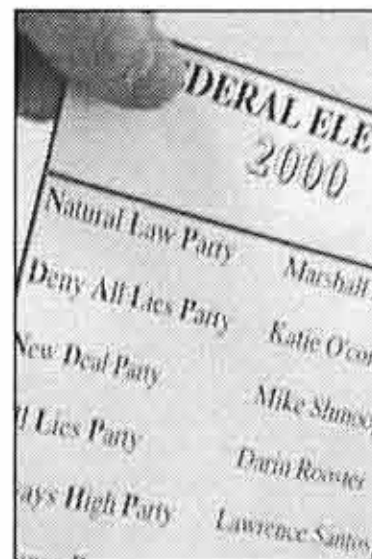
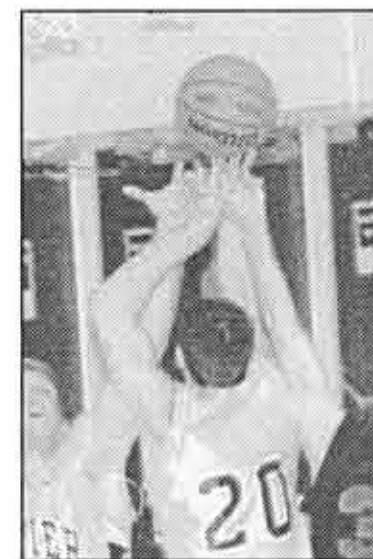


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Jan Wong Rolls Along

Globe columnist continues book tour at WLU

CORD NEWS
LUKE JOHNSTON

Imagine getting paid to have lunch with Bryan Adams. For *Globe and Mail* columnist Jan Wong, who makes a living by taking celebrities out for lunch, this dream is a reality. Last night in the Paul Martin Centre, Jan Wong thrilled a packed house with details of her trips to China and lunches with world famous people.

Wong, who has received much acclaim, including The National Newspaper award, was born in Montreal in 1952. Although she is a third generation Canadian, as a child, Wong had no Asian-Canadian friends, and felt a strong need to explore her Chinese heritage. As a young adult, Wong began to practice Maoism, which was, as she put it, "her form of rebellion instead of drugs." She went on to joke that, "she wasn't sure which would have caused more

brain damage."

In 1972, she was one of a handful of international students who were allowed to attend university in China. During this period, China was undergoing the Cultural Revolution. Wong's studies in Beijing were guided with an iron fist. She had no textbooks and frequently had to perform hard labour. Living in a totalitarian state, where absolutely every aspect of life was monitored, left Wong very disillusioned. She returned to Canada in 1980.

However, her days in China were not completely over. In 1988, she returned to China as the first female foreign correspondent for the *Globe and Mail*. Once again, Wong found herself in the midst of an important cultural period in Chinese history. She witnessed the tragic events in Tiananmen Square. From her hotel balcony she helplessly watched as, despite



Globe and Mail columnist Jan Wong signs copies of her new book, *Lunch With Jan Wong*.

deadly warnings from the Chinese government, tens of thousands of people filled the square to protest human rights abuses. Wong's voice showed

emotion as she recalled watching people being gunned down by the army.

"They kept on coming and kept on dying. And all I could

do was sit there with my pen and paper taking notes."

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Wide Mouth Mason Ride Out Blazin'

CORD ENTERTAINMENT
MAUREEN SPILLANE

How do people decide what good music is? What draws the audience in and what keeps them coming back for more? Some would say that the answer is easy. The mind-dulling, marketed, and dismal trite called pop music, has been served so often it is now what most people crave. There is some truth to this. But when music slips from art into entertainment and the lines are blurred, how do we measure what is 'good', and who's yardstick do we use?

Monday night's Wide Mouth Mason show at the Turret started off with the very local, very talented Craig Cardiff. For the majority of the audience, Craig Cardiff is a new artist whose sound resembles that of the Counting Crows and Dave Matthews. These are fair comparisons, but Craig is no newcomer. He has been playing in Waterloo and across Ontario for some time, and will likely continue to play.

On stage, his presence is relaxed and poignant, drawing in the few who have gathered around. Steve Toms on bass, who also plays with the Jolly Llamas, and Paul Mcinnis on percussion, play by

Craig's sides, smiling from time to time, relaxed with the music that seems to come effortlessly.

The music they play is good. Each song is distinct from the last, which is a rare departure from both mainstream and independent Canadian music. The lyrics are inviting, but there is also an underlying edge that is not so welcoming. Artistically, Craig's substance is obvious, but his performance does little to get the audience out of their chairs. Sometimes there's nothing wrong with that, and other times it's preferred. Unfortunately, at this show, the audience forgets the high-quality music they've heard when Wide Mouth Mason appears.

They begin with "Change," a song off their new album *Stew*, which is similar to their previous material but incorporates louder riffs similar to Big Sugar and the poppy zeal of Prince. The Big Sugar influence is expected on *Stew*, since Gordie Johnson produced it and plays guitar on a few tracks. However, the influence is somewhat diluted by Shaun Verreault's penetrating and vibrant voice, and his apparent love of the wawa pedal.

Their energy is almost 'overblown' in the beginning. Earl Pereira, the bassist, is

especially active and I begin to wonder if the show has become so routine for him that it doesn't matter whether or not the crowd is reciprocating his energy. Although there is little interaction between the members of the band, it is apparent he has come to play and have a good time with the 100 or so fans that have shown up. And it pays off for him. Although not everyone is dancing, no one is sitting.

The songs Wide Mouth Mason plays are catchy and easy to dance to. Each member demonstrates that he is talented and skilled with his instrument and capable to work within the structure of the songs. The live performance of their material is tight and respectable, one could even say excellent, but the material itself is lacking.

When the band breaks into their recent single "Smile," Shaun Verreault, the guitarist and lead singer of the band, plays a riff that is almost identical to "Voodoo Child," by Jimi Hendrix. For a moment I'm ecstatic, delighted to hear the first chords to a favorite song that I know and can easily sing along to, and then...wait, it's that other song that I know from the radio and can easily sing along to... and so I'm content. This kind

of plurality resides within most mainstream music, and allows WMM to blend the styles of funk, rock, and pop so that the sound can be called their own (even though everybody else is doing it).

Halfway into the show, Earl's energy is cut short, as there are apparent problems with the sound levels. His bass can barely be heard over the high volume of Shaun's guitar and Safwan Javed's bass drum. His annoyance at this interference is understandable and evident, as he continues to play with stiff posture, eventually stopping to speak to his roadie.

By the end of the show, this problem is solved and Wide Mouth Mason has the Turret rocking. Earl is now occasionally jumping and rocking back and forth, the audience is dancing and even WMM have begun to interact with each other. This is entertainment, and what many musicians would call a great performance. Although Wide Mouth Mason won't go down in history for their great strides in musical innovation, their audience will remember them for great performances.

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beat goes on

Religion on Abortion

Panel debates from multi-faith perspective

MICHELLE SCARFONE

The Chaplain's Office in association with Wilfrid Laurier Students for Life presented "Life and Its Dignities" this past Wednesday November 15th, 2000 at 7pm in the Paul Martin Centre.

The panel, consisting of four speakers with different religious beliefs, came together to discuss the issues and address the questions that have risen with the controversial topic of abortion.

The orderly and dignified discussion gave each religious representative the opportunity for equal and uninterrupted time to address his or her concerns, comments and religious viewpoints on abortion.

The four opinions, Jewish, Buddhist, Christian and Agnostic, were sometimes in agreement, while in other areas of abortion they stood on opposite ground.

It was interesting to listen to each person speak about this sensitive topic from different levels of experience, religious beliefs, and of course different perspectives.

Listening to the single mother Buddhist nun, her religious belief in suffering was evident.



A group of panelists meets to discuss the controversial topic of abortion.

EDDY SCHALL

Furthermore, it was clear that it is also directed to abortion with respect to both mother and unborn child.

The issue of abortion is not viewed as black or white, said the nun. Rather, it depends on the ethical code of relying on valid, perfect knowledge and direct experience to judge and analyse the rights and wrongs in each situation.

If an individual is unsure of

the suffering that will result from their action then the action is thought to be wrong in the Buddhist context.

Following this discussion the Agnostic perception was given. This individual also addressed many similar concerns and points made by the Buddhist nun. He too, commented on the difficulty that comes with the choice of abortion.

He also emphasized the per-

sonal nature of the decision and suggested that it should be a choice that an individual should have.

There are also no absolutes in terms of ethics. People have different reasons for choosing whether or not to be a mother and therefore situations should be considered individually.

The Christian representative, who had a Catholic background, was the most pro-life

advocate against abortion. He stressed the moral ethics involved with the decision to end another's life.

He also stressed that justice and compassion do not go hand in hand. A just person can be a compassion being, but the law has no compassion. It is not the purpose of the law to show favouritism.

The final representative, was the Jewish voice. He was very thorough in differentiating between the traditional orthodox Jewish view of pro-life and the pro-choice views held by most Jewish communities.

With respect to the pro-life view, which is mainly in the context of the mother, if she can die from birthing, her life takes precedence over the unborn fetus in that she is already a live being and it is not.

If the birthing has already begun and complications arise, then in the Orthodox belief, one life does not take precedence over another.

Concerning pro-choice, the Jewish community considers the fetus a property of the mother and do not deem it to be a true human life until 30 days after of its birth.

Gwyn speaks out

MARK HUMPHRIES

Richard Gwyn, Toronto Star *Home and Away* columnist and author of the book *The Northern Magnus*, gave a guest lecture last Thursday on the changing face of Canadian politics.

Jointly sponsored by WLU Student Publications and the Toronto Star, the lecture took place in the Toyota Solarium.

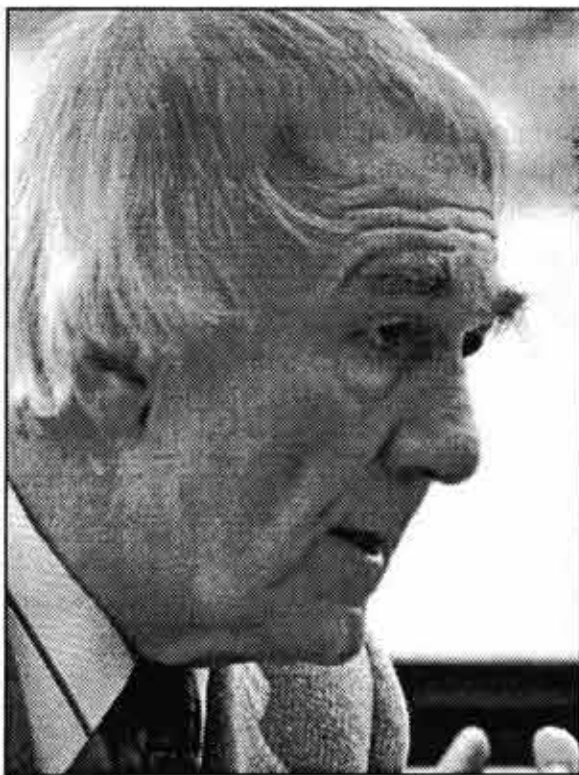
A highly regarded and award winning Canadian journalist, Gwyn shared his views on the upcoming federal election as well as the future of politics in Canada.

Throughout the half hour lecture, Gwyn contrasted the Canadian electoral and governmental systems with those in the United States. He referred to the American system as "a dollar-ocracy" while pointing out that the Canadian system is "much more open."

The key focus of his lecture, though, was a discussion of the "swing to the right" in the United States and the "trend towards the middle" in Canada.

Gwyn feels that the Canadian Alliance Party will fail to "break out of its box in the west" in the upcoming federal election. Therefore, he suggests, this will lead to a third consecutive Liberal majority government.

"Our politics may be nasty for some time yet if the Liberals retain power," said Gwyn. "If the Alliance fails, there will be regional and political divisions in Canada much as there are in the United States



Richard Gwyns at the crowd.

ALEXANDRA STEPHANSON

today between north and south, east and west."

