of all

material on campus is routinely contaminated.

According to Basler, it is up to the students to end the problem

"If a full pop can is put in a bin, the bin is contaminated" said Basler.

However, putting garbage in the recycling

bins, putting glass in with cans, and putting fine paper in with newsprint also contributes to this problem.

The problem begins when a student is not "diligent in depositing materials in the right place," said Ron Dupuis, Assistant Vice-President of Physical Resources.

"WLU's Physical Resources is not allowed to and simply cannot uncontaminate blue bins," said Awareness Environmental Coordinator [EAC], Sonja Regier. "Un-contaminating the bins is impossible due to a number of rea-

The first reason is financial - the recycling contractors will accept

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NewsBites Senate reps acclaimed

Kerry Brown, Jeff Burrows, Jeremy Evans, and Jeffrey Kroeker were acclaimed to student representative positions on the Senate at the all-candidates meeting Monday, March 9th. One graduate student position is still vacant.

Elections will be held March 18th - 20th in the Concourse to fill one student representative position on the Board of Governors.

The three candidates running for the position will have the opportunity to express their views in an Open Forum in the Concourse on Thursday, March 12th at 12:00 p.m.

Brock stays with OUSA

Students at Brock University have voted in a referendum to remain full members of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance [OUSA]. The decision was made with a two-thirds majority.

"There was a recognition here that students need to lobby the provincial government, and OUSA looked like our best option," said Jason Coolman, President of the Brock Students' Union.

Brock University joined OUSA in 1992.

WLUSP hires a board

WLUSP, President-Elect, Steve Metzger, announced the results of a weekend of feverish hiring.

Appointments of note include the return of Michelle MacDonald to the board as Cord Liaison. She will also takes over the Vice-President: Operations portfolio. Mike Blake is the new VP: Finance and Brian Carey will be the Chair of the mostly rookie board. All positions are effective May 1st.

Food raised

There is no hint of the February blahs at the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank, thanks to a Concert held at Wesley United Church and organized by Duncan Addison and his friends.

The concert raised 1,240 pounds of food for the bank.

The food was raised as part of a competition between area schools to see who could raise the most food. Jacob Hespeler High School won the competition.

Titanic death

Eleanor Shuman, one of the last survivors of the sinking of the Titanic, has died after a sudden illness. She was 87.

Shuman, who died Saturday, was less than two years-old when the ill-fated ocean liner went down in 1912.

Source: Toronto Star

A protest for cats everywhere

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CORD NEWS

The Wilfrid Laurier University Environment Group [WLUEG] held their scheduled protest at The Turret Saturday, March 7th, despite posters announcing the cancellation of the appearance of Claude Haggerty's two exotic cats.

The cats were cancelled because their appearance would violate City of Waterloo by-law 92-62. The cancellation was not in response to WLUEG's protest.

Students' Union Program and Service Manager Mike McMahon was alerted to the existence of the by-law just after 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6th by a call from Lew Ayers, a Waterloo City Clerk.

Ayers informed McMahon of the by-law which requires an institution to obtain a permit before bringing wild animals into the city limits.

McMahon made the decision to cancel the animals' appearance because he did not "want to knowingly contravene a by-law." McMahon also expressed some frustration with the fact that Haggerty did not warn the Board of Student Activities [BSA] about the possibility of such a by-law.

In a roundabout way, WLUEG did have something to do with the cancellation of the cats' appearance.

Ayers was prompted to contact McMahon after a by-law officer heard about the impending performance through a local radio station, which was running spots about the planned protest.

Along with the media promotion, members of the Environment Club collected 512 signatures on a petition that opposed the appear-



WLUEG protestors display the tools of the trade. They oppose using wild cats for entertainment.

ance of the exotic cats in the show.

Four protesters were on hand at The Turret. They handed out pamphlets for two hours. Their aim was to emphasize that although the animals were not being used that night, Haggerty still uses them in his shows.

Their protest was against the use of exotic animals in any form of entertainment; a practice which they see as exploitation.

Don Snow, President of WLUEG, said, "I think it's important to still be out tonight even though there are no animals."

Haggerty also had his own pamphlets, which were distributed at the entrance of The Turret. In them, he stated that most of the cats which he has on his farm "have been acquired by zoos that were going to put the cats down." His handout stressed the care that he gives the animals and the fact that "none of my cats have been taken from the wild. They were all born in captivity."

Troy Seidle, Animal Issues Coordinator of the Centre for Compassionate Living, said that, "if [the animals] are not indigenous, frankly, they shouldn't be here."

Snow also did not approve, saying, "it was never a question of the conditions that the animal was living in."

Snow emphasized the fact that

Haggerty uses the cats to make a profit, an action which, in his opinion, is "the definition of exploita-

Overall, the evening was orderly and quiet. With only four protesters and less than 100 people showing up to watch the show, there was not a great deal of activity.

Both sides expressed their admiration for how the situation was handled. Snow said that the members of the BSA were very friendly and approachable about the whole issue.

McMahon also expressed his appreciation for the "mature process that the Environment Club went through."

Combating racism

Panel presents discussion on human rights

JENNIFER CLARKE

CORD NEWS

"If you're not going to participate in achieving racial equity, you're going to be complacent," said Joan Grant-Cummings, the President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women INACL

Grant-Cummings was one of five participants who presented their views at the Combating Racism panel presentation in the Paul Martin Centre on March 4th.

The panel was moderated by University President Dr. Robert Rosehart.

Discussion topics included government policy, the challenges of teaching anti-oppression anti-racism approaches, combating racism at the secondary school level, education curriculum, and the corporate agenda.

"Equality is a human rights issue," said Grant-Cummings in her presentation. "While Canada is parading around on international stages, we are punishing our nation's poor, young, elderly, gay, and racial communities."



Joan Grant-Cummings, President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women

The need for a more racially diverse curriculum in all levels of education was expressed by all panel participants. Grant-Cummings also stressed that students need to be taught that everyone has a right to be educated.

When asked how Laurier students in the critical disciplines could persuade university administrators from cutting these programs, Grant-Cummings replied that, "students need to organize and clearly recognize the connection between universities and globalization."

According to Grant, "corporate sponsors are not the solution to government cut-backs since they have a self-interested agenda."

She encouraged students to closely examine the federal and provincial budgets and described how the current deficit is the result of corporations not paying their taxes.

"Governments cut back on education, not the investment in global business trade offices," Grant-

Cummings said. "Education is a propaganda machine to serve the capitalist economy."

The event, hosted by the WLU Campus Safety Committee, the Black Students' Association, the Senate Cultural Affairs Committee, and the Dean of Students, attracted an audience of nearly 80 people.

The Combating Racism panel also included Dr. George Day, Rosemary Kennedy, Beverly Bain, and Indrani Chatterjee.

Negligence of students

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contaminated bins, but at an extra charge CS cannot afford to pay.

Second, due to cutbacks by the Canadian government, CS cannot afford to take the time to dig through garbage and recycling.

Third, health, safety, and sanitary regulations forbid workers from sorting through contaminated bins because of the risks involved. Injury from broken glass and contracting infection from diseases are listed among the risks.

It is an "unfortunate situation that is currently unavoidable," says Sarah Crellin, EAC member, "but it's a matter of health and finance."

The way to solve this, said Basler, is through education.

Many students were unaware of the problem of bin contamination and how it affects the recycling program at Laurier.

"They should make us aware of this," said Daniela Palijan, a second-year Honours English student.

Although there are signs around the campus and on recycling bins, it is up to students to follow the directions in order to avoid contaminating recycling bins.

At Physical Plant and Planning, Basler is also finding ways to reuse other materials. For the past four years, she has been finding other departments which might be able to use these materials.

BoardReports

WLUSP: to fax or not to fax ...?

JAMES MUIR

CORD NEWS

The board met for a 45 minute meeting last Thursday.

President Tom Hrubes updated the board on changes to the financial policy designed to clarify and streamline the current guidelines.

Hrubes also reported that publications like Id and Echo have had their request to be circulated oncampus denied. "I hope this will protect advertising revenue in the future," said Hrubes. Should these publications persist in circulating on-campus, they will be given a two-week grace period during which time they will be sent a letter admonishing them from continuing to use the Laurier campus for distribution purposes.

Hrubes also tabled proposed

capital expenditures for the upcoming year. During the ensuing discussion a debate arose over the purchase of a fax machine. Mark Duke, Vice-President: Finance, felt that WLUSP should not spend the proposed \$1600 because of the current fax service available from the Students' Union. While he conceded that Student Publications experienced busy faxing periods, Mark felt these busy periods did not justify the large expense.

Hrubes, who supported the purchase, responded by citing the fact that WLUSU's operating hours dictate when WLUSP can use the fax machine. If WLUSP had its own machine urgent correspondence could be better accommodated and the purchase would further increase WLUSP's independence.

Duke appeared to hold the minority opinion as other board members supported the proposed purchase.

Dave Trueman's Photography report included the news that the upcoming paper will feature black and white pictures in addition to the now-standard colour.

Advertising liaison Christine Gergich expressed the department's concern over production assistants not showing up.

The Keystone update, provided by liaison Steve Metzger, occurred on the night of one of the yearbook's fundraising barbecues. Duke asked what the money raised would be used for. Steve stated that it would be used to cover incidental charges and possibly be earmarked for social development.

Wong had earlier temporarily O.K.'d the presence of these publications in WLUSU profit centres until the committee made an official decision.

Other highlights of the lengthy meeting were Julie McCallum's (VP: Student Activities) briefing on the impending protest at Claude Haggerty's Illusion Show, a report from Elections Council, and Mike Keriakos' (VP: Marketing) report on the possibility of establishing a Market Research Coordinator posi-

Keriakos also tabled a motion to restructure positions within the marketing department. The motion was easily passed by the board.

Budget models

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Armstrong tackled the second of Simon's questions, explaining that the Students' Union had expressed significant support for financial aid to the International Office. It was hoped that all Laurier students would benefit from the designation of funds to the office, he said.

Other topics of discussion included the transfer of \$600,000 from the \$900,000 Program Development fund, the \$11 million loan on Bricker Residence, Special Needs upgrades, the privatization of university residences, department carry-overs, and the Scholarship Grid.

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WLUSU: Wong wins "marginal victory"

KATHERINE HARDING

CORD NEWS

Stewart Wong's Presidential Report informed board members about a number of issues, including his recent "marginal victory" at the University's Senate and Finance Committee meeting.

Wong persuaded the administration to seriously reconsider the current budget demands of Ancillary Services.

At the committee meeting, Wong delivered a presentation that highlighted how the costs of attending university has dramatically escalated in recent years, citing hard numbers as his primary evidence. Wong remarked to the

WLUSU's board, "I've forced them to look at different options ... and the University delivered a message that they care."

Wong also informed the board that the Advertising and Solicitation Review Committee has officially agreed that publications like Echo and Id will be banned from Laurier's campus.

