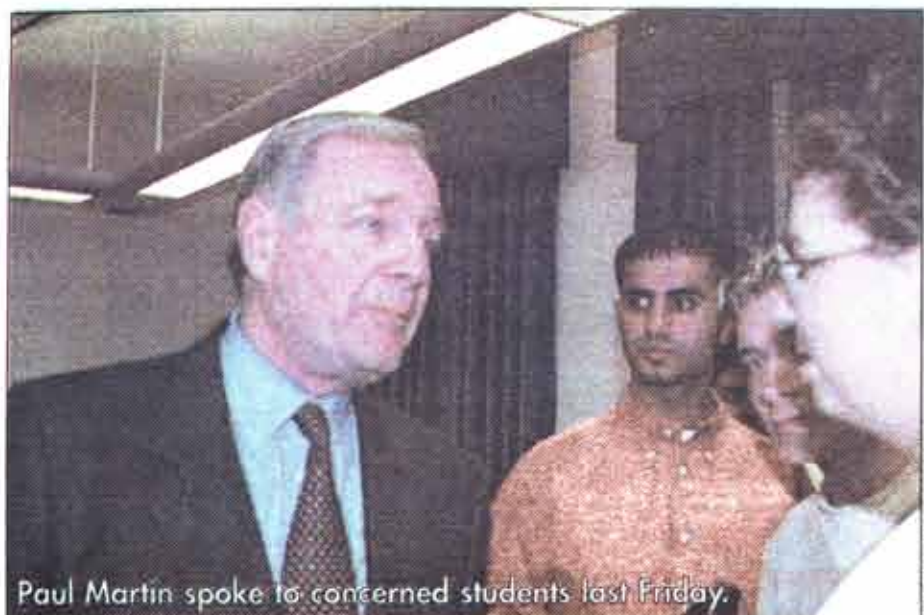


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# Paul Martin visits Laurier



JIM DONNELLY

In the wake of this year's national budget, Laurier students upset about high tuition rates finally had a chance to voice their opinions when Liberal Finance Minister Paul Martin visited - you guessed it - the Paul Martin Centre this past Friday.

Already in town on a visit to the high-tech wonder-corporation Research In Motion, the Minister came to Laurier during his obligatory post-budget public relations cam-

paign to speak with students about their feelings concerning the future of the country.

Martin relayed to a packed house of both students and dignitaries his thoughts on this latest budget with optimism.

"This is not only a discussion of the budget, but of where we are headed as a country," said the Minister. "Our success depends on our ability to keep skilled individuals working in Canada, as well as attracting them from elsewhere."

Martin spoke for 15 minutes, then opened the up the floor for a brief question and answer session with the audience.

Several students expressed their concern with the budget's \$4.3 million increase in spending, as well as the all-too-familiar problem of tuition hikes.

"This is the largest tax-cutting budget in several years," said Martin. "At the end of the year we had surplus money and we decided to put it into education and other social programs."

"We've provided several \$3,000 tax-free grants for students, as well as the Millennium Scholarships of which 100,000 are granted each year."

WLU President, Dr. Bob Rosehart even got into the action, questioning the Finance Minister on the issue of post-secondary funding by provincial governments. Martin answered with predictable vagueness, saying his government is prepared to "use as much persuasion as we can," to convince the provinces to invest more money in public universities.

The Ontario university system is still waiting for Mike Harris and his provincial government to take some sort of a stand in this regard.

Asked about the Ontario Government's apparent distaste

think that way then that's all we'll be."

Student organizers of the event were obviously thrilled by the Minister's presence.

"It's truly an honour to have him here today," said Joe Horneck, President of the WLU Young Liberals in his introductory speech. "Paul Martin one of the best-known faces in Canadian politics."

Martin was presented with thank-you gifts from both Horneck and Shaun Saldanha, President of the University of Waterloo Young Liberals.

As the session concluded, Martin left his audience with a final thought concerning the direction of the country.

"There is no other nation in the world, besides perhaps the United States, that is in a better position than we are as we enter the new millennium.

"However, we have to be able to take advantage of that position and to do that we have to understand the wealth of a nation lies in the knowledge of its people."

## Martin answered Dr. Rosehart with predictable vagueness.

towards the arts and humanities, the Minister reiterated his government's policy of funding both arts programs as well as science and business-based ones.

"In the modern economy, skills learned in the arts... abstract thinking and articulation... are going to be vital," he said. "We are not simply economic animals, but if we begin to

## Western steals series from Hawks

WOODIE BROWN

The Golden Hawks men's hockey team defeated Windsor in the OUA Far West last week and was hoping to continue their winning ways against the regular season division champion Western Mustangs in the Far West finals. Unfortunately, Laurier lost the first game 1-0 in a very closely fought game.

It was an evenly matched contest that proved the Hawks could keep up with their rival Mustangs. It was a confidence building loss, and the Hawks started the second game with a high level of intensity.

Larry Paleczney scored six minutes into the game to give the Hawks an early lead. However, it did not last long. Western scored the tying goal thirty seconds later and the go-ahead goal three minutes later. While short-handed, Laurier's Jeff Ambrosio intercepted a Western pass and scored to tie the game at two.

The score remained knotted for the rest of regulation time, although Western tried their best to blow the game wide open. The Golden Hawks played a close game until the third period when they were outshot 19-5.

Luckily for the Hawks, Frank Ivankovic played another spectacular game. He saved 41 shots in regulation and another eight in overtime. He kept his team in the game and gave them the chance to win. Unfortunately, Ivankovic could not stop every shot. At 14:36 of overtime, Western's Cory Hare tipped a point shot past Ivankovic, who was fooled by the deflection. Western won the game and the championship and moved on to the OUA Final Four.

Laurier played hard in both games and was very disappointed in the outcome. Although there were instances where they did not play smart hockey, the Golden Hawks kept the games and the series close. Coach Martindale felt that the series was fairly even but that Western's depth made the difference in the end.

"There were four lines that could score for Western, and we just didn't have that depth." In the end it was a fourth line left winger that scored the winning goal.

To improve for next year, Laurier is going to need that depth. Martindale noted that, "Western had four lines and six defencemen that could play. That is what we need



next year."

Martindale felt that the team's depth cost them this year, and he felt that the team underachieved this season. "We were better than an 11-10-5 team. We weren't as deep as

we thought."

Depth certainly cost the team this year, and the Hawks will have to improve their recruiting in the off-season if they hope to compete with teams like Western next year.

Their lack of depth was especially apparent on defence. As a result, Martin Kearns and Eric Ballantyne were forced to log a lot of ice time.

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## News Bites

### One owner wanted

After the folding of the Ottawa Rough Riders in 1996, the Canadian Football League (CFL) is looking for a new owner of an Ottawa franchise.

League president, Jeff Giles, said there are already at least two unidentified Americans interested in reviving professional football in the nation's capital but he would prefer a Canadian owner for the team.

The startup costs which include a franchise fee and three years of operating expenses is predicted to fall between \$7-\$10 million.

There are currently eight teams in the CFL and the league is hoping to expand to Quebec City and possibly Halifax over the next three years.

### Second slip-up

Montreal animator, Cinar Corp., admitted yesterday that \$122 million US had been invested without the approval of its board of directors.

The money is currently locked up in corporate bonds and the company can only get their hands on \$35 million of it at the present time.

The company also allegedly claimed federal tax credits by saying Canadians were the authors of scripts written by Americans.

In 1998-99, Cinar received \$1.875 million from Telefilm and another \$778,240 in 1999-2000.

### Third-time unlucky

The RCMP is launching a third investigation into the funding of jobs in Prime Minister Jean Chretien's Quebec riding.

The awarding of a \$165,000 job grant to a company based in Montreal came under investigation when the company relocated to Chretien's constituency in St-Maurice.

The Bloc Quebecois brought the issue to the House of Commons, asking for a public inquiry into all grants awarded to the St-Maurice area.

### Fourth-place finish

British Columbia's PMC-Sierra Inc. has taken its place as Canada's fourth largest company.

The company, which designs and manufactures semiconductors or computer chips for some of the world's largest technology giants, currently boasts a market value of \$47 billion.

PMC's shares have risen 200 per cent alone in 2000 and a \$1,000 investment made in PMC last year would now be worth \$158,000. PMC lists its shares on the Nasdaq instead of a Canadian listing.

# Hargrove to speak

KRISTINA SPENCE

The Laurier Human Resources Association (LHRA) is presenting Buzz Hargrove on Thursday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. in room P1025/27 in the Frank C. Peters building. The event is free of admission and open to the public.

Hargrove, President of the National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union of Canada (CAW-Canada), is the country's largest private-sector union and a Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC).

Hargrove will outline "The State of Unionism in Canada" and hopes students will challenge him to answer tough questions about the economic, social and political roles of unions.

Jim Finnigan, Vice-President Activities of LHRA, organized

Hargrove's upcoming visit to Laurier. Finnigan e-mailed the union leader and one of Hargrove's assistants called Finnigan to arrange the details.

"The reason I contacted him was that I was trying to get a well-rounded group of professionals to come to Laurier," Finnigan said.

Finnigan encourages students from all faculties, especially those in Political Science and History, to come hear Hargrove speak about the history of the labour movement in Canada and how and why the CAW separated from its international affiliate.

"Canada remains one of the most highly unionized nations in the world. An understanding of the goals and interests of unions will complete the educational experience provided by a business school such as Laurier," Finnigan said.

Hargrove has been the National

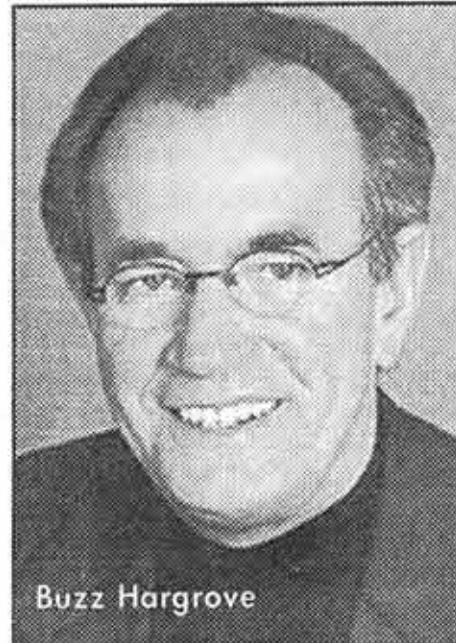
President since his acclamation in 1992. Hargrove began his career as an assembly-line worker at Chrysler in Windsor, Ontario.

After holding several elected local positions, Hargrove joined the union's staff in 1975.

With his extensive bargaining experience and dedication to the economic, social and political issues affecting workers and their families, Hargrove is determined to continue making progress for all workers.

In 1998, Hargrove authored a book with Wayne Skene entitled "Labour of Love: The Fight to Create a More Humane Canada" and received an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Brock University.

Over the course of the year, the LHRA has presented speakers from KPMG, the HRPO, Chrysler and a labour lawyer from Waterloo and recently sent resumes of its members to human resources firms on



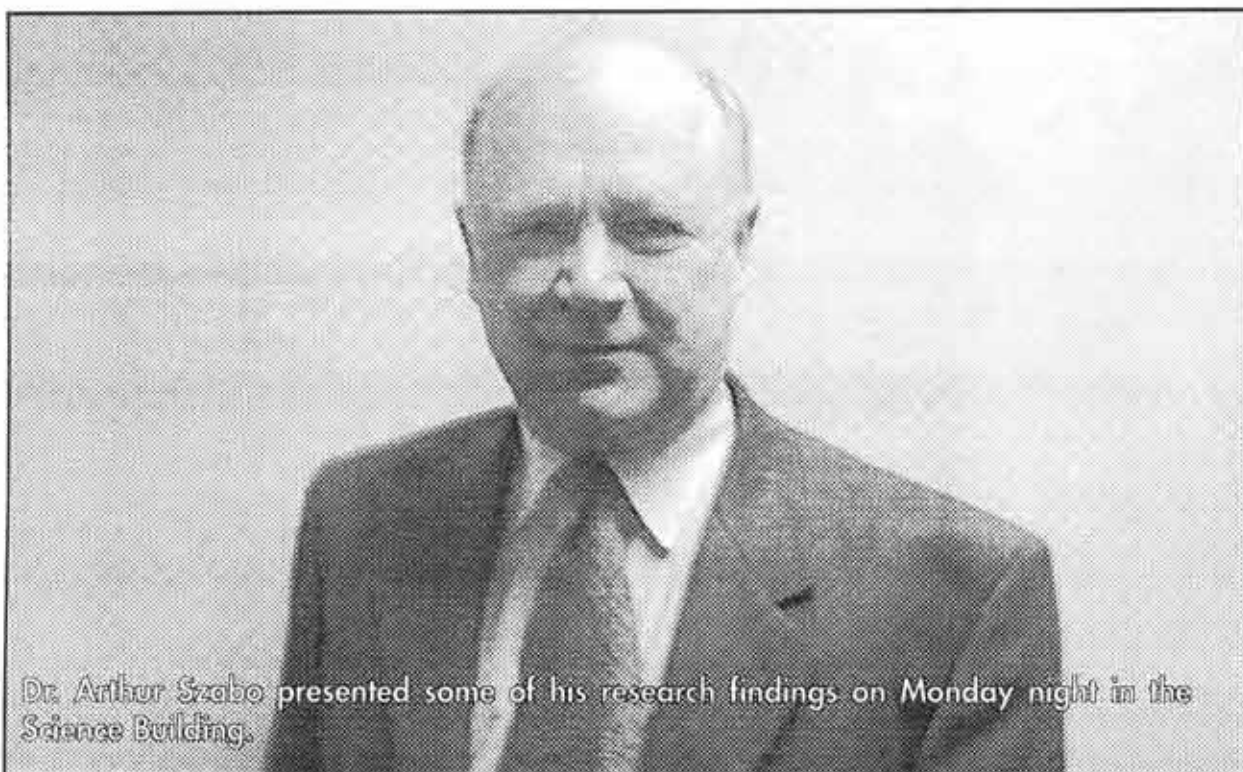
Buzz Hargrove

FILE PHOTO

behalf of those students in pursuit of employment.