Gwyn also said that he sees it as essential for Quebec to "re-enter politics federally." The Bloc Quebecois, he suggests, is "pulling 40 seats away from other federal parties which could be used to tip the balance of power in federal politics." Gwyn also commented that this would help to retract from regional fragmentation.

Before he finished, Gwyn also sounded a cautionary word on the upcoming election. He said that "the danger in not voting is that you cede power to those with influence automatically."

Might of Wong

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She did present some hope for the Chinese in their struggle for freedom. After returning to China in 1998, Wong believes that information technology will stop the government from controlling the new generation.

Additionally, since China's one child policy has created a generation of only children, she believes that they won't like being told what to do.

She has written two books about her time in China, "Red China Blues" and "Jan Wong's China."

When she returned to Canada, the focus of her reporting dramatically changed. For the last four years, Wong has written a hugely successful column called "Lunch With Jan." Recently, she released a book featuring her favorite columns. She believes that since celebrities are what modern society worships, they deserve serious journalistic attention.

However, her celebrity coverage is different because she isn't concerned with their work. Instead, she concentrates on celebrities as people.

She takes various famous people out for lunch and tries to show her readers what type of people the celebrities are. Her questions are direct and often blunt and she will never go off the record.

But she claims that her questions "always relate to the person's work and

life." For example, she asked the founder of Cosmo what her bra size was.

She chooses to interview celebrities over lunch because it's the ideal setting for observation.

Ms. Wong will comment on what the celebrity orders, how they treat the employees and even how they hold their fork. These small things can be quite revealing. For example, Margaret Atwood refused to eat at all, while Bryan Adams asked the cook to make him something that wasn't on the menu.

In fact, she even tries to match the restaurant with the personality of the celebrity. For the Chief of Toronto Police, she chose Tim Horton's and for Dr. Ruth, she wanted to have lunch at a nude beach.

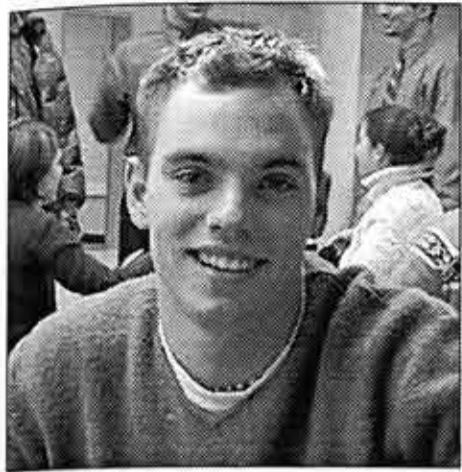
Although her column has come under criticism from more traditional academics, she stands by what she writes.

Ms. Wong believes that since many people get much of their information in celebrity forums, celebrities are a valid source for research.

Above all Ms. Wong tries to show people what famous people are really like. Her approach often makes celebrities very anxious and uncomfortable. But she makes no apologies.

"I'm a judge of celebrities as people," she says. "A hanging judge."

Vocal Cord - READING WEEK



"Yes. Not all people use it as a vacation, and with the same amount of work in both terms, why not?"

Dan Buffery
3rd Year Business



"Yes. It would be nice because it helps to get caught up."

Derek Stephenson
3rd Year French



"Yes. It gives them a break from all the stress, and they can catch up on their work."

Miriam Berger
4th Year Business

MATTHEW CADE

Feeling a little stressed? Ever wonder why you have a Reading Week in the winter but not in the fall, even though your workload doesn't change? You aren't the only one.

Each of these questions was raised at last Thursday's weekly Student's Union meeting and more discussion is expected. And even though it was the last item on the agenda, everyone had something to say.

Interestingly, opinion on the matter was divided among the Directors. Some were in favour of introducing a second Reading Week. They suggested that improving the "Laurier experience" for students should be their first priority and that at the very least the idea should be considered.

Increasing stress for students was also a motive for this discussion, especially in light of the two recent suicides. Although such incidents have been extremely rare at Laurier, the connection is difficult to avoid.

Those against the introduction of a new Reading Week, however, suggested that to do so would confuse the entire term schedule. They suggested, for example, that students might

be forced to return to school earlier. This would take away the opportunity to earn money at the end of the summer, and also may affect the number of students who could participate in Orientation Week.

Furthermore, it was also pointed out that stress is a part of real life and learning to deal with it is part of the university student's education.

Asad Kiyani, Editor-in-Chief of the Cord, contributed an important point. He suggested that to implement a new Reading Week in the fall in isolation may help, but to do it in conjunction with some sort of change in the curriculum would more valuable.

A good example is Trent University, who's system is tutorial based. Assignments are due on a weekly basis and therefore students are always working. The pressure constant, but consistently lower than at Laurier, a lecture based school.

At WLU, students experience a long lull without much actual work followed by an explosion of stress in the form of essays and midterms.

Jeffrey Kroeker, Student Union President, echoed Kiyani when he said: "It may, in fact, be a time to take a look at the style of teaching at the school."

Doggie bag of crime

MEDICAL ASSIST 1100 HRS MON NOV 13/00 Officers responded to a report that someone had fainted in the Peters Bldg but had regained consciousness. The individual was escorted to Health Services.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 0240 HRS TUE NOV 14/00 Officers responded to a report of a male person wandering around the outside of Conrad Hall attempting to look into windows. No useful description was obtained. The area was checked regularly with negative results.

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 0224 HRS WED NOV 15/00 A WLU student was warned on three occasions after receiving complaints of shouting outside a residence. The matter will be forwarded to the JAC.

MISCHIEF 0220 HRS SAT NOV 11/00 A group of University of Western Ontario students were stopped after they had knocked over a number of recycling bins at the rear of the Nichols Ctre.

They were told to clean up the mess and complied.

MISCHIEF 0120 HRS FRI NOV 17/00 An officer responded to the area of the Woods Bldg after receiving a complaint that two intoxicated males were pulling down posters and spitting on windows. The two individuals could not be located.

MEDICAL ASSIST 0240 HRS FRI NOV 17/00 An ambulance was called to University Place for a student who appeared to be suffering from over indulgence of alcohol. She was transported to hospital.

TRESPASS 0030 HRS FRI NOV 17/00 Two males were evicted from the Nichols Ctre after they attempted to gain entry through the rear door of the Turret.

MISCHIEF DATE/TIME UNKNOWN Person(s) unknown spray painted obscene graffiti on the south side of University Place.

Do you think it is necessary to create a Fall Reading Week?



"As long as the administration is sure that students actually need a break in the Fall. It shouldn't be just another excuse to party."

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2nd Year Political Science

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Alberta teen dead

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Liberals Ahead in KW

Recent polls indicate that the Liberals are set to take the Kitchener-Waterloo riding in the coming election. The incumbent Liberal MP Andrew Telegdi is leading with 59% of decided voters, followed by Josua Doig of the Canadian Alliance with 24%. The NDP and PC parties are running at 9% and 8% respectively.

Chretien investigated

A \$615 000 crown agency loan made to a hotel owner in Jean Chretien's riding may be formally investigated. The federal ethics counselor, Howard Wilson, may take several days before deciding whether or not he'll conduct the investigation. The Prime Minister has been accused of using his influence to

push through a loan to the Grand-Mere Inn, located in Chretien's hometown of Shawinigan.

Alliance member resigns

Former Canadian Alliance candidate Betty Granger is speaking out at Senior Alliance officials, who she says pushed her out of the party with "false information." Granger, a Winnipeg native, resigned last Sunday, after referring to immigration on the West Coast as an "Asian invasion." Stockwell Day denied that she was pressured to leave, stating: "She has offered and sent me a letter of resignation. I've accepted that resignation. We're moving on."

More children in poverty

A new report by Statistics Canada on Social Development suggests 43% more children were living in poverty in 1998 than in 1989. The report found roughly 1.3 million children in Canada are living in households below the poverty line. Also reported was the 90% increase in poor children in Ontario, compared to the 28% increase in the rest of the country. Only Ontario and Newfoundland saw low-income families sink even deeper below the poverty line since 1996.

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Halfway There: Year 2 At WLU

Many students have felt the need to ask themselves the question. You know the one: is university right for me? Or, even more importantly, is Laurier right for me? I have to admit that I have asked myself those very questions. But, here I am, writing you and telling you that I have answered my own questions.

After a little time pondering, I feel that I am in the right place. I am happy with my decisions and wouldn't have done much differently. My friends say that I am one of the lucky ones who knows what they want to do, but does anybody really know for sure?

Your second year of university can tend to feel like a turning point: that infamous fork in the road that can take you one of two totally different routes. Where do you want to go? Isn't that what you're asking? It is difficult figuring out which road to go down. Regardless of whether you are in a three or four-year program, your second year really puts you with two feet in the door. It's where you want those feet to go that is now the challenge.

It can seem like when you look ahead, all that's out there is a huge question mark or a series of doors that you must choose from. Wading through the sea of choice can be disorienting and difficult. Trying to figure out if there are other avenues that you wish to explore, or if you are in the right spot, can be painful. It can be a lot harder than some people like to think.

I am an English student here at

Laurier who wishes to pursue a career in Journalism after university. Naturally, my concerns led me to question whether I was at the right school or on the right path. The more I thought about things, the more I realised that everyone's decision involves so much more than the notoriety of a program at a certain school. As well, the school's name alone means nothing for you as an individual. There is too much more to consider than just that.

Wading through the sea of choice can be disorienting and difficult.

It's about the people you meet, whether you flourish as your own person at your specific locale, and the experiences that you are going to have. Not to discard these other factors, but just to remember that this is just as important. I have observed within my friends and myself that second year really is this so-called turning point, and that it forces these thoughts into your minds.

Now, I'm not telling everyone to sit down and think real hard if they have made the right choices. What I

am saying is that if you are having these thoughts, they are normal. Don't worry. I've had them; everyone else has them. Chances are good that if someone tells you they aren't having these thoughts, they are either not telling you the truth, or they haven't come across it yet. So don't drive yourself nuts!

Contemplation is part of what we do every day; it can't help but filter into other parts of our lives. I am happy here with my friends, my program, my school, and most of all my choices. Laurier has offered me opportunities in a way that I don't think many schools could have done.

As I sit here in the Cord office, I can be at ease knowing that I have made some pretty neat decisions for myself. I hope that you guys feel the same way too. It's important not to obsess on the small school aspect of Laurier, or the supposed homogeneity of its students. That's garbage!

The most important thing to know is that no one else can tell you what is right for you; you have to figure it out on your own. This is university; it's a place to live your own life. We are all different and that's partly what makes university such a unique environment. So enjoy it while you are here because, as I'm learning, it quickly passes you by.

REAGAN HAIRE
 STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

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TIM PHILLIPS

Election Musings

I don't know what to write about. I'm at a loss. I could write about the Canadian Election. I'll go out on a limb and predict a Liberal victory. Jean Chretien will remain Prime Minister despite the fact that he really hasn't done anything over the past seven years, and he has only a slightly better command of the English language than my neighbour's dog. But at least he's no Stockwell Day. Stockwell or Stockboy, as I like to call him, leads the New Reform Party into the election on a platform of cutting taxes and social programs. They're gonna lose, big time! Stockboy sure do look good in a wetsuit, though. Joe Clark is funny, but has as much chance of becoming Prime Minister again as Norm MacDonald has of winning an Oscar. His daughter's hot, though. I bet she looks good in a wetsuit. Alexa Mc...something, I should know this...will lead the Canadian Socialist Party. The NDP wants to spend money like a drunk guy buying rounds in a bar. There's

no way they're getting the keys. Finally, there's the Natural Law Party. A while back, Doug Henning (Canada's answer to Gallagher) and his followers introduced the Canadian Public to the practice of Yogic Flying - it's not an exercise, it's a lifestyle. God bless an open and free democracy!

Oh, by the way, where's the Elephant Party?

Oh, by the way, where's the Elephant Party? A party of principle. A party that we can all appreciate. A party that used to promise every man and woman 1.5 orgasms per year (even during recessionary times). It doesn't sound like a lot. But a little goes a long way (especially during recessionary times).

