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Basketball Coach fired after three poor seasons

ANTOINE VOLPINI

Monday evening it was official. Mike Kilpatrick's three year tenure as Head Coach of the WLU Men's Basketball team was over.

Kilpatrick was dismissed by Athletic Director Peter Baxter, who said Coach Kilpatrick failed to reach the benchmarks set before the season by the Athletics Department.

The most important mark Kilpatrick fell short of achieving was leading the Hawks to a playoff berth, something he failed to do in each of his three seasons at WLU.

Baxter emphasized "that the firing had nothing to do with the effort that Kilpatrick had put into the team or to player development," both areas in which Kilpatrick seemed to strive.

This was reiterated by Golden Hawk players upon hearing the news of losing their coach.

One first year player, who wished to remain nameless, said Kilpatrick was a hard worker, who cared for them both as basketball players and as people.

Other players felt Kilpatrick's firing was premature, based on the fact

he was working with a team that featured eight rookies and wasn't given the chance to develop them.

Despite Kilpatrick's known reputation with his players and his intensity for the job, Baxter said, "in the end, scoreboards and standings do mean something."

Obviously, Kilpatrick's character was never in question, however his ability to win games was.

The news came as no surprise to most people for two reasons. The most obvious reason was the terrible record the team finished with in each season under Kilpatrick.

The second, underlying cue, was the hiring of popular Women's basketball coach Stu Julius in May of 1999.

This was an obvious sign to most people the athletic department was putting an emphasis on basketball at Laurier and that further change was on the way.

So, when the team failed to make any improvements in the standings this season, it became a matter of when, not if, Kilpatrick would be fired.

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Restroom theatre



Who wouldn't want to see theatre about Restaurants and Restrooms etc.?

JOSH MARSHALL

The Laurier Theatre Collective is proud to present *Restaurants and Restrooms etc.*, a variety show featuring scenes written, directed and performed by students.

The show debuts tonight and will run through Saturday March 4th at the University's new Studio Theatre.

Admission is \$3.00, with half the proceeds going to the Laurier chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Restaurants and Restrooms etc. features 14 Laurier students who hurry through many costume and character changes to present a variety of dramatic and comic scenes, songs, and monologues.

The show includes scenes from William Shakespeare and Oscar

Wilde, as well as a number of student pieces to be performed.

Amy Neufeld, Producer of *Restaurants and Restrooms etc.* and President of the Collective shared her enthusiasm about the show saying, "It's been great to see so many students interested in creating theatre at Laurier. Their dedication is truly amazing."

Although the Theatre Collective has been active throughout the year, holding improv nights and preparing for shows, *Restaurants and Restrooms etc.* will be the first full-length show performed in the University's new Studio Theatre.

The Old Brewer's Pub, located at 65 B Lodge Street, was recently purchased by the University and converted into two studio spaces by students, one for theatre and one for fine art.

The Studio will become the permanent home for theatre at Laurier and members of the Collective are excited and proud to be performing the location's inaugural show.

Danielle Fielder, one of the performers expressed her excitement about the experience saying, "It has been a lot of fun to be a part of this production."

"There is a relaxed atmosphere that comes with putting on a variety show as opposed to a full play. Getting to play a couple different characters is great and we have had lots of laughs. It's going to be a funny show."

"This style of show allows a great deal of freedom for both actors and directors," Neufeld said, agreeing.

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Government fund enables renovations



Cunningham (on far right) announced Thursday Laurier will receive \$6.3 million.

KRISTINA SPENCE

After months of idling at the crossroads, Laurier has finally received the green light to go ahead with the Schlegel Centre and Library renovations.

While most students basked in the sunshine of tropical escapes or

revelled in a week without work, universities and colleges across the province learned of their financial fortunes.

Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities, Dianne Cunningham, visited the University of Waterloo (UW) on Thursday, February 24, to announce the funding for local insti-

tutions as part of the Ontario government's SuperBuild program.

University administration from both Laurier and the University of Waterloo attended the event, with UW President, David Johnston, presiding over the activities.

Johnston said it was a day of celebration for the universities, the city of Waterloo and the entire region, calling Cunningham a "champion for our cause."

Cunningham then took the stage, saying it was a thrill to be in Waterloo that day.

"Today is one of those milestones that brings this goal close. Today we start building for the future," she said.

Cunningham said the \$20 billion SuperBuild program is the biggest funding program in the province's history with all capital spending being managed under one roof.

Outlining the expected growth

within post-secondary institutions over the next few years, Cunningham said the growth will not be temporary and that our universities and colleges of the future will not be like those of the past.

Today we start building for the future.

With students demanding more co-operative education programs and technical courses, Cunningham said Ontario universities can expect to see more buildings used at night and in the summer.

The SuperBuild program will create 57,000 more spaces for students over the course of spending

over \$742 million this year alone.

Cunningham said they were very impressed by the quality of the 100 or more proposals made and that the announcement of the funding is about the students.

Of the funds awarded, UW will receive \$37 million for the development of a centre for environmental studies and a co-operative education centre while Laurier will be awarded about \$6.3 million for its two projects.

Cunningham added the government understands the current needs and pressures but not all could be addressed in the SuperBuild project. University President and Vice-Chancellor, Robert Rosehart, then spoke about Laurier's funding, saying "we have a very tired library. 30 or 40 years ago they built libraries for books, and now they build them for people and information."

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Mum on the money

Little mention of the federal budget came to pass during the first Question Period following the announcement of the latest Liberal budget.

The budget, which promises \$58-billion in tax relief over the next five years, is the seventh budget produced by Paul Martin.

"I guess it is pretty hard for the opposition to take good news," Martin said.

The discussions focussed on Jane Stewart's HRDC fiasco, the mismanagement of tax dollars and the need for a first ministers' meeting on the lack of health-care funding in the budget.

Michigan murder

A six-year-old Michigan boy shot and killed a female classmate Tuesday afternoon inside their elementary school.

Six-year-old Kayla Rolland was struck in the neck by the bullet and died a half-hour later.

Prosecutors say the .32 caliber gun was reported stolen in December and was found in the boy's home. Legally, the boy cannot be held criminally responsible unless he "fits" a number of tests which prosecutors do not expect him to fit. His uncle is being held in police custody.

Top towns

Harrowsmith Country Life magazine named Canada's 10 prettiest towns in its April issue, three of which are found in Ontario.

Paris, Ontario, was chosen for its cobblestone buildings veneered with river-washed stones, Napanee for its Loyalist heritage and Neustadt for its understated Niagara-on-the-Lake character.

Other Ontario winners have included Perth and Niagara-on-the-Lake in the listing's three-year history.

Hip-Hop to the rescue

Choclaire and other high profile Hip-Hop artists who performed at Connection II nightclub are being asked for assistance by Toronto police in the investigation of two murders at the club in December. Detectives sent out a press release including the names of performers, including Kardinal, Sukrateze and Juggernaut, and videotape of the concert on Tuesday in hopes the artists would contact the police.

Choclaire's publicist, Ken Witt-Yates, expressed disbelief over the police department's lack of knowledge on how to contact the performers whom Witt-Yates called "an all-star list of Canadian Hip-Hop."

History hits home

JIM DONNELLY

The Laurier branch of the Canadian Heritage Committee held a forum on local history during the evening of February 28, in which local historians were invited to speak about the illustrious history of Waterloo Region.

Speakers included University of Waterloo history professor Jeff Hayes; Rych Mills, Director of the Waterloo County Historical Society and self-proclaimed 'local history zealot'; and WLU's own Barry Gough, history professor at our distinguished school. All dignitaries were seemingly impressed by the organization's efforts.

"This is the first time in my 25 years at Laurier I've seen students take such an initiative to learn about their heritage," said Gough.

"I wish people knew more about our history, about our triumphs and failures."

Centering the discussion were two fundamental questions asked by the speakers - first, is local history important? Secondly, and much more importantly, is Canadian history in danger?

Given the sparse attendance of Monday's event, they may very well have been on to something.

Approximately 10-15 people showed up for the forum, although most in attendance appeared long past their school days.

Actual 'students' in the crowd were a minority.

"For the people who came, I think we accomplished our goal,"

said organizer Rachel Brooks, a second-year honours archaeology student at WLU.

"We were simply trying to boost local heritage awareness in the school."

All speakers touched on the history of Waterloo Region to some length, however none as effectively as Professor Hayes who discussed the impact of World War One on the largely German-influenced city of Kitchener, then known as Berlin.

"The First World War had an extraordinary impact on Berlin, and indeed the entire Waterloo area," he said.

"This was a city that was based on manufacturing and industry. 'Made in Berlin' was a mark of pride, but after the war started that all changed."

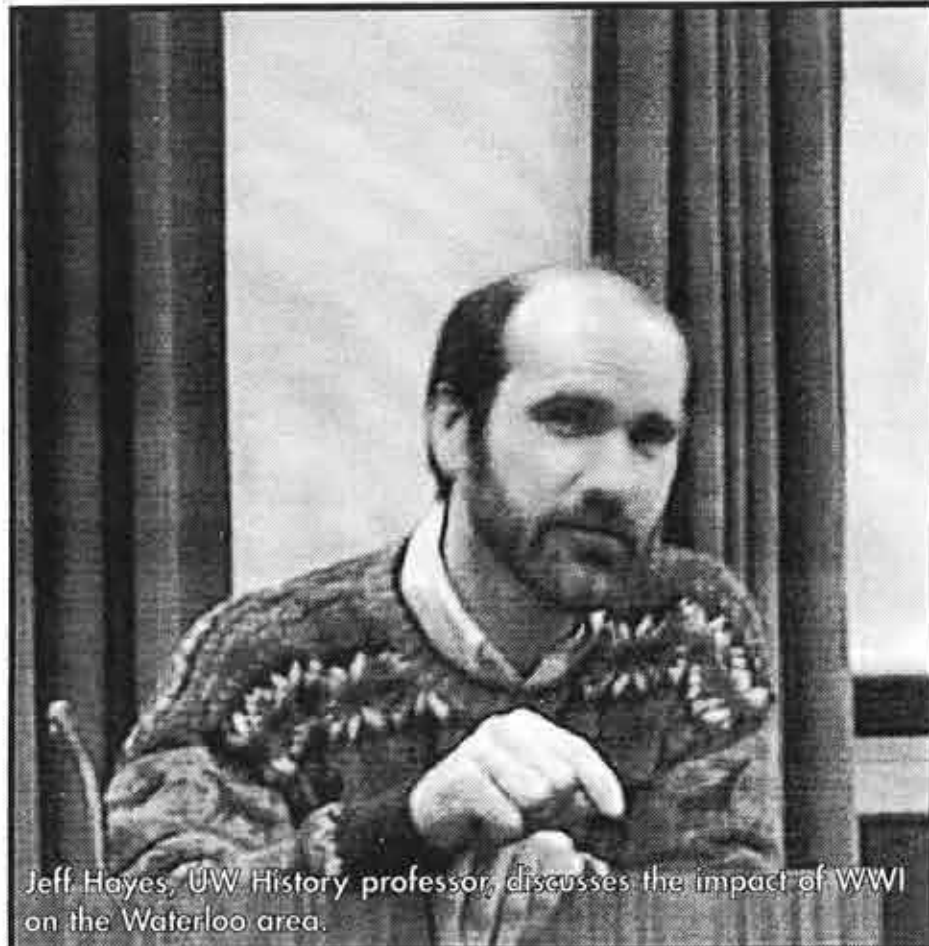
The city, during the war, was subject to intense suspicion by the rest of southern Ontario and was, quite blatantly by some, accused of disloyalty to Canada and its allies.

For an area dependent on surrounding markets for its manufactured products, such a position could indeed have been fatal.

Not surprisingly, the city voted to change its name to the more politically-correct 'Kitchener' just two years following the outbreak of hostilities in 1914.

Hayes also pointed out that the number of German last names in the city census of 1911 dropped considerably in population surveys of the following decade, most likely because of racist factors.

"We've seen evidence of people



Jeff Hayes, UW History professor, discusses the impact of WWI on the Waterloo area.

being beaten up on the street because of their heritage, so its not surprising that many people would change their surname or simply move away."

