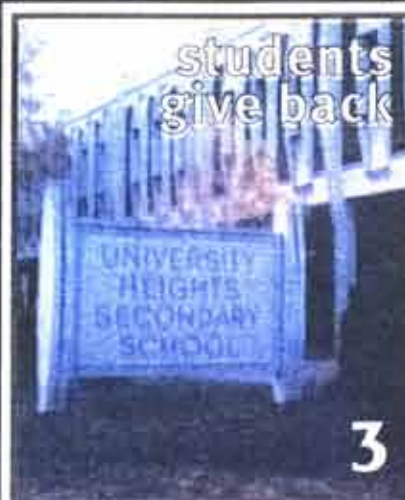


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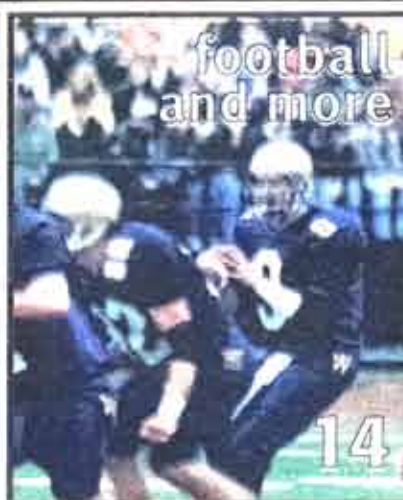
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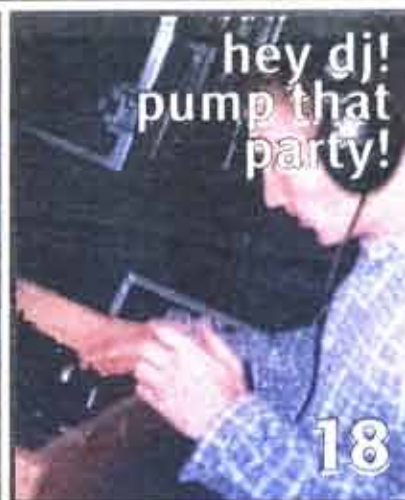
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Colours of our community

JILL KLEPACKI

Is Kitchener-Waterloo an artistic community? Evidently so. The 6th biannual "Colours of Art" show and sale proves K-W's competence in the world of art.

Running from October 9th to October 25th, "Colours of Art" at the Waterloo Community Arts Centre features 150 pieces, ranging from watercolour to sculpture, by 54 community artists. Admission is free and the exhibition is priceless.

Mary Sopko, programmer for the Waterloo Community Arts Centre (WCAC), explains that the turn out for this season's "Colours of Art" show has been "very good". And who would question why? The show boasts a welcoming atmosphere, offering a bright and open gallery, classical background music, and 25 cent cups of freshly brewed Java...not to mention some pretty impressive works of art. A wall of brilliantly-coloured floral water-colours gleams from the right side of the room while sculptures and photographs accentuate the left side. Painted silk, wood carvings, monoprints and oil paintings also entice the art show patrons.

When asked about the artists who contributed pieces to this show, Sopko explains that the artists range from 18 to 75 in age and are all members of the WCAC. Some of the artists teach art at the centre, others are students, but all agree on one thing: the Golden

Triangle has a wealth of artists and also a community active in artistic events.

Two of the community artists featured at the show, Doreen Schaub and Diane Burkholder, volunteered their time at the show on Saturday and explained that "of all the different places [they've] been to, K-W's art scene is the most prolific."

Of course, it helps to have a sympathetic locale. Some years ago, the city donated The Button Factory to serve as the new WCAC, and in 1994 the WCAC elected 64 volunteer board members. Just four years later in 1998, the WCAC has over 400 members. And this active centre doesn't just feature visual arts. Dance and yoga classes are held at the centre as well as many coffee houses over the year.

Other businesses in uptown Waterloo have also participated in the event. Stores like The Paper Tree, Kettle Creek, Magic Mountain, MGM and 10,000 Villages have lent out their store windows for the art show, exhibiting artwork.

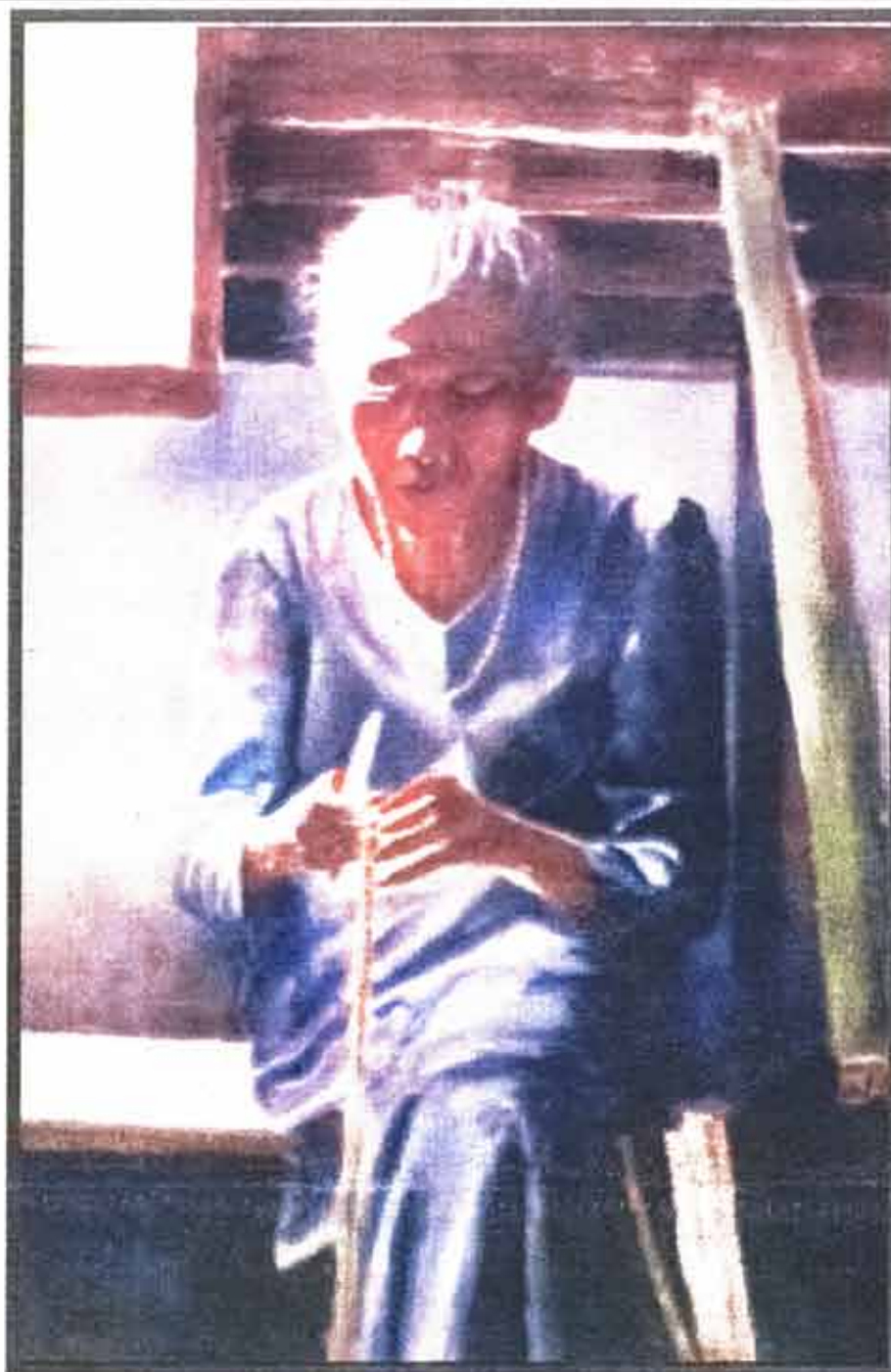
Perhaps some of the most intriguing pieces at the art show were created by an Ojibway artist named Rene Meshake. For September and October, Meshake has been the WCAC's resident artist. Born in Nakira, Ontario, Meshake's childhood was influenced by his grandmother's oral traditions and his visits to hunting and game reserves. Meshake mentions that he was always "compelled to draw fish and animals

on the clay road of hard snow." His artistic training at Sheridan College enabled him to develop his skills and become the fine artist he is today. The pieces he contributed to the show are evidently influenced by his first nation heritage, depicting the spiritual qualities of Canada's nature and wildlife.

WCAC's slogan, "Encouraging creativity in our community", isn't just talk. The arts centre has just installed a wheelchair ramp for its main level and a quadriplegic artist in the community does painting by mouth workshops on the main floor of the centre. The Waterloo Community Arts Centre is now accessible for everyone to pursue their own creativity or to enjoy the creativity of others.

The WCAC also hosts art classes for the young and old and the amateurs and professionals alike. Community artists hold workshops each Saturday from 9:30 to 3:30 pm until January. The public is invited to learn "The Basics of Silk Painting" or "The Joy of Yin & Yang—How to Achieve Contrast" or even "Pixels and Petals in Watercolour". For between 25 and 30 dollars one can spend an entire day participating in WCAC activities, guided by experienced instructors.

Everyone can be involved with the WCAC. The cost of membership is 15 dollars per year and it includes many benefits. Members of the WCAC receive discounts for art classes and are also eligible to participate in the centre's art



LUKE MARTYN

shows and sales.

Don't forget to watch for the Waterloo Community Arts Centre in the future. Sopko tells of a millennium project that the arts centre is working on that will highlight many forms of art including music, dance, and visual art.

So come down to The Button Factory at 25 Regina Street South,

Uptown Waterloo before October 25th and experience the creativity K-W has to offer. Bring your 25 cents for a cup of coffee and saunter around the second floor of the building, viewing impressive and eclectic pieces of art, listening to the soothing classical music and chatting with local artists participating in "The Colours of Art."

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STEVE METZGER

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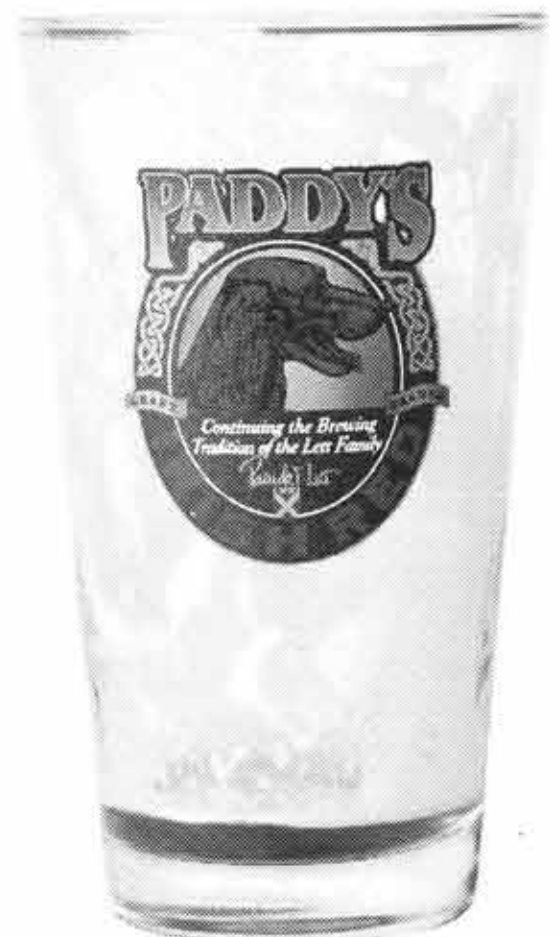
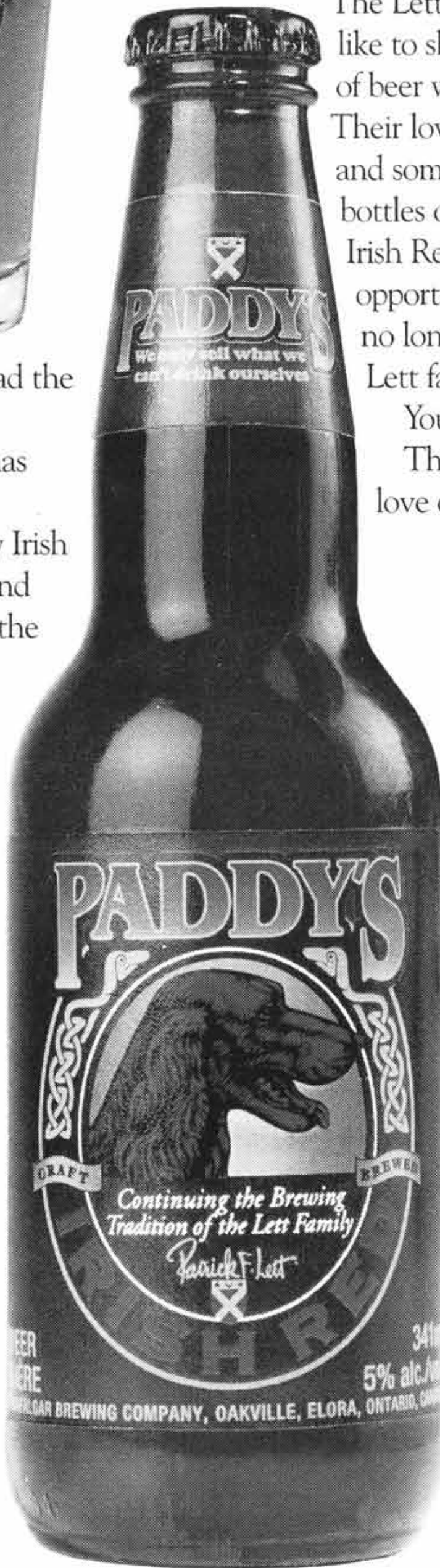
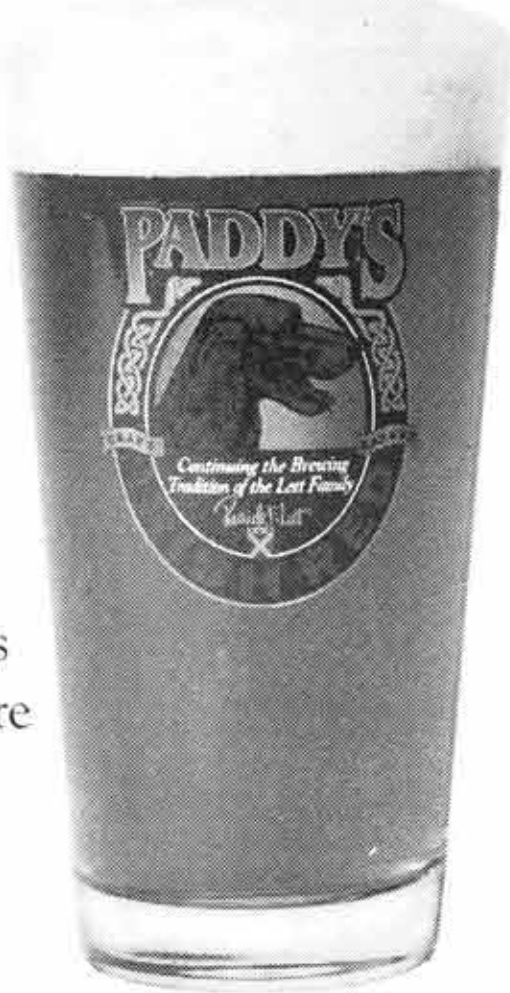
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Students give back

KRISTINA GRUBISIC

Beginning next week, 20 English students from both Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo will be volunteering their time as tutors when they participate in a literacy program at University Heights Secondary School.

The program, started at University Heights by Laurie Charlesworth, head of Special Education, matches volunteers with students in the school's Life Skills program. In order to get a volunteer, students must be referred by a teacher.

The students in the Life Skills program are those students with special needs. Their reading levels are below average. Levels range from below grade 1 to approximately a grade 5 level with the average being grade 3.

"Aside from teaching basic literacy, the Life Skills program teaches the students to become more independent," said Charlesworth.

They are taught interpersonal communication skills, personal skills such as hygiene and they gain work experience from work placements with the hopes that they will be employed after high school.

In order to qualify to work as literacy tutors, volunteers must complete five three-hour training sessions that are held by the Literacy Council of Kitchener-Waterloo over two week period.

The volunteers, the majority of which come from Laurier, are trained using the Laubach Way to Read Program. This is the adult literacy program used by the Literacy Council.

After completing the training ses-

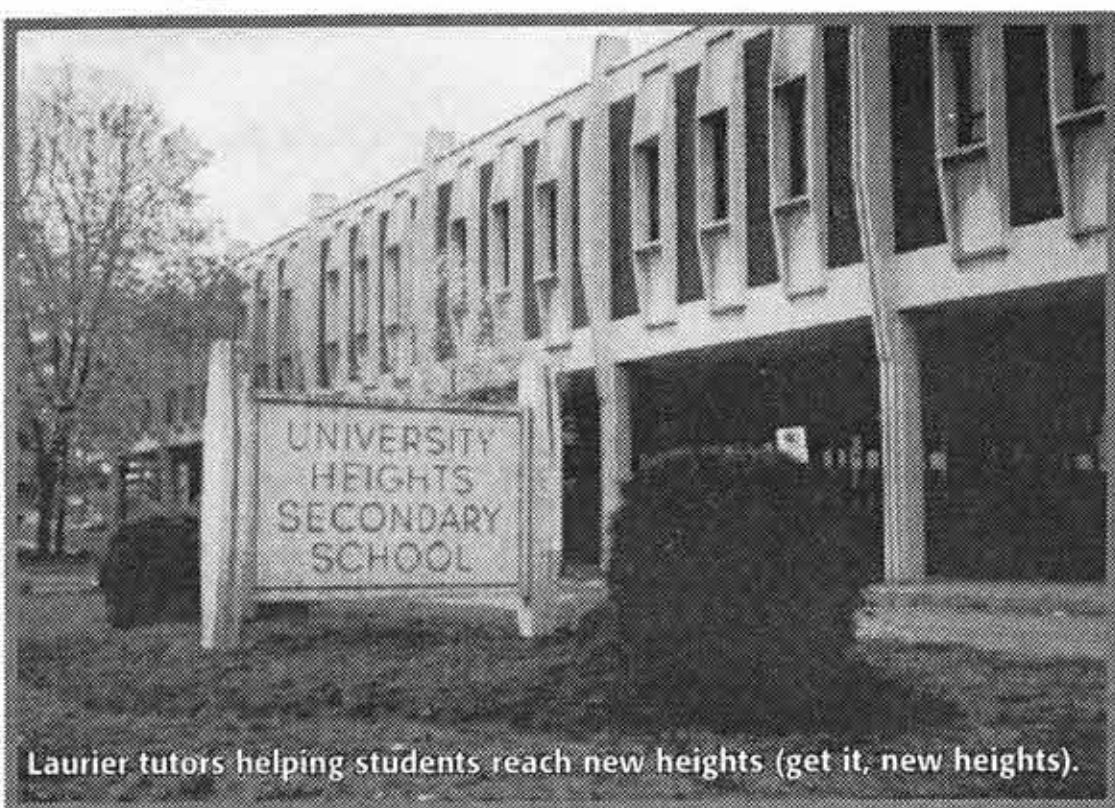
sions, the volunteers are then qualified as tutors and receive a certificate that is recognized by all Literacy Councils in Canada.