Board members Will Chung and Tom Barber both questioned the fairness of the ban.

Wong responded by stating, "we have to balance the fact that these publications are literally available two minutes off-campus while still protecting the people down the hall (Student Publications)."

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Giving a helping hand in Kenya

RICHELLE MADER-MONAGHAN

CORD INTERNATIONAL

Yes, even to me it initially sounded like insanity to head off to a place called Matangwe where the entire population is infected with Malaria. Yet, the 100 per cent Malarial infection rate is only one of the critical conditions in the Western Kenyan village of 2500 people.

There is also an extremely high infant mortality rate, widespread malnutrition, many water-born diseases, deforestation, and extremely poor hygiene. AIDS is rampant, and grandparents are left to care for orphaned and AIDS infected chil-

The nearest hospital is in Kisumu, 30 miles away, not including the six mile walk to the connecting road.

Travelling to Matangwe will require me to take precautions against Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Cholera, Tuberculosis, Rabies,

insect-borne diseases, and water parasites (including Malaria). I'm sure, at this point, no one is thinking I'll be in Club Med.

I am going to Matangwe with a 15 member team of people from the K-W area. As a group, we make up quite a collection, consisting of a few nurses and high school teachers, an engineer, a minister, a student, and myself (a registered massage therapist and WLU student).

The purpose of our trip is to help finish the construction of a health clinic in the village, and to implement educational health programs that will continue once we leave.

The construction of the health clinic also involves installing solar panels to provide electricity running a refrigerator for simple medicines. A well will also be drilled to supply the community with clean drinking

The initiative began in 1994 when Steven and Sylvia Juma Scott visited the village and were devastated by the poverty and disease. Steven (a WLU alumni) and Sylvia were former residents of Matangwe and are now a high school science teacher and a nurse, respectively, in Waterloo.

The 1994 visit to the Kenyan community motivated Steven and Sylvia to begin the Matangwe Village Health Program (MVHP).

The specific measurable objectives for MVHP are:

· a decrease in child mortality

- a decrease in water-born diseases
- well nourished children and adults
- effective family planning
- · great reduction of communicable diseases through immunizations · a transparent view of AIDS in the
- village and a conciousness in preventing AIDS

· a reduction of the 100 per cent malaria cases

Obviously, in achieving these goals we will make a dramatic impact on the general health and quality of life for the people of Matangwe.

Local people from the village were hired by the community and sent to nursing school. The property for the clinic site was then bought and the vision of bringing basic health care to Matangwe began.

After all of the planning and action that has already taken place since the inception of MVHP, the team will be arriving in Matangwe in July to complete the initiative.

Each member of the team is volunteering for a month of, what I am told, will be emotionally gruelling sights and very hard work. We will see people living and dying of diseases cured in a day, here in Canada. Although I have seen a lot in my life, I do not think I can fully predict what I am about to see this summer.

Intellectually, I still have difficulty understanding why I would leave my comfortable home with electricity and clean water at the tips of my fingers. But this is not an intellectual decision.

I want to help, and I believe that we will to make a positive difference for the people in Matangwe. At the same time, I'm almost embarrassed to realize that I cannot give without unintentionally receiving.

At the risk of sounding less charitable, I do not see how I could possibly leave Matangwe, and the people there, without having learned a great deal, and without having gained a perspective that will change my life forever.

If you would like to help fund the Matangwe Village Health Program, you can reach Richelle Mader-Monaghan at (519) 725-9451.

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GENDERS

- bwana = sir/mister
- bibi = madam/lady/miss

GREETINGS

jambo

- hujambo, bwana/bibi = hello (literal meaning "you have nothing the matter?") Reply: sijambo, bwana/bibi Short form greeting/reply =
- habari, bwana/bibi = hello, how are you? (literal meaning: "news?")

Reply: mzuri = I am fine (literal meaning: "good") *note: whether or not one is feeling fine, they must always reply "mzuri"

ENGLISH RIP-OFFS

- "hakuna matata" = no problem(s)
- "safari" = journey

GENERAL LINGO

- ndiyo = yes
- hapana = no
- kwa heri = goodbye
- tutaonana = see you again
- jina langu ni = my name is
- mimi niimatika kanada = I
- lala salama = sleep well (literal meaning: "sleep in

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peace")

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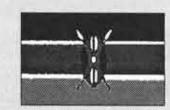
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Repeal of one-party state law: 1991

Independence: from UK, 12 December, 1963 Life Expectancy: 55.61 years

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bathtubs.

Cord Editorial

Why have we chosen to shelter ourselves? Bursting bubbles in pursuit of a better world

We hate to burst your bubble, but let's face it: we're enriched because others are deprived. Canada is among the most socially, politically, and economically developed countries in the world, and living here is a relative pleasure. Relative, that is, because while we bask daily in the richness of our surrounding environment, the majority of the outside world languishes in poverty.

The reality, though, is that there is no "outside world;" there are only those regions and people which we choose to disregard because we feel guilty or helpless, or because we choose ignorance. We resort to any number of clichéd excuses to alleviate the pressure imposed by our conscience.

We blame the media for desensitizing us, politicians for distorting the truth, and the "real world" for the lack of means. True, as individuals we are just "one person," but it is exactly this apathetic notion that has allowed the present order of the world to develop.

What do you think when you see those disturbing pictures of the Third World in television commercials? Do you believe that these situations represent a minority interest and are mostly fabricated, or do you simply pass them off as inevitable?

Neither case is true. These images are real, substantial, and largely avoidable.

Our ignorance even extends to those who immediately surround us. We see poverty each and everyday but our natural inclination is to pass it by, and leave it to others to fend for.

As easy as it is to forget the world that

The reality, though, is that there is no "outside world"

surrounds us; we do so to our own detriment. The Laurier campus represents an all too quaint getaway from the deprivation that has been manifested throughout this world.

But take a walk outside the campus, think about what living on the streets is like in the bitter cold of winter. How would you feel if people passed you without even a thought if you were in that situation?

Think further about what drives you. Are you motivated by your own self-interest, or does your agenda include the welfare of others?

If our passion is based entirely upon

our own success, does our future world not look grim and disparate?

We always have a choice. Do you choose inaction? Do you accept what is wrong and injust? The potential for change resides entirely with us.

If we are truly concerned with seeing the state of affairs altered, we should demonstrate it. And when our demonstrations seem endless and futile, we should fight harder. Don't think the magnitude of the change that is needed can occur overnight.

Laurier is not the center of the universe; our entire student body only constitutes about .0000001 percent of the earth's population. Let this serve as a reminder of the world we live in, and as an instigator to discover, and change it. Much is gained by reaching to those in need.

We are benefactors of the greatest system our society can offer: higher education. Let us not take this privilege for granted. Broaden your focus, and in the process, your horizons. Help others and you fundamentally help yourself.

Chris Pearce, Assistant Sports Editor and Kevin Ramzi Nasir, International Editor

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LettersToTheEditor

Reasons for rules

Dear Editor,

Elections at WLU have a storied history, and unfortunately the past keeps repeating itself. Part of the reason for this, in my opinion, is the transitory tendency of students. Said differently, student politics at WLU lacks an institutional memory.

The election policy for WLUSU was last rewritten by myself as Chief Returning Officer and members of the WLUSUWLUSP boards back in Oct of 1992. We had just witnessed a debacle of cheating, excessive spending and the lowest voter turnout in years during the general elections of 1991.

The policies, as written had several goals. Primarily, the rules (called draconian at the time, and justifiably so) forced accountability of the candidates for the actions of their supporters. A violation was a violation whether or not a candidate sanc-

Secondly, we imposed strict spending limits on candidates so that wealthy students couldn't buy votes by throwing huge parties, making flashy shirts or having extravagant posters. While the inforcement of this rule is primarily an honour system, obvious violations aren't hard to spot.

Thirdly, we attempted to seperate the social, business and political aspects of WLUSU/WLUSP life. No campaigning in offices, Wilf's, the Turret, the Centre Spot and what was then the Corner Pocket.

Finally, to further ensure that complaining was kept to a minimum, all candidates are required to have the election rules furnished to them, and must sign an acknowledgement that they have read and understood the election rules - and will abide by

The rules about posters are VERY, EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAR. No posters in locations prohibited by the school, all signed

a Election Council official (CRO/DRO/Board Member), lists provided to the CRO for audit at his/her discretion.

The rules about fines are also very clear. Four strikes and you are out. The fact is the rules give the CRO in council with the Election Council the ability to disqualify a candidate after one fine if the severity warrents. This measure is balanced by an expansive appeal process culminating in the 100% impartial DAC as the final board of arbitration.

I will not comment on the disqualifed candidates objections for I do not understand all the nuances of their arguement, but before the WLUSPWLUSU boards go running off changing election policies I would hope they consider why policies were written, what they were designed to do and who the rules attempt to protect. If, after this consideration, they can improve on the current rules without opening huge loopholes, I commend them. But politics can be a dirty game, in university as in life, and strict rules level the playing field for every-

Darren Mahaffy WLUSU/WLUSP CRO 1992/1993 Cord Junkle for Life

Hacking unethical

I am writing in regards to the article written by Paul Wellhauser last week concerning PRISM. I found the article disturbing, and would like to call in to question the writer's methods and ethics. My first issue with the article is its overly sensationalistic format. Although we would like to thank the writer for bringing this issue to our attention, by writing the article the way he did, and focusing on this specific topic, the writer relegates the real issues surrounding PRISM today. The second issue we have with the

writer is the methods he used to gather the information for the story, and the ethical concerns surrounding it. The writer has violated the Principles Governing the Ethical Use of Computers at WLU (sections 3 and 4) in the following manner:

a) by attempting to gain access to the files and directories of another user without clear authorization of the user (Section 3)

b) by engaging in activities, specifically the unauthorized use of accounts and attempting to capture or decode passwords (Section

While the writer may view his actions as "honest" and within his journalistic rights, it remains that his actions were unethical, and in contravention of said policy, regardless of their motivation. I would ask that in the future, the Cord and its writers consider their motivations and ensure that they remain within certain regulations and mores of the WLU community.

Dale Cheong 4th year Business Student

Galactic international applications

Your comments on "applicants down" had one serious omission. Not all applications were down. Applications in the program Development and International Studies were up, way up into the galaxy. We jumped from 1 to 61. Beware WLU administration, faculty and students of the tidal wave of Development and International Studies' students next year.

John F. Peters

Coordinator, Development and International

LettersToTheEditor

Charity Ball theft

Dear Editor,

On Saturday March 7th The Charity Ball was held at the Golf Steak House and the evening was fantastic. Three hundred people attended, doubling past years attendance and everyone who attended had a fantastic time. However, unfortunately there may have been a slight misunderstanding. Occasionally, at weddings or formal events the table centre pieces are given as party favours or raffled off at the end of the evening, and possibly the Charity Ball committee did not make it clear but the centre pieces were NOT meant to be party favours.