For the most part, though, the dignitaries praised the history of Waterloo Region as one its inhabitants should be proud of.

"Local government in this area began before Canadian Confederation, on the county and municipal level," said Hayes.

"We've created a remarkably stable method of government here almost without equal."

Professor Gough agreed. "The history of Waterloo is, quite simply, a

success story."

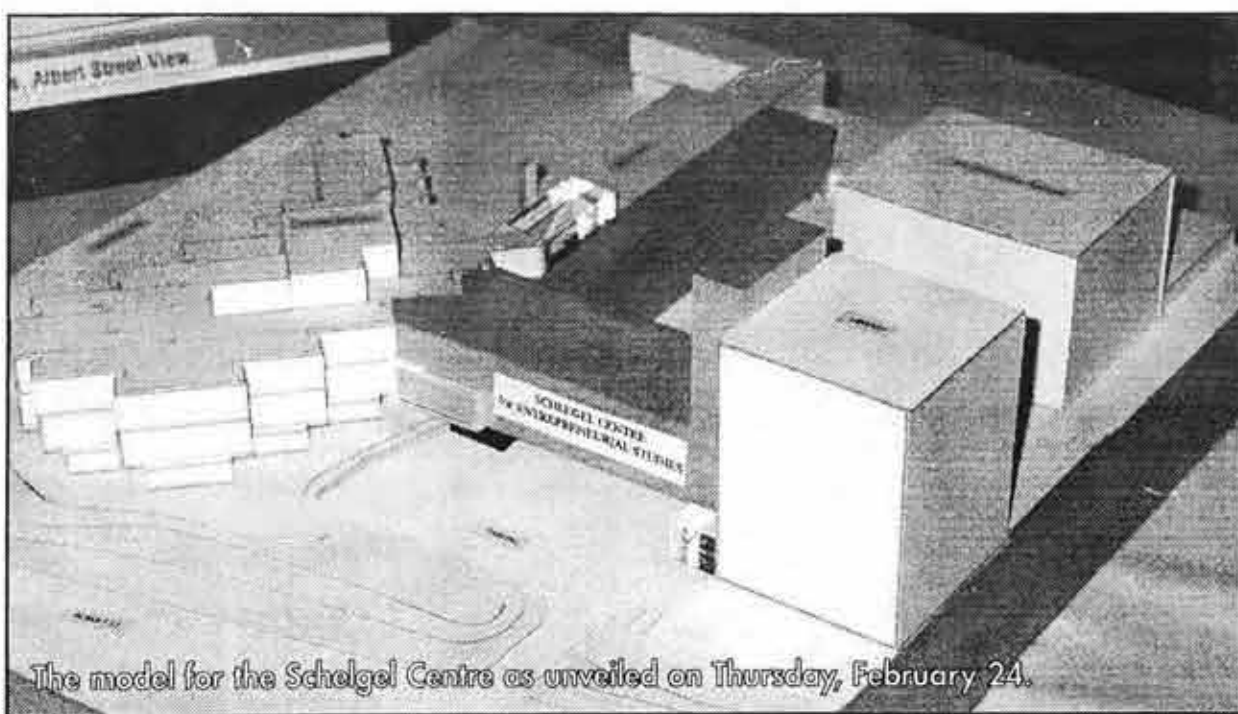
The Waterloo Historical Society's Mills concluded the evening by speaking on the importance of regional history, and the difficulties of the local historian in producing historically accurate works without offending city notables.

"Local history societies depend on the goodwill and funding of the immediate population," he said.

"It's sometimes difficult, therefore, to bring certain facts to light when they could prove embarrassing to some."

"Local historians must not be subject to these pressures, but, unfortunately, sometimes we are."

Making room for the future



The model for the Schlegel Centre as unveiled on Thursday, February 24.

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Rosehart thanked Cunningham and the other ministers who took the time to visit Laurier's library and said the project will help to increase the linkage among area libraries, such as the Trellis system.

UW President, David Johnston, followed Rosehart and joked about bulldozers congregating on campus to begin the work on the two new structures because six years ago UW was promised funding which never came through.

Johnston said the two new developments would concentrate on the strengths of the university, in particular, the co-operative education aspect in which 9,000 of UW's 15,000 undergraduate students participate.

Rosehart then asked for questions from the audience. One person asked how the proposals were chosen from others.

Cunningham said the criteria for approval were two equally important components: the first being the number of new student spaces the project would create and the second was a demonstrated student demand for the program and/or facility.

As for future projects, Cunningham said she knows where the pressures are and perhaps there might be some more money available in March. For now, Cunningham said she wants to talk with students and find out their reactions and needs.

A member of the community asked what the Kitchener-Waterloo area could do as a communi-

ty to get more funding to which Cunningham responded that the area should keep on educating the government on what is needed. She said 75 per cent of the new spaces developed through the SuperBuild projects are dedicated to Information Technology, Applied Technology, General Science and Health Sciences while the other 25 per cent goes to Arts and Humanities, all of which has been demanded by students.

Working her way around the Conestoga issue, Cunningham was careful to say the community is not doing anything wrong.

"This triangle is the envy of the province and we're dealing with the unsuccessful candidates next week," Cunningham said.

Elizabeth Witmer closed off the speeches with a thanks from the community, saying "personally for me, this is a really proud moment."

In a conversation with Dr. Rosehart, the WLU President said he has received congratulations from other members of the university community on Laurier's acquisition of funds. Rosehart said 17 of 42 proposals did not receive anything, five of which came from universities.

Laurier is well-prepared for the upcoming projects with only \$200,000 more needed for the library renovations and \$900,000 required for the Schlegel Centre development.

Architects for the projects will soon be hired and are expected to take six to eight months to design. Construction of the actual projects is expected to commence in the spring of 2001.

Laurier will receive the \$6.3 million next month, enabling the university to collect interest on the money and hopefully increase the total amount to around \$7 million.

KRISTINA SPENCE

Sharing the wealth across Ontario

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Growth all over the province begins with the first phase of the SuperBuild project.

Each area of the province received funding to projects based on the number of new student spaces created and a demonstrated demand for the proposed changes.

In the Greater Toronto Area, 14 projects were approved, creating 26,536 spaces for students.

Of the largest student space creation projects, Centennial College's Advanced Technology Institute topped the list with an estimated creation of 4,450 spaces at a cost of \$71.54 million, \$37.8 million coming from the SuperBuild fund.

Ryerson and the University of Toronto (UofT) each had three projects approved – two for each institution alone and one joint proposal. Ryerson and George Brown College worked together for a Centre for Studies in Community Health and UofT and Sheridan College put forth a proposal for facilities for the Program in Communication, Culture and IT.

York University obtained funding for a Schulick School of Business/Faculty of Education and a joint venture with Seneca College for a Technology Enhanced Learning Building.

In the Northern region, Lakehead received \$13.38 million for its \$32.3 million Advanced Technology and Academic Centre for its programs in Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science and Laurentian obtained

\$610,000 for its Brenda Wallace Reading Room and Computer Centre.

In total, the Northern region acquired \$30.66 million in funding which will create 2,829 spaces.

Central Ontario, in particular Guelph, enjoyed a large infusion of money for its Advanced Learning and Training Centre.

The Centre is expected to create 3,608 new spaces and cost about \$89.8 million.

The SuperBuild program will provide \$45 million for the project.

In the Eastern region, Queen's University acquired funding for two proposals.

A new Chemistry Building and School of Business renovation and an Integrated Learning Centre will develop with the help of just over \$50 million from SuperBuild.

The Queen's projects will make space for 1,650 new students and the one Sir Sandford Fleming College building will make room for 3,000 students.

In the Ottawa region, Carleton is making room for 4,400 students with its expansion and renovations of labs and classrooms with the help of \$28.66 million from Queen's Park.

The University of Ottawa had two projects approved with funding amounting to around \$7 million for additions and renovations.

Southwestern Ontario will receive more than \$51 million for 4,600 student spaces.

The University of Western Ontario is dedicating \$86 million towards classroom renovations and St Clair College in Windsor is developing a Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing.

Chair of the Council of Ontario Universities, Paul Davenport, said the government's investment program will make a powerful difference

in the young people planning to attend colleges and universities in the near future.

"The SuperBuild launch is the most recent in a series of significant steps that the government has taken to invest in the future of Ontario's students.

"There is no doubt that Ontario universities will require significant increases in public funding for operating costs, capital expenditures and student assistance.

"This announcement is a further indication that our government and the people of Ontario are committed to addressing this priority."

"We must ensure that the university graduates of tomorrow will have the same opportunity to excel, and that will require substantial commitment to maintaining quality. We have an opportunity to equip Ontario students with the knowledge and skills for the knowledge-

based economy, to place our universities in a position to compete with those in other jurisdictions to live, work, and raise a family. We must move forward quickly, secure in the knowledge that an investment in our students is an investment in the future of this province."

Dr. Deborah Flynn, President of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), said the SuperBuild announcement is a start, but not enough.

"There are enormous pressures facing the system.

"From a huge influx of students in the next few years, to retiring faculty, to inadequate funding at a base level, and infrastructure needs that are not being addressed, there is much that the government needs to do that is just not being done," Flynn said.

"The system is suffering as a result. The tab for deferred maintenance alone is running at \$600 million. The demands of an aging physical plant are not optional expenditures. University classrooms, student labs, libraries and other research facilities must be updated continually if Ontario is to remain competitive."

"Capital funding, especially capital funding tied into the private sector, might not meet the space demand that increased enrollment could bring, and it certainly does not meet the challenge of addressing a faculty shortage that is reaching crisis proportions unless the government acts quickly with a funding commitment to faculty renewal. We need between 11,000 to 13,000 new professors to meet demand."

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SU: New clubs fore all

KRISTINA SPENCE

New clubs and motions were set forth at the February 17 Students' Union Board of Directors (BOD) meeting.

Eric Davis asked for a by-election to be approved for the five remaining Board of Director positions and two Board of Governors positions.

The Board approved the motion and Davis continued with a request for the Board to approve the constitutions of three new student clubs.

The Laurier Golf Association, Wilfrid Laurier Students for Life and the Muslim Students' Association submitted their constitutions to the Board which the Board then passed five to one.

Jeff Brydges, who opposed both the by-election and student club acceptance votes, asked for clarification of what a majority was and expressed his dislike of being a rubber stamp. Brydges then made a notice of motion to approve the changes to salaries for the President and Vice Presidents.

In his report, President Devin Grady reported on the presentation the Union made to the Board of Governors (BOG) at the Tuesday, February 15 meeting. Grady said he received some positive feedback

from BOG members, especially in terms of the Responsible Growth campaign.

Grady told the Board the BOG approved the Concourse redevelopment project and how Radio Laurier will be relocating to a new studio in the Concourse. Grady also reported that on the Visions and Values focus group and Radio Laurier job descriptions. Lastly, Grady talked about recent concerns the Womens' Centre has expressed about editorial content in the Cord. The Centre is plan-

Centre.

Chair of the Constitutional Operations Development Committee, Eric Davis, gave a notice of motion to approve the WLUSU Governance Manual, the Hiring policy and the Election policies at the next Board meeting. The directors were informed they could read the information on the Union N drive.

In the discussion items list, some members of the Board brought forth items for the Student Wish List. President Grady asked the Board to

determine some direction for the list of student wishes and for the members to not expect

members of the OMB to smooth out all the difficulties. Grady asked that the Board consider putting a structure in place to help resolve student issues and consider attacking larger issues such as tuition fees in addition to those brought up at meetings.