What else can I write about? Oh,

yeah. Women. Why are the hot ones always the most messed up? I wanna give them sugar, but I feel like I'm Fidel Castro attempting in vain to sweet talk Janet Reno. Girls have their own public opinion polls, based on a random sample of friends, enemies, acquaintances, relatives, house pets, and fashion magazines. I've never fared too well in these polls, usually landing just above the Creepy Guy at the Mall in the list of potential romantic candidates.

Women, on the other hand, are more issue-oriented. This can be a blessing and a curse. By delving deeper to discover what the candidate is really about, women prioritize the candidate's position on the issues ahead of his personal charm. Economics, security, and social issues take precedence over the candidate's ability to crack a funny joke. Women ask questions like, "What do you do?", "What do you want to do?", "Have you accepted Jesus into your life?", and "Is my ass getting fat?" These questions tend to be difficult and frustrating for the candidate.

Why do things have to be so political?

SPEAKERS

Having just come from an author event in the Concourse, I have to ask myself this question. Why are guest lecture speakers who appeal to a small particular audience booked in the busiest, most central area of our school? The new design of the Concourse/Torque Room, with its open concept, doesn't lend itself to events such as these. It is unfair to everybody involved; the speaker, the audience and the students to hold events like author lectures in such a public, distracting area.

This great school has the Paul Martin Centre, Solarium, The Aird building and numerous lecture halls (imagine holding a lecture in an actual lecture hall!). In short, any place that can be blocked off from the bustle of everyday student life to hold such events. The copy center, computer labs, food stand, bookstore, group meeting and traffic to and from class will always be happening in this busiest area of school. The result of these lectures

being held in the Concourse/Torque Room area is a half-assed event in which the audience and speaker are distracted, the proper interaction/intimacy between speaker and audience is not achieved and in the end, the message is not delivered.

The flip side of the coin is the students (who pay a lot of money to use this space and its features) are impeded from going about their daily business. Having been on both sides of these events I would ask the people in charge of these bookings that in the best interests of everybody involved hold these events in a proper venue. National events (Remembrance Day, etc.) and school encompassing events (info on student groups and students events, election, etc.) being the exception.

Devin Robinson

SO HUNGRY

In the spring of 2000, Laurier sent out a thousand or so residence acceptance letters, most

LETTERS

of which required the recipients to pay for a mandatory meal plan. Upon arrival to this University, we hungry first-year Laurier Undergraduates learned that the cafeteria was not open on weekends. Our weekend food alternatives consist of The Pita Shack, The Golden Wok, Wilf's (which is only open until 2PM with breakfast supposedly), and Pizza Pizza or Swiss Chalet if you have a few hours to wait for delivery. The Pita Shack was okay for about a week, but we are starting to get a little sick of three pitas a day. We have eaten at The Golden Wok and won't be going back. Wilf's, which is always slow with often poor food, is actually okay on weekends; except that they usually close before 2:00 PM, which is too early to stop serving breakfast to University students on weekends anyway. That leaves us with Pizza Pizza and Swiss Chalet. Pizza Pizza is alright, but once again I'm getting a little sick of it (especially since the cafeteria closes at 7PM on weekdays, which once again leaves only The Pita Shack and Pizza Pizza as late-night options). Swiss Chalet usually takes at least two hours if they don't lose your order.

Allegedly, we were getting a Harvey's which would be open on weekends, but the first semester is almost over and it's still not here.

This situation is unacceptable. We know we are not the only hungry first-year undergraduates who feel this way.

The University owes first-year undergraduates at Laurier three things:

- 1) A formal apology.
- 2) A cafeteria that is open on weekends.
- 3) Monetary retribution to all of Laurier's starving students, because the University forces us to purchase a meal plan before we get here, but they don't think they have to worry about feeding us.

If you disagree, are hungry and would like to have food available on weekends please e-mail us at Hungry@mystupid-school.com

Paul Cargill

THE HAWK

Many people within the Laurier community stress the importance of respect and tradition. In the main hallway where Wilf's and the C-Spot are located, individuals exert every possible effort in order to avoid the emblem of the Hawk on the floor. Why? There are a number of reasons why people do this: for respect of the school, for university traditions, or because of the fear of being crushed by the scrutinizing eyes that follow you down the hallway after the dreadful deed of disrespect that had been done. I have reason to believe that people are forgetting why they deem the Hawk as an important symbol of this institution.

Well, there is another fea-

ture that is of greater offense to this school. Walking on the icon is not as offensive to this school as much as the constant reminder of disrespect painted on the wall in Wilf's. If you do not know what I am talking about, it is the Hawk holding up a banner reading the famous beer slogan "I am Canadian". Since when was it okay to use an icon (that supposedly represents the university) for advertisement purposes of an alcoholic beverage? Every year during Orientation Week, new students are told of the horrors of anyone who steps on the Hawk, yet nothing is said about anyone who dares associate it with drinking and puking. Does this emblem of self-pride as part of this community represent the degrading counterpart of drinking beer. Obviously, it does according to the a-okay standard of using the mascot as a form of advertising for a beer company.

Anyone who truly respects themselves as a member of WLU will speak out against this atrocity. After all, many of those who yell at people for walking on the Hawk emblem will feel the same way since you have utter respect for the bird. Therefore, I am making a new calling for those who believe in keeping the Hawk sacred. A higher education is not about the negative effects impinged on students who drink in order to be Canadian. It is about thinking for yourself.

Lynnette Visaya

BETHANY CARTER

Christmas In November?

It's starting already. The elusive spirit of Christmas has eased its way into every nook and cranny of our lives - and it's not even December yet! Why is it that so many people suffer from premature Christmas excitement around this time of year? We just had Halloween, what's the big rush?

I can't even drive down my street without being witness to various light displays, let alone the decorations that adorn the houses of 'hard-core' Christmas lovers. You know, the plastic Santa on the roof, the reindeer in the tree, the manger scene on the front lawn... the list goes on.

Now, I don't mean to sound like a scrooge. In fact, I'm a big fan of Christmas. However, unlike many, I can wait until there's actually snow on the ground. I don't feel the need to hum carols constantly, or repeatedly remind people how many days there are until Christmas.

What really amazes me about this season of giving is how it brings out the consumer in all of us. Retailers feed off of this festive willingness to spend as if every sale will be their last. You can't step into a mall without being blinded by some ran-

dom, tinsel-topped decor. Even worse than this are the people. Malls have been packed with Christmas shoppers for weeks. But don't be fooled, Christmas shoppers are not like regular shoppers. They're on a mission - they want to spend their money and you had better not get in their way. They're mean, they're pushy, and dammit, they have a list!

If you are like me, and don't particularly enjoy wrestling your way through a mall full of Christmas shoppers, don't even

What are we non-Christmas fanatics to do?

think about going during Santa's visiting hours. If you do, you're guaranteed to get stuck in a massive crowd of parents and screaming children awaiting Saint Nick's arrival. The

high-pitched squeals of delight (if the child is waiting to see Santa) and terror (if the child is actually on Santa's lap) will send you running for the mall exit faster than you can say 'Bah Humbug'.

So what are we non-Christmas fanatics to do? Well, we could go around unplugging our neighbors' lights and tearing down mall decorations, but I think that would be a bit extreme. The only other alternative is to suffer in silence until that contagious Christmas spirit finally rubs off on us. Trust me - give it a few weeks and you'll be humming "jingle bells" along with the rest of them.

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Off topic

Author discusses Canadian roles in Rwanda and Bosnia

YVONNE FARAH

The controversial author of a new book on Canadian involvement in the conflicts of Rwanda and Bosnia spoke at Laurier on Tuesday in the Concourse.

Carol Off, a documentary maker working for the CBC's National Magazine, came to promote her new book *The Lion, The Fox & The Eagle*.

Ms. Off began her discussion by explaining why she wrote the book and the approach she took to it. Firstly, Ms. Off expressed that although she was a journalist who had covered conflict she was not a professional war correspondent.

As a journalist, her book took the format as a series of narrative essays about three key Canadian participants in the conflicts in Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In both hotspots, Canadian peacekeepers were present as war took place around them. As the conflicts continued and genocide and mass killings took place, the Canadians were in place to prevent many deaths.

The book looks at three major players in the conflicts and their roles in their outcome. General Romeo D'Allaire, the commander of Canadian peacekeepers in Rwanda, Major General Louis Mackenzie, the commander of peacekeepers in Bosnia, and Louise Arbour, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Court of Justice's War Crime Tribunal at The Hague are all examined.

Each of these three people was assigned an animal role. D'Allaire is the lion, courageous but isolated. Mackenzie is described as the clever fox, who went after what he wanted. Arbour is seen as the eagle, who, according to Ms. Off,

began as a meek mouse.

The author read excerpts from her book which showed how frank and candid the lives of these three people are discussed.

In her excerpt about General Romeo D'Allaire, Off described a sad, pathetic broken shell of a man who could not cope with what he had experienced in Rwanda.

She discusses his battle with Post-Traumatic stress disorder on returning from his mission in Rwanda. The book discusses the inability of D'Allaire to get anything really done, but not because he did not try. This makes him the lion who tried to

be courageous but whose isolation left him in pain.

The author moved on to discuss the roguish qualities possessed by Major General Mackenzie. Ms. Off described the negative light the Bosnian people

see Mackenzie and the peace-keeping force in. She presents him as the caricature of the adventurous soldier who cared more for glory than for the people he was meant to protect. The fox is the man who was clever and cunning but ultimately failed.

Louise Arbour, who is currently a member of the Canadian Supreme Court, is the person who was sent to head up the prosecution for the International Court of Justice and, according to Ms. Off did not really accomplish what she intended to do.

Again, Ms. Arbour was presented as the woman who was meek and nervous at the beginning and then became a strong confident person. Yet again Ms. Off presented a character sketch instead of an actual person.

It seems she tried to hard to see that the subjects she discusses fit into the animal roles she has assigned them.

Each of these three people was assigned an animal role.

Middle East unrest continues unabated

YVONNE FARAH

The difficulties that began almost two months ago are still raging in the West Bank and Gaza strip. Although the violence has for the most part decreased there are still violent incidents every day and people dying on both sides of this conflict.

A terrorist bomb killed two Jewish Israeli settler teachers in the Gaza strip and injured the children the on the bus on the way to school. In response to the bombing Israeli missiles hit Gaza city, according to witnesses at the rate of one per minute, wounding at least 40 people. Power supplies were knocked out and a sense of chaos over took the city.

This comes after a relatively quiet weekend in Gaza and the West Bank. Three militant Islamic groups have taken responsibility for the bombing.

However, Israeli officials have very openly accused Palestinian chairman Yassir Arafat's Fatah movement of being behind the bombing. The Palestinian Authority was adamantly denied that they were in anyway involved in the attack.

Egypt has told its ambassador in Israel to return home immediately in response to what they consider to be as escalating Israeli aggression against Palestinians.

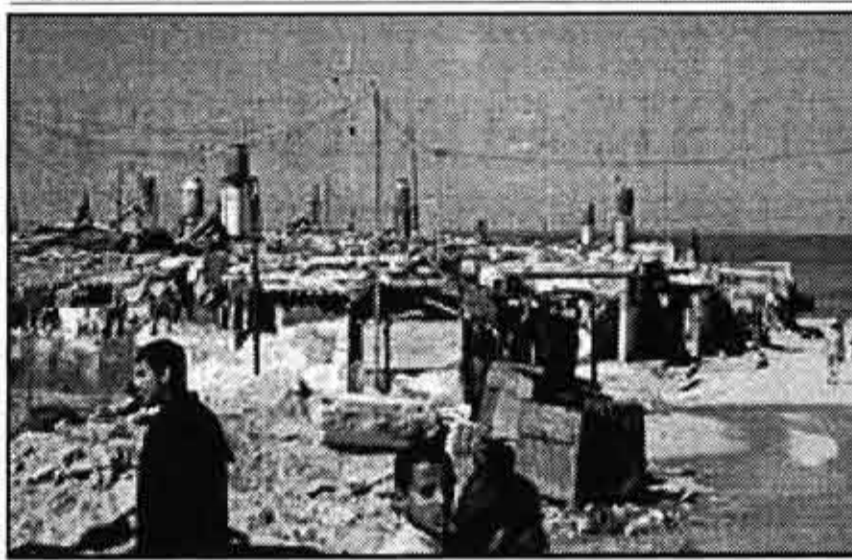
Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak said he regretted the decision and hoped the ambassador would promptly return. However the Egyptian government said that they would not reverse their decision until Israel has changed their policy significantly.