In total eight centre pieces were taken each approximately worth \$30.00, therefore a total loss of \$240.00. These centre pieces were rented by the Charity Ball committee and therefore we are responsible for the \$240.00 loss, however as a result this \$240.00 will not be able to be donated to charity. If you misunderstood or simply took the centre piece due to your own selfishness it is truly unfortunate that the charity will not receive \$240.00. It is disappointing to think that any Wilfrid Laurier student would be selfish enough to take money from

If you wish to return the centre

piece that may have come home with you on Saturday night there is an opportunity for you to anonymously return the centre piece in a bag and write Charity Ball on the front of it and hand it to the secretary, no questions asked. We hope to return this \$240.00 to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation to aid in their search for a cure.

Sincerely,

Charity Ball Committee & Juvenile Diabetes Foundation

Feminists not 'bitter'

Dear Editor,

The word "bitter" is constantly used to describe women who are brave enough to ask for respect and equality in a patriarchal society.

I was confronted with this comment last week and couldn't sum it up in just one sentence that bitter is not the proper adjective that people seem to be searching for. Below is my attempt to explain to all those who think feminism is based on bitterness that it is indeed based on passion.

The women's movement is downplayed yet racism is not accepted in this day and age. Please tell me the difference between the two.

Racism is about disrespect and

the failure to accept that people of a different race can indeed be equal to you.

Sexism is about disrespect and the failure to accepted that people of a different gender can be equal to you.

Racist comments are not accepted by the general public because we know as a society it is the first drop in a downpour of violence and discrimination towards a particular race. They also represent an anger towards a person based on race and a fear of having to share power with them. Sexist comments however are not seen as such. Yet the number one victims of male violence are females. And statistics this year show that men and women are still paid unequally who have equal qualifications at equal jobs that they've both worked the same number of years at.

People against racism are considered open minded with the aim of equality for all. People against sexism are considered to be overreacting and "male bashers". Let me remind you that the definition of feminism in Websters dictionary is "The movement to win political, economic and social equality for women".

Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't called bitter, his fight for equality was called a passion. What is the difference between Martin Luther King Jr. looking for race equality and a woman looking for gender equality? It couldn't be the words "a woman" could it?

Laura Dowsley

PRISM fixed

Dear Editor,

This letter is written in regards to the recent article in the Cord written by Paul Wellhauser calling into question the security measures at PRISM. We would like to address those concerns. Firstly, the specific problem raised in the article has been rectified. The nature of the breach, that of password protection, is such that there should be little concern. Secondly, PRISM has produced, and will be implementing a security policy. Thirdly, the security issues raised by the writer are inherent to any network of this nature and are very common. Lastly, any malicious hacking, crashes or other problems that result in any loss of files can be rectified. PRISM backs up the files on the network every 24 hours, week, and term.

We reiterate that the membership need not worry. The system that PRISM has in place is very secure. Redundancies are built in to the system in hopes of ensuring that any "major calamity" can be mitigated.

If anyone has any concerns, please feel free to ask anyone on PRISM Council or PRISM Helpdesk. Contact us at x2255 or 00prism@mach1.wlu.ca.

Deren Sentesy Chair, PRISM Council

LettersPolicy

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Cord Opinion: Give it to us!

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Yours Sincerely ____s'(your name) MOM

-ALL OF THE ABOVE!!

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CORDSTUDENTLIFE

What's Happening Here

Relationships: Losing the Fun March 17, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. L128

A workshop addressing boundaries, expectations, and communication in relationships. Sponsored by Counselling Services.

Alternatives to Teaching March 19, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. L128

Contact Career Services at 232 King Street North for more information.

Big Sisters Training Session March 21 Big Sisters House, 37 Allen

Street West, Waterloo

To register for the training day, call 743-5206.

The Diagnosis and Treatment of **Breast Cancer** March 25, 7:30 p.m. 71 Bankside Drive, Kitchener

The information seminar is presented by Dr. Julianne Klein, Pathologist, and Dr. Carolyn Campbell, Medical Oncologist. For more information contact Judi Gingerich at 745-8447.

Used Book Sale April 17, noon - 9:00 p.m. April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

First United Church, King and William, Waterloo

The Canadian Federation of University Women is holding a used book sale with proceeds going to support scholarships and community projects. To donate books call 740-5249.

K-W Computer Show April 17-19 Waterloo Recreation Complex

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17th Annual Laurier Art Show

Entry forms are available

- Fine Arts Studio
- •Fine Arts Department (Alvin Woods Building 5-301E) Robert Langen Gallery
- Cultural Affairs Office (2C1 Arts Building)

The Art Show will be held March 17-April 3, 1998, at the Robert Langen Gallery, (John Aird Centre).

The opening reception will be held Thursday March 19 from 4-6 p.m.

Non-Credit Summer Courses

For more information, see the column on this page or contact the Office of Continuing Education at 884-0710 ext. 4106.

Cord General Meeting

Every Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Cord office. Writers and photographers are always needed!

Getting involved at WLU

Organizations are looking for student volunteers

Volunteering

can be a very

rewarding

experience.

LORNA HISCOCK

CORD STUDENT LIFE

The end of the semester is very quickly approaching. This means assignments and essays are due, and exams are just around the corner. However, it also means that most of the volunteer organizations on campus are hiring.

Some people prefer to come to university and concentrate on studies for their three of four years here. The other extreme are those students who balance large school involvement with their classes. Many students fall somewhere in the middle; they have one or two volunteer commitments and class-

There is no ideal situation for everyone; it is based simply on preferences.

Volunteer involvement, however,

is very important. Everyone is aware of the fact that a degree does not always guarantee a job. Employers, in the face of growing applications, are looking for things that set you apart from the dozens of other applicants.

For example, everyone who has applied for the job states that they have their BA in History. Many have had summer jobs relating to their field or the job they are applying for.

So, at this point, everyone is at the same level.

For your first job after graduation, your grade point or class standing may be taken into account. This starts to set people apart. But what will make your application stand out?

In a growing number of incidents, your extra-curricular activities will be taken into account.

Your resume needs to have

some sort of interest point that helps you get that first interview. In many cases, involvement in school and community gives you that little edge. And that little

edge is all you really need.

School involvement does not have to take up a lot of your time or sacrifice your school work.

Some commitments involve only a few hours a month. Others can involve several hours a week. And still others are done outside of the school year (i.e. Ice Breakers for Orientation week). You must decide how much time you are prepared to

To find out the time commitment required for a volunteer position, try to find someone who is currently involved. Or, contact the current co-ordinator of the organization.

He or she will be happy to discuss your interest. At this point, you might also find out what your responsibilities and duties would be as part of the organization.

With the large variety of volunteer opportunities at Laurier, you should also try to match a volunteer job with your interests or possible career paths.

For example, if you like working with children, Laurier Students for Literacy [LSFL] might be an option: the Peer Help Line could be good experience for those looking for a job in Social Work; or if journalism is your fancy, The Cord would be a good place to look. There are so many organizations that most people can find something that is appealing.

Right now, the two groups with the largest hiring campaigns are the Students' Union and Student Publications.

The Students' Union offers such volunteer positions as Foot Patrol, BACCHUS, Legal Resources, LUCK, and Winter Carnival. Applications can be found in the Students' Union office.

Student Publications is also accepting applications for the various Cord and Keystone editors.

Volunteering can be a very rewarding experience, through the social aspects and by any new skills that you might acquire.

These new skills could help you secure a job in the future. Plus, volunteer work always looks good on a resume. So, get out there and get involved.

Non-creditSummerCourses

The Craft of the Actor

This course is 12 weeks long, starting May 4, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$180 and is taught by Dr. Leslie O'Dell.

Creative Drama with Young People

This course is 12 weeks long, starting May 4, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$180 and is taught by Dr. Leslie O'Dell.

Sport and the Child

This course is six weeks long, starting May 6, on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$150 and is taught by Dr. Kim Ducharme.

Fundamentals of Accounting

This course is 12 weeks long (plus final examination), starting May 4. The cost is \$180 (plus textbook) and is taught by Chris Batch.

Nutrition: Fads and Facts

This course is four weeks long. starting May 4, on Mondays from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$120 and is taught by Dr. Peter Tildus.

The Social Impact of Technology in the Workplace

This course is eight weeks long, starting May 7, on Thursdays from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$190 and is taught by Theresa Kiefer.

The Office of Continuing Education

LegalResources

Subletting your room this summer

STEF PURDIE AND HEATHER BUTLER

CORD STUDENT LIFE

Do you have a 12 month lease? If so, how do you plan to subsidize your rent for the summer months?

The time of year has arrived for students to think about subletting their houses.

Subletting is permitted by the Landlord and Tenant Act, therefore, the Landlord cannot unreasonably withhold his/her consent to sublet the premises.

A tenant will not likely get the full rental amount from a sublet-

Also, the price will vary considerably depending on such criteria as location of the house from the university.

There is no standard price or formula for calculating this amount. The final rental price is negotiated between the tenant and the subletter.

In a subletting situation, you will act as a Landlord to your subletter. It is generally the tenant's responsibility to find a subletter and to make sure the rent is paid. In most circumstances your subletter will pay the rent to you and you will then pay the Landlord. One must not forget who is



responsible for the utilities and maintenance (i.e. lawn mowing). These things must be decided upon before the subletter moves

There is one key element of subletting that you should take into serious consideration. Regardless of what you write in the subletting agreement, you are still responsible for any damages that are caused by your subletter. You can seek remedies from your subletter in small claims court but you must pay upon the landlord's request

For those thinking of getting a subletter, it is a good idea to pick up our standard Sublease Agreement form from the Legal Resources Office.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Legal Resources Office at extension 3440 or visit the office in person in the Campus Clubs Office.

ACE Laurier/Waterloo wins two awards



The Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs (ACE) recently won two awards at the international conference in Toronto on February 26-28. These awards were presented for the "Best Awareness Campaign" and "Best Education Program."

They also came a close second for "Chapter of the Year - Most Improved Chapter." There are over forty chapters of ACE internationally and in their first year of operations, the members have established themselves as one of the more recognized chapters.

From left to right are Melissa Phillips (ACE Canada), Sandy Clipsham, Mark Berlingieri, Matt Roszkowski, Brad Wilson, Wes Ayranto, Duane Acorn, John Beckham, Rob Henderson, Jason Mills, Brett Nodwell, and Tara Pang.

History comes to life

CHRISTOPHER EVANS

CORD STUDENT LIFE

Dressed as a typical Canadian infantry soldier in the Second World War, Wilfrid Laurier History student Rob Bromley helped bring history to life in the classroom on March 3rd.

With Scott Sheffield, one of two PhD candidates teaching a course on Canadian military history, the class explored the Canadian soldier's experience during the war. Reading about the heat and dust in Normandy during the summer of 1944 and the intense battles that took place conveys only part of the experience; being able to examine the wool uniform and steel helmet Canadian troops wore while fighting there adds even more.

