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# Open For Business?

## Province announces private universities despite opposition from students and administrators

DAVID FIELD

As the demand for post-secondary education increases and debate over funding and tuition levels intensifies, the provincial government has responded with a measure to allow for the creation of a new breed of universities.

On April 28, Dianne Cunningham, The Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, announced the Government of Ontario would allow private for-profit and not-for-profit degree granting Universities to enter the province. Also, Ontario colleges will be granted the ability to offer applied degrees.

Ministry spokesperson Dave Ross said this gives students more choice in their education, provides additional opportunity

and will help stop students from leaving the country.

Private universities won't receive any government funding and so will be unrestrained in the amount of tuition they can charge. OSAP will only recognize \$4500 as the maximum

**Private universities will be able to charge any tuition.**

tuition cost. Therefore, students paying more than that will have to find the additional money through other means.

A Quality Assessment Board will also be created to advise the Minister and ensure that new programs meet Ontario's current standards. It will be fully funded in a few years by the revenues from application fees. Cunningham also said the government would permit a consultation period until May 31.

Laurier President Dr. Robert Rosehart said he foresees three possible types of private universities entering Ontario. There is the "small Harvard" that is well endowed, has a low student/faculty ratio, with high tuition fees and a diversified selection of courses in their degree programs. Such a situation, according to Rosehart, is many years off - even if it were financially viable.

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### Student groups question government's decision and rationale for change

DAVID FIELD

While the budget has been received with much favour in certain arenas, student groups have voiced objection to the announcement for privatized post-secondary education. According to the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), in a press release, CASA stated it's own proposal for the province to follow.

"The real solution is to increase government core funding to Canada's public institutions, so that infrastructure can be improved, so quality teaching staff can be attracted here, and so the cost of education will go down, meaning that more of Canada's brightest minds will choose to study here at home."

The Ontario Undergraduate Students Alliance (OUSA) echoes CASA's stance.

"The government's recent decision shows students that the government is starving public schools and hoping private ones will fill in the gaps," said Ryan Parks, Executive Director of OUSA.

Laurier's own student government also questions the decision. Jeffrey Kroeker, the Students' Union (WLUSU) President and Treasurer of OUSA, said he does not support private universities in Ontario. He also questioned the "teach-out" provision that would allow students to finish their degree in public universities if the private university they are enrolled in

goes bankrupt.

Laurier President Dr. Robert Rosehart also felt the teach-out provision was an indicator of a poor plan.

"It's almost accepting that they will go out of business," said Rosehart.

Kroeker and WLUSU Vice-President of University Affairs Charmaine Cunningham - Laurier's representative on OUSA's Steering Committee - both seemed skeptical about the quality of degrees that would be granted by colleges in

Ontario and said they wondered what the difference between a university and college degree would actually be.

Cunningham, whose stance mirrors that of OUSA's, says the province should provide additional funding to universities. This, according to Cunningham, would be more proactive because many private universities could fail and the government would end up subsidizing them anyway.

Neither Kroeker nor Cunningham - both OUSA representatives - have received an invitation to discuss the matter with the Ministry during its declared consultation period. Neither, according to Cunningham, have OUSA or the Canadian Federation of Students. Kroeker, however, was aware of a public consultation being hosted in Kitchener on May 30 - the day before the consultation period declared by Minister of Training Dianne Cunningham is scheduled to end.

**"The real solution is to increase core funding."**

## Drunk Mangles Laurier Driver wrecks havoc on tennis court



The aftermath of a drunken rampage through Waterloo.

ASAD KIYANI

This weekend saw a dramatic situation come to an equally dramatic end in the Laurier tennis courts.

A drunk driver, attempting to evade Waterloo Regional Police on Saturday night, ran through the fence of the Willison tennis courts. The man, who, according to security reports showed obvious signs of impairment, had been driving down King Street.

After hitting three cars on King Street and attracting the attention of Waterloo Regional, the suspect swerved into the King Street parking lot in a daring attempt to escape the police.

The chase came to a rather anti-climactic end when the culprit and his Mercury Sable were caught in that Venus fly-trap better known as a tennis court.

**Newsbites**

**E. COLI INVESTIGATION CONTINUES**

As the Walkerton saga continues to play itself out, reports surface that Freelon faces an outbreak of the deadly E.coli strain as well. Also, several cases are reported in the K-W area, but are as a result of people returning from Walkerton, not a contamination of the region's water supply. Tap water is still supposed to be safer than bottled water.

**GOVERNORS TO CONSIDER OPA'S**

Today, the WLU Board of Governors considered for approval the Operating Procedures Agreement for both Student Publications and the Students' Union. While the decision was not available at press time, it is expected that both agreements will be ratified without major problems.

**HONORARY DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED**

Spring convocation on June 2 and 3 will see the awarding of three honorary degrees. Herman Overgaard, the founder of the School of Business and Economics and Patricia Baird, a medical researcher in the field of birth defects and genetic diseases will both receive Doctor of Laws. David Crane, a columnist with the Toronto Star will receive a Doctor of Letters.

**CANADIAN TOBACCO KNEW OF CANCER LINK**

Canada's largest tobacco manufacturer - Imperial Tobacco - were well aware of the connection between cigarettes and tobacco, according to documents released recently as part of the landmark lawsuit settlement in the United States. They show Imperial - makers of Player's - and its parent company British American Tobacco conducted thirty years of tests demonstrating the cancerous effects of cigarette smoking.

**PEI FINALLY GETS 911 SYSTEM**

Prince Edward Island, after testing its new emergency system over the weekend, introduced a 911 system this week. It is one of the last areas in the country to install such a system.

**LOCAL THEATRE GETS GRANT**

The Centre in the Square has received a \$15,000 grant from the Theatre Section Peer Assessment Committee of the Canada Council for the Arts. The grant is awarded to increase Canadian participation in and viewing of Canadian-produced theatre.

**Full co-op on hold**

ASAD KIYANI

This past spring saw the rise of a move within the School of Business and Economics to expand to one hundred percent co-op. This summer has seen at least the temporary stall of the controversial movement as the proposal never made it out of preliminary discussions in Laurier's Senate.

The plan was first presented publicly in the spring and intended to be implemented for September 2000, a date many felt was too close to the proposal's introduction. Yet aside from fears the project was being pushed through too quickly, a number of other problems became rapidly apparent as the idea was examined in detail.

Chief among the problems was the question of funding. The introduction of full co-op would require an investment of at least \$300,000 to \$400,000 by the Co-op Committee's own estimate. While the university does have enough money in a contingency fund, other faculties would have been up in arms had such an enormous amount gone to one division. According to Student Senator Jeffrey Kroeker - who is also the Students' Union President - the plan had "countless problems" that led to its at least temporary derailment.

The co-op committee, in weighing the positive and negatives of

the situation, raised numerous questions. There was concern as to whether current co-op employers would accept the dilution of their screening process to such an extent. More importantly, while the school

would guarantee admittance to co-op, it would not guarantee co-op placements. There is also the question of facilities to support such an expanded operation, for 232 King Street is not equipped to handle such a

quick and large-scale expansion.

In spite of all the question marks, the report still reads as follows: "The Committee has concluded it is both desirable and possible to expand the co-op program to all interested students."

When presented to Senate, a joint committee of Senate Finance and Academic Planning was struck. According to Kroeker, it was here the motion finally got bogged down as no conclusion could be reached.

"From my understanding," said Kroeker, "it will take at least another year to fully implement the program."

The reasons behind the pause in the proposal are unclear. Mitali De, Associate Dean of the SBE, declined to comment, saying her recent absence from Laurier meant she had to consult with Scott Carson, Dean of the SBE, who could not be reached.

From Kroeker's perspective though, the reason behind the failure is clear and boils down to the divisions between faculties and the unity of the university.

"Are we going to become a competitive business school or a competitive university? If you want to be a competitive university, you have to elevate all programs, not just one faculty," said Kroeker.

**Witmer visits MBAs**



Elizabeth Witmer accepts a token of appreciation from Bruce Fournier in the Paul Martin Centre.

Elizabeth Witmer, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, paid a visit to Laurier earlier this month to discuss her experiences as a leader in the public-sector. The visit, part of a series of leadership lectures run by the MBA program, took place on Friday, May 12.

After a brief introduction by Bruce Fournier, an associate professor of business, Witmer began to offer advice to the aspiring graduate students in the audience.

The most important piece of advice Witmer felt she could offer was a reminder of Lester Pearson's. "Start with the vision, apply the will, then you achieve the dream."

**Local MP resigns in frustration  
Telegdi quits post as parliamentary secretary  
in flap over 'archaic' citizenship bill**

MATT CADE

Two weeks ago, Kitchener-Waterloo MP Andrew Telegdi resigned from his position as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration over the government's opposition for amendments to Bill C-16. The legislation, which was introduced on November 25, 1999, includes proposed changes to the Citizenship Act.

Despite his support of much of the bill, Telegdi has taken exception specifically with clause 17. This section concerns the present process for revocation of citizenship, and recommends that the decision of the Federal Court Trial Division be final, with no opportunity for appeal. This means that neither prosecutor nor defendant can make an appeal to the decision.

The main problem that Telegdi has with the bill is just this. In his own words, "it offers no venue of appeal for the find-

ings of any judge of the Federal Court Trial Division in the matter of revocation of citizenship." That is, while immigrants, like persons born in Canada, are to be protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, this promise seems

politicized. It is the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration who proceeds with the prosecution of an immigrant who is believed to have obtained their citizenship by fraudulent means. If the Federal Court finds the prosecutor to be right, the

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to be contradicted by the present bill.

Kenneth M. Narvey, chief operating officer of a coalition of six Montreal-area synagogues, examined and drew up motions for amendments to the bill, which the government has opposed. "In no other area of the law," said Narvey, "is the government always bound by the decision of a first-level judge when it loses."

Furthermore, the final decision lies not with the court, but in the Cabinet. What this means is that the process is essentially

minister can recommend that citizenship be revoked, and the ultimate decision is made in the cabinet. Perhaps the role of judge is not filled by the minister, but certainly jury and executioner.

Mr. Telegdi opposes the bill for its opposition to basic rights and as he says himself, the decision "must be taken out of the hands of the politicians" and "must be left with the Courts."

Although Mr. Telegdi's opposition to the bill is argued primarily from a legal-political standpoint, it is perhaps his pas-

sion for the issue that is more likely to win him favour in the House. In a speech given earlier this month, the MP described this section of the bill as an "archaic piece of legislation," while he made references to some of "the darkest periods of our immigration history." These included the Asian exclusion act and also the denial of entrance to thousands of Jewish refugees during World War 2 into the country.

He even went on to describe how, as a young child, he had crossed mine fields while traveling from his native country, a then Communist Hungary, to his new home in Canada. The story was used to stress the importance of what Canada represents to its immigrants, a group of 5-6 million citizens whom Telegdi often refers to as "Canadians by choice."

The MP of Kitchener-Waterloo is quick to include himself in this group, and with a noble effort has sought to stand up for to protect their rights.

# Private universities set to appear soon

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The second type is what Rosehart labels "K-Mart U". They are universities driven entirely-for-profit that offer very specific degrees with extremely high tuition.

The third type, says Rosehart, already exists. They are degrees intended for adults and the Ministry's announcement would let them set up their own sites in Ontario. Previously, they could only rent classrooms.

Rosehart also mentioned a fourth possible type of private University. He said these would be public universities establishing private branches to offer very specific programs that have a small student market. They would be unrestricted in the tuition they could charge.

According to Rosehart, current regulations don't grant public universities the funding needed to offer these very specific degrees and so the new announcement could allow public universities to become more innovative.

However, competition for funding will still be an issue. Many private universities require private donations in order to meet costs. This could cause a struggle with public universities, resulting in less money for the public institutions. Pamela Healey, WLU's Director of Development and Alumni Relations, says, "around \$5 million a year or about 7% of Wilfrid Laurier's budget comes from private donations."

Rosehart said the only private universities that might compete for these private donations are the "small Harvards"

because they would be the only other institutions prestigious enough to receive a significant amount of money. They would only become a threat if they became well established and could develop a large enough alumnus.

As for any concern that the new announcement will diminish the value of a university degree in relation to a college degree, the Ministry has stated that "college applied degrees will not be offered in program areas normally offered at universities in Ontario".

Ministry spokesperson Dave Ross reiterated that not all colleges in Ontario will be permitted to offer these applied degrees. For a college to do so, they would have to apply to the Quality Assessment Board.

Rosehart did not seem worried about colleges being granted this opportunity. He said he thinks colleges will have a hard time funding these broader programs, just as universities have trouble paying for more specific degrees. "Colleges," said Rosehart, "are no more economic than universities."

