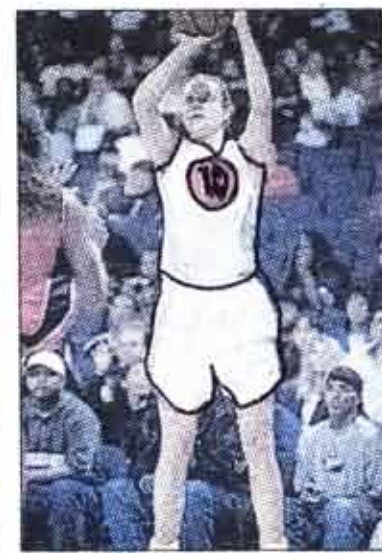




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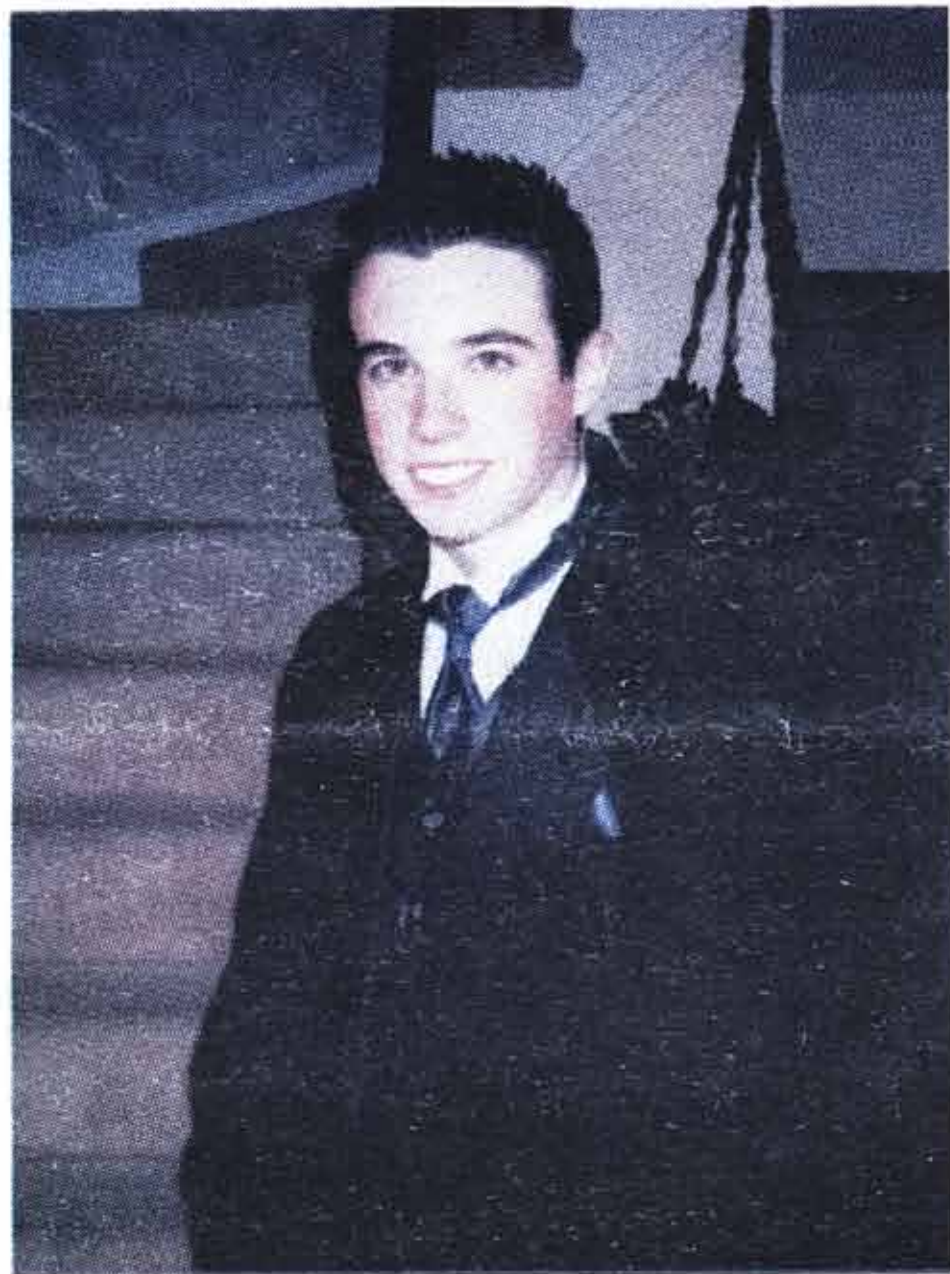


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FUND THIS GIRL? PAGE 18

In Memoriam: Scott Whitehead



Scott Whitehead

SPECIAL TO THE CORD
JEREMY RICH

It often seems as though two main reasons exist, explaining why one would sit down and write something. It could be done to express oneself. For instance, when someone writes a letter or a poem. Or, a composition could be created due to necessity or command. Such would be the case when any student buckles down to prepare an essay or assignment. The reason behind this composition cannot be accounted for by either explanation.

I am writing this under the worst circumstances imaginable. I am writing this article to inform people that my friend and fellow Wilfrid Laurier student, Scott Whitehead, has taken his life.

In the early hours of Friday, October 6th, Scott died from self-induced carbon monoxide poisoning.

Scott had been struggling with severe clinical depression for the past couple of years. Coming from a very loving family, Scott was afforded every opportunity to remedy his pain. Countless hours were devoted to therapy sessions and many medications were attempted to reduce his suffering, yet nothing seemed to provide the release that he so desperately needed.

Scott was a truly amazing person, whom I've been honored to know for many years. His kindness and generosity inspired many, and his passion for the things he loved provided him with great times and many successes.

Scott demonstrated the dedication and natural ability needed to excel at anything that he chose to do. He was known to be a great hockey player, a strong student and an excellent golfer. More importantly, Scott was known as a friend to many.

I was in attendance for his

funeral on Wednesday and the outpouring of emotion from friends and family was completely overwhelming. Scott has left us with so many cherished memories.

When I think of Scott, my first inclination is to envision his love of music. His two favorite bands were Pearl Jam and Dave Matthews Band.

My fondest memory of Scott, takes me back to a Pearl Jam concert at Molson Park in August 1998. I remember how intensely he seemed to be enjoying the evening. Thinking back, I remember that he just couldn't stop smiling for the entire show. He often referred to it as the best night of his life.

Scott's passion for music went far beyond listening, as he spent a great deal of time teaching himself to play the guitar, and writing songs of his own. I remember sitting in my basement one night with Scott and a few other friends, endlessly playing guitar and singing cover songs together. He found great comfort and strength in the music that he surrounded himself with.

Several of Scott's friends took the opportunity to say a few words at the funeral, and there was definitely a common wish echoed by all. Despite the hurt that they were all feeling, they could only hope that Scott was now finally free from all of the pain and torment that we were experiencing. When I close my eyes, I can see him driving his hometown streets of Burlington in his father's yellow Mustang GT convertible this past summer. This is symbolic of the freedom we wish upon him, now that his suffering has finally ended.

"Would you not like to be sitting on top of the world with your legs hanging free?"

Dave Matthews,
Lie In Our Graves

"Some die just to live"

Eddie Vedder,
Immortality

A non-boring Orchestra



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CORD ENTERTAINMENT
MARIANNE LEE

This Sunday afternoon the WLU Symphony Orchestra begins its season with a home opener in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall.

Under the leadership of Paul Pulford, who takes a break from the rigorous schedule of the Penderecki String Quartet and teaching cello to conduct, this orchestra promises to deliver a memorable show, one that is accessible to both the uneducated ears as well as those more refined.

"Even with the variability from year to year [between the new and graduating players] the orchestra continues to improve. This is the best orchestra I've had in my day," said Pulford.

The orchestra here at Laurier has a few goals to achieve each year: to highlight the previous year's concerto competition winners, and to feature works of students composers. As well, the orchestra is a vehicle for preparing young professionals for the outside world. The orchestra practices regularly 4 hours or more each week, plus 1-2 additional hours with various sectional meetings. This week, the players will put in 4 hours Monday to Thursday, then 3 hours or more Friday and Saturday. All in all, this is a very hardworking ensemble.

Sunday's concert begins with Franz Schubert's Eighth "Unfinished Symphony" (remember that Simpsons

episode with Truckasaurus?)

Written and subsequently abandoned in 1822, not performed until 1865, this work has been called the first truly Romantic Symphony.

Featured next is cellist extraordinaire Amber Ghent, performing her competition-winning concerto by Joseph Haydn. At first, this piece was attributed to Anton Kraft, a leading cellist of the day, but history has shown Haydn's true authorship.

Following is another competition winner, soprano Ashley Bedard, singing Song to the Moon from Dvorak's opera Rusalka. It is a song of sorrow, love and longing.

Next on the programme is the Adagietto movement from Gustav Mahler's 5th symphony. Some violinists were very happy at the opportunity for the strings to perform this, because the orchestra does not often tackle Mahler's works.

The concert will end, quite strangely, with an overture. The Academic Festival Overture, by Johannes Brahms, is one of his later orchestral works.

So, in case you were unaware that Laurier has a highly talented faculty of music, some of its members will be strutting their stuff this Sunday in a FREE concert in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall at 3pm.

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Stockwell's Day Out

Canadian Alliance reveals its election platform

DILLON MOORE

Prime Ministerial hopeful Stockwell Day and his Canadian Alliance Party brought their message to the Kitchener-Waterloo region last Thursday.

The Conestoga Recreation Building was the site of the Alliance Party's official platform launch, delivered to an estimated 1,500 people, among them party supporters, spectators and one milk-flinging protestor.

"A time for change," was the theme of the night, as loudspeakers blasting Can-rock classics by the likes of Great Big Sea and Bachman-Turner Overdrive welcomed the crowd into the auditorium. After the national anthem was sung and a brief film played, Day took the stage to hearty applause. The triumphant moment was short lived, as before Day had even stopped waving to the crowd he was hit by a splash of chocolate milk, delivered by a protestor waiting in the audience.

At first appearing shocked and upset, Day regained his composure as security pushed the protestor out of the auditorium past the jeering crowd. The party leader cracked that he knew there was a "good dairy industry in the area, and I'm experiencing it" as the event planners worked to towel him off. He coyly suggested to the crowd, "I could as a matter of fact take my shirt off here," before heading to the safety of the backstage area.

Upon re-emergence, Day set about outlining the policies of the Alliance. The first topic he



Stockwell and supporters say, "V-v-v-v-vote Alliance!"

turned to was taxes. Big cheers were awarded when he stated he intended to decrease the amount consumers pay in gas taxes and lower personal income taxes. Those making up to \$100 000 a year would have a 17 per cent tax rate, while those making above that amount would pay 25 per cent in taxes.

Day stated that under his government, both health care and the environment would not only be preserved, but also "enhanced."

Turning to law and order, Day voiced concern over the crime rate in Canada.

"Aggravated assaults continue to rise, (this is) particularly aggravating to our citizens." On serving time, "if someone is given a life sentence, it should

be a life sentence and not six years." Day also promised to change the Young Offender's Act to allow the public identification of repeat serious young offenders.

The party literature promises to "preserve and protect the family unit" and, on this occa-

sion, Day's assertion that "a marriage is between a man and a woman" received a cheer of approval from the crowd.

Turning his attention to the issue of Native rights, Day promised to respect the treaties which have been signed in the past, but to work towards a system without "race based quotas or special set asides." Along the same line, the party also promises to scrap affirmative action quotas.

In a section of his speech, which also included a few French phrases, Day said he would deliver "equality of all

"A time for change," was the theme of the night

citizens before the law," and vowed more power would be put into the hands of the individual provinces, including Quebec. The Alliance Party is eager to shake the perception it is hostile towards Quebecers. Along with parts of Day's speech, the national anthem and the video presentation were presented bilingually.

"Please join us as we move into the 21st century," was Day's closing comment as he joined his wife to meet with supporters and journalists on the floor. Other members of the Alliance Party in attendance worth noting were deputy opposition leader Deborah Gray and Jason Kenney, the Alliance's finance critic.

Outside the doors of the auditorium stood a number of sign-holding protestors who had no apparent tie to the milk-thrower within.

Included in the audience were Peter Turkington and Andrea Bulloch, both members of the Wilfrid Laurier Alliance Party association. Andrea is the leader of the 45 member club, which has seen its numbers increase 50 per cent from last year. She feels the supporters at WLU represent the youth support of the party.

The image of the Alliance supporters as being close-minded is, according to Pete, a "set perception of the party from the old days." Both Peter and Andrea stress the greater accountability they think an Alliance victory would bring to the government.

Residential Complex at 105 University?

DAVID FIELD

Summit Glen Developments Inc. is planning to build a \$30 million, 230-suite condominium building on one hectare of land. This new development is to be built at 105 University Avenue East, near Village on the Green, not far from The Revolution night club. It will contain about 700 residents, and will be available for rent to university students. It will feature underground parking, be 14 stories high and have a roof-top terrace.