The LHRA is a student-operated association providing Laurier student members with information on the human resources profession and contact with professionals in all areas of the field.

## STEPping up



Dr. Arthur Szabo presented some of his research findings on Monday night in the Science Building.

KRISTINA SPENCE

If proteins and amino acids aren't enough to spark the interest of Science students, at least the opportunity to learn more about the new Dean of Science seemed to help.

Curiosity was satisfied as a crowd of about 50 students and professors attended a Science and Technology Endowment Program (STEP) lecture presented by Dr. Arthur Szabo in room N1002 on March 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Szabo's lecture, "Proteins Proteins in Picoseconds," outlined some of the research Szabo has conducted throughout his career.

Moving from the basics of physics to the complexities of the use of tryptophan in experiments based on tracking protein fluorescence, Szabo outlined the past and present work of his research team.

Szabo discussed how tryptophan—a crystalline amino acid necessary in the nutrition of humans and animals—is used in site-directed mutagenesis to study the structure and parts of proteins.

After acquiring surprising results from early experiments in the mid-1970s, Szabo concentrated his efforts on the subject of proteins.

Through the experiments with tryptophan, Szabo and his research group have been able to show how the structures of proteins change when subjected to different processes.

The general conclusion of the evening was that such studies help provide important information about the ability of the transfer RNA to recognize

particular enzymes which cause uniform structural changes throughout the protein.

The next step in the research will be to replace one of several sites within the DNA in order to study protein reactions and structures based on minor adjustments.

Dr. Szabo began his term as Dean of Science on February 1, operating out of the former print room at the west end of the Science Building.

Szabo said the people at Laurier are very cooperative and have been helpful with informing him about such procedures as department budgeting and transferring responsibilities.

Szabo has been spending most of his time "reading and listening" and getting to know department chairs and their specific concerns.

He has been learning about a variety of issues, including how to make the sciences more recognized within the Laurier community.

Szabo will soon be appointing an Associate Dean from within the current Science faculty who will deal with student issues and other concerns.

It is hoped that a full complement of administrative Science department positions will be filled by the end of March.

Travelling back to Windsor for the weekends, Szabo keeps in contact with his two graduate students and a post-doctorate student on the weekends.

The three will relocate to Waterloo to continue their work with Szabo and another student from Ottawa will arrive to assist in the research over the summer.

## 2000-01 EIC hired

The first Cord Editor-in-Chief of the new millennium has been chosen.

Asad Kiyani was selected by a committee of Student Publications volunteers on Friday, March 3 to serve as the EIC of the Cord.

Kiyani, a third-year Honours Political Science student, has served the Cord throughout his academic career. He wrote for news and opinion sections and then took over the Opinion section editor role for the 1999-2000 school year.

With continued growth at Laurier, Kiyani hopes to keep the needs of students in mind.

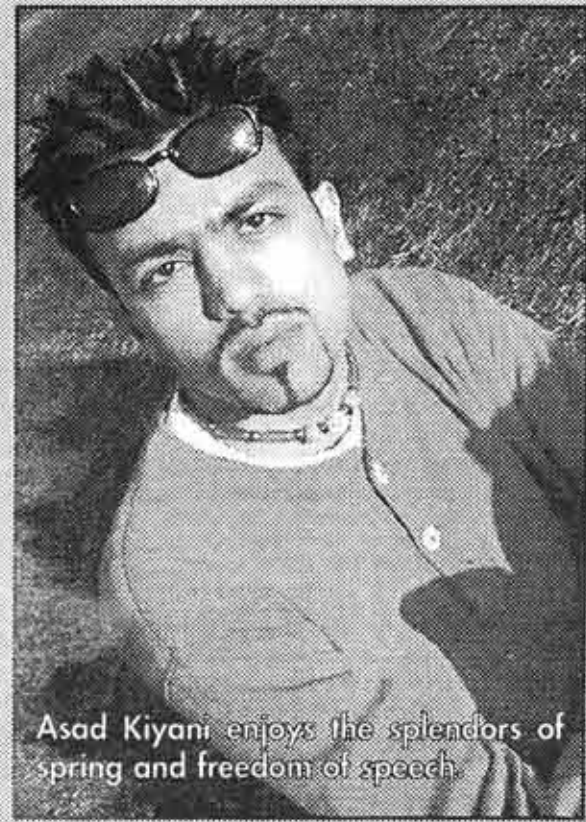
"I'd like to expand some of our operations—particularly the Cord Guide—and try and cater a bit more directly to students," he said.

Kiyani has been involved with the Students' Union as he has volunteered his time as a Foot Patrolter and as an off-campus don.

Kiyani hopes for a student focus on all levels of the Cord's reporting and development.

"We want to focus on particular students and their stories whenever possible. Everything we write, we want to be able to relate directly to students, whether it's an analysis of the provincial budget, a comparison of condom brands or an examination of student poverty," Kiyani said.

With his dedication to factual and entertaining reporting, Kiyani's work as EIC is predicted to bring continued success to Student Publications.



Asad Kiyani enjoys the splendors of spring and freedom of speech.

CHRISTINE CHERRY



## New board plans ahead

KRISTINA SPENCE

The new Students' Union Board of Directors met Tuesday, March 7, some two or so hours following the current Board's early evening meeting.

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the increases being made to salaries of the President and Vice Presidents.

The discussions followed closely on the heels of the decisions made by this year's Board to increase salaries based on committee recommendations.

President-elect, Jeffrey Kroeker, said the Board chose to increase salaries further in order to make Vice President (VP) rates more competitive with co-op rates.

Kroeker and VP:University Affairs, Charmaine Cunningham,

both abstained from the vote on increasing salaries.

After approving a further increase, the new Board discussed the possibility of compensating the VPs retroactively.

The Board decided to reimburse the current VPs for their time, using the budget funds for the upcoming year.

Some other topics of discussion included the approval of the hiring committee for the new VPs and the upcoming by-election to fill the remaining five positions.

The date for the by-election was settled as being Friday, March 31 but could be subject to change based on the threat of not meeting quorum.

Members of the board asked for help from other members with taking on projects such as publicizing and running the by-election.

## Board members called for group assistance.

## Current board makes time count

KRISTINA SPENCE

The March 1 meeting of the Students' Union Board of Directors posted a strategic placement of an in-camera session at the beginning of its structure.

After the hour-long in-camera session, the meeting resumed with the report from the President.

President Devin Grady briefly spoke about the approval of the Concourse redevelopment, the Union's 25th anniversary celebrations and some vandalism that occurred to the awning of the Pita Shack.

In the report from John Hilson, VP:Student Services, Hilson announced a contest being run by Foot Patrol and Meloche Monnex. In order to qualify for the contest, students must take a walk with Foot Patrol before April 7.

Chair of the Committee on

Communications, Kally Lomonaco, reported on the first focus group conducted by the committee and recommended members of the Board try to attend events such as Fashion 'n Motion and "The Nature of Reality."

Chair of Finance and Building, Dave Brydges, then made a notice of motion to increase the current wages of the Union President and full-time staff.

After some confusing discussions, the Board passed the increases in wages so that the President would earn \$505, Executive Vice President \$490, VP:Finance & Administration \$475 and part-time VPs would earn \$11.50 per hour.

The Board did not pass the motion to compensate current VPs retroactively - it was defeated six to three.

Moving on to the by-election, Brydges motioned the approval of \$2,110 towards the election budget

which was approved.

Chair of the Constitutional and Operations Development committee, Eric Davis, then told the Board that the Governance manual is completed and located on the Union network for member perusal.

Davis presented some friendly amendments to the latest hiring policies even though he only received the amendments that day and the Board had been given over two weeks to look the policies over.

Anik Merchea then brought forth a motion to accept the budget for the 25th anniversary celebrations on March 28 and 31.

The funds will cover construction costs for time capsule embedding in the 24 Hour Lounge and some light refreshments.

After some discussion about submitting handouts for approval, the Wish List was briefly discussed and the meeting came to a close.

## Investing in the future of publications

JIM DONNELLY

The illustrious WLUSP BOD held yet another general meeting March 3, amid much fanfare and media hysteria.

Following ratification, Luxmen Aloysius announced that Keystone production has finally concluded - the book is now in the hands of the printing company, and should arrive by the last week of classes. At least 450 books have been sold thus far, with a sales blitz scheduled for later this month.

WLUSP BOD Chair Sue Portelance made it known that she will be away for two meetings in March. BOD member Jill Osborne volunteered to take her place for the meetings.

WLUSP President James Muir discussed the hiring process of the

Cord's Editor-In-Chief for next year. Due to the rather small amount of applications received, Muir asked the Board to consider extending the deadline, which originally was March 4. Despite this, Asad Kiyani was on Friday hired as Cord EIC for next year.

Anthony Del Col, WLUSP VP: Finance, announced that \$50,000 has been invested in a three-year rate-rising GIC at the Bank of Montreal.

The interest rate for the first year is 5 per cent, the second year 5.75 per cent, and the third year 6.5 per cent. Next year's VP:Finance, Dharm Makwana, will have the option of pulling out of the investment on the fifteenth of every month until its one year anniversary. Following this, the investment can only be aborted on the second and third-year anniversaries.

series.

Del Col stated that he will familiarize next year's VP with the investment situation. If a better rate can be obtained with a different investment, he will be encouraged to switch.

Some discussion was made by BOD member Krista Neher concerning this year's WLUSP Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Three possible locations were mentioned: the WLU Grad Pub, the Huether Hotel, and Weaver's Arms. Since last year's event - which took place at Weaver's - was judged to be excellent, it was decided that the most desirable location for the dinner would probably be Weaver's Arms.

Sue Portelance and Anthony Del Col were appointed as MC's of the event.

A brief in camera session was held at the conclusion of the meeting.

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# Reeling with reality

KRISTINA SPENCE

The sold-out world premiere of "The Nature of Reality" will be presented on Thursday, March 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Theatre Auditorium.

Seating in the auditorium will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Anthony Del Col, producer of the film, said it will be

the first time anyone has seen the film from start to finish.

"It's the first time the cast and crew will see the film and the majority of them will be there on Thursday. Not only do you get to see the film but you get to experience it with the people who put a great deal of time in it," he said.

Del Col said everyone who had even the smallest part is a big part of the film and everyone who got involved is important to the production. Over 100 volunteers from the Laurier community assisted in the creation of the film.

The soundtrack for the film fea-

and Waterloo's Princess Cinema. The Princess showing is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 30 at 9:15 p.m.

Later in the year, the film will also be submitted to national film festivals such as Toronto, Montreal, Cinefest and Niagara.

Del Col said he is looking forward to reaction from the student community and hopes everyone will get

something out of it.

"I hope students are inspired by it and motivated by it. There are multiple layers to this project and we hope people will see that in the film. There were lots of barriers and walls put in front of us during the creation of the film and we hope people are inspired by the story and the story behind the story."

## Tickets are still available for Friday and Saturday.

tures original musical score and songs performed by students from the Faculty of Music and local musicians.

On Thursday night, Matt Osborne will share his musical talents and on Friday evening Glenna will perform.

Future showings of the film will occur at the University of Waterloo

# Focus on food

On Tuesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. the Communications Committee will be holding a focus group meeting to discuss Food Services on campus. The discussion will commence in the Students' Union Board room on the third floor of the Fred Nichols Building and is open for all Laurier students to attend.

The purpose of this meeting is to create an open and informal discussion of Laurier's Food Services, which includes Wilf's, the Pita Shack, the Food Court and cafeteria. The committee will be looking for suggestions and comments concerning the level of quality and service these outlets provide. Any feedback on issues such as the One Card and other services would be appreciat-

ed. Ideas on what needs to be changed and what products or services need to be added are welcome. The group will also answer questions about the Students' Union itself.

The last focus group meeting was held February 29. It is hoped this next discussion will spur similar interest and attendance by students. Information will be added to and differentiate from the last discussion of Food Services held by First Year Council. All those interested in attending should R.S.V.P. by Monday and pick up an information package with details of the meeting. Please e-mail BOD@wlu.ca or phone Joe Overdeest or Dan Clark at extension 3335.

### RETRACTION

In the Cord News section of March 2, Kristina Spence wrote in the Board report that "Jeff Brydges...opposed the by-election and student club acceptance votes..."

In fact, the name of the member of the Board is Dave Brydges, not Jeff, and Mr. Brydges did not vote against either motion, he abstained from the vote on new student clubs. Cord News hopes Mr. Brydges and other members of the Board will accept an apology for this mistake and other similar mistakes in names, especially Jason Quehl, whose name was often misspelled as Quahl.

