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# Deputy Minister visits WLU

Dillon Moore

Members of the Students' Union had a chance to address two of their main concerns to the Provincial Government last Thursday when Deputy Minister Kevin Costante of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities made a brief visit.

Hampered by the time constraints of the Deputy Minister's tight schedule, the members of the Board of Directors presentation focused on the issues of student financial aid and unfunded B.I.U.s, or Basic Income Units - that's business-speak and simply means students.

Vice-Chair Kristi Edwards and Vice-President of Human

Resources Development Laure Lafrance both informed Costante of situations where the OSAP system had failed Laurier students. Some students they mentioned had been cut-off by affluent parents and subsequently were refused OSAP funding, while another was refused funding after his or her mother received a payment for a disability.

Executive Vice President: University Affairs, Dave Wellhauser, was asked by Costante to give his top recommendations for improving the OSAP system. Wellhauser answered that he would like to see more funding put into the system, an increase in the provincial contribution, availability of loans for part-time students and a lengthen-

ing of the grace period allowed before students are forced to pay back their debts.

Ben Durrer, Vice-President of Marketing pointed out that many more students are opting for post-graduate studies, thereby increasing the debt load they face at the end of school. Vice President of Student Services, Andy Pushalik, added that the hidden costs created by housing crunches and increased prices on books and supplies pushed people further into debt.

The issue of unfunded B.I.U.s is of special importance to Laurier, which is within the top three of schools affected by this problem. Unfunded B.I.U.s are those students that do not fit into the crite-

ria for funding, which basically means that Laurier does not receive the funding it should to have them study here.

Laurier currently has 1,900 of these students, part of the group that, according to Wellhauser's sources in the administration, has cost Laurier "upwards of \$80 million" over the years.

The Union tried to express to Costante that funding these students, which would put approximately \$8 million into Laurier's coffers, would be the ideal short term fix.

Laurier faces increased costs from growth, and from a pension contribution of more than \$3 million, which if left untreated, amounts to a "crisis this time next

year," according to Wellhauser.

Edwards is confident that the issue will be resolved favourably, due to the amount of lobbying which has been contributed by all the stakeholders in the university system.

The Union was quick to point out they felt that students should pay their fair share of tuition - 35% by provincial standards. However, at Laurier the average student has to pay about 45%.

Ultimately, the meeting served as an introduction, which the Union hopes will facilitate more meetings with the Deputy Minister to discuss student concerns. Remarked Wellhauser: "the Students' Union is happy he has agreed to meet again."

## KW takes back the night



Hundreds of women and children participate in this year's Take Back the Night held in downtown Kitchener last week.

Nadine Fladd

Despite gloomy skies and light drizzle, women and children from the K-W area gathered at Victoria Park last Thursday evening to 'Take Back the Night.'

The march, which protested violence against women, began with a rally and opening words from committee member Sue Barg.

"Street crimes, mugging, assault," began Barg, "these words enter our homes...and rob us of...peace and security."

"There are different stories to how it started," she explained, of the 'Take Back the Night' event. The most popular version seems to stem from the 1970s, when a series of sexual assaults led to a 10 p.m. curfew for the women and children of Leeds, England.

Women were only permitted to venture forth at night in the company of a man. Women organised a protest against the curfew, however, and took back the night.

The K-W area adopted the march in the mid-eighties, and has participated every year since then. "We had about 300 women last year," said Barg.

She touched upon the recent tragedy in the United States during her speech, saying "I know I personally am terrified...are we immune to these atrocities? Our answer now is a resounding NO!"

After stating that 59.9% of women will experience violence at least once in their lives, she offered hope to the audience, saying, "we can march, we can demonstrate, we want safer streets and playgrounds for all women and children...if each and everyone

of us can learn respect...there would be no more violence."

"Tonight is not meant to male bash," insisted Barg. Although only women and children were invited to participate in the demonstration, men were permitted to show their support by attending the reception that followed. The march included representatives from Anselma House 24-Hour Shelter, the Kitchener-Waterloo Sexual Assault Support Centre and Canadian Auto Workers local 1451. The turnout was slightly smaller than last year, perhaps the result of poor weather conditions.