Although housing for university students is a concern to many, this new building has not been received well by many local residents who live near the site of the proposed building. The problem does not lie with the students; it has to do with the size of the building. This was the message put forth at the 105 University Avenue East Working Group

meeting. This meeting was held October 4, 2000, at Waterloo City Hall in the Erb Room.

The topic for discussion dealt with the student social aspect (building management, noise and safety) and was the reason WLUSU Vice President of University

was University View, filled entirely with students in 54 apartments distributed among six floors.

The discussion rarely stayed on topic; it continually shifted to the size, location and traffic. Resident George Granger stated he "would not have trouble build-

The problem does not lie with the students; it has to do with the size of the building.

Affairs Charmaine Cunningham and Chris Farley, President of the Federation of Students at the University of Waterloo, presented a Student Apartment Solicitation Report to the committee. The primary example given in the report

ing a University View" at 105 University Avenue East. The reason mainly has to do with size, but also because University View is furnished and there is no rooftop terrace. An additional issue is traffic. This proposed complex will have one

exit from the parking lot onto University Avenue. There are concerns the 700 or more residents may cause huge traffic jams in the area.

Both Charmaine Cunningham and Chris Farley shared the view that more student housing was necessary. When asked about the size, Cunningham replied that a larger building is needed but, "I think 14 stories is high." Cunningham and Farley mutually agreed 10 stories is a good height.

The owner of the new building, Jack Lechcior-Kimel, rebutted the complaints stating, "I'm not the monster some of you think." By the end of the meeting the set topic was barely discussed, and the next meeting agenda was set. They will be discussing the size and scale of the building, site design and zoning requirements. This is where the local residents concerns seem to lie.

SSAC Report underway

DAVID FIELD

The Vice President of Finance at WLU, Bob Byron, confirmed a week ago Tuesday that a variance report will be issued for the Student Services Advisory Council budget. Byron said that the report is on "the request of the Students' Union to understand the logic behind the [SSAC] budget."

In its first year of existence the SSAC budget looks to have gone over budget by around \$250,000, half of which has to be covered by the Students' Union. The Student Services Advisory Council budget funds the Dean and Associate Dean of Students operating expenses, as well as athletics, counselling services, career services, health (student medical services, university services), Discover Laurier, Special Needs Office and others.

Wilfrid Laurier University's internal

auditor Wally Pirker will be the one looking into the expenses reported in the 1999-2000 budget. The internal auditor will check how the budget performed against what was originally anticipated.

When asked about overspending, Byron noted that the University will "need the real picture before making these kind of judgements."

President of the Students' Union Jeffrey Kroeker said that he wants to make sure they are "spending money how it is meant to be spent." He added, "I don't think any impropriety exists."

The variance report is currently underway, and should produce a final report around the beginning of November. In the meantime for this year's SSAC budget the Finance department will produce a variance report after 6, 9 and 12 months to according to Byron, "see if things are on target".

Religion 'n' health



Dr. Shah shows a healthy grin with some organizers of the event on Tuesday.

MATTHEW CADE

Got spirituality? If you do, according to Dr. Chandrakant Shah, this can have a positive impact on your health.

Dr. Shah is Professor and Director, Development and Education in the University of Toronto's Department of Public Health Sciences. On Tuesday evening he shared his findings on the topic of religion and health with an intimate crowd at the Grad Pub.

Those in attendance included members of the WLU Religion and Culture faculty and students as well as Thomas O'Connor, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counselling at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, who also offered his thoughts.

Dr. Shah was quick to comment on the importance of the difference between religion and spirituality. Although the two overlap, his point was that not everyone who feels that they are spiritual in nature also considers themselves to be religious and that therefore spirituality is difficult to define.

Shah also spoke about the rapid advances made in the field of medicine in recent history. Although making clear the fact that such developments have been invaluable to humanity, he also stressed that we not forget the significance of spirituality.

"Medicine has become so specialized," said Shah, "that when there is a heart problem, we cure the heart. But we must never forget the mind and spirit."

a backpack of felonies

Medical Assist TUE OCT 03/00

Officers attended at the Pita Shack where an individual was reported to have cut her finger and fainted. She was escorted to Health Services.

Suspicious Person WED OCT 04/00

Officers responded to Conrad Hall after receiving a report of a suspicious male. Investigation revealed that it was a Phone Services employee who was repairing phones.

Medical Assist FRI OCT 06/00

An unknown person threw a billiard ball through a window at MacDonald House.

Missing Person SAT OCT 07/00

Officers conducted a search of the campus for a female student whose parents reported that she had not arrived home at the scheduled time. The individual was later located at the home of a friend.

During this time period the following items were turned in at the Security Office: 1 Student ID card, 3 wallets, 1 cell phone, 1 bank card, 2 bicycles, 1 purse. If you have lost any of these items please come to the Security Office at 34 Bricker Ave to claim them.

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OSAP Services: be they good o' bad?

EMILY CADE

On the afternoon of Wednesday September 11th, Holly Moist helped put together a conference with the Board of Directors to obtain information and feedback from students about their overall experience with OSAP (Ontario Students Assistance Program) this year. Paul Tambeau discussed the major issues that the students shared with his committee in order to help make the process for receiving OSAP easier for the students. Tambeau spoke of the feedback in three categories: line-up and processing, information, and customer service.

According to the report published by the committee, the line-up was improved from years past. Many senior students at Laurier felt happy that they were lining up inside rather than having to wait outside as has happened in earlier years.

er years.

In general, students thought that the line-up and processing was well done. The students were happy with the option to choose between more than one bank for processing and they were also happy with the change from the Paul Martin Center to 202 Regina Street.

Tambeau also intimated that the information that was received by students beforehand could have been better. Many students felt that the entire process would have been made easier had information been posted with dates, times and places for pick-up. Quite a few people said that they had found out about it by word of mouth. Also, students were generally unaware of the automated message that they could reach to find out important information.

Again, students were satisfied in the area of customer service. The students

felt comfortable around the agents and felt that those who processed their loans were helpful and very polite. Students were very impressed with the agents floating through the line and informing them exactly what was needed in order to correctly fill out their loan applications and to receive payment. The students who were not prepared were happy that they had not spent the day in line for nothing.

Students felt the day in line ran much smoother than previous years, they were happy with the inside line, impressed with helpfulness and were generally very pleased with the process. Although there were a few pieces of constructive criticism, the procedure was well thought out and a great improvement from years past.

Both Bob Byron, Vice President of Finance at Wilfrid Laurier and Derek

Simon, the Vice President of Finance for the Student's Union thought that the report was well done and are taking the comments made by students into consideration.

The Board Recommends:

- students should be assigned specific days on which they can collect their OSAP
- methods should be investigated to move the process online
- posters should be put up around campus indicating times, dates and locations
- information concerning a description of exactly what is required to have the loan processed should also be posted
- information booths should be set up so students can have questions answered
- all pertinent information regarding OSAP and WLU's processing methods should be posted on Laurier's website

News Club 7

Tina's doin' her dance, Paul's lookin' for romance, Jon's gettin' down on the floor, while Hannah's screamin' out for more. Wanna see Bradley swing, wanna see Rachel do her thing, then we got Jo, she's got the flow, so get ready everybody and Write Cord News

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EDITORIAL

Excessive Force Used In Israel

I am a proud Canadian. I am a first generation Canadian who holds dual citizenship for two very different countries. I am critical of the Canadian government like every other person. However, that is not the nation I would like to discuss. I would like to discuss the many problems of the other nation's government. I would like to discuss the Israeli government.

As violence prevails within Israel and the Palestinian Authority, I feel the need to express my concern over the actions of a government that seems to do what they please without restraint or punishment. This editorial is nothing more than my opinion of the government of Israel, not the Jewish Israeli people as a whole. Also, I am not defending the use of violence by anyone in these conflicts; I am simply condemning certain tactics used by Ehud Barak's government in dealing with this delicate situation.

If you do not know, all of the violence began when Ariel Sharon made an ill-timed visit to a certain part of Jerusalem that is holy to both Muslims and Jews. Ariel Sharon was the man who ordered the massacre of close to one thousand Palestinian civilians in 1982 in Lebanon and is also one of the most outspoken opponents of peace with the Palestinians. The fact it was Sharon who made the trip led to protests in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. It was the manner in which these protests were handled that concerns me so much.

The Israeli army sent troops into the Palestinian Authority's jurisdiction, using military tactics to stop riots. This was not a riot squad with pepper spray, but one of the best trained militaries in the world with sniper rifles, tanks, missiles and helicopters who were dealing with, for the most part, pathetically armed civilians. Though Palestinian police have alternately shot back at the Israeli military and tried to stop Palestinian protesters, they are still ridiculously outnumbered and ineffective.

The level of force that the Israeli government has chosen to use is what angers me so much. The fact they are trying to stop people who, for the most part, are throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails with sniper

rifles concerns me. Although rocks and Molotov cocktails are themselves dangerous weapons, they do not have the devastating effect or accuracy of rifles, tanks and missiles.

The difference in the level of force being used by these two sides is drastically apparent. There have already been several incidents in which the level of brutality against the innocent has been broadcast to the world.

The killing of a twelve year-old boy cowering behind his father has become an image ingrained into the

in the decisions that have been made.

It is a fact that when the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution condemning the level of force being used by the Israeli government, it was worded in such a way as to not actually name the state of Israel.

The United States abstained from voting in what was a unanimous decision in favour of the resolution that condemned "...the excessive use of force against Palestinians, resulting in injury and the loss of human life." If the nation of Israel had been named, then the United States, which has veto power on the Security Council, would have vetoed the resolution immediately.

On American television the other night, the mayor of Jerusalem claimed the Palestinians were trying to garner sympathy from the world by pandering to the international community. The thing that annoys me is that in the last two weeks of violence almost 100 people have died and almost all of them have been Palestinian or Arab-Israelis. The majority of them have been young people or children and it appears that some of them were unarmed. I hardly think that anyone was thinking of sympathy the world would feel for them while their child was shot to death after throwing a rock at a soldier with a sniper's rifle.

How can any army explain this entire lack of interest in human rights, especially of children? How does any government defend tactics that have left so many civilians dead? When an investigation into these past weeks of violence takes place, these two questions will have to be addressed. Hopefully, some sort of change will be made in the government's policy on how to deal with problems. Perhaps they will remember that everyone, regardless of ethnicity or religion, has the right to be dealt with humanely.

YVONNE FARAH
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

I am simply
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minds of people around the world. There was also a group of Israeli soldiers who beat an unarmed Palestinian woman. The newest piece of footage is the killing of a nine-year old boy in the Gaza Strip by Israeli soldiers. A French photographer caught the murder on tape, as the child stood in his school uniform, away from the group of people that was throwing rocks, and was shot in the head by a round of live ammunition by Israeli soldiers.

These episodes are tangible examples of the human rights abuses which have been occurring in the last two weeks. The fact that they have been caught on tape by European news agencies makes them that more real.

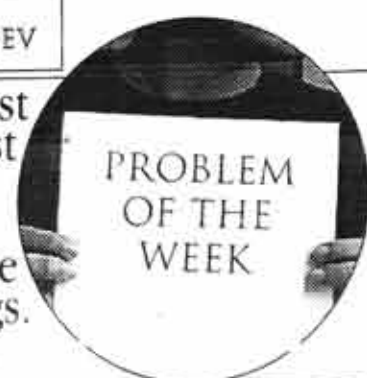
Although the issue of force has been has been addressed by the United Nations, it was done so in a mediocre fashion. The influence and bias of the United States is apparent

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PROBLEM OF THE WEEK MANEESH SEHDEV

Problem: "Hi there, Maneesh. I only like five songs and just wanna listen to those songs over and over but other people insist on listening to other stuff! What do I do?"

Solution: "Well champ, go to Wilf's on Wednesday night. You're guaranteed to hear those fives songs and ONLY those five songs. Or just hang out in a Laurier parking lot for a similar effect."



CORD OPINION: Needs someone to demonstrate proper use of margins. Apply within.

MUSIC: SAY SOMETHING

In my quest for musical enlightenment for the sake of the press, I encountered a few difficulties. I would not have thought it an ordeal to write an article about the music faculty's most acclaimed ensemble, but I would like to share with you that asking music students for information is sometimes as easy as pulling teeth. Many students in the orchestra just did not have anything to say about the music they were playing or group they were involved in. I was even confronted by a certain often-blinking string player (who shall remain anonymous) who refused to tell me anything because she hated newspapers and didn't want anyone twisting her words. To all the students out there who think The Cord should change, get off your apathetic rear ends and contribute! At any rate, thanks to the soloists and con-

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ductor who were a big help.

Marianne Lee

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The WLUSU Board of Directors has started an open forum campaign entitled "What Do YOU Think?" Its purpose is to seek student input on a wide variety of issues. We want to hear your comments, questions and concerns.