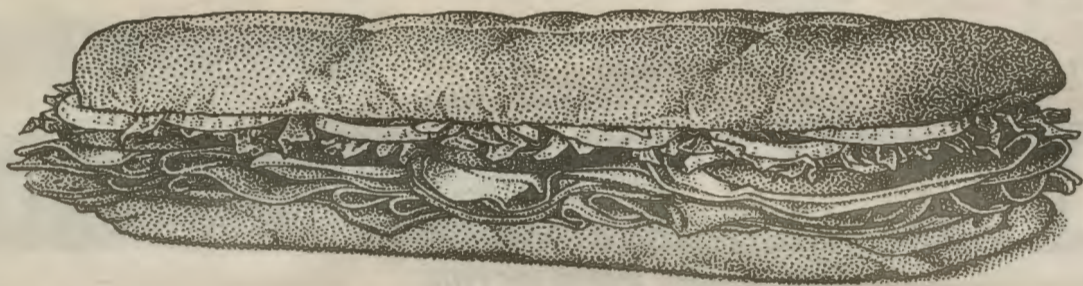
New chairs of the 2000-2001 Board were announced, including Eric Davis as Chair of the Board, Ben Durrer as Vice Chair, Huzafia Doctor as Chair of Finance and Utilization, Kristi Edwards as the Elections and Referenda Committee Chair and Paul Tambeau as Chair of the Governance Development and Compliance Committee.

L.U.C.K. raised \$4,115 at its Charity Auction.

ning a discussion panel.

In the report from the VP:University Affairs, Cameron Ballantyne put forth the motion to adopt the new three year Health Plan. The original motion passed without opposition. Ballantyne said the L.U.C.K. Charity Auction was a great success, raising about \$4,115 and then updated the Board on the SSAC budget to be approved on March 10. Ballantyne also announced OUSA's general assembly weekend to be held on March 24, 25 and 26 and the completion of the Kim Wiltshire Resource Centre in the Courtland-Shelley Community

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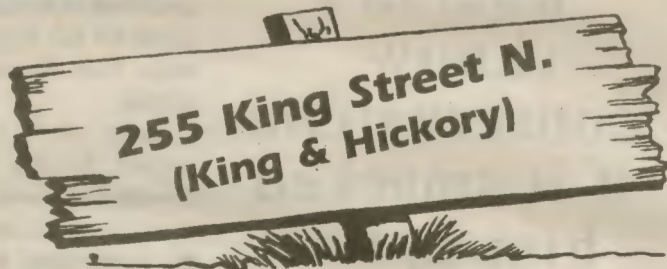


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A minor motor vehicle collision in lot 14 was investigated. A parked vehicle was struck by another vehicle which then left the scene.

Non Reportable MVA

0430hrs Wed Feb 16/00

A minor motor vehicle collision occurred when the vehicle driven by the snow removal contractor struck a parked vehicle while backing up.

Theft Under \$5,000

1530hrs Thu Feb 17/00

A faculty member reported the theft of his laptop computer from his office when the door had been left open and the office unattended.

Theft Under \$5,000

Fri Feb 18/00 - Mon Feb 21/00

Person(s) unknown forced open a locked cabinet at the Second Cup coffee booth in the Peters Building and took a quantity of money.

Mischief

Sun Feb 20/00 - Mon Feb 21/00

Person(s) unknown caused damage to two vehicles parked in lot 11.

MVA

0920hrs Fri Feb 25/00

A motor vehicle collision occurred when a car crossed Lodge St. and struck an unattended vehicle parked at 10 Lodge St. pushing it into another unattended parked vehicle.

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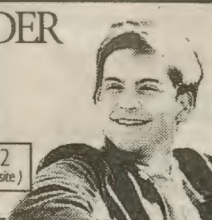
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Funding Realities

During Reading Week, Dianne Cunningham, the provincial minister of colleges and universities, announced nearly \$750-million in funding for Ontario's post-secondary institutions. At first glance this seemingly generous contribution by the province appears to be a good thing. Universities and colleges are strapped for cash and \$742-million is a lot of money. What this money is intended for, however, is growth.

This money is not designed to make up for the hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts to post-secondary education since the Harris government came to power in 1993. This money is not intended to hire more faculty and lower the faculty-student ratio, thereby improving quality in the classroom. This money is not for new library resources. It is not for scholarships and bursaries. It is not going to be used to lower tuition.

This \$742-million is being used expand universities and colleges in preparation for the double cohort. The double cohort is the class of Grade 12 and OAC students that will be graduating at the same time. Roughly 88,000 more students than usual will enter the post-secondary system starting in 2003 and universities and colleges have to make room for them. Waterloo's two universities are expected to make room for 3,500 extra students (and you think it's hard finding a house off campus right now?!).

This money is intended to prepare for a problem of the Harris government's own design. It is not intended to fix the problems in post-secondary education this government has created over the course of its mandate - problems like increasing tuition and decreasing accessibility, burgeoning student debt, declining quality in the classroom or overburdened faculty.

University administrators and some

student groups have been reluctant to criticize the Harris government's latest move, however. After all, why would anyone want to bite the hand that feeds them? Especially when they could end up starving for it.

We should not accept this meager amount of funding as a good thing. The provincial government should not escape criticism for this. This money isn't nearly enough to make up for the years of funding

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cuts, tuition increases and resulting corporatization of the post-secondary education system.

In no way are current students going to benefit from this money. Laurier received \$6.6-million, but this money is going to be used for building the Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies and for renovations to the Library. The vast majority of students who are currently in first year will have graduated by the time the double cohort starts to hit, so any extra funding earmarked for this purpose will have little effect on us.

Cunningham's funding announcements also benefit very specific programs and interests. Almost all of the 35 projects being

funded by the province involve more space for information technology, business, health sciences, and other science and technology areas. No funding for humanities and social sciences. No funding for the arts.

This isn't surprising given the Harris government's past position on the value of arts programs. The pursuit of knowledge will never be valuable for its own sake, according to the actions of this government. If your degree doesn't directly lead to a job then you might as well not even be here.

Finally, the province is encouraging even further corporatization of post-secondary education by making it necessary for colleges and universities to raise hundreds of millions of dollars in matching donations before they can take advantage of the money the province has given them.

Where is this money going to come from? It's pretty naïve to think private citizens will be able to come up with all of it. And it's even more naïve to think the corporations donating this money won't want a piece of the action when it comes to education.

We have paid the price for years of cuts in education funding (both literally and figuratively). This government doesn't care about us, it cares about the future students who will benefit from new buildings and extra funding. We cannot take this lying down.

PATRICIA LANCIA
FEATURES EDITOR

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CORD OPINION

its pretty loud in here.

The Right Perspective

The Fossilization of Conservatism

CHRIS SCHAFFER

Canada has come to an interesting point in its political history, as the debate surrounding which federal right-wing political party truly represents Canadian conservatism comes to a head. The next federal election will be the decisive factor.

However, the answer is crystal clear for those who have taken a closer look. The definitive answer is the Canadian Alliance who are the modern defenders of conservatism, which aligns Reformers, Blue Tories, libertarians, classical liberals, populists and social conservatives under one large political banner. The federal PCs are working under the umbrella of traditional conservatism, which aligns Red Tories, disenchanted NDP members and anti-free trade supporters under one small political banner.

One only has to listen to Joe "Jurassic" Clark himself among others to get the sense that the Party of Clark is not the true right-wing alternative. According to Joe himself, "We are not a party of the right." Moreover, PC stalwart Dalton Camp recently stated "Clark is to the left of Chrétien on the polit-

ical spectrum."

Furthermore, Jurassic Clark wouldn't know conservatism if it smacked him in the face. Jurassic Clark recently stated that long-suffering Canadian taxpayers who want genuine tax relief are "greedy." So much for tax cuts. In addition, at the PC national convention in November, he

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endorsed the PC poverty task force headed by Tory M.P. Diane St. Jacques, who criticized debt and deficit reduction as an "obsession" and the pursuit of economic recovery as "insane." So much for pay down of the national debt and reductions in capital gains taxes.

Moreover, he is at the helm of a faltering political party that is still several million

dollars in debt, with a membership base that has dropped from around 90,000 members to 18,000 members under Clark's leadership, with close ties to David Orchard - an anti-free trade activist - and New Brunswick NDP MP Angela Vautour who recently joined the PC Party, and have sat in fifth place in two consecutive sessions of Parliament.

To make matters even worse, there is a continuing revolving-door at Joe Clark's office. Recently, Timothy Powers, MP quit and joined a Liberal-affiliated firm, Jennifer Lynch left last July, and three other close aides have decamped in the past six months.

In the end, the debate will be ultimately decided by the Canadian electorate. Nevertheless, every time Jurassic Clark opens his mouth, he makes the decision all the more easier to make. According to Clark, "I have a certain advantage that many of my positions on many of the issues we have faced are well known."

Interestingly, in a more recent interview, Joe was asked, "So, if you were in government, what would you be doing?" His reply, "I don't know. That's the harder question for us. ... So I haven't got an answer."

With that said, how long before Canadians and true conservatives can start getting rid of Joe again?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A & W STILL AWARE OF INJUSTICE

Dear Editor:

Just what the hell are they smoking over at A&W these days? And why can't I order a hamburger? What is a Moma-Burger? Some sort of mockery of all the dead mother cattle slaughtered each year to keep A&W in business? This new scheme of theirs is horrible, and someone should put a stop to it.

I was horribly offended by the picture for their "Teen-burger". Are they trying to alienate every person with acne? And must my father's baldness always be paraded around for all to laugh at? I should hope not, especially in the 2000.

I implore you, people of Laurier, do not stand for this kind of abusive treatment by some megalomaniac corporation bent on controlling our diets and our thoughts. As a former customer of A&W, I enjoyed their hamburgers, but I can not stand this kind of treatment. Students! Join me in a boycott of A&W and we can change their ways and save our souls. Maybe, if we are lucky, we can get a newer, better chain brought in. Like, oh... say Wendy's.

Corvin Leifso

Dear Editor:

Being three weeks removed from elections I have had some time to digest the dynamics of university politics. I am happy to see that students wanted to be involved in the process. WLUSU's elections task force did an admirable job with promoting the elections and making the school a little bit more interesting.

My concern is the level of awareness that we enjoyed throughout the elections has already waned away. This school is at a point where change will be coming rapidly and in waves. If the average student doesn't have a forum to express opinions we will be left out in the cold. There is a genuine interest in what happens at Laurier. The students I spoke to were shocked and disappointed at some of the future plans of WLUSU and the administration.

With the hierarchy of next year's WLUSU administration being put into place the Union is gearing towards a year of exciting possibilities. The Union cannot move on without the students who they are supposed to represent. As difficult as it is to relate to people who are tucked away in an office we need to

continually ask questions and influence decisions. There's no way students should sit silently on decisions that accommodate the few as opposed to the many.

We cannot wait until next year's elections to be concerned about student issues again. I urge students to be aware of issues. More importantly I urge WLUSU not to sit on a golden opportunity and inform students at every turn. The Union needs to be returned to students and an open door policy will not do. Elected leaders must take the first step and solicit opinions whenever possible.

For those who think one vote has made a difference I'd tend to disagree. One vote may have been the margin between two candidates but issues on student services, quality of education and the Laurier community must continue to be pressed by everyone. The office of the President is not in place to push an agenda but rather to facilitate solutions to student problems. On a personal note I would like to thank Jeremy Evans and Andy Dennett for running strong positive campaigns. It's comforting to see students who care about what happens and are willing to take a stand for what they believe in.

Dharm Makwana
One Voice

Fast Food

Who Wants to Be an Idiot?

MICHAEL BERRY

I hate travelling. I realize it's a strong word, but I really do. The entire act is rammed with delays, lost luggage and that smelly guy sitting beside me who is incessantly bound on starting a conversation. Left with the promising position of being at the mercy of Bob the VIA agent who's one missed smoke break away from going postal or Sue the lady at the bus station who hasn't been touched by her husband in five years is not my idea of fun. With Reading Week just passing, I was once again forced to forge out across the province in order to appease my mother with a visit.

So, while travelling, already in a foul mood, I found myself thinking about certain things while I passed the time. One thing stuck in my head was the recent ridiculous prime-time affair called "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?"

In case you missed it, it was a pageant-like show where young desperate females paraded around for the chance to marry what must be one hell of a socially inept guy if he can't get himself a gold-digger the old-fashioned way. Well, the winner

- Darva Conger - and moneybags Rick Rockwell quickly fell out of marital bliss, as it appears the marriage will be annulled.

Big surprise.