The Laubach Way to Read Program is the main element that the volunteers use to help the students. However, they also use a computer program called Auto Skills. This is a phonics based computer program that allows for the mastery of sound and letters. It is a good tool to get the students involved as Auto Skills is much like a game where students try to beat their previous scores.

During the tutoring sessions, the school's resource staff are closely involved. The resource staff look for locations for the pairs of tutors and students to work, and they communicate with the volunteers through journals. They are also there to listen to concerns that might arise. Basically, they offer their overall support to the tutors in any way that they can.

The program will start after each student is matched with a tutor. It is important to consider the matches carefully as the one on one aspect is key to the program, said Charlesworth.

Hopefully, the program will get underway on October 19. The tutors will then work with students for one hour,



Laurier tutors helping students reach new heights (get it, new heights).

MICHELLE VAN

twice a week. The program will continue through to April and perhaps even until June.

It is important that the volunteers be committed. It is often difficult for the students to start the program and it takes time for them to become comfortable with their tutor. Switching tutors at some point in the program is not beneficial to the students.

Katherine Ludwig, a second year honours English student, sees the program as an opportunity to help others.

"It's a good way to give something back," Ludwig said. "I take being able to read and write for granted, it's hard to believe others can't. I want to help others love [reading and writing] as much as I do."

The overall goal for the program is to improve the reading level of every student involved. Any increase in reading capability is considered an achievement.

Next year, in addition to the literacy program, Charlesworth would like to see a numeracy program that focuses on math skills. Charlesworth also hopes to see the program expand. She feels that the program is definitely capable of expansion due to the large response from volunteers.

The literacy program called for 20 volunteers and 35 to 40 people expressed an interest.

"The response was overwhelming," said Charlesworth. "It was encouraging and exciting."

Day of Action downsized

KATHERINE HARDING

Just days before a planned silent march to mark the student Day of Action on Oct. 16, WLUSU Students' Union (WLUSU) main partner, the University of Waterloo Federation of Students (Feds) pulled their support.

WLUSU executives, President Gareth Cunningham and Vice-President: Student Activities Chetan Bhanot, were told by a UW Fed representative of the development at an Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) Steering Committee meeting at Brock University last Friday.

"This is a surprise to me about the march... we were under the impression that it was still on," said Cunningham on Friday. "We'll have to alter what we are going to do now on our campus."

WLUSU Vice-President: University Affairs Scott Harris is disappointed the event is not going ahead as scheduled.

Originally, students from OUSA member schools, including Western, were going to march from

Laurier to UW where a rally was going to be held.

"I'm disappointed with the level of communication by UW," said Harris. "I thought we had an understanding of what was coming to fruition... this has been in the works for over a month."

UW's student government decided to withdraw their support for the event early last week. The Feds, who were also organizing the event with other UW student groups, including Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) and Student Unite Power Action (SUPA), could not agree on parameters and objectives of the events.

"All kinds of issues came up, at the meetings, like the ability to control the events," said Fed Vice-President: Education Robin Stewart. "We wanted to have a clearly focused event, where we made sure that we were lobbying only on education related issues."

Despite the Feds decision to pull their support, WPIRG and SUPA continued with their Week of Action

events, including a roundtable on campus democracy and a rally that coincided with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Days of Action this week.

Plan B

WLUSU, in lieu of the march, is now planning to hold an event in support of the Day of Action in the Nichols Campus Centre Quad on October 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"It will be a day of information and learning," said Harris. "We will be passing stats out on what's going on... students are now footing half the cost of going to university and they need to know that."

"We are taking time out to educate Laurier and even if we only educate a hundred students the event will still be a success," Harris said. "If we just sit back with placards, nothing will get done... we want to offer solutions to the government."

Harris hopes the event will encourage students to take on the responsibility of making the government accountable.

"I was really disappointed with what happened last year for the Day of Action," said Harris. "We were slow on the draw... I was looking forward to doing something this year."

Cunningham is also looking forward to Friday's planned event.

"The CFS Day of Action so often becomes a day of reaction," said Cunningham. "Students are encouraged to protest the current scenario facing students, yet so little is done to properly educate our students before they're sent to boisterous rallies."

"I'd rather show the public and the government that students really are educated citizens," Cunningham added. "We need to show more and show responsibility through dealing with our current situation, and offering real solutions."

Deregulation and massive tuition fee hikes will be discussed with key note addresses scheduled by the Executive Director of OUSA Andrew Boggs, Cunningham, and Harris.

"The CFS Day of Action so often becomes a day of reaction."
WLUSU President Gareth Cunningham

"If we just sit back with placards, nothing will get done."
VP: University Affairs Scott Harris

Kids and guns

A 17-year-old male was shot and killed Sunday while hunting with a group of friends north of Sharbot Lake. The shot came from the rifle of a 13-year-old cousin.

It is believed that no adults were present when the shooting occurred.

The shooting follows debate over a new provincial law that lowered the minimum age for acquiring a hunting license from 15 to 12.

Welfare cuts for homeless

According to Social Services Minister Janet Ecker, Ontario's homeless people will actually be helped by the government's cuts to welfare rates.

"I do not believe that our welfare policies are contributing [to homelessness]," said Ecker. "In fact, our welfare policies are getting more people off welfare and into paying jobs."

Toronto councillor Jack Layton disagrees, saying, "they're going to keep doing this for as long as they can get the message out that homelessness is the fault of the homeless themselves."

Welfare rates in Ontario are 16 per cent higher than the national average and have been cut by 21.6 per cent since the Tory government was elected in 1995.

Science money sweepstakes

More than a dozen universities will be receiving money from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation to rejuvenate buildings and scientific equipment.

The funding, which is part of a \$2 billion science sweepstakes, is the first installment in a four-year campaign to reverse Canada's scientific brain drain.

While the winners have not yet been announced, the University of Toronto is a leading contender for grants.

No Viagra at Vatican

The Vatican Pharmacy, considered Rome's best because it stocks many medicines not available in Italy, will not be selling the anti-impotence drug Viagra.

The pharmacy is run by priests of a religious order dedicated to health care and is open to the general public.

Nobel winners

Five scientists from U.S. universities received Nobel prizes for work in quantum physics and chemistry on Tuesday.

Physicists Robert Laughlin, Daniel Tsui, and Horst Störmer will share \$970,000 in prize money for their work on how electrons behave in magnetic fields. Their discoveries are significant for the miniaturization of electronic products.

Walter Kohn and John Pople will also share \$970,000 for making it possible to model new chemicals in a computer as an alternative to chemical experiments.

Industry award

Wardrop Engineering Inc., was given the Hany H. Edwards Award for Industry Advancement on October 8 for the engineering of Manitoba's Taylor Bridge.

The bridge is one of Canada's few to include composite material reinforcements and a fibre optic structural sensing system for remote monitoring.

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WLU Student Day of Action



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Greeks officially endorsed?

ASAD KIYANI

Greek societies, the local fraternities and sororities, have long been separate from the university. However, there is a new movement to have these organizations officially recognized as Campus Clubs, sparking debate in the school.

The movement to officially recognize the groups comes as the McMaster University Senate faces an appeal to its policy of not recognizing fraternities and sororities. A group of fraternity supporters is trying to establish a chapter of a co-ed fraternity at McMaster and is appealing the university policy on the basis that it discriminates against fraternities and sororities.

The university's Anti-Discriminatory Policy uses the Ontario Human Rights Code as its basis. According to McMaster the organizations are discriminatory because they admit either men-only or women-only. However, the Ontario Human Rights Commission states that fraternal groups are special interest organizations.

Therefore, they can legally admit men or women-only, and since McMaster also incorporates the exceptions listed in the Code, the university cannot refuse recognition on that basis.

The matter is still under consideration, but relates to the situation here at Laurier, where several individuals from both within and outside of the university have pushed for official recognition. This move is significant because more than five-percent of the student body is involved in the Greek system.

Chris Pehlke, the Acting President of the Greek Council, says that the McMaster appeal is important because "...it does affect WLU and WLUSU rules that would be in violation of the Human Rights Code."

The Greek organizations around Laurier have to date been under the umbrella of the Greek Council, which receives funding from the school as a campus club.

The liaison between the two groups was the Dean of Students, but the university now has a newly appointed Associate Dean of Greek Life. Dr. Fred Binding, a Psychology professor and fraternity member since his undergraduate days in Manitoba, is the new liaison officer, and he personally thinks official recognition would be a good idea.

"I find that the fraternities and sororities here, for the most part, have positive goals," said Binding. "I see recog-

nizing them as the next step."

While Binding admits that there are, have been, and will probably continue to be various chapters and individual fraternal members who wreak havoc, that is not a concern at Laurier.

Some important members of the administration and faculty agree. According to University President Robert Rosehart, the school has had a long history of "de-facto recognition" and so the step to official recognition would not be a remarkably large one.

Former liaison David McMurray, Dean of Students, feels that WLU has a unique relationship with the Greek societies because the school has "always been aware of their existence and involvement" and he feels that such recognition is not an inappropriate step.

If recognition were granted as campus clubs, then each society would receive funding from Campus Clubs. This money is allocated from Campus Clubs on a need-basis.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission states that fraternal groups are special interest organizations

The Greek Council, according to Campus Clubs rarely, if ever, needs money. This situation would predictably extend to the individual fraternities and sororities themselves. While the amount of money a club needs fluctuates annually, the difference to Campus Clubs in terms of total distributed would be negligible because the Greek

Council already is a club.

Students don't seem to be greatly opposed to the move.

"As long as they don't take away funding from other clubs [and] abide by the rules of Campus Clubs, I don't see a problem," said Greg Walker, a third year Honours Economics student.

"It doesn't make a difference to me if they become a club or stay as a [independent] fraternity...but it may end up restricting them later on," said Mike Hodgson, a second year Honours Business student.

Greek societies in general have been given a bad name in some quarters (because of hazing and other induction rituals and generally disorderly behavior). While this behavior does not represent every fraternity or sorority, it does cast them in a bad light.

The only serious charge that can be laid against all fraternities and sororities is that they are sexist and therefore do not deserve to be affiliated with the university. However, the results of the McMaster appeal will surely have repercussions throughout Ontario universities.

FRAT STATS

Sigma Chi: international fraternity established in 1855, at Laurier since 1988, 35 members, membership dues: \$400, fraternity house on Albert St.

Alpha Omega: sorority established in 1993 at Laurier, 20 members, membership dues: \$220, no sorority house

Pi Kappa Alpha: international fraternity established in 1868, at Laurier since 1996, 48 members, membership dues: \$400, fraternity house on Albert St.

Delta Gamma: international female fraternity established in 1873, at Laurier since 1991, 43 members, membership dues: \$270, fraternity house on Albert St.

Board Report

Can you spare a minute?

KATHERINE HARDING & JAMES MUIR

Last Thursday's meeting was a deluge of administrative rhetoric concerned with the ratification of a plethora of minutes.

The pace of the meeting proved too much for ex-officio member and Student Publications President, Steve Metzger as he drifted in and out of consciousness.

Fortunately, Metzger's slumber provided much needed comic relief for the beleaguered directors as they plodded through the minute-laden agenda.

Constitutional Operational Development (COD) Chair Wes Ferris brought a number of recommendations to the board from his committee.

All passed without much fanfare except a recommendation that would create a new policy on the use of logos

and trademarks of the Students' Union.

The board engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding this recommendation. It outlined a procedure by which all Union trademarks, including profit center logos, will be subject to an application procedure for use.

Director Trevor Strassburger was concerned over misuse of the Students' Union logo.

"I don't want just anyone using the logos especially when they're running in elections," said Strassburger. "I don't want it to be left up to the discretion of one person (Chief Returning Officer)."

"Using the logo is just showing pride in the organization," commented Director Sam Corbey.

Ferris also introduced three policy revisions the board is working on. Revisions to committee, elections and financial policies will be forthcoming.

"I don't want just anyone using the logos."
WLUSU BOD Director
Trevor Strassburger

Quorum question quashed quite quickly

ASAD KIYANI

The October 8th meeting of the Student Publications Board just barely took place. Several members were absent from the meeting because of Thanksgiving. This caused an unusual situation in which the Board would be unable to maintain quorum—that is, they would not have enough voting members present.

To get around this obstacle, Vice-President: Finance Mike Blake was installed as Chair of the Board, allowing Brian Carey to take his place and vote. After his installment, Blake continued with the meeting.

The meeting quickly reached the report of President Steve Metzger, who appeared well rested from his nap at the Students' Union Board meeting. First on the list was the scheduling of interview slots, followed by the announcement board members will soon have mailboxes. Metzger also stated his intention to review the new Elections Council policy.

Next on his report was the review of how the Strategic Planning (SP) initiative

was progressing. He had discussed with SP volunteers how they view the corporation and its future goals. He also mentioned the new, advance-screening procedure that will be installed for every meeting's agenda and that he will have posted the ads for the new Public Relations Coordinator on Friday October 9.

In financial terms, he presented a cheaper way to mail out the bulk letters (that mainly occur with the ordering of the Keystone) and, in happier terms, he announced that the Student Activity Council fees that SP had received were \$2000 more than had been budgeted for.

Metzger moved on to the next item on the agenda. Previously, Board members had been presented with the new Operating Procedures Agreement that had been negotiated with the University. As there were no questions or concerns raised, Metzger predicted that the new Agreement would be signed shortly.

Following Metzger's stunning display, Ben Harris, Editor-in-Chief of the Cord, attempted to keep pace with his own

proposal to the Board.

The University of Calgary annually hosts the Canadian Independent National Students Journalism Awards conference. The conference lasts four days and has guest speakers from the upper echelons of the industry as well as a number of workshops and seminars. The Cord won best Feature, earned second place in the overall design category, and had then-EIC Katherine Harding win the "Future Star of Canada" award.

Harris asked that the Board allocate the funds to allow him to attend and represent WLUSU. When asked for his opinion, Blake said that such a request was not a problem.

"I think it's a good idea," said Blake. "Everyone knows our financial position."

Harris' proposal, despite lacking the pomp, splendor, and overall enthusiasm of the President's, was approved with \$700 being allocated to cover his expenses. Harris promised to submit a report upon his return.

Following the acceptance of the proposal, the Board passed a motion to go in-camera.

The changing face of WLU McMaster joins OUSA

BETH MULLEN

Approved by the Board of Governors on May 26, the Laurier of the Future, University Plan 1998 - 2003, is an extensive plan currently in place outlining actions and recommendations intended to build upon the foundation of our university dating back to its beginning in 1911.

Dr. Bob Rosehart felt it to be a perfect time to "take a holistic approach and create a comprehensive five year plan" composed of the many different ideas and suggestions for Laurier's future that have surfaced in the past few years.

"I do feel that Laurier is very strong already," said Rosehart, "but this plan will make our good institution better."

The Vision of the plan includes efforts to preserve Laurier's tradition and reputation as a small university with a "strong sense of community" and "a distinct commitment to teaching" which "provides an environment that fosters personal growth as well as the development of excellence."

There are six inclusive themes that address all the proposed improvements: academic programs, organization and structure, information technology, governance, the physical campus, and resources and accountability.

The plan focuses on not only the immediate and obvious needs of the university, such as improvements to the Peters Building and the Athletic Complex, but also outlines changes that will

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WLU President Dr.
Robert Rosehart

improve the University on a long-term basis.

Several of the plan's initiatives have already taken place within the past six months. Changes to the gender mix in

the current residences, the purchase of the University Place apartment building, improvements to the existing instructor evaluation process, special 1998-99 budget funding for library acquisitions, and upgrading the administrative software system are aspects of the plan currently in effect.

Future aims for the university include: pursuing the possibility of a Ph.D. program in Social Work and in Business and Economics, reviewing the faculty structure of Arts and Science, revisions to the dated WLU Act, seeking \$5.4 million in funding for major building renovations, and investment in nearby properties and expanding the current parking capacity.

As these large-scale changes begin to take shape within the university the small, distinct community atmosphere which attracts so many students to Laurier becomes a concern. Rosehart ensures that, "even if it means increasing cut-offs, we will use whatever we have to use to maintain our size and reputable community atmosphere."

Frank Miller, University Secretariat, also said that despite the major changes in the future, the University will remain a "student focused institution."

KATHERINE HARDING

McMaster's student government unanimously voted to join the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) on Wednesday.

McMaster will join the student lobby group as an associate member for a one-year term. Currently five Ontario university student governments belong to the organization, including Laurier's Students' Union.

McMaster began talks with OUSA last spring after they left the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

"[CFS] couldn't effectively represent our needs," said McMaster's student government Assistant Vice-President:

External Affairs Burke Christian. "They weren't supportive of some of our initiatives like a province-wide petition on tuition."

Christian commented that McMaster was also dissatisfied with CFS's plan to increase membership fees and their internal organization turmoil.

"They are no longer effective in lobbying," he said.

McMaster's student government represents 12,500 undergraduate students.

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Teacher's union screws kids

Flashback. It was October of 1995 and my friends and I, who made up our high school prom committee, spent about three days transforming the high school gymnasium into a tomb of fright and gore in the spirit of Halloween fundraising. One woman even demanded that we give her money back because it was "too scary," and we shouldn't have let her bring her small children inside.