# Handbag of crime

### Theft Under \$5,000

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An Athletic Complex patron reported the theft of a number of articles from his locker.

### Cause Disturbance

Fri 03 Mar 00

Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress in lot 19. On arrival officers found those involved had departed.

### Mischief

Fri 03 Mar 00

Person(s) unknown broke off the exit gate arm at lot 20.

### Theft Under \$5,000

Fri 03 Mar 00

A WLU student reported the theft of his jacket from the Turret.

### Mischief

Sun 05 Mar 00

Person(s) unknown emptied a fire

extinguisher onto the exterior wall of Leupold Residence.

### Mischief

Sun 05 Mar 00

Person(s) unknown threw a stereo unit belonging to a resident of Boukaert Hall out the window. No suspects at this time.

During this time period, one provincial offence notice was issued for a Liquor Act violation.

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# Cutting criticism

In retrospect I realize I should have more swiftly perceived the agenda of the administration in bringing the Toronto Star to our campus. Though the administration tends to talk only of the 'prestige' involved in the presence of a national newspaper on campus, it's been obvious from the start of the debate that for a corporation like our university to offer a distinction - the right to distribute on campus - capable of generating such substantial profits to another corporation, 'prestige' would hardly be a sufficient return. No, much more is at the heart of this deal.

The Star unquestionably gains. As the sole national newspaper in distribution on campus (or campuses, as the case may be), The Star acquires a significant competitive advantage in that it will have the opportunity to establish a strong readership among those high along the educated branch of the social tree. At the same time, advertisers can more appropriately target the traditionally wealthier sector of Canadian society, fundamentally enhancing The Star's competitive position against the other national newspapers. For these reasons, The Star will commit well over a quarter of a million dollars to the initiation of this project at our university alone.

University papers will indubitably suffer. As far as the newspaper industry is concerned, the very nature of competitiveness depends upon the relative depth and range of a given distribution network. University papers are limited by this industrial dynamic since it's pointless to distribute a student newspaper where there are no students. It follows that university newspapers not only require exclusivity to maintain a competitive advantage, but the potential depth and range of their distribution networks is restricted to the area, primarily campuses, in which students are found. Thus university papers don't have the option of extending their distribution networks, and so they cling to the right of

exclusivity as the very source of their survival. University papers have been united in their stance against the Star primarily on the basis that it heavily infringes upon their exclusivity.

But what of administrations? As already mentioned, it seems the 'prestige' factor is hardly enough to grant such a potentially profitable privilege to the Star, and without any lump-sum payments in

The Star has the ability to do away with the most significant critical voice facing the university.

sight, there is obviously some other benefit to be gained by the administration. What is the gain that I'm driving at? Well, first let us review the effect the Star will have on the operation of student newspapers.

With the distribution of the Star secured on campuses across the country, the Star could divert advertising revenues away from student newspapers on two levels. At the national level, The Star would then offer advertisers the distinct opportunity to reach students nationwide with a single publication, as opposed to vis-a-vis a collective of student newspapers. This would be a more cost-effective, and therefore attractive, method for advertisers. At the local level, the Star would presumably commit to split-runs in the interim, which

would make it a viable alternative for regional advertisers. This means the Star would be able to absorb advertising revenues at both ends, ultimately leading to the deterioration and demise of student newspapers.

"But wait!" you're thinking, "Doesn't the university need a student paper?" Well, the university does. Without one, students would have no coverage of institutional issues that dramatically affect their academic pursuits. No specific coverage of university sporting or entertainment events - just general regional coverage - and definitely no opinion on or critique of, university affairs. This brings me closer to my point.

With the rapid rate of growth at this university the administration is certainly worthy of a great deal of criticism which comes, for the most part, from the student newspaper. If the Star has the potential to eliminate student newspapers, then it also has the ability to do away with the most significant critical voice facing the corporate-minded administration and its profit-based agenda for growth.

The Star on university campuses represents a deal that promotes the interests of two corporations: the Star itself; but also the university as an entity based on corporate values. Students must understand that their right to criticize, though essential, has very few channels. If they value such a right and the media by which they can express it, they should also consider the cost of the Star on this campus.

CHRIS PEARCE  
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE INTENT BEHIND 'CHARITY'

Dear Editor,

Since the 'Charity Ball' is once again upon us, it seems appropriate to discuss our ever-changing meaning of the term 'charity'. After attending last year's gala, it never really occurred to me that I had performed an act of charity. I got dressed up, consumed a few recreational beverages, and overall had an enjoyable time. But in doing so, I wonder, had I actually contributed to the betterment of my fellow man? I don't know. I also still don't know exactly what specific charity I was supporting while purchasing Heineken after Heineken.

What I am trying to say is that charity has too often become an act void of benevolence and purpose—merely a luxury for those who can afford it. We believe that a monetary contribution to a charitable organization nullifies us from acting in other ways in addressing certain problems that exist in society -- homelessness, poverty, etc. I am not insinuating we should not donate money to charities; after all, we can often do little more than

fund research for say, cancer research, because we are not all scientists. What I am saying is perhaps our reasons for donating to charity have become far less altruistic, and thus may need to be re-examined.

For example, 'Shine-O-Rama' is a well known O-Week fundraising event that every year raises tens of thousands for Cystic Fibrosis. However, the problem with 'Shine-O-Rama' is, instead of it being an independent fundraising event, it is part of the O-Week competition between frosh teams. As a result, raising money becomes part of the game whereby it becomes less clear between the meanings of: "We want to raise money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis", and, "We want to raise the most money for the Gold Team". Are we comfortable with the fact that we have to raise money for a good cause as part of a contest?

Essentially, it is all a question of purpose and incentive. I no longer suppose that giving to charity while getting drunk is killing two birds with one stone. We should not need any incentive to support worthy causes beyond our want to help others who may be less fortunate than ourselves. Also, we should realize that money may not be the only means of helping others.

While working up in Ottawa this past summer I actually stopped and talked

with a homeless person (admittedly, not something I do very often). This person had no legs and was in a wheelchair and he was still quite young—probably not much older than myself. He said to me, "Some days I would trade all the change people give me for a few words of encouragement".

We should keep that in mind.

Robert Clarke

## A CALL TO ARMS!

Dear Editor,

WLU has far too many annoying things that must be changed! In an effort to encourage this change, I feel it is my duty to point out some of these annoyances in hopes to fully eradicate them some day. So if you encounter any of these people, refer them to this letter and let them know the error of their wicked ways.

The guilty parties:

People who stand on the escalator in the DAWB and then suddenly decide to start walking with four steps left.

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## MORE LETTERS

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People who go to the 24-hour lounge to study and expect anyone watching TV to turn it down for them. There are many places on campus to study-use them.

People who feel the need to shut computers down after using them instead of logging out. No one likes waiting for a computer to load, so stop shutting them down!

People who must stand in doorways to talk to friends. If you can't understand why this is annoying, you're probably just about to shut down a computer...

People who ask me if it's bright in the room when I'm wearing sunglasses. That line just isn't funny after the 500th time I've heard it, so please don't think your sense of humour is original.

People with cars who are convinced that everyone outside of their car wants to hear what is being played inside the car. Turn your damn stereos down, especially if it's something that's gonna be played at Wilf's on Wednesday night.

People who think the AC is the Turret and must dance around when a song they like is played.

The moron that writes all those stupid fake classified ads in the back of The Cord. Man, are those ever dumb!!

Ladies and Gentlemen, now that you know the enemy, be ready to deal with them! And if you're one of these people, consider changing your ways for the betterment of life at Laurier. Thank you and goodnight.

Maneesh Sehdev

## IMPROVING FACILITIES RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

Dear Editor,

I agree with David McMurray, Vice-President: Student Services, in his comment as quoted in your last issue (March 2, 2000, p.13). We need to expand and improve **existing** facilities to keep up with **present** needs, let alone meet future expected enrollments.

Of all the had pressed areas on the main campus, the Student Services Building bears the heaviest traffic and is the most vital to the well-being of our students, faculty and staff. We are constantly aware of the press for instructional and office space. However, in my view, a thorough redesign, upgrade and retrofit of the Student Services Building is long called for and should be priority. I would recommend against a shift of that essential unit to another part of the campus.

Yours truly,

Barry Gough  
Associate Dean: Student Affairs  
Faculty of Arts

## Lend Me Your Ear

## Religion's Role in the World

W.A. FERRIS

As someone who loves politics, I have been watching with keen interest the race for the Presidential nomination of the Republican Party in the United States between George W. Bush and John McCain. In particular, I found it fascinating to read about McCain's speech against the religious right last Monday.

He argued that the leadership of the religious right, in particular Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, have too much influence in the Republican Party, and that these individuals have used their moral beliefs in order to gain political influence for themselves. In this regard, I cannot applaud McCain's courage more.

Every individual has the absolute right to adhere to any religion they wish to. A person's choice of religion is a private affair, and is up to that person alone. No individual has the right to impose his or her religious beliefs on any other person. This is why I agree with McCain's comments.

I absolutely believe that church and state must be completely separated.

rated. Religion never has any role to play in politics. Issues such as abortion and gay rights have often been discussed in religious terms, and no matter what one believes about these issues otherwise, religious values and norms should not be brought into the debate.

Bringing religion into the discussion imposes one person's religion on others, and is nothing more than the arrogant and mistaken assumption that one religion is somehow inherently better than another.

As well, religion should not play

any role in society as a whole. Religion should be kept out of education, with only one publicly funded education system that is entirely secular in nature. Religion should be kept out of our legal system, so that our laws do not conform to the

whims of any particular religious group.

Religion belongs in two places: in a private home, and in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship. It belongs nowhere else.

It appears likely now that McCain will fall short in his bid for the Republican Presidential nomination. However, his comments regarding the influence of the religious right are long overdue, and it can only be hoped that they will spark a reevaluation of the role of religion in politics, and the recognition that religion must be completely and entirely separated from politics and society as a whole.

## Religion should not play any role in society as a whole.

## Fast Food

## Romancing the Fairer Stones

TIMOTHY MARK PHILLIPS

Spring is near. The temperature is warming, the snow is melting, and there is a certain scent in the air.

No, I'm not talking about the wretched smell of decayed waste and dog shit that inevitably follows a

long Canadian winter. I'm talking about a scent that is much more invigorating and much less tangible. I'm talking about a scent that envelops the senses like no other; a scent that has existed since the beginning of time - romance.

I admit it for all to hear. I consider myself a "Modern Day Romantic". What does that mean? Well, it simply means that I am far too cynical and self-conscious to shed tears for anything as blatantly corny and sentimental as the movie "Titanic" or a Christina Aguilera slow song.

However, at the same time, the intricacies of real-life human sexuality have the power to literally take my breath away. The sparkle in the eye, the blushed cheeks (facial), and the genuine smile of a beautiful woman all jolt my heart and clog my throat.

This reaction seems natural and real, however in today's "been there, done that", apathetic society such

overt romantic inclinations are often considered symptoms of a disease. Those who exhibit these symptoms are classified as "Flakes".

I blame women. Not all women, mind you. Just 99.9999% of them. Women say that they want sensitive, romantic men, but nothing could be further from the truth. Women don't want hopeless romantics. They crave stability, security, and most of all, normalcy.

Sure, they love it when men go through the cliched motions of buying flowers and heart-shaped boxes

of chocolates. But, if you try to get creative with romance, they will look for another man.

They don't want romance from a man. That's their department. They feign anger when their man forgets the six-month anniversary of the first time they kissed. But they know, deep down, if their man hon-

oured the occasion by purchasing the new perfume advertised in the latest edition of the most cutting edge fashion magazine, that would constitute suspicious, maybe even freakish, behaviour.

They don't want men to be interested in all the details of the relationship. Men are supposed to be ignorant to such issues. That's what makes them men. I, the hopeless, "Modern Day Romantic", therefore may be considered less than a man.

I don't sweat it, though, because I know, deep down, it takes a very big man to have his head in the clouds with his feet on the ground.

## Women don't want men to be interested in all the details of the relationship.

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# Another shocking shooting

MANEESH SEHDEV

The disturbing trend in youth violence has claimed yet another victim. In Flint, Michigan last Tuesday, six-year-old Kayla Rolland was shot and killed by a seven-year-old boy in her first grade class. Apparently, the two were involved in an argument the day before and the boy brought a .32 caliber handgun to school the next day to settle the score. During class, the boy pulled out the gun and shot Kayla once in the neck. She was then taken to a hospital but sadly there was nothing that could be done to save her.