Listed below are the scheduled topics and dates for the upcoming "What Do YOU Think?" open forums:

"Information Technology on Campus" – October 16, 2000

"WLUSU Hiring Process" – October 30, 2000

"Student Publications & The Cord" – November 13, 2000

"Campus Clubs" – November 27, 2000

"Students' Unions Employees"

– January 8, 2000

Do you have something to say on any of these topics? An experience you would like to relate? A concern you would like to express? Your elected representatives want to hear it. All the open forums will occur in the WLUSU Board Room at 5:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome.

If you cannot attend the meetings but would still like to express yourself please feel free to contact me via e-mail at edavis@wlu.ca or via telephone at 884-0710 ext. 2128. And if you're concerned with a topic that's not mentioned above, e-mail me anyway. It is the job of the Board of Directors to address any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

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Eric Davis

Chair of the Board

JUST A THOUGHT...

Thoughts On Thanksgiving

BETHANY CARTER

Most of us are likely starting to recover from the massive amounts of turkey consumption that occurred over the Thanksgiving weekend. But, as our bellies begin to bounce back from their swollen states,

we need to take a moment to realize how truly lucky we are. While we're busy scarfing mashed potatoes, gravy, and pumpkin pie (mmm...pie), there are people out there, including many in Waterloo region, who simply cannot afford the luxury of a Thanksgiving meal.

Most of us (myself included) lead fairly sheltered lives, making it difficult at times to recognize the fact that poverty and hunger are issues that need to be addressed. No, I do not write this in hopes of racking you readers with guilt. Instead, I hope only to inspire a moment's thought.

Did you know that despite our strong economy, over thirty-eight thousand people in

Waterloo region are going hungry or living in poverty? This means they simply cannot afford to feed themselves or their families. Fortunately, the Food Bank of Waterloo Region helps by distributing emergency food hampers to people in need. (You can help by donating non-perishable food to the Food Bank.)

I know - it can be hard for us at Laurier to wrap our heads around these problems given

We need to take a moment to realize how truly lucky we are.

the fact that a simple swipe of our OneCards is all it takes to get a hot meal. However, it is important that we are not entirely ignorant when it comes to issues such as poverty. Many people in the K-W

area (including students) volunteer their time, donate food and clothing, or work to raise awareness of issues surrounding poverty. We don't all have to be heroes, but we can all help out from time to time.

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to recognize the things that we take for granted as well as help out those who are less fortunate. Hopefully everybody remembered to scam some extra canned food from cupboards of their parents this past weekend to donate to the Thanksgiving food drive!

"Everyone's looking for something, and they assume somebody else knows what it is..."

Sour Grapes Taste So Sweet

TIM PHILLIPS

For the second consecutive year, I am an opinion columnist for The Cord newspaper. Last year, Asad was my boss. This year, Maneesh is my boss. Isn't progress wonderful? Somebody better take the mirrors and shoelaces out of my room. Who knows what I'm liable to do?

I did apply to be the editor of the Student Life section of the newspaper, but I was rejected. Apparently, you must have a life to be the Student Life Editor. I do not. My idea of fun

is watching the Cindy Margolis Show while bare-ass naked, sitting on the leather couch in the Bay at the Conestoga Mall. I find the Funny Guy on that show very funny.

It's probably best that I didn't get the gig. The position of Student Life Editor carries with it a lot of responsibility. You've got to fill a page, maybe even two, with insightful, interesting news and commentary. And then there's Queer Theory, lurking ominously on the right side of the page. As editor, it is plausible that, out of necessity, I would be forced to write a "Queer Theory". Whatever would I write about? My appreciation of tasteful(!) lesbian porn? My appreciation of dis-

tasteful(!) lesbian porn? The decision is a difficult and discomforting one.

Then again, I could always write a "straight" article on my love for American football and give it the headline "Queers Like Football Too". Which, when you think about it, may be true. I heard that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have a large gay following. You know, the whole pirate thing. I'm sure a lot of gay guys dig that. In fact, I bet the Tampa Bay Buccaneer is the lost Village person. Arrrrrh, matey!

I've been a naughty boy. I should be spanked.

I apologize for my unfair stereotypes of gay people. I was wrong. I've been a naughty boy. I should be spanked.

As an opinion columnist for the upcoming school year, I

will try my best to avoid such stereotypes in an effort to get at the heart of the important concerns of the Laurier student body. Like, who's better, The Tragically Hip or Radiohead? Radiohead makes better music, but they're not Canadian so you can't sing, "Oh, Canada" at their concerts. Well, you could, but that would probably confuse Thom and the boys, causing them to cut into a version of "Wheat Kings" by accident.

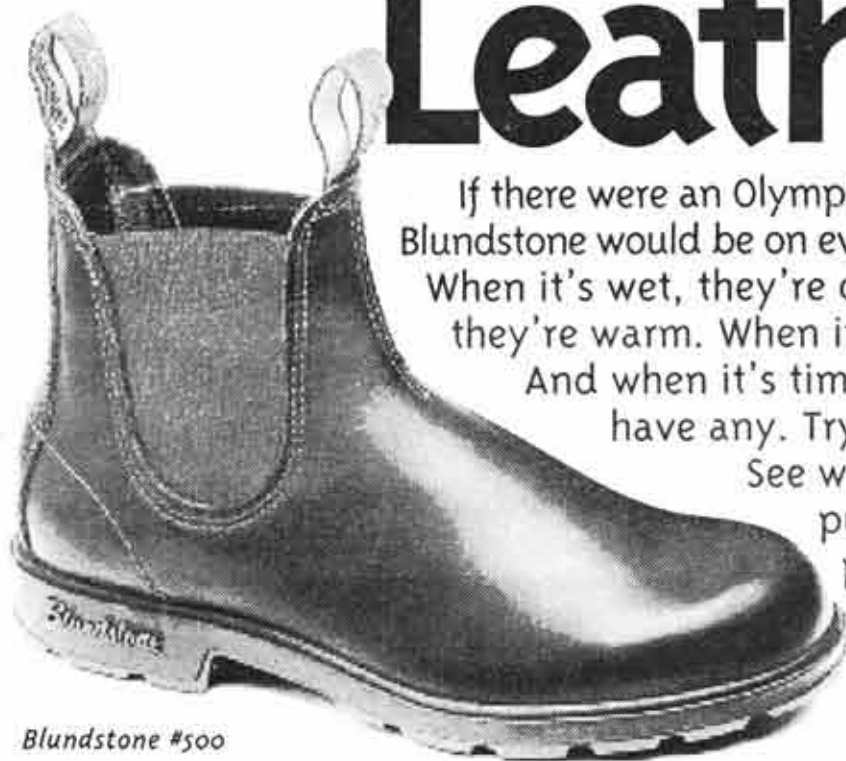
I'm totally impartial to the comparison of Radiohead and the Tragically Hip. Or, as the hip peeps call them, The Head and The Hip. You see, I'm a Styx fan. No, my favourite song isn't "Babe".

It's "Mr. Roboto".

Got something to say?
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Mideast clash continues



Protestors and soldiers in Ramallah

Yasser Arafat and Kofi Annan meet

YVONNE FARAH

The violence that erupted in the Palestinian Authority and Israel over a week ago has yet to cease.

The international community has been trying to stop the violence that has taken almost 100 lives. However they have been unsuccessful in reaching a lasting peace. The United Nations Security Council did however pass a resolution condemning the "excessive use of force" against Palestinians, though the state of Israel was not named in the resolution.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has extended his deadline for Palestinian Authorities to end the violence for another "three or four days". If this deadline is not met then he will consider the peace process dead.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has flown to the region and has spoken to both Barak and President Yasser Arafat.

"I think we can rein in the situation. I think we have a window of opportunity to do it. It is not going to remain open forever. So I am optimistic," Annan said. He also made clear that final and lasting peace is the only solution.

"The bloodshed must stop, and the conflict must not be allowed to spread. Time is short, the stakes are high. The price of failure is more than any one of us wants to pay," Annan went on to say.

As violence continues in towns within the Palestinian Authority in places such as Ramallah, Nablus, and Rafah, it has spread to the Israeli-Lebanese border. The kidnapping of three Israeli soldiers by the Islamic militia group Hezbollah has pushed Israel to mobilize tanks and amass troops in the area. This is the first time since the summer Israel has placed such heavy armaments so close to the Lebanese border. Barak pulled

the Israeli army of southern Lebanon in June after close to twenty years of conflict. Barak has said he will use any level of force necessary to bring the soldiers home. Though Secretary-General Annan has been trying to stop the conflict from spreading to Lebanon by negotiating for the release of the soldiers himself.

The talk of an emergency summit between Barak, Arafat, President Clinton in Egypt is yet uncertain. At first both leaders had said no to the idea but after talking to Annan both Barak and Arafat warmed to the idea. However the summit is still uncertain because Egypt has yet to decide whether or not having the summit on the soil would be good for them.

Since the clashes began in Israel, there have been several anti-Israeli and anti-American protests in Egypt and the Egyptian government is concerned if they were to host this summit tensions would escalate within their own country.

The violence has also continued with isolated incidents in Northern Israeli towns and villages populated by Israeli-Palestinians. There has been increasing violence from Israeli Jews to Israeli Arabs. In Nazareth on Sunday evening an Israeli Arab was killed during a rampage by a mob of Jews. Mobs of Israeli Jews rampaged through the streets of several Israeli towns like vigilante squads, lashing out at Israeli Arabs and thrashing property on Monday evening.

Israelis feel betrayed by their fellow citizens, Arab-Israelis, a community of 1 million people that makes up 20 per cent of Israel's population. A poll taken at the end of last week found that 74 per cent of Jews polled believe Israeli Arabs are "seditious" for protesting in support of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The relations between the two cultural groups are being described as the most strained in years.

The violence has continued for almost two weeks and both sides say they want it to stop. Unfortunately both leaders believe the other has it within his power to stop the violence at will. It seems according to analysts the actions of people cannot be as easily controlled governing bodies would like.

When the clashes have ceased, finding a lasting peace will be the first concern of all parties involved. An International inquiry is something which is planned to take place. Arab countries have won approval for an emergency session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission to examine the clashes in the West Bank and Gaza.

Milosevic gets the proverbial boot

YVONNE FARAH

An era has ended in Serbian history with an amazing show of what a nation's citizens can accomplish.

In one day the masses were able to tumble from power the man who held on to his position so tightly for 13 years.

In a chain of events that spanned less than two weeks the opposition to former President Slobodan Milosevic were able to rise against him.

On September 25, one day after the elections, the opposition led by Vojislav Kostunica claimed victory with a clear majority. The next day the Yugoslavian Federal Election Commission, which is heavily influenced by Milosevic, calls for a run-off election between Milosevic and Kostunica.

On October 2, a general strike began in Serbia. Schools were closed and roads were blocked. Miners who had historically been supporters of Milosevic stop work in a major show of support for the opposition. In response to the strike and the protests that had preceded it, Mr. Milosevic issues a defiant message saying he has no intention of stepping down.

Thursday October 5, proved to be the pivotal day in this process to oust Milosevic. The opposition set a deadline of 3:00p.m. local time for Milosevic to step down from his position. They also called for a mass rally to be held in the centre of Belgrade to back up their demands.

At dawn, convoys of thousands of people from towns and cities across Serbia begin to converge on Belgrade, some breaking through police roadblocks to reach the city. By noon tens of thousands of opposition supporters in Belgrade clash with police guarding the parliament building.

The police shot live ammunition into the air and used teargas as well. All the while thousands more continue to flood into the city.

The 3:00p.m. deadline that was set by the opposition passes without any word from the soon-to-be-deposed president. In a strange turn of event of events the Parliament is captured by protesters after they surge up the assembly steps,

overwhelming the police force in front of them. Some police officers fled in fear, while others dropped their arms and joined the opposition.

Unfortunately parts of the building were ransacked and set on fire in the chaos of it all.

After protesters finished with the Parliament they turned their attention to the state run television station. A fierce gun battle between protesters and police ensued but soon the television station went off the air and the building was set on fire.

At 6:30p.m. Kostunica addressed a rally of half a million people in Belgrade, saying Serbia has been liberated. He declared that he is proud to have been elected "President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia."

As quickly as the changes occurred to the Serbian government, the world soon looked upon them in a different light.

The Western nations of the world have already shown strong approval for the dramatic change of leadership in the country. They are rushing to repair ties with Belgrade, which plummeted during Mr. Milosevic's rule.

The European Union was the first group to speak up in support of the new President. The EU has already mentioned that financial aid, to repair the damage done by NATO planes during the Kosovo conflict, could be pouring into the nation immediately.

The European Union's executive Commission proposed earlier this year to set aside 2.3 billion euros (\$2 billion) in aid over the next six years in the case Milosevic was deposed. However one main condition, Milosevic being handed over to International War crimes Tribunal at The Hague, appears to have been dropped. Considering the fact that Kostunica has already refused to send Milosevic to the tribunal now.