This event raised nearly eight hundred dollars for our prom, and along with the numerous barbecues and car washes we did for fundraising, we were left with money to spare. There was one thing that we took for granted in this equation, and it was the teacher supervision necessary for us to run these events.

Now, three years later, my younger sister is the head of the prom committee. Following in our footsteps, she's been planning her fundraising events for months, and was looking forward to collaborating with other students so that funds would be a non-issue when it came to planning the prom.

She has run into an absolutely ludicrous snag in this plan, however. The haunted house, which was such a big money raiser for my generation, cannot happen this year because of the new teacher union rules which don't allow any of the teachers to stay after school for extracurricular activities.

Imagine going through those five years without having played a sport, attending a school dance, going to the prom, or at least having had the option to do so. For me, that is an image I couldn't bare to imagine. Yes, I think that the academics of high school are terribly important, but the extracurricular events are just as important, if not moreso.

These are the events that shape who we are

as people; they allow us a multitude of choices, and some sense of direction once we leave high school. If you remember back to that extracurricular activities form you filled out for your application for attending this university, even the university realizes how important these things are.

Why then, is there not more of an outrage when the teacher's union holds these extracurricular rights hostage in hopes of keeping their own situation unchanged? It is appalling.

I realize that these teacher negotiations barely affect us in our Laurier community, but upon

The teacher's union holds extracurricular activities hostage

reconsideration, I think that we at Laurier let entirely too many issues pass us by in light of our egocentric laziness. I am also guilty of this. However, the politics of Ontario's terribly outdated high school system have gone relatively untouched throughout years of cutbacks and system revamping in other areas of the society. It is not right.

For once, our government has pulled on their boots and waded into a stagnant pool which needed cleaning, but has stayed dirty if only for the magnitude of the dirt which has accumulated. I can't say as I am overjoyed about all the changes which they are suggesting, for example, their attack on the Arts. Hell, I'm an English major who lives with three Music majors.

However, I think that something like standardized testing in schools is long overdue. Teachers should absolutely, without a doubt be responsible for what they are teaching their students. If someone who works in a factory is not reaching their quota of product, they are punished. Why should it be any different for teachers, simply because their product is mental, and not physical?

The claim that the teacher strike earlier this year was all for the students is so far from the truth it is funny. There was nothing in their spending two weeks outside of the classroom that benefited any students in any way whatsoever. As it is, high school teachers don't work nearly as many hours in a normal day as even grade school teachers.

Perhaps these views are terribly old-fashioned, but I come from a long line of hard-working people, as I'm sure many of you do. These are people who worked not just to earn money, but worked to earn and keep their jobs, many which had them working well over forty hours a week to do so.

If some of the teachers have felt that they are getting less sympathy than they deserve for their "cause," perhaps these are the reasons why. It is hard to feel compassion for someone who has taken for granted what they have until it has been challenged. The students don't deserve to suffer because you feel betrayed. I don't think that the betrayal in this situation is yours to feel.

SARAH SCHIEFER
PRODUCTION MANAGER

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Letters to the Editor

Right Perspective wrong about pay equity

Dear Editor,

In a recent issue of The Cord you dedicated a column to how incredibly wrong pay equity was for the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC). I am not sure where Chris Schafer dug up his so-called facts but I must say that he is a little more than slightly misinformed.

First of all, Mr. Schafer was annoyed at PSAC "female" employees for going after a correction in payment that he feared would eat up Paul Martin's \$5.8 billion surplus. Mr. Schafer must realize that there are also men, besides these women from the "pink ghettoes," that are seeking a correction in payment. Paul Martin's surplus is not threatened by the PSAC because they do not intend to touch the \$5.8 billion.

Secondly, Mr. Schafer feared that his hard-earned and now collected tax dollars would be spent on repaying these civil servants. The flaw in Mr. Schafer's thinking is found in the fact that he does not realize that there was money put aside for pay equity for many years but was never given out. This money is now depleted because the government has used it to fight its own employees in this battle. It is necessary to note that if the government would have paid the money owed to the civil servants without fighting, the whole ordeal would have seemed a little less extreme because they would have had the money available for the correction in pay due to these employees.

Thirdly, I would like to point out that the amount of the correction in payment that Mr. Schafer noted was indeed correct. It will take three to seven billion dollars to pay these employees but if the government would have paid workers when they were supposed to they would not have such a sum to deal with. Now they must pay the interest to all of these people on all of the earnings there are entitled to through pay equity.

Finally, I feel that in the defense of pay equity

seekers I must say that worried Canadian tax payers should consider themselves lucky that the PSAC is not dragging this issue back to the 1977 passage of the Canadian Human Rights Act which required men and women doing the same work to receive the same pay. Instead the PSAC is only fighting for pay equity back to 1985. Also, PSAC employees have not received a raise since 1991 though they are by union agreement entitled to one.

In conclusion of my letter I must confess that I do have a personal bias toward this issue because my mother is in this battle along with every other eligible PSAC employee. Even though she may be entitled to a pay correction of up to \$30,000 I have to consider the fact that my family lives on the combined salary of two civil servants, my mother's salary being less than \$25,000 per year.

So, Mr. Schafer, I ask you that next time you feel like writing an article please get the facts straight. You have not lost any of your money whereas these people have not even had the money available to lose.

Jennifer Gould

Church not frivolous

Dear Editor,

I am not part of any fraternity or sorority, but in

the latest issue of the Cord, I was happy to notice that there were articles written on something I knew very little about: the Greek life at Laurier. As I read the paper, I realized that 2 of the 3 articles written were based mainly on opinion.

Hoping to learn some of what Greek clubs do on campus, I found a somewhat disturbing sentence that read, "The reason why so many choose to join a fraternity (or a church, or a fan club, or something else equally frivolous) is that it requires so little of them - except for a hefty initiation fee."

Being a Christian who goes to church on a regular basis, I found this statement to be more offensive than a point of truth and fact. To set the record straight, I would like to say that church is a place where one can go free of charge for as long as he or she would like to attend.

It is a place where people learn about themselves and their relationship with God and how to give back to the people in the community. As for being a frivolous experience, I have yet to experience that aspect of the church.

For me, church is a network of support in a world that is quickly cutting down personal contact; but more importantly, it's a place where I can develop a real and vital relationship with a Living God.

I'll let the participants of the Greek clubs be the judge of their frivolousness. My only hope is that people don't see Christianity as an attempt to grab money from the poor and helpless people who must be "initiated" to be part of the group.

Marsha King

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Baking the Beans

Don't follow Furby!

ASAD KIYANI

It used to be Cabbage Patch Kids, then it was Tickle Me Elmo and Tamagotchi. The latest Christmas toy craze is Furby, a demented penguin-owl half-breed resembling a demonized pygmy Gremlin.

Outside one New York toy store, kids were lined up and ordered to "clap and be happy." When asked why she was buying a Furby, one grandmother replied, "I don't know why—because everyone else is."

I had this sudden urge to bash the TV when I saw that. Mindless consumerism is infuriating, and here at university, it's everywhere.

University is supposed to be more diverse and open your mind, but it also contains a wider spectrum of blind acceptance.

Political clubs come to mind, with their dogmatic, propaganda-spewing supporters who sermonize more than Billy Graham. From the Reform Club—a fanatical group of right-wingers masquerading as political revolutionaries—to the Laurier Activist New Democrats, an iconoclastic bloc of left-wing mock-Communists posing as social reformers, I am struck by the similar posturing and approaches each group exhibits.

Perhaps their supporters have values and ideals they wish to uphold, but their prejudicial preaching disturbs me because it seems to indicate a lack of free thought. That is to be expected from groups rooted in organizations driven by a desire for power, but the problem doesn't stop there.

Here's a broader example. It's Wednesday night and we're going to Wilf's. Why? Because everyone's going there. There's nothing wrong with going to Wilf's, but we shouldn't go just because "other people" are.

We should go because Wilf's has good music, decent sundaes or because we want to try and pick up. "Other people" add to the atmosphere, but the fact that they're going isn't reason enough to go to Wilf's.

The only reason "other people" are important is because if they are there, it validates our own presence—i.e., the right choice was made because the same choice was made.

Consider what that implies—we aren't thinking for ourselves, we're following blindly. It's a dangerous trap to fall into—there is a need to question what is around us.

This idea isn't limited to political clubs or bars or even to Laurier. It applies throughout life and throughout the world.

There are group activities, and then there is the herd mentality which leads to propaganda and mass ignorance.

Believing without questioning is asking to be abused by a limited opinion, a harsh lifestyle or a slick politician, and really, outside of S and M dominatrix Ms. Bedford's clientele, who wants to be abused?

The Liberals' True Colours

CHRIS SCHAFER

Oh Canada, what an apathetic land. It has taken two successive Liberal Party majorities and a rash of recent events to awaken Canadians from coast to coast.

Jean Chretien has immobilized the masses with his do-nothing approach to government, and "little guy from Shawinigan" routine. The unfortunate part is that the alarm bells have been sounding for years.

Let's begin with a trip down Liberal memory lane. Chretien promised to re negotiate NAFTA, instead he won the election and broke that promise.

Secondly, he promised to throw

out the GST with the trash, instead he still to this day, whole heatedly claims to have never made such a promise. Then he had the nerve to boot John Nunziata from his seat for sticking to his beliefs over the issue.

In addition, he promised he would implement the findings of the Krever Inquiry into tainted blood, but instead turned his back on Hep C victims and denied them compensation, even though a test for this disease was available at the time but never implemented. Furthermore, he shut down the Somalia Inquiry when it got too close to friends of his government.

If all this wasn't enough, he almost lost the country by sleep-walking through the Quebec referendum.

So what is it exactly that woke Canadians up? To begin with, it is the role of Chretien and his personal advisors at the APEC summit last November, in the illegitimate prompt-

ing of RCMP guards to arrest student protesters without charges.

The protesters were pepper sprayed and denied their right to free speech through the removal of their signs. Then Chretien has the nerve to remark arrogantly that he likes "pepper steak."

Secondly, the latest Liberal Party victim is George Baker, who was the chairman of the Commons standing committee on fisheries and oceans.

He was sacked because he reminded the minister of his mistakes, and crit-

icized the DFO's handling of the cod crisis.

Similarly, Bernard Dussault, former chief actuary of the Canada Pension Plan, says he was fired after refusing to change numbers to make Finance Minister Paul Martin look good.

All of these instances could not have come to light sooner. Jean is considering running for a third term.

A third term of more pepper in your face, secrets and cover-ups, and more Liberal mis-

management. Oh, Canada.

Chretien has immobilized the masses with his do-nothing approach to government.

More letters to the Editor

We're not criminals, just drunks

Dear Editor,

We are writing this letter in response to last week's Bag O' Crime, with specific reference to the "Lawn chairs a hot commodity" report. We have some serious concerns about how our dollars are being spent here at Laurier.

The WLU Security Officers are being paid but apparently cannot even count properly, nor "secure" anything very well. As far as giving chase goes, we'll ignore that because frankly it was not even an issue. Allow us to explain our comments: At 0150 hrs, Sunday October 4, it was four unidentified males attempting to steal not only the WLU lawn chairs but also the big barbecue used for luring drunken revelers into supporting various clubs and teams late at night.

Clearly the Security Officer in charge of the incident had trouble, since they didn't even notice the barbecue being misappropriated, nor the presence of an additional perpetrator (the barbecue is still over by the Peters building, on the hill of the parking lot, if anyone's interested). The suspects fled on foot.

We are not criminals, we were merely drunken people acting out a drunken idea. However, the erroneous reporting of the "facts" of the incident led us to worry about the state of

"Security" at WLU. Hopefully the matter will come under investigation. Sincerely,

Four unidentified males

Try Greeks, then knock them

Dear Editor,

The absolute most intolerable characteristic a person can have is ignorance. This is all I saw when reading the Cord Feature last week about the school's Greek houses. First, let us start with the analysis of Mr. Randy Waechter's article.

Mr. Waechter, you raised the question of why WLU administrators are concerning themselves with the official recognition of the Greek houses instead of concentrating on problems such as residence overcrowding and other things.

Well sir, let me ask you something, have you ever heard of something called "procedure"? I'm pretty sure that administrators have to go through certain steps in order to pass their ideas. This, if I'm not mistaken, takes time. I'm also pretty sure that during this time that they are waiting, administrators can concern themselves with other issues, such as recognition of the Greek houses.

You then bring up the issue of Greek houses being an American

concept and how this concept should not be coming North of the border. Well sir, once you stop wearing Tommy, Polo, Nike and other American apparel and once you stop watching American television shows which depict your so called "American concepts", then you can try and argue that point. Buh-bye.

Now onto the even more ridiculous article of Ms. Ross Bullen. The general gist of this letter—why buy your friends and join something so unproductive as a fraternity? The thing that really cracks me up about this one is that there was no relevant evidence in her article to back up the main points. Simply taking examples from movies (Revenge of the Nerds and others) just won't cut it. I'm not even going to justify wasting any more paper space about her letter.

You, the readers, are probably thinking that the author of this letter is a biased member of one of the Greek houses. Wrong. I am in no way affiliated with any Greek house. I am just an open-minded reader on the sidelines reading and watching the slander of Greek houses when it is not deserved (Mr. Waechter, Ms. Bullen—did you

notice the word, "open-minded"?).

I'm here to give you, the readers, a non-biased, informed view of what Greek houses are about. Greek houses are certainly not (according to popular belief) about "buying your friends." They are not about joining an elite population either.

From what I have seen and heard, being apart of a Greek house is about contributing to the community, social development and more. But most importantly, being apart of a Greek house is about personal growth. This was definitely evident in my friends who have become members.

Being a non-member of any Greek house, you the reader, cannot take my word on anything that was stated in the previous paragraph. These were just educated guesses based on observation. If you really want to know, you're going to have to ask a member of a fraternity or sorority. The main point I've been trying to get across during this long letter is, don't knock it 'till you've tried it."

Jack Chong

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Cardoso's economic woes

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World Watch

Tel Aviv, Israel

In 1992, an El Al cargo plane crashed into an Amsterdam apartment block and killed 53 people.

A spokesperson at the time said that the plane was carrying a nontoxic industrial chemical that was to have been used to test chemical weapons filters.

This week, Israeli authorities, after comprehensive testing, confirmed a Dutch newspaper report that the Tel Aviv-bound plane was carrying a vital component of a nerve gas. Dutch government officials are beginning an investigation.

Seoul, South Korea

Earlier this year, a South Korean soldier escaped from North Korea after spending 45 years as a prisoner of war.

This week, the South Korean defense ministry announced that it was going to launch a campaign to account for the hundreds of soldiers missing in action from the Korean War. The North had no comment on the issue.

New York, U.S.A

In addresses to the United Nations General Assembly, Prime Minister Vajpayee of India, and Sharif of Pakistan, expressed their individual nation's willingness to scale down their nuclear bomb tests and sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, later this year.

The U.S. is trying very hard to get the two nations into signing the treaty. With the words of encouragement from the two leaders however, they also expressed that further negotiations must happen.

NATO

Earlier yesterday, the NATO allies voted unanimously to launch air strikes against Serbian forces in Yugoslavia, beginning as early as Saturday. This measure gives peace envoy, Richard Holbrooke some bargaining power in his talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

The UN Security Council issued a resolution last month calling for an immediate cease-fire in Kosovo, the withdrawal of Serbian security forces and the safe return of innocent refugees. If these international demands are not met by Yugoslavia, NATO will intervene.

Beijing, China

Chinese officials banned Chinese language versions of Kenneth Starr's report earlier this week.

They stated that the report of Monica Lewinsky's affair with President Bill Clinton was "pornographic".

Kindu, Congo

Violent fighting erupted between government forces loyal to President Kabila and Congolese rebels this past week, near the town of Kindu, south west of the rebel stronghold in Goma. The rebels are claiming various victories.

Facing an uncertain economic future, Brazilians stuck with the incumbent for the first time in their history in the October 4th election, re-electing Fernando Henrique Cardoso as president.

Cardoso became the first Brazilian president to be popularly elected to a second term in office. This was allowed because he successfully lobbied Congress to rescind the constitutional ban on a second, consecutive term for holders of executive posts. In the election, with almost all votes counted, Cardoso received 53.5% of the vote. His main rival, Luiz da Silva, backed by a left coalition received 31.5% of the vote.

His total vote count was the same that brought him to power in the much easier 1994 election. The event, however remarkable was met with little excitement by Brazilian citizens who have much more serious thoughts on their minds.

Brazil's economy is at the crossroads of economic doom. Realizing the current crisis looming in Western economies, caused by the fall of Asia's economic system, Brazilian officials fear a total collapse of the economy. In measures to protect the real and low inflation rates, twice this year, Cardoso's government has had to raise interest rates to extreme levels. They have also realized that with recession on the way, the time now is to



President Cardoso

protect parts of the economy that they can.

Ten days before the election, in a method to curtail the mounting capital flight from the Brazilian economy, Cardoso announced that he would order harsh austerity measures to cut a fiscal deficit heading for 8% of GDP.

In this latest election, Cardoso has received a clear mandate from the Brazilian population, to carry out tough actions to protect the fragile economy. In this election in which 80% of the 106 million voters turned out, Cardoso received the support to launch economic measures so that the country can win support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it needs to deter pressure on the real.

What is at stake not only will affect Brazil's economy but that of all South American economies. This is due to the fact that Brazil's \$800 billion economy accounts for 45% of Latin America's GDP.

Brazil, in essence is the corner stone in South America's economic system. If Brazil's currency falls and its economy falters, Argentina would most likely be dragged down. This would send waves of instability across the continent. With such close ties to the economies of Uruguay and Paraguay, a destructive rippling effect would take place.

There are many economists that fear a crisis in South America would spell certain doom for Canada's economy. The economists paint a gloomy picture:

International investors, already on the edge about emerging markets after being crushed during months of instability in Asia, could potentially pull out of Mexico once they see Brazil's economy destroyed.

The U.S., which sends 20% of its exports to South America and is a major investor in Brazil and throughout the continent would see profits decline. This would result in low confidence in Canadian capital markets, linked to the U.S. End result: major recession in North and South America.