Now excuse me if I get on my soapbox for a minute, but this really does bug me. Society has now oozed to the level that whoring oneself on national television is perfectly acceptable entertainment. I don't mind a little trash (I watch wrestling religiously) but come on, this has just got out of hand. Fox television and

the other big boy networks are raking in millions by peddling this refuse to us. What's worse is we can't seem to eat it up fast enough.

Every act of amorality possible has become a staple means to passing the time between jaunts to the Gap and IKEA in North American society.

It's just kind of disappointing really.

So anyway, once again pondering these depressing facts while standing in line at the VIA station to purchase a ticket back, swearing under my breath the whole time, I was suddenly taken aback. A stoutly old lady approached me and handed me a coupon she had just received for 35% off my overpriced ticket, saying she "didn't need it anyway, dear." Just when it was fading, my faith in humanity was once again restored.

I guess there's hope for us yet.

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NY Police: Truant Justice



Whatcha' gonna' do when they come for you?

MANEESH SEHDEV

The use of excessive force by police officers was recently given the stamp of approval in New York. Last Friday, four NYPD policemen were acquitted on charges of second degree murder after gunning down the unarmed Amadou Diallo in a hail of 41 shots last year.

On February 4, 1999, Officers Sean Carroll and Edward McMellon

were patrolling the Bronx in plain clothes when they encountered Diallo, a 22 year-old West African immigrant. Officers Carroll and McMellon began to pursue Diallo, claiming he was acting in a suspicious manner by looking up and down the street repeatedly. He then ignored their warnings to halt, and ran into his building's vestibule. The officers followed Diallo and as he was in the process of opening the door to his building, he reached into

his pocket to pull out his wallet. Carroll and McMellon assumed he was pulling out a gun and opened fire on him, each firing 16 shots. Officers Kenneth Boss and Richard Murphy heard the shots and helped Carroll and McMellon's situation by firing 9 more shots at the unarmed Diallo.

The three days of deliberation finally ended on February 25, 2000 when the jury acquitted all four officers on two counts of second-degree

murder and one count of first-degree reckless endangerment. If convicted, the officers faced 25 years to life in prison.

Police training expert James Fyfe took the stand to support the actions of the police officers by saying when Diallo ran into the vestibule, the officers had a duty to try to protect the residents of the building and keep what they perceived as a potentially dangerous situation from escalating. However by forcing Diallo to run into the vestibule, the officers were themselves provoking Diallo into escalating the situation.

The officers insisted Diallo was standing throughout most of the shooting, which is why so much force was necessary. However, of the 19 shots that hit Diallo, pathologist Joseph Cohen found one bullet was fired in such a way it could only have hit Diallo when he was down. He determined another bullet which would have paralyzed him and prevented him from standing upright was one of the first ones fired.

Once Diallo was spotted by

Carroll and McMellon, it seems he had no chance of escaping the situation alive.

It can be said he must have had something to hide because he ignored their commands to halt, yet Diallo's neighbors testified they did not hear the voices of the officers before the shooting began.

Last Saturday in Manhattan, thousands of people took to the streets to protest the decision. Some

carried black wallets, others shouted "murderers" and some waved signs that read 'KKK Cops'. Over 80 protestors were arrested by police. The people have spoken in yet another display of the public's disapproval of the United State's version of justice.

Where is the justice for Amadou Diallo, whose only crime was carrying a wallet? How can we trust our own defenders when they act in this manner? If the four shooters were not officers, would the outcome have been the same? Our concept of justice will only be clear once these questions can be answered.

Amadou Diallo's only crime was carrying a wallet.

Mineral Violence

MARLON MORENO

Sierra Leone, one of Africa's smallest countries in size with a population of about three millions of inhabitants and with an exotic resounding name - 'mountains like lions', rich with minerals, still belongs to the Third world. Underneath its name lies a complex history of violence, massacre, political unrest and ethnic cleansing. And while much of the world has made aware of the internal conflict in the former Yugoslavia, the war in Chechnya or the conflict in East Timor through the lenses of reliable resources of information such as CNN, Sierra Leone's story was put on hold.

Sierra Leone, a British Colony was a dumping-ground for freed slaves in the late 1700s and formed a social class, which hardly incorporated the indigenous people. After independence in 1961, a small political elite dominated the political climate of Sierra Leone. Such was its power that it conceded DeBeers mining company exclusive mining rights over the entire country for 99 years.

Approximately 55 million carats were officially mined in Sierra Leone between 1930 and 1998 at an average of US \$ 270 per carat; the total value is close to US\$15 billions. Unfortunately, little of this national income has ever trickled down to benefit the rest of the population. Reacting to this system of exclusive patronage, a political outsider Foday Sankoh formed the RUF - Revolutionary United Front in 1991 and started an armed insurrection. As the RUF national anthem professes, "RUF is fighting to save Sierra Leone... All our minerals have gone to the foreign lands All our minerals will be accounted for" in 1995, the militants dissatisfied with the national government took power.

By 1996, foreign and domestic pressure forced the provisional governing council to hold general elections despite the bush war. For the first time in After 34 years for the first

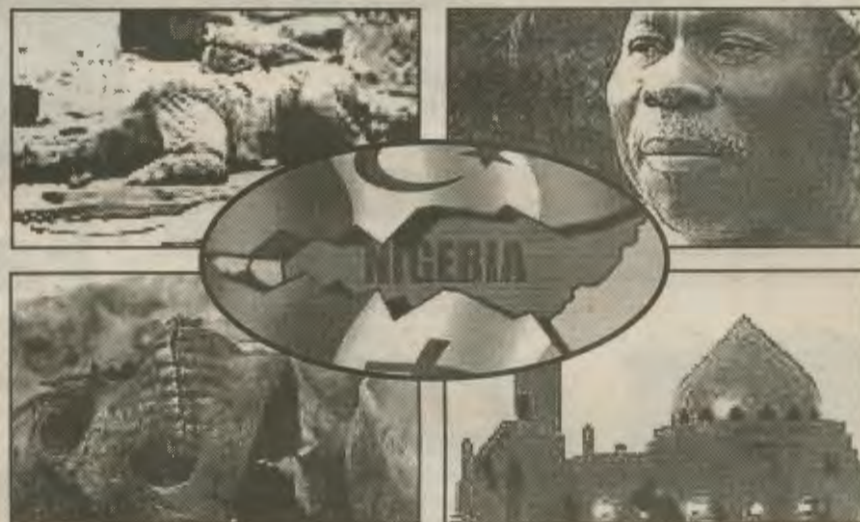
time a civilian president was elected: Ahmed Tejan Kabbah.

Within a year, a group of renegade officers forced his government to flee the country. President Kabbah regained power in March 1998 with the assistance of foreign mercenaries and ECOMOG an armed intervention force sponsored by ECOWAS (Economic Organization of West African Countries).

A year later, a surprised attack took place in Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital. RUF rebels destroyed much of the town, over one million inhabitants died. They dragged entire family units out of their homes and murdered them, hacked off the hands of children and adults. Human right agencies in Sierra Leone report that 10 000 children were abducted during the war and in some cases thrown into burning houses, the hands of toddlers as young as two were severed with machetes, girls as young as eight were sexually abused.

Finally, in July 1999 RUF and the other parties agreed to a cease-fire accord signed in Lome. This accord incorporated an amnesty for all the crimes during the war and a framework for disarmament and total restoration of Democracy in Sierra Leone. Until today, little progress has been made since the insertion of the cease-fire. Much of the of the diamond region is still in the hands of recalcitrant RUF rebels who are unlikely to halt their mining operations despite the fact that mining licenses have been revoked and diamond excavations proscribed and abuses are still taking places throughout the areas controlled by the rebels. Sierra Leone's future is at the knives edge. Indeed, it is extremely bleak and Westerners have a moral obligation to be informed about the current situation in this African nation in order to provide the proper assistance it requires. Thus next time you sit in front of your TV and see that commercial that says 'diamonds are forever' just think of the story of Sierra Leone.

EYE ON HUMAN RIGHTS



RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE RISES AGAIN

DHARM MAKWANA

For people of Nigeria political equality has been a constant struggle. Ever since Nigeria's claim to independence in 1960 the country has been embroiled in conflicts over religion and human rights.

Now the people of Nigeria must go through yet another struggle. Conflict has arisen over the implementation of the *sharia* penal code.

The *sharia* penal code allows a variety of punishments that include: stoning, amputations, and beheading for some crimes. The Nigerian Constitution currently includes rules that follow *sharia* family law. *Sharian* law is based in Muslim tenants and fundamentals. Nigeria has accepted *sharia* family law and entrenched it into its constitution.

Governors who administer in the northern provinces follow the code set down by *sharia* criminal law. This caused great conflict with Christian citizens who do not believe in the codes set.

Violence broke out in Nigeria as people were being persecuted for their religious beliefs. The country has been in a state of turmoil since with fights erupting without notice.

The Nigerian government has agreed to

deploy soldiers into what they consider to be potential trouble spots. The presence of armed troops has caused the violence to reduce but a threat of outbreak is still constant.

The Nigerian government has guaranteed the safety of its citizens but at the cost of a strong military presence until the conflict fades.

An emergency meeting was called as to the nations security and Northern governors have decided to respect the same penal code that is in place throughout the rest of Nigeria.

The problem could ultimately stem from the religion of the current President Olusegun Obasanjo. Obasanjo is a southern Christian who's rule has slowly but surely lost legitimacy among northern provinces.

Obasanjo faces steady opposition from governors from the north who were elected on promises of returning *sharia* law to the north of the country.

With hundreds dead Nigeria is scrambling to restore order within its borders. Leaders are looking to influential figures in the northern provinces of the country to explain away the problems the country has endured in concern to this issue. Religious intolerance has marred this country's spotted reputation.

Decolonizing Spirituality



MICHAEL NUNEZ-CHING

The Rastafari have been labeled as a cult, a deviant subculture and a revolutionary movement. Best known to North Americans through the popularity of reggae music, they have, as a whole, been an enigma. While Rastafarianism does have the characteristics associated with contemporary religions, it has also been used as a movement to react against the effects of colonialism.

The Rastafarian movement began on the Caribbean island of

Jamaica in the early 1930's. As in many nations of the world, Jamaica was experiencing the Great Depression. It was a time of misery and unrest among large segments of the population. The increasing misery drew blacks to the message of Marcus Garvey, who had the aim of uniting black people with what he considered their rightful homeland, Africa. Along with the theme of repatriation, Garvey also emphasized an African identity and black self-worth, which was a direct response to the entrenched racism of the white and

colored elite, for whom blackness meant nothing more than powerlessness.

A Rastafarian sense of identity was also forged by news of an African king. In 1930, the pages of the Jamaican press were stirring up the imagination of the downtrodden black population marking the elevation of a black man, Ras Tafari, to the Ethiopian throne. The new emperor, Haile Selassie I, has a scriptural lineage which gave him the titles of Lord of Lords, King of Kings and Conquering Lion of Judah. In addition to this Biblical imagery, what truly awed the black masses of Jamaica was that among the assemblage of official dignitaries paying Selassie homage was the British Duke of Gloucester. For the black masses, it was truly amazing that a member of the English royal family should honor a person of color.

The divinity of Haile Selassie is a particularly important source of While a colonial system has enforced a belief in a supernatural world littered with the visages of whiteness, Rastafarianism has allowed blacks to take pride in a supernatural world where people of color are openly accepted and are the norm rather than the exception. It is a conscious rejection of a white imposed belief system. Rastafarianism is a means to challenge the hegemonic beliefs that had been entrenched in Jamaica during colonial times, a belief system which decrees that exploitation is written along racial lines.

Another important tenet of Rastafarianism is the recognition of Babylon. Drawing upon Biblical themes, Babylon represents our current political and social system, a system founded upon the domination of the black man by the white. Babylon also implies a separateness

position of disadvantage, yet rejecting it at the same time.

Clearly Rastafarianism is a positive force in light of an oppressive colonial system. Rastafarianism has instilled in its adherents a sense of pride, dignity and identity as well as a sense of mission. As Garvey had argued, the problem confronting black people was as much in their minds as in the political institutions that maintained inequalities of wealth and power.