Kostunica said he hoped Yugoslavia would one day be a part of the EU. That desire is one of many the new president has, including the reconstruction of the nation's infrastructure, economy and relations with the rest of the world.

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American dollars given to Columbia

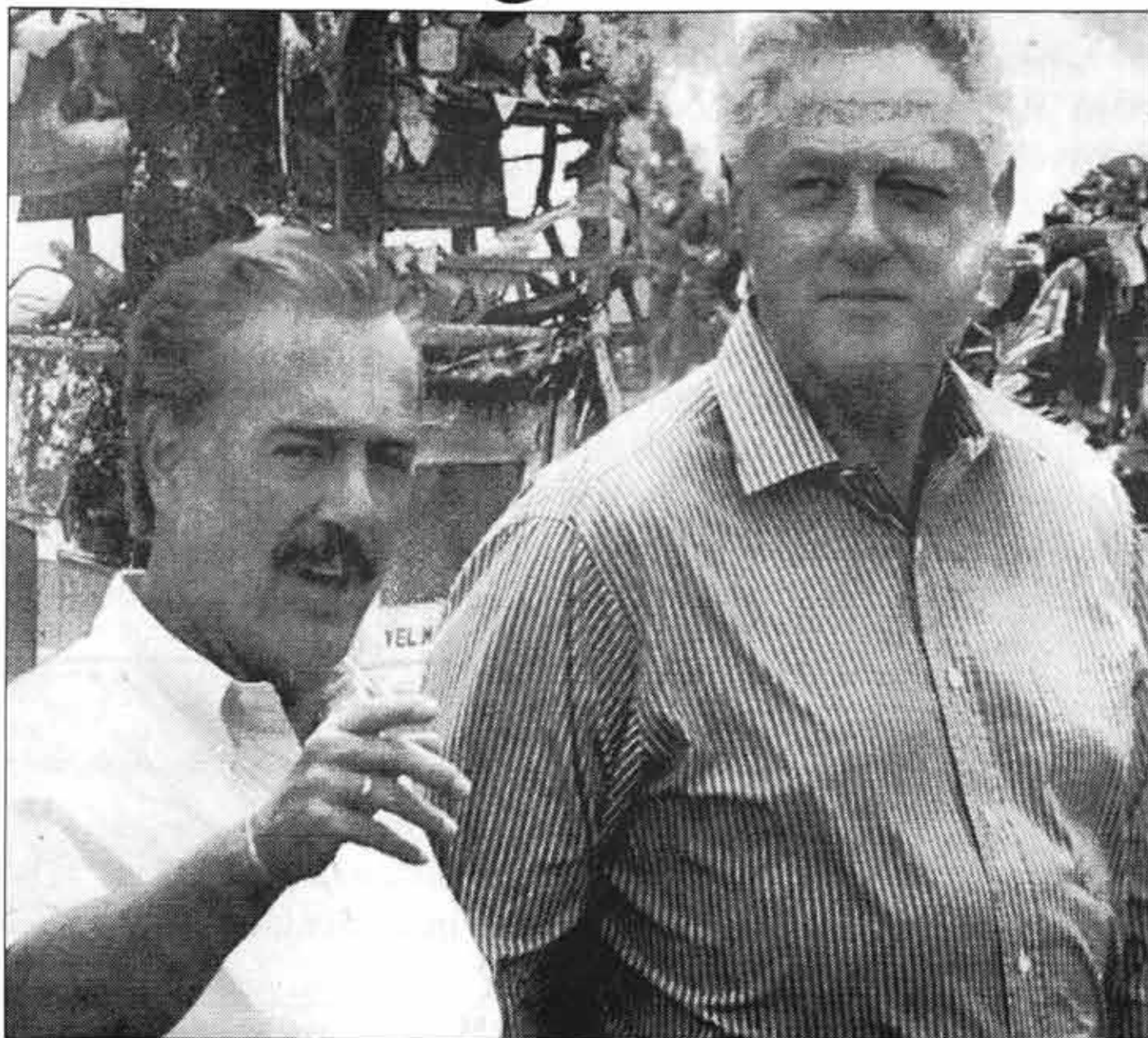
JEFF SNYDER

With last month's announcement of 'Plan Colombia,' the United States has entered a new phase of its political involvement in South America and dramatically accelerated the War on Drugs. The \$7.5 billion package is the largest foreign commitment of American money in the Western Hemisphere since the Central American wars of the 1980s. The Clinton Administration hopes that it will help the Colombian government of President Andres Pastrana in the face of attacks by left wing guerillas. In addition, they hope it will slow down the flow of cocaine into North America.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) have been able to outmaneuver the Colombian army. Peace talks have all but come to a halt, while the FARC has managed to carve out its own 'demilitarized zone,' which it has been using as a secure base to rearm and train its soldiers. The stated aim of Plan Colombia is to give new life to the fragile peace process, and also to supply the Colombian police with \$1.3 billion in military aid to combat the leftist threat. Colombia is the source of 90 percent of the cocaine that reaches the United States, and it is estimated that the FARC collects \$600 million a year from the drug industry, enabling them to equip an army of 17,000 troops. With the help of the American money, Colombian police will be able to attack drug processing labs and wipe out coca crops with the goal of cutting the money supply to the FARC and forcing them to take the peace process more seriously.

Critics of the plan, however, point out that coca still provides farmers with better revenues than many crops. While some of the American aid will be spent on providing alternatives for those who lose their primary crops, there is a good chance that many of those farmers will simply join the FARC themselves. Even if the plan is initially successful, there is too huge a demand for cocaine in the United States to expect total success in the elimination of coca cultivation, especially since it is a crop that can be quickly grown elsewhere. It seems unlikely that enterprising farmers in other areas will ignore an opportunity to make lucrative profits.

Moreover, any decreases in



President Pastrana shows President Clinton around his nation.

FARC revenues will most likely be offset by a drastic increase in extortion and kidnapping. Kidnapping is already a major source of income for the guerillas, and has risen to a record high of 1,532 reported incidents in the first six months of this year.

Aerial spraying of herbicides to destroy coca fields, the method of choice for the Colombian police, has already proven to be disastrous for the peasant population that depends on the crop for their livelihood. The chemical spray poisons their water supply and causes skin rashes and serious respiratory problems. Peasants in central Colombia told visiting European diplomats in early July that their legitimate crops

of cassava and maize, which they depend on for food, had been inadvertently destroyed along with the coca. Caught between the police and the guerillas who 'tax' them for revenue, the Colombian farmers will be the real losers of the American scheme to escalate the War on Drugs.

And who, then, are the winners? Well, the faltering Colombian government, for one. But they aren't the only ones happy with the congressional approval of Plan Colombia. The American defense industry expects a huge

windfall in contracts as the Colombian army is beefed up. Already approved is the sale of 18 Blackhawk helicopters from

a Texas based company for \$250 million. California based Occidental Petroleum, a major player in the lobby effort to

push the plan through, also has much to gain from this deal. The corporation has claimed \$100 million in losses since 1995 as a direct result of guerilla activity. It also pays the Colombian army to maintain a base near its Cano Limon refinery, a top guerilla target. Occidental also has links to Al Gore. Gore's father, the late Senator Albert Gore Senior, was on the company's board of directors, and his family receives \$20,000 a year from Occidental for mineral rights on their Tennessee property. Most ominously, perhaps, is the fact that Occidental Petroleum is a major contributor to the Democratic National Committee and to Gore's presidential campaign as well.

As American companies profit and Colombian farmers suffer, it is likely that Plan Colombia will have little effect on the flow of drugs into the United States. The War on Drugs, despite its decreasing political popularity, is still being waged as the American taxpayer forks out more and more money. The outcome of the fighting in Colombia is still uncertain, but it seems that the battle for American tax dollars has already been won.

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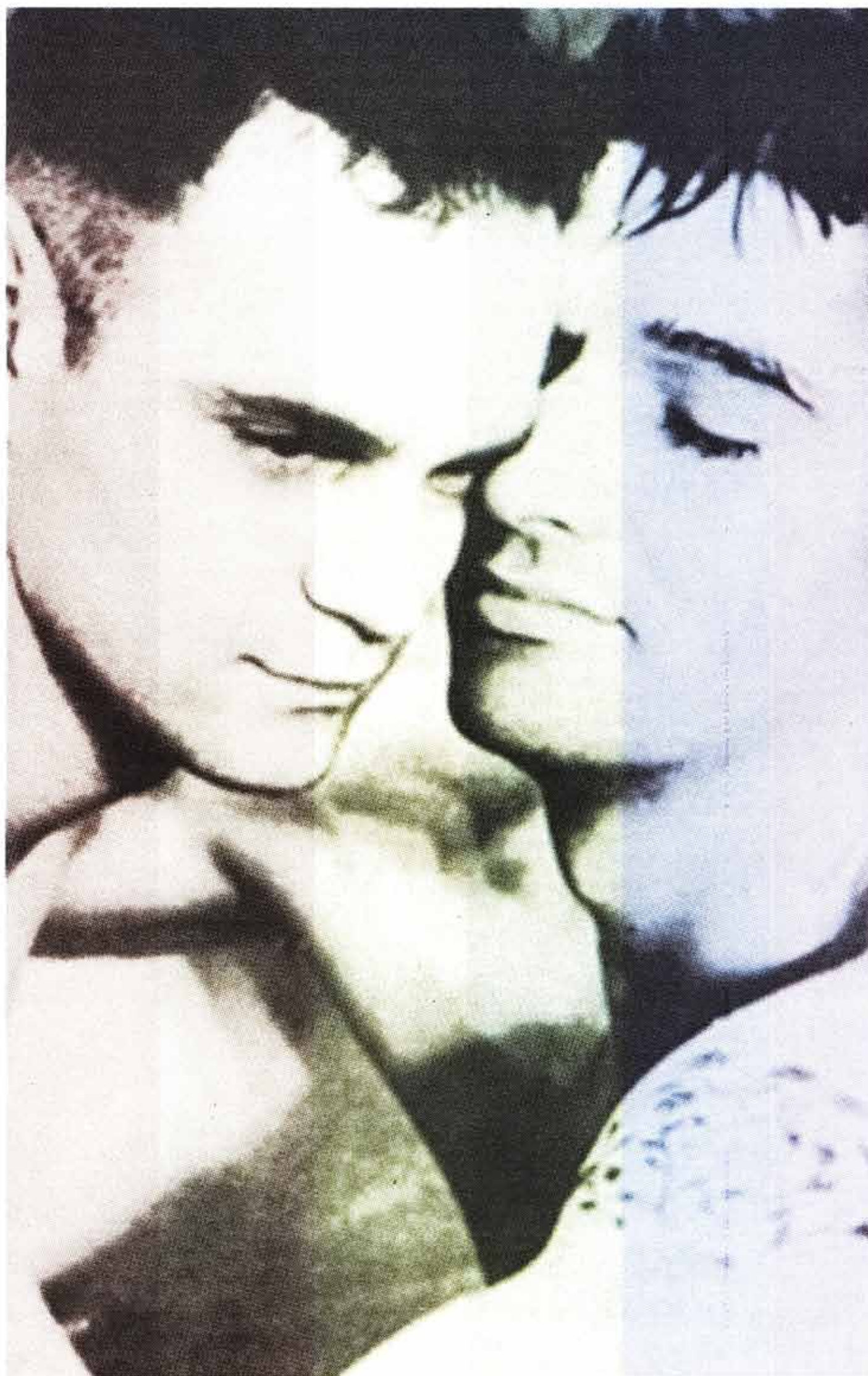


Coming out Week:

Be as you are

"I am finally happy...this was what I expected and some things that I hadn't expected, and coming out has been sweet."

LUXMEN ALOYSIUS



This is my coming out story. It does not represent a cross-section of all coming out stories. Some coming out experiences have happier endings and others have sadder endings.

I may forget some things and some people in the story of my coming out, but this is the way that I choose to remember it.

My first recollections of recognizing that I was gay is when I was six years old. I was at Camp Crossroads, a camp that was ironically enough Mennonite.

We went to church everyday and sang songs about god's love encompassing us all. It got tiring after the first few days.

But it was there in church, in god's house, that I remember having an attachment to my male camp counselor. I can't even remember his name now.

What I do remember is that he had a shaved head, spent all day in a dark blue bathrobe because he had lost a bet, and that I loved it when he gave me piggyback rides.

In my four weeks at the camp, I never left his side and at this point in my life, looking back, I realize that he was my first male crush. This was the beginning of my coming out.

I was raised a Catholic, went to Catholic school my entire life, and was even an altar boy. I had heard the term "fag", "homo", "queer" and "sissy" in the playground, and knew that this was the worst name that

you could possibly call anyone. I also knew that I was the worst kind of person that anyone could be.

I went through the rest of elementary and two years of high school pretending that I was just like everyone else, that this one impurity I had in me could either be suppressed or removed from me.