While the death of an innocent child, no matter what the cause, is disturbing enough, it only aggravates the situation to know such a young child had access to a gun. President Clinton expressed shock over the

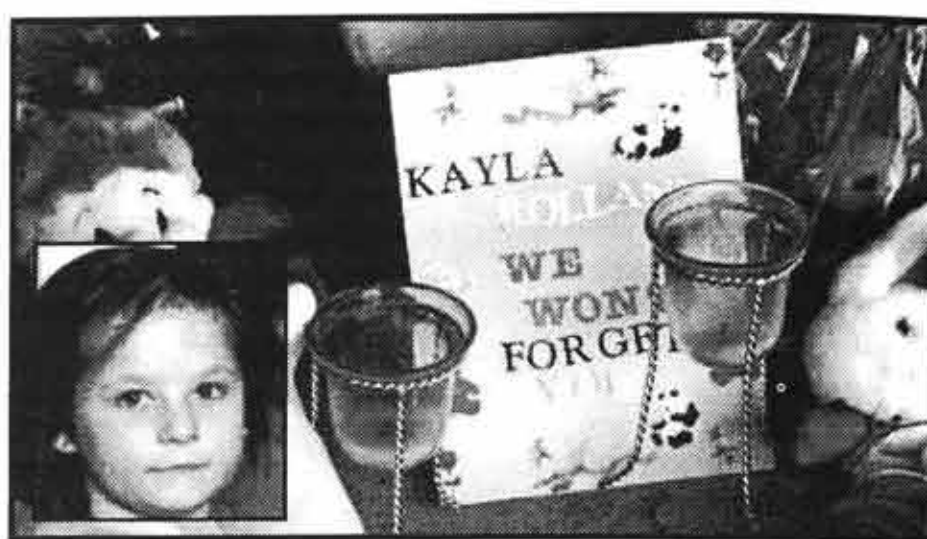
incident, saying "How did that child get that gun? Why could the child fire the gun?... If we have the technology today to put in these child-safety locks, why don't we do it?"

Apparently, the American President believes child-safety locks on guns would resolve the issue, forever protecting youths from the disturbing trend to which we have become witnesses. What would happen if the boy in Flint had brought the gun to school and pointed it at Kayla but could not fire it? Does that mean the issue is over? No. The fact still remains a seven-year-old child had access to a gun and was able to take it to school. Preventing a child from firing a gun is simply not good enough. Children must not have

access to guns at all.

An issue of concern with this story is the way it is being handled by the media. It has been reported the shooting took place at a school just outside Flint, while the truth is, in fact, the shooting took place at Buell Elementary, within the Flint Beecher school district.

This district is one in which 82 percent of children live below the official poverty line. It seems obvious that people surrounded by extreme poverty and with easy access to guns would lead to a situation such as this one. Even the children in Flint have



constitutional right to bear arms—right that was given to the American

people long before kids were killing other kids. Last year in Great Britain, where handguns

easy for the boy to get. But what about the boy? His father has pledged that once he is released from jail he will do what he can to help his boy, but he seems to be the only one interested in helping. Unfortunately, this situation has turned into a hunt for whom to punish rather than the wake up call it should be.

Flint is yet another town where people only give a damn once someone young has been killed. In a few more weeks, everyone will turn away from there to the next big story but what happens in the aftermath? Nothing will have changed.

Who mourns for Kayla Rolland? An innocent child who was not only the victim of yet another senseless shooting, but also a portrait of the decay that has degenerated American society. Do not expect Kayla to be the last child killed for the protection of a constitutional right.

## The punishment is not easy to determine.

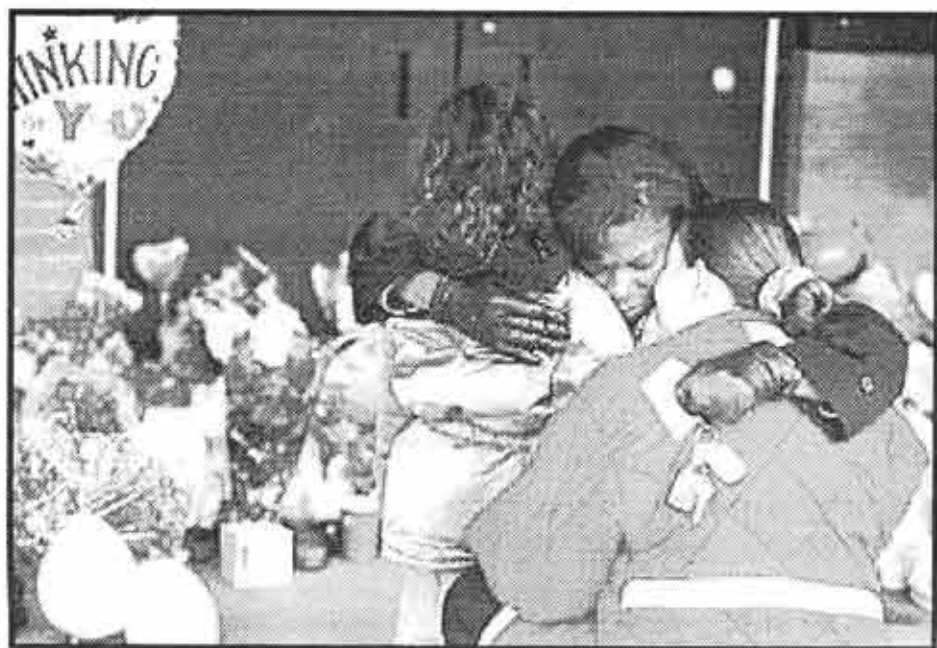
no hope. The boy himself is a victim, as investigators revealed the house he was living in contained drugs and frequently had people coming and going. The boy's father is currently in jail and has been in and out of prison for most of the young boy's life.

It's strange how this tragedy occurred at a time of growing political interest due to the upcoming American Presidential election. However, what happens once November has come and gone? Will there be any change or will things remain the same? John McCain and George W. Bush clearly state on their websites they have no plans to ban guns or make any laws opposing the

are totally banned, a grand total of 12 people were killed by handguns. Compare that with 16,000 handgun deaths in America last year. Hunting and most other "sport shooting" activities are performed with rifles. There is very little use for handguns other than for the injury of people.

The punishment for this crime is not easy to determine. The boy is too young to be charged and police are only interested in arresting the adults responsible for his possession of the gun.

A 19-year-old man has been charged with involuntary manslaughter because police say he left the gun in a place where it was



# The social logistics of no logos

SEAN GEOBEY & MANEESH SEHDEV

The twenty nine year-old Naomi Klein has already proven herself to be an impressive figure in the anti-corporate activist movement. Her widely read works, including her most recent book "No Logo", have brilliantly articulated the views of many young people forced to grapple with the present wave of corporate influence over global culture. Her lecture, and the book it was promoting, focused on a new social movement based on anti-corporate activism.

While not the most passionate speaker, her ideas were nonetheless engaging and thought-provoking.

She offered her views on how people have reacted to the subtle shift in power from governments to corporations. "We were starting to see a generation of activists who grew up taking for granted the idea that corporations were more powerful than governments...But rather than getting paralyzed by that idea, as so many traditional social movements have been paralyzed by this shift in power, they said 'ok, well, if that's where the power is, that's where we're going to go.'"

Klein adequately tied in recent events with interpretations of her book. "When you told me you had just written a book about the rise of anti-corporate activism,

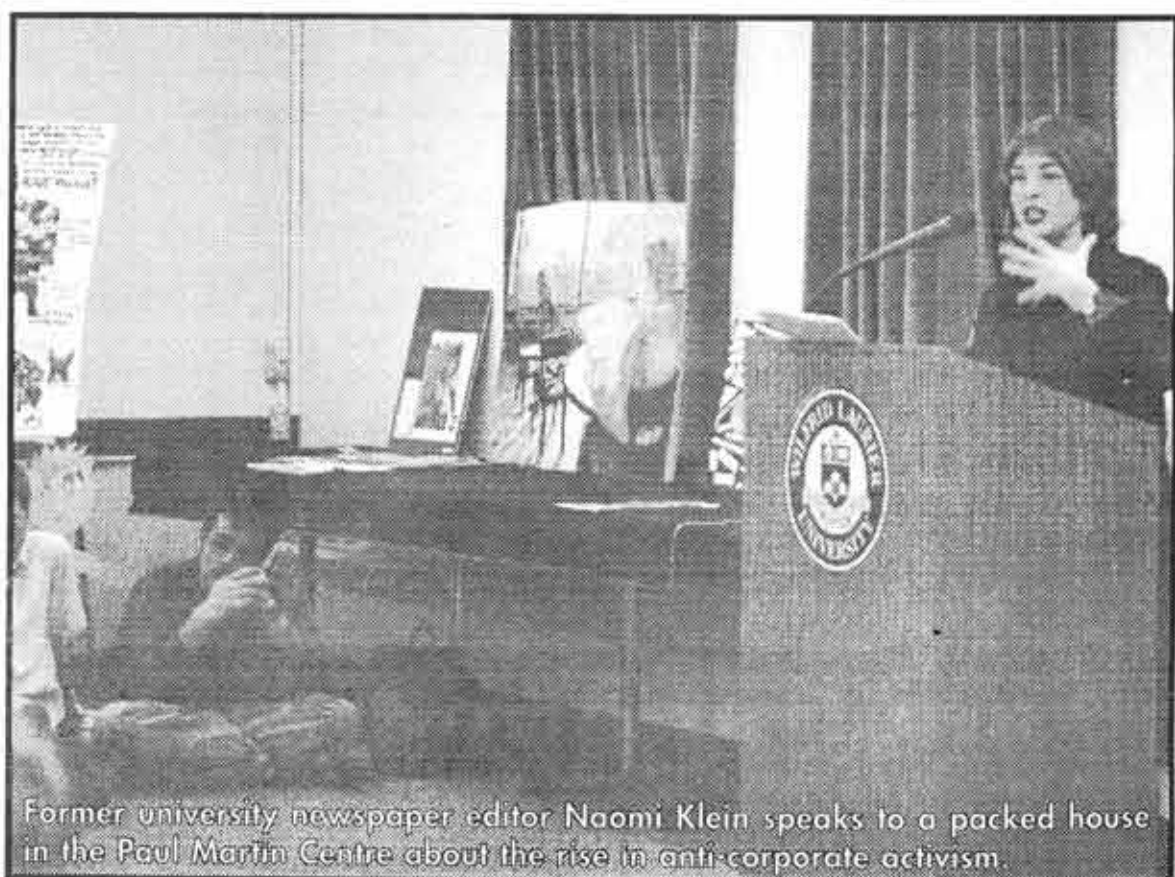
I was pretending to know what the hell you were talking about. But then I went home, turned on my television set and saw Seattle. Now I think I know," Klein was referring to the reaction to the huge protest against the World Trade Organization in Seattle a few months ago. "They did come together for a cause, and that cause was the multinational corporation."

Referring to recent trends in advertising and the impact of corporations, Klein commented: "traditionally it was products that were being branded... now it is we who are being branded."

Klein offered explanations for the way corporations and their products are increasingly becoming a part of our culture and how their survival has become dependent on this trend. "If you think of the brand as a balloon, because there's not much at the centre, then this process of absorbing cultural space is how it staves off its own deflation."

The rise in corporations as a part of our culture leads to monopolies, according to Klein. "What is good for branding is terrible for consumer choice... Microsoft, their branding as 'communication' led them to achieve the ultimate brand cocoon monopoly." Klein believes once this occurs, the corporation has taken control of our very lives. "The ultimate

The ultimate goal of lifestyle branding is to be that lifestyle.



Former university newspaper editor Naomi Klein speaks to a packed house in the Paul Martin Centre about the rise in anti-corporate activism.

mate goal of lifestyle branding is to be that lifestyle, a brand cocoon."

Klein moved on to cover corporations' tendency to outsource hundreds of foreign firms that become forced to compete with each other. "Competition among these firms is so fierce that work conditions, human rights, and even profit margins are minimal. This is not economic development."

Relating this to sweatshops in developing countries, she added "The horrible working conditions the young women in the developing world were faced with were tossed aside by officials as being temporary jobs that these young people would only have for a short period of

time." She went on to relate this to more domestic affairs by adding that this is "a lament surprisingly familiar to young North Americans who work in malls, movie theatres, or fast food outlets." Perhaps it is not as different in other countries as we once thought. She enforced this theory by pointing out how organizations like the Gap have unsecured non-union jobs for young women who work as both their prime producers and distributors.

Following Klein's lecture during the question period, The Cord was criticized by an audience member for carrying an advertisement placed by a tobacco company.



# Rigoberta Menchu

EYE ON HUMAN RIGHTS



RIGOBERTA MENCHU

MARLON MORENO

1992 was a quintessential year for the indigenous people of Guatemala. Rigoberta Menchu was the first indigenous woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. This award acknowledges the struggles of indigenous people not just in Guatemala but it extends borders where indigenous people are trying to recuperate and rescue their culture. It is a symbolic recognition of the victims of repression, racism and poverty, as well as a homage to native women.

Unfortunately, the story of

Rigoberta Menchu exemplifies the life story of most landless Indians in Guatemala. She was born into a poor Indian peasant family and raised in the Quiche branch of the Mayan culture. At the age of nine, she started to work in the plantation and as a domestic employee was never able to attend school.

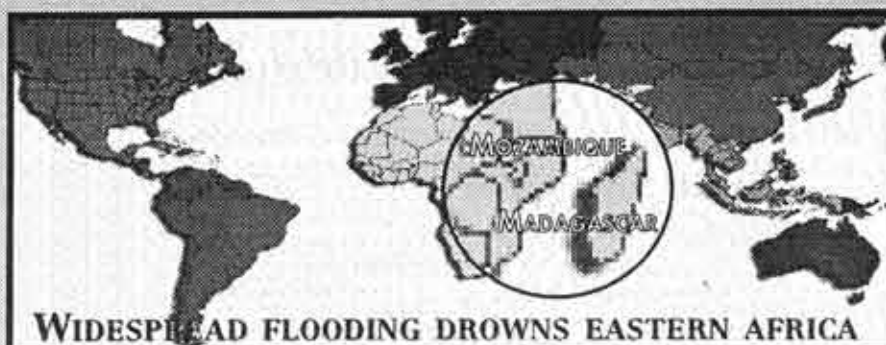
She has lived in the midst of injustices, misery and discrimination. Various members of her family were tortured and assassinated by the repressive armed forces. Her mother was abducted and raped repeatedly. Two of her brothers died on the plantation as a result of poisoning from

pesticides and malnutrition. Another brother was tortured and burned alive while his family watched. In 1980, Vicente, Rigoberta's father, became a leader in the peasant movement and he was later killed in a fire at the Spanish embassy while protesting violations of Human Rights abuses against natives.