Currently, Redeemer Reformed Christian College in Ancaster is the only private institution in Ontario allowed to grant Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. Tuition at Redeemer College is about \$8,600 annually. In Canada, the only private for-profit university is Unexus in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Unexus charges \$28,000 tuition for its two and a half year eMBA program and is owned by Learnsoft Corporation based in Ottawa.

Colleges will have a hard time funding broader programs.

# New Brantford leader

## Philosophy professor appointed acting dean

ASAD KIYANI

As one dean leaves Laurier Brantford to focus on teaching, a well-known professor steps away from classes to replace him. Dr. Leo Groarke, a philosophy professor and assistant dean of program development for Arts and Sciences, was appointed to replace Dr. Arthur Read.

Groarke has been appointed as acting dean, to temporarily supervise the preparation of Brantford for September. In the meantime, says Rowland Smith, Laurier's Vice-President of Academic Affairs, the school continues its search for a permanent dean.

With the switch coming just one year after the campus began operation, there was concern that perhaps the change was coming too soon. Smith, however, says he thinks the campus will only benefit from Groarke's appointment.

"Any change will have an impact, but I don't think it's a negative impact," said Smith. "While there is still a lot of developmental work to be

done, Leo is ideally placed to do that."

Groarke, while a little overwhelmed by the hectic nature of his current schedule, has a good idea of what he wants to accomplish while at Brantford.

"I'm a little frazzled but otherwise okay," said Groarke. "I think I'll focus on some curriculum development. There's a

"I'm a little frazzled, but otherwise okay."

core program there that works very well and I want to seek ways to combine it with different disciplines and programs." As well, Groarke says he also wants to work on promoting Brantford's unique Contemporary Studies program.

Having already spent considerable time developing the

Brantford curriculum, Groarke is familiar with the vagaries of his new post. He has also been an administrator throughout the school. As well, with the only advertising for the position of permanent dean being done internally, Groarke seems to be one candidate well suited to take the permanent position come September. While he admits to curiosity in the idea, it is not his number one concern.

"Yeah I'm interested in it," said Groarke. "My primary responsibility is to get things set in motion for the new Dean in September, whomever that might be."

Noting the transition from teacher to administrator can be seen as a giant swing, Groarke tried to clear up some misconceptions about the switch.

"Teaching is good preparation for administration because if you're a good teacher, you care about your students," explained Groarke. "Administration is just another way of caring for students - or so the theory goes."

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# A Cultural Myth

## Is Canada really the haven we say it is?

On May 10 of this year, Canadian Immigration officials carried out the largest deportation in Canadian history, expelling 90 of the 590 Chinese migrants intercepted off of the Canadian West Coast last summer.

Without warning, the migrants were taken from the detention centre (where they had spent most of their time in Canada), boarded onto a bus and put onto an awaiting plane. This action was conducted under the guard of a police riot squad with police dogs and an emergency-response squad. Some of the deportees were wearing restraints, and at least one woman was reported to have actively resisted being put on the bus.

The expulsion was carried out under great secrecy. Reporters only learned of the deportation when they noticed a large number of police officers at the Abbotsford airport while covering a fatal helicopter accident.

Many Canadians have applauded the deportation, believing that it will help curb smuggling of illegal immigrants. Preston Manning, currently seeking the leadership of the Alliance party, has stated that "illegal immigrants and bogus refugees" are abusing Canada's hospitality. But how hospitable is Canada?

Part of our cultural myth is the perception of Canada as a nation where the persecuted and downtrodden can seek a better life. Canada is supposedly a place of asylum, offering security to those who have faced discrimination in their homeland. As the myth suggests, it offers the chance of economic prosperity to those who have faced poverty in their country of origin. Unfortunately, a little examination of Canada's immigration history demonstrates that many of our perceptions are false.

Canada's immigration laws have always been for the benefit of those already living here. Providing opportunities to immigrants has been a secondary consequence of concern for the economic well being of Canadian citizens. We like to believe we are helping the less fortunate, but our self-congratulation and praise are mostly undeserved. In reality, immigration laws have reflected the need for economic growth by providing new markets and cheap labour for Canadian businesses. For example, the Chinese were essential in building Canada's railway system. There are even 30-second television commercials informing Canadians of the contribution of the Chinese.

Between 1933 and 1945, Canada accepted only 5,000 Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis in Europe. Compared to the 200,000 that the USA accepted or even the 25,000 that war-ravaged China received, Canada's record is appalling. After the war, Canada welcomed the immigration of Protestant Germans, some of whom were later discovered to have been Nazis during the war. Refugee status was not recognized in Canada at this time.

All immigrants essentially fell into the same category, and Canada accepted only those immigrants that



The Canadian government ignored obvious human rights abuses by the Chinese government when repatriating Chinese migrants.

they wanted. In order to keep out many Asian immigrants, Canada enforced a quota system until 1967, permitting more 'desirable' immigrants from European countries to obtain entry. Although these immigrants were expected to work as cheap labour in the building of the Canadian infrastructure in the post-war boom, they were still permitted entry into the country.

Legitimate refugees are allowed to seek asylum based on fear of persecu-

tion in China. Some Canadians, and more recently Americans, have protested trade relations with China because of human rights abuses. Yet of the 590 migrants, only one woman has been granted refugee status due to her fear of what may happen to her if she returns to China under its one-child law. Several other women have tried to make this claim but so far none have been accepted for this reason. Others are trying to claim persecution as members of the banned Falun Gong. Only one man has been successful with this claim.

In late January, immigration officials asked Chinese Communist Party member Sima Nan to assist them in picking out those migrants who are lying about membership in the Falun Gong. Sima is the country's toughest opponent of the falun gong. By asking for his assistance, the Immigration and Refugee Board has robbed the hearing process of validity.

Those applauding the deportation of the Chinese migrants need to take an introspective look at exactly what it is they are approving. Media reports have already demonstrated that the inhabitants of China have heard little or nothing of the deportation. It is unlikely, therefore, that migration will be deterred. This summer will tell. Supporters of the deportation will need to examine whether any of their feelings are racially motivated. They also need to decide whether their government would have been so determined to deport a boatload of people who looked more like they do. Canadians also need to decide if they want to be an asylum for the persecuted.

It is time to stop our self-congratulations until we create a system that truly protects everyone's interests.

CHRISTINE CHERRY  
 FEATURES EDITOR

The Refugee Board has robbed the hearing process of validity.

A genuine refugee is not supposed to be turned away, regardless of his or her ability to assist in the economic growth of Canada. Qualifications that affect an immigrant's application to Canada - the ability to speak either official language, job skills and education - are not supposed to be considered during a Refugee Board hearing. Furthermore, the Immigration and Refugee Board should not be swayed by public opinion but it undoubtedly is. Board members, chosen by political patronage, operate like any political body.

But should the refugee board bow to the will of a few outspoken individuals who believe immigrants and refugees are responsible for taking jobs away from Canadians, straining social services and increasing the crime rate? The humane and decent answer to this question must be no.

Many of the Chinese migrants applied for refugee status claiming that they would be persecuted if returned to China. Human rights groups have long been concerned for those living

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WORKTERMS & WILF'S

**Dear Editor:**

Over the summer I have discovered the real reason why business students at Laurier are oh so very special. Not only do they have the latest khakis from The Gap and enough hair gel to fuel a small country, but they also have nothing but good things to say about their latest work-term. If you're looking for the ideal place to work next summer, I suggest you take a trip to Wilf's on a Wednesday night. This may seem like a risky thing to do, but I guarantee that you will achieve pay dirt and find a job that pays well. How do you go about getting this kind of information without being too forward? There is one thing to remember: no significant effort is needed on your part. A simple introductory sentence is all that is needed; the response will come, but it is very important to not

respond. Let the awkward silence linger for a while and soon the information you've been looking for will flow. On a rare occasion you may acquire some inside information on an upcoming IPO. There are certain ethical issues that must be considered before action is taken.

You may be thinking that this phenomenon occurs for a limited time. Au contraire, mon ami - I have been to exposed to four weeks of detailed drunken work-term reports and there is no sign of it letting up. So get out there while the beer's still flowing!

Duke Lartyn

## PAPER WOES

**Dear Editor:**

I write to draw attention to a serious issue: discrimination based on the colour of a person's... pad of paper. You see, last year I flirted with switching to yellow pads

of paper from the ubiquitous standard bleached-white, three-hole-punched loose-leaf. This summer I decided to make the full-time commitment.

But my decision has since yielded nothing but snide remarks from classmates, and uncomfortable barely-audible whispers. But I refuse to be shamed. In fact, I encourage everyone to submit to their latent inner-desire to use yellow paper. You know you want it!

How can anyone ignore yellow's appeal? The crisp clear yellow evokes the morning sun and has saved me from falling asleep during late-night studies.

But I have come to realize my true love is not yellow. I know now that I've always longed for pink. Surely somebody sells pink paper!

Pink is so calm and subdued, it keeps my blood pressure down as I read about my shrinking portfolio. And so I quest for pink paper, and my thirst will not be satiated until I hold it in my hands at last!

Ramsey Finch

## AGAINST THE GRAIN

### In Defense of Smokers...

MANEESH SEHDEV

Because I'd hate to participate in the oppression of a minority group, I fully support the implementation of designated smoking areas. However, if smokers are given areas in which they can enjoy their habit, I request that similar areas be set up in which I can enjoy MY habit: shooting.

I enjoy shooting my gun and find it to be very relaxing, but I find that the government and the general public have unfairly discriminated

against me. Yes, shooting can be dangerous, but keep in mind that many shooters, such as me, only enjoy shooting while in a social situation. I suppose you could call me a social shooter. Therefore, I'm not nearly as bad as other shooters, the ones that shoot all the time.

With designated shooting areas, there would never be a problem with innocent people being injured. They would know better than to be in a designated shooting area anyway. If you know people will be shooting guns in a certain area, then just don't go there! Common sense should not be so uncommon.

Instead of accusing shooters of killing people, the government should wake up and look

around. People are harmed every day in ways other than being shot. Space debris falls into our atmosphere daily, harming several innocent people. So why doesn't the government regulate NASA? And what about papercuts? Millions of people have experienced the pain and uncontrollable bleeding that follows being cut by a piece of paper. Why has the government sat back and watched this carnage without cracking down on the maga-

zine and book industries? As you can see, the government has created a smokescreen, diverting our attention from the real issues: space debris and papercuts.

They continually feed the public lies about the dangers of shooting, while more victims of space debris and papercuts pile up. The government MUST respect our rights. We live in a free, democratic country.

I am tired of people constantly telling me how unhealthy my habit is. If they would only begin to realize that shooting does not damage their health, we could start to change the way our society functions. If those of us who still respect free choice start change here at WLU, it won't be long before other schools, then provinces, countries and eventually the whole world follows. Then there will be a kinder, more tolerant world... to die in.

I suppose you could call me a social shooter.

## WOMYN'S WORDS

### The Ethics of Canadian Journalism

AMY WRIGHT

Canadian journalism is nearing an all-time low. It appears as though ethics and the theory of responsible journalism are both concepts of the past which have no real place in the media of the twenty-first century. The field of journalism has witnessed somewhat of a paradigm shift; informing and enlightening the public now takes a back seat to the quest for the almighty dollar.

The recent health disaster in Walkerton proved to be a fine example of the standards of today's journalism. The front page of Saturday's Toronto Star hosted a colour photograph of grieving family members surrounding the coffin of their grandmother. I found this photograph offensive. Not so much because of its content, but rather because it was completely unnecessary. The fact that this photographer found it somehow appropriate and within his right to take a snapshot of such a private (not to mention difficult) moment astounds me. Yet it makes front-page news.

Members of the media seem to feel it is within their jurisdic-

tion to take such stories and do with them whatever they see fit. The information is glorified, twisted, contorted; and the final version that the public sees may contain only fragments of the original truth. This is beginning to happen with every large-scale news story that breaks. To say that a story such as the Elian Gonzales controversy was blown out of proportion would be kind. It was absolutely everywhere - and each paper, magazine, or news program scrambled daily for a hot new angle that would catch the attention of the public.


I'm sure defenders of the media would argue that the public's right to be informed overrides the need to respect the privacy of whoever happens to be in the glare of the media spotlight. But there are limits. We did not need to see

a photograph of the funeral in Walkerton; it was in extremely poor taste and showed a lack of judgement on the part of both the photographer and the editor who allowed it to be printed. But I'm sure that particular paper sold out of newsstands, due in no small part to the image on its front page.

This prompts me to ask a final question: whom do we blame? The media for presenting us with representations of the truth that lack all integrity, or the public for buying into this? Either way, it's not a pretty picture.