I dated girls like there was no tomorrow. I went out with a girl for two years. I attempted to play sports to hide my queerness. I tried to keep busy so that I wouldn't remember that I was gay.

I had decided that this was my life. Not my family's. Not my friend's. And definitely not society's.

I did anything to hide. I even remember having crushes in high school and expressing these crushes to my friends by stating that I liked a girl in my class, when really it was a boy in the class. A crush on Ivano became a crush on Ivana.

Luckily enough there was a girl named Ivana in my school.

It's hard to describe what it was like, to fully encapsulate that pressure, that fear, and that profound sadness that I felt. It was like being buried alive in a fate that wasn't mine. It was suffocating. It was insane. It was self-hatred.

I didn't tell anyone I was gay until the summer before my second year of University.

Being in the closet almost broke my sanity; it forced a turning point for me.

I had decided that this was my life. Not my family's. Not my friend's. And definitely not

society's. It was mine.

It was June 12, 1998 at the Bayview Mall in Toronto. The first person I told was my best friend Kerry Ann Taylor.

It took me twenty minutes of blundering all the negative feelings I had felt for the last nineteen years of my life, before I came to the statement "I... AM...GAY." There was a five-second silence.

She was wonderful. She was inquisitive. She was hurt. She was supportive. She hugged me. She made me feel loved for the person that I was.

I celebrate that day every year. It was a turning point in my life. It was the first time in my life that I verbally expressed to someone else that I was gay.

Pretty soon, I came out to the rest of my friends and family.

One of the challenges that most gay people experience when coming out was relatively easy for me. Telling my family was relatively painless.

My brother was the first family member that I told. It was in my parents' bedroom and we were talking about the general condition of our lives. I just blurted it out and he started laughing. I had always been the good son and to him the fact that I was gay made him a bit better because he was straight. I simply replied to his statement that I was still better than he was. We were both silent, then we both laughed.

He asked questions about gay sex and I answered them to the best of my ability. He asked questions about gay stereotypes and I admitted to the positive ones and rejected the negative ones. We ended up talking the entire night and in the end he asked me if I was happy. I told him I had never been happier in my entire life and that I felt that things were just going to get better.

I told my parents next. My father first, my mother second. I did it separately because I didn't want the reaction of one to affect the other.

To my father, I calmly stated to him that I was gay. He blinked and said "oh." He didn't ask any questions, he told me to do

what would make me happy. To this day I don't know if he's totally comfortable with it. He's relatively quiet and doesn't ask too many questions about my personal life. He knows that I won't live the traditional life that he wanted, not with a woman anyway, and he accepts that. That it is enough for me.

To my mother, I was an emotional mess. I thought because I was so calm and collected with my father that I would be the same with her. But I was a wreck because we had such a close relationship and I didn't want to risk losing that. I didn't want her to be ashamed of me, when she was always so proud. It took me a while to get it out, but once it was out there was no going back. She hates to see me hurt and because she realized how hurt I was she accepted the fact that I was gay. She said she didn't blame me, but that she wasn't totally comfortable with the idea.

It's been about two years now. I recently told my mother that when I get serious with a boy, I am going to bring him home to meet her. She looked at me and said, "I took you nineteen years for you to tell me that you are gay, its going to take me more than two years for me to be comfortable with my son being gay." I guess it will take a bit longer than I had expected. When I was in the closet I thought that my coming out would be like a huge parade and that everything would be perfect. It hasn't been perfect. I had a hard time telling my mother and making friends in the gay community, when I didn't know a single gay person.

But it has been worth it. When I go to a gay bar in Toronto with my friends and we are all on the dance floor, I have this huge grin on my face. My friends ask me the reason behind the grin. And I say, "I am finally happy...this was what I expected and some things that I hadn't expected, and coming out has been sweet."

For more information on coming out please contact global @ global00@wlu.ca

The Basics of Coming Out Week

Coming out week. What does it mean? What does it celebrate? Who celebrates it? How is it celebrated?

When I first heard of coming out week, I was fifteen and I assumed that it was a week in which all gay people who had realized that were gay came out that week.

I thought the day was reserved for only those who were just coming out week.

Coming out week is an encompassing event that celebrates the presence of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in society. Coming Out Week was founded on October 11th, 1988 by Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leray to celebrate the first anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington, in which gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and heterosexuals marched for the recognition of the presence and rights of homosexuals everywhere.

The point of coming out week is not just for individuals to come out of the closet. It is a day in which gays celebrate their sexuality openly among those in their lives.

Eichberg, one of the initial founders of the event said, "Most people think that they don't know anyone who is gay or lesbian, and in fact everyone does. It is imperative that we come out and let people know who we are and disabuse them of their fears and stereotypes."

That is the point of National Coming Out Day. To let people see us. For them to know that we are the people that they love, the people that they count on, the people that they interact with on a daily basis, and the people that they know and respect.



This is our weapon in the fight against discrimination and the fight for human rights.

Since the 12 years after its initial celebration, coming out week has become transformed to an event that encompasses a week and is celebrated on university campuses all over North America and all across the world. On some universities a jeans are worn to show solidarity.

Support for coming out week can take on many forms. Some wear t-shirts, pride beads, pins, colourful shirts, and even drag to show their support for the week.

There have been some negative feedback from fundamental religious groups who have organized their own coming out heterosexual week. Yet Coming Out week has held out strong among university campuses all across North America.

Internet chatrooms along with LGBT sites dedicated their websites on October 11th to

celebrate Coming Out Day and to provide information on those at differing stages in their coming out processes.

Coming out is a process that is different for every person. You have to be comfortable in accepting your sexual identity and the consequences that may occur if you do decide to come out. Make sure that you have support if you do decide to come out.

There are plenty of resources that are available on the internet if you are thinking about coming out. PlanetOut's website offers a comprehensive list of internet and local resources that are available in helping you with the coming out process.

Happy Coming Out Week Everyone!

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The Ancient Art of Improv

WILLIAM SALT

It's mid-October and stress levels are increasing as more and more students realize they have: Four long assignments, three crazy midterms, two more presentations and Oktoberfest sauerkraut to eat. Fortunately, as Oktoberfest comes to a close, students can indulge themselves in a relaxing show of improvisation. On Saturday October 14, 2000 at 10pm Wilf's is hosting its first Improv showcase featuring a ragtag group of Laurier students.

Performing that night are: James Gangl - Gold Team Leader during Frosh Week, Raised by a pack of wild donkeys he civilized himself by learning the English language by reading Ann Lander's column, Aislinn Clancy - Related distantly to Toronto Blue Jay pitching great Jim Clancy. She works in a small bodega in downtown Kitchener clipping coupons for the Kinsmen Club. Dave Mollica - He raises ostriches for their meat because it is low in fat and he is very prone to heart attacks. His newest tattoo is that of Uncle Ben and Aunt Jemima which he stenciled himself.

Sara Weisman - A late addition to the group, she was classically trained by a Yugoslavian circus midget. To do what... she has not told, her area of specialty...she has not said. Jeanine Den Tandt - An A-Team member she is simply known as Jeanine and has likened herself to Madonna and Cher, but with slightly higher morals. Disgruntled by her failed relationship with Scott Baio in 1996 she spent three years in a cabin near Muskoka. She quickly befriended Goldie Hawn and



Kicked off the Olympic team for stupidity.

Kurt Russell often babysitting for them on Saturday nights. Craig White - An A-Team member as well he travels the globe giving seminars on Chia-pet maintenance. He wears thick beads around his neck to disrupt the satellites from reading his brain waves and eats nutella and Cap'n Crunch sandwiches to conserve what he likes to call "Life-Force-Energy." Lindsay Cunningham - She is addicted to jalapeno cheese so she works seven jobs just to afford the best for her and her twenty-three cats: Seven of which are called Julio. She left for Mexico one summer's day in 1992 only to be on their most wanted list for four consecutive weeks. This caper involved a goat, a case of tequila, fourteen disposable cameras and the mayor of a small villa. Simon Worley - Set to inherit the Worley fortune, he squanders his money on illegal

chicken fights and turtle races. His father, displeased with Simon's lack of financial acumen, has threatened to hold out on giving the money until he

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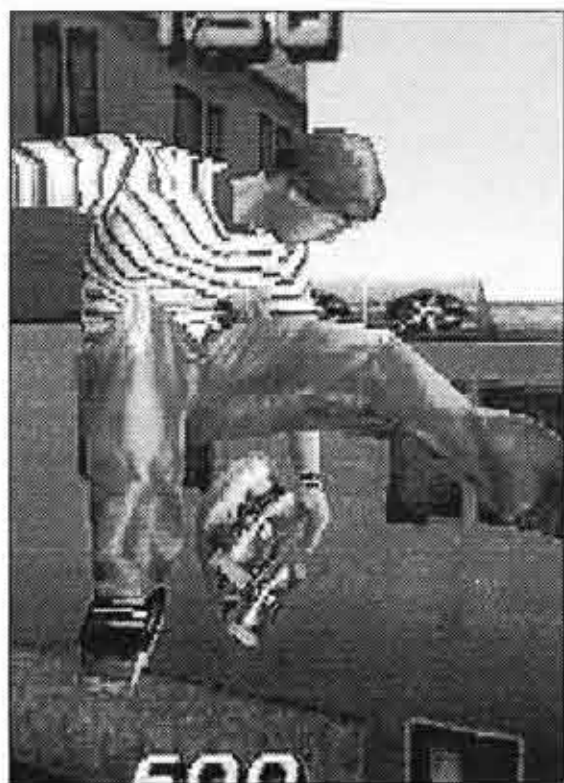
gets an education. Simon threatened back by calling his Dad a "poopy-head." They are locked in litigation and it should be settled out of court by March. Finally Alex Kojfman - A very practical man, he sells gargoyles on Ebay and is an avid

reader of Austrian romance novels. He spends his afternoons playing an accordion strapped to a single drum and harmonica piece and refers to himself as the "One-Man Steve Guttenberg Band." Alex believes that MacGyver should run for Prime Minister.

Between the nine performing there are three restraining orders, thirteen personalities, twenty-four distinct smells, four subscriptions to Maxim, a beanie baby collection and an onion. This of course makes this group no more unique than the rest of the students here at Laurier except for the fact that they admit to living in the world of make-believe. After all Improvisation is the art of make-believe. People go up on stage and pretend. They pretend where they are, who they are, who they are to each other, what they are holding and what

they are seeing and they do it all on the spot. Well, we do get help from the audience by having them participate through suggestions they give to the actors. Most importantly, if you have seen the show "Who's Line is it Anyways?" Improv can be very funny. I could bore you with technical stuff about Improv like techniques on action, direction, emotion, character work, justification, listening, object work, eye contact, status and that a modern method of Improv was created by Keith Johnstone who derived his work from Stanislavsky method of well...method acting. In fact Improv is unrestricted theatre because there are no props, no set and no script to hold you back. On the same token it can be quite frightening - a high wire act with no safety net. Most sketch comedy on television like SNL and Mad TV takes its roots from Improv. More notable names for training Improv in North America is the Second City (Chicago, Toronto, Detroit) which produced great actors like John Candy, Martin Short, Mike Myers, Eugene Levy and Chris Farley. The Groundlings (San Francisco), which taught Improv to the talented likes of Conan O'Brien, Phil Hartman, Julia Sweeney, Will Ferrell and Cheri O'Teri (SNL), Mike Macdonald, Phil Lamarr (MadTV) Paul "Pee Wee Herman" Reubens, Lisa Kudrow and Eric Forman from "that 70's Show" (Topher Grace). Although I make no guarantee to the above mentioned showing up this Saturday I can recommend that if you're tired of the usual lidenhausen, schnitzel and sauerkraut from Oktoberfest come and check out some Improv at Wilf's.

Tony Hawk2: One ollie from orgasmic



NICK

Around this time for the past two years I usually develop two sicknesses: the common cold, and an addiction to Tony

Hawk. Anyone who has played Tony Hawk Pro Skater knows what I'm talking about. I knew it was contagious when I noticed all of my roommates with the same symptoms which largely consisted of planting one's self in front of the television for hours.

So how do you make the best better? After several wanna-be clones from other companies, developers Neversoft show others how it's done. Remember what made THPS so good? The great core of skaters, the huge levels, the different challenges, and the simple and responsive controls. Neversoft sticks to the saying "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". There wasn't much wrong with THPS and this game is a step closer to perfection.

You want more skaters? Add three more to last year's ten, including Steve Caballero, Eric Kosten, and Rodney Mullen. Levels? There are eight new ones here spanning the globe, including 3 competitions. And these numbers don't even include the hidden stuff. The sheer

size of the New York and Philadelphia stages offer the player hours of discovering new objects to pull moves on. Look carefully, for a simple grind on an object can open a whole new area within a level and get you those points or dollars you were looking for. Thankfully, those annoying levels that rode all downhill were replaced. If you get bored (heaven forbid) with these players and areas, you can create the next Tony Hawk or the next Skate Park everyone wants to ride with the new Create option.