It is a poignant reminder that young Canadian men, wearing the uniform of the infantry soldier, suffered casualty rates in the Normandy campaign higher than those their fathers and grandfathers had suffered in the First World War. Canadian war graves span the globe from Hong Kong to Dieppe, Sicily to Germany and wherever they are to be found they



Real military dress brings the battle to life for history students.

offer a silent but important message: I am a Canadian soldier, I fought for my friends, my family and my country. It is encouraging to see that many still listen.

For those who wish to learn more about Canada's military history, the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies sponsors an annual two day conference at Wilfrid Laurier and publishes a quarterly journal, Canadian Military History. Each issue spans a wide variety of subjects, previous journals have included articles on Canadian participation in the Gulf War, winners of the Victoria Cross, war art, photo essays, first hand accounts of battles as well as extensive book

For more information contact Mike Bechthold at 884-0710 ext. 4594.

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Your guide to the more than 50 active clubs at Laurier.

Environment Club

The club deals with a wide range of environmental issues that affect everyone from local to global levels. These issues include preserving biodiversity, forest protection, animal rights, and pollution. The most recent project was the "Laurier Adopt Siberian Tigers" campaign where donations were collected from the Laurier community. The money was used to fund studies and protection of the remaining 300 wild Siberian tigers through the Hornocker Wildlife Institute. The club appreciates the support given to the cause and raised a total of \$180. Coming events include vegetarian awareness week and fundraising for a section of the Trans Canada Trail. For more information about this club, e-mail snow8520.

Laurier Human Resources Association

The emphasis for this club is to increase awareness. This year, the group has been split into two smaller groups to better meet the needs of different students. The

first group is first and second year students; they gather background information about human resources, attend presentations from the Human Resources Professional Association of Ontario, and participate in some social events.

The second group is third and fourth year students: the focus here is on networking and job finding. Resume packages are sent out each semester to about thirty potential employers. Other events include conferences, leadership luncheons, and planned tours. There is a large membership, but a smaller, more personal turnout is the norm for events. The club is not restricted to business students, but is for anyone who is interested in human resources. Currently, there is a large psychology membership. The second resume project is starting soon as well as recruiting for SBE executives. For more information, e-mail the club at 00lhra@mach1.wlu.ca.

Biology Club

The goal of the Biology Club is to facilitate interaction and awareness between students in all years of Biology. The Executive is currently comprised of students from each year of the Biology program. However, you do not need to be in Biology to join; those who have an interest in their activities or in biology are welcome to participate. Some events that take place throughout the year are social, such as the semiformal, but others are scientifically motivated, like a trip to Point Pelee for the butterfly migration and to the Royal Ontario Museum. The group is hoping to buy a few meters of the Trans-Canada Trail as well. If you have suggestions for the club, or if you want more information, contact Barb at bert7980.

derou & Lation

Dear Devon and Taylor,

We are worried about one of our roommates. He is bringing home several different sexual partners every week. We realize that he can take care of himself and that it's his own business, but we're worried about his reputation and health. Should we express our concern to him, or leave him to fulfill his fantasies?

Signed, B.T.

Dear B.T.,

Concern for your friends is normal. Depending on your relationship with him, express your concerns, without dictating how he should behave.

Maybe this will get him thinking or maybe not. At the very least, he should appreciate your worry.

Love, Devon & Taylor

Devon and Taylor's thought for the week:

I like to think of the tree itself: first the close dry sensation of being wood; then the grinding of the storm; then the slow delicious ooze of sap.

- V. Woolf

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

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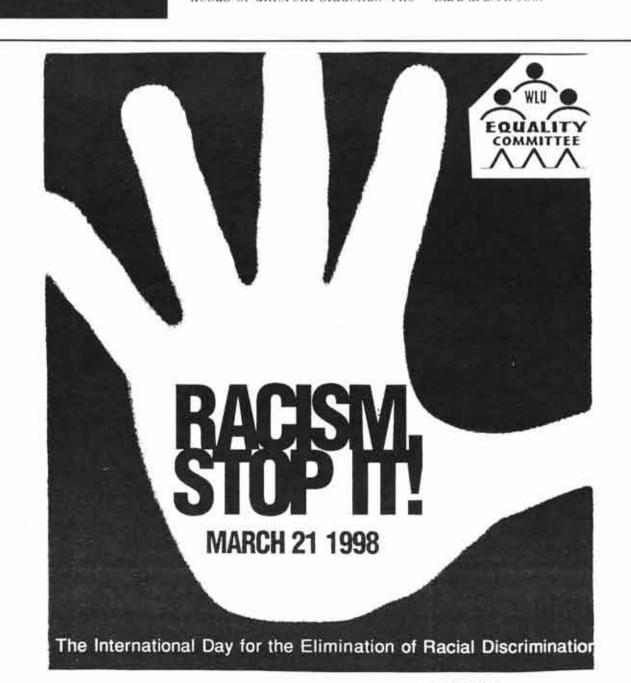
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Hospital privatization Health care restructuring: is the goal really "quality care"?

SALINDA HORGAN

CORD FEATURES

At a time when both federal and provincial funding for health care has been cut and restructuring has taken the form of hospital closures and mergers, it is essential that we ask ourselves where health care in Ontario is headed.

The Federal and Ontario governments will tell you that restructuring Ontario's health care system is essential to safeguard and improve the quality of patient care that must be accessible to all Ontarians, and that the province can afford.

In other words, the system needs to be made more efficient, effective, equitable and economical in order to continue to provide quality care.

There is a growing body of individuals in Ontario, however, that is questioning the motives behind health care restructuring. There is a concern that what truly lies behind restructuring efforts is a corporate agenda aimed at privatizing the Ontario health care system.

A further extension of this concern is that Ontario will follow in the footsteps, and possibly be taken over by the American health care indus-

The current Canada Health Act (enacted in 1984) and, by extension, the current Canadian health care system, have become sources of pride for all Canadians and are part of our culture and heritage.

There are five principles that comprise the Canada Health Act: universality, portability, public administration, accessibility and comprehensiveness.

These principles uphold the belief that universal (single tiered) heath care is a basic human right for all Canadian citizens.

Recent developments in government policy (both at the federal and provincial levels), however, threaten the universal, publicly administered, comprehensive system that has defined Canadian health policy since 1964.

Policies such as the first Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Canada and the United States, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Canadian Health and Social Transfer Act, as well as the Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC) threaten to dismantle the current system and provide opportunity for

Trade is now putting Canadian for the past 20 years. Additionally, health care institutions on the open market."

Today, the provincial and federal governments are continuing this behind-the-scene erosion through endeavors such as the continued funding cuts to health care, closures and mergers of hospitals and through policies such as the expenditures for both social service and health care combined account for only six percent of the national debt.

The debt is actually more attributable to changes in monetary policy (whereby money was loaned to government by commercial banks rather

With the help of the Health Services Restructuring Commission (made up of individuals associated with private corporations, and health insurance and pharmaceutical companies), Ontarians should expect to see the current four percent of government hospital ownership decrease significantly, opening the door of opportunity for foreign investment even wider.

By closing more and more hospitals to be sold to private sector interests, the Restructuring Commission is leaving our health in the hands of the richest national and global profit-seeking organizations.

We can see this happening already in Alberta. Where recently a corporate bid from Health Resource Group Inc. (HRG) was placed with the Alberta College of Physicians to reopen a closed Calgary hospital in order to sell surgeries such as hip replacements and pacemaker insertions.

If, and when, this bid goes through, it will be a major step toward a two tiered health care system in Canada. The Calgary hospital had been closed in 1996 as part of a restructuring effort that drained fifteen million dollars from Calgary alone between 1992 and 1996.

Many are already concerned about the possibility of HRG Inc. selling out to a private U.S. company. The College of Physicians has tabled the issue for public debate.

HRG Inc. raised ten million dollars from private investors to reopen the closed hospital and publicly acknowledges that their vision is to "become the largest private hospital company in Canada." The corporation also states that it wishes to expand into Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario.

Finally, the latest move by the federal government came in the April 1, 1996 budget delivered by Liberal MP Paul Martin. This budget announced the replacement of the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP) with the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST).

This move symbolized the withdrawal of the federal government from direct financial commitment to health care. The repercussions of this move include the future inability of the federal government to maintain national standards of health care.

Also, provinces will be given the ability to prioritize federal funding as they see fit. In other words, the allocation of monies, resources, and standards for the health care system is left up to the individual discretion of our premier.

In all, what is the cost of this restructuring effort to consumers? The closure of rural, municipal, religious and special needs hospitals, a de-skilled social services labour force, decreased amounts of care, long waiting lists for beds, early discharges and the opening of doors to a two tiered Canadian health care

Is this the quality of care that we want our government working toward in Ontario?



the corporatization of the health care system and the subsequent development of a two tiered system.

In an article in the Toronto Star (1988), then Minister of Health Mme. Monique Begin was quoted as stating that "Medicare is a fragile institution vulnerable not to big blows or eruptions like an earthquake that may make the Canadian system vanish overnight, but to the low, quiet, behind-the-scene erosion of Medicare's foundation and its pervious universality.

Exactly like a tiny crack in a dam that leads to major flooding, Free

Canadian Health and Social Transfer Act. Through these efforts the government is paving the way for the privatization of the Ontario health care system.

Perhaps the most significant way in which the government is deconstructing the health care system is through under-funding. The government claims that health care costs are too high and that cutting costs is

According to STATS CAN, the percentage of the Gross National Product (GNP) allocated to health care has remained stable in Canada

than the Bank of Canada), increased interest rates, as well as tax concessions and loans to large corpora-

Despite the reality of the cost of health care, though, the federal government has cut health care spending by four billion dollars in the last three years and plans to cut another 2.5 billion dollars.

The Ontario provincial government has been rapidly closing hospitals and laying off social service workers in an effort to shift the cost to municipalities and patients.

This continued under-funding forces our hospitals to compete as non-profit entities or to sell out to private management companies.

John Ralston Saul addresses this issue in his book, The Unconscious Civilization: "... our governments are handing essential, but now unfundable, programs down to the regional level in the name of increased democracy. But the regional governments are also in a funding crisis and in a far weaker position vis-a-vis the corporations."

The ownership of Ontario hospitals is not fully concentrated with the Ontario government. In fact, government owns only four percent of Ontario hospitals. The ownership of the other ninety-six percent of Ontario hospitals falls to non-profit corporations, municipalities and counties, religious organizations, and profit-making individuals or companies.

As long as hospitals are not government services they are not excluded from NAFTA and as such there is little to prevent American business from purchasing and managing Canadian hospitals:



Disorganized, corrupt, but It's there when we need it.

Dave Holmes First Year Communications



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Managed care in Ontario: who benefits?