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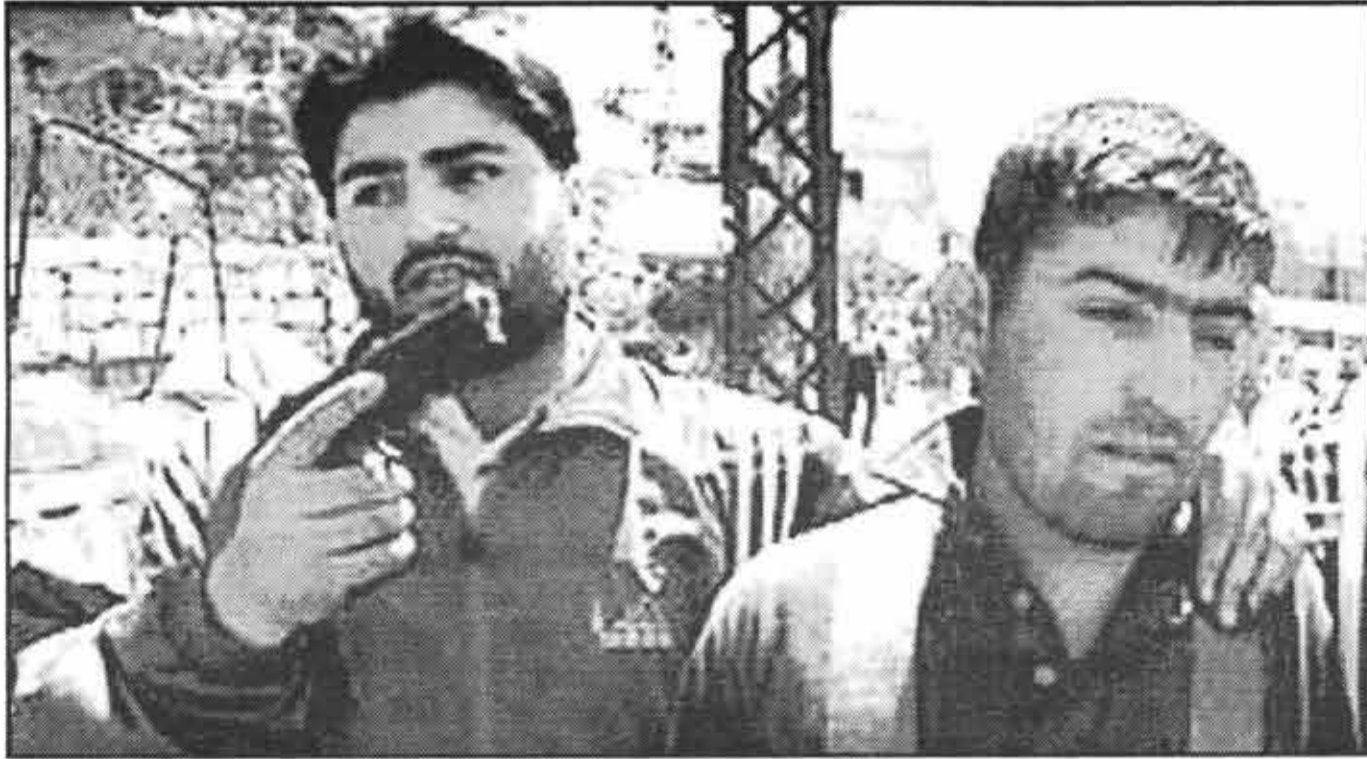
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# Israel withdraws from occupied Lebanon



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A Hezbollah fighter captures a retreating soldier of the South Lebanon Army.

YVONNE FARAH

When an occupying army leaves the territory it has been in for the past two decades very few people would think that they could do it so quickly. Although the Israeli government had set July 7 as a deadline to leave southern Lebanon, they did so in less than a week.

Israeli has had a military presence in the south of Lebanon since 1978 for military and security purposes. The Israeli government followed Palestinian guerrillas into the area at the time.

The 'security zone' was established within the Lebanese borders to help protect the nation and its border towns a few kilometres away.

However, the financial and human cost had made this venture into Israel's Vietnam. The war being fought by the Israeli

soldiers and the South Lebanon Army - Lebanese allies financially backed by Israel- against Hezbollah guerrillas was very unpopular with the majority of the Israeli populace. It was the promise of bringing home the troops from southern Lebanon that helped get Prime Minister Ehud Barak elected.

The speed of the withdrawal was quick and left the region in chaos. At first the Israeli government had planned to leave the area in the control of their allies, the Christian-led SLA, to fight against the Hezbollah in the area. However that plan failed when the SLA forces collapsed and also fled the country. This

collapse allowed Hezbollah to step in and fill the power vacuum left by the retreating armies.

The Israeli army is not only leaving the area with as much of their equipment as possible but also bombed abandoned roads

and military equipment as well. The departing troops were accompanied by thousands of SLA members and their families. The Israeli government has granted over 4000 Lebanese

to come into Israel as refugees with the expectation that most would later emigrate to Western nations such as Canada.

These new refugees are being housed in a make shift tent city on the banks of the Sea of

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Galilee. Those Lebanese who cooperated with Israel are seen as traitors by Hezbollah and have fled the nation in fear of retaliation.

Hezbollah stepped into the vacated power position by allowing the civilian population to take things into their own hands. Within twenty-four hours, civilians had freed prisoners being held in a SLA prison, some who had been there for ten years. The inhabitants of the towns and villages in the 'security-zone', who have remained were celebrating in the streets with jubilation.

Many residents are still euphoric with the sudden turn of events. During the occupation, the area was cut-off from the rest of the country. The residents in the rest of Lebanon have finally have the opportunity to visit the area, to look around.

It is still uncertain whether or not this gamble by Prime Minister Barak will pay off in the long run. The action was supposed to take place after a peace deal had been reached with Syria. The Syrians currently have tens of thousands troops in the country and appear to have a major influence in the political path the country chooses. This is yet another issue that is under discussion in Lebanon.

Still, this withdrawal comes without an agreement with Syria and the world is still looking for the conclusion.

The International community is still considering sending peacekeepers to help make the transition easier.

## AT A GLANCE

### LEBANON:

Located just north of Israel along the coast of the Dead Sea. Torn apart by a civil war that lasted for thirteen years and the conflict in the south. Occupied by Israeli-supported troops for over twenty years, south Lebanon has been a sticking point in the progression of the 'peace process'.

### SOUTH LEBANON ARMY:

A militia group made of mostly Christian Lebanese living in the area. They are financially supported by the Israeli government. Their self interest lies with the Israeli government which has capitalized on the opportunity of religious animosity in the region.

### HEZBOLLAH (PARTY OF GOD):

The militant organization that is opposed to Israel and there occupation of Southern Lebanon. They are to be said to receiving financial support from Iran and Syria. They have used any military tactics at their disposal in their fight with the Israelis, most notoriously terrorist actions.

### ISRAELI MILITARY:

This is one of the most trained and effective armies in the world. It has a compulsory service of all men and women over the age of eighteen. The nation still receives billions of dollars from the United States in support of their military.

## Russian President imposes censorship upon puppet

YVONNE FARAH

The question of freedom of speech is an issue currently under debate in Russia. President Vladimir Putin has taken the step to use his power to censor a satirical television show that ridicules Russia's ruling elite. The independent channel NTV has announced that it will temporarily withdraw a puppet portraying the newly elected president on the weekly show.

Complaints came from powerful Kremlin officials had against the show who they believed the portrait of Mr. Putin was unfair. The program, called Kukly, is currently the most popular television in Russia.

The show has built a loyal audience on hilarious satire of the arrogance and errors of government insiders and leading politicians. Many high-ranking officials have been complaining about the puppet show for years. However, former president Boris Yeltsin, despite being a frequent target of the television show,

refused to persecute it using governmental means.

The political climate is much different now under Putin than it was under Yeltsin. Mr. Putin does not have a history of being a defender of the media. He has even accused some journalist of being "traitors." Numerous media outlets in Russia are under intense pressure to support the Kremlin and their ideals.

NTV is the only independent television channel that commands a national audience. It is also the only channel that refuses to tow the Kremlin's line regarding the war in Chechnya and other heavily politicized issues. Their parent company, Media MOST, was a target of a raid by heavily armed police on May 11. The channel explained the raid as an attempt to intimidate the station into following

government principles.

There seems to be a larger campaign aimed at media outlets that appear to be critical of the government. A reporter at the newspaper Novaya Gazeta, a publication known to speak out against corruption, was savagely beaten in a mysterious attack this month. The Russian Press Ministry issued stern warnings to two newspapers, for publishing an interview with Chechnya's rebel president. This

offence alone could lead to a revocation of their publishing licence by the government. The competition, the biggest state owned channel, has portrayed the owner of NTV as an Israeli secret agent.

Mr. Putin's aides and cabinet ministers have expressed their constant annoyance with the manner the president is

portrayed on the television show. In closed-door conversations with NTV producers, the officials at the Kremlin have indicated that President Putin was very irritated by the program. It was hinted that the show's content should be muted.

A group of the president's supporters were calling for criminal charges to be laid against the show's producers for "insulting the President". In response, senior police officials made strong warnings towards NTV.

In an example of the show's content, a pre-election episode depicted Russian politicians as prostitutes in a brothel, while Mr. Putin chose among them. However, at present, the television station has bowed down to the constant pressure from the Kremlin.

It is still uncertain whether or not NTV will permanently remove the Putin character from the Kukly line up. What is certain is that the government's new Press Ministry is "trying to restrict and correct the media" through pressure tactics.

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## WORLDWATCH

### YUGOSLAVIA

In Serbia, the Minister for College and University Education, Jevrem Janjic, has ordered an early close of Belgrade University. The order includes banning any sort of public assembly or events, including classes and allowing students only to write exams, a news agency reported. The move was seen as an attempt to counter students' plans to organize a general university strike.

### Fiji

The rebels that have been holding the Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudry and members of his cabinet hostage for over a week, have rejected plans presented to them by tribal chiefs for an interim government. The states of the Commonwealth of expressed their apprehension of the events taking place in Fiji.

### ERITREA

Eritrean troops pulled back in their fighting with Ethiopian troops. This step brings the two nations one step closer to ending the war that started a few weeks prior when Ethiopia invaded Eritrea. The two nations have a long history of aggressive behaviour between them.

### ISRAEL

The first Israeli minister who has been indicted on charges of sexual assault has resigned. Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, 55, stepped down as Transportation Minister when

the investigation began in March. Three women have come forward all alleging that they were sexually assaulted by him. The first allegation takes place in 1992 and the most just last year.

### GREAT BRITAIN

A suspect has been arrested in one of the most high profile murder cases in that countries recent history. Last year a television journalist, Jill Dando was gunned outside of her London home in April of 1999. The suspect is believed to have been a crazed fan who was obsessed with the television personality.

### PHILIPPINES

A hijacker robbed the 291 passengers of a Philippines Airline and then parachuted out the plane with his loot. Unfortunately for the man, the police eventually caught up with him.

### UNITED STATES

Five employees were shot and killed in a Wendy's restaurant in New York. Two more employees working the after hours shift were wounded in what appeared to have been a robbery. Two men were apprehended a few days afterwards. The district attorney's office is considering asking for the death penalty when the case goes to trial.

# Dissent rises in China

## Defiant Beijing students protest in wake of violent rape as Tianamen anniversary fast approaches

YVONNE FARAH

At Beijing University, the Communist Party of China is in the process of trying to snuff out public protests that have risen in the past week. The regime is reacting to several days of protesting by the student population. These have been the largest unauthorized rallies at the elite school. The government has taken the step of moving secret police onto the campus to ensure the protests do not escalate into a situation which cannot be handled by them efficiently.

These recent demonstrations were sparked by the rape and murder of a 19-year-old university student. The young woman could not find a bus home to her university residence after completing an examination. Students believe that the death of the young woman, Qiu Qingfeng, could have been prevented if the university had simply provide the students with a more efficient bus service.

Her death has catapulted her into a martyr and political symbol for students in defiance of the government. The authorities had tried to down play the discovery of her body, for obvious reasons.

The government is concerned about the protest coming so close to June 4 - which will be the eleventh anniversary



Tiananmen Square - a symbol of its poor human rights record - remains a thorn in the side of the Chinese government.

of the infamous Tianamen Square massacre - and had actually tried to prevent the protests. However that strategy failed when the students just defied the orders and demonstrated anyway.

Students have been using all methods of communication, including the university's bulletin boards, Internet chatrooms and wall posters to spread plans around. The situation began with a series of sit-ins and marches where students also expressed their views in regards to poor food, low dormitory standards and inefficient bus service.

These complaints have led to the examination of broader issues within the national gov-

ernment. Internet messages have appeared in which allegations of corruption by government officials have been made. As well, there have been calls for the resignation of certain officials in the wake of the murder of Ms. Qui.