In 1981, she became involved in the fight for native rights and had to leave in exile to Mexico where she organized peasant resistance movements and was a cofounder of the United Representation of the Guatemalan opposition. Despite her circumstances, Rigoberta Menchu educated herself and she has shown herself to be a natural leader of great intelligence.

Even today, it is incredulous to see the atrocities still go unpunished and the world generally blind to the situation. The Mayas, of the region around Guatemala, represent the first advanced indigenous community in the world. Today they are seen more or less as a disgrace to Guatemala. Nonetheless, Rigoberta Menchu has become a voice for the voiceless, and a national emblem of the struggle for human rights among indigenous peoples. Also through her peaceful means, she has become a national symbol of peace and reconciliation.

## WORLD WATCH



WIDESPREAD FLOODING DROWNS EASTERN AFRICA

Just when it seemed things couldn't get any worse for Southern Africa, nature struck. A cyclone, that passed over Madagascar and then Mozambique, brought with it torrential rainfall which has flooded the region, killing several hundred and displacing a million people.

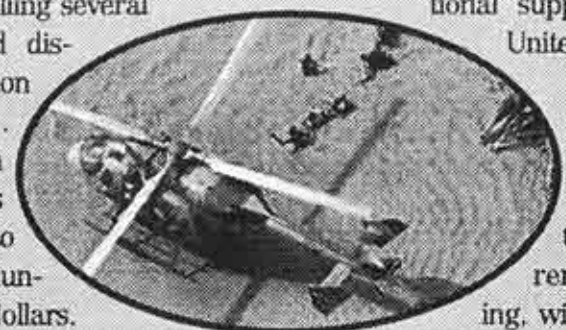
Damage from the flooding is expected to cost several hundred million dollars.

The aid provided to this recent disaster has been slow, garnering a slew of criticism, especially for Western nations. Despite the delay in response, current rescue efforts remain impressive, which boast a fleet of about 30 aircraft as well as numerous small craft. The

rescue effort consists of helicopters from South Africa as well as support from both U.S. and British helicopters. More help is on the way. Support from Germany, Spain and the EU is on the way as well as additional support from the United States.

Yet despite the concerted effort of these nations the task at hand remains daunting, with an estimated

10,000 people still waiting to be rescued. In the last four weeks 350 people are known to have died as a result of the flooding in not only Mozambique but also South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe. The real death toll is however, estimated in the thousands.



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# International Women's Day

## Striking around the world: Women take a stand

JULIA COEY

Afghanistan

### The Taliban and oppression

CHRISTINE CHERRY

Globally, all women face some form of gender discrimination, but the case can be made that none suffer as much as the women of Afghanistan. Since the Taliban militia took over the capital city of Kabul in September, 1996, women have been stripped of almost all of their rights. Virtual prisoners in their homes, these women are among the most oppressed of any group in the world.

Since the Taliban seizure of power only a very small percentage of Afghan women have been permitted to work, reducing some to begging in order to feed their children. Girls have been banned from attending school after the age of eight. Women are prohibited from leaving their homes unless accompanied by a close male relative. When they are able to leave the house women must cover themselves with the burqa (a garment covering the body from head to toe).

Women who have rebelled against the Taliban have suffered

severe repercussions for their defiance. Women who have left their home alone or without the burqa have been beaten or shot. For trying to flee Afghanistan in the company of a man who is not a close relative women have been stoned to death on charges of adultery.

The Feminist Majority Foundation reports an elderly woman being brutally beaten until her leg was broken because her ankle was showing beneath her burqa. Women are dying from treatable ailments because they can not receive proper medical treatment. The Physicians for Human Rights report 97 per cent of the Afghan women they surveyed show signs of major depression.

What makes the situation worse is prior to the Taliban takeover women in Afghanistan enjoyed some of the greatest freedoms in the Middle East. Fifty per cent of students, 60 per cent of teachers at Kabul University, 70 per cent of school teachers, 50 per cent of the civilian government workers, and 40

per cent of doctors were female.

The Taliban say they are following pure, fundamentalist Islamic ideology, however the 55-member Organization of Islamic Conference has refused to recognize the Taliban as Afghanistan's official government. The United Nations has refused to recognize the Taliban until women's rights are restored.

There has been recent concern about the possibility of improved relations between the United States and Taliban if the Americans release international terrorist Osama bin Laden. Groups such as the Feminist Majority Foundation and Amnesty International worry women's rights will be forgotten for the sake of international negotiations.

"If this was happening to any other class of people around the world, there would be a tremendous outcry," says Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation. "We must make sure these same standards are applied when it is women and girls who are brutally treated."



For leaving her home without the burqa, this woman is risking her life.

FILE PHOTO

March 8 marks the Global Women's Strike, but more importantly it represents a call for a millennium that values all women's work and women's lives. Women all over the globe are pausing to demand the work they do every day be considered just that – work.

The National Women's Council of Ireland proposed the Global Women's Strike, which was launched by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women earlier this year. The Global Women's Strike questions the need for any human suffering, regardless of gender or race.

Events are planned in countries on every continent, from the United States to Ghana. Women are holding demonstrations, conducting workshops, performing theatre and having parties. The resounding theme running through all of these events and voiced, on the Global Women's Strike Web site is when women stop, everything stops.

With so many countries participating in the international strike the methods of protest vary widely, but the demands are similar. Women are demanding things such as equal pay for equal work on a global scale, the recognition of labour within the home, and compensation as well as paid maternity leave.

Although the strike focuses on the important economical and social contributions women make, participants also recognize the need for a dramatic shift in the political agenda worldwide. Money given to the military globally far exceeds government spending in other areas, like health care. According to its own government estimates, the United States alone spent \$2-trillion on defense between 1982 and 1989. At the same time government programs have been cut, wages frozen and people all over the world do not have access to safe water.

The Global Women's strike aptly falls on International Women's Day. International Women's Day has a rich history dating back to March 8, 1857. It was on this day when garment workers in New York City protested against poor wages and working conditions.

Some 50 years later on March 8, 1908, 15,000 women protested in New York City demanding everything from shorter hours to an end to child labour. It was in May of that year that the first National Women's Day was designated for the final Sunday in February.

In 1910, it was suggested an International Women's Day be observed during a Socialist International Conference in 1910. The very first International Women's Day was held March 19, 1911. Tragically, a few days later the Triangle Fire occurred in New York City, killing 140 young female garment workers. This incident had a great impact on labour legislation concerning safety in the workplace as the Triangle Shirtwaist Company's negligence was blamed for the tragedy.

International Women's Day observers used the day to remember the horrendous working conditions preceding the fire. In Russia and Europe during this period, women were marking International Women's Day by supporting the peace movement. On February 23, 1917, Russian women went on strike for economic security and peace. Four days later, with the abdication of the Czar, women were given the right to vote by the new government.

Russia went by the Julian calendar, meaning February 23 translated to March 8 on the Gregorian calendar. Since that time International Women's Day has marked women's achievements while reminding us that we still have much to do to ensure equality for women everywhere. The United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women states that on average women are paid up to 40 per cent less for the same work as men and a leading cause of disability and death among women is rape and domestic abuse.

International Women's Day is a day when people everywhere should be remembering the struggles of the past, and looking towards a brighter future, but it should also be a celebration of women's achievements.



## Latin America

# Changing the value of women's work



Unappreciated and desperately poor: The forgotten women of Latin America

CHRISTINE CHERRY

As the women of Brazil increase their participation in the paid-labour market, concerns have arisen over occupational hazards and their effects on women's health. Also, Brazilian women have not experienced a significant decrease in their child-rearing and domestic responsibilities. The consequences to women's health from this double or triple workday are beginning to be noticed.

According to the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network, women made up 35.6 per cent of the labour force in Brazil in 1990. Seventy per cent of the increase between 1981 and 1990 was a result of increased participation in unskilled manual occupations.

Women's wages were substantially lower than those of men in the same occupation with the same education and same number of hours. Women are frequently streamlined into occupations deemed to require 'feminine characteristics,' such as patience and tolerance of monotonous situations.

Increases in the light manufacturing output of Latin American countries has provided jobs for women in the automation and computer industries. A study carried out at a Salvador clinic for occupational health showed 80 per cent of women at the clinic suffered from repetitive stress injury. Women also suffer from early aging, tension and anxiety due to their unacknowledged level of responsibility, demand for constant availability, contact with the public and the lack of acknowledgement they receive for the work they perform.

The women of Brazil have not experienced a

decrease in the amount of work they are required to perform within the home. Women increasingly must learn to coordinate child-rearing and other household duties with outside work. They find themselves performing two to three times as much labour as the men of their families according to the LAC Women's Health Network.

While both forms of work are essential to family survival, women are not provided with sufficient amounts of time to regain their energy and strength. In addition, 'women's work' is not recognized in a country's GDP, devaluing the actual contributions of women to society.

Bias against the health concerns of Latin American women exists. The World Health Organization has recognized that work-related illnesses and a large portion of health problems suffered by female workers are not considered occupational hazards. This can affect women's rights to health benefits and sick leave.

Progress is being made in the form of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean 1995-2001. Developed by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the program recognizes "insufficient coverage of health care services for women, failure to adapt these services to women's needs and cultural orientation, and a lack of information programmes to alert to health risks, a situation aggravated by the growing privatization of such services."

Strategic actions have been outlined to deal with the lack of information on how women deal with poverty, the failure to recognize motherhood as a social responsibility, the need for increased recognition of the economic value of women's unpaid work, and to provide services to help the women of Latin America meet their basic needs.

## India

# Feminist action saving the environment

AYESHA COOSEMANS

Imagine you are a 16-year-old girl in rural India. Imagine every day you must provide food, fuel and water for your family in addition to performing your regular cooking, cleaning and children-rearing duties. However, like most women in your village, it takes seven hours to collect enough fuel for the day because wood is hard to come by.

It wasn't always this way. Young women are often reprimanded by their aunts and mothers-in-law because it takes much longer to collect fuel than it did for older generations. Due to unrealistic expectations and pressures placed on these women, many have tied themselves together in groups of two or three and jumped into rivers to drown.

In pre-colonial times, Indian forests were abundant and green, retained great water sources, prevented erosion and provided for the physical and spiritual needs of the people. For instance, Tapovanans (where Hinduism originated) were forest schools where people learned about their spirituality. Trees were worshipped as images of the great Earth Mother throughout Indian history.

When the British arrived this relationship with nature was threatened. Forests were cleared to build ships, the national railway and to

provide land for settlers. "Social forestry" involving the cultivation of non-native eucalyptus trees was later started. This "miracle tree" or "green gold" transformed large sections of land into deserts, leading to food shortages and drought.

Indian men worked in the forest industry, which served to undermine the women's work. It also created a situation in which families became more dependent on and subservient to the colonial-imperialist system.

The increasingly difficult circumstances lead women to rebel. In

1965, the Chipko movement was created. Chipko, meaning "to hug," referred to embracing trees to save them. The movement originated in the northern areas of India and eventually spread south. Villagers entered the forests, sometimes with drums, and protected

trees by surrounding them until the foresters retreated. As a result of Chipko efforts, the government took responsibility and created commercial bans on green felling.

As the Chipko movement developed it became a feminist organization. In recent years, the action by these women has lead the government to create programs to empower women in rural communities. These programs encourage women to run for local governing bodies and train in public speaking, legal rights and health issues.

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# Female circumcision and women's health

HOLLY WAGG

About 120 million girls and women worldwide have been subjected to female genital mutilation, according to the World Health Organization. Approximately 44 countries, such as Pakistan, Sudan, Jordan and Brazil, currently engage in the practice of female genital mutilation, also known as female circumcision.

Social, cultural and religious beliefs are often cited as support for the continuation of this practice. In the West, female circumcision is considered to be a practice of mutilation.

There are three types of genital mutilation. The operations are usually performed with unsterile, even rusty knives, splinters of glass or

razors. Female circumcision is supported by men who believe a woman worthy of marriage is an honourable woman; honourability being maintained through the preservation and proof of virginity.

Men pay a higher dowry for women who have been circumcised. The father of the girl usually pays for the operation, while a grandmother, aunt or other female relative arranges the operation. Women perpetuate this practice actively, as they are seen to be in control, while men are the silent partners with their refusal to marry an uncircumcised girl. Many women in these countries cannot survive without the protection offered by marriage.

Some common misconceptions

about female circumcision are it improves or ensures feminine hygiene, prevents still births, eliminates diseases, protects against rape, keeps women faithful and loyal to husbands, protects against infertility and reduces the desire for sex.

The greatest concerns with the practice of female circumcision are with respect to health. In the process of reconstructing female genitalia, girls may be subjected to shock, hemorrhage and/or extreme pain and infection, all which can lead to death. In the long term, women may be affected by urinary problems, obstruction of menstrual flow, painful sexual intercourse, chronic pelvic infections leading to infertility and difficult childbirth.