SALINDA HORGAN

CORD FEATURES

Most of the health services restructuring activities take place behind closed doors in forums that do not facilitate public debate. Ontario's health care system has a lot more to do with corporate interests than it does with the delivery of quality health care to the average Canadian

A recent occurrence that has resulted from Ontario's move toward reconstructing the health care system has been the formation of the Employer Committee on Healthcare-Ontario (ECHO).

This committee is comprised of thirty Ontario corporations (includ-

ing Ontario Hydro, IBM, and Northern Telecom) and was formed to create a forum from which Ontario businesses could have an impact upon decisions made with regard to Ontario's health care sys-

ECHO's first agenda was to demand hospital closures and user fees on health services. The Ontario government responded to this demand by restructuring the province's health care system. This move has resulted in hospital closures, mergers and a shifting of health care costs on to the con-

ECHO's second agenda is Managed Care. Although the debate still rages on (behind closed doors) over the introduction of Managed Care to Canada, ECHO is definitely a powerful force advocating for cost containment and the deregulation of health care.

ECHO contends that the Managed Care model would reduce costs by allowing private insurers and corporations control over what benefits will be (and will not be) covered, how benefits will be delivered and how much social service providers will be paid. It is highly probable that ECHO will be successful in its bid to introduce the Managed Care model to Canada.

Managed Care is essentially an insurance concept that evolved out of the restructuring of the American health care system in the early

The managed care model combines health care services for covered individuals, and the financing for these services under one corporate roof. The key to success of the managed care model is in the use of 100 per cent bed space by so called "covered clients."

With consultations between ECHO and private insurers to discuss the implementation of flexible benefit plans (wherein employees take on a greater share of the cost of benefit packages), Ontarians can expect to be paying for more benefits out of their own pockets.

This creates a shift in the cost of health care from government and corporations to the consumer, with private corporations pocketing the profits.

In lay terms, the Managed Care system works like this: service providers salaries are pre-determined (and paid in advance) based upon the expected amount of services that they will need to provide to their clients (this amount is determined by the Managed Care organization, not by the service provider).

When an individual is in need of additional health care services (beyond the pre-determined allotment) she/he is required to see a community wellness coordinator who determines the need for additional services and authorizes (or does not authorize) the individual for additional services.

Managed care organizations profit by providing the pre-paid services for less than the aggregate payment. Thus, there is a vested interest in under-serving the patient. Providers who do provide unauthorized, additional services must absorb the costs that exceed the cap themselves. The moral dilemma occurs when the fiscal outcomes become the objective, rather than the quality of care.

These practices have serious implications for all health care consumers. Consumer choice, with regard to service provision, will be limited. Restrictions on choices for providers will occur as corporations merge with insurance agencies and service provider organizations.

Individual employees will only be

covered for services received from specific providers who happen to be in business with the corporation that the employee works for.

There will be a limit on the number of visits to a practitioner that an individual will be covered and additional visits will be paid for out of the pocket of the consumer.

Additionally, once individuals have begun to undergo services for a medical condition, they will be subject to ongoing reviews to determine the necessity of continued ser-

This holds greater implications for individuals with long-term disabilities, for which chronic illnesses will require on-going reviews by community wellness coordinators.

In addition, the diminished ability of most individuals with long-term health services will result in diminfrom long-term disabilities (i.e. physa result of the long-term illness

It seems unlikely that a system that seeks to continuously increase profits and restricts service provision is really serving the best interest of clients with long-term disabili-

In an era of government and corporate partnerships, the accessibility, comprehensiveness, universality and portability of the current Canadian health care system is in jeopardy.

Canadians with technical access to health care, but not quality care.

There should be an effluent tax on bad ideas coming across the border. The U.S. approach to health care would certainly qualify. David Mormor,

disabilities to pay for additional ished care. Most people who suffer ically debilitating illnesses, mental illness) require continuous and easily accessible health care services as

Managed Care will provide

Professor of Political Vale University, April,

1997 in Toronto

There are a lot of myths about acne:

FACT: Diet has nothing to do with acne.

The direction of hospital "restructuring"

ROLANDO INZUNZA

CORD FEATURES

In the United States, health care privatization has been a reality since the late 1950s, when a Nashville cardiologist Thomas Frist, started his own facility as a solution to the lacking medical resources.

In trying to finance expansions to his health service, he realized capital by selling shares in the hos-

Some forty years later, hundreds of health care companies continue to hold lucrative positions in various Stock Exchange Markets, reaping hundreds of billions of dollars annually in profit.

However, health care privatization now occurs little by little, unbeknownst to the majority of people.

In Canada we have thus far been privy to decades of universal healthcare. Everyone needing medical attention received, for similar problems, the same services regardless of individual ability to finance potentially expensive proce-

It is important to acknowledge that parts of the universal health care system existing in Canada have been privately run, with government providing varying degrees of regulation and varying degrees of unang.

So, in essence, each physician. dentist, and optometrist are entre-

panies and the pharmaceutical companies dispensing the prescrip-

Large corporations (like IBM, Hewlett-Packard, and General Motors) have bought large amounts of shares in health care services, to their financial benefit.

For example, high-technology based firms are suppliers of sophisticated, expensive machinery which, because of its capabilities, quickly become the industry stan-

However, the reality is that technology advances even faster and most of the time technology purchased by a hospital, like a CT scanner, is dated before it arrives.

As early as in the 1980s this has meant profits of about 20 million dollars annually, from the health care sector alone; for each of the monster corporations.

Considering there are hundreds of companies distributing to the health care sector, you can begin to see the big picture, or rather the big dollars involved.

Many of us have blamed the rising cost of medical necessities on doctors' salaries, when in fact physicians' incomes pale in comparison to the money spent on (what are deemed as) technological necessines that continuously need to be updated.

When it comes to further privatipreneurs as are the insurance com- zation in Canada, over 85% of

physicians believe it will have a negative impact on the heath care system budget.

Over 75 per cent of Canadians feel their families would receive unequal treatment in a two-tiered health care system.

Out of all the G-7 countries Canada (as of 1993) has spent the highest percentage of its gross domestic product (GDP) on health.

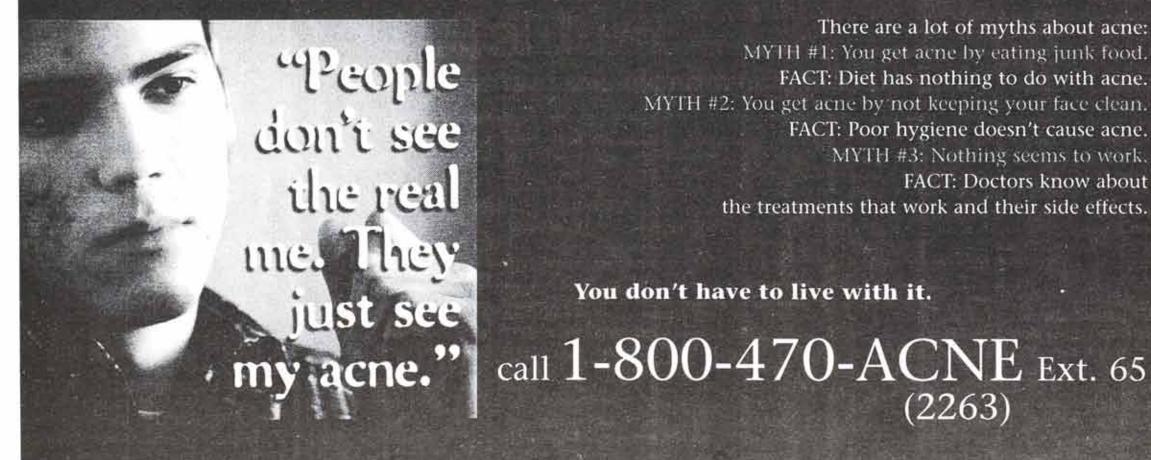
Repeatedly, studies have determined that sustaining Canada's health care system is a top priority for the Canadian public.

So be aware: when you think of the future of health care service privatization in Canada, we are already well on the way. An example of this is 'After-Hours Marketing."

After hours, very late at night and early in the morning, professional sports teams or large companies might find it useful to 'rent' facilities in the hospital.

For large companies or professional sports teams it is more cost efficient to pay the fee to 'rent' the facilities and treat their people sooner, instead of having them wait four months at home, on sick leave, waiting for an appointment to see a

It is also important for us to make current and tuture governments listen to the fact that preserving our health care systems is what makes Canada, Canada.



CORDSPORTS

Volleyball All-Stars ready to go

MIKE MCKENNA

CORD SPORTS

After completing one of their most successful seasons in many years. two members of the Laurier Women's Volleyball team will finish off their season playing in the inaugural OUA All-Star game this Saturday at the University of Waterloo.

Both co-captain Stacey McCoy and third year veteran Steph Dart will head up the street to represent Laurier in a clash with the league's best.

Laurier Head Coach Russ Woloshyn was brimming with happiness when asked to comment. "The two girls were really our leaders this season. They played very well and allowed us to be successful."

The rookie head coach also deserves a pat on the back for guiding a very young team to the OUA championships and an eventual 7th place finish.

"Coming into the season we didn't really know what to expect," commented Woloshyn. "But certain players stepped into leadership roles and we were successful."

Aside from Dart and McCoy, Woloshyn was very pleased with the play of co-captain Alisha Patella, and a pair of rookies both named

"Those two [Shannon Avery and Shannon Smith] really stepped up their games and progressed as the season went on.," added Woloshyn, who was coaching at the Varsity level for the first time in his coaching career.

Woloshyn, who also handles the coaching duties at Waterloo Collegiate, stepped in and did an excellent job this season, leading a rookie laden squad to a tremendous finish.

The progress of the team was shown during the Championships as the Hawks took on the top team in the province in their opening match. The Hawks faced off against the University of Toronto Blues, giving them the scare of the tournament in a match that lasted over two and a half hours, before the Blues prevailed.

"We came so close," added the coach. "We were a little inexperienced and that contributed to us not closing the deal, but that will come with time."

The future seems bright for a program that has long been dismal, as the entire team will be back to play next season, when Laurier fans can expect bigger and better things from this team.

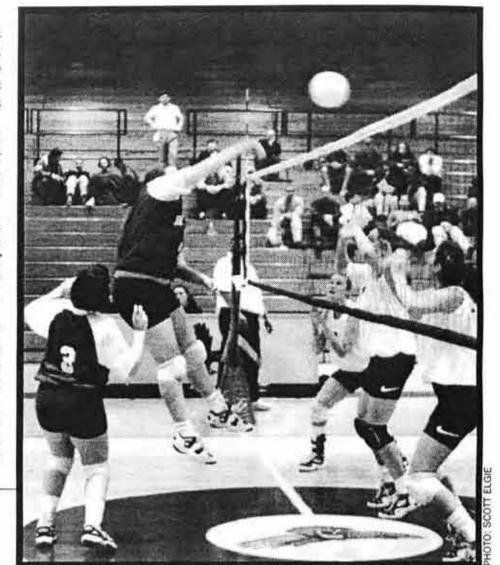
"We had a great season," added Dart, "Things will only get better from here. As for the All-Star selection, of course I am very happy, and it will be something to build on."