Although students have taken advantage of the ever changing market economy, the government fears that they will go too far. This issue is just another example of the ever expanding gap between the ruling party and the youth of China.

Though these events have been significant, no real conclusions look to be reached until the Tiananmen Square anniversary arrives.

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# workplace safety

Last year, eleven students in Ontario died at their summer job...and they weren't the first to go. Here's how and why we get kibbitzed.

**CHRISTINE CHERRY**

As summer begins, students face the often arduous task of searching for temporary employment. Some are fortunate enough to find work that will assist them in their future careers; others are willing

injured on the job. In 1998, 179 people died in Ontario from workplace injury or illness; hundreds of thousands became ill or injured.

Young workers, aged 15 to 24, are at a high risk of workplace injury, illness and death. Eleven workers of this age

psychologically, physically and emotionally. So we need to realize that we're talking about a vulnerable group of workers. Special care needs to be taken. Yet young people often have a sense of invincibility, a belief that nothing bad will happen to them." She adds that young workers are anxious to please their employers and afraid of being fired; as a result, they are unwilling to question issues of health and safety.

Most injuries occur during the first few days of employment. While preoccupied with learning new tasks, workers may not notice - or have the experience necessary to notice - dangers at work.

According to the WSIB, the most common hazards faced by young workers are slipping and falling on wet or greasy floors; being burned by a hot grill; getting splashed by chemicals such as cleaning products, paints or acids; being hit by or caught in moving machine parts; touching electrical wires; and falling from ladders.

Injuries resulting from unsafe work can change the course of a young worker's life. Matt Sagan, a 23 year-old fourth

now a quadriplegic and will spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

"A lot of young people don't ask any questions or have any concerns about safety. They think that it is a summer job and they don't realize the implications... I want people to know that you're entitled to ask questions to make sure that the job is safe," says Mr. Sagan. Mr. Sagan has taken part in an advertising campaign sponsored by the WSIB, the Industrial Accident Prevention Association and the Workers Health and Safety Centre to make young workers aware of occupational hazards.

Employers, very young workers parents, and the employees themselves must be aware of potential job hazards. This includes knowing and adhering to all guidelines of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Understanding the rights and responsibilities of employees as laid out in the Act will help keep students safe. All employees have the right to refuse unsafe work, and students need to know who to report unsafe practices to.

Employers must make working condi-

**TOP FIVE CAUSES OF INJURY AMONGST YOUNG WORKERS**

1. Slips and falls
2. Over-exertion
3. Being struck by an object or striking against an object
4. Toxic effects from exposure to chemicals
5. Burns

to take almost any job that will pay for next year's tuition. Regardless, many students feel pressured to prove themselves to their new employer. Hoping for a good reference and useful job experience, students may hesitate to question the safety of tasks they are asked to perform. They also often lack sufficient training to recognize work that could endanger their health and safety.

North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week was celebrated from May 15 to May 21. Recognized in Canada, the United States and Mexico, the week is designed to focus the attention of employers, employees and the general public on dangers faced in the workplace and the importance of preventing injury.

While Canada's labour force may be better protected than many industrialized nations, there is still need for improvement. In Canada, three people die every day as a result of work-related injuries. Every nine seconds, a worker is

died on the job last year in Ontario. Several of these individuals were trapped and crushed by machinery. One suffocated by falling into a sand hopper. Another was electrocuted when a ladder became tangled in live hydro lines. Others died as a result of falling from buildings or into holes. The remainder died in work-related motor vehicle accidents. Thousands of young employees were injured or maimed at work.

Cathi Carr, senior prevention program specialist at the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), believes many of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented if young workers were better prepared for the tasks they were expected to perform, more informed of the hazards they faced on the job site, and worked under closer supervision.

Ms. Carr states, "We're getting more and more young people into the labour force. We know that they're inexperienced, not completely developed in all aspects of their being, not fully mature

**YOUNG WORKERS TOP FIVE MOST CRITICAL INJURIES**

1. Broken bones
2. Severe loss of blood
3. Head injuries
4. Amputation
5. Severe burns and scalds

year student at York University, was only 15 when he suffered an injury that paralyzed him from the neck down. He was training for a camp counselor position at a YMCA summer camp when he slipped and fell while running into a lake. He is

tions safe for young and often inexperienced employees. Consideration of a young worker's state of mind - knowing that they are anxious to prove themselves and may try to perform tasks that are beyond their ability or physical

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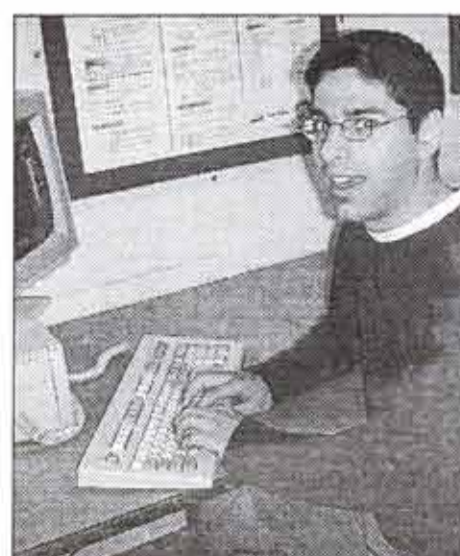
## VOCAL CORD

Have you ever been injured or felt that your safety was in danger while you were at work?



"Yes. I had to work on rollerblades and there was lots of stuff on the floor."

Helen Sbeit  
3rd Year Economics



"The stock market crashed - it nearly crushed me."

Kevin Ramzi Nasir  
3rd Year Economics



# Matt was 15 when he was paralyzed from the neck down. He was training for a YMCA summer camp.

strength - can prevent accidents. Young workers may say that they understand something when they don't, or find it difficult to admit when they feel unable to do something asked of them. Supervisors must acknowledge these factors when monitoring the work of their youngest employees.

Employers have the obligation to know what hazards exist, which tasks are likely to cause injury or illness and to remove hazards and place controls on dangerous activities. They are also required to inform and train employees how to protect themselves and their co-workers.

Josie Bethune, Personnel Manager at Raymond Industrial Equipment, emphasizes the need for supervisors to be aware that they are dealing with students. According to Ms. Bethune, students need to work closely with supervisors and full-time, experienced employees to help ensure their safety.

Students may try to prove themselves by performing tasks that they are not adequately trained for. It is the obligation of the company to ensure that students have received sufficient training, and know not to attempt any dangerous tasks or other duties they are unqualified to perform. Students need to seek clarity on any task they are unsure of, even if it has already been explained to them. When training new student employees, "we are always very much to the point of telling them to ask questions" states Ms. Bethune.

Injury and illness can occur because employers and employees are unaware of new occupation-related illness and injury. With the growth of technological and service based industries, cases of repetitive strain injuries have increased dramatically. Young employees should be told such injuries are possible.

The WSIB has noted a disturbing rise in workplace violence. While it is difficult to know exactly how many employ-

ees are assaulted as many incidents are expected to go unreported, the US-based National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety reports that one million US workers are assaulted every year. Service settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and social service agencies are the most likely places for assault to occur.

Students working in these settings should be trained in how to deal with a possible conflict.

Young workers, inexperienced at recognizing symptoms of toxic exposure, are vulnerable to occupational diseases. According to Linda Jolley, Vice-President of Policy and Research at the WSIB, "Any disease which results from exposure to a hazardous substance, physical agent or biological agent in a workplace" is an occupational disease. Illnesses like asthma, dermatitis, cancer and tuberculosis can be caused by exposure to harmful substances.

Occupational diseases can show up within days of exposure, or may take up to 20 to 30 years for their onset. While definite statistics are unavailable, it is estimated that 9 to 20 per cent of all cancers are work-related. In 1998, 5.7 per cent of all lost-time injuries in Ontario were the result of occupational disease. That same year, 37 per cent of fatalities the WSIB gave compensation for were caused by an occupational disease. What makes occupational diseases so frightening is many workers may not even realize they have placed themselves at risk.

Before accepting any position students should know what hazardous materials they may be in contact with, and what the company does to minimize exposure. Damage done over a summer may not show up for years, and by that time it may be impossible to make a connection between exposure and illness.

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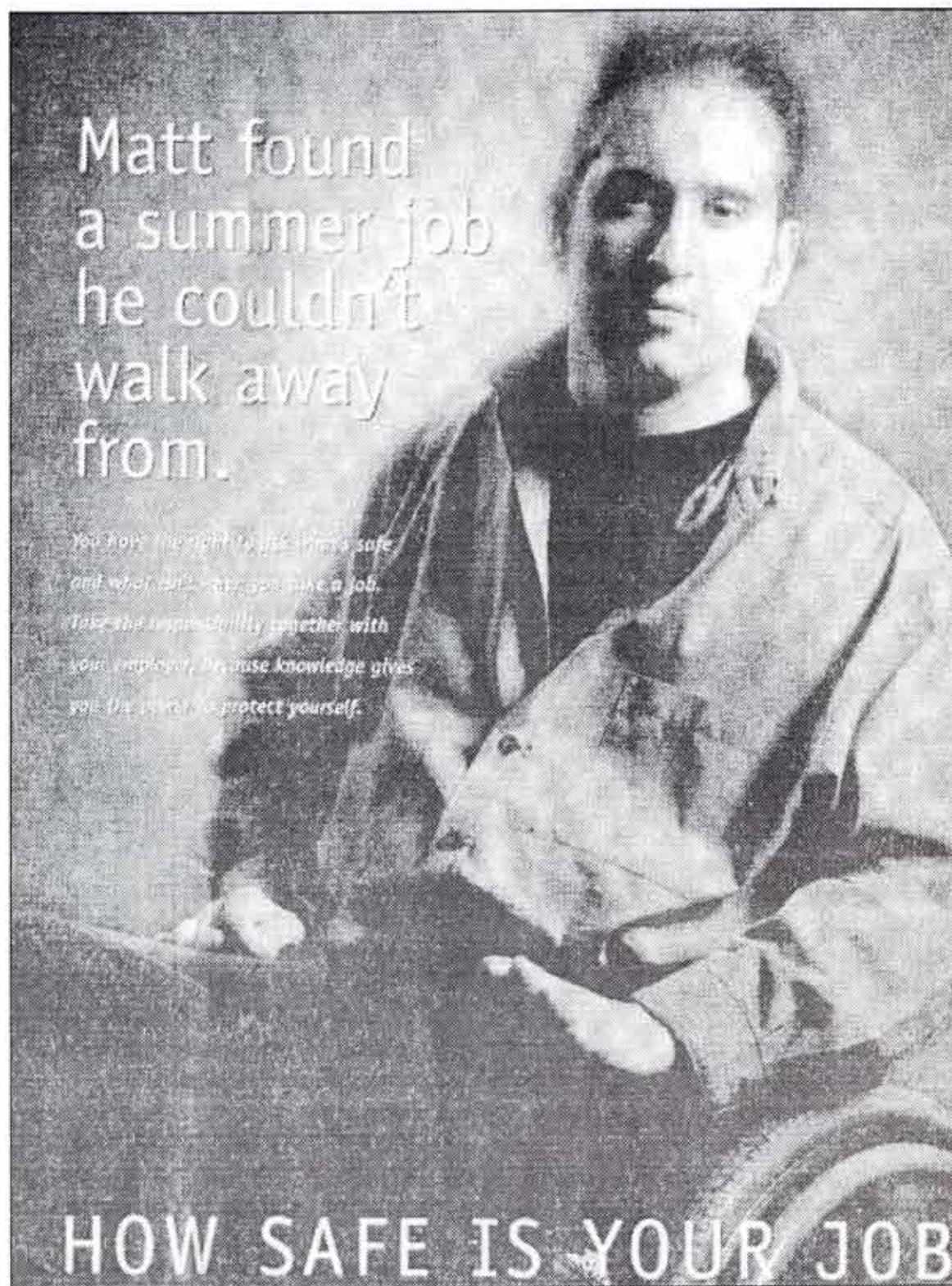
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### STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT INCLUDE:

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3. Reporting any known workplace hazards or violations of the Act to their supervisor
4. Not removing or making ineffective any protective device
5. Not using any equipment in a manner that may endanger any worker
6. Not engaging in any prank, contest, feat of strength, unnecessary running or rough and boisterous conduct



Matt found a summer job he couldn't walk away from.

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HOW SAFE IS YOUR JOB

ed accident can be staggering. A workplace accident serious enough to keep an employee off work costs an average of \$11,000 in compensation. Additional direct and indirect costs to companies include training temporary help or hiring new employees, repairing damaged property and equipment, downtime for other employees, disruption of production or service schedules and the time required for filling out accident related paperwork. For every dollar paid in benefits to injured workers, the direct and indirect workplace costs can be three to ten times as much. Student employees should feel confident that they are potentially saving company money by reporting any health and safety hazards.