In addition to the familiar task of finding the letters to spell SKATE, there are 9 other tasks to complete for each level, including the very challenging search for all the cash icons. New challenges like pulling a kickflip over a rooftop or a nosegrind on a rail create fresh new challenges for experienced players. Also, for the perfectionist, check under Options for the Gap list, revealing a checklist for all the gaps in each level.

The money one earns allows them to spend it on new equipment, statistics,

and even moves! Now any player can have much more than 3 specials. Stack up on stats to make your skater just as good a switch rider as he or she is regular. The most notable trick addition is the one of manuals. By using them to link grinds, 360's, flips and grabs, scores of 100,000 for one group of tricks are within your reach!

The music kicks even more ass than the first Pro Skater does, with songs from a wide array of groups including Lagwagon, Rage Against the Machine and Public Enemy. Nothing like tearing up the streets of Philly, listening to Mos Def rip the Mic.

Neversoft has done it again improving on what was one of last year's best. Hours more of gameplay are introduced, and enough to keep the experienced skater interested and the newcomers wanting more. Without a doubt, this is one of the best games of the year and it's one sickness I welcome every fall season.

The triumph that is Ear Candy



Boyz II Men



One Nut's Bigger!

Any true Boyz II Men fan remembers their initial album that included hits like "Motown Philly" and "So hard to say goodbye to yesterday". Hits like these showcased both the group's talent in terms of raw harmony and their feel for an up-tempo R and B style beat. Over the years they have continued to provide us with solid ballads that showcase their vocal talents and make you want to get it on with that special someone but seem to have gone away from the childish exuberance that was "Motown Philly".

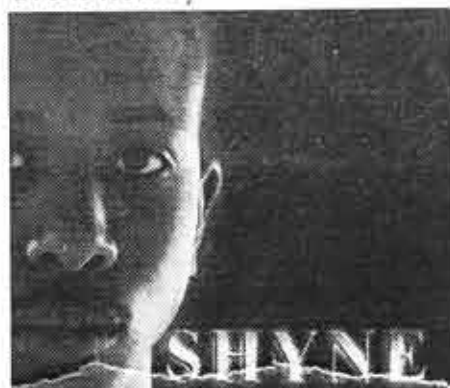
The CD opens with a set of

three songs that have a great feel to them. Fast tempo, great vocals, innovative beats. After "Good Guy" you really wonder where the group is going to go next. Unfortunately for them, they go far too over the top with "Bounce, Shake, Move, Swing". If you put this CD on random, I pray for your sake that it never stops on this track. The song is like a bad salsa tune combined with the worst Stevie B freestyle beat you've ever heard. Let's just say that it's a little "too catchy".

Things do pick up though. Songs like "Thank You in Advance" and "I Do" are both great exhibitions of the type of talent these guys all bring to the table. The raw brilliance of these guys is just unbelievable. Regardless of what type of music you're into, listening to anything accapella by these gentlemen is pleasing to the ears.

This CD gives you a solid collection of slow jams to listen to but there are also tunes to satisfy those with a taste for faster music. Though not quite as exceptional as the group's initial release, the CD showcase's the group's maturity as artists and shows us that they can still hop from "Motown" to "Yesterday" and back again with the greatest of ease. Don't buy this CD if you're looking for a new cornerstone album for your collection but do buy it if you liked the group's initial release.

Brent Reaney



Shyne



The Other Nut's Bigger!

Here comes another one. Puffy has found another MC who might be the next Biggie. And Shyne has something in common with the great one, but it isn't his skills.

The first thing that you will notice about Shyne is his voice's similarity to the late B.I.G. Is Puff just trying to replace the un-replaceable (is that a word? Oh well...)? Only a couple songs in, you'll get the gist of Shyne and what he's all about. He even tells you: drugs, violence, and sex. And he claims it's "all he can talk about". At

least he's honest.

Drugs are Shyne's game and he lets you know it. He sells it, does it, hurts those who don't pay him, and yadda yadda yadda, most of his songs are about it. But Shyne is not a lost cause, sounding amicable on the Mobb Deep like "Watcha Gonna Do" and the orchestral track "The Life".

Most of the producers here were responsible for the solid Black Rob Life Story album, and they do another good job, supplying some heavy hitters. Now if Shyne could switch topics, and not compare himself in the same league as B.I.G. and Jay-Z, he might shine rather than be dull.

Ginsu Nick
(He slices, he dices)

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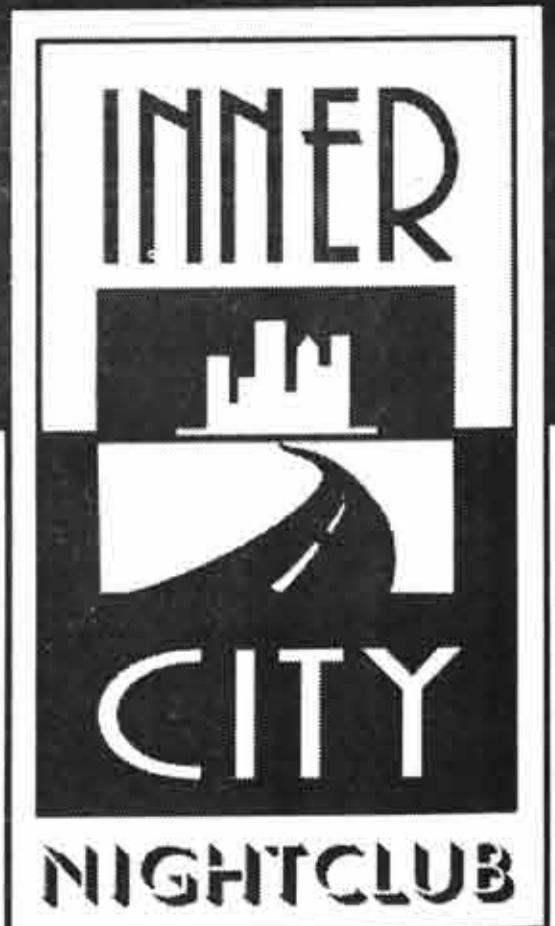
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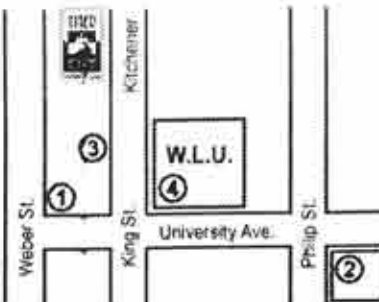
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Dealing With Suicide

REAGAN HAIRE

Why does it happen? Does anyone really have the answer? Suicide shocks and saddens those who are close to someone who takes their own life, but this is only the tip of an iceberg that remains mostly uncovered.

It is unbelievable to find out that many more students consider committing suicide than is actually known. One in ten U.S. college students has seriously thought about taking their own lives, and suicide is now the third-leading cause of death in young adults, ages 15-27.

University life places tremendous pressure on students which is a factor which may be attributed, if only in part, to suicidal thoughts of young people. Other factors that may lead to thoughts of suicide are the death or terminal illness of a friend or relative, a broken relationship, loss of health, alcohol or drug abuse, loss of a job, money, self-esteem, or depression.

Although suicidal thoughts may seem to be an occurrence in a fair portion of student bodies, it is very important to remember that the actual act is a rare thing.

As a friend or relative, it is imperative to be able to recognize certain signs of a depressed individual that you may be concerned about.

There are many noticeable changes in people who are suicidal that we need to keep in mind, and also be able to recognize. It is possible there may be a change in the person's eating or sleeping habits, a decline in school performance, or violent or rebellious behaviour.

As well, drug and alcohol abuse may be excellent signifiers that a person needs help and is looking for an outlet, but is looking in all the wrong places. The suicidal individual may have an unusual neglect of personal appearance, difficulty concentrating, or drastic changes in personality.

One major sign something is amiss is when the person withdraws from friends, family, or their regular activities. Look out for someone whose lifestyle is changing, and talk to them. Ask them why such a change has come about, and how they are feeling generally.

There are lots of things that



Kurt Cobain famously committed suicide in 1994.

you can do to help someone who you think may be suicidal. One of these is to take threats seriously.

Many myths about suicide are prevalent, such as people who talk about killing themselves will never actually do it.

This is utterly false. When people talk about it, it is a call for help, and should never be ignored. Have an open ear and allow people to express themselves; talking about it is crucial.

As well, don't ever judge anyone else by thinking that they have nothing to commit suicide over. You cannot assume someone else feels the same way you do - we are all individuals.

Additionally, be willing to offer help before the problem is out of hand. In order to help effectively, you need to do everything you can to stop the prolonging of pain. Give the person the opportunity to vent their feelings, or to talk about their troubles. We all need someone to talk to at one time or another.

If a person is extremely suicidal, do not leave them alone. Try to get rid of any means for that person to harm themselves, and seek professional help.

As well, do not keep someone's suicidal thoughts to yourself if they have confided in you. It is possible to go and acquire

help while still protecting that person from more pain. Do not try and solve it for them by yourself.

Suicide is a difficult thing for those people who remain to understand. The decision to stop living causes much pain and suffering for everyone involved, and they must try and grieve and heal.

For those of you who have lost someone that you care about,

remember, they made the decision to take their own life; it is not your fault.

The aftermath of a suicide carries heavy ramifications, but healing is first and foremost. But before this happens or seems like it is going to happen, watch for those signs. Make yourself accessible and available to those in need. Suicide can be prevented, and we must learn to deal with it effectively.

Although suicidal thoughts do occur at some point or another in a person's life, less than 2% of the population takes their own lives. If we educate ourselves and know what to watch for, it is possible to help people and stop the fall before it happens.

For further information, contact the following.

WLU Counselling Services (Upper Floor, Student Services Center)
884-1970 ext.2338

K-W Counselling Services Inc.
(Waterloo Town Square, 3rd floor,
75 King Street South)

Drug and alcohol abuse are excellent signifiers.

Make yourself available and accessible to those in need.

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"straight but not narrow"

ELIZABETH BLYTHE

I am a twenty-two year old female in my fourth year honors sociology. I have a boyfriend who lives in Ottawa and last night I went to club Renaissance, a gay bar.

You might wonder why a heterosexual might attend a gay bar. Well, most of my friends are gay.

It's not that I purposely go out to find gay friends, it just ended up that most of my friends are gay. I wouldn't say that gay friends are better than straight friends, there really is

no real difference, besides the obvious.

Yet being surrounded by gay friends has given me a different perspective on society.

I cannot believe how homophobic this society is. I guess I can understand it because I am a sociology major and I learn how societies form their ideas and behaviors but I just wish more people could be like me. That is, gay positive.

My gay friends talk to me about not having the courage to express their sexual identity. One lesbian friend stated to me that people always assume she is straight. People always ask her, "so, do you have a boyfriend?" How is she to answer this question? A better question would be, "do you have a partner?"

Being gay positive doesn't require a whole lot. You have to be open minded and go past traditional modes of thought, when it comes to gay people.

I wasn't always "gay friendly". Once, in grade eleven I was at the mall and a fellow student came up to me with some good news. She

told my friend and I that she had finally met a girl that she was interested in. When she walked away my friend and I laughed.

At that time in my life I was very narrow minded. I was brought up with a Catholic background and in a society where a woman should date a man and vice versa.

It wasn't until first year university when it got to me. I met some gay males in my residence and became really good friends with one of them. I began going to the gay bar because my gay friend did not feel comfort-

able going to "straight" bars. Soon, a majority of my friends were gay and lesbian.

In fact, two of my closest friends are lesbian and they are some of the nicest friends I have ever had. They don't strictly define themselves by

their sexuality, they are just people who happen to be gay. It's just one aspect of their lives.

I look back to my high-school years and wish I had not been so narrow minded. It is narrow minded people that make it so difficult for gay people to feel comfortable with their sexual identity.

Where are all the homosexuals in university? Although some gays and lesbians begin to feel more comfortable expressing their sexual identity in post-secondary school, many of them continue to hide. I cannot imagine what it would feel like to have to hide a large part of myself from society.

Why can't everyone just get along and accept one another based on the things that truly count; honesty, kindness and love?