Lesotho women in traditional dress en route to a female circumcision ritual.

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# Will work for money

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YVONNE FARAH

Looking for summer employment is a job unto itself. If you have already begun the search, you will know it is for the majority of people, a task that takes a significant amount of time and effort.

The entire process begins by focusing your job search in a particular area of the job market. By narrowing your search, it will enable you to apply for positions you are

qualified for and interested in. Therefore, if you are interested in a government summer internship, then you will not waste your time and energy on filling out applications for clothing stores.

The next step is to polish up your resume so it will impress your future employer. The majority of students will already have a resume in either hard copy or disk form. Take your present resume and revamp it in a positive manner. Look for books and

pamphlets on the matter to get some constructive ideas. The way a resume looks can make a huge impact on anyone hiring you, so make sure it looks polished and professional. The most important thing is to make sure your resume does not contain any spelling or grammar mistakes. Nothing way barriers in your place to employment like a future employer having to correct the spelling and grammar on the resume you are asking them to take

the time to read.

It is said today's job seekers must be more innovative and take more initiative in reaching out to employers. This means taking a more direct and aggressive role in the job search.

Therefore, you should make contact with your prospective employer in order to get an interview.

This means if they have the position advertised in the newspaper, in community listings or even on the Internet, you should look to

gain as much background information and research about that particular position and organization.

If for instance, you were looking to apply for a temporary position in a large multi-national corporation, try to find some information about them. This may enable you to make a connection with the person you are speaking with in order to get an interview.

If you are not applying for an advertised position, then you could be taking a risk by pounding the pavement without anything to show for it.

However, if you have the time and opportunity to go around knocking on doors (well, not literally) then do so effectively. When dropping off a

resume or an application, make sure it gets to the right person. Although it may be a difficult process, important information must be given to a person who will do something with that information. If you are looking to

So this will make your job search smoother and less stressful

apply to a large corporation employing many people, giving your application or resume to the first person you see may not be the best course of action because it may end up in a pile of papers, or even worse, in the recycling bin. So this will make

your job search smoother and less stressful.

The interview process is another important skill that needs to be mastered by anyone and everyone. Some key things to remember when being interviewed are confidence, competence and positive energy. Employers are looking for people who are all of these things and more.

In conclusion, take the initiative to get out and look for that perfect summer dream job. If you need information during the process of job searching then take the opportunity to go to Career Services. It is a good place to investigate what jobs are available and how to develop the skills you will need in getting those jobs.

## Mobile fashion

MUNIRA RAWJI

Not only does Fashion 'N' Motion offer amazing choreography, it also showcases something else Laurier has to offer - style. Real clothes worn by real people; that is what is on display at this year's show.

Although you will not see any runway modeling, you will see, Laurier students wearing clothing brought to you by local Kitchener-Waterloo sponsors.

Now you probably will not see anything similar to the Versace number worn by Jennifer Lopez to the Grammys, but you will find clothing you can actually wear to class, the Turret and Will's, without the aid of double-sided tape. How else do you think that dress stayed in place?

Fashion 'N' Motion is not only an opportunity to see Laurier students dance the night away but it is also a great place to see what is now being offered in the world of fashion.

So what is all the hype about fashion? This year, all clothing was hand picked by Laurier fashion experts and brought to you by stores you would actually shop in. The volunteers involved in the selection of the clothes used in the show were mindful of the fact students may want actually purchase the clothing featured.

Therefore, the clothes featured in the show are wearable. Best of all,



Maneesh getting his fashion on

since some of the clothes are brought to you by local merchants, they are also easily accessible.

The clothing used in the presentation is from small independent stores, such as The Patch in uptown Waterloo, and larger chain stores, such as the Bay. Therefore, there is a definite mix of the types of clothes and their prices.

By attending the show you prob-

ably will not see the hottest clothes from the European runway but you will see what is hot on the street.

Fashion is what you make of it and the clothes you wear are an expression of yourself.

If you do decide to attend the show, try not to get distracted by the dancing and look out for all of the clothing showcased.

# Strange

1. In 500 B.C. males tied off their left testicle because it was believed the right testicle would produce male infants, considered more valuable.
2. The Statue of Liberty, without its pedestal, weighs 225 tonnes. That's as heavy as 45 elephants.
3. The Giant African snail is one of the largest snails in the world. The snail, about the size of a baseball, has 80,000 teeth.
4. On most human hands, the length of the middle finger is exactly the same as the width of the hand.
5. According to a scientific study, hard rock music makes termites chew through wood at twice their regular speed.
6. Air Force One, the jet that transports the president of the United States has a conference room that converts into an operating room.
7. The painter Pablo Picasso treasured more than his canvasses. He saved all his nail clippings and locks of hair.
8. A pig's orgasm lasts for approximately thirty minutes.
9. Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.
10. More than 350 million M&M's are consumed each day.

# But True



# 411 on H<sub>2</sub>O

MANEESH SEHDEV

With warmer weather and sweatier clothes heading our way, one must know WLU's water fountain situation! Therefore, I decided to go around campus testing each water fountain in search of the best ones! Here's what I found on a scale of one to five:

## DAWB

1st floor, by escalator: cool temp., high arc. 4

2nd floor: low arc, cool temp., some cheek run-off. 3

3rd floor: low arc, cool temp., some cheek run off. 3

4th floor: button on front, medium arc, cool temp. 4

5th floor: medium arc, warm temp. 3

## Aird Building

Outside TA: high arc, cool temp. 3

2nd floor, near A219: low arc, cool temp. 3

2nd floor, near A222: very low arc, cool temp, cheek run-off. 2

3rd floor, near Lounge: high arc, cool temp. 4

3rd floor, near 316A: high arc, cold temp. 5

4th floor, near A431: warm temp., medium arc. 2

4th floor, near A420: very low arc,

warm temp., cheek run-off. 1

5th floor: high arc, thick flow, warm temp. 2.5

## Arts Building

Hall between Concourse and 1E1, outside computer lab: knob flips, low arc, warm temp. 2

Hall between Arts building and Peter's building, outside IC10: knob flips, medium arc, warm temp. 2

Outside Paul Martin Centre: low arc, warm temp. 1

2nd floor: knob flips, warm temp., low arc. 1

3rd floor: knob flips, high arc, thick flow, cool temp. 4

## Peter's Building

1st floor, near P1035: thick flow, water runover, warm temp. 3

1st floor, near P1017: thick flow, high arc, cool temp. 5

2nd floor, near P2005: low arc, warm temp. 2

2nd floor, near elevator: very low arc, warm temp., cheek run-off. 1

3rd floor, near P3117: unbroken double dial, thick flow, high arc, cool temp. 4

3rd floor, near elevator: high arc, thick flow, cold temp. 5

## Library

1st floor, near L125: broken!! 0

2nd floor: warm temp., high arc. 2.5

3rd floor: warm temp., high arc. 2.5

4th floor: knob flips, low arc, warm temp. 1

5th floor: thick flow, high arc, cool temp. 3.5

6th floor: high arc, warm temp. 2.5

7th floor: double handle, warm temp. 3

## Seminary

Basement: high arc, warm temp. 2

1st floor: knob flips, low arc, warm temp. 1

2nd floor: high arc, warm temp. 2

3rd floor: medium arc, warm temp. 3

4th floor: medium arc, cool temp. 4

5th floor: high arc, cold temp. 5

6th floor: medium arc, warm temp. 3

7th floor: medium arc, warm temp. 3

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1 part Dry Gin  
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1 part Cherry Brandy

Mix with ice and strain in a cocktail glass.

### Yellow Morning

1 part Crème de Banana  
1 part Cherry Herring  
1 part Cognac

Layer this drink in the order listed. Start with Crème de Banana on the bottom and finish with Cognac on top.

### Zipperhead

1 part Vodka  
1 part Chambord  
1 part Club Soda

Combine in a shot glass with the Club Soda on top.

### Zorbanti

1 1/2 oz. Vodka  
1/4 oz. Ouzo

Stir gently with ice and strain. Garnish with a green Olive.

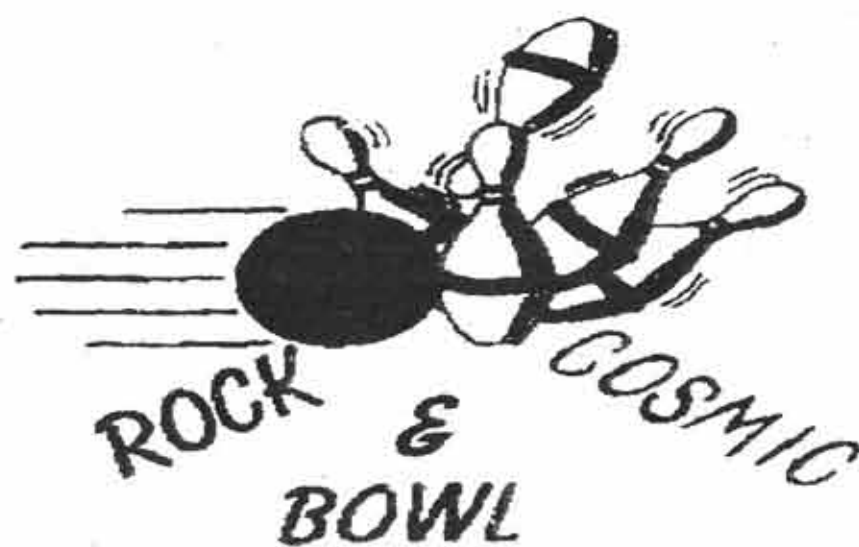


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# Sports

## Lady Hawks done good

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VANESSA KING

The lady Golden Hawks basketball season has come to an end for yet another season, losing record and all. Yet this one stands out compared to many other seasons of late. The girls finished the season with one of their best records in the past five years. Because of this, I felt that a generous recap of the girls' season was in order.

### Vs. McMaster:

Probably one of the tougher teams that the Hawks faced this season, a team on the rise, Mac was the thorn in the Hawk's side. With a record of 0-3 against the Marauders, McMaster tended to overpower Laurier in every meeting, downing the Hawks by 20 points on average.

"Although McMaster isn't in the CIAU Top 10", said Stu Julius, back in November, "they have a very strong team this year." Too strong for Laurier. Put it this way- if you were at a race track and wanted a sure win? Bet on the Marauders.

### Vs. Windsor:

One of two teams that Laurier defeated in both matches, Windsor was probably one of the most evenly matched teams the Hawks played all season. In their first meeting, Laurier beat the Lancers by twelve. The second meeting saw a similar score with Laurier on top.

### Vs. Guelph

The achilles heel of the Golden Hawks. The Gryphons were one of those teams that Laurier always

came close to beating, but never edged out as the winner. In all meetings, Guelph hung on for the win in the final few seconds of the game, by no more than five points- nail biters; migraine instigators; piss-offs.

### Vs. Lakehead

The team that sat last in the standings was no doubt an easy win for the Hawks. Although they lost their first game, Laurier walked all over the Voyageurs in their second and third meetings, defeating the team from up North by almost twenty points each game. Not that the Hawks took the team lying down. Remarking on the matches that Julius and his team faced in early February, the coach said: "We've got to really work hard this week...having five days to work on our strategy

is really going to make a difference."

### Vs. Brock

A team that Laurier just couldn't beat. Not that they didn't come close, but they just couldn't hold on. This was the yo-yo team. Sometimes the score was close; sometimes it was a blow out. You never could predict which way the score was going to lean (what's important is that it never leaned completely in Laurier's favour).

### Vs. Waterloo

The gals from down the street really should have been ours. We won one of the three meetings, but really should have won at least two of the games. The game in question, again, came down to the final few plays, which found Laurier falling apart. You have to feel for the team.

### So how did they fare?

Much better than last season. Newly hired Coach Stu Julius, who previously held his coaching job at Lakehead, was brought in to light a fire under this team. He saw the girls win 6 of a possible 20 games -- a record for Laurier's lady Hawks, reflecting how bad things have been over the past few seasons.

### Why didn't they win more?

I'm not a coach, but I'd have to say that from my seat in the bleachers, in game situations, the Hawks lacked the steam to hold on to their lead. Most games came down to the final few plays, and the final few seconds and could have gone either

way. Unfortunately, in most situations, they went the way of the opposing team. It was a matter of plays falling apart, or the ball just not finding the hoop. They'd be up in the first half and would fall apart in the second. During the first half of the season, Laurier was "finding their groove", but by the time the second half of the season rolled around, they were losing starters and key players due to injuries and the flu. The team that couldn't find a break.

### Who stood out?

Examining the various articles I wrote throughout the year, one name stands out in every issue - rookie Christa Lodge. Lodge was the rock of the team. She was consistent in scoring points for the team, and displayed an incredible amount of poise on the court for a first year player.

A player who always had her heart and head in the game. Other names that stood out? Stephanie Nadalin, one of the team's experienced players, was always there to add her points to the scoreboard; Hrkac and Megan Oikawa, both second year players, were always surfaced when extra offense or defense was needed.

Overall, the lady Golden Hawks had a very respectable season. Though they lost early in the playoffs, making it that far was a feat in itself for which the girls should be congratulated. Keep your eye out for the 2000-2001 Golden Hawks- this team is only moving up from here.