Ms. Bethune believes there needs to be a joint commitment to safety between students and employers. Employers provide proper training and protect students health and safety; in

return, students give the job their full commitment and adhere to the rules, regardless of how silly they may seem. Financially and morally, employers do not want to see their employees injured.

As the baby-boomer generation begins to retire, there will be an influx of young workers. Experienced employees will be leaving in large numbers; young employees with little or no understanding of job safety will replace them. Steps are being taken to prepare young students who will be entering the workforce soon. The Young Workers Awareness Program (YWAP) targets high-school students in grade 10 and up, providing them with information about occupational health and safety.

By making themselves aware of issues of occupational health and safety, students can protect themselves over the summer and for the remainder of their careers.

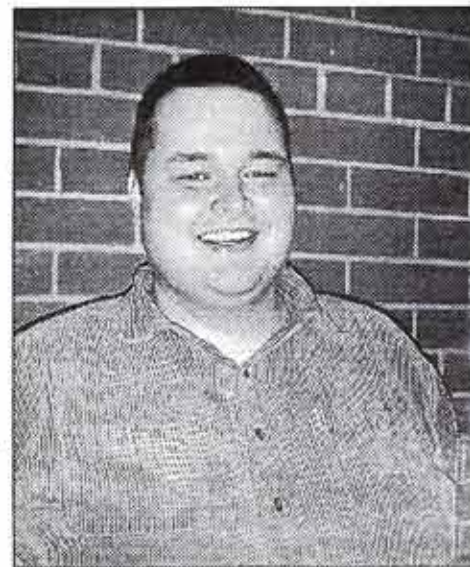
## VOCAL CORD

Have you ever been injured or felt that your safety was in danger while you were at work?



"Yes. At the factory I work at I was in a confined space and I experienced hallucinatory effects. I was told to consider it a bonus."

Kiran Khaurad  
4th Year Physical Geo. and Poli-Sci



"Yes. I dislocated my knee. Somebody dropped some coffee and when I was cleaning I slipped on it. I came to Laurier on a crutch."

Tom McKay  
4th Honours Music

# New men's basketball coach arrives at WLU

## Peter Campbell takes over a wayward program

ASAD KIYANI

Looking to improve their under-achieving men's basketball program, the Athletic Department held a press conference last Thursday to announce the signing of one of Canada's premier coaches.

Wilf's was filled to the brim with athletes, coaches, faculty and media eager to witness the official unveiling of Peter Campbell, the former men's coach at Laurentian University. Having spent twenty years coaching at the national, provincial and collegiate levels, Campbell brings to the Hawks a stellar coaching record, an easy-going personality, a winning attitude and, most importantly, instant credibility as a legitimate program.

After a brief introduction by Rowland Webster, Dean of Students David McMurray announced the department's latest hiring.

"After an extensive national search, we have found the best person to lead our team," said McMurray. "He is concerned about competitiveness but also about student success. He is the ultimate coach."

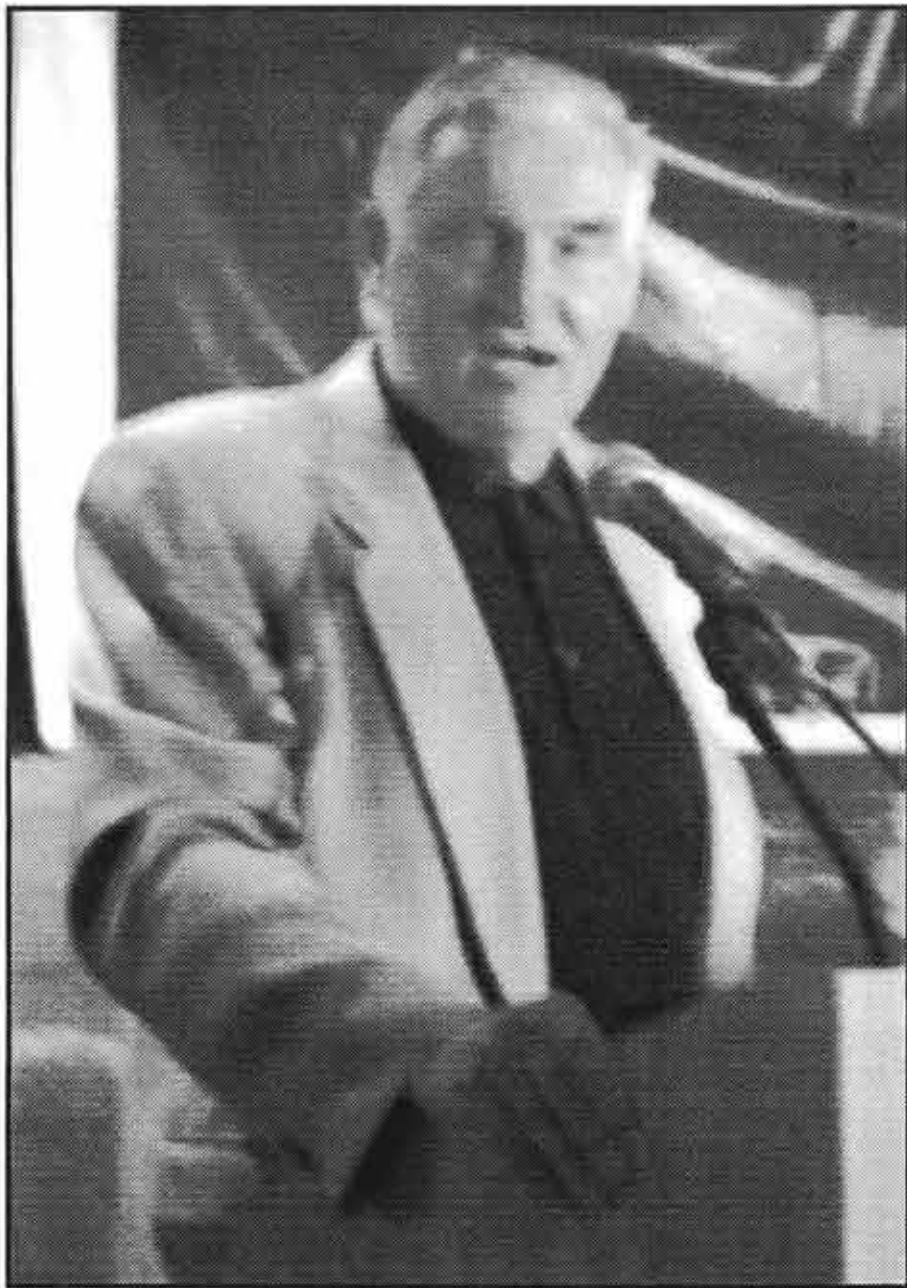
The praise given to Campbell didn't stop with McMurray's pronouncement. Stu Julius, the women's basketball coach who was hired last year and coached the women's team at Laurentian, also raved about Campbell's appointment.

"I don't think Laurier could pick a better coach in the country," said Julius. "I really believe the national championship will come here."

After the firing of Mike Kilpatrick this spring, Laurier Athletics set out on an extensive search to find the most qualified candidate to lead the Hawks back to respectability. From a pool of 42 applicants, Campbell appeared as the superior candidate, and this, according to Peter Baxter, the Director of Athletics and Recreation.

"We went after the best coach in Canada," said Baxter. "He really brings a commitment to the student part of the student-athlete."

While Baxter was excited about the relationships Campbell builds with his players as people, the department is also clearly looking for a solid relationship with the win column, a relationship that clearly seems to have deteriorated the last few years. The Hawks have failed to make the playoffs for



Peter Campbell makes his first public appearance at Laurier.

three consecutive years.

The poor showings on the court were what led to Kilpatrick's dismissal and the subsequent search for a candidate who would succeed with his players both on and off the court. And while a good part of Thursday's press conference

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was spent talking about enhancing the off-court development of players, it was abundantly clear that Laurier Athletics feels that is not enough. The time has come for the off-court development has to coincide with on-court improvement.

"[Former coach] Mike Kilpatrick had a real caring for his students," explained Baxter. "[But] we had to take a look at the record and at that part we wanted to move forward."

Hence the arrival of

Campbell at Laurier, the 1997 CIAU Coach of the Year and six-time OUA Coach of the Year. He spent 15 years at Laurentian, making the Sudbury school a perennial contender in the OUA. He compiled a 155-57 record there, including six OUA East Division titles, two Wilson Cups and six trips to the National Championships. Campbell is also the coach of the national under-21 team that will be going to Brazil in July.

Although still early in the process, Campbell's appointment seems to have generated an excitement rarely seen in Laurier Athletics. The crowd at Wilf's, while eager, seemed nervous to see the new head man - eager because of his personal record, nervous because of the Hawks' personal record - but the energy was still palpable and definitely positive.

What remains to be seen is whether or not Campbell can reach his stated goal of reaching the playoffs next year. The Hawks have numerous holes to fill, and the task seems difficult.

Baxter, however, believes he has found the right man to lead the team. "Coach Campbell fills the role we set in search of," said Baxter. "His success on the court and ability to provide leadership to student athletes is the model we're looking for."

## Campbell In Person

A conversation with the new coach

ASAD KIYANI

Peter Campbell, announced as the new men's basketball coach on May 25, has a busy summer ahead of him.

Having enjoyed remarkable success at Laurentian, it seems as if moving to relatively weak program such as Laurier's was a big risk. Yet Campbell still took the leap, for a number of reasons.

"Everybody is friendly, like people were at Laurentian," explained Campbell. "Also, the recruiting process - they [Laurier Athletics] were pretty relentless to convince me."

Campbell also noted that he and his wife are from southern

Ontario originally, so it was a homecoming of sorts. He also referred to "the potential for student-athletes" at Laurier. But, after years of success, he said, what he most wanted was "a new challenge."

"You begin to wonder 'Can I do it again?'" said Campbell. "So you want that challenge?"

Still, that doesn't mean it was easy to leave Laurentian and the roots his family had there, as well as his former team.

"It was very difficult," said Campbell. "We had a lot of players coming back. I think we - I think Laurentian - is going to be good team again this year."

"There are a lot of people at Laurentian that are friends," added Campbell. "The city of Sudbury has been very receptive. It's been hard the last few days."

Despite the difficulty of the transition, Campbell is looking for a new challenge and he seems to have found a number of them with the Hawks. "Getting the right 'X' number of players, whatever that magic number is," said Campbell. "I know they carried 16 players this year, and whether that number is twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen - I don't know. It'll be important to get the right mix of players."

"And this is just from what I've heard, of course, but getting them to compete in practice at a game level."

If there is a concern he has about this team, it's not that they won't have the players to make the playoffs - he thinks it's a 'realistic' goal. The concern is that the team doesn't know how to pull out a close game. The question that needs to be answered, says Campbell, is "How are we gonna' win?"

Perhaps the biggest challenge he'll face is not on the court but off. Student and community support has been severely lacking and that's something he wants to remedy.

"We've got to get the students into the gym, get the kids to want to come to the basketball game - I take that seriously," said Campbell. "We have to get the players out in the community."

As for spending the summer coaching the national junior team, Campbell thinks it will only have a positive impact.

"I become a better coach because I work with quality coaches. When I was an assistant coach, I worked with a quality head coach and now as the head coach, I work with quality assistant coaches," said Campbell. "Also the international game shows you a different side from our North American context."

"Second, there's the profile it gives me as a coach but also Wilfrid Laurier Basketball."

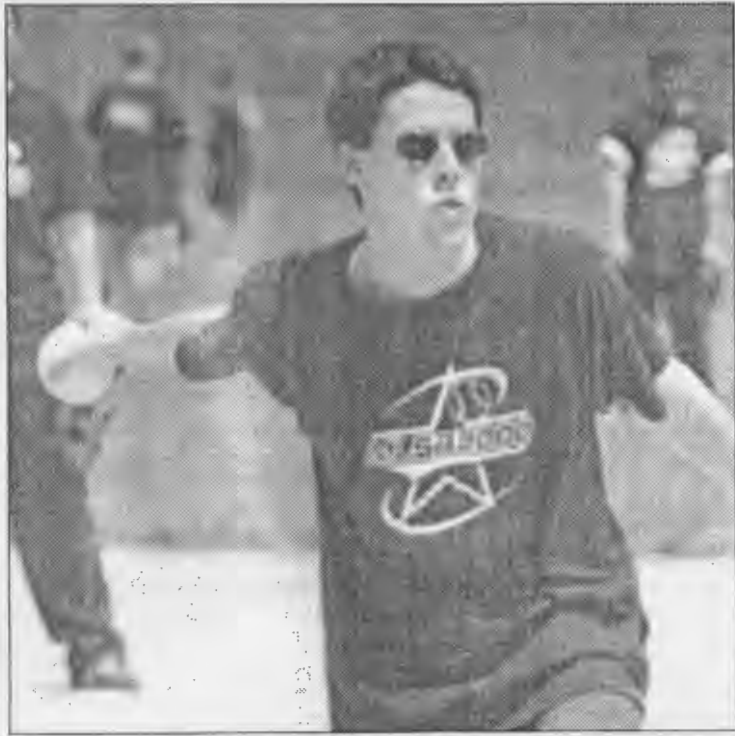
Those profiles - both Campbell's and Laurier's - seem linked and ready to rise.