On the other side however, there are economists that do not believe the "domino effect". They realize that Brazil's economic woes would definitely destabilize much of Latin America, but Mexico's economy with a floating exchange rate and close trade links through the North America free-trade Agreement with Canada and the U.S. would escape.

With Cardoso's re-election, his government plans to continue the harsh policies to get the economy in check. He promises to cut government spending considerably and to reform the pension and tax system. Without following these steps, Brazil will not be able to receive the aid package of \$30 billion being prepared by the IMF.

What many Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) believe is that the aid package proposed by the IMF will not be able to help the beleaguered

Brazilian economy. More than \$100 billion was sent to Asia last year to avert a potential crisis, but the economies still fell, with the exception of Malaysia, which has now been put on an anti-market course.

What many believe, especially a majority of NGO's is that emergency money from the Group of Seven industrialized nations (G7), systematically misses its purpose: It only fills up corrupt pockets and bails out Western lenders and financial institutions.

What is needed they believe, is major reform in the government and economic processes of the countries in question. For example, they believe that Brazil should remove the exchange rate peg resulting in a premature run on its currency, before more billions of dollars are added to the external debts. Secondly, a moratorium should be placed on the external debt and Western creditors should be encouraged to provide temporary loans to put Brazil back on its feet. These two policies would coincide with strict spending cuts by Cardoso's government.

What ever the debate, the fact remains that Brazil exists in hot water and it is up to the newly re-elected Cardoso to revive the magic that he displayed in his first term with his economic program when he eliminated the 2,400% inflation.

Only then will Brazil be able to tackle its looming economic crisis.

Latin American free trade

Comprising Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil, the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) represents a total population of 190 million people, living in an area larger than the surface of the European continent, covering more than 12 million square kilometers. In 1993, the total GDP of these four nations was approximately US\$ 715 billion.

Although MERCOSUR is not yet fully implemented, the 1990 volume of business among MERCOSUR nations was US\$ 3.6 billion, and has been increasing every year. It is estimated that in 1994 the commercial interchange between the four nations reached approximately US\$ 12 billion. Of course, the potential for new business is even higher than this, as the sum of the business volume with other nations is something on the order of US\$ 100 billion per annum.

Brazil has a territory of 8.5 million square kilometers and 155 million inhabitants, as well as the largest economy within MERCOSUR; its projected GDP for

1994 is expected to be on the order of US\$ 500 billion, and its commercial trade balance for this same period was estimated at more than US\$ 10 billion. Brazil's per capita income is about US\$ 3,000.00

Argentina, the second largest MERCOSUR nation, has 2.8 million square kilometers in area. The Argentine economy has been one of the fastest growing in the last few years, posting an average 8% growth yearly since 1991. Its 1993 GDP was US\$ 255 billion, distributed among approximately 33 million inhabitants. This gives Argentina a per capita income of US\$ 7,700.00, the highest among its common market partners.

Paraguay, with 406 thousand square kilometers and a population of 4.6 million, has a 1993 GDP of US\$ 6.8 billion, and a growing economy.

Uruguay in turn has the smallest population, calculated at some 3.1 million inhabitants, and the smallest territory in MERCOSUR at 177 thousand square



kilometres; As an important international financial center, Uruguay has a highly dynamic economy, and generated a 1993 GDP of approximately US\$ 11.4 billion.

Uruguay's per capita income is about \$3,600.00 US.

Source: MERCOSUR webpage

Stress: don't let it get you

JANETTE ROY

It's here! The time you've all been waiting for. Midterms are here, ladies and gentlemen along with sleep deprivation, improper eating habits, and the kicker: stress.

The kind of stress that makes you snap at your roommates and makes everything else in your life impossible to concentrate on. Stress is the result of a change in your environment. It has both physical and emotional effects. As a negative influence, it can make you feel distrust, rejection, anger, and depression, which in turn can lead to health problems such as headaches, stomach problems, rashes, and insomnia.

In terms of adjusting to different circumstances, stress will help or hinder us depending on how we react to it.

Physiologically, the body reacts to stress as it would to fear or danger. The body arms itself for the "fight or flight" response, which increases levels of adrenaline and other stress-related hormones in the bloodstream to maximize energy and reaction.

Sugars, cholesterol, and fatty acids are released into the bloodstream, and the blood pressure and heartbeat increase while breathing becomes shallower. When the "danger" passes, the body recovers and returns to normal.

How do you deal with it? Our goal is not to eliminate stress but to learn how to manage it and how to use it to help us. As a positive influence, stress can help compel us to action.

Insufficient stress acts as a depressant and may leave us feeling bored; on the other hand, excessive stress may leave us feeling anxious and tense. But you have to be aware what is stressful for you. What is distressing to one may be a joy to another. And even if we agree that a particular event is distressing, we

are likely to have different responses to it. Our personal stress requirements and the amount which we can tolerate before we become distressed changes with our life-styles and our ages.

It has been found that most illness is related to unrelieved stress. Identifying unrelieved stress and being aware of its possible effects on our lives is not sufficient for reducing its harmful effects.

Here are some measures you can take to ensure that you don't fall prey to stress:

1. Become aware of your stressors and your emotional and physical reactions.

- Notice your distress. Don't ignore it. Don't gloss over your problems.
- Determine what events distress you.
- Determine how your body responds to stress. Do you become nervous or physically upset?

2. Recognize what you can change.

- Can you change your stressors by avoiding or eliminating them completely?
- Can you reduce their intensity (manage them over a period of time instead of on a daily or weekly basis)?
- Can you shorten your exposure to stress (take a break, leave the physical premises)?

3. Reduce the intensity of your emotional reactions to stress.

- Are you viewing your stressors in exaggerated terms and/or taking a difficult situation and making it a disaster?
- Are you expecting to please everyone?
- Are you overreacting and viewing things as absolutely critical and urgent? Do you feel you must always prevail in

every situation?

- Try to see the stress as something you can cope with rather than something that overpowers you.
- Put the situation in perspective. Do not labour on the negative aspects and the "what ifs".

4. Build you physical reserves.

- Exercise for cardiovascular fitness three to four times a week (moderate, prolonged rhythmic exercise is best, such as walking, swimming, cycling, or jogging).
- Eat well-balanced, nutritious meals.
- Maintain your ideal weight.
- Avoid nicotine, excessive caffeine, and other stimulants.
- Get enough sleep. Be as consistent with your sleep schedule as possible.

5. Maintain your emotional reserves.

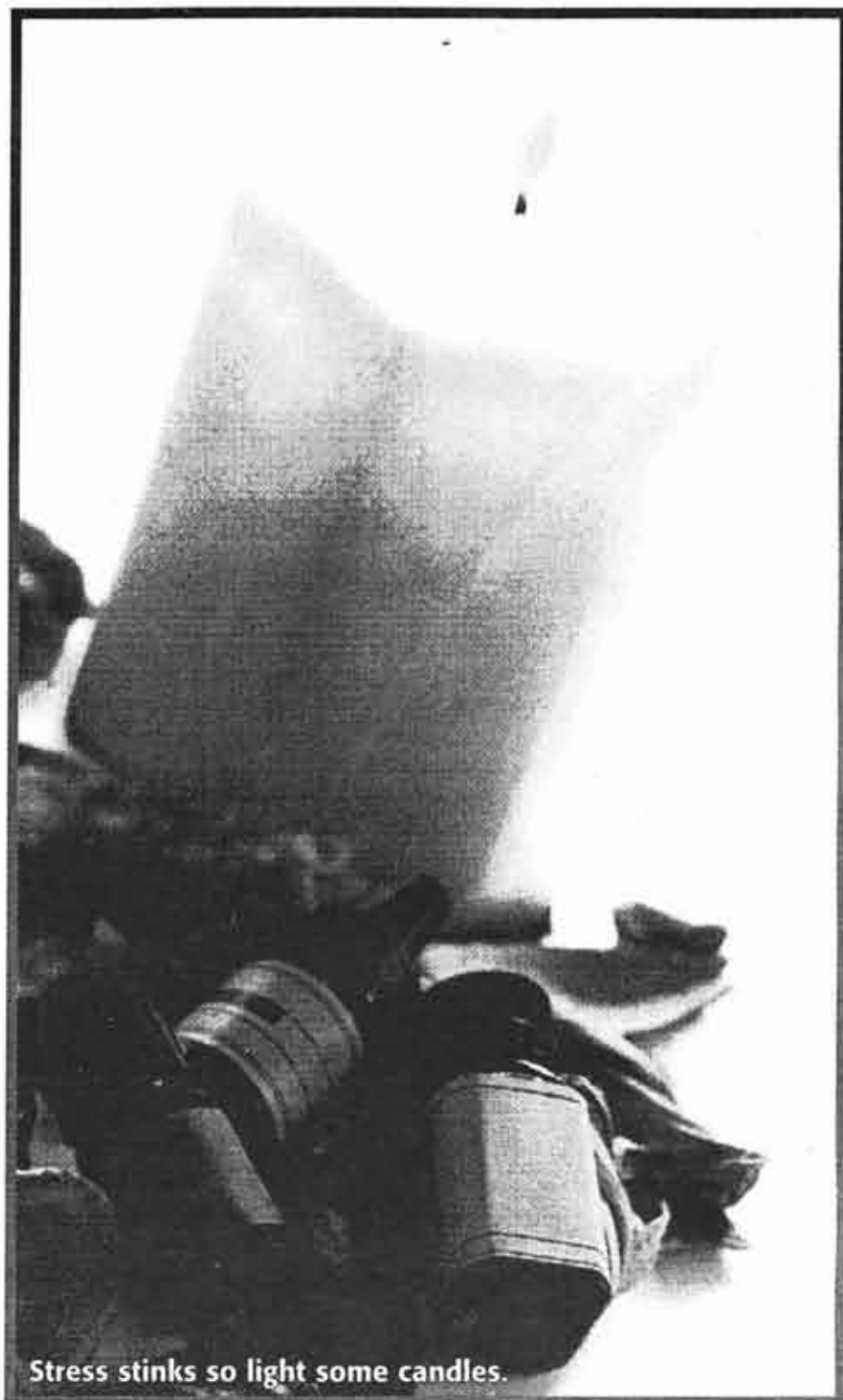
- Develop some mutually supportive friendships/relationships.
- Expect some frustrations, failures, and sorrows.

Want to bring stress relief into your life on a daily basis? Here are some practical tips for starting to break the vicious stress cycle:

- Down the miracle mineral. Chromium helps stop the stress cycle. Your body releases less cortisol (stress hormone) when chromium levels are high.

So if tension takes over, try taking a daily multivitamin with 200 micrograms of the mineral, or chow down on chromium-packed snacks like apples, peanut butter, and whole-grain bread.

- Burn off that burnout. The next time you start freaking out, why not try working out. Exercise blasts a ton of calories, but it also burns off cortisol and other hormones that are produced when your



Stress stinks so light some candles.

stress response is triggered.

- Learn to delegate chores and responsibilities.
- Break the fast-fast. When the pressure is on, a lot of people skip breakfast. But doing that just sets you up to be extra hungry and tired later on. Go for a carbohydrate and protein combination such as whole-grain cereal with skim milk and a banana.
- Stress stinks so try managing stress with aromatherapy, which can help to bring you to a calmer, more relaxed state of mind. Any of the following scents are known for their calming effect: cinnamon, clove, basil, eucalyptus, lavender, rose, thyme, ginger, and rosemary.
- Know your own body's natural rhythms and work with them—your energy is higher in the morning, tackle your most challenging tasks during those hours.
- One of the most effective relaxation techniques for stress relief is meditation. Dr. Scott Wallace, a clinical psychologist, reports that researchers believe there may be some added benefits to meditation that even sleeping doesn't provide.

He says, "Studies suggest that you get a deeper stress reduction, pain relief, improved energy and improved

concentration in the meditative relaxed state. So learn how to relax and do so often.

- Take a break during your day, and get outside—the fresh air and change of scenery will soothe your nerves and give you some perspective.
- If you have difficulty managing stress and often feel fatigued, you may also want to examine your diet.

An increased amount of certain nutrients can help. Studies have shown that the body under stress depletes its store of the B vitamins, as well as vitamins A and C. Help restore these essential vitamins through supplements, and through these food sources:

Vitamin A—green vegetables, milk and liver B complex vitamins—yeast, wheat germ, eggs Vitamin C—citrus fruits, raw vegetables

- Talk it out—confide in good friends, or consider seeing the campus counselor.

Whatever you do, you are not the only one feeling this way. There's no reason for anybody to get too stressed out so that it starts having negative influences on you.

So try these little suggestions and see if any of them work for you.

In my opinion...

MELISSA BENNER

Walking down Bricker St. last week, my senses were assaulted by a garish yellow poster stapled haphazardly to a telephone pole.

120 studs
15 guys trying to score
2 hookers
1 jar of vaseline
Laurier Rugby

Drawing nearer, I perused the above caption: "120 studs..." I stood in shock and disgust, as horrible imagery initiated by the caption slid lewdly through my mind.

Hoping that this was an unauthorized act of propaganda, I glanced to the bottom right hand corner with dismay. "Approved until Oct. 4, 1998, Dean of Students" Seeing the stamp of approval, my last vestige of hope was shattered.

In our society, sexual innuendoes are prevalent in all types of advertising. From cha-ching cell phones to sensual shampoo foams, (think Herbal Essences, the "orgasmic" experience) sex is a powerful selling point. I have to admit, I've often 'tee-heed', sometimes even emitted an outright 'guffaw' at bawdy jokes and cryptic comments. My

initial reaction to this advertisement was disgust, but I did attempt to reason out a less judgmental response.

Not being familiar with rugby terminology, I'll assume "studs" and "hookers" have something to do with the game itself, a legitimate pun; even the phrase "15 guys trying to score" could

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be sort of cute in a desperate kind of way. Its the combination of all these phrases and the addition of "1 jar of vaseline" that results in something that far exceeds the boundaries of tasteful chuckle-worthy innuendoes.

I'm not often one to jump on the Laurier spirit-wagon but I would like to point out that posters, such as the one being discussed, can give a really neg-

ative impression of the Rugby team and the school to the general public. This type of advertisement might appeal to some, but many potential fans would not be compelled to watch a game being presented as an orgy of over-sexed athletes.

The fact that the poster was approved by an important figure in the school's hierarchy (the Dean of Students) does not reflect well on this prestigious institution. Was the poster even read before being processed through? I find it hard to believe that it could be deemed acceptable as an eloquent invitation to spectators to show up and show spirit.

It is more likely an invitation for people to wrinkle their nose in disgust at the high testosterone level of the minds behind the message, and never give a serious thought to actually going to watch the nail-biting thriller that is Rugby.

I would like to conclude with a quote, a snappy little catch-phrase lurking at the bottom of the poster... "Laurier Rugby, the word is getting around."

Yes Laurier Rugby, the word is getting around, but you may not anticipate or appreciate the response.

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Campus Club Watch

Director's Club exposed

MEAGAN ROSS

Before you know it, Laurier will be turning out the next generation of Spielbergs and Coppolas.

The Director's Club arrived on the scene last year with a mission to create a platform to showcase the massive talents around here and learn new skills along the way.

Boldly going where few had gone before, we created videos and held seminars, movie nights and a film festival. We wrote a captivating script and used our burgeoning producing and editing skills to pull together a 10-minute video for Career Services. Some fantastic people created rockin' seminars, coaching the BU121 students on the finer points of film-making to help them put together some imaginative commercial projects.

We even scraped together enough cash to purchase a Hi-8 camera to make our films look just like Titanic.

A fun crowd came out for our fabu-

lous Film Festival back in March. We showcased Laurier talent as well as some local Charlie Award-winning films.

Watch out for another festival coming to a theatre (well, the Arts building) near you, next term. Think you have what it takes? Submit a film!

Campus Clubs showed how wise they are by voting us Best New Club for 97/98.

If you are a budding scriptwriter, actor, musician, producer, director or equipment operator, come on out and join the team.

We'll be off to the Oscars in no time.



Director's club members (l to r) Maureen Sainsbury, Meagan Ross and Dawn McMullin

Our meetings are held Thursdays at 5:30 in the DAWB room 2-112. E-mail our President Dawn for details at mcmu0570@mach1.wlu.ca. Meagan Ross is a production assistant.

what's happening here

University Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 15
4:00-6:00 pm
Paul Martin Centre

Interview Skills Part I
Friday, October 16 11:30-12:30
P1021

25th Anniversary Celebration
Friday, October 16

The university will officially close at 2:30 pm to mark the 25th anniversary of the naming of Wilfrid Laurier University. All employees are invited to a reception in the Theatre Auditorium.

Speaker
Friday, October 16 7:30 pm
HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre
Urologist, Dr. Joe Knackstedt talks on the topic of prostate cancer: the current aspects of diagnosis and treatment. No admission is charged, but seats fill up fast. Please call to confirm your place at 732-4673.

Art Display
Until October 17
Isabella Stefanescu Paintings

Speaker
Monday, October 19 7:00-8:30 pm
Paul Martin Centre

Speaker, Edwin Neave, the Professor of Finance at Queen's University will talk about "On the Future of Canada's Financial System". No admission charge.

Laurier Woodwind Quintet
Tuesday, October 20 12 noon
Maureen Forrester Recital Hall

Interview Skills Part II
Tuesday, October 20 6:00-7:00 pm
Career Services

Resume/CACEE Workshop
Wednesday, October 21 11:30-12:30 pm
P3007

Assessing Your Skills & Interests
Wednesday, October 21
5:30-6:30 pm
Career Services

Student Composers
Wednesday, October 21 8 pm
Maureen Forrester Recital Hall

Eat, drink, be merry.

Puffy Omelette

Prep: 15 min; Bake: 15 min
Makes 2 servings

4 large eggs, separated
1/4 cup water
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon margarine or butter
Italian Tomato Sauce, if desired.

1. Heat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Beat egg whites, water and salt in medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff but not dry. Beat egg yolks and pepper on high speed about 3 minutes or until very thick and lemon colored. Fold egg yolks into egg whites.
3. Melt margarine in 10-inch ovenproof skillet over medium heat. As margarine melts, tilt skillet to coat bottom. Pour egg mixture into skillet. Gently level surface; reduce heat to low. Cook about 5 min or until puffy and light brown on bottom. (Carefully lift omelet at edge to judge color.)
4. Bake uncovered 12 to 15 min or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.
5. Tilt skillet and slip pancake turner or spatula under omelet to loosen. Fold omelette in half, being careful not to break it. Slip onto warm plate. Serve with Italian Tomato Sauce.