The violence has claimed more than 240 lives, most of them Palestinians.

The Palestinian Authority has been trying unsuccessfully



Right wing Jewish Israelis protest against Yassir Arafat.



The view of Gaza City's coastline

fully to persuade the United Nations to deploy observers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel rejects any

The violence has claimed more than 240 lives...

deployment of an observer mission except in the context of an overall peace settlement. However Palestinians are adamant that international observers are essential in protecting them.

Yassir Arafat has asked for

the UN Security Council to send a 2000 person force of lightly armed peacekeepers to protect Palestinian civilians. Both the United States and the United Nations have clearly stated that a peace-keeping will not be formed without Israel's approval.

The proposal for an unarmed military observer force rather than an armed group of peacekeepers was put forth by France and backed by the United Kingdom.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan is in the midst of negotiations in New York with representatives from Israel and the Palestinian Authority to reach a suitable agreement for both sides. Although talks are taking place at the UN, the force is unlikely to come under the United Nations banner.

world watch

JAPAN

Japan's unpopular prime minister, Yoshiro Mori, survived a non-confidence and averted a split of his ruling political party that would have been disastrous. However although Mori has saved himself from the opposition, too many questions regarding his leadership remain unanswered. Therefore his popularity could cut his seven months in power short.

The yen tumbled to an eight month low during the time of political uncertainty and then rose up again after the vote was announced.

Analysts said that foreign investors could interpret Mori's ability to

remain in power as a sign that a progressive but harsh economic reforms would have to be delayed.

UNITED STATES

The Florida Supreme court is still trying to decide whether to stop or sanction ongoing ballot recounts in three key Florida counties. The counties are all heavily Democratic and if they are hand recounted instead of mechanically as was initially done. These hand recounts of about 1.7 million votes, could help narrow the 930 vote lead that Governor George W. Bush has over Vice President Al Gore. This has become the longest

modern wait for a president in American history.

PERU

Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori resigned however the most dangerous man to the nation's safety is still at large. The former intelligence chief Vladimir Mostesinos, who is linked to several different criminal activities including gun running, torture and bribery. According to analysts Mostesinos' continued freedom could present serious problems the Peru's stability. The issue is that the former intelligence chief has continued control of the army and his ability to

implicate Peruvian and foreign officials in corruption and rights abuses.

YUGOSLAVIA

Slobodan Milosevic stepped back into the political spotlight more than a month after his disgraceful resignation. He appeared on state television making an appeal for party unity.

The newly elected president, Vojislav Kostunica is still refusing to extradite Milosevic to the International War crimes tribunal in The Hague. Milosevic and his wife and daughter are currently under house arrest in a luxurious villa in the heart of Belegrade.

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Employment Resources

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Are you currently looking for a part-time job or do you want to start your summer job search? Do you know your rights as a student employee? If you answered yes to one or more of the above, I have just what you need.

On a chilly Friday afternoon, I stopped by at Career Services to acquaint myself with their resources. Then I met with one of the Summer and Part-Time Employment Assistants, Sara Free. To my surprise, she was very welcoming and helpful considering the fact that I had just dropped in and expected some answers. I asked her a variety of questions which included general inquiries about the facility, job search, resumes and cover letters, posting resumes online, career and job fairs and student employee rights.

Almost an hour later, I left with an abundant amount of printed materials and, most of all, a sense of satisfaction.

Sara described Career Services as having a friendly staff, free career advising, workshops and print and electronic resources. So whether you are enrolled in one course at Laurier or taking a full course load, you are welcome to use the facility to your benefit. It is located at 232 King Street across from the Athletic Complex. In addition, you can

also obtain an overview of information on their website at http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwcs_co. In searching for a job, you can take one or more of the following routes; some are more recommended than others. From what I gathered from Sara, Career Services offers postings in binders for part-time, full-time, summer, on-campus, permanent and graduate work.

In addition to the job postings, there are many handouts and booklets available on job searching, resumes, cover letters, applications, interviews and the Alumni Sharing Knowledge Program.

More conventional routes that you can take include glancing at the classified section of the newspaper and cold-calling businesses from the yellow pages, but they are not highly recommended to be used alone. "Traditional ways of searching are still useful, but you should combine that with other techniques such as networking, online sources, job shadowing and volunteering," said Sara.

Some examples of good websites include Human Resources Development Canada at <http://www.on.hrdc-dhrc.gc.ca>, monster.ca at <http://www.monster.ca>, and workopolis at <http://www.workopolis.ca>.

I always thought that cover letters were important to have, but I also thought they were very time consuming to com-

pose. Sara explained the difference between the two and the importance of both: "A resume is like a snapshot of the employee that the employer looks at on average for five seconds, sometimes a bit longer, and can be generic."

"The cover letter should look professional, show that you have targeted the employer, that you care and have done research on them, but most of

In searching for a job, you can take one of many routes.

all, it separates your application from other applicants."

I have always considered posting my resume online, but at the same time, I was paranoid that it would reach the hands of the wrong people. Sara suggests, "read the disclaimers and use your common sense", when deciding whether or not to post your resume online. A website such as Workopolis, which is affiliated with the Toronto Star, is more reputable and trustworthy than others that are less well known ones.

Every year, students from

Laurier, University of Waterloo, University of Guelph and Conestoga College are invited to a Career Fair at the end of September and a Job Fair at the beginning of February. When I attended the Job Fair last year, I felt a little intimidated, but at the same time I was able to interact with a few good employers in my short visit.

According to Sara, both fairs are very helpful because they "allow students to directly network with all 260 employers (in the case of the recent Career Fair) who are often hiring." Sara was not able to tell me much about Student Employee Rights. However, she did give me the source to find it: the website address to the Ministry of Labour at <http://www.gov.on.ca/LAB/studente.htm>.

I went to the site and found some useful information. For instance, the health and safety rights and responsibilities, as well as the employment rights and obligations for students, are split into many subcategories.

Shared responsibility, your right to know, reporting workplace hazards, hazardous materials, your right to refuse unsafe work, your responsibilities. Minimum wages, and Workers Compensation are all under the health and safety rights and responsibilities. Whereas minimum wages, hours of work, overtime pay, public holidays, vacation pay, union dues and

human rights are all under the employment rights and obligations.

Some interesting facts that I picked up include having the right to be fully trained in your general duties, and information about the equipment that you use, and the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS); you can receive compensation if you get ill as a result of your job; there are only eight public holidays for which you get paid for and Civic Day is not one of them; paying your union dues does not make you a member unless you have to sign an application card; and you cannot be discriminated in any way due to your gender, race, ancestry, place of origin, creed, citizenship, pregnancy, age (18-65), record of offences, marital status, family status, disability or sexual orientation.

For more details and information on above issues regarding employment possibilities, please call Sara Free or Kristi Griffiths, the Summer and Part-Time Employment Assistants in Career Services at 880-0710 extension 4524, visit Career Services at 232 King Street, or log on to http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwcs_co. If you would like information regarding student rights as an employee, please visit the Ministry of Labour website at <http://www.gov.on.ca/LAB/studente.htm>.

Hoosier Daddy? What the...? Student band set for CD release party

ADAM MCKAY

It was by circumstance that the band came together, and it was by circumstance that the band was named. However, circumstantial or not, Hoosier Daddy is here to stay.

It was nearly two weeks ago that Hoosier Daddy played live at Wilf's, but there still remains two aspects of that performance that resonate in my mind's eye. The first was the crowd's response.

Unlike many acts that perform at Wilf's, Hoosier Daddy undoubtedly captivated their audience and kept their attention from the beginning of the show right up until the end. The second aspect that I cannot seem to forget is how damn good they are.

The band combines a sound that one cannot help but love. Their sound is a mixture of funk, rock and jazz. It is an amazing combination of sounds that makes you feel good inside and out. The music is very powerful, but what is even more powerful is the voice of the lead singer, Maureen Spillane.

Maureen, affectionately known to her

friends as "Mo", is a fourth year Communications Studies major here at Wilfrid Laurier University. To know Maureen you might consider her a soft but well-spoken individual. That is why the first time I heard her perform I was so taken back. Her voice is very hard to attach a descriptive word to. I can tell you I know what I like and if the crowd's response is any indication of her performance as a whole, I can tell you she is very, very talented.

The remaining members of Hoosier Daddy are an ensemble of four McMaster University students who bring together an array of musical backgrounds, tastes and flavours. They are; Phil Harker on bass and vocals, Davie Liscombe on rhythm guitar and vocals, Bobby Santos on drums and Chris Reynolds on lead guitar.

Being in a band requires that the members make the needed sacrifices for success. Being a band primarily based out of Hamilton, Maureen has had to realize those sacrifices every week as she takes the Greyhound down the 401 to meet with her band for Sunday practices.

"It gets tough sometimes," explains Maureen. "Sometimes all you want to do on a Sunday is to stay home and relax; the last thing you want to do is get on the old Greyhound and head off to Hamilton." However, as tough as it may be, Maureen has been relentless in trying to make this dream of her's work.

Maureen remembers back as far as kindergarten and how she wanted to be a rock star. On career day, she came in and announced that she was going to be a famous singer and proceeded to sing for the class. Throughout elementary school, Maureen dabbled in the writing and performing of music. However, it was not until the ninth grade that she remembers writing her first creatively satisfying lyrics.

Maureen explains that her song-writing ability has grown quite substantially since her early years, however she does cite one constant that has remained over time. "I write from what is going on inside. What's happening in my life inevitably ends up in my music."

Maureen's class readings have also both influenced and inspired her to write

lyrics for several of her songs. She cites the song "Beginning of the End" as being heavily influenced by the writings of Barthes and Horkeimer and Adorno.

As far as making it big, Hoosier Daddy is in no big hurry. Maureen explained that the members of the band have lives that exist outside of Hoosier Daddy, and for right now it is best to take things slowly. "I think its more important to grow slowly," said Maureen. "You learn a lot more about the business that way, and I think it's just more fun".

Still, there remains interest in the form of booking agents. It was not so long ago that Hoosier Daddy opened up for The Johnny Favourite Band at the Hudson in Hamilton.

Hoosier Daddy has a slowly growing fan base here in Waterloo. They are hoping that their CD release party at Loose Change Louie's on November /24th will spark a greater interest in the band.

Make sure to try and make it out on the 24th to see Laurier's own Maureen Spillane in action as she wails to the music of Hoosier Daddy.

What's up now Mo?

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election 2000

Once again, the Liberals are calling all voters. What, if any, are the choices this winter as Canada returns to the polls? **JACKY DROUIN** looks at the issues and the parties that choose to take a stand on them. How do they stack up?

Picture this: you're sitting in a crowded bar when suddenly you're lured into a fantastic conversation with the most intriguing person in the world. 'This is it!' you say to yourself! They unexpectedly grab your hand, look deep in your eyes, and demand to know whom you're voting for in the upcoming election. You shudder. You pause. And as the red creeps slowly up your neck, you're forced to admit:

"I don't even know who's running." They let go of your hand and walk away. For shame, my friend: you are suffering from political impotence, and trust me; it's a big turn off.

And you call yourself a proud Canadian? Being Canadian is half being able to recite the Molson's Canadian's commercial, The Rant, and half being able to distinguish being the Tories and the Progressive Conservatives. Note: there is no difference between the Tories and the Progressive Conservatives.

It's a good thing we've caught this in time!

Fundamentally, it's nearly impossible to not be aware of an upcoming election. Along with all the lame commercials on televisions, the open debates and the signs on our neighbors' lawns, there are still other sources to meet you political knowledge needs.