**"We've got to get the students into the gym."**

BY THE BOOKS - THE IMPORTANT STATS  
Campbell's career with the Laurentian Voyageurs

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# Softball takes SBE by storm - and it's just gettin' warm!



LUKE MARTYN

Play ball! It's the opening pitch of the season!

ASAD KIYANI

It's not easy finding a summer job nowadays. Fortunately, if you're in third or fourth year business co-op, there's little to no need to do so.

Instead, suit up and join a softball team in the massive tournament that seems to infect and twist the minds of the vast majority of Laurier students over the summer.

Right now, there appears to be a tight race between several teams. It's difficult to distinguish between them because they all seem to wear identical dark

colour uniforms. Still, that adds to the excitement.

But beware - your teammates aren't necessarily your friends. This is business after all, so don't be surprised if your leftfielder 'accidentally' runs right through you to get to a ball she has no chance of catching - she's probably in that OTHER marketing group. Be careful, because there have been a number of injuries in the recent past.

Remember - the last thing you need is a sunburnt nose to stop you from making it to the next (and best!) tethered crawl.

# Rocket dead at 78

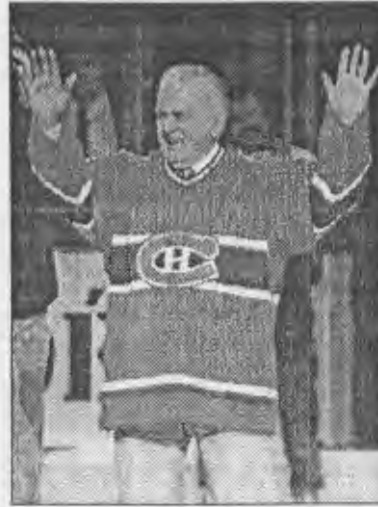
## Hockey legend passes away after long illness

ASAD KIYANI

The hockey world and indeed all of the country was saddened to hear of the death of legendary hockey player Maurice Richard. Known to his fans as the Rocket, Richard died from respiratory failure on Saturday evening, after a relapse of cancer had sent him back to the hospital.

The death of the former Montréal Canadiens star brought a huge outpouring of grief and adoration in the city where he made his name. Montréal's two largest daily newspapers - La Presse and Le Journal - devoted entire sections to his memory, including a 32 page pullout, part of 50 pages granted to Richard by Le Journal.

Media coverage of Richard's state had been nearly continuous since it was announced on Friday that he had slipped into a deep coma. His surprising apparent recovery on Saturday shocked his doctors and sparked several local TV and



Maurice (Rocket) Richard: 1921-2000

for the massive crowds expected to gather.

A state funeral had been offered by Quebec Prime Minister Lucien Bouchard, but was declined by the family who did not want things to become too big for even the Rocket's legend. Instead, the Canadiens and Richard's family are taking care of the funeral.

The Rocket, who spent 18 years breaking records and winning Stanley Cups with the Canadiens, was renowned not only for his skill on the ice but his generosity off it as well. He continued to be a popular figure in Montréal well after the end of his playing days and could often be seen conversing with strangers who had come to see him as a demi-god of sorts.

His health had been a question mark for several years and his recent re-admission to hospital did little to ease fears about his status. Richard had been diagnosed with inoperable stomach cancer and Parkinson's disease at the time of his death on Saturday.

radio stations to broadcast Richard programming for much of the remainder of the weekend.

Richard lay in state at the Molson Centre in Montréal yesterday, and a book of condolence was also set up at city hall. Today, Richard is being taken to the Notre Dame Basilica for a Roman Catholic high mass. The rites will be broadcast live on television and projected outside of the Basilica

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## Kool Kid on the block

MIKE C

Two years ago my family visited some friends in Ohio. We finally got to their house after a tiresome and numbing ride. As we rounded the typical suburban street corner of their altogether cliché upper middle class neighbourhood, I noticed that a good portion of the adjacent street was cut off from regular vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Within the street was a virtual microcosm of activity, abounding with all sorts of commotion from clowns to bands to those large inflatable castles where children can bounce around in, like those little numbered balls used to pick winning lottery numbers. Peering through the car window, I became mesmerized by the interplay of sounds and movement occurring outside the cold interior of the vehicle. It was then I decided that block parties were ass. Hopefully this Friday will be different.

On Friday, June 2nd, from 5:00 to 11:00pm, the city of Kitchener will be hosting its biggest block party ever, appropriately named "The Block Party". Following on the heels of last year's successful Urban Circus, the region of Waterloo continues to come correct with

promising event. Featuring headliners Kid Koala and DJ Food's Strictly Kev, the party will be an exciting event.

Complimenting these artists will be a guest appearance by Toronto's Hard Nox Skoolerz: breakdancing pioneers of "top-rocking", a style that incorporates house music into the tradi-

tional arsenal of freezes, windmills and swipes. Among other featured artists are Kid Koala's band, Bullfrog as well as local support from DJs Leeroy Brown, Stormshadow and Buttafingaz.

Fresh off the successful release of *Carpal Tunnel Syndrome* and benefiting from generous exposure on Much Music, Kitchener was wise to procure Kid Koala's prodigious services? Embodying the quintessence of a human cartoon, Kid Koala promises to amaze and mesmerise all revelers with his complimentary combination of scratching skills and comedic showmanship.

Kid Koala's Ninja Tune Records touring mate, DJ Food, also promises to be captivating with his original blend of funky,

jazzy breakbeats. DJ Food promises to cook up a marvelous set with fresh samples of drums, bass and other sexy instruments; Complimenting it with a dash of stage charisma and a sprinkle of Latin, funk, tribal and dub influences. Local support also appears to be strong, with a strong contingent

of junglists represented by Stormshadow and Leeroy Brown, who has graced the halls of WLU on several occasions. For the heads, Buttafingaz will make an appearance with the usual combination of turntable showmanship and hip-hop bravado.

Graffiti artists: Darwin, Scam1 and a host of others will compliment the general atmosphere of the place by painting a region of Waterloo bus. If that wasn't enough to fill your entertainment palette, Nintendo 64 will represent with the Gamers Ultimate Tour, hopefully showing off the new game Perfect Dark, which I've been hearing so much about (see Goldeneye II).

Kid Koala promises to amaze all revelers.

The Block Party would not have happened without the generous support of numerous businesses and organizations, mainly the City of Kitchener and Sherwood Systems. Full props should also go out to Heritage Canada, Rogers Television, Exclaim magazine, Delirium clothing, Ninja Tune, Snug industries, Nintendo 64 and Small Fry potato chips, all of which continue to support community events such as these.

The event looks very promising, and given that the ticket price is free, perhaps it would be something I'd be inclined to check out. A lot of friends also said that they'd be making the trek to Kitchener's City Hall, impelling me even more to go. I'll go if I don't have anything else to do on

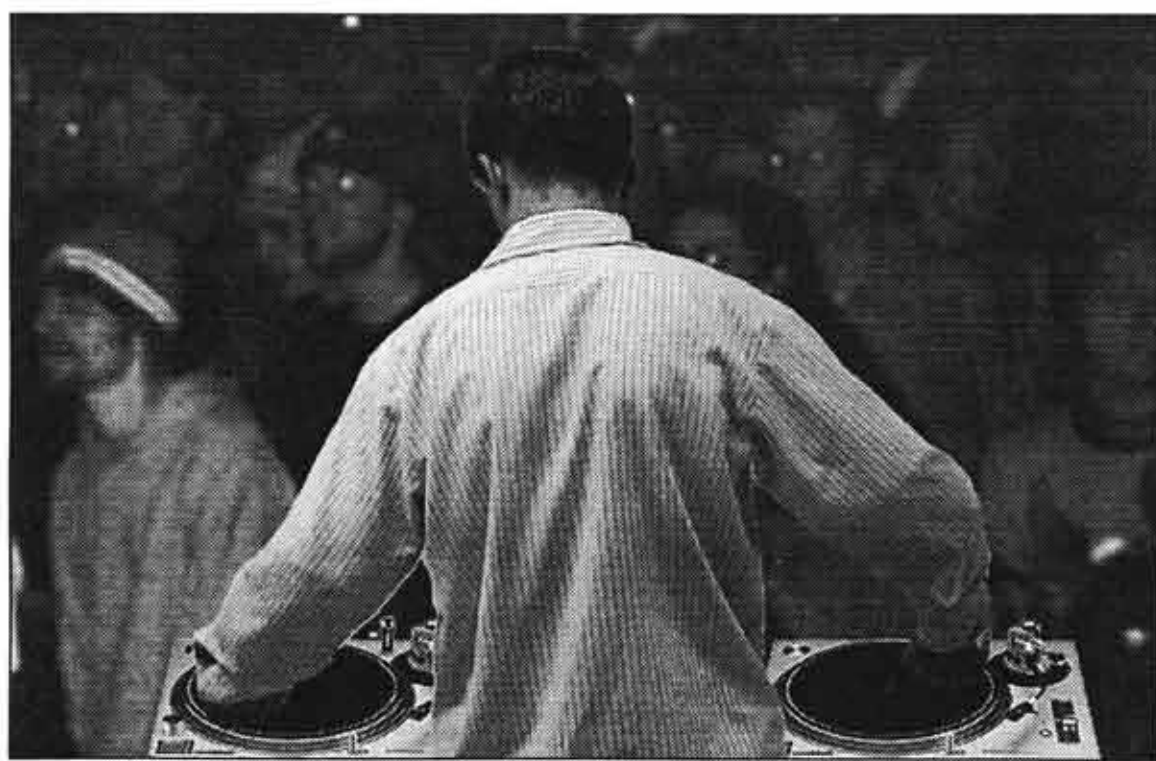
Friday evening... maybe. I just hope it isn't ass.

Editor's note: Mike never has anything to do on a Friday. You'll see him there.



More fun than a Tuesday night at Louie's... obviously.

## Capitalism goes electronic



I don't understand. Where's the mixer?

ANTHONY IANTORNO

In a society where people feel the need to identify themselves with something of significance, DJ's and the rave scene have created a new genre of music and subculture out of a "dead" medium. Current technology has allowed producers and DJ's to stray from the traditional forms of music, and to experiment with and develop new forms of music using samplers, turntables, drum machines, and computers. Although electronic music began as an underground form, its progressive flow into mainstream culture has been embraced by members of the market economy, in an attempt to capitalize on the growing niche market which has resulted.

Insofar as traditional Top 40 music goes, the capitalist marketplace has been an invisible hand controlling what is broadcast over the air waves. Most music stations are paid off to play the music which major record labels are promoting. Mainstream Top 40 music is literally forced upon us, infiltrating the airwaves and the general populations minds. The degree to which electronic music is self-regulated allows for constant change and variation in its style. While performing, DJs can 'play' the audience by adapting the music style to what the crowd is dancing to. A DJ can increase the tempo and intensity of a set to work with the crowd, as opposed to the Top 40 DJ, who is restricted to what he/she can do with the music.

Electronica DJs also have more control over what they play and what they produce, as most work independently of major labels. As a result they do not have to obtain approval from the tycoons who mold popular culture and dictate what 'brand' of music or sound sells best.

Electronic music and DJs create a more active form of listening because of the constantly changing tempo and continuity in the musical form. In contrast, most genres of music have a set beat that must be mechanically followed by those dancing or listening to it. With electronic music a DJ can adjust the sound, rhythm, tempo and pitch of their music almost instantaneously, allowing for more freedom of movement and continuity.

As for DJ's who produce their own electronic music, direct feedback is obtained from their audience and DJ's have the freedom and opportunity to adapt freely and accordingly. Their music can be constantly re-evaluated and the audience can freely form an opinion as to what beat or rhythm they liked best in a particular set presented by a DJ.

Electronic music offers more variety, which is attributable to its rapid growth in popularity. This inclusive form of music is a very deep and powerful form of communication in that it is built

around an accepting, unconstrained, inviting milieu. Although this music genre has a select, core audience, it has nonetheless been adopted as a marketing tool by mainstream society.