The third year middle had a tremendous impact on the team this season as her skill in the middle of the floor made teams change their defensive system in order to compensate.

"She opened up our game," added Woloshyn. "She gave us more options that improved our attack because teams had to change their

You can check out the two allstars at 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening, just up the street at the Waterloo Physical Activity Complex.

Steph Dart, airborne, will be one of two members of the Laurier Women's team in action Saturday.



What a shame

CONOR MCCREERY

CORD SPORTS COMMENTARY

It wasn't supposed to be this way. The Toronto Raptors were supposed to be enjoying another year of playing David to the NBA's Goliath's - every once in a while the dino's were going to catch the heavyweights with a stone right between the eyes. Then the Raptors were going to parlay a decent pick into another useful player. Finally, the last piece of the puzzle was going to involve a smiling Isiah Thomas, announcing the signing of one of the top free agents available and BANGO!! the Raptors were going to be a playoff team in the ultra-competitive Eastern confer-

Instead, we had a year of ownership disputes, disgruntled stars, coaching changes and an ugly losing streak. So now the dust has settled and we are left to look at the Toronto Raptors after the fall.

Let's start with how the Raps made out in the Stoudamire trade(s). GM Glen Grunwald parlayed Damon, Walt Williams (an overrated one dimensional player) and Carlos Rogers, into Gary Trent (a big nasty player who the Raptors dearly lacked), Alvin Williams (a young prospect), Kenny Anderson (a skilled veteran point guard) and two first rounders. The Raps then extracted a second round pick from Portland, due to Williams' injury and Anderson's refusal to play in

Grunwald then showed me that he perhaps will actually be an excellent GM. Grunwald did not allow himself to hope that Anderson would stay in Toronto. Instead, he was already at work with the Boston Celtics for a deal involving the malcontent. Kenny Anderson, Zan Tabak (Croatian for "pylon") and an injured Popeye Jones went to wear the Kelly Green,

while Chauncy Billups, veteran guard Dee Brown and young forwards Roy Rogers and John Thomas became honourary Barney's.

With the deal, the team needed a new "franchise player." So far it seems that offguard Doug Christie has become that player. Christie is a much more physical and athletic player than Damon, but he lacks Stoudamire's court vision, and all around polished offensive game.

The Raptors are now a more united team, freed from the Darryl Walker, Isiah Thomas, Damon Stoudamire love-in. Unfortunately they are less talented, although the potential is high. The Raptors still lack a big presence in the post. though Gary Trent and John Thomas (who may end up as the real steal in the deals) provide more of this presence, than existed before the deal. The Raptors now need Chauncy Billups to develop into a more efficient point guard - his assists per game are worrisome only four a game, and they desperately need Marcus Camby to begin to develop on the offensive side. Camby has done well blocking shots but needs to average closer to 16 to 17 PPG rather than his current 11.5.

So what is the future for Toronto? The departure of Damon and Isiah has hurt the Raptors in two ways: 1) the team is hurting in the short term and 2) the Raptors are not going to be a popular destination for free agents in the off-season. This means the Raptors are going to need to draft well, and to hope existing talent can mature. Furthermore, it is of utmost importance that Toronto's management (now Steve Stavro et al.) make Toronto as pleasant a place to play as possible so as to keep young talent, and to hopefully make it

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Men's Bball miss their mark

From high hopes to heavy hearts: the story of the Hawks hoopsters in 1998

CHRIS PEARCE

CORD SPORTS

As has been the story for the Men's Basketball team in recent years, a great deal of promise at the start of the season dwindled into an abysmal finish to the year. In 1997-98 it was upheaval, injuries, and dissension that told the story of the Hawks' fate.

As the season opened, it appeared as though this year's squad was prepared to make a serious run at a playoff berth, with their preseason effort heavily indicating that possibility. Five returning starters and several key members on the bench seemed to favour a promising future for the

The squad looked poised with new head coach Mike Kilpatrick leading the way, going on a fivegame tear to start their preseason. After the Hawks won the consolation at the Naismith tournament, it looked as though they were just "touching the tip of their potential."

It was around this point that dissension within the team, and especially concerning the coach. became apparent. With so much promise ahead, the team could not have chosen a worse time to have problems of this nature arise.

The blockbuster came when second-year player. Greg Sandstrom, a tremendously talented player and a fixture at guard, quit the team outright over issues that had developed with the coach.

Sandstrom, an all-star last season, apparently had his preseason suspicions over the coach's style verified. According to Sandstrom he had considered not playing for

the team when he realized that Kilpatrick would be coach. But instead, he elected to give the team a shot. To no avail obviously.

This shocking move was indeed the beginning of the end for the Hawks this season, as they looked much like they were missing a wheel after Sandstrom's depar-

Sandstrom, "in his own best interest," decided that UBC would be a better spot for him, and will make his grand entrance there in

Sandstrom's leaving also marked the start of a losing streak that would continue until the end of the season with a surprising, and well-deserved, victory against Laurentian falling in the middle.

With Sandstrom's departure, the Hawks added powerhouse rookie Kenny Hodgkins to their lineup. One must ask what might have become of the team had Sandstrom not left at such an opportune time.

Nonetheless, the season went to on, to more misfortune. After losing their thirteenth game in a row, an injury to Kevin Ryan set the team back for good. The team's moral leader, and one of its best players, tore his ACL and would go down for at least six months.

The rest of the season was tough to endure other than the last-second thrilling victory against Lakehead. The team saw some bright points and positive developments, but not enough to forget that this unit carried some great expectations into this season.

Jeff Zdrahal was consistent all year long, despite having to adjust

to a mid-season position change. His play earned him second-team All-Star status for the OUA West Division. This was quite an accomplishment.

Chris Popofski and Ken Hodgkins also developed very positively all season and were key to the Hawks' play through to the end. In order for the Hawks to achieve success, these rooks will have to work hard over the sum-

It does seem premature, though, to start talking about next season. Many issues will have to be resolved over this summer, particularly the status of coach Kilpatrick, and his motivational style.

As is the norm, the coach must bear the responsibility for his team's play, and based on this season, the coach has a lot of questions to answer. Without a doubt, coaching skill requires a degree of experience, but for how long can fans be expected to wait for suc-

Zdrahal surmised the situation ideally, in a post season interview. "It's time for this team to get old, to mature, to start to get some wins for this school, because this school deserves it."

If Kilpatrick does come back the status of many players is expected to be questionable. Drew Moir is gone. And Zdrahal. Popofski, and Hodgkins cannot be expected to lead a team, all by themselves.

The program will have to do some serious reorganization and recruiting if it is to succeed in the

Grunwald's worried world

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possible for a free agent to take a chance on signing with the Raptors.

If Toronto can finish the season competitively they have a chance to sign a solid free agent - its unlikely they can bring a star to town. If they do that, and the right players develop the way they need to, there is no reason to believe that the

Raps can't be a playoff threat in two or three years - which is not bad given how many good young teams there are in the East. If, however, Toronto earns the rep as a "bad place to play," say "hello" to the Clippers, Warriors, Nuggets and Mavericks because those will be our NBA brethren for a long time to

Shonk and Brown to represent Laurier

MIKE MCKENNA

CORD SPORTS

After being nominated as the outstanding volleyball player in the OUA West Division this season and leading the entire OUA in scoring Laurier volleyball great Kevin Shonk will play his final match this Saturday.

Shonk, the fourth year veteran will be joined by third year standout Ryan Brown in the first annual OUA All-star game to be held this Saturday at Waterloo.

"I am extremely happy," noted Brown who made the all-star team for the second straight year 'This will give us a chance to play with the best players in the league."

The men's contest will get underway at 8 p.m. and besides the two Laurier representatives the game will feature two all-Canadians in Jeff Chung from the University of Toronto and Richard Van Huizen of the York Yeomen.

This will be Shonk's final chance to represent Laurier after a sensational four year career that has seen him lead the nation in scoring, be selected as an All-Canadian and, and be a two time OUA West All-Star on top of this years outstanding player nomina-

Shonk also lead the Hawks to a trip to the CIAU Championships last season after they grabbed the OUA West Championship. After being such an asset to the program he will no doubt be missed next season as it there will be some big shoes to fill when the Hawks lose their leader.

If you would like to catch a glimpse of the all-star game, don't forget game time is 8 p.m. at the University of Waterloo.

A few odds and ends

MIKE MCKENNA

CORD SPORTS

Warriors surprise

The Waterloo Warriors pulled off one of the most remarkable feats in CIAU history this past weekend with a Cinderella run that has landed them National in the Championships March 18-22 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Led by Mike Zavershink and his 14 points,

the Warriors stunned the McMaster Marauders in front of a supportive home court crowd Saturday afternoon.

McMaster, who entered the contest ranked number one in the CIAU, and were led by 1996-97 CIAU player of the year Titus Channer, couldn't keep up to the young inspired Warriors who weren't even expected to be close to the OUA West Division Final.

After defeating Lakehead in their opening game of the playoffs, the Warriors then upset Western, the third ranked team in Canada, to gain a spot in the final against McMaster.

OUA Bids for National Championships

With the contract between the CIAU and the AUAA expiring at the end of 1998 for the right to host the CIAU basketball championship, the OUA has jumped on board with a bid to host the 1999 championships.

The OUA, along with the City of Hamilton and the Ontario Basketball Association, have submitted a bid to host the tournament:

"With the desire to bring the event to Ontario and provide a live interactive experience and an opportunity to elevate the university basketball image, increase fan and alumni support, and expose a large and developing youth basketball program to the excellence of Canadian University programs

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while increasing the corporate involvement at this level," according to an OUA Media Release. The tournament would be hosted at Copps Coliseum by the entire OUA, showcasing the event throughout Canada at a world class facility that in the past has hosted part of the World Basketball Championships and the Toronto Raptors on numerous occasions. Both the AUAA and the OUA will present their bids to the CIAU late March, with the final decision of the CIAU being released when the Board of Directors of the CIAU meet in late April, 1998.

All-Stars, All-Stars and more **All-Stars**

The OUA recently announced its Basketball All-Stars for the 1997-98 season. Once again, McMaster star Titus Channer led the way being named the OUA West Division Outstanding player for the third year running, after leading the Marauders to a 13-1 record before

> their collapse in the playoffs this weekend. Channer averaged 23.5 points a game and will be once again nominated for the Outstanding player in the CIAU, that will be announced March 18th.

Laurier's Jeff Zdrahal was named a second team All-Star after averaging 22 points per game for the Hawks. Last season's OUA West Division rookie of the year Zdrahal finished second in scoring in the West.

On the women's side there were no Laurier players selected to the post season All-Star team after the team finished with a 2-14 record. Western led the way with three selections, while Waterloo and Lakehead contributed two members to the West Division All-Star team.