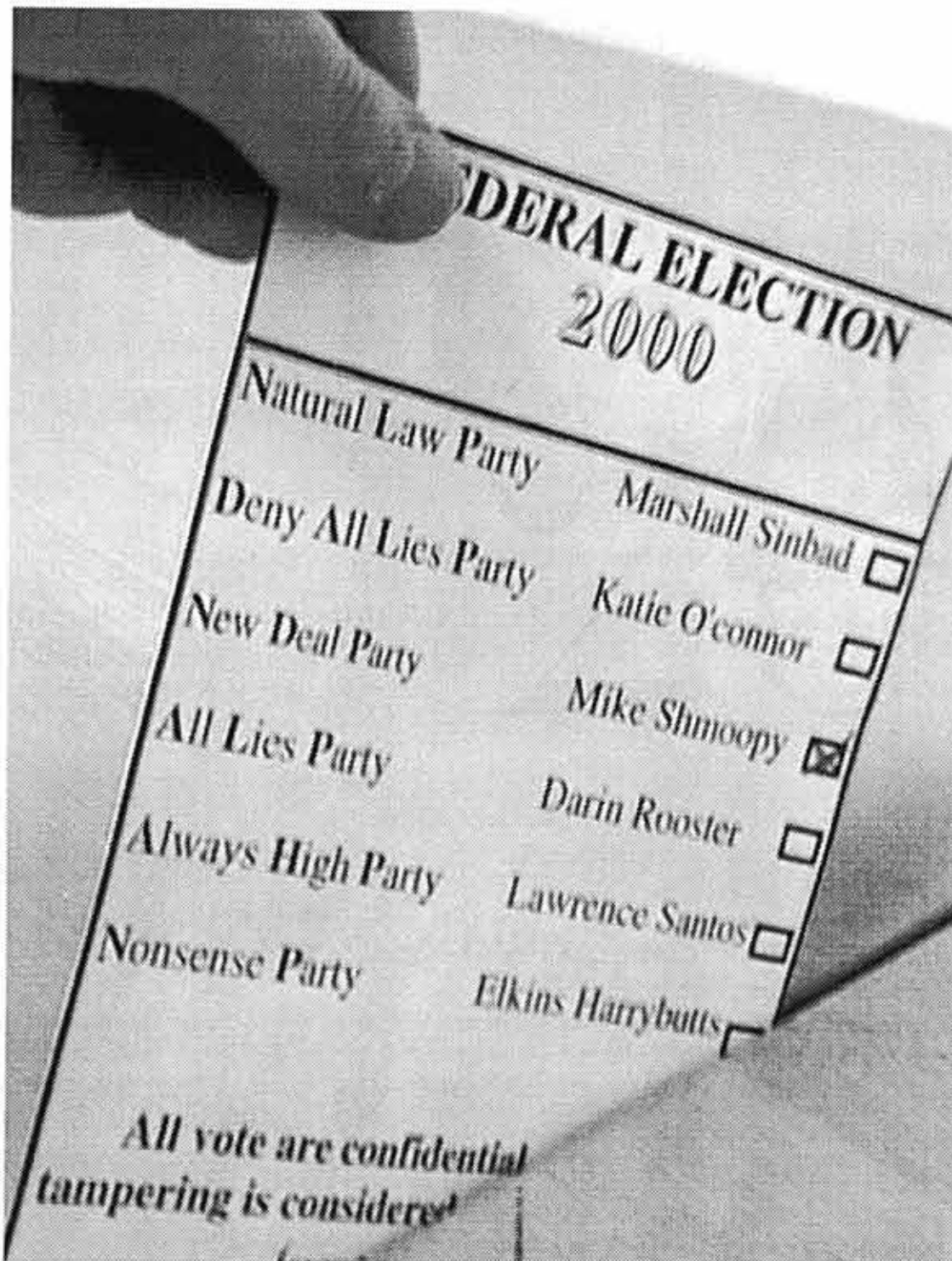
At Laurier, we are given daily free Toronto Stars newspapers. And while they might not be the best papers out there, we won't look a gifted horse in the mouth.

If you still haven't taken the opportunity to exploit these great resources, and then you can always rely on the Cord, you're healthy alternative to curing political impotence.

Right off the bat you should know that this upcoming election isn't a death match between the Liberals and Stockwell Day, a.k.a. the Alliance Party (formerly known as the Reform Party of Canada). There are FIVE Parties in Canada, which include the NDP (New Democrats), the Progressive Conservatives and good old Bloc Quebecois. So let's have a look at the hot topics.

Hot Potatoes

You could be the most apathetic on earth, but you'd have to be living under a rock not to be aware of these issues. The media won't let you forget either: they'll figure out a way to get you to vote, even if it means sending troops out to your house and drag you, kicking and screaming, out to the polling stands.



Abortion

This is what it comes down to: people being more responsible for their sexual actions or back ally abortions? In some ways, this open discussion is libel to push back the progression made by women's rights movements if they lose their right to control their own bodies.

This argument is not so much on the policies of the Canadian government, but looking into the morals and values of our Political Leaders.

ALLIANCE- This is pretty much the issue of the Alliance, as its leader, Stockwell Day, is pro-life. Day is supported by the right-to-life organizations that can effectively form the three percent of the population needed to call a referendum according to the policies the Alliance Party wants to put into effect.

WHAT THIS MEANS: a three percent population rate gives Quebec the opportunity to call an election every three days; referendums are expensive and while they indicate the opinions of

Canadians, we can't be sure what Canadians are basing these opinions on.

WHAT THIS MEANS: that we're returning back to the days of activists in front of birth clinics holding up pictures of dead fetuses and pro-life activists holding up pictures of dead women, the results of back alley abortions gone wrong.

AND THE WINNER IS...?

Lesson number one in running an election campaign: never get yourself involved in something controversial.

Tax Cuts

We're all familiar with the commercial of the vacuum cleaner sucking money out of a purse. Aside from the fact that not even my grandma would own a purse like that, it's a highly stupid commercial.

ALLIANCE-They favor a flat tax. Day backtracked his original plan, which favored the rich, and proposed a sec-

ond rate of 25 per cent for taxpayers who bring in \$100,000 or more annually. Incidentally, that would represent the family incomes of nearly 40% of Laurier's students. So the next time you see a charity in the concourse, don't pretend that you have no money, you cheap bastard.

LIBERAL-Here we have the so-called progressive system in which citizens remit taxes in keeping with the ability to pay. As well, the Liberals have put in place an extensive tax-cutting program in which somewhat lower tax rates will be phased in between now and 2005.

P.C-They would cut taxes by increasing to \$12,000 from \$7,231 the basic amount that each person is allowed to deduct from income before calculating tax payable. They would also eliminate personal gain taxes on income made from investments.

Who makes investments? The rich. The poor of Canada say thank you, Clark.

NDP- Plans to cut personal income tax for middle earners and make more low-income earners eligible for a full tax rebate. They would increase federal support for families at the bottom of the income scale by doubling the child tax benefit to \$4,200 a year and reduce income tax rates for middle-income earners.

WHAT THIS MEANS: If the NDP can make this happen (which I doubt- what you want and what's feasible is two different things), it'll rock to be poor, tough luck for the rich and parents can finally afford to send their under-age child to Laurier for one semester.

Gun Control

Just in case you like packing heat, let's look at what the Parties say here:

ALLIANCE-Repeal gun control laws, because it is intrusive and unworkable.

LIBERAL-Tough to own a gun policies, and believe that this will save lives. This bill was finally passed after years of lobbying from the survivors of the University of Montreal Massacre, in which several students died the indirect result of a lack of gun control laws.

PC-Repeal the gun control laws, because it is intrusive and unworkable.

NDP-Middle of the road (in other words, 'we haven't thought about this yet').

Comments: Most women who are attacked have their weapon used against them. As for guns in the house, remember how easy it was to break into your parents' liquor cabinet? Well, don't think it'll take long for a kid to find where they're parent is hiding a gun.

Foreign Affairs

Be honest- how many of you can name the two countries that are currently involved in a war in the Middle East? How about the names of the major players in the war? It's time to face facts, that with the exception of certain political keeners, very few know (or care) about world issues. Still, foreign affairs remain a big part of the election campaign, even if it is only a struggle between the Alliance and Liberals.

Jean Chretien has been accused of taking sides on the conflict on the Middle East.

The Arab community representatives have indicated that they prefer the Liberals to the Alliance.

The Alliance has had some of its members labeled as Holocaust deniers, racists and bigots.

What does this tell us? Are Canadians still the same loveable peacekeepers of the world, saving the streets from the forces of evil? Well, in comparison to the Americans, yes, yes we are. But then again, that's not saying much.

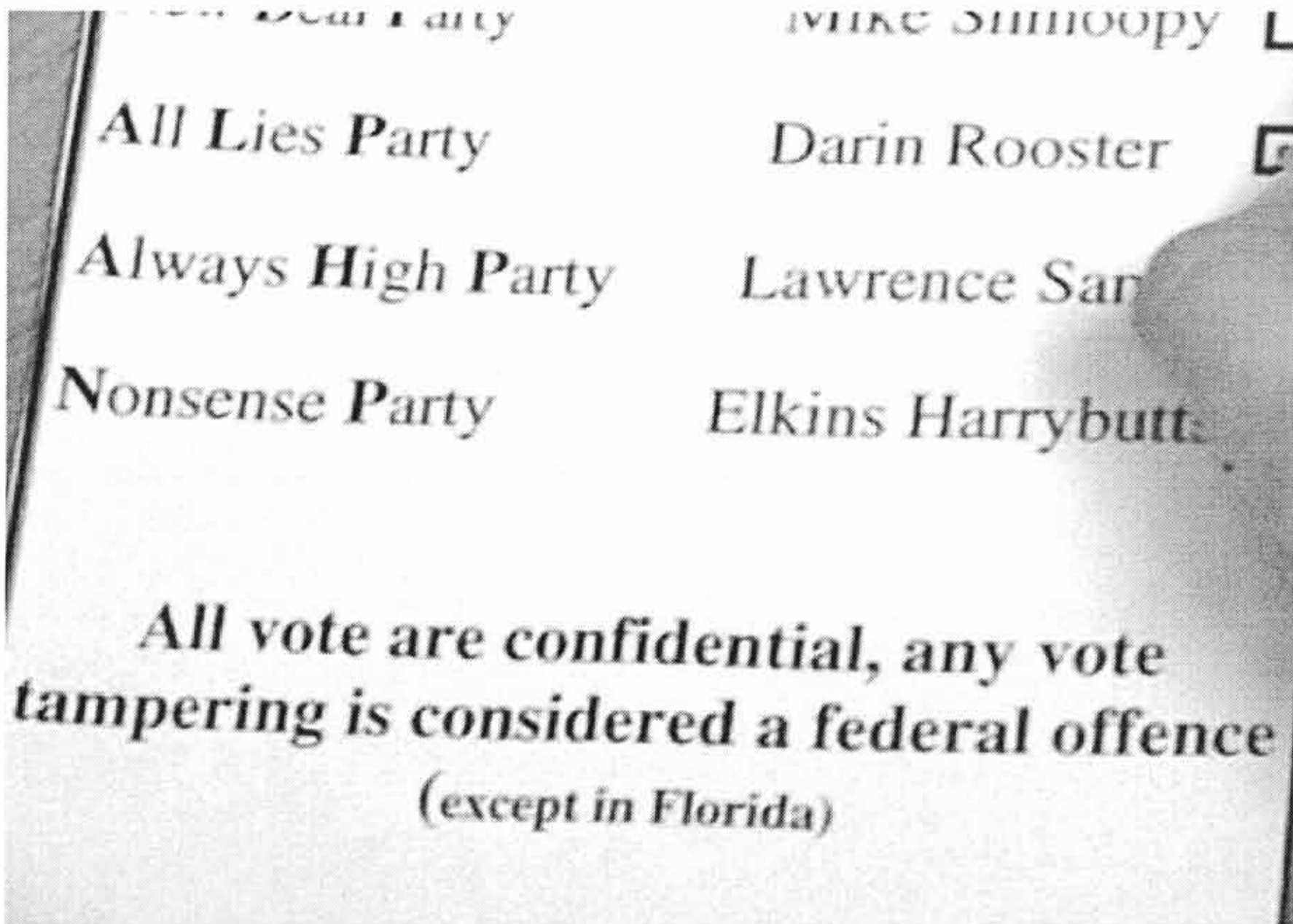
Environment

Laurier as slob- we use enough paper cups on this campus to be considered a personal threat to the Amazon rainforest. Will it take the GAP to come up with a line of re-usable kitchen wear before we start bring our own cups to Tim Horton's?