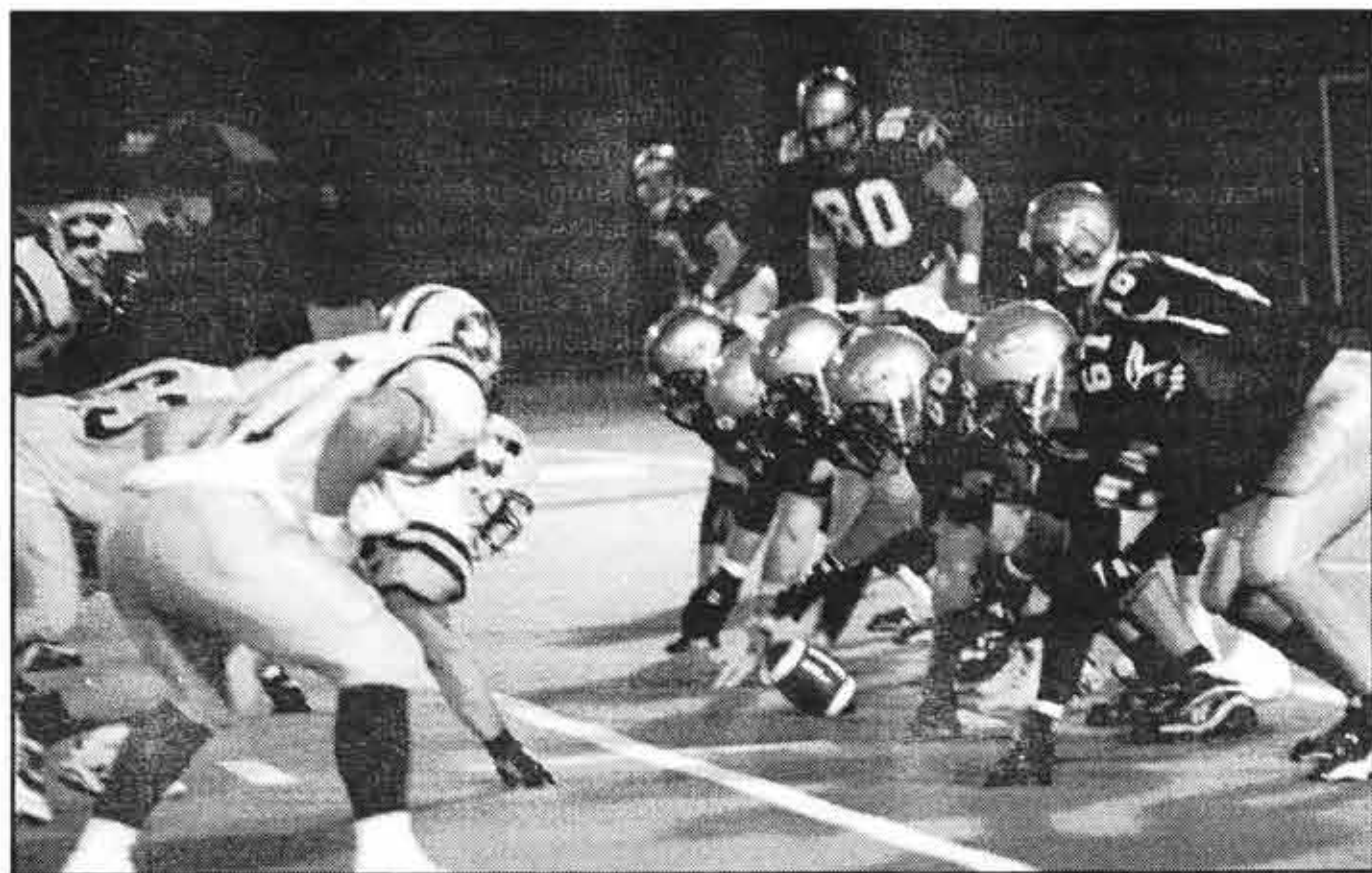
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Night Hawks top Lancers 27-3



The Offensive Line patiently waits for Quarterback Adam Lane to get things rolling.

BRIAN THODE

Six hundred die hard fans braved the cold, and the rain, to witness Laurier's first regular season night game since 1995. In front of a small crowd, in bad weather, having a short week to prepare and coming off a big homecoming victory, all contributed to a not unexpected, unexciting contest. Despite an uneven performance by Laurier, the overmatched Windsor Lancers couldn't muster up any offence and the Hawks rolled to an easy 27-3 victory.

Although the win was never seriously in doubt, the Hawks did not leave the game unscathed. Early in the second quarter running back Justin Praamsma suffered a contusion to his left thigh which forced him out of the game and could leave him sidelined for next week's game against U of T. The Hawk running game continued to grind out yardage though, as back up Alex Torrie stepped in, carrying the ball 27 times for 138 yards and two touchdowns.

Unfortunately, the offence as a whole seemed to be out of sync and struggled to move the ball down field throughout the contest.

Coach Zmich described the offensive performance as "choppy", emphasizing the 4 turnovers the offense gave up. Zmich would like to see more consistency from the offence and he pointed out that with teams steadily double teaming receiver Andre Talbot, he'd like

to see "other players step up and make plays."

While the offence struggled with consistency the defense was absolutely dominant. According to Zmich "They came to play."

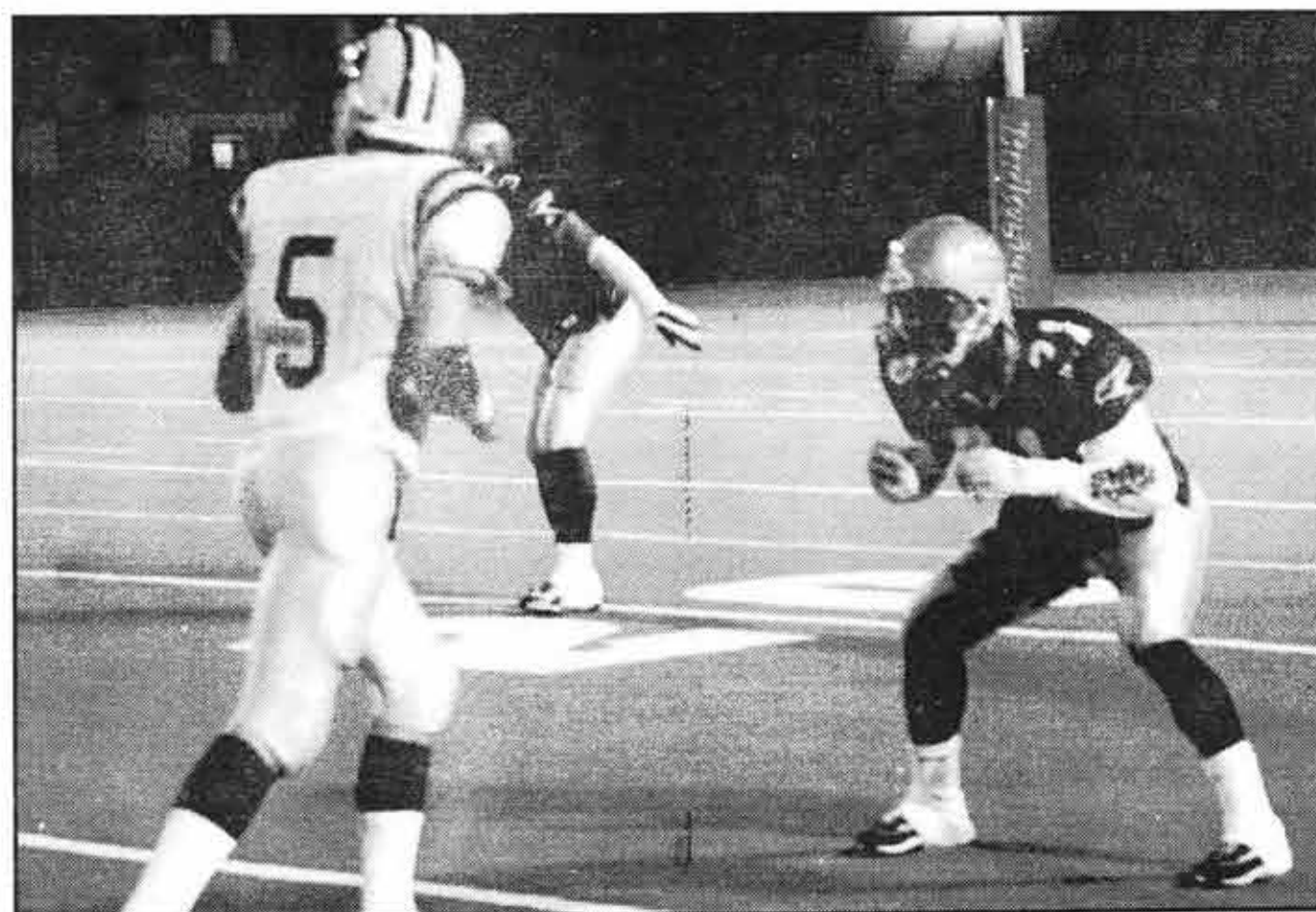
Windsor tallied minus-13 yards offense in the first half and a net total of just 76 yards for the game. Two Windsor quarterbacks combined to go 8-

32 in passing with 3 interceptions and 4 sacks. Donnie Ruiz, Andre Johnson, and Carvell Johnson had the interceptions for the Hawks. While Kojo Millington, Rohan Thompson, Kevin Macneill, and Tony Breteny had the sacks, a fumble recovery was also added by Eric Schwab. As these stats suggest, Thursday's defensive exhibition was truly

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a team effort.



Kevin Johnson lines up against a Windsor receiver. The Hawks defence stifled the Lancers

Athletics says hazing must stop

BASIL BOTETZAYAS
WILBUR MCLEAN

Changes are at the forefront for the hazing policy at Wilfrid Laurier University in light of recent hazing incidents involving the WLU co-ed swim team and women's lacrosse team. Two incidents involving the teams were reported to the athletic department on Friday September 29th following rookie parties which occurred the night before.

Following the incident the swim team was immediately suspended from practice by coach Dean Bowles who said "I felt the team needed to take steps right then and there." A board consisting of the Acting Dean of Social Work Luke Fusco, who chaired the meeting, Student Union President Jeff Crocker, Lettermen President Nick Ritchie, Women's Athletic Association President Marsha Boyagoda and the Athletic Director Peter Baxter, who was given final say with the teams. The purpose of the inquest was not solely for punishment. Rather, it was to learn more about how and why these parties happen in an effort to prevent them from occurring again in the future. The board was also to make a distinction between hazing and team-building.

Baxter came up with a three step punishment for the teams. Firstly, the teams would have to work together with the athletic department to amend and improve the current hazing policies at WLU. Secondly, the athletic department will follow up by having a presentation that will be attended by all student athletes in which the two affected teams will explain the new definition of hazing, the dangers of it, and how to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. Finally, the teams would have to run a fundraiser, the proceeds of which would go directly to charity.

The board will also be responsible for producing a plan to improve Laurier's athletics so as to prevent any hazing incidents from occurring again. The board came up with three goals which needed to be achieved.

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Cord Sports: We got Editors, now we need some Writers!

Changes to come about in Athletics

Cont. from p.16 "Athletics"

Firstly, better education of athletes so that every varsity team member would be aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Second, better communication within the athletic department as a whole.

Finally, improving the team building within the individual teams.

The onus is now on the board to come up with specific plans to achieve these goals.

Some of the ideas that came up in the meeting that were proposed as alternatives to rookie parties were to have an

athletic games similar to a winter carnival type of games in which teams can work together and build unity without the negative aspects of hazing.

Other alternatives included having a beginning of the year athletic social in which first year student athletes would get to meet all the other teams and coaches to break the ice.

In the words of Bowles, "It comes right down to behaviour" and the athletic department has now taken major steps to move forward and clean-up the nature and perception of varsity athletics at Laurier.

Surprise! Baseball lives

Thrilling weekend puts Hawks in by slimmest of margins

WILBUR MCLEAN

The WLU men's baseball team is holding their own in their first round best-of-three playoff matchup against McMaster, the number one ranked team in Canada this year.

In a double-header played at Mac on October 10th, the Hawks split a pair with the Marauders. The WLU boys of summer dropped the first game by a score of 10-0 but managed to avoid elimination by taking the second in a tight 4-3 affair.

The teams were to play the deciding game on Wednesday evening, however issues with

the lighting at the stadium prevented the game from occurring.

The game will be made up on October 12th at Mac as the Golden Hawks look to place the Marauders on the receiving end of a monumental upset.

The Hawks weren't even supposed to be in these playoffs, after a disastrous close to their regular season.

After starting off with a 5-5 record, the Hawks finished the season at 5-11, seemingly one spot out of the playoffs.

All that was needed was for the University of Waterloo to win one of four games over Thanksgiving Weekend to

assure an end to the Hawk season.

As it turned out, Waterloo lost the first two games of the weekend, leaving the Hawks hoping for some help from Western.

Western did provide support, beating the Warriors twice more, leaving the two Waterloo teams with a 5-11 record.

Late Sunday night, a tiebreaker was played at Bechtel Park, with the winner advancing to the playoffs.

The Hawks succeeded and defeated Waterloo 4-3 behind Jeff Moiser's strong pitching.

CORRECTION:

Last week's In Short section erroneously contained parts of the Athletic Department's Hawk Talk Bulletin. The Cord apologizes for the error.