Gin Fizz

1 oz. gin
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4 oz. soda water
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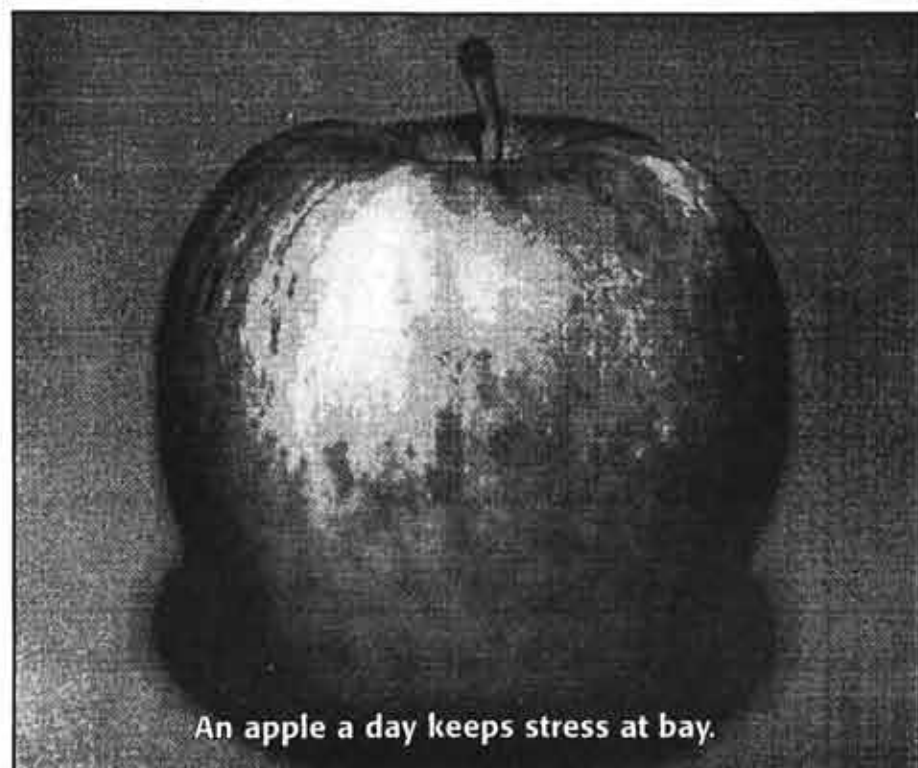
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15 ml	(1/2 oz.)	Gonzales Tequila
15 ml	(1/2 oz.)	Melon Liqueur
15 ml	(1/2 oz.)	Melon Balls

Pour ingredients over ice in a small rock glass
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Caught in tangled web of 20th century

KATHERINE HARDING

January 1, 2000 is an ominous deadline for the entire world. With less than a year and a half to go, people are scrambling to find a solution to the Y2K bug (a.k.a. millennium bug).

Contrary to the doomsday "chicken little" predictions, the sky isn't going to fall, but it's true the Y2K bug creates a myriad of technical, business and legal issues and a quandary that has become the headache of this century.

What is the Y2K bug?

The countdown to the Y2K glitch began more than two decades ago, when to conserve expensive computer space — which then cost \$600,000 a megabyte vs. 10 cents today — programmers used only two digits rather than four to represent years. For example, '87' represents 1987. But in the year 2000, computers will register '00' as 1900, causing millions of incorrect calculations and computer shut-downs.

Back then most programmers assumed that these older computers and their software would be replaced by 2000 and their cost saving measure would not be a factor.

That assumption was dead wrong and now companies, governments and individuals are going to have to pay a large price to correct the millions of lines of computer codes that are non-compliant — one by one.

To add insult to injury the fact the year 2000 is a leap year could potentially compound the quagmire. The rules for determining whether a given year is a leap year are: If the year is evenly divisible by four it's a leap year, except for years ending in 00. A year ending in 00 is a leap year only if it's divisible by 400. Therefore, 1900 wasn't a leap year, but 2000 will be.

Even if date routines use a four-position year, there is a concern that they may not incorporate the necessary logic that the year 2000 is a leap year. As a result, computers may incorrectly recognize February in the year 2000 as having only 28 days.

The Y2K bug and you

Almost no one is immune. Computer chips have found their way into everything from cars to coffee makers and are making the task of ironing out the bugs that much more difficult.

It is naive to assume that only computers and computer dependent businesses will be affected, embedded systems, which include power, water and sewage systems, traffic lights, automated teller machines, elevators, thermostats and even medical equipment, are also affected.

Experts estimate that to completely eradicate the Y2K bug, every date on every mainframe computer has to be corrected. You only need one that hasn't been checked to cause glitches for the others.

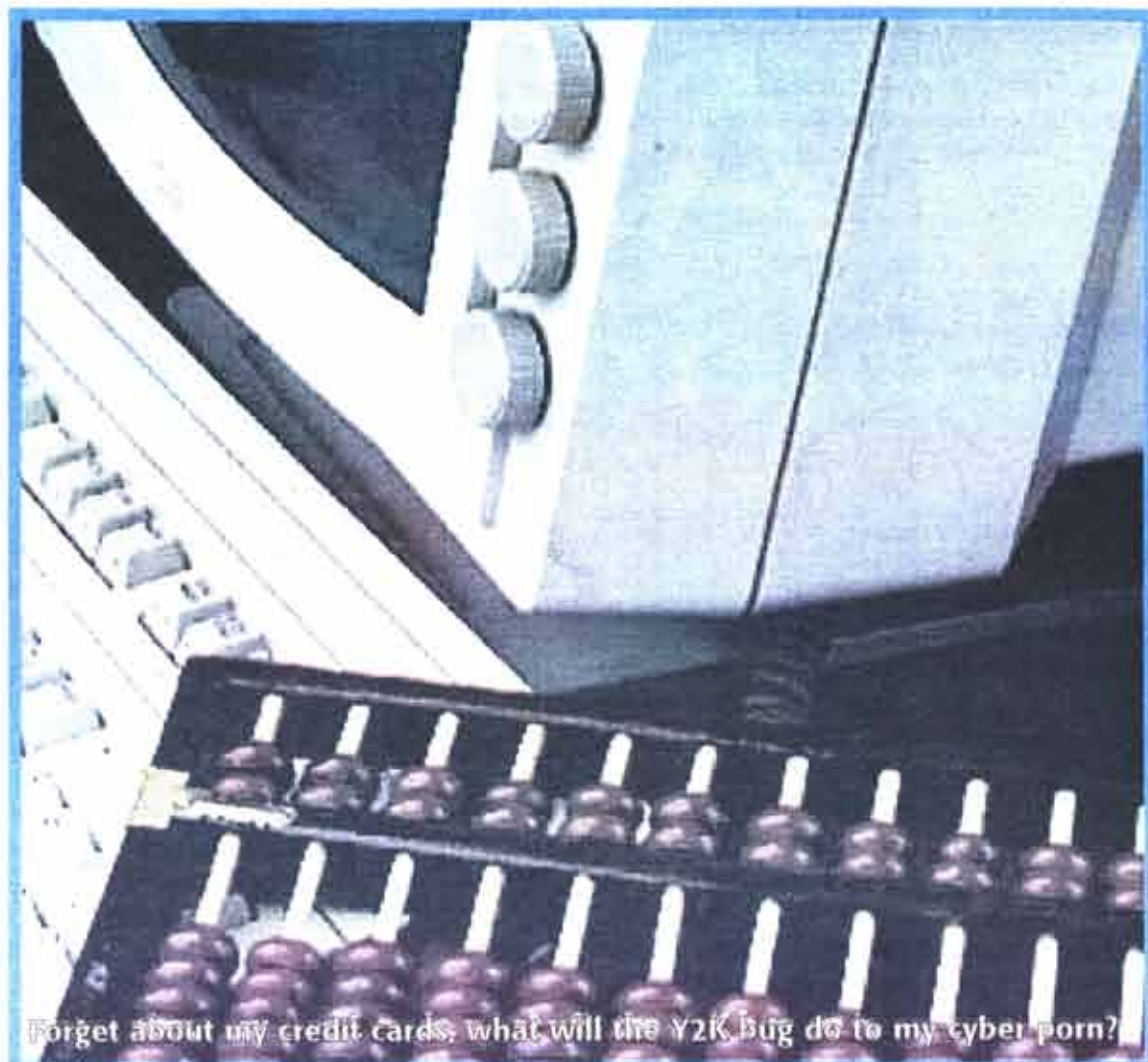
Even homeowners can run into problems with some of their home appliances that are date sensitive, including many with blinking LCD display. In 99.9 per cent of cases, such equipment will work but will give the wrong date. Check with the appliance's manufacturer to determine whether it's Y2K compliant. You'll probably only need to replace non-compliant equipment if displaying the correct date is critical (i.e. fax machine).

Small- and medium-sized businesses are counted among those who are not heeding the impending computer calamity quickly enough. While big business, including most banks and credit card companies, have already implemented a year 2000 conversion plan, smaller companies and institutions are dawdling.

That pace may pick up as larger corporations are demanding their partners and suppliers supply proof they have implemented a Y2K conversion plan. Y2K compliant businesses are fearful that even though they are ready, their partners are not causing a classic domino effect.

Getting ready

Start planning now. The Canadian government has set up a CAN2K program to help educate the public about the program. They suggest the follow-



Forget about my credit cards, what will the Y2K bug do to my cyber porn?

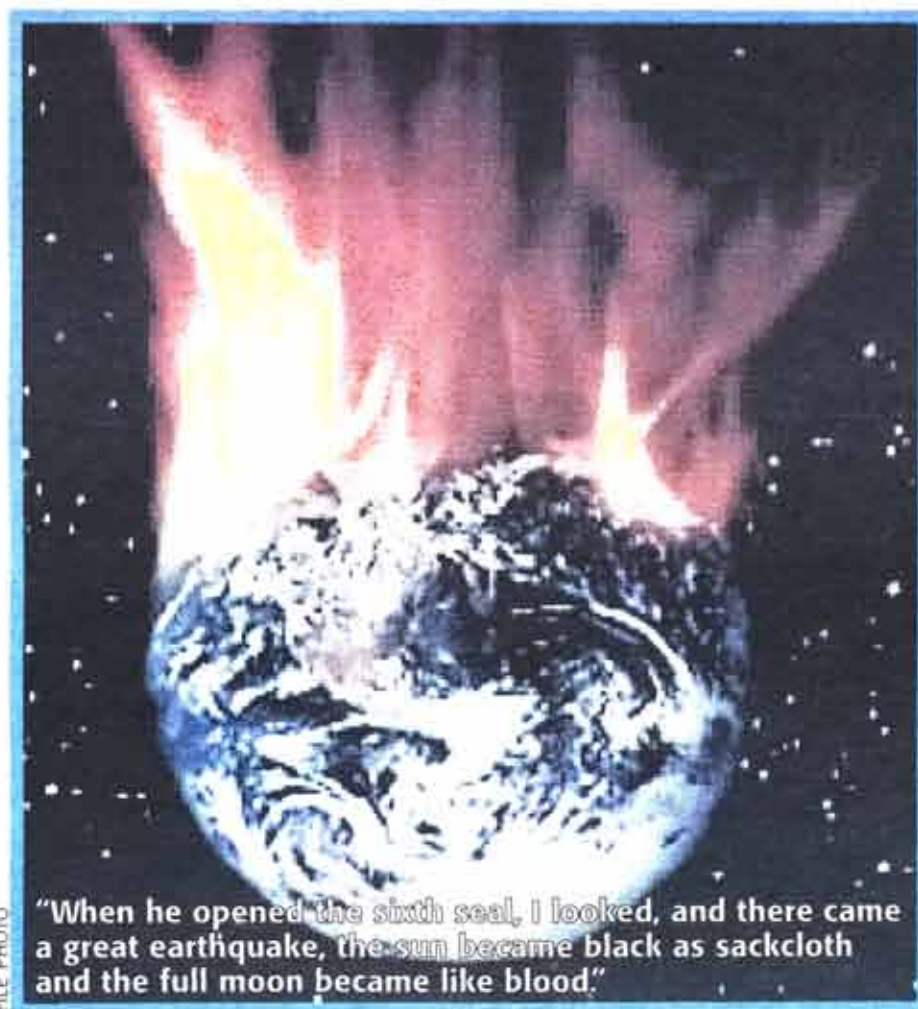
ing steps to help deal with the labyrinth of problems caused by the Y2K bug:

- Because of the size, cost and complexity of this problem, planning a formal action or contingency plan is essential;
- Plan early on. Inventory, assess, repair or replace, and test all communications equipment, information systems and other date sensitive equipment or controls. Assess what type of direct and indirect dependencies you have on computers;
- Always remember to obtain verifiable documentation from any solutions provider whose services or products you have utilized;
- In the event of a litigation battle, companies will

be expected to demonstrate due diligence in meeting year 2000 compliance. Carefully document all objectives and steps taken towards this end;

- Always remember to hold on to all verifiable year 2000 compliance documentation you receive from your associates, and any solutions providers you hire;
- Do not sign on to any agreements or contracts without first assessing what steps towards compliance your associates have taken;
- Review any business insurance you may have with particular attention to business interruption, crime, errors and omissions as well as directors and officers liability.

The Year 2000: death from above!



"When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and there came a great earthquake, the sun became black as sackcloth and the full moon became like blood."

TONY TSAI

It's December 31st, and the dawn of the new millennium will soon descend. The villagers, those who were lucky enough, crowd into the tiny town church while those who are less fortunate huddle in

the town square. The atmosphere is far from jubilant. There is a definite air of fear and dread as the congregation lies prostrate in front of the crucifix. As the priest continues his sermon on salvation, the clock slowly ticks towards Armageddon. As the clock strikes twelve,

a hush descends on the people, mixed in with a few screams of terror. The millennium is here, and the end of the world is at hand.

Fast forward roughly one thousand years into the future. It's December 31st, and the new millennium will soon descend. Hundreds of thousands have descended on Times Square New York. As the clock slowly turns over to midnight, there is nothing but mirth and merry making in the hearts of the revelers. The only sermon delivered here is the words of wisdom imparted by the eternally youthful Dick Clark. The only prostrating is from the people who have had a little too much \$5.00 champagne, praying to the porcelain God. The only cries to God are the countless number of people coming to orgasm as they consummate the coming of the new millennium. Welcome to the new millennium, circa 1999.

The only fears for the new millennium, in most people's minds, is whether or not their credit rating will survive the Y2K bug, or whether their VCR's will continue registering the right date so as not to miss a recording of Party of Five.

Not me though, this new millennium only brings fear and loathing in my heart.

My biggest fear for the moment is not really the coming of the year 2000, but the year leading up to it. My blood chills at the thought of the countless

hours of playtime dedicated to the Prince song, 1999. I can see it already, a whole year of every radio station, every club playing that hideous 80's synth rock song by that androgynous artist freak who has yet to decide on a name. If I hear one more person describe their millennial activities as "I'm going to party like it's 1999" I am liable to beat them senseless with a small domestic animal.

My other fear is the wave of marketing campaigns that the diabolical media machines are preparing to unleash upon us in order to sell more useless consumer goods.

The wonderbrains at M&M's have already rolled out a new campaign, introducing the little packets of candy covered chemical chocolates, as the official candy of the new millennium. Get it, M&M, MM in roman numerals is 2000, ha funny. So the only thing to look forward to in the next millennium, besides the eradication of humanity, is the overabundance of chocolates that melt in your mouth and not in your hands.

Of course, my biggest fear is the inevitable question of "What are you doing for New Years, 1999?" Let's see, for most of my life my New Years has evolved around spending time with my family. An inevitable fight would break out between my Mother and Father over that whole infidelity issue, usually ending up with one of my parents upstairs crying (usually Dad) while the other one

lays passed out after having one too many glasses of single malt scotch (usually Mom). Somehow, spending my millennium eve with Mom screaming profanities like a drunken sailor is not my idea of fun.

I could always just go out with my friends. However, past experience has told me that going out on New Years Eve means my friends and I standing in line in the freezing cold of January with thousands of other people trying to get into the same club because we were too lazy. Then Mom comes and screams profanities at us like some drunken sailor.

Then there are the usual fears, nut cases proclaiming the end of the world and causing subway attacks with deadly gases, the rioting and looting that will inevitably occur as everyone parties "like it's 1999," the angst that will be experienced as we realize that the new millennium will bring nothing new and that there will be no world peace and people won't be dressed like the Jetsons or driving flying cars, etc, etc. But there is no need to get into that.

So in conclusion, the year two thousand will bring nothing but bad Prince songs, tons of M&M's and my mother swearing like a sailor.

I'm planning to spend my New Years, 1999 holed up in my underground geodesic dome stroking my shotgun and watching reruns of the Andy Griffith show.

Y2K @ WLU

TONY TSAI

Laurier has already begun to address the Y2K problem from three different areas.

To help facilitate this upgrade and correction of the Y2K bug, the school has created a Y2K steering committee whose task is to see that all information technology on campus is Y2K compliant by the end of next year.

The most pressing issue is the

already has made plans to take a massive inventory of hardware that is currently being run at WLU. The inventory process will be in two steps.

The first step is the actual inventory taking, where computers that were purchased prior to a certain date will be marked with a blue sticker.

The second step is the assessment phase, where those computers with blue stickers will be assessed as to whether

(computers, diagnostic equipment, etc.) because of the legal obligations the school has to researchers and their assistants.

If data is lost due to the Y2K bug, the university can be found legally responsible for that data and could therefore be sued. However, one obstacle to the upgrading of lab equipment is accessibility into the labs. Researchers are weary of having university technicians



Currently, the phrase "Y2K Compliant" is used entirely too much.

LUKE MARTIN

upgrade of key information systems, which the school depends on for its day to day administrative activities. One major system, called Banner, handles all the student services, human resources, alumni development, and account payable data.

This system was purchased by Laurier in 1989, and was set up before the millennium bug was even an issue. The system was purchased from a large commercial systems manufacturer who has since released an upgraded version that is Y2K compliant.