Rastafarianism has galvanized this belief with its theology, providing a rational interpretation of everyday realities.

Given trends in globalization, Rastafarianism has appealed to other people of color, creating interesting cultural phenomena. It has been adopted by other groups such as the Maori in New Zealand as well as Japanese youth, clearly Rastafarianism conveys an important political and spiritual message.

Babylon represents our current political and social system.

from the original homeland, in the Rastafarian's case, Ethiopia. Ethiopia is not only a physical place but a spiritual one as well, which promises to dissolve all tension and to reintegrate the Rasta with his tribe, his culture and himself. The concept of Babylon is one that explains the economic, social and physical shortcomings of blacks in post-colonial societies. It consoles Rastafarians into rationalizing their

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Can "Small" Universities Exist Anymore?

Over the last couple of months there has been a lot of talk about growth at Laurier. It has been an important topic during student elections and is currently being discussed by the university and local media. But what does growth mean for Wilfrid Laurier University? What are the implications of such a proposal?

There are many positives to expanding the university. An increase in the student population means an increase in funding. More money means more buildings and renovations, a recent example being the announcement of \$37-million in provincial funding to expand both Laurier and the University of Waterloo. This specific infusion of capital creates more space and room for an additional 3,500 students between the two campuses.

Additional funding also means the ability to hire more professors, addressing the ever-important issue of student-faculty ratios. As faculty members take on larger classes students receive less attention and the overall quality of education declines. This of course has to be balanced with the possibility of even larger classes being needed to accommodate extra students.

Being a larger university also often means more funding for

"We need to expand and improve facilities to be able to provide that small living experience."

David McMurray
VP: Student Services



research and a larger pool of resources, such as larger libraries.

WLU is still a small university. With roughly 8,000 full- and part-time students, it is the fifth smallest university in Ontario. In Canada, however, Laurier stands as the 13th smallest university, behind much smaller universities in Atlantic Canada, Quebec and the prairie provinces.

GROWTH AT LAURIER AND IN THE SYSTEM

WLU has been steadily growing over the last five years and the trend does not seem to be subsiding. This year it has applications are up by 12.3 percent. This is just as much a product of the university system as a whole as it is of Laurier's ability to attract students.

An end to increasing numbers of students does not seem to be in sight. According to a 1999 study conducted for the Ontario Council of University Affairs, full-time enrollment in the post-secondary system is expected to increase by 30 percent over the next 10 years.

Clearly growth will become a constant phenomenon at WLU. Yet the coming future might see an influx of people that would fundamentally affect our current understanding of what Laurier is. The double cohort of grade 12 and OAC students graduating at the same time will start hitting the system by 2003. It is estimated that between 45,000 and 50,000 students will be applying to university that year, but some estimates place the number of extra students in the system around 88,000.

All of these students are given equal opportunity to enter Laurier. The provincial government has said that any qualified student who wants to go to university will have a place. Yet universities have done little to prepare for this influx of students, which is only three years away, because extra funding for the double cohort was not announced until the end of February.

The impact of the double cohort will be extensive and far-reaching for all universities. The effects on Laurier will be particularly severe due to our small size, where an extra 500 students would more difficult to absorb than at the York University



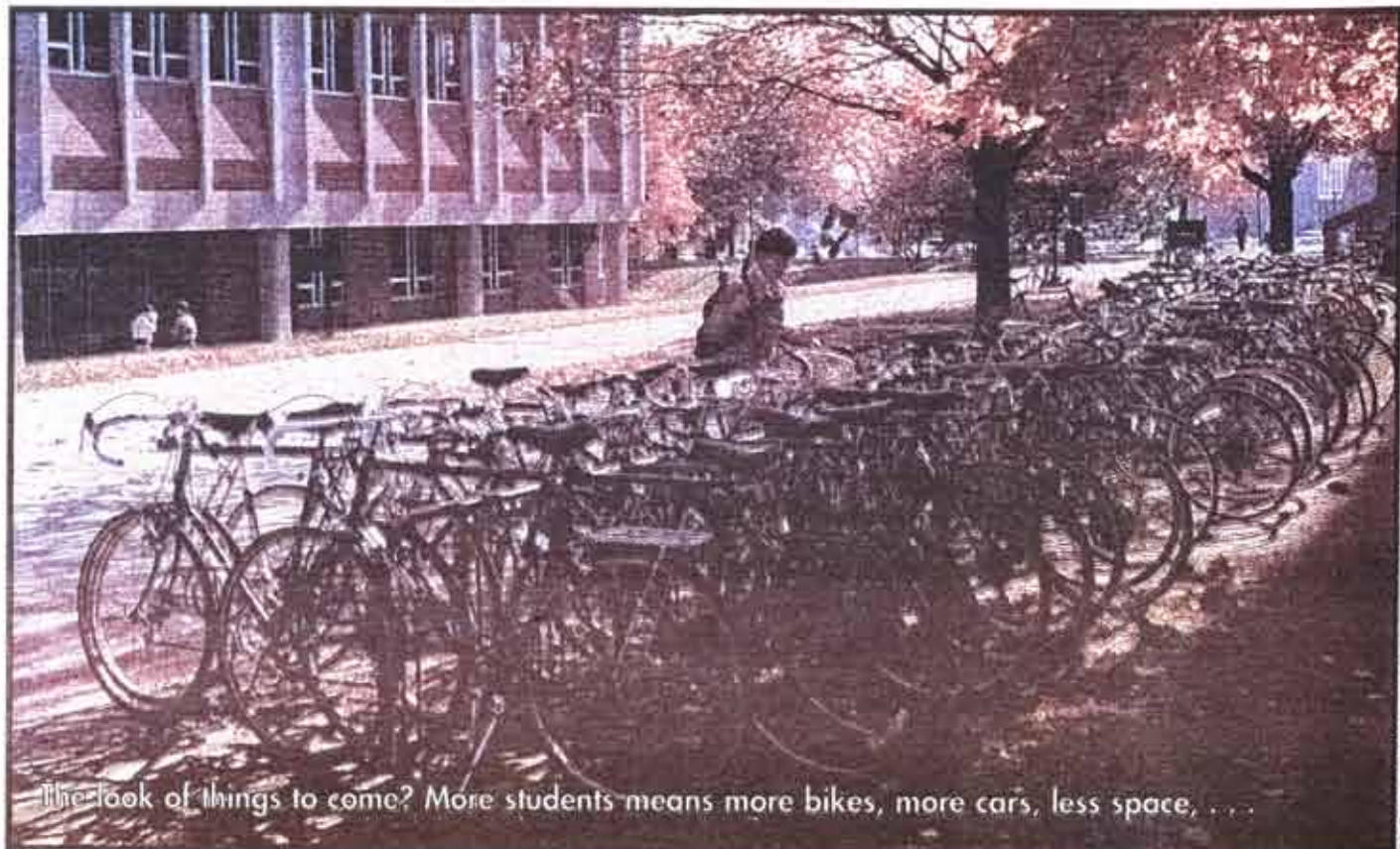
"It comes down to space and money and if we don't get both we can't grow."

Robert Rosehart
Laurier President

which has a population of 36,000 students.

COPING WITH GROWTH

Can WLU cope with such growth? If Laurier is to expand there has to be a further infusion of money from the province. Which, according to Maclean's editor Anne Dowsett Johnson in a speech at Laurier on February 15, will be difficult to come by. While universities are starved for provincial funding, so are many of Canada's social services.



The look of things to come? More students means more bikes, more cars, less space, ...

This much-needed funding is also mired in politics, as politicians pander for votes by offering money to those who are the most vocal and outspoken.

For Johnson, "If one more child dies with asthma on the six o'clock news, we haven't got a hope in education."

Various bodies on campus are addressing the factors concerning growth. Numerous opinions have surfaced on the issue, but the overriding tone concerns the level of funding the government is willing to allocate to the education system. An increase in dollars could allow Laurier to grow at a responsible pace without putting a burden on students.

Laurier president Bob Rosehart is all for an increase in funding to Ontario's starving post-secondary institutions. He feels larger universities are in the same boat as smaller ones.

"None of us get funding for new students," says Rosehart. This puts smaller schools like Laurier in great jeopardy as every cent counts towards an operating budget struggling to provide top of the line services to students.

Rosehart has taken a conservative stance in his plans for growth. All plans hinge on the amount of funding Laurier receives. "We need both capital money and operating money," Rosehart said. "So really until we find out about those we are

not planning a dramatic increase in size."

The administration is essentially paralyzed until the government takes action.

Students' Union vice-president: university affairs Cameron Ballantyne shares the same attitude when it comes to the amount of funding effecting the growth of this university.

"The university could have had a growth plan in place by January, but it wouldn't have mattered because final word comes from Toronto," he said.

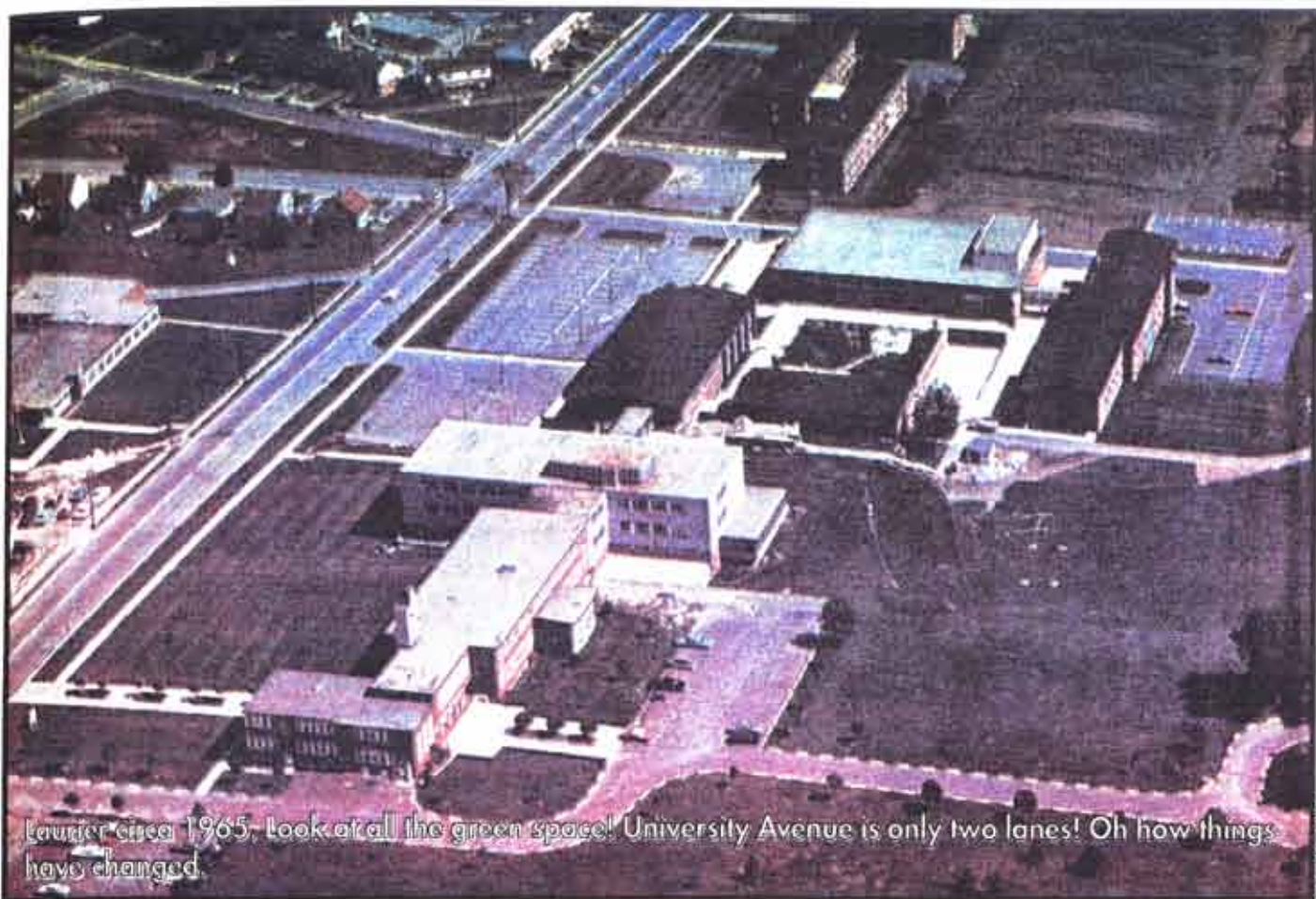
Ballantyne is in a position to do a great deal for the students of Laurier. As part of the Ontario University Students Alliance (OUSA), Ballantyne lobbies on behalf of Laurier to ensure the provincial government is aware of the issues students today face.