## WLU to host OUA Final

WLU is preparing to host the 2000 OUA Men's Hockey Final Four this weekend at the Clarica Arena in Waterloo. One team representing each of the Far West, Mid West, Mid East and Far East divisions of the OUA will be in town this weekend to compete for the Queen's Cup.

Returning this year for another run at the OUA finale are the defending champion University of Quebec Trois Rivières (UQTR) Patriotes as well as the York Yeomen. Joining them will be the Queen's Golden Gaels as well

as the Western Mustangs, fresh off a series win against the Golden Hawks.

The first semi-final on Saturday will see UQTR face off against the Golden Gaels at 2:00pm. Western will then face York in the second semi, set to begin at 7:00pm. Both games will be televised on Rogers Cable TV, while the Championship game will be televised on ONTV, Sunday at 2:00pm.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 886-2375.

## Western Wins

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With the loss of Kearns and another solid blue-liner in Mike Little, the defence is going to be even weaker. Martindale is confident that other players like Andrew Hamilton can step up, but it will require a lot of work in the off-season. It is going to take a special commitment to make next year's team more consistent, particularly with the loss of some key players.

Despite all the negatives, the season was not a total loss. The Hawks still finished with a winning record, and showed signs of strong play many times throughout the season. They were obviously happy with their win over Windsor in the playoffs and the close series that they played against Western.

There were a number of players who stood out throughout the year and were key reasons for Laurier's success. Martin Kearns played his fifth year for the Golden Hawks, and made his final year his best season. The captain was the team's biggest physical presence and was on the ice a great deal with the Hawks' other defensive standout, Eric Ballantyne. Ballantyne also logged a lot of ice time for the team this year because of his mobility and ability to move the puck up the ice.

Another player who had an outstanding year for the Hawks was Jeff Ambrosio. Ambrosio scored plenty of important goals

during the year, including the goal that forced overtime against Western. He was named a first team All-Star for his play this year.

Martindale expects that Western will be the team to beat again next year and that the Golden Hawks are going to need to work hard in the off-season. They will also have to improve their recruiting so they can be as deep as the Mustangs and so they will not have to rely so heavily on a smaller number of players.

With the loss of a number of important players this year, it could be a difficult season next year. However, looking back on the 1999-2000 season it is safe to say that the Hawks were a good hockey team, and finished with a strong playoff showing against Windsor and Western. Hopefully next year the Hawks can finally beat Western, and win the OUA Far West.



What else can we say? They lost.

Last week an article was accredited to Heather Allen when it was, in fact, written by Bob Woodcock. This mistake occurred as a result of nothing more than the Sports Editor's ignorance, illiteracy and basic stupidity. The Cord regrets the error, and also ever hiring the silly excuse for an editor.

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ROANNA MILLAR

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### March Madness at Laurier

Forget the NCAA tournament! The Men's A Basketball League could give Kentucky a run for their money (alright, maybe not!), but Tuesday nights between 8 and 10pm in the A.C. are full of excitement. This year the talent in the A League abounds, which should make for an interesting set of play-offs. The league consists of about 9 or 10 teams, 6 of which are incredibly close in skill and talent. Some of the talent include ex-Varsity players, but the "Carpet Cleaners" are one team that remain undefeated despite not having any of these former Hawks.

For those of us who are slightly less skilled there is also a Men's B League that runs on Monday nights. So if you're interested in seeing some great basketball talent, the A.C. on a Tuesday night is where you want to be. To keep up to date on statistics and team status check out our web-site at [www.laurierathletics.com](http://www.laurierathletics.com).



# OUA Bronze, Not too shabby

RUTH STADELMAYER

Going to the games and recording what happened was easy, but when it came to putting the women's hockey games into something that seemed appealing to the reader it became a different story all together. Sure, I had an interest in the game, but I really didn't have a clue!

For my first few stories I had to resort to getting help with the hockey terms and catchy phrases; however I did not need help writing about how the women of Laurier played an amazing season. It doesn't take a hockey expert to recognize the dedication and determination that each player and the coaching staff demonstrated during the gruelling five month season.

The season began with a new head coach, Bill Bowker, a new rookie line and many veterans that were no doubt unsure of where the season would take them. Last year the Lady Hawks were extremely successful and finished by winning the gold medal at the OUA championships. It

would certainly be a hard act to follow; however the team brought WLU to a level that all of their fans could be proud of. With contributions from some of the best players in the league and a strong coaching staff, the season ended strongly with a win over the York Yeowomen in the bronze medal game at the OUA championships.

The success of this year's women's hockey team can be accredited to the exceptional players who have been recognized throughout the province and even the country.

One such player is a graduating student who has greatly contributed to the team. Captain Caroline Hall was honoured with a place among the second team all-stars in the OUA. This recognition was a result of Hall's on ice domination as she would skate down the rink with apparent ease and strength. Her ability to lead the offensive rush into the oppo-

nent's zone made her a constant threat to the Hawks opposition.

In terms of scoring, Jackie Grahek clearly dominated the second half of the season. The entire season, however, was led by Lisa

Backman who scored an astounding 37 points throughout the year including 25 goals in only 20 games. Therefore it was not surprising to hear that Lisa Backman of the Golden Hawks received all-Canadian for the second year in a row. She was

also rated as the second leading scorer in the CIAU trailing only Concordia's Corinne Swirsky who for the last three years has ranked #1. Backman may not be rated #1 in the country, but, as top scorer in the league, she certainly is in the OUA.

In defensive play the award goes to Joyce Torrington. She was the second Laurier player along with Backman to be acknowledged as an OUA first team all-star, but in this case it was for her phenomenal goal tending and defensive skills. Bowker stated that Torrington provided the solid backbone for the team. It was these skills of Torrington that led

Laurier to their 14-7-2 season.

For some, this '99-2000 season was only the beginning. It marked the beginning of a four year journey. For others; however, it was the conclusion. The graduating players, Mel Rahn, Marie Hahn, Kim Shillington, Caroline Hall, and Heather Warren will leave five large spots to fill next year for the Golden Hawks team. It would seem that Coach Bowker will have another challenge on his hands, but he hopes to "pick up next season where this one left off."

There is nothing quite like watching Laurier go up against Guelph in the OUA championships, as they did against everyone all year, with their intensity, action and historical rivalry. Hopefully next season will be as exciting as this year.

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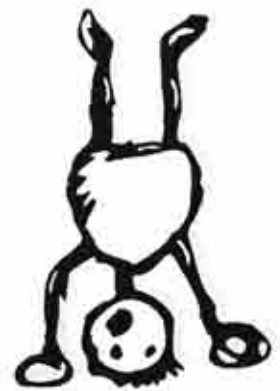
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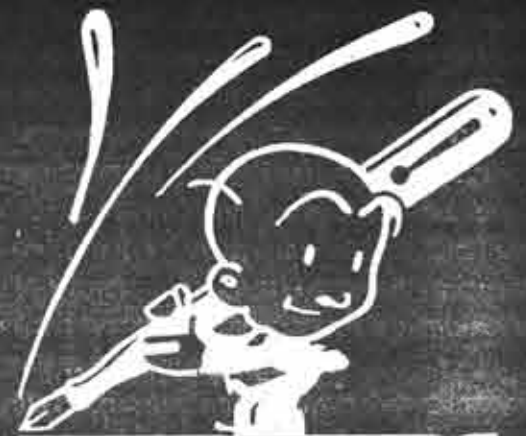
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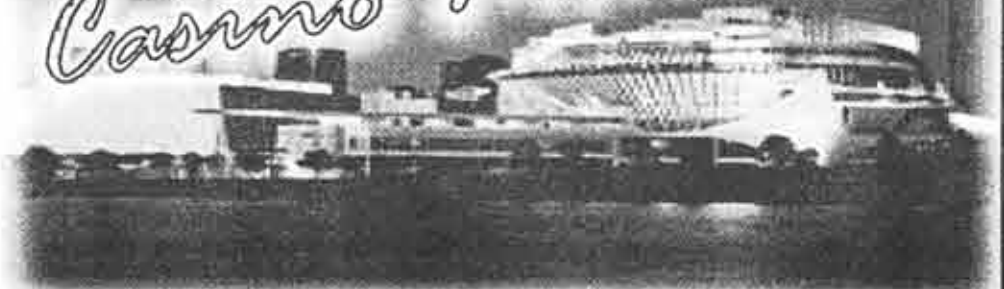
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# Keepin' it Moist



Gasoline in his head? I don't think so. But he sure is beautiful.

REAGAN HAIRE

Thumping floors and rocking riffs shook the University of Waterloo's Federation Hall this past Saturday night. Moist was a fabulous show with many in attendance.

The lineup outside Fed Hall stretched down the walkway outside

and around the building. Some attendees were none too happy as we walked past the line to get inside.

Entering the building, heaps of Moist paraphernalia, such as t-shirts, were on sale. Sound checks were heard in the background while people quickly secured spots around the floor and upper level to view the

concert.

As opening band, The Matt Osborne Band, finished up their set, the crowd began to chant, "Moist! Moist!", in a unified effort to bring the Vancouver-based band out on stage.

All of a sudden, the lights dimmed and the faint outlines of

Moist could be seen walking on stage. The huge roar from the fans confirmed they had arrived. The light show began and the band members were lit up. The show was beginning.

Although they are Kingston, ON natives, the band met and formed in Vancouver, BC.

The group was complete with the addition of drummer, Paul Wilcox, and the band's career was underway.

Moist currently has two CDs out, with the promotion of their latest, *Mercedes Five and Dime*, in the works.

The band will be starting a western Canada tour with many shows booked in Alberta and British Columbia.

Lead singer, David Usher, gave an extremely energetic performance as he jumped around the stage.

Bass guitar player, Jeff Pearce, rocked alongside Usher and had a couple close call kicks to one of the bouncer's heads.

As well, Usher made a point of encouraging his fans to body surf and to touch him as he came up to the front of the stage numerous times.

Drummer, Paul Wilcox, got the crowd going towards the end of the show as he stood up and started to

wave his arms from side to side motioning for the crowd to do the same. It was certainly an energetic show the whole way through.

Moist played a repertoire of about fifteen songs which included, *Push*, *Silver*, and their new song *Underground*, as one of the two encores.

Besides promoting *Mercedes Five and Dime*, the band will be attending the Juno's where they are nominated for three awards.

In the near future, for those out there who wish to see an upcoming show, Moist will be at *Big Bucks Mountain Lodge* on Monday, March 6th, in Burlington.

Anyone interested in keeping up with the band can

check out their website at [www.moist.ca](http://www.moist.ca), which gives a detailed newsletter and calendar of the band's upcoming shows.

Or, if you like, you can get in touch with the band yourself and e-mail them at [moist@moist.ca](mailto:moist@moist.ca).

The band created their website themselves and they take an active role in updating it and writing back to fans.

Bottom line: If they are back in town again soon, or near you somewhere, don't miss Moist, they know how to give a concert!

The band is nominated for three Juno awards this year.

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## On the live music scene in K-W

BRENT HAGERMAN

"What I'm doing is not in style and I give less and less of a shit about that as time goes by."

This is something of a manifesto for local spoken word artist and singer/songwriter Scott Wicken who believes in "organic music" - you know, the stuff that used to be made with real instruments, real people, "reel" hiss and real mistakes.

Wicken is one of the many talented musicians you can check out any night of the week in K-W. He's a bit of a chameleon when it comes to trying to pigeon hole his music, but for the sake of introductions let's say he's groovable folk, lyrically intelligent, witty and almost always improvisational.

The Waterloo native spent five years on the Edmonton music scene where he recorded his CD *Something Wicken This Way Comes*, an album of spoken word performance, acoustic folk and tasty funky rock.

Since his triumphant return to K-W a few years ago, Scott can be seen and heard most Monday nights at The Raintree Café's jam, which he often hosts and at many bars, cafés and coffee houses where original poetry and music is appreciated.

While Wicken comes from a spoken word

background he has become known more for his musical rants and ramblings about everything from escaping "Bumtown" Ontario to humorous self-indulgent drinking binges.

He can seduce you with beautiful melodies and memories and then cut you with irony and cynicism using only an acoustic guitar and a keen poetic tongue.

You never know what you are going to get with Wicken. It could be a night of smokey tales of booze and bus stations or a stoic session of poetry. More often than not you'll get it all.

His opinions are never masked yet are also never forced. When talking about the process of making music he is quick to point out, "Music to me is not about selling a product."