The school has already purchased this new upgrade, but in order to make the upgraded system compatible, new hardware had to be purchased. Along with that, a number of consultants were hired to help facilitate the progress of the upgrade and to insure that the system will meet government and internal regulations.

All work to bring the system up to specifications and to ensure its proper running should be completed by the end of this calendar year. The actual date where the system will be come on-line and become fully operational is set at February 12, 1999. Six weeks of testing will take place prior to the system coming on line.

The second system called the Financial Information System has also gone through a series of upgrades. This system was custom built for Laurier so a consultant was hired to complete the upgrade. In fact, the upgrades have already come into effect and the system is now Y2K compliant as of this Thanksgiving weekend.

One of the biggest problems on campus with Y2K compliance is the hundreds of individual computers and equipment that are currently being used on campus. The steering committee

or not Y2K compliance is feasible. Those computers that were originally marked blue but have been assessed as Y2K compliant, or unaffected by the Y2K bug will be given a green marker. Computers that can be Y2K compliant via an upgrade, but have not received one, will be given a yellow marker. Those who cannot be Y2K compliant because of original design restrictions will be scrapped and replaced.

Even the much prized Banyan and Mach1 systems have already been

poking around in the labs for fear of sensitive information being lost or released.

The last technology issue to be addressed by Laurier is the technology imbedded in many of Laurier's buildings. Systems such as elevators, security systems, heating systems, etc. all can be affected by the Y2K bug.

The biggest challenge with these technologies is that one is never sure which system is already Y2K compliant and which aren't.

Many of these systems are imbedded with chips that are not compliant with Y2K systems and therefore could theoretically shut down come January 1st, 2000.

Laurier has taken steps, under the office of the Assistant Vice President Physical Resources, to contact all the manufacturers in order to assess which systems need upgrading.

Of course, what is all this going to cost Laurier? Because the process is during a two year period, the school can allocate expenses to two separate budgets depending on when the upgrades take place. Currently, \$325,000 have been allocated from this years budget to the upgrade of Banner and the Financial Information Systems.

To complete the upgrade of Banner, two new servers will have to be purchased at around \$100,000 each. The final estimated costs of upgrading the two systems will be around \$500,000-\$600,000.

As for the inventory and upgrade of campus computers, that cost cannot be determined until after the assessment phase. Finally, the cost to upgrade and modify the physical systems on campus (elevators, alarm, etc.) will be just under \$100,000.

In total, Laurier does not expect to exceed \$1,000,000 for the upgrading to make Laurier technology Y2K compliant.

For more information about the Y2K bug:

- **Time Bomb 2000: What the Year 2000 Computer Crisis Means To You!** By Edward Yourdon & Jennifer Yourdon
- **Year 2000 Solutions for Dummies.** By Kelly C. Bourne
- **Managing '00: Surviving The Year 2000 Computing Crisis.** By Peter de Jager and Richard Bergeon
- **The Year 2000 Information Centre:** www.year2000.com
- **IBM's Year 2000 site:** www.ibm.com/IBM/year2000
- **www.howto2000.com**
- **www.can2k.com**
- **Macintosh Apple's year 2000 site:** www.apple.com/macos/info/2000.html

assessed.

So far, Computer Services have already replaced two servers to make them Y2K compliant. So all the e-mail addicts out there can rest at ease, you will still be able to get e-mail past January 1st, 2000.

This process to itemize Laurier computers has already begun and should be completed by next summer. Computer Services has started the inventory and has offered its services to faculty, who can bring in their computers for assessment.

One of the biggest concerns for this assessment is the issue of lab equipment. Right now, the steering committee is focusing on assessing lab equipment

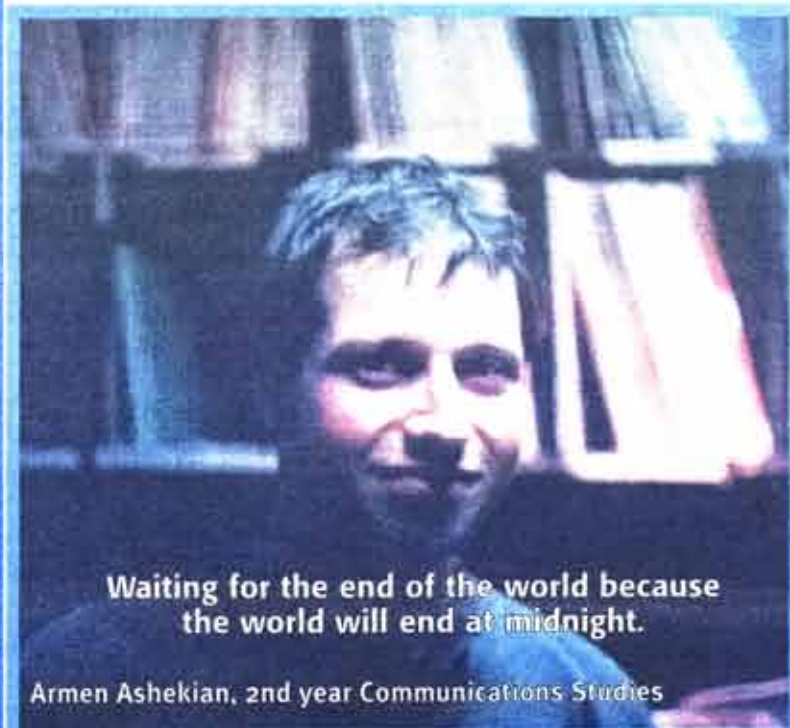
What will you be doing December 31, 1999?

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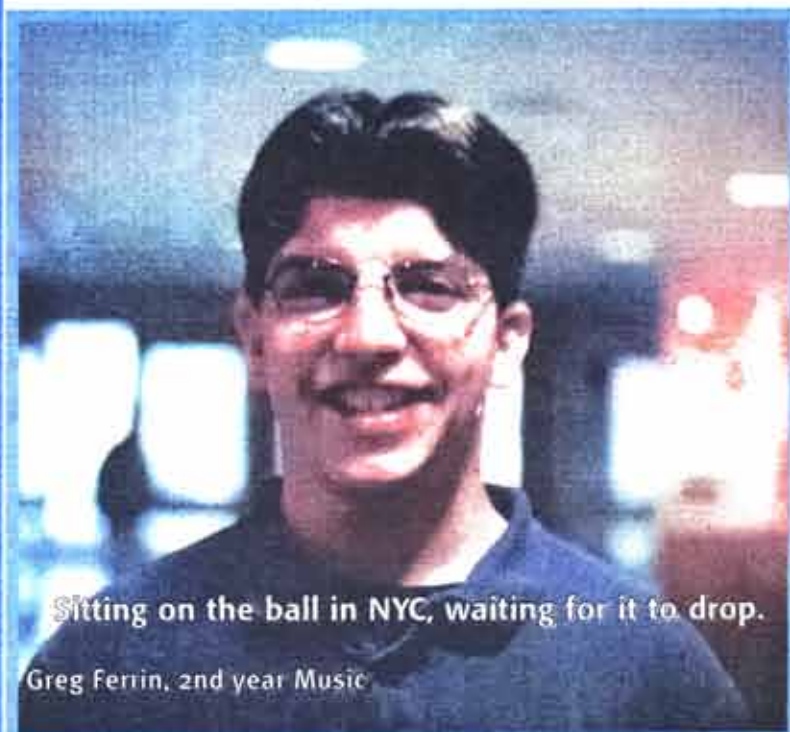
I'll be earning my money as an exotic dancer in Florida because university isn't panning out.

Alanna Sinclair, 2nd Year English



Waiting for the end of the world because the world will end at midnight.

Armen Ashekanian, 2nd year Communications Studies



Sitting on the ball in NYC, waiting for it to drop.

Greg Ferrin, 2nd year Music



Fighting space aliens with my Buck Rogers Ray Gun.

Nathan Hatton, 2nd year Political Science

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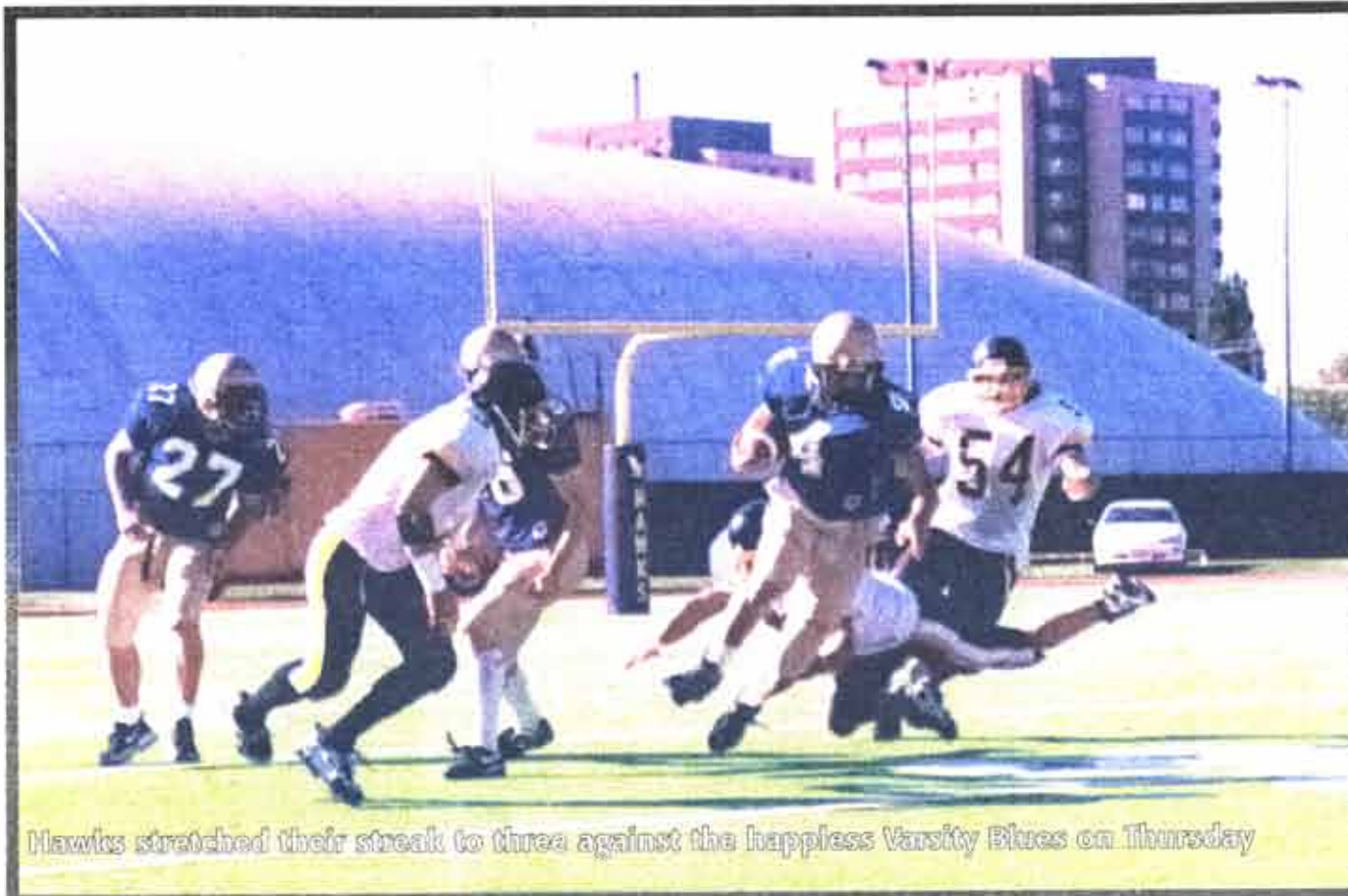
MIKE KOSTOFF

Thanksgiving weekend was kicked off in style at the 100 year old Varsity stadium last Thursday as the 2-2 Laurier Golden Hawks looked to extend their winning streak to three against the 0-4 University of Toronto Varsity Blues. Despite getting off to a slow start, the Hawks went on to score 29 unanswered second half points led by a four touchdown performance by running back Justin Praamsma to top the struggling Blues 42-15.

"The offensive line was just phenomenal," commented Praamsma, who was given big holes to run through all night thanks to the o-line's strong effort. Praamsma racked up 173 yards in 17 carries and was named the coach's offensive player of the game.

Praamsma opened the scoring for the Hawks when he notched his first of four rushing touchdowns at 8:18 of the first quarter. Toronto answered back early in the second quarter when running back and 1997 OUA first team all-star James Baskin scored his first TD of the game to even the score at 7-7. The Blues went up 14-7 at 7:24 of the second quarter when a big reception by wide receiver Yuri Medwidsky set up Baskin's second TD run from a yard out. A single point off a missed field goal with 5:49 left in the half would close out Toronto's scoring for the night. The Blues lead was shaved to two just before half-time as Praamsma lit up the scoreboard again with his second major of the night with a mere 42 seconds left in the half. A failed 2-point conversion attempt left the score at 15-13 as the teams headed to their dressing rooms.

"We came out a little flat," commented Hawk safety Alan Ruby, who had 2 interceptions on the day and was named the coach's defensive player of the game. "We didn't expect them to run



Hawks stretched their streak to three against the hapless Varsity Blues on Thursday

like they did." The Blues racked up 247 yards rushing primarily in the first half led by a 31 carry, 140 yard performance by Baskin.

As the not quite capacity crowd of 600 was entertained by the peculiar comedy of the U of T mascot (a beaver, by the way) and the not so sweet sounds of the U of T band, the Hawks were busy preparing for a second half explosion.

"Their were one or two minor adjustments, but mostly it was just a matter of revisiting the motivational end of things," noted Hawks head coach Rick Zmich who's team may have been guilty of taking the 0-4 Blues a little lightly early on.

Whatever was said clearly had an impact as the Hawks came out in the

second half a different team, totally dominating the Blues with their punishing running attack again taking centre stage. The Hawks racked up 313 rushing yards on this day.

"It's a matter of taking what they give you," noted Zmich who explained that Toronto's defensive alignment designed primarily to guard against the pass allowed the Hawks the opportunity to run the ball aggressively. An Alan Ruby interception set up Praamsma's third TD of the night at 9:16 of the third quarter, which was quickly followed by his fourth at 12:05 when a big run by fullback Justin Dillion set up the score to give the Hawks a 26-15 lead.

"We complement each other so well," said Praamsma of himself and Dillion. The two of them have recorded

the majority of the Hawks rushing yards this season with Praamsma leading the team at 475 yards and Dillion not far behind at 389 yards.

The Hawks first and only touchdown through the air would come at 5:41 of the final quarter when quarterback Kevin Taylor hooked up with slot back Harvey Stables to make the score 33-15. Taylor, playing with a sizeable cast on the thumb of his non-throwing hand, completed 11 of 21 passes for 128 yards, a TD, and 2 interceptions on the night. Coach Zmich expects Taylor's thumb to be near fully healed for this Saturday's game which should improve his ball handling ability.

A safety touch and a touchdown run from back up quarterback Paul McCoubry late in the game closed out

the scoring for the Hawks. On the sidelines, the mood was one of excitement and anticipation for things to come.

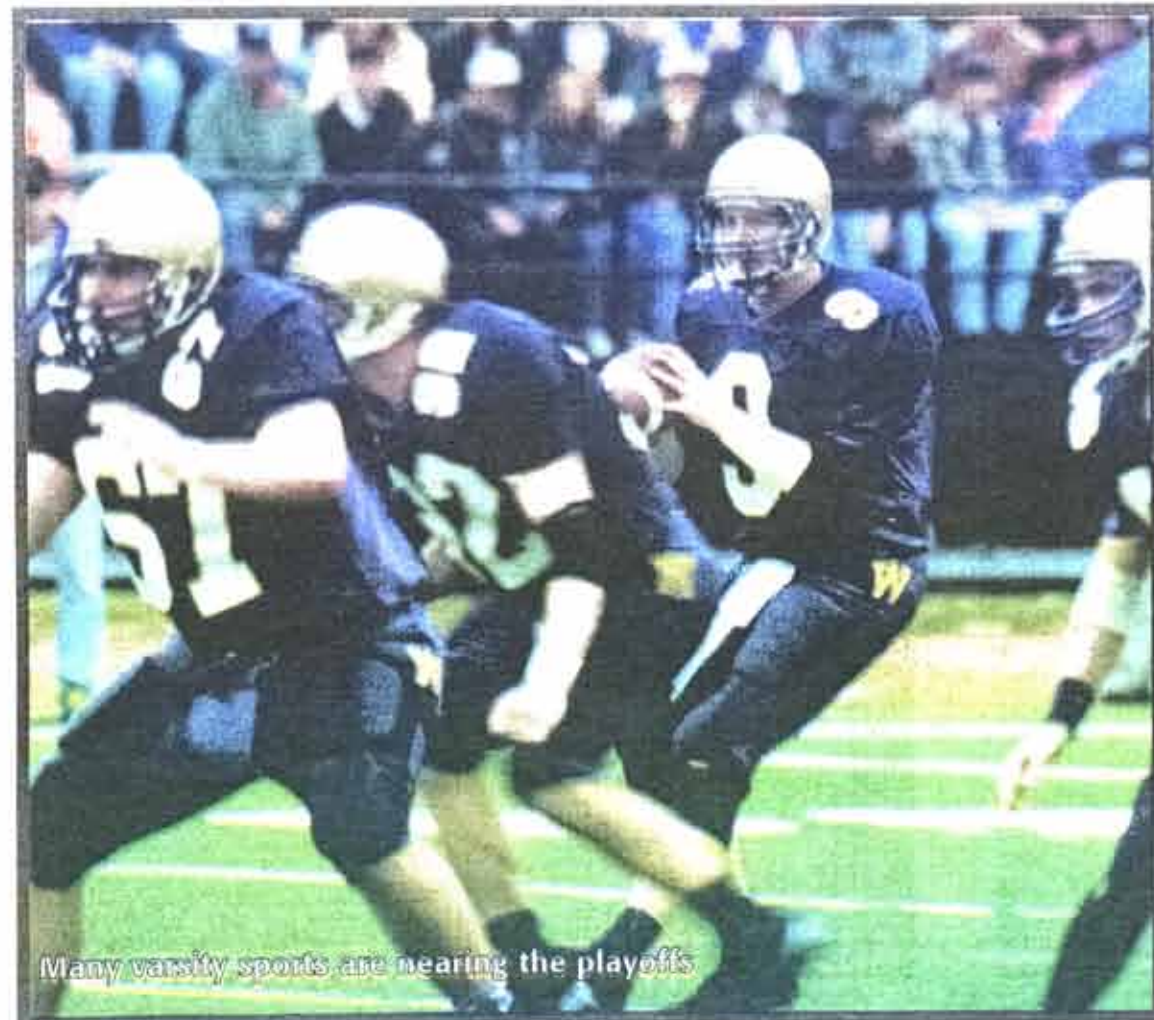
"We're having fun and playing smash mouth football," exclaimed big Hawk offensive lineman Alf Lebar, who credited much of the o-line's success this season to assistant coach Brian Breckles who has worked closely with the Hawk offensive front five this season. "With most of us coming back for a least another two seasons, were really going to be something special," added Lebar.