THE IMPACT ON STUDENT LIFE

Away from the financial aspect of growth, many things are left uncertain for student life at Laurier. Services will most likely be compromised if the population of the school increases. Measures must be taken to ensure the quality of services provided today will parallel what is provided 10 years from now.

Ballantyne played a significant role, along with First Year Council and WLUSU President Devin Grady in developing a Responsible Growth

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Platform that has circulated through numerous administrative bodies on campus.

The document fails to address the essential problems with growth as they relate to Student Services. WLUSU put forward an obvious suggestion of "hiring more support staff to handle the current students and additional staff to handle any increase." Identifying the problem may not be enough in this case. Ballantyne made it clear that this document is only the first step in determining the stand WLUSU will take on growth.

From an administrative perspective David McMurray, Assistant Vice-President: Student Services/Dean of Students, sees problems surfacing around campus.

"I think we're already too large for our physical facilities. In the last couple of years there has been some significant growth," said McMurray. "We need to expand and improve facilities to be able to provide that small or quality living experience."

The situation being is all too com-

mon. The Student Services building is in a state of decay. Hard working nurses, counselors and chaplains are subject to a cramped space that makes it difficult to accommodate the current number of students.

The experience McMurray speaks of is difficult to define, but he wants to protect it. "I think it's really important to identify what makes

Laurier what it is and not to sacrifice any of those things right now."

McMurray is continually exploring the Laurier identity in an attempt to better understand the dynamics behind it. Rosehart is more pensive in his approach. He feels a decision needs to be made on the growth plan of the school.

"If the price is community should we do it?" Rosehart asks. He was not willing to give his own opinion as to the compromise of community for the sake of growth, however there are several committees at his disposal to further investigate the costs of growth.

The decision on the growth of the school is not one that will be made over night. Rosehart feels this issue will be played out over the next 18 months.

Student leaders tend to agree with Rosehart's forecast. Ballantyne is waiting to see the school's growth plan. From there the second phase of WLUSU's Responsible Growth Platform can be implemented. His goal is to keep students as involved in the process as possible.

"Now it's a matter of taking it to a next step and saying if there is going to be growth where it is going to go through?" Ballantyne continues, "It can't come in terms of higher tuition fees and it can't come in terms of higher growth right now."

Ballantyne also sees long-term issues coming into play as he senses the growth issue cannot be left after the university plateaus in size.

Determining answers for this situation is a constant process that involves students, administration and the government.



"The university could have had a growth plan in place by January, but it wouldn't have mattered..."

Cameron Ballantyne
WLUSU VP: UA

Growth is coming and Rosehart has made it clear. "Now that we're through this period we're focusing on 7000," he says. There is a need for new buildings and the university is investigating several options. "I think there is a finite limit, but I'm not sure we're there yet."

Expanding the university and accommodating more students is an inevitability that is built into the system, but the essential problem remains. As Rosehart says: "It comes down to space and money and if we don't get both we can't grow."

Vocal Cord

Do you think Laurier should grow in size?

No. That's the reason why I came here.

KEVIN SEON
2ND YEAR POLITICAL SCIENCE
AND PSYCHOLOGY



No, because part of what makes Laurier attractive is its sense of close community.

ROSS MEADOWS
4TH YEAR PHILOSOPHY



No. Given the growth, already this place reflects madness and chaos.

CARLA FUNDAK
4TH YEAR POLITICAL SCIENCE



No, because you're more aware of the bigger picture at a smaller school.

STEVE ZAKHEM
3RD YEAR KINESIOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE



No, because students go to Laurier because of the size.

FREDERICK CHEN
1ST YEAR BUSINESS



No, because when you take away the smallness you take away the uniqueness.

SHANNA BRISEBOIS
4TH YEAR POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
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Short-lived relationships



DHARM MAKWANA

looked at.

Six weeks left in school and there is still a chance to get involved. The question singles are asking: why get into a relationship now when I'm going home so soon? Why can't I just satiate my carnal needs? The answers are not simple, but there are a few options that should be

The first and most obvious solution for the average single person is a relationship without any long-term commitment. This is otherwise known as a fling. Now a fling may sound lewd, but in reality it can be a viable solution with such a limited time frame. There are positives and negatives for such a situation.

The first thing that can be dealt

with, if you chose to take this route, is the aforementioned carnal need.

For those who fear commitment there is no need for worry because a fling is the antithesis of a serious relationship.

For anyone looking to enter a fling the obvious hotspots are your best venues for attracting the opposite sex. To ensure a fling will be the intent, talk to your prospective part-

ner prior to taking action. That way both of you will be on the same wavelength. By discussing the scope of the relationship before starting anything you will not find yourself in a complicated situation.

The chance of a fling is not limited to clubs or bars. All students can probably point to one person who they've had their eye on since Orientation Week and have become good friends with since.

After a long and grueling process of botched attempts all parties involved have probably decided a friendship is the best way to describe the relationship.

With that in mind - again going back to the carnal needs theme - a good friend may be the best solution. You are aware of their track record and long nights of frustrating conversations about sex should, NO, will turn into a memorable fling.

The *friend fling* is an option considering time is winding down. Keep in mind this is your friend so you don't want to do any personal damage. Make sure you both know exactly what you are getting into.

These are only two options, a fling can be found anywhere. Just think of the possibilities. The library, torque room, dining hall or classroom may allow for the beginnings of a fling with one seductive glance. Limiting possibilities can never be considered a good thing.

Keeping opportunities in mind one must be open to the possibility at a drop of a dime. But emotional readiness is not as simple as one would think.

Steering clear of emotional attachment is key. As soon as someone's feelings are at risk things could get sticky. Remember, flings are different than anything else because, for the most part, you don't know who you're dealing with.

At such a small school information is not difficult to obtain. Phone numbers, like any other type of personal information, are given to you for a reason so use them in good judgement.

So if you do act, chose the side of caution. Playing head games is unnecessary and childish. The fling is a beautiful thing and should not be tainted. Respect the various facets of the fling and things will be alright. If disrespect is shown then it was all for naught.

One last thing, the fling is an equal opportunity experience. Women and men are both able to make decisions that affect their personal lives.

It would appear there are no drawbacks to the fling. If you've accepted this by now you're one step closer to realizing its majesty.

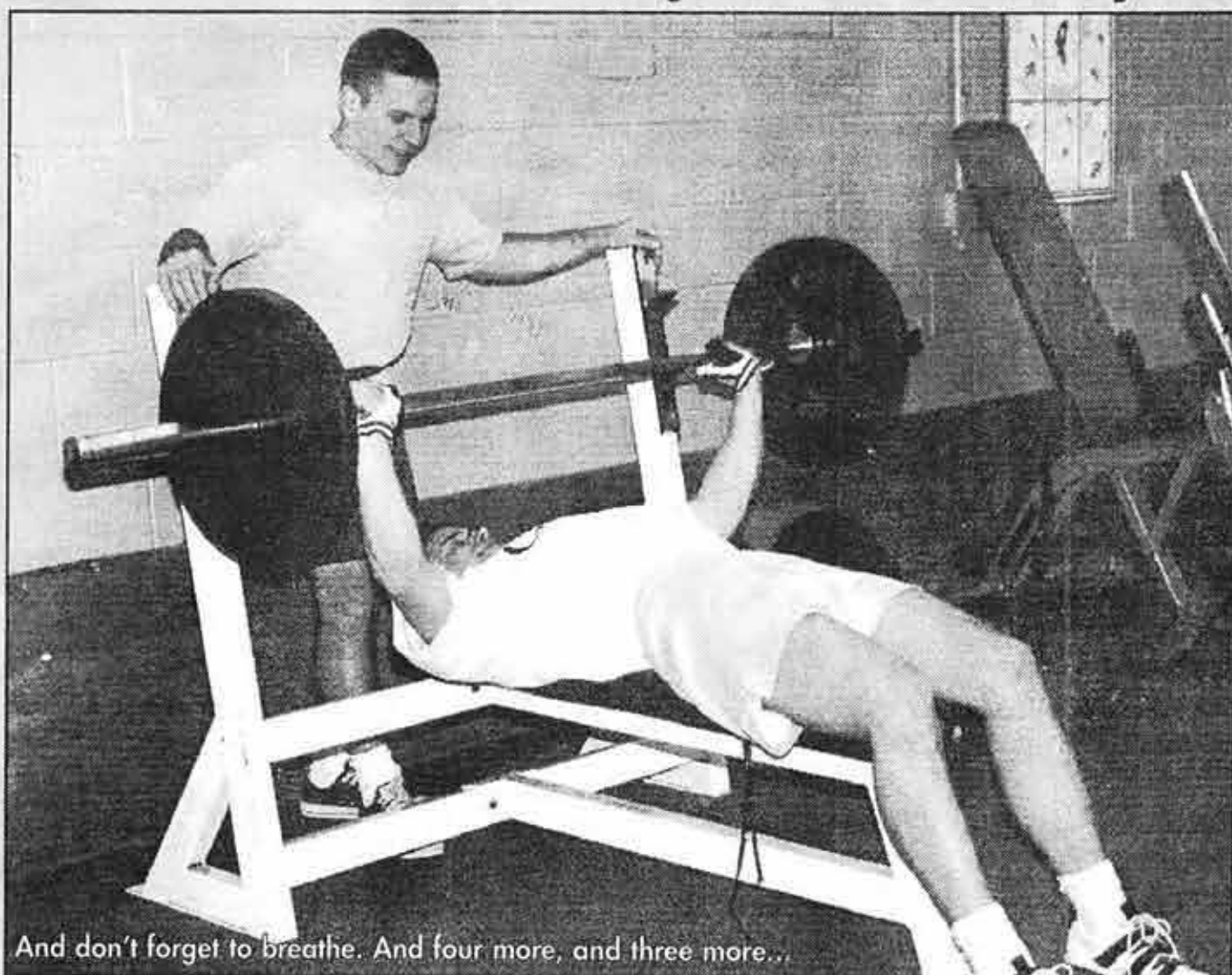
Fling on my brothers and sisters. For if you don't do it for yourself, do it for the children.

Strange

1. Napoleon Bonaparte never got blisters from wearing new boots. Why? He made his servants break them in.
2. The Antarctic is so cold (110 degrees below zero) that scientists stationed at the South Pole have to put ice cream in the freezer to make it warm enough to eat.
3. Most American car horns honk in the key of "F".
4. The average woman speaks 25,000 words per day more than the average man does.
5. Most tornadoes in the northern hemisphere rotate counterclockwise. Only one in 1,000 spins clockwise.
6. Caterpillars have more than 2,000 muscles in their bodies while humans have fewer than 700.
7. A ten gallon hat only holds about three quarts.
8. A scallop has 35 eyes; all of them are blue.
9. Researchers have found the risk of a car crash quadruples during the first five minutes after a driver places a call on a cellular phone - which is about the same hazard as driving drunk.
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Fourth year Personal Trainer Alison Meyers' advises that "alternating between machines and free-weights, and changing your exercises is an effective way of working-out." When asked about the AC Alison said "Hopefully people will start coming in more often now that they've made all these changes." So for all of you out there who use the excuse of not knowing how to use the equipment, here is an economical way to be trained towards a healthy lifestyle!

Tickets on sale now

MICHAEL ERNER

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energy dance performance where we model modern clothing from stores in the local area. All money raised will be donated to a local charity.

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Tickets go on sale March 6th in the C-Spot. Tickets cost \$9 for the Friday March 17th and \$6 for the Matinee show which is at 1pm on Saturday and an evening show at 7pm, ticket price returns to \$9.