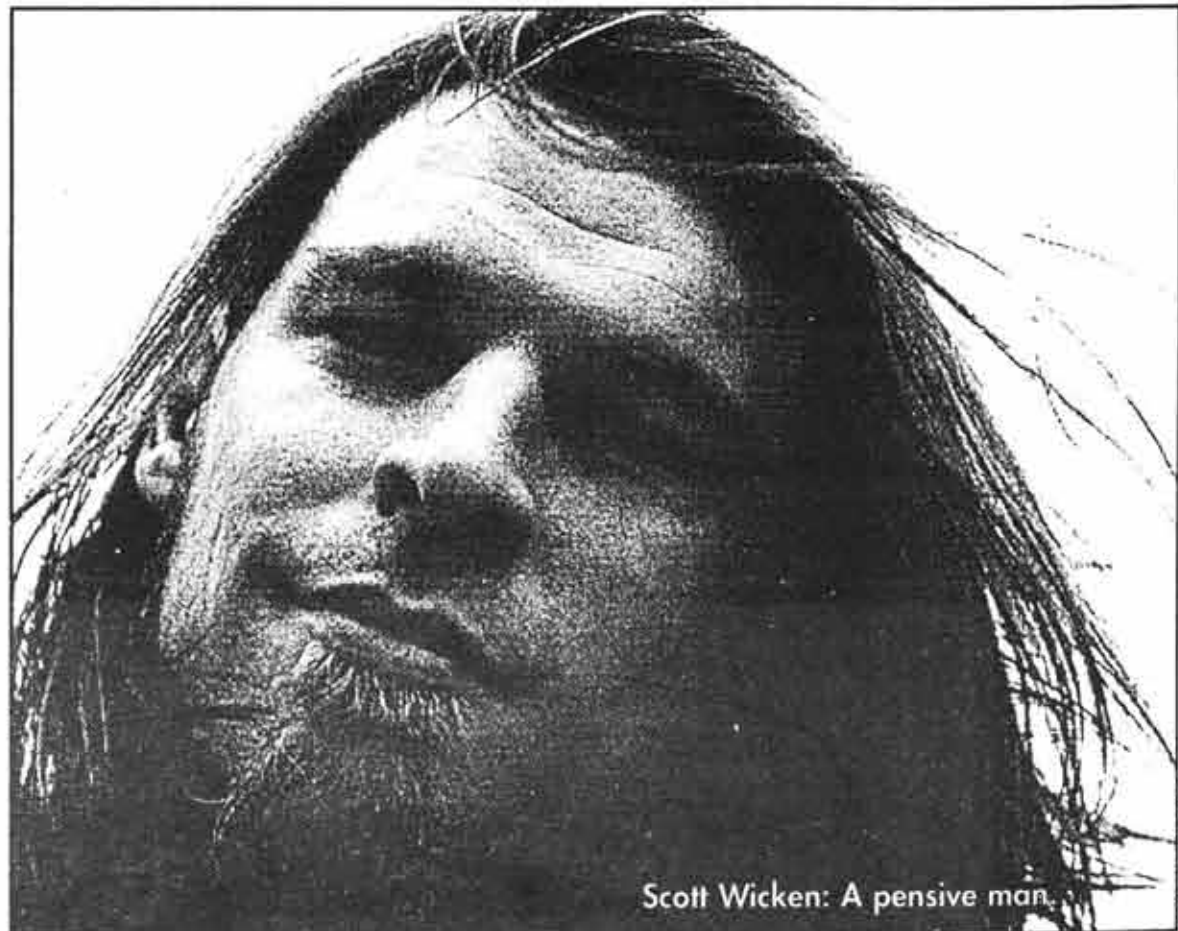
Although his music stretches across many genres he is grounded in the folk mentality - "I'm folk, I play music within my community, for my community, based on

things I see in my community."

Wicken is a strong solo performer but tends to shine with a bit of extra gleam when playing with his band, who these days is made up of drummer Paul McInnis, rotating bass players, and often anyone else he can get his hands on.

He likes open-ended unrehearsed live interaction between artists and this results in what he terms "musical conversation" among he and his sidemen - a constant creation, not

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Scott Wicken: A pensive man.

regurgitation.

A Scott Wicken show is as much about listening to what he's saying as it is grooving along with the sounds and the spaces.

Wicken recently completed a video for Bravo! that accompanies a poem of his entitled *Where do the Souls of Children Go?* It features the artist reliving childhood memories and highlights his strengths as a descriptive lyricist.

He is currently working on his next album in his homemade studio and is torn at the moment between producing a raw, live 2-track solo acoustic CD or producing a full band

album that would allow for more energy and experimentation.

I would encourage anyone interested in poetry and tight songwriting check out a Scott Wicken show if you haven't already.

Scott will be playing at La Luna (Hamilton) Thur. March 9th, The Black Forest Coffeehouse (St Paul's College, UW) Sat. March 11th, and the Raintree Café Fri. March 24th.

Brent Hagerman loves local talent. He is local talent. He and his buddies are so talented, you wouldn't believe it.

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# Restaurants and Restrooms a bit!

JENY NUSSEY

As the music and lights dimmed, Sam Varteniuk took the stage, front and centre, to deliver A Public Apology.

Thus began Restaurants and Restrooms etc., a combination of skits, monologues and music put on by the Laurier Theatre Collective last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The show began with an apology and ended with an orgasm. It took place in the new Studio Theatre at 65 Lodge Street was energetic and entertaining.

Material was performed, directed and in many cases written by members of the Theatre Collective. The eighteen short pieces fit

together well although the mood ping-ponged between silly and serious.

After the well-delivered opening apology, the stage was set for the restaurants and restrooms foreshadowed by the show's title.

Representing the restaurants, Angel's Diner stood out from other parts of the show. Nine cast members shared the stage, frozen in tableau at café tables except when they were speaking. Each character mused about key moments in their lives and the possibility of the exis-

tence of angels. It was a reflective sketch that let the actors show they are capable of some deeper reflection.

Other dramatic moments of the show included a quietly sad soliloquy written and performed by Lisa Bresee and the emotionally charged "get thee to a nunnery" scene from Act III of Hamlet with the show's director Amy Neufeld playing Ophelia.

To paraphrase Bette Midler, if you can make an audience laugh, they are your slaves for life.

The humour in Restaurants and Restrooms etc. might not have inspired life-long devotion but it definitely won the favour of Friday night's audience.

Good jokes ranged from a simple well-placed profanity and guys in drag, to the more ironic humour in an excerpt from Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* or Alec Stratton's *Bag Babies*. The final sketch *Pride Goeth Before a Fall* took a lighthearted look at sex, ending with the moralizing of Captain Orgasm, who saves yet another couple from their unfulfilling intimate relations.

Many of the laughs came during the five Bathroom Break skits staggered throughout the show. The

The show began with an apology and ended with an orgasm.



Just two of the gals part of the stunning Theatre Collective Show.

audience chortled as John Canhoto and Sam Varteniuk held onto their imaginary "doinks" and got into ridiculous situations in the men's room. There were no 'sacred cows' here.

Each half of the programme was also blessed with a song that relaxed the pace of the quick exchanges of spoken dialogue. Accompanied by

acoustic guitar, Melissa Opavsky and Lisa Bresee sang *The Water is Wide* in smooth harmony in the first half. Bringing music to the second half of the performance Amy Neufeld accompanied herself singing Ani DiFranco's *Both Hands*.

*Restaurants and Restrooms etc.* was the ultimate theatre experience for a person of the TV generation

with a short attention span like myself. It dished out an agreeable balance of sincerity and silliness in small servings. Plus it is always fun to witness the spirit and energy of talented people live and in-the-flesh.

The creativity within the Laurier Theatre Collective is impressive and it made this show an excellent way to spend a Friday evening.

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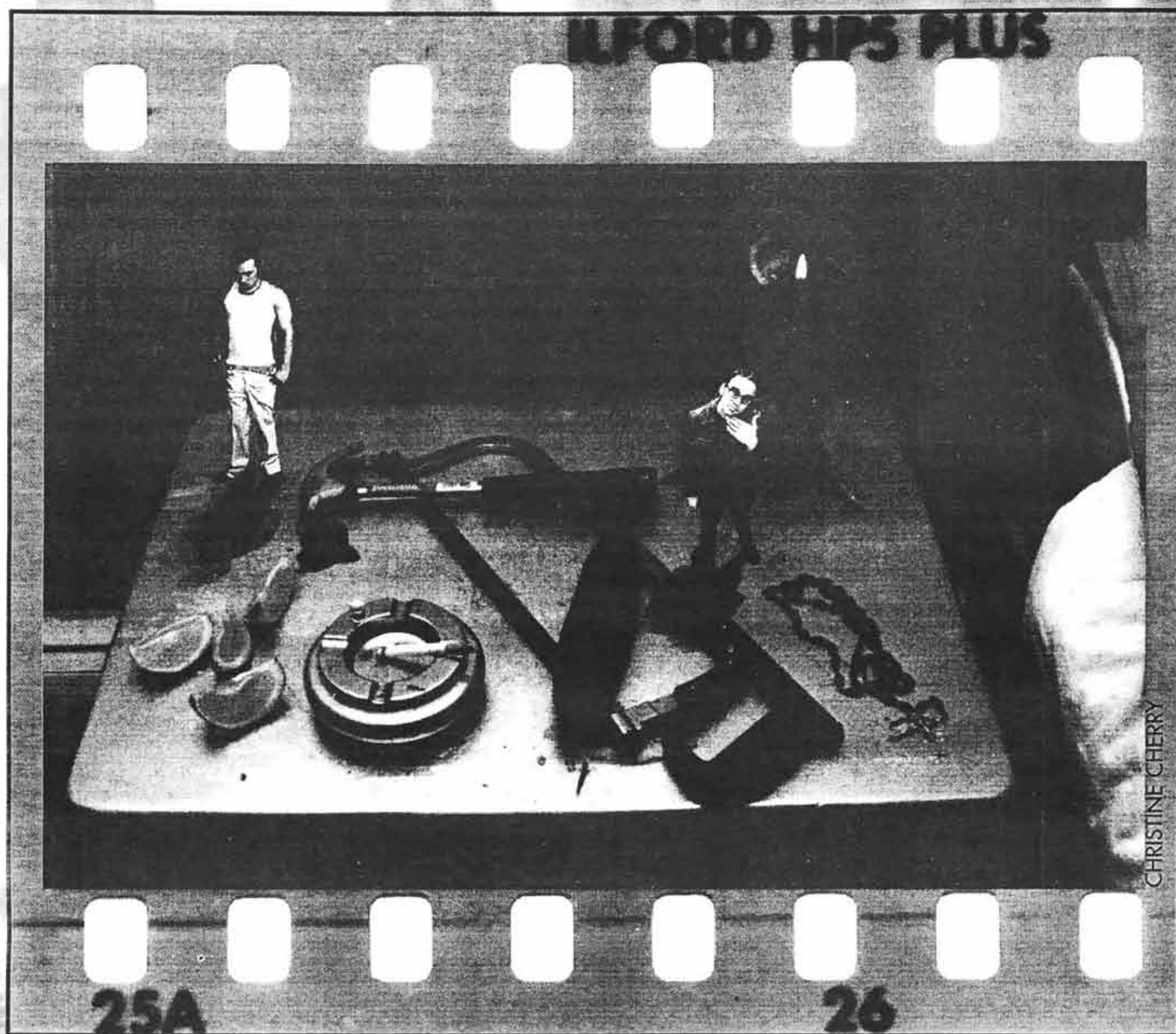
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Enjoy beautiful field-grown fresh flowers all season long - delivered to your office weekly. Also wide selection of flowers (especially lilies) for summer weddings. To receive more information about our farm's flower subscriptions, please phone/fax 519-662-6951 or mail your name and address to: Scented Acres Flower Farm, 1740 Line 40, RR #1, New Hamburg, ON N0B 2G0.

## Travel

### Moscow! St. Petersburg!

Opportunity to live and study in Russia. Beginner, intermediate and advanced Russian language, also courses in English available. Website: [www.interuniversity.com](http://www.interuniversity.com) Contact: [info@interuniversity.com](mailto:info@interuniversity.com)

### Study in Prague!

Study at the Prague University of Economics, Central and East European Studies Program (courses in English). [www.interuniversity.com](http://www.interuniversity.com) [info@interuniversity.com](mailto:info@interuniversity.com)

### University Whitewater Weekend

Join students from across Ontario at Wilderness Tours on the Ottawa River. A fun-filled weekend - June 9-11, 2000. Rafting, camping, meals, live entertainment - special rate \$150 + gst. Ph 1-800-267-9166 or [raft@wildernesstours.com](mailto:raft@wildernesstours.com)

## Personals

### Wonderful Kitty Looking for Home!

Owner moving; must find good home for 2 1/2 yr old male cat, fixed, declawed. All accessories included. Call Christine at 725-2870.

### The Obnoxious Couple!

You guys have 2 options...

1. Get along and quit aggravating your roommates, because I hate listening to them bitch about how ignorant and insensitive you are;
2. Break up! Your relationship is over, but you're always fighting over the smallest things!

-An Impatient Observer

## Miscellaneous

### Thursday's are Spur Day

at the Silver Spur

Buy 1 slice of Pizza

5 wings (any sauce)

French Fries

Pop (Pepsi, Gingerale, 7 Up etc.)

\$5.00

### Fraternities, Sororities, Clubs, Student Groups!

Earn \$1,000-\$1,500 this semester with the easy Campus Information Services three-hour fundraising event. No sales required. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call 1-888-923-3238 today or visit [www.campus-fundraiser.com](http://www.campus-fundraiser.com)!

### Classified Rates

<b>Students:</b>	
30 words or less	\$5
31-60 words	\$8
each word over 60	\$10
<b>Non-Students</b>	
30 words or less	\$7
31-60 words	\$10
each word over 60	\$10
<b>Semi-Display Ads</b>	
add	.50

### •Prices include GST

Placement forms are available in the Card Office on the third floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. Phone-in orders - can call 884-0710 ext. 3564. Fax orders can be sent to (519) 883-0873. Cash required in advance for most student classified ads. Billing available for phone-in and fax orders and classifieds running for more than five issues. Deadline for placement is Tuesday at 12:00p.m.

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