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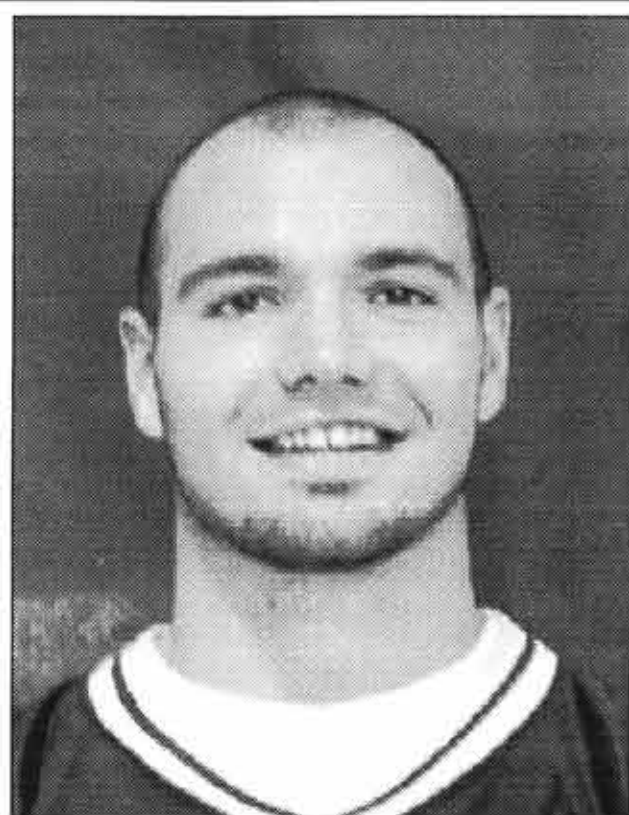
Just because it's a new page doesn't mean we don't need writers anymore!

Budweiser

KING OF BEERS.

Alex Torrie

Torrie, a second year running back from Owen Sound, had an outstanding game for the Hawks in their win last Thursday over the Windsor Lancers. In place of injured starter Justin Praamsma, Torrie carried the ball 27 times for 138 yards and two touchdowns, keeping the Hawks offensive attack rolling all evening. The second year Kinesiology major will undoubtedly play a huge role for the Hawks in the years to come.



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The Future of Sports

CATHY SWEET

Have Canadians lost their competitive edge? Did our most skilled athletes wake up one morning to find their sheer determination or physical strengths stolen during the night? According to sports enthusiasts, the competitors have not changed, it's the system of support that needs improvement.

It can be argued that Canadian Olympic performances in Sydney were merely consequences of an under-funded system of sport. The athletes found it difficult to compete on the world stage when national sport federations in the US, France, Britain, the Netherlands and Australia outspend Canada by wide margins. For the past ten years, athletes have been dealing with modest support programs in exchange for Ottawa's deficit-fighting efforts.

Denis Coderre, secretary of state for sport, admits that a decline in team performance at the Games was inevitable. He is aware that Canada's athlete-development system is largely un-coordinated and under-funded. In February, he plans to host a federal conference on sport to improve its efficiency and consistency.

Meanwhile, there seems to be a strong connection between medal winnings and countries that are financially committed to sport. Canada spends approximately \$62 million annually to fund athletes, from little league pitchers to olympic contenders. In comparison, Australia sets aside an impressive \$280 million, a nation with a population that falls short of Canada's by 10 million.

One solution, although controversial, would be a decision

by Sport Canada to offer cash incentives for medal-winning athletes. And why not? Italy and Australia already do it. While incentives can have positive effects on performance, critics are reluctant to provide a reward that may increase the motivation for taking performance-enhancing drugs.

Olympic athletes are not the only ones suffering from a lack of funding. Many Canadian pro teams have been losing money and fans.

Although pro sports are privately funded, do these two events combine to present an accurate picture of the way sport is viewed in Canada? Just as the United States out does us

What is Canada doing to encourage our athletes?

in terms of 'nationalistic' pride, do we also fall behind in terms of a their win-at-all-costs image?

The problem exists in a spectrum of sports. The Edmonton Oilers have struggled to break even, while other Canadian-based NHL teams, (except the Leafs), continue to lose money.

Baseball is also under pressure, as seen by Ted Rogers' acquisition of the unprofitable Toronto Blue Jays. The Jays have drawn 2,200 fewer fans per game than last season and 5,000 less than two years ago.

Municipal taxes threaten the

existence of pro sports in Canada. The Canucks paid \$3 million in taxes this year, while the Canadiens paid \$11 million. You can see the advantage of owning a team south of the border. The twenty-four US based NHL teams are paying a combined \$5.5 million (Cdn) in local taxes this year.

Federal and provincial governments are reluctant to provide financial assistance. In response, NHL clubs such as the Senators and the Flames have appealed to their local communities. Ticket sales must improve or the franchises will be forced to move south.

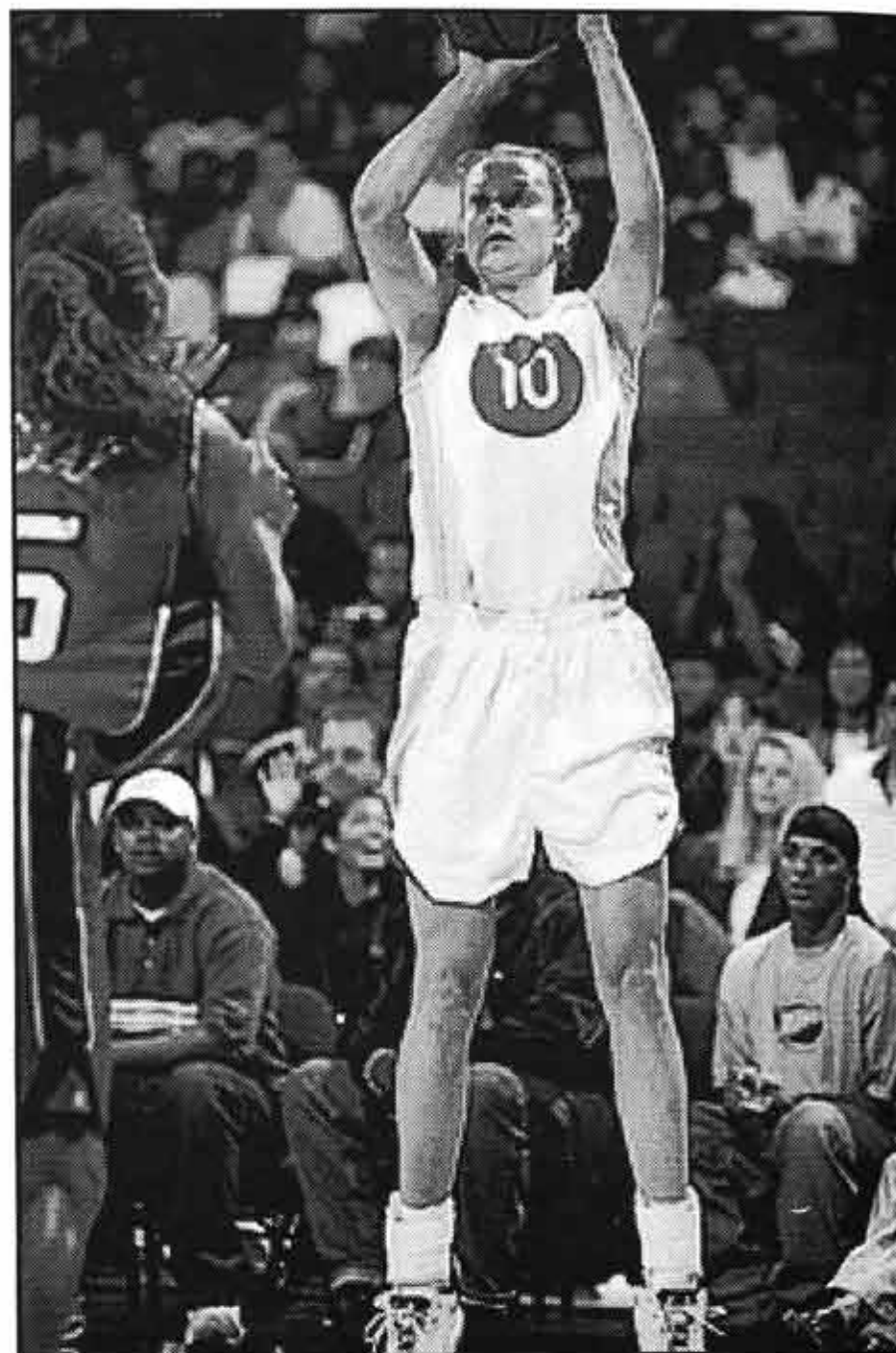
Various teams are also engaging in promotions to help sell their image. The Jays brought in new mascots this season and invested heavily in promotional activities.

So you ask yourself, what is Canada doing to encourage our athletes to reach their full potential, whether in varsity sports, pro sports or at the Olympic level? Queen's Park decides to cut extra-curricular activities in High School, only to stifle the next Simon Whitfield or Paul Kariya.

Students are walking out of class in protest over the bleak future of extracurricular activities. Given the new curriculum, many teachers simply do not have the time to participate in extra programs on a volunteer basis.

In Whitby, approximately 200 students from Henry Street High School and Anderson Collegiate joined a walk out protest in September. They marched through town shouting, "We want sports!"

If we want to encourage the athletes of tomorrow, Canada must start by backing that mission, financially. The US tradi-



Stacey Dales and Basketball Canada: Are they suffering from underfunding?

tion of paying teachers to coach may be the only answer.

Teachers in the US earn extra money on top of their salaries for duties performed after school hours. They can earn between \$2,000 to \$8,000 to coach senior basketball. And school boards pay up to \$1,200 for swim club coaches.

Earl Manners, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, says, "There is a cultural difference between Canada and the

United States, and if you start paying teachers to coach, they might feel pressure to have the team win or bring in higher gate receipts." Have the team win, what a novel idea.

Although school boards are free to devise their own compensation packages for paid coaching, they do not possess the necessary resources without receiving financial support from Queen's Park.

A Look at Laurier

CATHY SWEET

The Blue Jays are not alone in their efforts to gain advantages through marketing and promotion. Peter Baxter, Laurier's Director of Sports and Recreation, uses entrepreneurship activities to raise additional funds for Laurier's sports facilities and equipment. Through marketing, sponsorship and alumni development, initial funds of \$20,000 have increased to \$350,000.

Two years ago, Mr. Baxter negotiated a new student services agreement which allocated 50% of the athletic program operating costs to be paid by student incidental fees and the remaining 50% to be paid by the University. An additional \$120,000 was added to the operating budget for the Athletic Centre renovation at the

time of the contract. Fortunately, student incidental fees have not increased since the contract date and will not fluctuate for at least another 3 years. Instead of looking to the students for additional revenue, the sports department has expanded their activities through promotions and donations.

In response to the current state of High School extra-curricular programs and unfulfilled Olympic dreams at Sydney, Mr. Baxter advocates a "broad-based approach" to sports. With a wider range of activities, you have a larger base from which to draw the best athletes. For this reason, Laurier now offers a wider range of intramurals, featuring everything from inner-tube water polo to indoor soccer.

Most of the money spent at the Olympic level has gone into the admin-

istration of sport. Mr. Baxter says that he "would like to see more money used to support programs that encourage mass participation of athletes."

Yet in most cases, the objective of sports is not centered around medals and titles. In High School, sport promotes activity, provides opportunities for teamwork and goal setting, and helps combat youth violence and drugs by promoting a healthy lifestyle. This is why so many teachers, parents and administrators are concerned with the lack of funding for sports programs in schools.

And why the government must take financial responsibility for the future of Canada's athletes.



Peter Baxter, Director of Athletics

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Social interaction is a basic human need. People who are tired of the same old, same old can generally add a little excitement to their lives by meeting new people. Meeting new people can lead to the creation of another group of friends, new activities and even a new love interest.

When it comes to meeting new people, some take a wait and see attitude and rely on things like chance meetings through friends, the workplace, health clubs, or might even decide to heavy up on the bar scene. Other people who are tired of waiting and want immediate interaction choose to interact with people over the Internet or through a telephone chat line.

For many people the internet option works fine if pure boredom relief is the ultimate goal. The major downside to this format is not really knowing what the person at the other end of keyboard is really like or where they are from. They could be

young, or old or even male or female, and you wouldn't know it. It can be pretty emotionally upsetting to find out that you thought you were having fun with a 25 year old female when you eventually find out you were actually messaging a man twice your age. Even if an interesting relationship does develop, the chance of actually meeting an internet friend has been shown to be extremely slim.

To overcome some of the downside to internet chat, the last few years has seen telephone based chat systems become widely accepted. A telephone based chat system confidentially links both men and women primarily from the local area. It offers all the same interactions as if you were simply talking on the phone, but your true identity is not revealed to the people you are talking with – until you're ready to reveal it. Telephone chat is usually always free for women and can be a great way to meet someone

new. From the conversations, you will be able to easily identify that you are talking with someone of the opposite sex and also be able to get a good idea of their age. Then, if you do decide you want to actually meet face-to-face with someone, the telephone chat system is locally based, and the other person is likely from the same area as you.

One telephone system called the GrapeVine, actually combines the benefits of internet chat with telephone chat. In addition to being able to interact with local callers, it also lets you interact with other callers from right across Canada – if you choose to do so.

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