The embrace of electronic music has followed and is directly correlated with the embrace of technology in our post-modern world. With the advent of equipment that facilitated mixing and sampling, the creation of electronic music

Electronic music DJ's create a more active form of listening.

was made possible. It is this diversity of sound that attracts a wide variety of listeners and unites them in a sub-cultural world of free expression, acceptance and individuality. Without technology, this cultural explosion would not have occurred.

The expansionist quality of electronic music has allowed itself to develop into society. The birth of these popular 'techno' sounds, originally classified as 'underground' music, have transcended cultural norms over time and have flooded markets universally.

Although the meaning behind the music may have changed and the novelty of belonging to a more exclusive subculture may no longer exist, the freedom of expression remains. DJ's and their music may be utilized as marketing instruments, but the people who don't simply buy into it maintain the genre's original ideals.

# Ear Candy: *treats fo' yo' momma*



Kid Koala  
The emperor's  
main course in  
Cantonese EP  
Ninja Tune



Funky-Fresh Dope

About 3 years ago, I had gotten my sweaty yuck hands on a dubbed and dirty copy of Kid Koala's original mix tape, *scracthatacatch*. At the time, all I had heard about the kid was hearsay and word of mouth amounting to "This guy'll wipe the floor with those Invisibl Scratch Piklz." "Bah" I said, "nothing can touch the klamz uv death!"

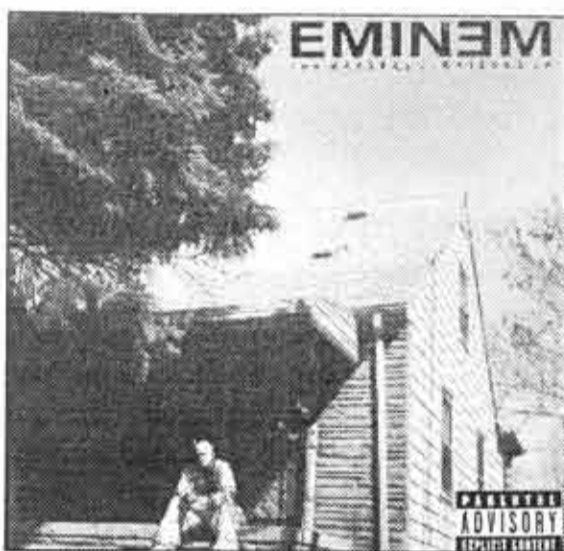
3 years and infinite turntablist later, my piklz cuts are collecting dust, but my faithful Kid Koala dub is still loud and clear in my big red firetruck of a van. Why is that? Skills? Attitude? Sample use? Nuh Uh. Its for no reason other than the fact that *scracthatacatch* is 30 minutes of thoroughly listenable music.

Praises aside, the whole "thoroughly listenable" thing is why I was slightly disappointed in Kid Koala's new LP, *Carpal Tunnel Syndrome*. Skillful? Yes. Funny? Hell Yes. Thoroughly Listenable? Well, as Koala put it himself, "It's a weird one." That's too bad. Weird ones are never that listenable.

Perhaps then, out of sheer guilt, Kid

Koala decided to release something really special. REALLY REALLY special. It's a blast from the Kid Koala past: the bloody fantastic tape opening, Last emperor sampling, "Emperors Main course in Cantonese." This blazing 10" was just released on Ninja Tune, complete with more crazy Cantonese chatter, and a new thunderous backbeat. Albeit part of the original charm of "Emperor..." lies in the fuzz and hiss of my old dub, this is still an ice dope re-release. For all those truly interested in the kid, skip the LPs & remixes, and start here. Sure, the B-side is quite honestly musique concrete strangeness, but the main course will leave you more than stuffed. Long live the Kid.

Scott Cairns



Eminem  
The Marshall  
Mathers LP  
Aftermath  
Entertainment



Dope

The John McEnroe of rap, Detroit's sadist rhyme-slayer Eminem, has returned to serve sensitive psyches with "eighty-pound balls, [and a] dick six-inch long."

The Marshall Mathers LP, Eminem's smashing sophomore effort, is brimming with the same shocking expressionism and quintessential flow that made him an overnight superstar upon his first release.

How does Marshall Mathers measure up to *Slim Shady*? Well, if encouraging the listener to suck your d#\$k is the same as telling them you don't give a f#\$k, then these albums have parallels.

And who's to condemn Eminem for coming with another album so similar to his first? After all, he did sell four million copies of his rookie joint. No, Dr. Dre and Eminem weren't about to tinker with a formula that had repressed, white ruralites terrifying middle class neighbourhoods from Kalamazoo to Kansas as they stepped back into the studio with knots in their pockets and snickers on their grills. And if hearing their kids listen to the *Slim Shady* LP gave suburban parents cause for concern, then adolescent psychologists stands to make a killing off the release of the *Marshall Mathers* LP.

Songs that highlight the album include the self-explanatory "Kill You", "Who Knew", in which M shifts the blame for juvenile suicides to shoddy parenting, and "The Way I Am", which is much worse than the title indicates. While Eminem, F.B.T. and Dr. Dre split the majority of the production duties it's Dr. Dre who turns out the illest beats, including the already over-played "The Real Slim Shady."

If it's ill we're talking about however, Eminem once again takes things to the next level, shocking the s#\$t out of even this slightly preternatural writer, with lines like "I don't give a f#\$k if this chick was my own mother/I'd still f#\$k her with no rubber/ And come inside her/ And have a son and a new brother at the same time/ And just say it's not mine." Enough said? If not, you should do two things: buy the album and see a shrink.

Julius Jones



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Funky-Fresh Dope

Music that provides just as much enjoyment from dancing to as it does from analyzing the lyrics comes along very rarely. One of the most impressive aspects of this album is the band's willingness to experiment with different styles of music. They frequently slow down their trademark breakneck speed to incorporate slower rhythms, earning the 'dub' part of their name. On many tracks, ADF combines several different styles into one distinct sound, almost overwhelming the listener, but still creating incredible sonic collages.

ADF possesses a unique political stance that makes their lyrics almost impossible to ignore. The band's left-wing subject matter provides for an interesting read while listening to the exotic grooves. With references to the IMF, World Bank and the track 'Colour Line', consisting of intelligent sound bites about the state of society, the lyrics are not to be dismissed. This is easily one of the best releases of 2000.

Sir Maneesh Sehdev

## What's goin' on?

**Friday June 2nd:** The Block Party, Downtown Kitchener 5pm to 11pm featuring Kid Koala, DJ Food, Bullfrog, Leeroy Brown, Stormshadow and Buttahfingaz. Free

**Saturday, June 10:** The Miniatures, Jane Bond café. Jane Bond is the source

of all goodness. Go

**Sunday June 11th:** Donkey Day; 11am to 4pm Features donkey rides, singers, dancers, demonstrations and plenty more fun for the whole family. Adults \$6, Students and Seniors \$4, Children under 6 \$2.

**Monday June 12th:** Sonic Youth and Stereolab, The Warehouse (Toronto). Tickets are about \$35 after outrageous Ticketmaster charges. It may be in Toronto, but Stereolab kicks ass and should not be missed.

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## Waterloo Wing wrap-up

**JULIUS JONES  
LUKE MARTYN  
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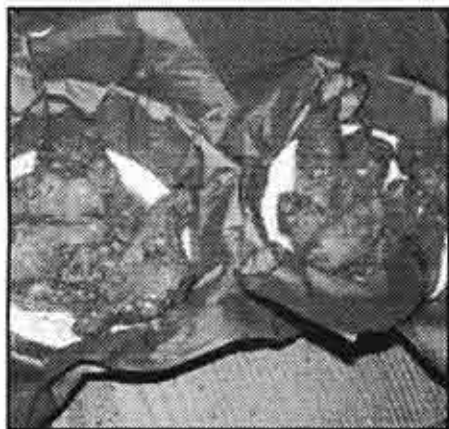
Anybody who has eaten a chicken wing has heard the claim that they are eating the area's best wings. Since this statement is inherently impossible, the Cord assembled a crack team of connoisseurs to find out just who serves up Waterloo's best chicken wings.

Cord staff members Julius Jones, Luke Martyn and Maneesh Sehdev shortened a long list of competitors down to the most reputable five and then set about the town, sampling wings from five noted establishments.

Wings were judged according to their size, taste and meat-to-bone ratio, among other criteria. Honey Garlic and Medium were used as the measuring stick, and were served along with lemon water, celery, carrots and dip.

(While the establishments themselves must be thanked for their hospitality, the lovely staffs at all locations are also deserving of thanks for their gracious service of the non-tipping connoisseurs - it was unintentional, of course.)

### MORTY'S



**JJ:** When Morty's moves down the road to their new location at 272 King Street North, I'll be among the first people to stop by. Morty's is famous for great chicken wings in this area, and with good reason; Morty's serves up what should be thought of as the triple burger of wings. These things are as big as wings come, and while Morty's aims for a meaty offering, nothing is sacrificed on the flavour front. Morty's medium and honey garlic wings are crispy (especially when baked), savoury, and the meat lifts away from the bone with little effort, indicating tenderness.

**LM:** A Cheers-like atmosphere where I expected Norm to walk in at any time. The wings at Morty's are the largest I have ever seen north of the 49th parallel. Honey garlic had the usual abundance of honey flavour, but the general texture of the wing was superb. The texture could be described as crispy on the outside and soft on the inside - just like me. The medium wings were good, but they had enough vinegar to clear my sinuses.

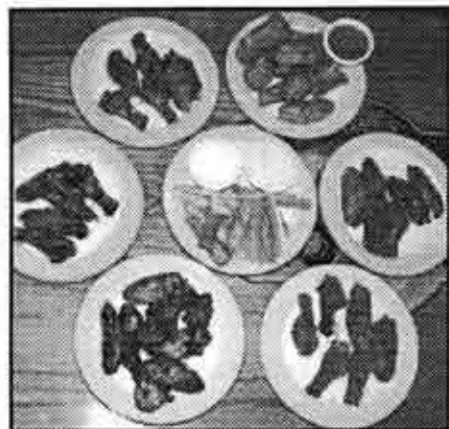
Flavour	MORTY'S	HUETHER	MCGINNIS	PHILTHY'S	WILF'S
JJ	4	4.5	3.5	4.5	3.5
LM	3	4	5	4	3
MS	4	4	5	5	3.5
Meatiness					
JJ	5	4	3.5	4	3
LM	4	3	4	5	3
MS	5	4	3.5	4	3.5
Tenderness					
JJ	4	3.5	3.5	4.5	3
LM	4	4	4	5	3.5
MS	4.5	4	3	5	3
Physical Appeal					
JJ	3	4	4.5	4	4
LM	3	4.5	5	4	4
MS	4	4	5	3.5	3
Distinctiveness					
JJ	5	5	3	3.5	3
LM	4	5	4.5	3	3
MS	4	5	3	4	3

These rankings are based on a five point scale: 1 being low and 5 being high, for all you marketing types.

**MS:** I strangely felt like everyone in this place knew my name...? As the steaming basket of wings arrived, my tender taste buds were tempted. Both the honey garlic and medium sauce were thin and dripped off a lot, but that was good because the sexy flesh underneath could be tasted easily. The very friendly waitress made me feel like I was at home- someone else's.

### THE HUETHER

**JJ:** Besides a classy retro dining atmosphere, the Huether has the best blue cheese dip I've ever tasted. They also offer an unparalleled number of flavour options for wings, including several original tastes like cajun and breaded with thai peanut sauce. The honey garlic flavour is very true to its name, with a thick, rich sauce; while the medium wings give up spiciness in favour of a sweet-tasting average-sized wing.

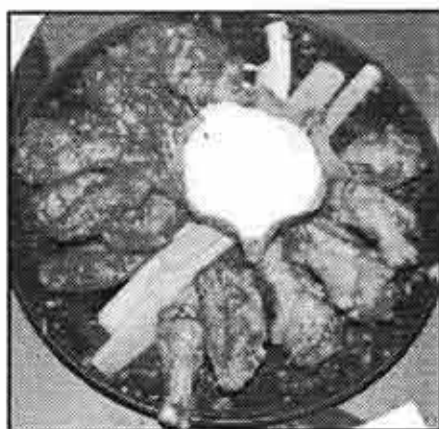


**LM:** The Huether provides a lovely environment for an evening of wings with that special someone. The lemon water was placed at our table as an alternative to the usual wet nap, but be warned: Do not drink the water. I was impressed with the size of the wings, but upon further examination the meat to bone ratio was disappointing. The honey garlic wings tasted like they were dipped into a jar of honey. To some this may be advantageous, but I found it to be too sticky for my fingers.