The group that did assemble, however, remained vocal and spirited throughout their trek, shouting cheers like "Women unite, take back the night!" even if the Styrofoam cups holding the candles they

carried had started to melt long before the march ended.

Laurier students were well represented at the demonstration, and a few managed to pull themselves away from the microphone, where they were shouting "Hey, hey! Ho, ho! All the violence has to go!" to comment.

"We're from the Women's Centre," said Marie McCrudden, a second year Communications-English major who was pleased to see more children participate this year than in the past. "It might not change the world, but it's a start," she said of the event.

"I came because I heard about it in my Women's Studies class," said first year DIS Major Alaina Cockburn. Both said they considered 'Take Back the Night' an opportunity to "Think globally, act locally."

Participants elicited a mixed reaction from bystanders and witnesses. While nearly every other car honked its horn in support of the women, some pedestrians also made obscene gestures as the parade passed them by.

"I heard a lot of noise, I thought it was Elements," said Jerry, a marketing student at Conestoga College who watched the parade from the door of a local business. "It's good to see the support."

Once the march had been completed, women children and men alike gathered for refreshments and a presentation by former committee-member Barb Wilson. She informed her audience that 6 million women are assaulted by male partners every year, and that in Ontario alone, 3-6 women are murdered by their current or former male partner each month. She also spoke on the theme of this year's march: respect. "Unfortunately, we're not there yet," she said, "ours is a culture of violence." Take Back the Night now takes place in several countries around the world.

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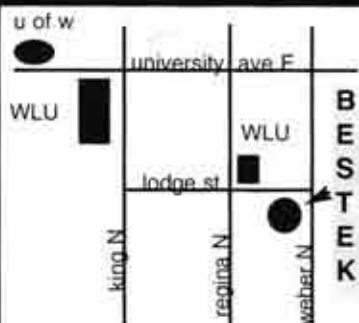
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# Hate activity on the rise

*Laurier remains largely untouched despite rising hate activity in Kitchener-Waterloo*

Alicia MacFadden

There are many white supremacist and ethnic-centered hate groups that call the Kitchener-Waterloo area home.

Some of the groups operating in the area include the Canadian Heritage Association (CHA), The Heritage Front (HF), the Canadian Association for Free Expression (CAFÉ), the Tri-City Skins (TCS) and the Canadian Ethnic Cleansing Team (CECT).

As recently as March 2001, members of the Canadian Heritage Association were seen handing out recruitment material to local secondary school students in bus shelters, as well as distributing hate propaganda to various sectors of the Kitchener-Waterloo area including small businesses, universities and malls.

Canadian group Heritage Front.

Students at the University of Waterloo have been issued a statement from the Student's Council President informing them that the Muslim population of the school have been feeling uncomfortable since the events of September 11, 2001 unfolded. The Muslim students feel that by treating them with the same contempt as the terrorists involved in the attacks on the United States, the prejudiced are only helping the terrorists to achieve their goal of fear and terror in the West. These students wish to convey that they do not side with these terrorists, and therefore, should not be treated in such a manner.

University of Waterloo student Andrew Stolfi had this to say about recent occurrences of hate mongering in the Kitchener-Waterloo area: "I myself, have not noticed an increase in hate activity, and neither have my friends, but we are not the minority."

These sentiments are very reflective of the attitudes that many people have in the area. The assumption is that 'if hate does not happen to us, it does not exist.'

Delveen Garsi, the head of the Muslim Students Association at Wilfrid Laurier University, was very positive about the treatment of Muslim students on the Laurier campus. She said that for the most part, people have had a heightened awareness of the current issues involving the terrorist attacks, and that there seemed to be an intentional effort made by students not to discriminate, and to want to discuss some of the issues with her.

However, some of her friends



Wolfgang Droege of the Heritage Front. Despite the shirt, his organization has been marked as a Hate Group.

in the K/W area have experienced discrimination, especially female friends whose way of dress can be more visible than males'.