ALLIANCE- If this was an environmental boat race, they'd still be in the harbor, still thinking about whether or not to build a boat.

LIBERALS- Nice try; they wanted to save endangered animals, but that bill fell straight on its back. Better luck next time, right? Wrong! Liberals haven't shown anything worth bragging about in this field!

PC- they have legislation on safe water and air quality standards, endangered species legislation and modernized pesticide legislation. These guys are rocking



the environmental boat!

NDP- Overall, they have the best policies: higher standards for air and water quality, food safety legislation and an environmental bill of rights that ensures the rights of all Canadian to a safe and healthy environment. With so many Canadians claiming the environment as their number one interest in this up coming election, it's a wonder that the NDP don't have more support.

Employment

Jobs are plentiful, but can you say 'do you want fries with that?' with a smile? Sure, a U of T student may be calling you boss, but how much satisfaction can you get by asking them to change the napkin dispenser?

ALLIANCE-Wants to encourage job growth by prompt investment and opportunities for companies and entrepreneurs through lowering taxes and establishing a business friendly climate. A business friendly climate, what does that mean Mr. Day-an open market for U.S businesses?

LIBERAL-Places money into regional development programs meant to support new businesses and new jobs, especially in less-well-off parts of Canada.

PC-Plans to keep regional development programs but ask businesses how to make them more efficient.

NDP- Agrees with regional development programs, focusing on the communities most in need of help. They plan on making job creation its top priority.

Comments: hey, you're the business student! You figure it out!

Debt

The whole plan is to see who can reduce debt the fastest and in the most efficient way. If Canada found it really necessary to remove debt, all it would take would be one call to the IMF, the International Monetary Fund. They could restructure our budget within days, and in five years our debt would be gone.

We could make Canada the Official G-7 Welcoming Committee.

Religion

This is as hot a topic as they get. But as Trudeau said, the government has no place in the bedrooms of the nations. In other words, I don't care what the religion of my leader is, as long as he or she gets the job done.

All right! You know what you want in a political party, now don't forget to hit the polls this Monday! And if you think you're vote doesn't count, just look at the kids in the United States: I still don't know who their president is.

Two all-candidates debates will be held on at WLU. The first, hosted by the Inter-Residence Council will be at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd. The second will take place the next day in the Concourse from 3:30 to 5:00 pm and is hosted by WLUSU. Both forums will bring in local candidates from all major parties.

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A little Shakespeare

K-W Little Theatre features *Twelfth Night*

JENNIFER SMITH

Starved for some Shakespeare? Why not make a trek to the KW Little Theatre on Princess Street to catch *Twelfth Night*. Shakespeare's famous cross dressing comedy never fails to entertain.

The small open style theatre is set with bright, simplistic but highly functional pieces. However, the set walls were too busy, almost to the point of distracting from the performance. The costumes were also very bright and colourful and added to the light-heartedness of the play.

Dawn Mills directed this performance of *Twelfth Night*. Though entertaining for the most part, at times the directing comes across as sloppy. In addition, Mills made a

The gender switch of Antonio is a pointless adjustment.

creative decision to change the character of Antonio to Antonia. Antonio/Antonia is Sebastian's faithful servant and companion.

This gender switch is a pointless adjustment, and in fact it takes away from one of the main themes of the play which deals with same sex relation-

ships.

Though the cast was slightly unbalanced in terms of experience, there were some notable performances. Alana daSilva played the part of Maria, who is Olivia's servant and the love interest of Sir Toby Belch, played by Paul Woodard. Ms. DaSilva was very energetic, and used her expressive eyes to grab the audience's attention.

In the role of Olivia was recent Laurier graduate Amy Neufeld. Ms Neufeld's growing repertoire of acting experience was obvious in this role, and her performance stood out as one of the finest in the play.

In the subplot of *Twelfth Night*, Maria and Sir Toby humorously torture Olivia's servant Malvolio. Peter Coo plays Malvolio, and he didn't prove

to be very exciting in the first act. He livened up in the second act though, and received lots of laughs for his cross-gartering and bright yellow stockings.

In the roles of Viola and Sebastian, the long lost twins, Sibylle Heidelberger and Scott



This woman is dressed like a man. Forward-thinking... hoora!

Moyle were well cast. They had a little help from Chameleon hair salon to complete the twinning effect, which is key to the comedic style of the play.

Hilarity ensues as Viola disguises herself as a boy named Cesario, and Sebastian arrives on the scene. Olivia causes the most trouble and laughter as she falls in love with the disguised Viola and marries Sebastian thinking he is his sister.

Of course, all is resolved and forgiven in the end, and as with most Shakespeare comedies,

the "rightful" couples are united.

So *Twelfth Night* has the romance, but what twenty-first century entertainment would be complete without a little violence. There is a well-choreographed fencing scene between the very apprehensive Viola, and the even more pathetic Sir Andrew Aguecheek, played by Dave McCormick. However, the "hands on" fighting seen looked fairly fake, and the injuries that followed didn't look much better.

It was quite entertaining nevertheless to watch the humorous boyish antics between Sir Toby, Sir Andrew and Fabian played by Douglas Morton.

Twelfth Night has always been one on Shakespeare's more engaging plays as it is jammed packed with love, violence and cross-dressing! The play is running for its final weekend November 24-26, but keep in mind that Thursday is student night, when tickets are only eight bucks a pop.

Dancer in the Dark - Bjork Sizzles

JEFF WRIGHT

The whole essence of theatre, film, and the arts in general is complete and utter escapism. That's why Schwarzenegger always succeeds in dodging countless bullets and ethnic villains, while still managing to spout the dumbest catchphrases with the dumbest accent ever heard. It's not reality, and that's what makes it fun. And be assured - a musical is just about as far from reality as you are ever going to get. When was the last time a leggy showgirl suddenly arrived in your living room to perform a kickline? And to those of you, who recollect such an event, can it likely be attributed to nothing more than an escalated level of inebriation.

Dance in the Dark is a film that is a tragedy that is also a musical that just happens to star the vocal and cinematic talents of Bjork. As a singer, her voice has always been audacious and original, and it carries over to this film extremely well. She plays Selma, a Czechoslovakian immigrant who works in a factory that molds sinks. The film is set in Washington in the 1960s, and there is, as always in movies from this period, a shroud of Communist paranoia. Selma is simple, lovable, and kind, but she is also afflicted with a hereditary



Catch *Dancer in the Dark* Tonight, or Thursday Night at Princess Cinema

defect slowly rendering her blind. Her son Gene (Vladica Kostic) suffers from the same disease, and all her efforts go towards saving for the operation that will save his sight. Rounding out the cast is her landlord Bill (David Morse), a selfish and financially troubled cop, a local oaf named Jeff (Peter Stormare) who is courting her, and her friend Kathy (Catherine Deneuve), who gives a stellar performance as the voice of reason within Selma's world.

Having lived a difficult and unfulfilling life, Selma's greatest memories are those of musicals from her childhood.

She is also involved in a community theatre production of *The Sound of Music*, and we are privy to some of the amusing rehearsals as Selma characterizes Maria. When life is boring or mundane or just incomprehensible, Selma turns within and life becomes a musical to her. This, in turn, set up some of the most imaginative and compelling film sequences in quite some time.

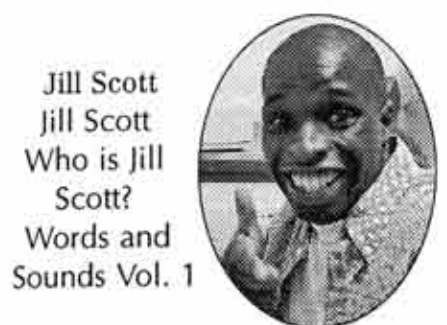
Selma hears a consistent sound like a drill press or the wind, and that becomes her beat. This beat builds under the wing of her imagination. And soon she is wooing the beat with a melody. All people

and all things around her immediately become contributors to the experience. The mood to sing hits her anywhere: at work, on train tracks, and even after a murder. Watching the growth of the music is fascinating, and seeing how even the most normal of items and people become an integral partner is even more so. In this state, she is completely happy; it is only when there is no beat that Selma despairs.

Dance In The Dark won the top prize (the Palm D'or) at the Cannes Film Festival this year. Director Lars Von Trier, previously with *Breaking the Waves*, mastered an essentially tragic film into a fantastic opera that counters its own hardships with sequences of musical fantasy. Most of the film is shot utilizing a technique similar to *Dogma 95* style, which Trier helped initiate and is the "vow of cinematic chastity" against everything that is Hollywood. The cameras are not still, there is only natural lighting, make-up is unnecessary - the film is about the characters and the text and the image, without any glossy finish.

Not that it matters. This is a beautifully unattractive film encompassing many discordant melodies, which aid us in feeling happy at Selma's tragedy. Talk about your intriguing contradictions.

(B)ear Candy



Jill Scott
Jill Scott
Who is Jill
Scott?
Words and
Sounds Vol. 1

Eddyrific!

Who is Jill Scott??? reads the album cover. But hold up, this is the same question I am asking the CD cover, but instead it is asking me first. This native of Philadelphia who started out writing poetry, has taken poetic skills into the realm of modern music. One of her first collaborations was writing the hook for the ROOTS on 'You Got Me' back in 1999, a year later she breaks onto the scene with her debut album.

The album possesses a soothing mellow tempo throughout, it

overflows with deep and warm vibes that emanates from the strings and bass from beginning to end. The albums' production team is lead by none other than Phillie's own DJ Jazzy Jeff, and you thought he died with Will Smith humbleness. Words and Sounds Vol.1 fuses R & B, jazz, blues and hip hop into a smooth soulful expression of everyday life. Unlike today new releases that are littered with too many guest appearances to help them to sell, this album has only one artist, Mos Def, who is featured on the bonus track.

Jill Scott's rich smooth voice is slightly similar to Erykah Badu. She integrates poetry from time to time on various tracks, which adds a new dimension that is not regularly heard in music today. As well she does all her background vocals on the album. Her form of storytelling in the first person, consists of conveying personal feelings in each situation she is engaged in.

The predominant theme of the album is relationship and love. The track 'Love Rain' is a representation of the different ways love can feel. In the is song love start out as a soft sweet rain and easily turned into unpleasant storm without notice. This point is clearly shown in this snippet

"Now me non clairvoyant and in love, made the coochie ez and the obvious invisible / The rain was falling and I could not see the season changing and the vibe slipping off it's axis" Other tracks that I am big on are 'One is the Magic Number', 'Watching Me', 'Brotha', 'Do you Remember', and 'Love Rain (Remix)' this one is hidden on Track 44, that's right 44, at the 5:00 mark, trust me.

This album will easily be appreciated by anyone that is in or has a true understanding

about the pureness of being involved relationships. If you a looking an album with a good vibe, awesome voice, and has lyrical substance. THIS IS YOUR NEXT BUY.

Eddy "The Mayor" Schall

Eddy, pictured left, not only entertains, but he also break dances and makes a mean soufflé. Cheers Eddy, you're on a roll tonight.