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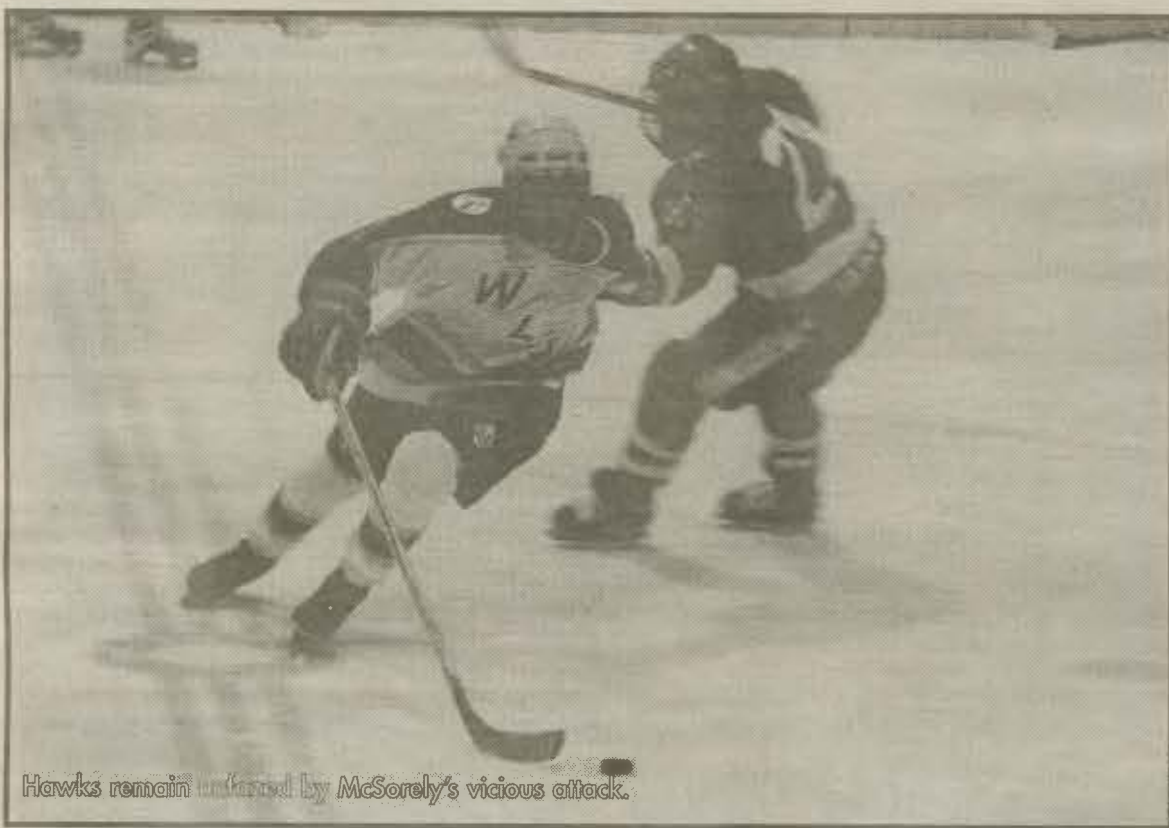
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Hawks eliminate Lancers



Hawks remain undefeated by McSorley's vicious attack.

HEATHER ALLAN

Break out the brooms because the men's hockey team eliminated the Windsor Lancers from the playoffs in two straight games. The Hawks earned a tough 3-2 win over the Lancers on Friday, February 25th, in what was a carbon copy of the first game in Windsor on Wednesday.

The playoff series mirrored regular season action between the two teams in which Laurier held a slight advantage at 2-1-2.

Coach Tony Martindale felt his squad played consummate playoff hockey for the first period and a half. In fact, the Hawks outshot the Lancers 19-5 in the first period and totally dominated play. Only the outstanding goaltending of Windsor's Ryan Gelinis allowed the Lancers to stay in the game.

"I thought we did a great job on the forecheck and really created some scoring opportunities in that time frame," said Martindale. "We have to develop that killer instinct

though. When you are up by two goals on a team like we were tonight, you have to go after them."

Prior to the game, the Hawks honoured three graduating seniors: Martin Kearns, Darren Lowe and Mike Little. In fitting form, all three contributed to the team's success on Friday night.

Both Kearns and Eric Ballantyne were singled out by Martindale as being, "the two towers of strength on the Hawks defense." Lowe scored the game-winning goal midway

through the third period.

Martindale also felt Joe Pikula had performed well in his first game back after a shoulder injury. Pikula scored one goal and played a very sound defensive game. Rounding out the scoring for Laurier was Jeff Ambrosio.

This was the first playoff game on home ice for fifth-year player and team captain Martin Kearns. The team had missed the playoffs in his first three seasons and last year he was injured late in the season and forced to watch from the stands as his teammates lost to the Waterloo Warriors.

After the game, Kearns stated, "every guy in this room played for each other tonight. The end result was our most consistent game of the year."

In what had become the Lancers modus operandi, they managed to stay just close enough to the Hawks in this game, then took advantage on the power play. Troy Milne capitalized while the Lancers were up a man in the second period to narrow the gap to 2-1 entering the third period. Mike York tied the score for Windsor at 2:33 of the third period to set up another anxious finish.

The Hawks now move on to face

the Western Mustangs in the divisional final. All three games are at Western with the opener of the series slated for Wednesday March 1st at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of this series earns a berth in the OUA Final Four tournament to be held at the Waterloo Recreation Complex on March 11 and 12. According to Martindale, the Mustangs play a similar style to that of the Lancers.

"We matched up pretty well with Western all year," he stated. "Every game has been close and although Western won the season series with us we've been right there with them."

The key to success against Western will be to continue to play a strong defensive

game.

"The forwards have been doing a good job of supporting the defence and we've been getting the puck out of our end very well," said Martindale. "We have to continue to get to the net."

"We've already faced the strongest goalie in the league in Gelinis, so we feel that if we can get lots of shots to the net we'll stand a pretty good chance against Western."

Every guy
in this room
played for
each other
tonight.

Hawks Cruz at CIAU's

CASSANDRA ZAWADOWSKI

This past weekend the WLU varsity swim team competed at the CIAU Championships in Guelph. Twelve swimmers, six men and six women, not only represented the Hawks at the event but were also a part of the largest contingent at CIAU's in the school's history.

Michelle Cruz led the Hawks once again, winning a gold medal in the 200m backstroke and placing second in each of the 50m and 100m back, becoming the first Laurier swimmer to win a CIAU championship.

As if that wasn't enough, Cruz also helped the women's relay team win a bronze medal in the 4x100m freestyle. Lisa Parwicki, Shelly Babin, and Sara Havekes, the other members of the free relay team, won a second bronze in the 4x100m medley with teammate Jenny Cramm.

Havekes also placed fourth in each of the 50m free and breaststroke while Tara Ross placed seventh in the 200m back.

The men were led by both Spencer Cowan and Doug Browne. Cowan earned a silver medal in the 100m breaststroke and placed fourth in the 50m breaststroke. Browne earned three bronze medals in the 200m and 400m free and also the 200m fly.

The two also helped to win the Hawks another bronze medal when they teamed up with Mike Thompson and captain John Peleck for the 4x100m medley relay. The 4x100m free relay team saw Browne, Peleck, Thompson and Tom Fuke swim to an eleventh place finish while Mike Stelmach, who won his first OUA medal the week before, placed sixteenth in the 200m fly.

This great performance at CIAU's brings with it the end of the season and also the final swim from several senior team members. John

Peleck, Tom Fuke, Sarah Weind, Rob Guthrie, Mike Dinnessen and Ashley Wright will graduate and leave the team this year. Their leadership will be greatly missed on the deck.

More on the OUA's

Before the break at the Ontario championships, the Golden Hawks showed their presence both in the water and on the deck, accomplishing one of their team's goals for the meet.

Without a doubt, the team out-cheered all other schools in attendance. As Coach Dean Boles said, "it's things like that that people really remember later on." Coach Boles also went on to say, "In the past we have always been the ones looking at other teams. But this year they were all looking at us."

The Hawks had plenty to cheer about. Aside from the CIAU qualifiers, fourth year swimmer Rob Guthrie placed seventh in the 50m back and ninth in the 100m back while Jeff Livings finished 13th in the 200m back.

Women's relay teams were also quite impressive. Ross, Havekes, Babin and Cramm placed second in the 4x100m medley while Havekes and Babin teamed up with Cruz and Parwicki to win silver in the 4x100m free.

Although many individuals scored for the Hawks, it was an entire team effort that led to Laurier's 3rd place finish. Team unity and support was incredible and as second year swimmer Shelly Babin put it, "when one person goes up to swim, we all go up."

Coach Boles added the team's improvements and successes over the year are due in part to the commitment of its most experienced swimmers who have been strong in building the future of the team.

It seems that what the swim team showed the CIAU this year is only a hint of what the Hawks will bring to the pool in the near future.

Coach fired

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Mike Kilpatrick

With the team now without a head coach, the obvious question lingers. Who will be Mike Kilpatrick's replacement? Peter Baxter insists they have no candidates presently, although within the next week and a half a national search will be conducted for the vacant position. The search will consist of an ad in a national newspaper, as well as press releases to Basketball Canada and the CIAU.

Baxter, who is striving to build Wilfrid Laurier University into a basketball powerhouse, promised the most qualified candidate in the country would be hired in order to create excitement for the program and to begin the lengthy process of building a national championship basketball team at Laurier.

If Baxter stays true to his word, Golden Hawk basketball fans may finally have something to get excited about.

Do you figure?

CHERYL WILLIE

The Golden Hawks figure skating team traveled to Kingston February 11-13 for this year OUA finals. The team included Michelle Gaffie, Carolyn Lee, Janet McClary and Nicole Sidler who earned seven points for the team. Gaffie and Sidler placed fourth in the Senior Similar Pairs Dance event earning the Hawks three points.

Jenny Campbell placed fifth in the short program earning two points and scored another for her team placing sixth with skating partner Julie Borek in the Senior Similar Pairs event. Cheryl Willie also earned the Hawks one point, placing sixth in open singles.

The Golden Hawks placed eighth in precision, which was disappointing compared with their fifth place finish at the Western

Invitational earlier this year.

Queen's University won the OUA championships for the sixth consecutive time with Waterloo and York finishing second and third, respectively. OUA competitor of the year went to Waterloo Warrior Aidan McKenzie.

Laurier rounded out the weekend in ninth place.



1999/2000 Figure Skating Team

Curling iron

SCOTT WHITING

WLU's men's and women's curling teams competed in the OUA championships this past weekend at the St. Thomas Curling Club, south of London. A competitive two days of play resulted in the men receiving the bronze medal, a repeat of their performance at last year's championships.

John Morris (skip), Brent Laing (vice), Paul Moffatt (second), Travis Pick, Scott Whiting, and Chad Martin (leads) were edged out by the teams from Queen's and Windsor who picked up gold and silver respectively.

After the completion of round robin play, WLU's women ended up in a shoot-out to break a three-way third-place tie but were unable to match Western's bronze-winning 23 points. This was an unexpected finish for the team of Heather Graham (skip), Jackie Smith (vice), Chrissy Cadorin (second), Nancy Bresee (lead), and Shannon McCleary (5th), who were looking to repeat on the women's gold medal performance of last season.

Male Hawk

Laurier 4,
Queen's 6
Laurier 9,
Brock 5
Laurier 5,
Windsor 7
Laurier 13,
Waterloo 5
Laurier 8,
Toronto 3

Both teams got off to a slow start on Saturday at the beginning of a five game round-robin against the top Ontario universities. The men suffered through multiple late-end picks in their loss to Queen's, but fortunately, after some ice maintenance between games, the situation didn't repeat itself. Generally, conditions were fast and straight and stayed that way for the remainder of the two-day tournament.

Coming out of Saturday's games with 1-2 records, the Hawks were looking to improve for the final two games. Despite popular opinion regarding lackluster performance on Sunday mornings, both teams crushed their opponents in the early morning riser, with the women taking down Brock 10-3 in only five ends.