In addition to this, the Young Muslims of Canada Association have received threatening e-mails, a local mosque received bomb threats, and a local Muslim woman dressed in traditional attire was accosted in the street. These instances serve as a reminder that people are being discriminated against and that there needs to be a concerted effort to prevent such hate from occurring.

One way in which Delveen and the members of the Muslim Students Association are trying to combat this ignorance and promote education is by putting on an interfaith discussion regarding September 11th's tragedy.

In accordance with Delveen's

thoughts, Dean of Students David McMurray, had several things to say about the feelings on the Laurier campus.

"The students have been civil and intelligent [in learning about the incident and treating others with respect]." Dean McMurray also felt it necessary to mention that there have been no officially reported instances of hate activity on the Laurier campus related to the terrorist attack.

Due to the size of Laurier's population it seems to be more connected socially than other, larger campuses like Waterloo. However, it also happens to be less ethnically diverse.

The sentiments of the Dean are that students are more concerned with gaining more information about the incident and finding out why such incidents occur.

There seems to be an overriding sense of disbelief and a concern as to how it will affect us all, rather than a focus on who specifically is to blame.

The actions of one person do not define a culture, which can be said for all instances of discrimination. Happily, Laurier students are keeping this in mind and acting, by and large, in a fitting manner.

If there is any interest in this topic, or if you would like to help out in any way, go to [www.wlumsa@egroups.com](http://www.wlumsa@egroups.com) and click on wlumsa to voice your ideas or opinions.

Additional information is available at the Canadian Anti-Racist Network found at [www.vidavision.com/countries/canadd](http://www.vidavision.com/countries/canadd).

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Also, a startling find was discovered in the University of Waterloo's used bookstore. Hate material from the racist group Heritage Front was present and literature from the National Alliance, a white supremacist group from the United States, was found in the Student Life Center. The National Alliance is closely linked with the

## Laurier food drive helping the hungry

Jeremy Britton  
Jennifer Martin

The Wilfrid Laurier Student Alumni Association and the Food Bank of Waterloo Region have been working together this year to gather food items from students all over campus to help kick-off the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

This Thanksgiving, the Food Bank estimates that over three hundred thousand pounds of food, including macaroni and cheese, cold cereal, canned meats and vegetables, dry pasta and powdered milk will be needed. The Food Bank hopes that with help from the Wilfrid Laurier student body, this goal can be both reached and exceeded.

According to Christy Niven, the homecoming and foodbank kick-off coordinator, over 1,300 boxes of Kraft Dinner, the focus of Laurier's drive, have been donated so far. In addition, 85 collection boxes have been placed around the school for donations and close to 60 boxes worth of food have been

collected. This works out to over 2,000 food items.

"This is the first time Laurier has ever attempted an endeavour like this", said Christy. Until this point, all food drives have been on the departmental level. She views this effort as the perfect way to both showcase Laurier's involvement in the community and to give back to the area at the same time. It was Laurier that approached the food bank to offer help.

There were almost 25,000 people in the Kitchener-Waterloo area who required the use of a food bank for an emergency meal in 1999. Involvement in the Thanksgiving food drive is yet another way of showing Laurier's volunteer spirit, which is known throughout the community.

As of yet, there are no definitive plans to attempt the event again next year, and the decision will probably depend on the success of this year's event. Additionally, next year's homecoming will be earlier in the

year, which may make running the event more of an issue.

This year's kick-off involved six events that made up the Food Bank Olympics. Charity Bowl, Tower O' Food, Vher's Vienna, Ring Sauce, Pass the Pasta and Hello Jello all provided a chance for students to get involved in a fun way.

Kraft Dinner Dominoes, the focus of the food drive, had its kick-off at about 12:30 with speeches by Dr. Robert Rosehart, President and Vice-Chancellor of Laurier,

There were almost 25,000 people in the Kitchener-Waterloo area who required the use of a food bank for an emergency meal in 1999.

Alumni Association President Steve Wilkie and Sean Strickland, Executive Director of the food bank speaking on the traditions of Laurier in the community, homecoming and Thanksgiving respectively.

In addition, there will be a collection at the Homecoming parade on Saturday, September 29 at 11 am. Student Alumni Association members will be present to accept donations from Laurier students and the community.