The victory gives the Hawks a winning record for the first time this season at 3-2 and allows the team an opportunity to control its own destiny. With three games remaining in the regular season, two victories by the Hawks would guarantee them a birth in the playoffs. Clearly, the stage is set for an important battle this Saturday when the Hawks travel to Guelph's Alumni Stadium to battle the 2-1-1 Gryphon. Guelph will be hungry for revenge as the Hawks clobbered them earlier this season 37-6.

"The game is like a playoff game for us as it is for them," noted Zmich. Guelph will be forced to play with out the services of their starting quarterback Tyson Beach who broke his clavicle early in last Saturday's game against Windsor. The key challenge for the Hawk defence will be to shut down Gryphon running back Gerrit Stam, who netted OUA football player of the week honours for his 33 carry, 277 yard performance versus Windsor.

If you can't get out to Guelph on Saturday to witness Canadian University football at its finest, you can catch the live telecast at 2:00pm on ONTV. The Hawks next home game is on Saturday, October 24 when the Hawks will battle the McMaster Marauders right here at University Stadium at 2:00pm.

WLU varsity: Down the stretch



Many varsity sports are nearing the playoffs

JEFF SCHOUCLA

The playoff run will soon commence for most of Laurier's varsity teams. It's time for the team's stars to shine and the role players to come through in the clutch. The next 2 weeks will determine whether our teams are contenders or pretenders.

For the first time all year the football team has a winning record thanks to a 42-15 thumping of U of T led by Justin Praamsma, who racked up 172 yards and 4 touchdowns. With a three game winning streak under their belts, the Hawks have three games remaining. First they'll play a hungry Guelph team that will want revenge after Laurier destroyed them earlier in the season. Realistically they should win this game but it won't be easy because if Guelph wins then they'll be tied with WLU for the last playoff spot. After the Gryphons, Laurier hosts a tough McMaster that's currently tied with them for 3rd place. That game will be the last one at university stadium for the season. Finally, the Hawks will play the York Yeomen and shouldn't have any trouble with this 1-4 team but they should be aware that they gave number one ranked Western a big scare last week, only losing 10-8 in a defensive dog fight. I think that Laurier will come out of Guelph this week with a win and play Mac next week for third place. It should be a great game and attendance at the stadium should be high for the home finale.

The Men's soccer team has been playing well all year and will continue to fight for first. Danny Gilbert's 4th goal of the season in the 60th minute of the game certainly gave the Hawks a lift and they ended up defeating Guelph 1-0. Their biggest challenge of the season will definitely come on Saturday when they host McMaster. Head coach Barry

MacLean called the Marauders the best team in the league. He certainly has reason to because Mac has a team leading 32 goals, 15 more than 1st place Western. Laurier is the only team in the league to not lose a game this year going 4-0-4, 2 points behind the Mustangs. Laurier's last three games are against Brock, Western and Windsor. This will also be the last weekend to catch the Men's team at home as they will close their season on the road. I'm predicting a 3rd place finish due to the tough schedule down the stretch. Keep in mind that this will be a very tough team come playoff time because the Hawks, led by keeper Mark Ignor have let in the fewest number of goals, only allowing 6 though 8 games, less than a goal per game. I can see them suprising teams in the playoffs if they can score just a little more.

The Women Soccer Hawks are in a tremendous fight for the final playoff spot. This weekend's games will also be critical for any chance of playing in the post season. Their biggest game will come on Sunday at the stadium when they play Brock. The team is pretty hot right now, playing on a 4 game unbeaten streak. They'll hope to use their momentum to fend off the Badgers, who are just one point behind WLU for the final playoff space in the OUA. The Hawks will certainly turn to standout and female athlete of the week Lorraine Hodds to keep the Badgers off their backs. The Hawks and Badgers each have four games left and their schedules are pretty equal so the game this Sunday is critical for WLU. Laurier is playing their best soccer of the season right now and if they continue to play at a high level then I believe that's good enough to get them into the playoffs. Good luck to our teams this weekend in their final home games.

Hawk Talk and volleyball controversy

MIKE MCKENNA & JEFF SCHOUCLA

For the first time this season the Golden Hawk football team sits with a winning record thanks to a big 42-15 win over the University of Toronto Blues. It was one of many accomplishments for the Hawks over the past week.

Justin Praamsma led the offense for the Golden Hawks who trailed 15-13 at the half. Praamsma scored four touchdowns while rushing for 172 yards on 17 carries. The rushing attack continued to lead the way for the Hawks as they went over the 300 yard mark for the second week in a row.

On the defensive side of the ball Al Ruby continued his fine play this season, grabbing two interceptions and adding six tackles. Terrence Murray also added an interception for the Hawks who now have ten on the season.

The Hawks will look to continue their three game winning streak this Saturday when they travel to Guelph for a rematch with the Gryphons. The Hawks hammered Guelph in their last meeting and will look to do so Saturday when they travel to Guelph for a rematch with the Gryphons. The Hawks hammered Guelph in their last meeting and will look to do so again. Game time Saturday, is 2 p.m., at Alumni Stadium in Guelph. If you can't make it check out ONTV, who will broadcast the game live.

The Golden Hawks soccer teams also put in a good showing last week against Guelph with the men netting a 1-0 win and the women's team winning 2-0 against the same Guelph team that had beat them 4-0 two weeks earlier.

Lorraine Hodds led the women's team

to their third win of the season and they now sit in fourth place in the OUA West Division, good for the final playoff spot. The Hawks completely shut down the Gryphons who entered the game with the highest scoring offense in the OUA West.

Danny Glibota scored his fourth goal of the season for the Men's side as they defeated Guelph 1-0, to remain undefeated. They currently sit two points out of first place in the OUA West with a game in hand over the first place Western Mustangs.

The WLU golf team also put in a strong showing at the OUA Championships which took place October 5th and 6th in Kingston. Chris Martin led the Hawks to a 6th place overall finish at the Championships which were won by the University of Ottawa. Individually Martin finished with scores of 74 and 76 for the two day event, good enough for third overall.

The men's hockey team continued to increase expectations for 1998-99, with a strong third place finish at the Oktoberfest tournament. After beating Queen's 6-1 on Friday night, the Hawks fell 7-0 to a very strong UQTR team, the eventual tournament champions. On Sunday the Hawks faced off against Waterloo in the Bronze Medal Game. After being down 4-1 at the end of the second period the Hawks roared back to eventually take the game in a shoot-out to capture third place. First year Hawk Jeff Haydar was named to the tournament All-Star team.

The Golden Hawk Women's Basketball team will tip-off their exhibition schedule this Wednesday night when the York Yeowomen come to town. Look for

1997-98 Rookie of the Year Amy MacPherson, and a host of new recruits to show their stuff Wednesday Night, game time is 7:30 p.m.

Also on tap this week is a special exhibition volleyball match for the Golden Hawk Women's team. Having opened the season by capturing the Brock Tournament the Hawks will take on the University of Winnipeg. The Wesmen, who are consistently ranked in the top five in the CIAU will be a tough test for the Hawks, who open their regular season October 16th at McMaster. Game time, Thursday night, is 7:30 p.m. at the Laurier Athletic Complex.

The Men's Rugby team also had a successful performance last week as they beat Trent in a game played on Willison Field Thursday afternoon. The Hawks are off to Carleton this weekend to face the Ravens in a must win

game if they are to make the playoffs.

The Men's volleyball team will start the season with a win and they won't even have to show up to get it. That is because McMaster has forfeit its game on Friday due to problems within the Marauder volleyball team.

Two weeks ago, certain senior members of the team apparently went too far with their initiation of the rookies and were temporarily suspended. Authorities at Mac said the game was canceled and forfeited due to a "hazing issue." No names were mentioned and no specific incidents were reported but players were put under reprimand. Suspensions might follow soon. A member of Mac's student newspaper said that their behavior was unacceptable and that they might be suspended for a while. Their were also rumors of a racial problem within the team. The first 2 games of Mac's season have been canceled and forfeited.

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Athletes of the Week

Male Athlete of the Week Chris Martin - Golf

The fourth year Honours Business student from Woodstock, is the captain of the men's Golf team that finished sixth at the OUA Championships last Weekend. Individually Martin led the Hawks with scores of 74 and 76, and finished third overall at the championships. It was a very solid performance by Martin who was also selected to the OUA First All-Star team based on his performance over the course of the season.

Female Athlete of the Week Lorraine Hodds - Soccer

Lorraine who is a two time All-Canadian has been the leader of the Hawks all season as they have rebounded from a rough start to now be in position to make the playoffs. She played her best game of the season last Wednesday as the Hawks shut down the high powered attack of the Guelph Gryphons. Hodds will be counted on for her veteran leadership and abilities over the rest of the season if the Hawks are to continue to move up in the standings.

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OUA standings ending October 13, 1998

Football

Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Western	5	5	0	0	156	94	10
Waterloo	5	4	1	0	191	116	8
McMaster	5	3	2	0	172	137	6
Laurier	5	3	2	0	157	96	6
Guelph	5	2	2	1	65	108	5
York	5	1	4	0	61	123	2
Windsor	5	1	3	1	56	121	3
Toronto	5	0	5	0	49	132	0



Men's Rugby

Division I Men's Rugby Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Queen's	5	5	0	0	182	72	10
Guelph	5	4	1	0	178	69	8
Western	5	3	2	0	182	77	6
McMaster	5	2	3	0	94	68	4
Waterloo	5	1	4	0	60	231	2
York	5	0	5	0	33	212	0



Division II Men's Rugby Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Carleton	5	4	1	0	110	28	8
Toronto	5	4	1	0	51	32	8
Brock	5	4	1	0	102	107	8
RMC	5	2	3	0	52	126	4
Laurier	5	1	4	0	124	74	2
Trent	5	0	5	0	31	148	0



Women's Soccer

Women's Soccer EAST Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Queen's	10	9	0	1	30	8	28
York	9	7	1	1	30	11	21
Ottawa	8	4	3	1	18	11	13
Toronto	9	3	4	2	15	11	11
Carleton	10	3	4	2	10	21	11
Trent	9	1	6	2	3	20	5
Ryerson	9	0	8	1	2	27	1



Women's Soccer WEST Standings

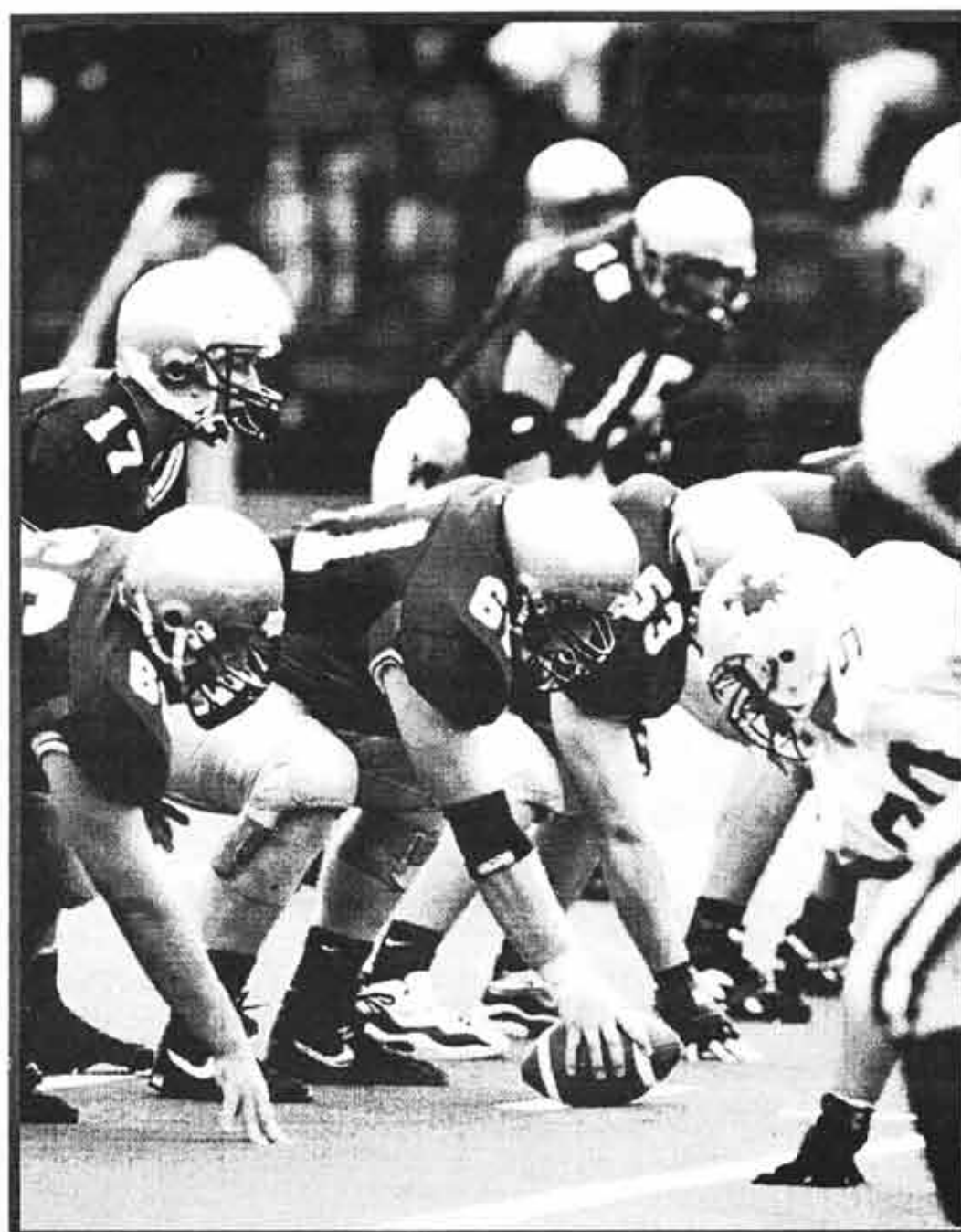
Team	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Western	9	7	1	1	24	7	22
McMaster	9	6	2	1	20	11	19
Guelph	8	4	3	1	17	9	13
Laurier	8	3	3	2	7	10	11
Brock	8	2	2	4	6	8	10
Waterloo	9	1	6	2	5	18	5
Windsor	9	1	7	1	8	24	4



Men's Soccer

Men's Soccer WEST Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Western	9	5	1	3	17	10	18
McMaster	9	5	2	2	32	11	17
Laurier	8	4	0	4	13	6	16
Windsor	9	3	3	3	15	14	12
Guelph	8	2	5	1	9	16	7
Waterloo	9	1	4	4	12	30	6
Brock	8	1	5	2	7	18	5



Women's Tennis

Saturday, September 19

McMaster 5 York 2
Western 4 York 3
McMaster 5 Western 2
Queen's 4 Toronto 3
Queen's 6 Laurier 1
Toronto 7 Laurier 0

Women's Tennis Standings

Team	W	L	MW	ML	TP
McMaster	2	0	10	4	4
Queen's	2	0	10	4	4
Toronto	1	1	10	4	3
Western	1	1	6	5	3
McGill	1	0	7	0	2
York	0	2	5	9	2
Laurier	0	2	1	13	2
Waterloo	0	1	0	7	1



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The Human Edge on TVOntario

AMY NEUFELD

It inevitably happens on a Wednesday night; you finish watching *Party of Five* and think, there has to be something better than this on television. Well, there is.

On Wednesday nights at 10:00 p.m. TVOntario continues its tenth season of *The Human Edge*, a prime time series of international social issue documentaries. In honour of its anniversary, TVOntario is also presenting *Human Edge Late Night*, airing on Fridays after midnight. This program is a retrospective of some cult classics and audience favorites from the past ten seasons of *Human Edge*.

Now, all too often, the reaction to documentaries is to shudder and find something, anything else to watch. We all remember too well the documentary on Spruce Bog Succession that we had to sit through for grade 10 science.

Fortunately for the viewer, *The Human Edge* documentaries are not only interesting, they are thought-provoking and poignant. *Taxicab Confessions*, an internationally acclaimed documentary, is part of the *Human Edge* series. This program videotaped unknowing passengers in cabs as they revealed deep secrets and desires.

What is particularly admirable about these documentaries is the balance they strike in the topics they record. In the program *Sunshadow* (the story of female Spanish matador Cristina Sanchez), the filmmakers show the life of Cristina both inside and outside the arena.

They capture equally well that part of her life which is consumed with bullfighting, and that other part which is consumed with family and leisure activities. Because of this balance the viewer is able to see a portrait of the woman as a complete person, rather than simply

seeing only the one aspect which makes her unique.

Another interesting aspect of these programs is the role of the camera. These filmmakers attempt to capture the reality of the situation without having it altered by their presence. Due to this, you rarely hear voices from behind the camera, they are more interested in capturing the moment than in influencing it with their views.

Two upcoming and outstanding documentaries are the aforementioned *Sunshadow*, and the film *Brother's Keeper*. The latter is the story of Delbert Ward from Munnsville, New York, who was accused of smothering his brother Bill in his sleep.

The documentary looks at the lives of the brothers, and the community which rallied to support them. It uses courtroom footage, interviews with key people, and shots of life on the Ward farm to show all sides of the situation.

All of the documentaries provide education on current social issues, and they do so in a dramatic form that is interesting and visually pleasing for the viewer.

From native music to striking cinematography, the filmmakers are able to capture as much in the sights and sounds of the story as they do in their discussions with those involved.