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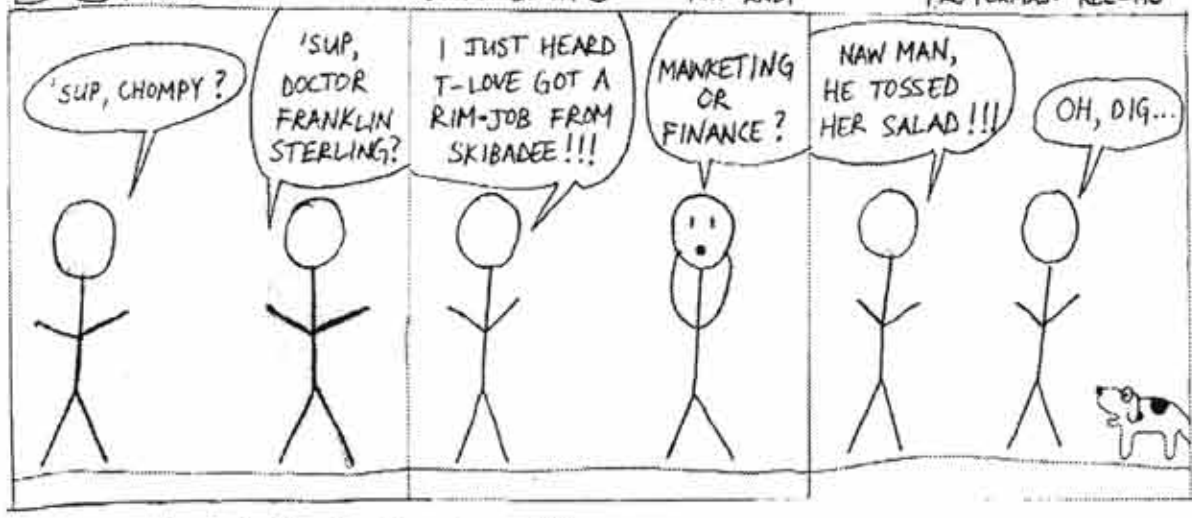
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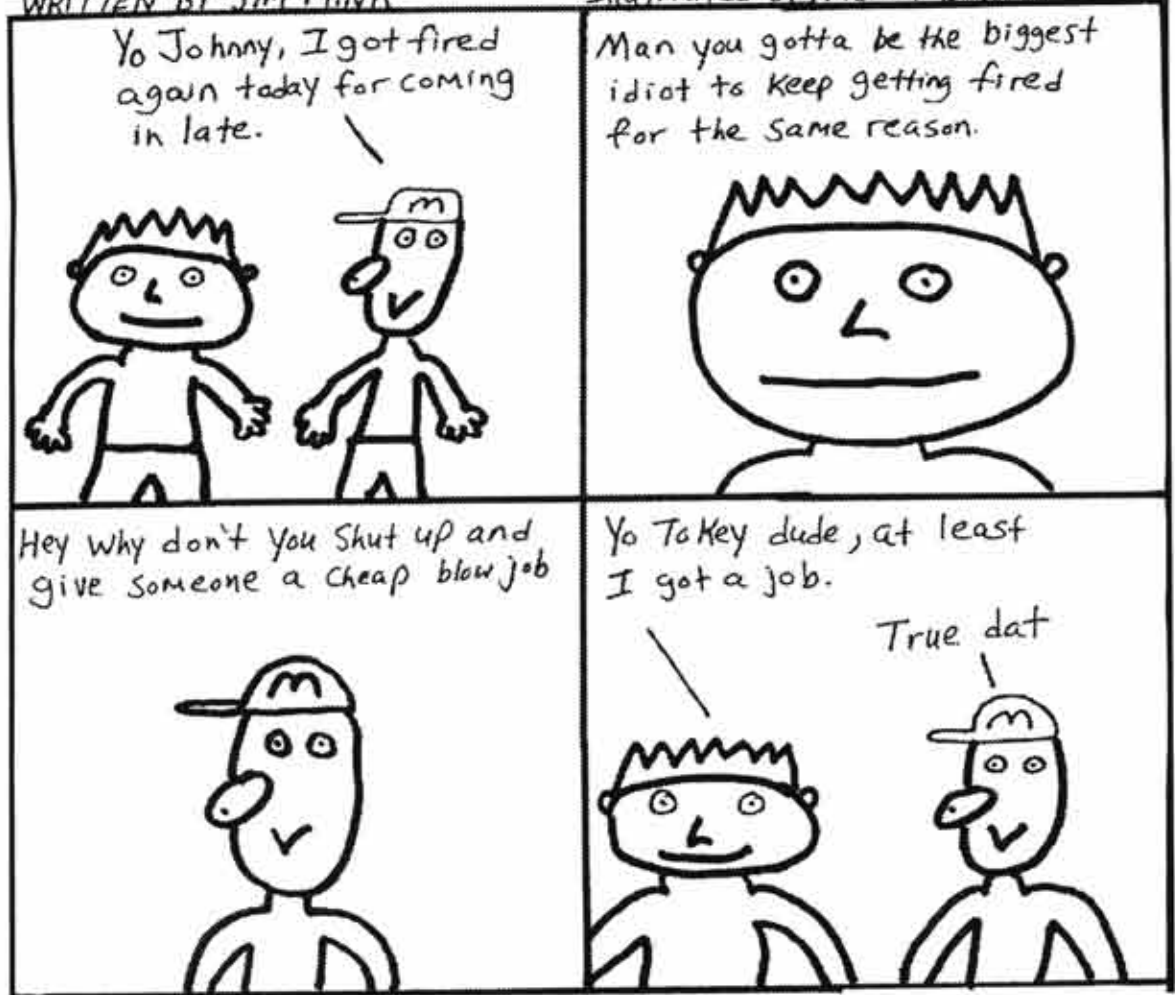
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Basketball Heartbreaker

Hawks suffers last second loss to St. Lawrence

BASIL BOTETZAYAS

It can be one of the most thrilling moments in sports, down three points with the ball in your hands, six seconds to go, square up and let it fly. Nothing but net. Dan Jonker hit the shot to send the game to overtime with about four seconds remaining in regulation time. The Hawks had redemption for their earlier miscues, they could now set things right and escape with a win.

As abruptly as the crowd was elated, they became puzzled. The moment of sheer joy was followed by one of the

most paralyzing moments in sports, when the audience collectively grabs their foreheads and exclaims "I can't believe I just saw that!"

As quickly as Jonker had resurrected the good ship Golden Hawk, Predrag Sabonis sunk it. By fouling the St. Lawrence

College player with 2 seconds left, he in effect gave the game away. The Vikings hit one of two free throws, as their squad of seven players eked out a 80-79 victory. The Hawks had fought so hard to tie it up that this ending was not fitting and a scapegoat emerged.

Upon further review, maybe this ending was fitting. Maybe it was a wakeup call. The fact is

Laurier went to in to the change-room riding Jeff ("Zee") Zdrahal's 15 points (21 overall) with a 34-26 lead. Coming out, the Hawks seemed like they left their game in the locker room, turning the intensity on and off like a light switch.

Scoring was not a problem on this day for the Hawks, but they just seemed to stand around after, forgetting that their opponents had the ball. Time and time again the Vikings of St. Lawrence College beat them down the floor for easy baskets. When the Hawks did get back they seemed con-

Scoring was not a problem on this day for the Hawks.



Adam Rogers battles hard for one of his game high 15 rebounds, also tallying 16 points.

fused in their rotations. Wide open threes and easy entry passes to the post were afforded to their adversaries.

Despite these shortcomings the Hawks found themselves in the position to win, in a game that should not have been that close, thanks in large part to their warrior Adam Rogers. A-Roge collected 15 rebounds (nine offensive) and tallied 16 points.

Rogers grabbed almost every offensive rebound in the second half to keep the Hawks close. The Hawks showed some heart and determination, fighting until the end, never giving up with the game winding down.

With the hot shooting of "Zee", and Dan Jonker, the solid play of Argentino Filia, and Matt Miles, as well as the defensive prowess of Darren Veira and Rob Duffy, there is promise in

Hawk land.

However, consistency and prolonged intensity seem to be lacking as the mental lapses have taken their toll. While Dan Jonker could be praised for making the shot and being the hero, Predrag Radovic should not be labeled as the goat. The game was lost far before he errantly fouled the Viking baller with 2 seconds left. This was a team effort, win or lose.

Women's b-ball wins



The women's basketball team captured their first win this year.

MARIANNA HRKAC

Laurier's Lady Hawks battled it out with cross-town rivals Waterloo last Wednesday in hopes of realizing their first victory of the season. Their hopes soon turned to despair as the Warriors came on strong from the opening jump, and it was just too much for Laurier to contend with.

They seemed to forget to show up for the first half of the game, as they saw themselves progressively deteriorate as play developed.

This, coupled with the fact that the referees seemed to have been paid off by the Warriors,

left them behind 41-25 at the end of the 20 minutes. It took a mere 13 minutes of play for the refs to find reason enough to foul out rookie Kate Richardson, who was to be a key contributor in the match.

Things turned around in the Hawk's favour in the second half as the team played even with Waterloo. However, there was still not much improvement in the officiating, resulting in a 71-56 loss. Regardless of the cause, the girls played hard throughout the game and were disappointed by yet another loss.

Unfortunately, these girls cannot particularly afford to

lose many more or better, yet, win any less.

Luckily, on Friday the team hosted the ladies from Lakehead and sent them on a flight home to freezing Thunder Bay in bad spirits. At the same time, they ended what seemed to be the longest drought they had ever encountered.

Things seemed to go their way right off the bat as it was only a matter of minutes before they saw a glimpse of their first captured victory. Our Hawks dominated the weaker and less capable team throughout the game and finished things off 77-58.

Second year player Stefanie Nadalin was the highlight in both games as she poured in an impressive 45 points total over the two matches. Her presence will be relied upon throughout the season as the Hawks look to improve on their current 1-4 record.

Their next home game to check out takes place today, Wednesday, November 22nd @ 7:00pm, against the highly touted Guelph Gryphons. Come and show your support and head to the A.C. to take in the action.

V-Ball Tourney

TODD DOUGHERTY

The men's volleyball team participated in the University of Guelph tournament this past Friday and Saturday. The Hawks' pool had the nationally 8th ranked York Yeoman and the Windsor Lancers.

The Laurier men entered the tournament a little banged up, as they were missing three starters and also had some nagging ailments among those that were playing. Three regular starters were missing from the Hawk line-up.

This caused Laurier to field a line-up that was a little less experienced than normal. In spite of this, the Hawks came out firing against York. Regular left-side, Andy Holborn filled-in in the middle and performed very well. He attacked the ball strongly and touched a lot of balls blocking, giving the defense a big help. Laurier played the Yeomen tough throughout, losing in a hard-fought five sets 25-20, 17-25, 25-22, 22-25, 15-7.

The Hawks' second match saw them take on the Windsor Lancers, looking for revenge for a four set loss when our men visited Windsor earlier in the

season. Matt Ritchie passed the ball extremely well, and made some key digs, as the Hawks prevailed in five sets. Revenge is sweet, even more so with the Laurier line-up in such uncharted waters. Scores were 23-25, 25-20, 24-26, 25-20 and 15-13. This victory was a testament to the depth that this team possesses.

With this victory, the Hawks finished 2nd in their pool behind York. Saturday morning saw the Hawks competing against the host Gryphons. The Gryphons were a little too much for Laurier at this time of day, as they prevailed in 4 sets. Although, one Guelph player was heard to say that he couldn't believe how one-sided the officiating was, most noticeably in the fourth and final set. Scores were 25-21, 25-19, 21-25 and 25-21.

The Laurier men's final match was versus Niagara College. The Hawks seemed to play only as well as they needed to to win each set, but did prevail in three straight sets. Laurier won by scores of 30-28, 25-21 and 27-25 to claim 7th place in the tournament.

Hockey victory

WOODIE BROWN

Laurier's men's hockey team continues to improve after a poor start and they continued their winning ways in overtime against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues last Wednesday.

The Golden Hawks came out of the gates flying and pressured the Blues for the entire first period, out-shooting them and forcing Toronto to take several early penalties.

Laurier looked strong on the power play, controlling the puck in Toronto's end and creating plenty of good scoring chances but unfortunately, could not beat the Toronto goaltender.

In the second period the Hawks continued to pressure the Blues but quickly fell into

trouble when they committed two penalties in a row to give the momentum of the game back to Toronto. The penalty killers and goalies of the Hawks played strongly though and kept the game scoreless until the end of the second period.