The OUA also announced its post-season hockey all-stars this week, and with no great surprise no Golden Hawks were selected. Windsor led the way with three first team selections and four all-stars overall, while York, Western, and Waterloo added two apiece.

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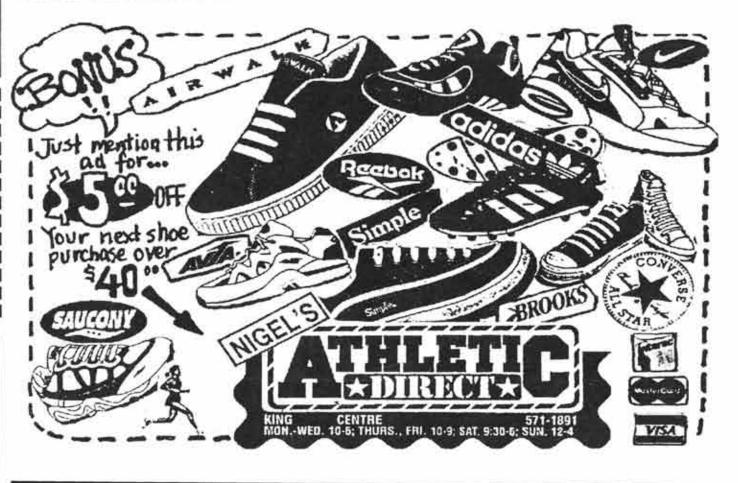
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Great Big Sea attracts all ages

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There is but one true way to get a large taste of what Newfoundland and its culture is all about: see Great Big Sea live.

This foursome incorporates everything that could ever be linked with the Maritimes into music that even your mother would like. From the classics to their own new brand of jig happy songs, they'll have you bouncing along before you know it.

The band has been around for five years, and in those five years their fan base has grown so big that it would invoke jealousy in many of the other Canadian bands who have received just as much radio time.

Their last album, Play, has become a best seller and a favourite of many of your local record stores. With the release of their new video and another album soon to be on its way, one can easily predict that their popularity will only grow.

Before the actual concert review, I'd like to bring up a couple things that became evident to me at the concert last Thursday at the Lyric. As I walked towards the front, I noticed the great variety of people who were there. They ranged from 12 year-olds to 60 year-olds, both singles and couples.

Now, for those who frequently go to concerts, you will know what I'm going to say next. If you go to a con-

cert with your significant other, it is not cool to "grind" with them for the entire show. It is, however, okay to let go of their hips and feel the music instead of them.

Great Big Sea never have a problem getting their fans to converge on one place, and to become one large sweating mass of bouncing heads and bodies. The Thursday show was no exception.

Their music, though different from most popular music now, has almost become Canada's third language, as they often incorporate a sort of nationalistic speech into their

Most notable mention goes to their renditions of "Excursion Around the Bay" and the classic "I'se the Bye," which always get a great response from the crowd. The band also did a few covers that went over well with the audience: "I Fought the Law" originally by the Clash, and "It's the End of the World As We Know It" by R.E.M. (which is included on their CD Play). Both songs caused the audience to ask themselves: "Is there anything Great Big Sea can't do?"

The band gave a couple of previews from their next album, as they played songs that only people who had been to every one of their past few concerts would have heard. They performed tunes from every single one of their albums to keep the old fans and the new fans happy, and dancing and singing along, There was no way that any type of Great Big Sea fan would have left the building without a smile on their face and an extra bounce in their step.

Unfortunately though, Great Big Sea didn't seem to be as full of energy as they have been every other time I've seen them. On this, their fifth birthday, one would think that the energy level would be extra high but instead it faded in and out.

As the show came to a close, the band seemed to be getting into it more. It's too bad that the show had to stop after two encores. Even though it wasn't a constant explosion of energy, it was still much more than the average band puts

The sold-out crowd enjoyed themselves as much as every other crowd that has had the fortune to see Great Big Sea play. If you have never seen them play, you should. How could you not? Even if your dog died that morning, you would leave the concert feeling happier than a bunny.

Craig really has a thing for fuzzy bunnies. In fact, he brings them into every conversation he has.

Great big concert at the Lyric with some East Coast boys.



Lebowski is a dud

RW HICKEY

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

The Coen brothers' latest effort, The Big Lebowski, breaks an amazing string of quirky, exciting movies steeped in a love of filmmaking.

Movies like Barton Fink, Miller's Crossing, and the underrated Hudsucker Proxy all displayed Ethan and Joel Coen's genuine gift for telling unusual tales in a vibrant, highly stylized manner. While their last film, Fargo, saw the brothers successfully taking a breather from their cinematic pyrotechnics, they're back to their usual tricks in The Big Lebowski, Tragically, tricks are all they've got. The movie is like a Van Halen guitar solo: technically proficient, but absolutely lacking in soul and spirit.

The Big Lebowski

Starring: Jeff Bridges, John Goodman Director: Joel Coen

At the centre of the movie is the Dude, played by a chubby and grizzled Jeff Bridges. The Dude doesn't like his actual name, Jeff Lebowski, but he does like marijuana, bowling and White Russians. The Dude's life of indolence is forever upset, however, when he is mistaken for millionaire Jeffrey Lebowski. He becomes embroiled in a kidnapping case, which, of course, inevitably goes wrong. Everyone double-crosses everyone else.

Before the final credits, a toe is cut off, an ear spat out, and a naked Julianne Moore paints an abstract expressionist piece while suspended from a harness.

The Big Lebowski has got many of the usual Coen touches: flashy

camera work (one shot as seen from the hole of a bowling ball is particularly impressive), John Turturo, and a plot full of unexpected twists and turns. Sadly, it's missing the most crucial component of the Coen formula: engaging charac-



Why isn't this movie good? How can I make it good?

Mean-spirited stereotypes populate Lebowski's cast of characters, from the film's unemployed, potsmoking protagonist and his loud mouthed Vietnam veteran bowling partner, Walter (a very, very loud John Goodman), to the film's villainous but vacuous German nihilists. Predictably, the millionaire is cantankerous and crippled, while his wife is an empty-headed nymphomaniac. It's nothing that audiences haven't seen before, and it's certainly not something audiences need to see again.

No one is interesting, and consequently, no one has anything interesting to say. In an ill conceived effort to spice up the dialogue, the Coens resort to profanity. It's a problem even the film's narrator, played by Sam Elliott, seems aware of. Making an appearance in the middle of the film, Elliott compliments the Dude on his sense of style, but then says, "I wish you wouldn't use all them cuss words."

The Big Lebowski certainly does have style, but it's a style that removes the audience from the action. Its condescending approach and feel make the movie's already unreal characters all the more unreal. The cold, sophisticated look of the film is utterly inappropriate for its main setting: the smelly, simple world of bowling alleys and run down apartments.

In Fargo, the Coen brothers toned down their style to suit the subject, resulting in an affectionate portrait of small town America. Here, however, the Coens chose to keep a smirking elitist's eye, and have produced a caricature that is unpleasantly disdainful of all it sur-

It's hard to admit that Ethan and Joel Coen have made a bad movie, but it must be said. That's the way life goes.

As the Dude, the bowling Buddha, says: life has its strikes and its gutterballs. The Big Lebowski is decidedly the latter. It's a major disappointment from one of American cinema's most exciting teams.

Robert calls himself the Dude. He thought the movie was about him. Turns out that it isn't though. Poor Robert.

Preview to St. Patrick's Day

CHRISTINE GERGICH

CORD ENTERTAINMENT St. Patrick's Day celebrations started early in Kitchener on March 7th. Calide - Friends of Irish Culture presented a St. Patrick's Cellí at the Victoria Park Pavilion, Saturday night from 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. It was a night of Irish music, dancing. food and spirit. The Seoda (gem or jewels) 'gus Ceili was brought back to Victoria Park due to popular

The distinctive Irish music was provided by The Grand River Ceili Band. The band, consisting of six members, created an Irish blend of music with three violins, an accordion, a guitar and the tin flute, which kept everyone's toes tapping throughout the night. They played a collection of jigs and waltzes, with only a few breaks between sets. The music was great and although the Pavilion was not packed, everyone in attendance seemed to be enjoying the laidback, cozy Irish atmosphere of good company, as the heat of the dancing warmed

While the music played, an Irish voice shouted out dance moves. This was the voice of Maureen Mulvey, Canada's most sought after "Ceili Caller." She guided everyone on the dance floor, many of whom were amateurs, through the simple dance steps of Irish square sets.

A women with a true Irish smile, Mulvey has been coming to Waterloo for over a year now to

teach dance lessons, and to coach at ceilis with various Irish bands. She has attended ceilis in Guelph for a couple of years now, where she has entertained and coerced many people into dancing, sometimes crowds of four to six hundred

The Irish dancing at first consisted of simple instructions from Maureen, who even jumped in to demonstrate, and then the music seemed to put all the steps in place ... for the more experienced people anyway. But, people were enjoying themselves, even if some confusion was created over which way to twirl your partner.

There was a generous helping of Irish Stew at 10:00 p.m., while Guinness and Kilkenny were flowing from the bar, and then the dancing resumed. There was also a demonstration of champion Irish dancers earlier in the night.

Seoda 'gus Ceilí was a great way to start off St. Patrick's Day celebrations. There are upcoming ceilis in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, including one on June 20th in Waterloo Park. If you want to keep your Irish eyes a smiling, I recommend you attend a ceili once in your lifetime.

Céad mile Failte (one hundred thousand welcomes) to Friends of Irish Culture for providing a night of fun, entertaining Irish refinement and Lá Fhéile Pádraig Shona (Happy St. Patrick's Day!). Gergich is a classic Irish name.

Bosstones tear it up

CRAIG WHITE

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Once again the Mighty Mighty Bosstones caused jaws to drop this past Saturday night at Fed Hall, with their non-stop third wave ska. The band has recently received the respect and radio play they deserve, after Let's Face It, their sixth album, and its whirl-wind tour.

On their current tour of Canada, the Bosstones plan to cover most major cities in just over 10 days. A usual year for them will have 320 days on the road. This time, due to the popularity of their new album, they may be able to sit back for some time, and just listen to themselves on the radio.

Not only are the Bosstones talent themselves but they know talent very well, almost like a close friend, as could be seen by their choice of an opening band, the **Pletasters**.

The Pietasters, obviously influenced by the Bosstones and other third wave ska bands, deserve as much recognition as the Bosstones give them. With such songs as "Ocean" and "Take it Easy," they quickly took control of the audience.

During one song, Dicky Barrett made an appearance to which the Pietasters' lead singer could only say "See I told you they were my friends." The lead singer also seemed to be searching for something for the entire show. I hope next time he finds whatever it was. They had the attention of nearly everyone in the audience, except those who were concentrating on their drinks.