The *Human Edge* series is Canada's longest running point-of-view documentary series. "Documentary is an area where TVO decided it was going to make its presence felt, especially with one-hour and feature-length social-issue docs, and hauteor documentaries - the kinds of programs that are hard to make, or are very controversial or provocative in nature," commented Rudy Buttignol (Creative Head - Documentaries, Independent Production, and Science)



This bullfighting documentary is no fish story

on TVO's decision to focus on the documentary form.

The documentaries are very original and cutting edge. They present situations and people as they are, not how they are perceived by media or society. Because they are international, they allow Canadians to see what other countries in the world consider to be important issues.

As well as *Human Edge* and *Human Edge Late Night*, TVO will be presenting, in January, *The View From Here*, a series of Canadian documentary filmmaking.

Titles to watch for in this series include *High Risk Offender* and *Wrestling With Shadows*.

Again, *Human Edge* is presented every Wednesday night at 10:00, with repeats on Sunday evening at the same time. The series is hosted by Ian Brown, and is presented uncut and commercial free.

So flip on TVO on Wednesday night and actually learn something from your television for a change.

Human Edge

Sunshadow: Wednesday, October

14th, Sunday October 18th at 10:00pm

Little Dieter Needs to Fly: Wednesday, October 21st, Sunday, October 25th at 10:00pm

Brother's Keeper: Wednesday, October 28th, Sunday, November 1st at 10:00pm

Human Edge Late Night

A Very Special Baby: Friday, October 16th after midnight

Out of the Frying Pan: Friday, October 23rd after midnight

Lady Guns: Friday, October 30th after midnight

Ode to Mr. Dressup's tickle trunk



Finnigan's Tongue ponder local history and how they can make it a song

DANIEL FINDER

Wondering what to do with your Saturday night? Why not check out Finnigan's Tongue, a folk rock band from Waterloo that is trying to dig up some of the area's lesser known history. While they've been around for a few years, their latest release, *Digging*, is earning

them new found praise from critics and listeners. I had chance to chat with Mike Wert, the band's vocalist, and a Laurier graduate.

As the story goes, the band got together to play for a Laurier talent show under the name *War Wagon*, and decided to make a go of it with a new name

and a new sound. Wert says that Finnigan's Tongue definitely wanted something different and distinct.

After graduation, Mike worked in the K-W library archives, which is where he discovered some of the best material for the band. As a result of his work experience the band managed to define the

album's focus. "This is definitely a concept album. I wanted to get away from the mainstream, and try something a little different. Since I've always been interested in history, I wanted to write songs that held interest for me."

While many perceive Canadian history as a little dry, this band sets out to make it more listener accessible. "Song ideas came to me in a variety of ways, but mostly from the stories I heard from people coming in to do research. My favorite songs evolved from these stories, even more so than the research I did myself."

The songs on the album are a unique mix of these different stories, such as "Cold Summer," which tells about the summer of 1816, in which the Golden Triangle experienced an unusually frigid season. Another tells the story of the Preston Rivulettes, a very successful women's hockey team in the 1930's; this song was aired on CBC during the Winter Olympics in Nagano. Mike has his own story to tell about this song.

"Once we were searching for a studio to record in, and we met an engineer working in one of these studios. In talking to him about that song, we found out that his great aunt played on the team, and he even set up an interview with her for us."

In their search to manufacture funds

for the production of the disc the band found support from the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation. The Foundation gave them a grant of \$3,500, a significant contribution to their budget. "We made a proposal and they were really supportive of our song ideas. They saw the value in the project, and it really gave us a headstart."

That grant led them on a musical journey of historic proportions. *Digging* is an album that has something for everyone and the band feels they can appeal to the university crowd.

"It's always a difficult balance, in that we want to be entertaining, but we also want the audience to take some meaning from the songs, and to take an interest in their community history. These songs are universal, and I think that the stories they tell could be anyone's stories."

Finnigan's Tongue hopes to build a national audience over time, and perhaps go on tour and they are in the process of finding a radio station to pick up the album.

In the final analysis, Mike says, "we are really happy with this album, and we're confident it will do well."

So if you're interested in hearing a different spin on history, give them a listen. You may find that a little digging is worth the effort.

Chart magazine hits century mark

BRIAN GEIGER

Chart, the benchmark of Canadian magazines, has reached a poignant milestone this month with the release of its one hundredth issue.

This is a fitting end to a summer that saw the magazine become more popular and gain more exposure than ever before. This milestone solidifies Chart as the source for Canadian music news.

The magazine has undergone more than a few changes along the way. Co-Editors/Producers Edward Skira and Nada Laskovski started Chart as a hobby; originally it was an eight-page listing of Canadian campus radio charts. Now the magazine covers most popular musical genres and delves into films, books and, of course, the Internet.

What really got the ball rolling for Chart, according to Skira, was the emergence of Nirvana in the early 1990's. Though Chart gives plenty of exposure to hip-hop, punk, heavy metal and pop bands, alternative music remains the main focus of the magazine. With Nirvana's success came increased interest in bands that had at one time been known to only campus radio listeners. Chart was already in on the ground floor.

But Chart was not truly solidified until something big happened right here in the Great White North. The magazine's devotion to Canadian music paid off when the Barenaked Ladies became the darlings of Canadian radio and, of course, MuchMusic.

"The Barenaked Ladies," claims Skira, "proved that there was a demand for Canadian independent music." This demand naturally turned into sales for Chart magazine, which had boosted its image over the years with the addition of colour and glossy paper.

The demand became so strong that for a while Chart adopted a policy of putting only Canadian bands on the cover. This concept has since been abandoned in the name of effective marketing;

even the one hundredth issue is plastered with Marilyn Manson's mug. But the loyalty to their home country is still evident inside.

and organized an autograph-signing session at each Canadian venue on the tour. In May, Chart took a bold move in publishing four different covers to

magazine (which included a free CD from the Halifax band), nary a Sloan fan could resist. Though some chastised the magazine for using a gimmick that had been tried before in the United States (with KISS), it nonetheless gave Chart tons of publicity.

The promotions seem to be working. Press releases from the magazine indicate that several of this year's issues have sold out faster than ever before.

Since the first one hundred issues have been a success, where is Chart going with the next hundred?

"We want to be to Canada what Q and Select are to the U.K.," says Skira. Essentially Chart is looking to have their name become synonymous with the Canadian music industry.

Wherever the next issues take Chart, the basic format (lots of interviews, plus concert and album reviews) should remain intact. "We have always wanted to add personalities to the musicians, especially independent Canadian artists," Skira claims.

The Chart style of interview, which often involves one of the writers hanging out with the subjects on a typical day, makes for an interesting read and presents the artists in a more intriguing manner.

But the future of Chart will largely depend on how strong the Canadian music industry remains. "It has always been a difficult industry," Skira notes, citing the massive import of entertainment and music from south of the border as the main hindrance to the Canadian music scene.

For all the Canadian bands, such as hHead, the Superfriendz and the Inbreds that haven't been able to survive our harsh musical climate, there will always be Our Lady Peace, Moist, the Ladies and Sloan to keep the spotlight on Canada.

Despite the recent success, Chart's biggest achievement so far has been pretty modest. "The highlight for me," Skira says, "is just that we have survived this long. We never thought that we were going to go anywhere with it".



The Barenaked Ladies and Chart Magazine have grown together over the years

This year in particular, Chart has been taking great strides to become the biggest music magazine on the block. Chart published the Official Program Guide for the massive Edgefest tour this summer,

their magazine, each one featuring a different member of Sloan. There was already a lot of hype surrounding Sloan's Navy Blues album, and when Chart saturated the shelves with four sets of the same

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2: a group, sequence, or series of one hundred like things

What goes here? I don't know. Is it Danielle or Daneel?

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Ear candy

Laurn Hill
The Miseducation of Laurn Hill
Ruffhouse Records

"I treat this like my thesis well-written topic broken down into pieces." With the first line of "Final Hour," Laurn Hill partially summarizes *The Miseducation of Laurn Hill*.

When an artist, famous for group-work goes solo it is a given that they would be eager to present a side that has been unfulfilled in previous efforts. Laurn Hill has already had plenty of exposure and success with the Fugees and with her role in *Sister Act 2*.

Her first solo single "Doo Wop (That Thing)" is already receiving a lot of airplay, thus continuing that success. On this release, Laurn acknowledges her roots while, at the same time, uses her skills and assets to achieve a new level in her music.

Laurn takes some time for self-examination and retrospect, as shown clearly with the track "Superstar." She reflects back on her early beginnings and basically exposes an entire chapter of her life. There are the more serious aspects of it, as shown on the track "Everything is Everything." However, between each of the songs there is a clip

of her just hanging out with her friends and having a good time, which shows she still deeply loves what she does.

Laurn Hill illustrates her lifelong music education in music on many levels on this album. She is credited with all of its production, arranging, and writing on the album. She creates her tracks by starting with some classic R&B grooving, including orchestral instruments on some, simple finger-snapping on others, and proceeds by adding multiple layers of her incredible voice. Right with the opening jam "Lost Ones," she individually blends R & B, soul, and a cappella with superb continuity and flow. Even in the raps she puts



several overdubs of her voice in the mix to keep the music colorful and edgy.

Her presence in the music industry has also allowed her to bring in some impressive singers such as Carlos Santana, Mary J. Blige, and D'Angelo.

This solo debut is much tamer than her work with the Fugees, but she does deliver some hard beats and creative instrumentation. The bottom line is that the album is phenomenal and will be sure to please for a long time.

Bradley Fetter

Laurier on the dial

KAREN STEGENGA

There is a power you cannot see. A control over what you listen to every minute of the day - when you are on campus of course.

When you are walking through the campus bopping your head, most likely you are listening to Radio Laurier. To those of you who have been living in the dark ages for all of your university career, Radio Laurier is the on-campus radio station.

Currently, Radio Laurier has 32 active deejays and is run by two coordinators, Paul Arsenault and myself, Karen Stegenga. As coordinators, we work with Mike McMahon, (WLUSU Programming Services Manager) to bring music to your lives.

Radio Laurier deejays play the music that they want to hear as well as music that the students of Laurier want to hear, including everything from country to jungle and house to alternative to R&B and acid jazz to international music. Radio Laurier should be what the student body wants to hear, and so this year we plan to expand our taste in music even further.

At this time, Radio Laurier is broadcast in the Concourse, the Hall of Memories, Wilfs, the Hawk's nest and is wired to Mike McMahon's office in the Student Union Office. We are not broadcast off campus at this time, although once upon a time we were broadcast across the airwaves. An executive decision was made in the early 1980's to take Radio Laurier off the air waves because of a reduce in demand. This is a decision that has affected us until this day.

Despite this the future for Radio Laurier looks bright. The coordinators, along with McMahon's help, are hoping to broadcast Radio Laurier in more areas of the school,

such as the Terrace. "The biggest advantage Radio Laurier has right now is the ability to grow and adapt alongside a changing student body," says Mike McMahon.

The future of being on the airwaves again is years away. Last year, Scott O'Hara, (WLUSU), looked into the possibilities of being broadcast outside of the Laurier community and realized that there are a lot of issues to deal with for this shift to occur. First

adds into the cost of running a radio station.

Lastly is the issue of whether or not the community of Laurier wants a radio station of their own. Since it is such a costly venture it is important to look at the demand for such an establishment. At this time it seems as though we will be waiting for our call letters for at least another five years.

Another issue that probably would not present a problem, but is worth mentioning,

again concerns joining the C.R.T.C. There are rigid guidelines that Radio Laurier would have to follow under the C.R.T.C. Listeners of Radio Laurier must ask themselves if they are prepared to give up the freedom that we have now.

The prospect of Radio Laurier going city-wide will not be easy to attain, but it is not an impossible feat. Certainly all those involved are optimistic about the future. Paul Arsenault

confidently confides his hopes for the stations future; "I hope for two things: 1) that students will learn to appreciate all forms of music; 2) when I visit in 5 years, R.L. will be playing all over Waterloo."

If anyone has any questions, concerns or ideas feel free to contact either Paul, Mike or myself at anytime. You can also reach us at ooradio@mach1wlu or the Turret deejay booth.

Students are encouraged to call up to the deejay booth anytime and comment on, or request music. The extension number is 3584. Radio Laurier is broadcast from the Turret deejay booth and runs from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.



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Happy Birthday Shiloh Sheehan!

From Bricker one

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Tension is running high within the Willison Old School clubhouse. Special teams man Matt Cade, who signed a generous contract last week has asked to renegotiate again citing inflationary trends and sat out last night's game. It was his second straight game on the sidelines.

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-Kaffer

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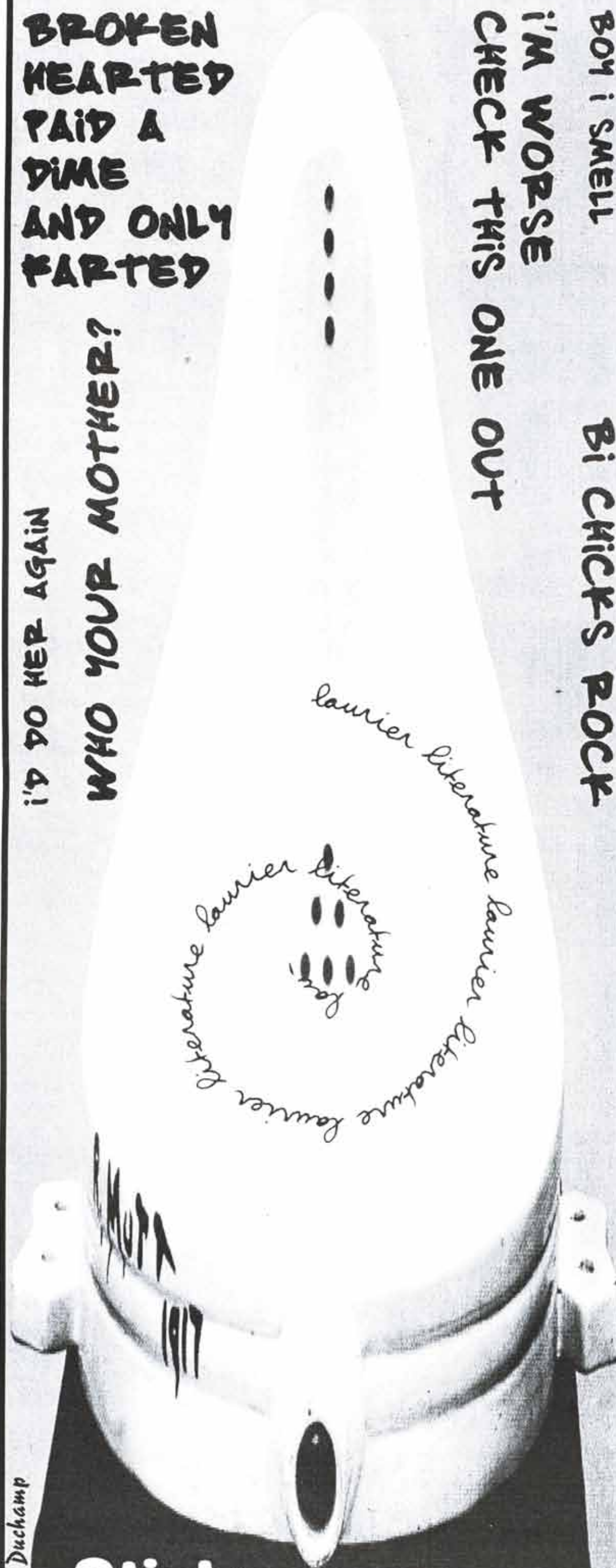
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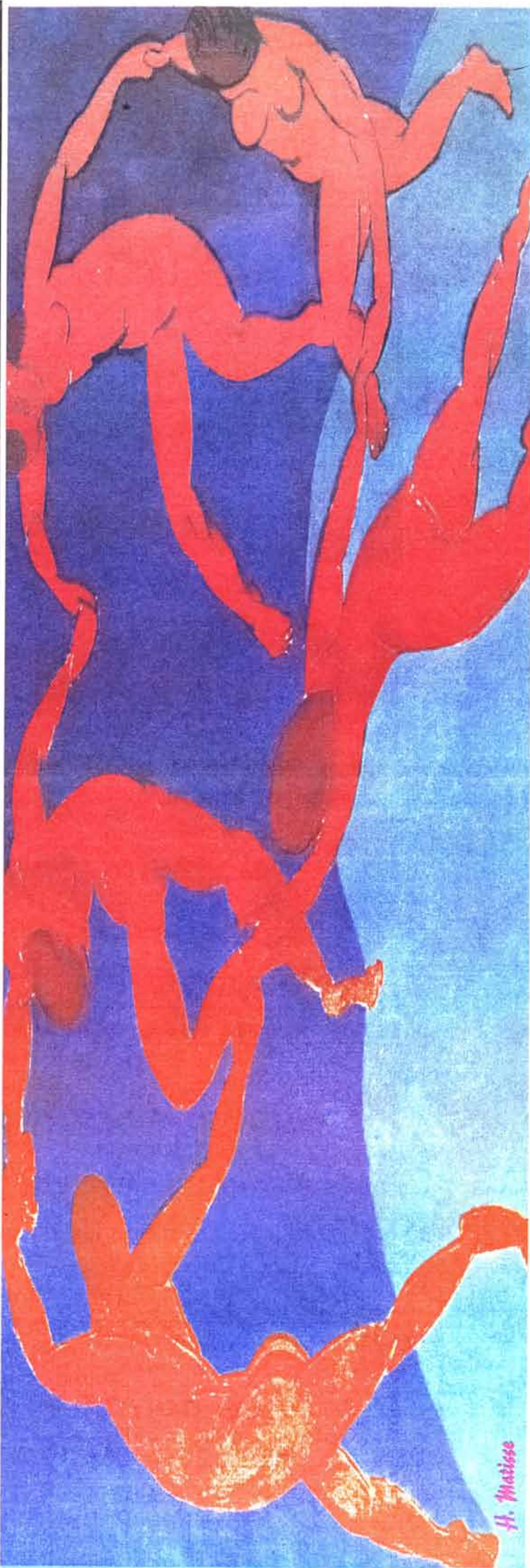
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