The penalty killers of the Hawks played strongly.

Finally, in the third-period Joe Pikula ended the tie with a short-handed goal at 11:43. The Blues would then score later on the same power play to tie the game again.

The Hawks went into overtime with a power play but could not score on the man-advantage.

However, Laurier continued to pressure Toronto after the power play ended and Jeff Ambrosio scored in the slot off a rebound from Joe Pikula to give the Hawks the 2-1 win.

Cross country at CIAU's



MICHAEL BIANCHI

Cross Country has proven that they are more than a bunch of loafers in running shoes.

MICHAEL BIANCHI

The 2000 Men's and Women's Cross Country season officially wrapped up last week at the CIAU National Championships in Toronto.

The team continued its success by receiving two inspiring performances from its top runners, Tara Ross and captain Michael Bianchi. Tara in particular had an outstanding race, placing 37th overall and was the 5th place rookie in all of Canada.

Against an incredibly deep

field she showed no weakness and was not intimidated to mix it up with the formidable competition despite being Laurier's lone runner and having never faced this kind of pressure before.

Head Coach Jeff Beech was very pleased with not only the performance of his two runners but also with the support given by the rest of the team who made the trip to Toronto.

The week previous to Nationals, Laurier was represented by two full teams at the OUA Championships at the

University of Waterloo. The women's team was led by Ross who finished just outside of the top 20. The team also received strong efforts from Heather Swift, Robyn Brandt, captain Andrea Peebles, Pavla Kazda, Allison Hill and Kathryn Farmer.

Despite the absence of Laura Goddard, one of the team's top runners, the women were able to put together a solid performance making the rest of the schools in the OUA take notice that Laurier is a team on the rise.

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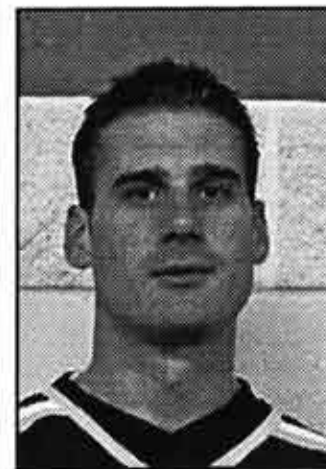
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Labatt Blue Hockey Player of the Game – Joe Pikula

Pikula, a second year winger for the Hawks men's hockey team had an excellent game this week against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. With no score after the first two periods, Pikula scored the Hawks first goal of the game and contributed an assist on the winning goal in overtime. Coach Martindale will look for a big contribution from the Brantford native as the Hawks continue their climb in the OUA Far West.

Broke Online?

Internet Investment makes stock-picking easy for students

MARK MORASSUT

Never before have individual investors had more control over their money.

Due to the digitization of the financial industry and the development of online brokerage firms, individual investors are now equipped with increased accessibility to financial data that enables faster and cheaper transactions.

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TD Waterhouse's primary goal is to assist every individual in becoming a successful investor.

This promise has sent individual investors racing off to cyberspace. According to Gomez Advisors, a consulting company in the United States, about 18 million Web-based brokerage accounts are expected to be used by investors in 2001, up from 1.5 million accounts in 1996.

In fact, investors are signing up for several reasons, namely to save a few bucks. Although the commission schedule for online brokerage firms is dependent on the type and size of transaction and the firm itself, investors using an online service pay an average of \$29 in commissions on a \$10,000 transaction. In comparison, some full service brokerages charge as much as \$400 on the same transaction.

Online brokerage firms also enable investors with an average portfolio to participate in the international investment



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community.

However, online brokerage firms do have their pitfalls. Regulators of the financial services industry have raised concern that online brokers are only responsible for carrying out a customer's instructions.

This means clients may engage in activities that are unsuitable given their particular financial situation; university students living on their savings should not be trying to trade high-risk Internet stocks, for instance.

Online brokerages have also come under scrutiny regarding the issue of Internet security. Earlier this year, for example, a popular online brokerage site in the U.S. became victim to hackers, who crippled their Web site by flooding them with thousands of phony e-mail messages.

As a result, when shopping around for an online brokerage, investors should consider several factors. In a survey of more than 3,000 investors, reliability outweighed commission costs

when it came to choosing an online brokerage.

Besides reliability and low commissions, survey respondents indicated ease of use, customer support, and the speed at which a requested transaction is executed as important factors.

As the online brokerage industry moves forward, firms face many new challenges. One such challenge is accommodating the online investing boom.

According to a survey by Deloitte & Touche LLP earlier this year, system outages and capacity problems rank as the chief concerns among executives at online brokerage firms.

Firms must also focus on educating investors, enabling them to make informed financial decisions.

If online brokerage firms can successfully address these and other issues, their goal of empowering investors will benefit everyone involved.

FILE PHOTO

Buy Nothing Day Fight Consumerism

JACKY DROUIN

It hasn't been easy creating an economy system that has produced 358 billionaires while keeping another 1.3 billion people living in absolute deprivation. It took a long time, with legions of dedicated economist, lawyers and politicians to create such a system. It meant radically altering many important institutions and restructuring our cultural beliefs. At the same time, it'll take similar radical measures to return our economic system to the way it was, with economic justice and environmental sustainability.

Prior to this change, we bought what we needed. Today, however, we buy products out of want, to impress others or out of sheer boredom. The average North American consumes five times more than a Mexican, 10 times more than a Chinese person, and 30 times more than a person from India.

A mere 20% of the earth's population uses 80% of its natural resources and this over-consumption is killing the planet.

Buy Nothing Day forces us to think of our consumer habits and the effects that they have on the rest of the world. If we aren't consuming, then the rest of the world does not need to produce.

On Friday, November 24th, by not consuming, we will not be exploiting the earth of its natural resources nor allowing corporations to exploit other

humans for their labor. It is a day of rest and serenity. It's an opportunity to break away from the frenzy and use your power as a consumer to change the economic environment.

Since 1995, Kalle Lasn, a former advertising executive turned anti-consumerism activist has been waging a grassroots campaign against Christmastime commercialism. His strategy: Attack Christmas shopping one day at a time,

We buy products out of want, to impress others.

beginning with the season kickoff on the day after Thanksgiving.

Each year, Mr. Lasn calls for a 24-hour shopping moratorium on the Friday, which he has dubbed 'Buy Nothing Day'.

The commercial trashing commercialism is just his way of reaching the masses.

Last year over thirty countries, from Brazil to Israel to South Korea celebrated Buy Nothing Day.

In New York City thousands of activists shook Times Square with a 45-minute dance party, in Panama City BND jammers shortcut consumers on the world's longest shopping avenue, in Vancouver Mr. Materialism, clad completely in gold, thanked passers-by for shopping with vigor.

It's the simplest form of civil disobedience: do not shop. It's a quiet movement that will be heard around the globe, yet none the less sending out the message that change is in order, and the time is now.

BUSINESS BITES

Royal Bank is Looking Good:

Not only is the Royal Bank of Canada the country's largest in terms of assets, but it succeeded in meeting and exceeding annual profit targets already this year. Net income for the fourth quarter was up 19% from the same time last year. Return on equity rose to 19.2% from 16.6% in last year's fourth quarter. John Cleghorn chairman and chief executive stated, "We met virtually all the financial objective we'd established for this year and have set even more aggressive targets for next year, notably in the areas of earnings and revenue growth." For the next fiscal year, the Royal Bank is looking for earnings growth between 10% and 15%.

High-tech Homes:

According to a recent survey by Re/Mac Ontario-Atlantic Canada Inc., high-end residential property is being fueled by high-tech industries. It suggests that individuals working in successful IT positions are making more money than ever before, and this drives real estate profits upward. The areas that have seen the most growth are Kelowna, Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa, along with other major metropolitan cities across Canada. For example, in Ottawa, technology has replaced government as the largest employer. There is so much competition in certain areas that 25% of homes in Toronto have been sold for an amount greater than list prices.

ACE Laurier to Hold Second Entrepreneurship Conference

The Association of College Entrepreneurs at Laurier (ACE Laurier) is holding its second annual conference, on Friday, November 24 from 9am to 4pm.

This event will feature three keynote speakers who intend to explore the entrepreneurial environment and discuss current industry trends.

Robert Dolan, CN Vice-President of Human Resources, will speak about promoting entrepreneurship within a corporation.

Venture capitalist James Somerville will discuss product development driven by market requirements and develop-

ment perspectives and processes. Bernard Hurley, Founder of PSG International will conclude the conference by relating his own success story.

The conference offers networking opportunities to meet other entrepreneurs in the community while sharing knowledge with other students.

Tickets are on sale now. The cost to ACE members is \$20; students who are not ACE members pay \$25; and members of the community pay \$30.

For more information, contact Adam Barnard, VP: Awareness, (519) 883-9579 or e-mail: acelaurier@hotmail.com.

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Latin nightclub in Toronto. Bus leaves at 8:30 under Aird unerpass. Returns at 3:30. Date: November 25, 2000. Price: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Tickets: In the Concourse Thursday & Friday from 10 to 4. Contact: Priscilla 896-2878, Shelly 883-3988, Delia 745-2969, Mackenzie 635-0248, Mario 725-3739, Rhea 725-1425, Colin 897-7453.

Heidi Thiessen Memorial Award

\$1000 and \$500 scholarships sponsored by the Southwestern Ontario Chapter of Society for Technical Communication are available to third and fourth year students from all faculties who have a minimum 75% grade average. Interested students should visit www.stc.waterloo.on.ca for complete application information. Application due date: February 9th, 2001.

If only someone would actually meet a deadline. I would be so damn happy I would cry for days. Wouldn't those tears of joy make you happy as well? Isn't shared happiness the greatest happiness of all? Come on then - Meet some deadlines!

Interested in Acting? Love Improv?

Come to a general information meeting to organize a small theatre troupe to perform educational theatre for university students. Rehearsals and auditions will be held in the new year, but come and share your ideas and learn more. Thursday Nov. 30 4:30 pm Dean of Students Office Nichols Campus Centre

SERVICES

Swing/Latin Social Dance

Peter Clark Hall, University Centre, University of Guelph Campus. Free dance lessons at 8 p.m. Dancing 9-1. Call 519-836-1354. Tickets \$10.

PERSONALS

LOST

My memory on Wed. & Friday nights. Could be at Will's, Grad Pub, or somewhere on Noecker. Please contact if found or apology necessary or wanted. - Buffery "Team Hawaiian"

LOST

One Editor In Chief's sanity. Located somewhere between Clayfield Avenue and Fred Nichols Campus Centre. Approximately one ounce of purplish-yellow mushy stuff surrounded by encrusted vomit. If found, please hit me over the head hard until I return to normal.

Re-Elect

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Andrew Telegdi has worked hard to secure greater funding for post-secondary education and students since his early days as two-term president of the Federation of Students at UW, on the Senate of the University of Waterloo and

He was a founder, along with MPs Dr. John English and Dr. Peter Adams, of the Liberal Post-Secondary Education Caucus which serves as a voice for post-secondary education. Thanks to this committee's efforts, the government has:

- ♦ greatly expand funding for the research granting agencies;
- ♦ created the Millennium Scholarship Fund and the Canada Foundation for Innovation;
- ♦ provided matching grants for education savings plans;
- ♦ and increased the education tax credit for full-and part-time students.

A new Liberal government will:

- ♦ increase the education tax credit to \$400 a month for full-time and \$120 for part-time students;
- ♦ help Canada move by the year 2010 into the top five countries for R&D performance by at least doubling federal investments in R&D;
- ♦ and continue to support Canadian heritage and cultural programs, including the CBC.

Andrew Telegdi rejects the Alliance party's plan to restrict the federal government's activities to national defence, international relations and criminal law.

"I believe passionately in a strong and united Canada. Further decentralization will destroy our ability to develop a national consensus. It will erode our capacity to defend ourselves against the forces of globalization. It will increase regional disparities. It will prevent us from having a national post-secondary or research strategy. Only a strong proactive federal government can hold this country together and realize its promise."

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