The reins were then passed from Pietasters to Bosstones, and the floor was immediately covered in people, who felt the need to push and jump and surf the crowd. It was almost as though they were in a "mosh pit" but everyone knows that no one "moshes" anymore.

Even though near the front one



The ska-man with the classic mic. Classy. Very classy.

could hardly breathe without getting a foot in the mouth, Barrett called to the balcony to come and join the party as there was still some room at the front. For those who did crowd surf and ended up in one of the bouncers arms, Barrett came to the rescue saving them from sure death at the hands of these large men.

The Bosstones made a dramatic entrance with lights flashing and a large banner dropping down behind the drum set sporting the famous Bosstones dog logo. As the band ventured on stage, the crowd was struck with shear madness.

From the first note to the last, the energy level in the entire building multiplied ten times. Barrett and his boys never seemed to stop. Move over Energizer bunny, these guys never skipped a beat. Ben Carr, the band's resident dancer, wowed the audience with his seemingly jello legs. The Bosstones played not only their new stuff but some stuff from past records. No new songs were on the bill but there surely will be some shortly. The show's biggest response came from "The Impression That I Get," as everyone sang along. Others that got a good response but which are not as well known were "Someday," and the slower "Where Did You Go." The show was a good length but could have gone on much longer with the amount of material the band has.

Near the end, Barrett apologized for having such a bad show but the audience didn't seem to mind at all. If that is what they call a bad show, then I don't know if I could have survived a good one.

With the Pietasters putting on the performance of a headliner, and the Bosstones proving once again that they are the current kings of ska, the night was well worth the money.

Tasty tunes

BRIAN GEIGER

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

You've heard them jamming in the Concourse, and you've seen their posters around the school; now get a taste for what they're all about.

The Musicians' Network will be releasing another compilation album, entitled Taster, this Friday. The CD showcases eight bands, all high in Laurier content, that have been steadily making names for themselves in the Kitchener-Waterloo area over the past few years.

Taster should prove to be a major stepping stone towards the recognition and respect that these independent musicians have been working for.

The CD begins with a track from Dick Hooligan, one of the more experienced bands in the Musicians' Network. This song has a definite acoustic-blues feel to it, and gets the album started off on the right foot.

They are followed by Case, with their song "The Next Day." The album takes an alternative-rock twist with Case, and continues with Shellpool's track. Both songs are very ear-catching, and are some of the more upbeat material on Taster.

Next up is another well-established band, Rabast, with "Feel the Soul." Sterling Lynch contributes the next song, a track that is reminiscent of Hayden and Noah's Arkweld. The sixth song is by kids these days with "Snapshot," followed by the more aggressive Mr. Dog's "Testament to Sensical Insanity."

Greenhorn then throws a curve ball to end the album with something completely different. "What Kind of Love Did You Have in Mind" uses only keyboards, and is by far the most unique song on Taster

Except for Greenhorn, the entire album is heavy on acoustic guitars. Ryan Smith, a member of Mr. Dog and Taster's producer, indicates that this was not intentional, but that "the album flows really well because of it."

Each band on Taster was required to record a song on their own, and pay an "entrance fee" to fund the production of the compilation CD. Most of the tracks were recorded in local studios, but even the do-it-yourself basement recordings sound as good as the studio tracks — and that's something that is not easy to come by.

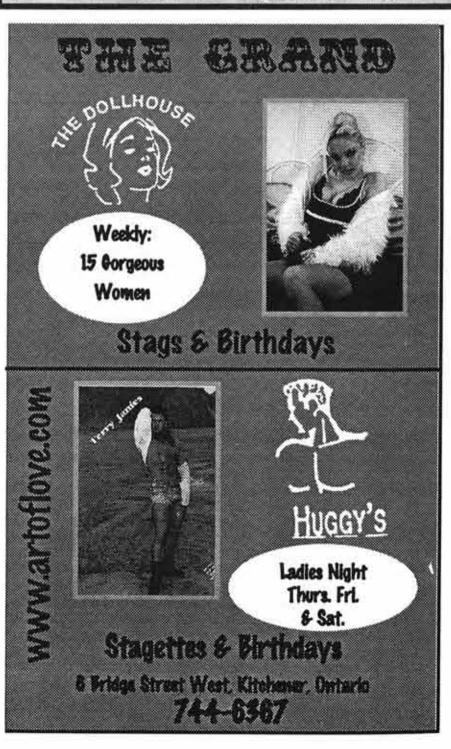
Smith seems very enthusiastic about the album's release. The Musicians' Network has been producing compilation albums for the last seven years, and Smith feels that Taster is one of the strongest yet.

He indicated that the album would be distributed to many local entertainment magazines, plus the Toronto Star, the K-W Record, some radio stations and a host of record companies. When just getting known is often the hardest part of being independent musicians, Taster will, at the very least, have many people recognizing the names of the eight bands.

According to Smith, 500 copies of Taster will be produced. The first chance for Laurier students to pick one up will be on Friday, March 13th at the CD Release Party in Wilf's. Dick Hooligan, Shellpool, Rabast and Sterling Lynch will all perform. It will also be an excellent chance to get some autographs. You never know... these guys might be famous some day.

Brian likes music. He likes tasty stuff too. It's perfect. Tasty perfect.





Post'76 chats music

RW HICKEY

CORD ENTERTAINMENT

When Post'76 plays Mrs. Robinson's this Thursday, opening for headliner Ron Sexsmith, it's anybody's guess what songs they'll play. Dan Frechette, the band's songwriter, has composed over 600 songs to date.

A self-described loner, Frechette says he doesn't encourage friend-ship, instead choosing to focus on his songwriting. "Songs are king," states Frechette, who moved from Toronto last year back to his native Manitoba, in order to escape the big city's "distractions, parties and phones ringing."

Now, Frechette's only distraction is an obnoxious neighbour upstairs, whose stomping has cost the prolific composer "about ten songs."

According to Frechette, being from a small town in Manitoba has definitely influenced his songwriting. Both Frechette and Patrick Farr, the band's bassist and secondary songwriter, hail from Pinawa, a tiny town, 105 kilometers northeast of Winnipeg (non-Pinawaian Mike Reid rounds out the trio on drums).

Although Post'76 is now based in Winnipeg, the Pinawa experience has certainly left its impression on the music, "The music's rural. We're from open spaces, and there's a lot of space in the music," says Frechette.

The rural influence isn't the only one present in Post'76's music, however. Frechette likens listening to the band to tuning into an "oldies radio station, melded with reggae, pop and latin."

The band's name comes from the fact that Frechette listens to "not usually anything post 1976." When asked to sum up the band's sound, he calls it "Crazy Horse rock for the new millennium."

Frechette formed Post'76 after a stint as a solo performer, during which he released an indie cassette he had recorded "just for fun." For a fun project, the cassette was pretty successful, selling over 500 copies.

"Crazy Horse for the new millennium"

Unlike that past venture, Frechette's serious about Post'76. The band has been gigging intensively, and in the words of Frechette, "we're tight."

The band is promoting "The Way It Is," the last single off their self-titled five song EP. The CD is selling well, but Frechette was disappointed in the response to "Rainbow," their previous single. "That's my favourite song to play live," he says. Still, he's hopeful that the track will have another life, "like Bowie's 'Space Oddity'."

Frechette's happy that his band is opening for Ron Sexsmith, a man he calls the best songwriter in Canada. He says that Sexsmith's audiences have been really receptive to Post'76's music. "We're both coming from the same mandate, putting the songs first."

The guitarist considers live performances the band's strong suit. He's particularly proud of Post'76's occasional guerrilla live shows times when the band has shown up at a venue unannounced, played a set, sold some CDs, and stolen back into the night. Live, the band is able to "flex [their] creative muscles."

The future looks good for Post'76. This summer, they'll be heading to Nashville to record a follow-up to the EP, and Frechette is confident that the band will be around for some time. "I've seen bands hyped, seen things fall apart — I doubt that's gonna happen to us. You'll be hearing from us. That's for sure."



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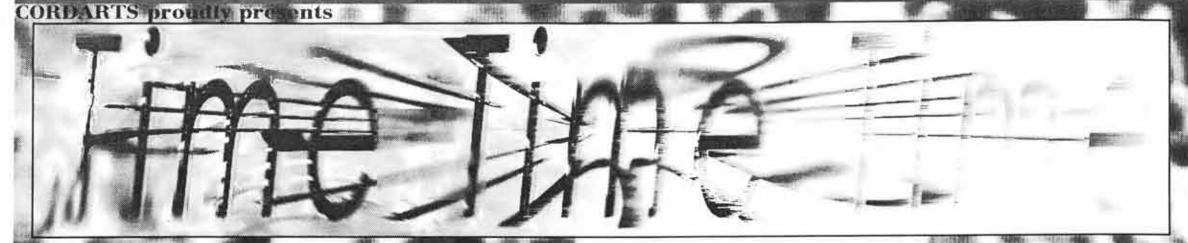
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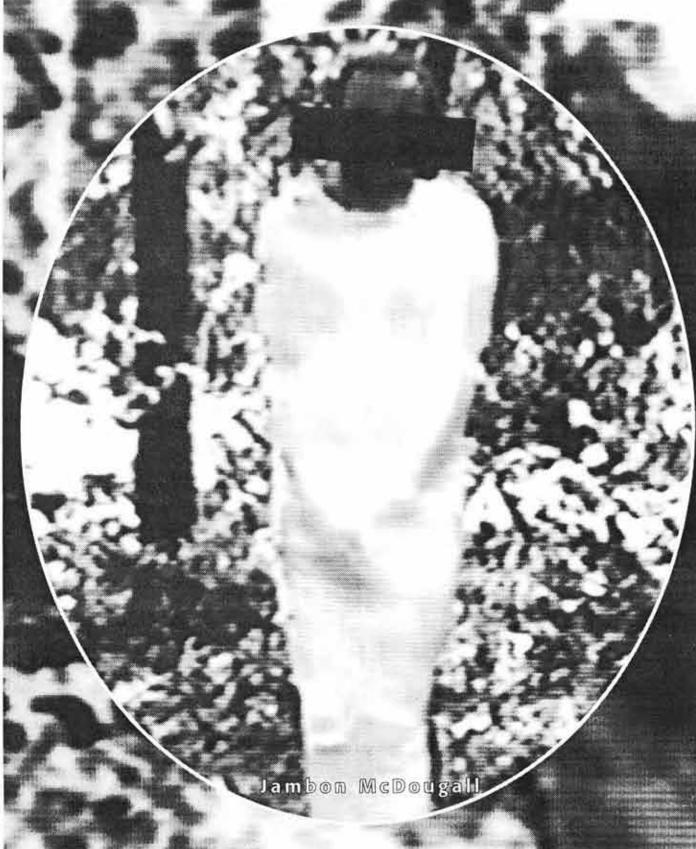
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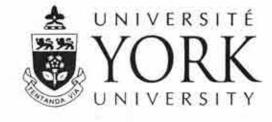
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