WLU curling continued in its tradition of player-coaches this season with Brent Laing and Jackie Smith making it a dual role.

With the varsity season over and the expected loss of some players, plans for rebuilding the teams are already underway for next year's run at the provincial titles.

Female Hawk

Laurier 5,
Waterloo 8
Laurier 3,
Windsor 7
Laurier 10,
Toronto 4
Laurier 10,
Brock 3
Laurier 6,
Western 8

To Mike Ching:

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Powder Puff stuff

DARREN LOWE

The annual Powder Puff tournament came to a close recently with Anselma House as the winner, once again.

The event began as an Inter-Laurier showdown, with the surviving team moving on to play in the intercollegiate weekend as the number one seed. In the WLU finals, it was the Nasty Girls edging the defending champion Reservoir Dogs 6-3 in overtime.

In previous years, only the top two teams advanced to the intercollegiate weekend. However, due to growing interest at universities across Ontario, specifically Waterloo (which was able to assemble five

teams), it was necessary to advance all Laurier squads in order to maintain a level playing field.

For this reason, it was the largest intercollegiate weekend ever. A record 12 teams competed (5 WLU, 5 Waterloo, 1 Western, and 1 Queen's). It was obvious that the opposing universities just couldn't compete with committed Hawk squads, who accounted for all four semi-final teams.

In the first semi-final, the Nasty Girls defeated Diesel 10-7 with a last minute touchdown to advance. In the other semi, the Reservoir Dogs won a close 7-6 game after the Young Guns missed a field goal on the last play of the game. In the finals, the Reservoir Dogs redeemed

themselves from the previous week's loss to the Nasty Girls with a 5-0 victory.

The success of the tournament is in large part owed to the several individuals who spent numerous hours braving the cold weather to ensure things went smoothly. As a result, the real winner of the tournament once again was Anselma House, a shelter for abused women and their children.

The Lettermen's Club was also able not only to meet last year's goal but surpass it, in the amount of a \$2000 donation to Anselma. As well, the tournaments' success will allow the club to make a gold level sponsorship contribution to the Charity Ball.

Another Intramuracle

ROANNA MILLAR

Last Tuesday the excitement was running high in the Stadium as "Punish," a team in the intramural Co-Rec Soccer League, created an incredible turn-around. The team started the game with an incom-

plete roster and the missing players were apparent. Although a valiant effort was put forward by goalie Rob Ferguson and his teammates, the score was 3-0 at the half. Fresh from a win in the Men's A Level Basketball League, reinforcements arrived to clinch the win in the dying minutes of the game with a score of

4-3. Team member Greg Herman is quoted saying, "We caught a few bad breaks but at the half reinforcements came and our team found its soul." For more information on intramural standings and statistics visit our web site at www.laurierathletics.com.

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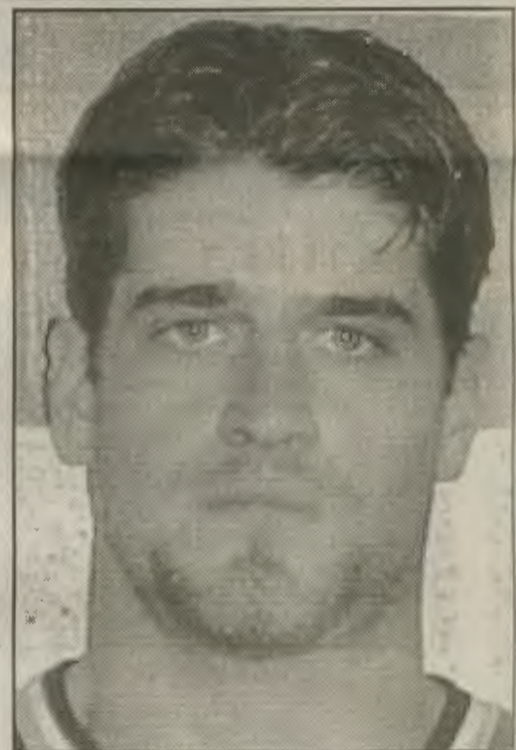
Frank Ivankovic

Labatt Hockey Player of the Game

Versus Windsor (Game 1)

In his third year with the Hawks, goaltender Frank Ivankovic is proving he is the man to lead the Hawks through the OUA playoffs.

In the first game of the OUA Far West semi-final, Ivankovic was outstanding, allowing only three goals and making many tough saves. Playoff success always starts with goaltending, and if Ivankovic displays similar form against Western, the Hawks will have good chance of advancing to the OUA Final Four.



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Darren Lowe

Labatt Hockey Player of the Game

Versus Windsor (Game 2)

The play of veteran players is always integral to playoff success. This is why it is good sign for the Hawks that they got such a strong effort out of winger Darren Lowe.

The fifth year business diploma student had a great game when it counted for Laurier, as he potted the game winning goal with just nine minutes remaining.

It will be the play of people like Lowe and fifth year captain Martin Kearns that will lead the Hawks through the OUA playoffs.



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AMY ARNOLD & BETH MULLEN

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If you are willing to get up between 6:30 a.m. and midnight, they may even let you in (with the exception of Sunday when the hour shift to 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.).

The menu is sure to satisfy all your food fantasies at any time of the

day as there is you will find a variety of dishes ranging from Mama's Favourite Meatloaf to Spicy Thai Stir Fry.

The urban experience begins when you walk through the front doors into the bright, open-concept environment. While the ambiance is funky and "a la mode," the relaxed familiarity of your own kitchen remains. The décor lives up to the restaurant's name as the walls are shelved with nouveau vintage style kitchenware. The Golden Hawk in you will EAT UP the purple and gold painted walls. Yummy.

Although quaint, the restaurant can accommodate the likes of groups

or those dining solo all to the beat of Billie Holiday and a little G'n'R.

You'll grow old attempting to select one item to satisfy your Golden Hawk appetite. Perusing the menu your eyes will come across choices of breakfasts, salads, appetizers, entrees, paninis, sandwiches hot and cold, "design-yo-own" pizzas and pastas.

Our Friday night visit to the U.K. involved the consumption, we mean consumption, of an eclectic mix of dishes. Patron #1 was the prized owner of the Malibu panini, a sandwich stacked with shaved turkey, Swiss cheese, sun dried tomatoes and dijon mustard, served with fries.

The panini was partnered up with a DEEEElightful carrot-ginger soup (an item so special the waiter had never even seen it before). Thrilled with the opportunity, Patron #2 indulged in Pork Chops, yes Pork Chops, served with pineapple ambrosia, salsa, vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes.

Feeling innovative, the third diner indulged in a design-your-own pizza featuring grilled chicken and tomatoes with a Caesar salad on da side. Although the romaine lettuce was lost in the sea of Caesar dressing, the pizza proved to be a more than tasty creation!

Enticed by the special, Patron #4 ordered hot wings and fries. Thank goodness the fries were good because evidently, the Urban Kitchen is NOT the place for wings. Considering the grand opening was only a few weeks ago, the quality of food available at the Urban Kitchen was above average.

For us fast movin' hungry eatin' Golden Hawks, the service at this restaurant lived up to our dining-out expectations. Although there was nothing that stood out about the it, the service was appropriately matched to the total that we were pleased to find at the end of our bill after our dinner for four.

When it really comes down to the bits and bites of this new Waterloo eatery, it is worthy of a visit on a night when you are feeling not only peckish but thrifty.

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It's gettin' steamy in the Room

YVONNE FARAH

Attractive young men in expensive suits, driving imported sports cars and living like there is no tomorrow. That in a nutshell is what the new movie *The Boiler Room* is all about. This movie could have been just that, yet another film with good looking people wearing nice clothes driving really high priced cars, but it was not. What made this movie as enjoyable as it is, was the intelligent and high paced plot.

Set in present day New York, this film looks at six months in the life of a twenty-something college dropout Seth, played by Giovanni Ribisi. The son of a Federal court judge, Seth not only drops out of school without telling his parents but he also starts an illegal casino in his apartment, where he employs four high school kids from the neighbourhood. After his family finds out about his underground operation his father threatens to disown him. The relationship between Seth and his disapproving father becomes the motivation for his desire to change his life.

An old friend (played by Jamie

Kennedy) shows up on Seth's doorstep with the promise of money and his father's respect. His friend suggests that Seth join the company that he works for, J.T. Marlin a brokerage firm that makes millionaires of its employees in months. Seth takes his advice and he attends a meeting for prospective brokers. Ben Affleck as the smooth-talking, foul mouthed

recruiter makes you wish that his role was more than just a cameo appearance. Seth joins the firm where he is put under the direction of Greg (Nicky Katt) and Chris (Vin Diesel) two experienced brokers who show him how it is done.

As the weeks go on Seth begins to realize that he is in far deeper than he ever thought possible and that his boss Michael (Tom Everett Scott) is not telling him, all male, employees everything.

The only female actor among this ensemble cast is Nia Long who plays the firm's receptionist. This a woman who makes \$80,000 a year, wears designer clothes and has a history of dating the nouveau-riche brokers she works with and steals Seth's heart. It is in this relationship that



Da boyz is talkin' 'bout da coin in da boiler room.

Seth discovers that he has the power to change his own life if he decides to.

This film is fast paced at times but it slows down enough to fully explain the twists and turns in the plot. If you have a background in business you may be able to get more out of the stock market orientated plot. However if you do not have an extensive knowledge of the inner workings of a brokerage firm then worry not, because you will still be able to

follow the film.

The cinematography was as good as it could have been considering the setting. The music used throughout the film was well chosen to play on the emotions of the characters.

This movie captures the wants and desires of young men who are living in a capitalist society that dictates, you eat or be eaten. These guys realize that all they have to do to get the fast cars, the designer

clothes and the beautiful women is to make themselves richer, while making their clients poorer.

Ethics, mores, and principles are all forgotten in the race to become the next multi-millionaire under thirty year old. They succeed in the dream of money and power but at what cost? That is the question that Seth is faced with and it is through him and his choices that we contemplate our own similar choices.

WLUMA Planning Ahead



President Jay King and VP Dan Rollings at the WLUMA Formal.

BETH MULLEN

Although many WLU students outside of the Faculty of Music have not heard much from the Wilfrid Laurier University Music Association (WLUMA), recently, the group has

been anything but idle.

This year has proven to be one of the most pivotal in WLUMA's history consisting of sweeping changes to the Executive Model and a stronger commitment to faculty-student relations.

Over the past few years the WLUMA executive have been struggling to keep up both enthusiasm and commitment, typically starting the year off with a bang and diminishing to a faintly audible "thud" midway through second semester. This year the executive realized that a change was necessary. New positions were created, modeled after successful Music Student Associations at other Universities in Ontario and House Councils here at Laurier.

The new model, consisting of a President and Vice Presidents of Administration, Activities and Finance, will hopefully serve to further represent the interests of Music Students at WLU. While clarifying the content of each executive member's portfolio.

In keeping with the old executive model, students will be elected to represent the interests of their years. Further, representatives from each ensemble will be selected in September to sit in on General meetings.

"It was about time that the group was shaken up a bit," explained Dan Rollings, WLUMA's Vice President 1999-2000.

"In the past few years the execu-

tive have been experiencing difficulty with projects. Traditional WLUMA projects such as the Jazz Cabarets at Weavers Arms, the Treasure Auction and the Winter Formal were as successful as ever, but very little innovation was ever apparent in our own creations. New projects were often left to the last minute and as a result were met with minimal student interest if they flew at all."

Rollings' vision for the WLUMA of the future is ambitious. Among many other projects, it includes a yearly conference to be held at WLU for Music Student Associations from across Ontario. Also an eventual move from Campus Clubs to an official partnership with the Faculty of Music.

"WLUMA was created to satisfy the need of both the social and Student-Faculty liaisons within the Faculty of Music," comments Rollings. WLUMA is gearing up for this year's election to be held on Wednesday March 8. Students are encouraged to get involved and "make a difference" in their Faculty.

Theatre moves to restroom

CONTINUED FROM THE COVER

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