**MS:** The veggies came with TWO kinds of dipping sauce,

the way in which all things in life should be served. The meat was tough yet tender - just like me. The medium had a sweet taste to it, which was better than the onslaught of heat I expected. The honey garlic was good and the cajun style had a certain je-ne-sais-quois to it. And when we were done? No moist towels here, we got finger-bowls!

### MCGINNIS



**JJ:** McGinnis brings a classic bar wing to the table, served attractively by friendly staff. Somewhat saucier than the other wings I sampled, I felt myself thinking about a beer instead of the standard water we drank. The medium wings are tangy and spicy, but if it's wings you're after at McGinnis order the honey garlic. The Front Row variety defines what I believe a honey garlic wing should taste like.

**LM:** The sight of sporting gear juxtaposed with the smell of wings and beer made me feel like a real Golden Hawk. When these wings were submitted for review, they were arranged in an ornate circular manner, an impressive look for a food usually piled at random. The medium wings seemed very hot to my sensitive palette, but were satisfying nonetheless. I was not expecting miracles once it was time to sample the honey garlic wings. However to my surprise these wings had enough garlic to fend off Dracula on a good

night.

**MS:** As the Eric Lindros check played repeatedly on every TV, we continued to enjoy all that is wing in Waterloo. Although at times the meat was rough, the incredibly tasty honey garlic sauce largely overshadowed this. The bonecrushing reality of hockey was shifted to the back of my mind as my tongue savoured the flavour. However the medium wings were hotter than medium should be.

### PHILTHY McNASTY'S

**JJ:** Despite the fact that the Philthy's staff was somewhat tentative about having their wings reviewed, these wings were good...damn good. The steaming hot platter of wings was rich in spice without being overwhelming to the senses, and was as tender and juicy a wing as I had all day. Philthy's medium wings offered a zesty and unique taste.



**LM:** Philthy's is a relatively new player in the Waterloo wing world, but their reputation as a popular night club is legendary. The presentation of these wings were pleasing to the eye, and their taste was unique in my experience with chicken wings. My first bite into my medium wing created a piquante sensation, and the meat fell off the bones like it was goin' outta' style. These wings were a delight, but I need more garlic in honey garlic.

**MS:** Greeting us at our table was a TV, providing plenty of distraction from the excruciating

remarks of Julius Jones. The wings were very tender and quite succulent. The honey garlic was acceptable but it was the medium that stole the show, providing a spicy and zesty taste with a crisp shell covering the sweet meat. Plus the waitress looked like the girl from The Cardigans... Mmmm...

### WILF'S

**JJ:** On this day our own campus bar put in a strong showing - or is it tasting? Wilf's was quick, presented the wings in an aesthetically pleasing manner, and didn't disappoint on the flavour front. The honey garlic were very appetizing, crispy with just the right amount of sauce, while the medium zinged my taste buds nicely.



**LM:** Having never tasted the wings at our fine on-campus eating establishment, I had no expectations of what the bird tasted like. I started with the medium wings which had a good tangy taste, but their size was by no means impressive. The honey garlic wings had plenty of honey, but very little garlic, making me wonder if these wings were of the M&M variety. Overall the wings were tasty, but had some room for improvement.

**MS:** The familiar surroundings of Wilf's provided the opening salvo in our excursion. The honey garlic sauce was a little weak, leaving my salivating mouth in desperate search for more flavour. There was a definite flavour to them, but I'm just not sure it was honey garlic. The medium wings were quite enticing though, and I found my tastebuds jumping for joy.

### FINAL THOUGHTS

#### Julius Jones

Favourite Wing Place: The Huether  
Flavourable Mentions: Morty's; Philthy McNasty's

#### Luke Martyn

Favourite Wing Place: Philthy McNasty's  
Honourable Mentions: Morty's, McGinnis

#### Maneesh Sehdev

Favourite Wing Place: Morty's  
Honourable Mentions: Philthy McNasty's, McGinnis, The Huether

It is not recommended the general public attempt to eat at five establishments in three hours. Please pace yourself.

## Budget 2000 Comes In Provincial plan sends mixed signals to students

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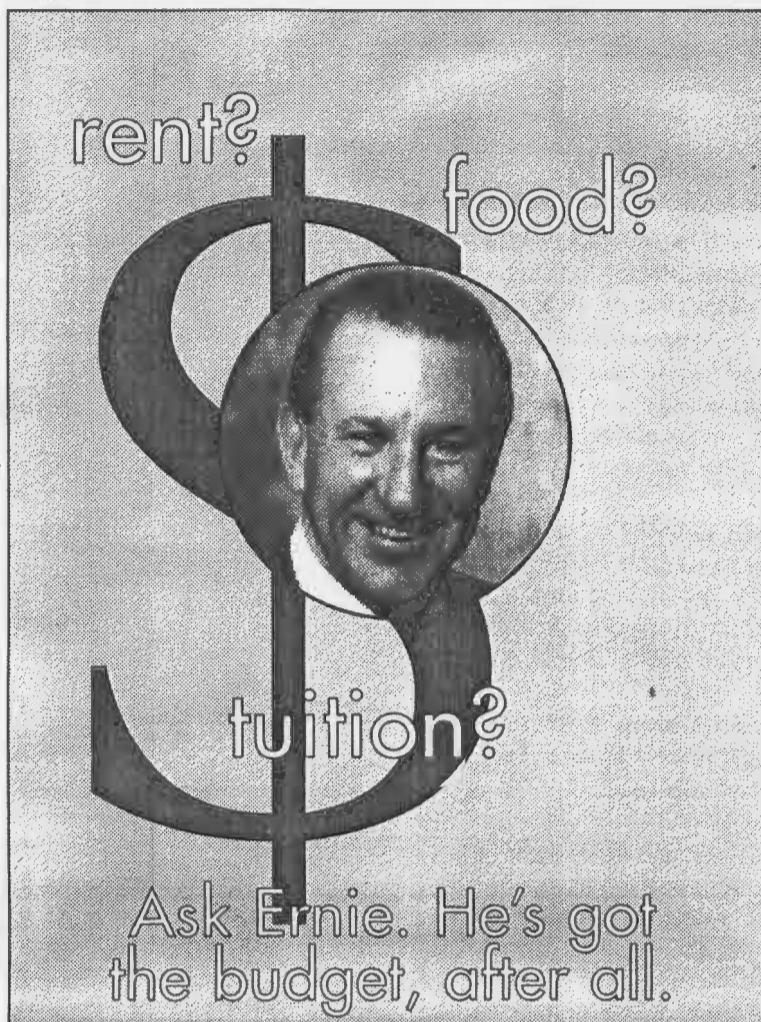
CATHY SWEET

For many of us, summer is a time to take a break from the classroom, to put our knowledge to work and frantically search for the perfect temporary job. Whether you plan to earn your tuition by planting trees or pushing paper, the fundamental objective remains the same: more money.

For anyone looking for a better job, one that will satisfy your extravagant spending habits, the Ontario Budget 2000 may give you reason to celebrate. The government has predicted solid growth in Ontario's economy over the next fiscal year. The consequences? More jobs, higher incomes, and a lower rate of unemployment. In 1999, the province created 198,000 jobs and plans to reach the government's new target of 825,000 jobs over the next five years.

The unemployment rate currently sits at a record low of 5.6%, down from 8.7% only five years ago. Ontario's tax policy changes account for much of this improvement with personal income tax cuts have left more money in people's pockets.

Ernie Eves, Minister of Finance, says he plans to continue the growth trend by "investing in new technologies, fostering research and development activities and ensuring that businesses have workers with the skills they need to compete with the best in the world." This is good news for those of us seeking permanent full-time employment within the next



few years.

For students just beginning their university careers, financing the next three or four years may be a primary concern. On May 2, Eves addressed these concerns by announcing the largest capital investment in Ontario's post-secondary school system in more than 30 years. A total of \$1.8 billion will be invested for more than 73,000 new student spaces in Ontario's universities and colleges.

Over the last few years, we've experienced first hand the tightening of student loans and assistance.

In response, the province promises to increase the study period of employment and scholarship exemptions under OSAP. As well, funding will be doubled for the Ontario Work-Study Plan

so that schools can hire twice as many students and the number of Ontario graduate scholarships will increase by more than 50%.

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### WHAT ABOUT RIGHT NOW?

ASAD KIYANI

While the track record of the provincial government in improving Ontario's economic situation seems well established, its commitment to the more social aspects has not seen the same level of appreciation. In particular, recent budgets have done little to lift the spirit of post-secondary students. And while Budget 2000 provides some small improvements, it does not do nearly enough to meet their needs.

Among the improvements put forth in this year's budget is

an increase of the in-school allowable earnings from \$600 to \$1700. This means, if they choose to work during school, students can earn an extra \$1100 before their OSAP will

be reduced. However, this same government reduced the in-school allowable earnings from \$1700 to \$600 in 1997, so the net sum is zero.

As well, while Finance Minister Ernie Eves has promised \$1.8 billion for capital funding, there has been no allowance for operational funding. No money has been set aside to hire new faculty, staff or administrators to oversee the new buildings and the 73,000 students that are supposed to fill them.

Not only does the lack of operational funding raise fears of 73,000 students sitting in shiny new buildings with little to do - what with no profes-

sors, computers or library books - but it also causes concern that the current crop of students will be short-changed as well.

According to Ryan Parks, Executive Director of the Ontario Undergraduate Students Alliance (OUSA), a large percentage of professors are set to retire in the next ten years in Ontario, and the number is even higher in the United States. As well-trained, experienced professors retire both here and across the border, well-endowed American universities will be able to attract the best Canadian professors to

make up their shortfall. The end result is a dramatic drop in qualified professors for Ontario schools.

While Parks and OUSA admit the budget does contain improvements - such as the doubling of the number of work-study placements - they are comparatively minor and leave much to be desired.

"Overall, there were some positive steps but they were small relative to the big picture," said Parks. "We hoped the budget would reflect a greater vision."

Asked if he thought the province had made a commitment to accessible post-secondary education, Parks paused before answering.

"They keep telling us they have, but so far we have not seen sufficient movement," said Parks. "But we are optimistic - cautiously optimistic."

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## BRIEFLY: LAURIER INCREASES TUITION, OPEC MAY LIFT QUOTA

### LAURIER BUDGET CALLS FOR TUITION RISE

Laurier's own Budget 2000 accounts for a 4% rise in tuition for next year. Earlier this year, the province had set a cap for tuition hikes at 2% per year for the next five years. However, since Laurier did not increase tuition by the full amount allowed by the government over the past years, it was able to raise tuition double the normal amount. For the next four years, however, the tuition increases will be two percent per year.

Lest the gesture be mistaken as a sign that the government is actually aiding students, the Budget Overview advises that the cap on tuition essentially negates the increase in revenues coming from government grants.

### BANK OF MONTREAL BUYS OUT TWELVE LOCAL BRANCHES

The Bank of Montreal (BMO) announced on May 7 it had purchased a dozen K-W bank branches formerly run by TD Bank and Canada Trust.

According to Steve Murphy, BMO's Senior Vice-President for Southwestern Ontario, all staff at the newly acquired outlets will be offered positions with BMO. He did not say whether the new jobs will be equivalent in either responsibility or compensation to their positions with TD and Canada Trust.

The \$50 million dollar purchase is a precursor to the acquisition of six more branches in Cambridge, Elmira, and Port Hope.

### WLUSU TO TAKE OUT LARGE LOAN

Laurier's Students' Union is set to receive a \$750,000 loan for its planned renovations of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. The vast majority of the loan - approximately \$650,000 - will be used to renovate the Food Court, which WLUSU will be operating come September. The remainder will be utilized in the improvement of office space on the third floor of the FNCC. The loan is expected to be fully self-funded by revenues received from the operation of the Food Court.

While the loan has yet to receive final approval from university administrators, it will be provided by the Royal Bank, with the University as a co-signatory.

### OPEC TO CONSIDER LIFTING QUOTA ON OIL OUTPUT

As pressure from the United States increases, Saudi Arabia - the leading oil producer in OPEC - is considering presenting a proposal to raise quota level at the next output level meeting.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries - which produce 40% of the world's crude - is under fire from major oil consuming countries - particular the United States and Japan - to alleviate the burden the strict quota have placed upon them. Prices for a barrel of crude recently rose above \$30 (U.S.). The OPEC oil price has spiked up by nearly 40% in the last seven weeks when the quotas went into full effect.

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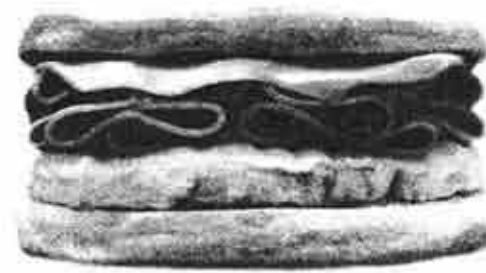
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