Although Laurier has met its goal of collecting at least 2,000 items of food, the Food Bank is constantly in need of more donations. Students can continue to help by donating items they have in plentiful supply, such as peanut butter, pork and beans, canned vegetables, and of course, Kraft Dinner, which the food bank was running low on. Students can also find out about possible volunteer opportunities or learn about donating at <http://www.foodbankwloo.org>.



# Wellhauser cruising for complaints

*EVP:UA makes himself available to students and answers questions.*

Jennifer Martin

Students walking through the concourse on Monday were greeted by an unusual sight. Clad in a bright orange safety vest, Executive Vice-President: University Affairs Dave Wellhauser spent two hours stationed at his new complaint booth talking with students with grievances or questions.

Fulfilling his platform and campaign pledge to be more open and accessible to students, Dave will be found holding his office hours in the concourse once or twice a week, soliciting feedback from students rather than waiting for them to approach him. In addition, Dave has also been putting in some hours at the Peters Building, Science Building, John Aird Building and Athletic Complex so that all students will have access to him.

"We'd encourage all students to e-mail, call, or meet with us," Dave says. However, he recognizes that all students are not comfortable approaching the Students' Union with complaints or questions, and will be making an effort to approach students who may not otherwise make contact.

Accompanied by Board mem-

ber Sterling Prentice, Dave spent two hours in the concourse on Monday and gathered 56 complaints. Although he acknowledges that not all complaints were serious, the majority were, and are, being dealt with accordingly.

Complaints ranged from concerns about the safety of the intersection at Regina and Noecker to the aggression of people soliciting for Mastercard on campus, from the cost of Hub photocopies to the lengthy time required for Swiss Chalet delivery to residences.

"All complaints will be dealt with," Dave says. The intersection issue has been put before the Mayor of Waterloo, the Mastercard employees were approached and an explanation was given for the cost of Hub photocopies. Many complaints, especially those concerned with information, were successfully resolved at the booth.

A common theme amongst the many complaints was the current space and congestion issues on campus, over-enrollment and over-crowding. An open forum is currently being planned for November to discuss the situation and advertising for the event should begin next week. All students are welcome to attend to voice their opin-



Dave Wellhauser at his complaint booth in the concourse. And yes, you do recognize the chains beside him.

ions and concerns about growth and congestion on campus.

Although his schedule is busy, David Prang, Students' Union President will also be moving out into the Laurier community to solicit feedback. Although he too has already been involved in talking with and polling students, he shares Dave Wellhauser's desire to hear and help resolve student concerns.

"We just wanted to get out

there and let students know that we weren't bullshitting them," claimed Dave about his campaign promises. In order to remain accountable to students, he feels that "we can only do if we have an open communication."

Dave's other goal in his newest endeavour is to increase the "transparency" of the Students' Union.

"I want everyone to feel how inclusive it is here," he said, and wants all students to feel comfort-

able voicing their opinions both within the Union and the school at large. One of the key messages he wants to pass along to students is that "there are no stupid complaints, questions or concerns." All voices at Laurier are worthy of being heard, and Dave intends to hear them all.

Dave Wellhauser and David Prang can be contacted at [dwellhau@whu.ca](mailto:dwellhau@whu.ca) and [dprang@whu.ca](mailto:dprang@whu.ca)

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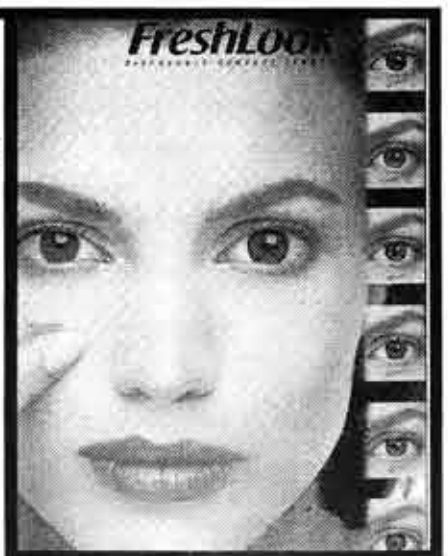
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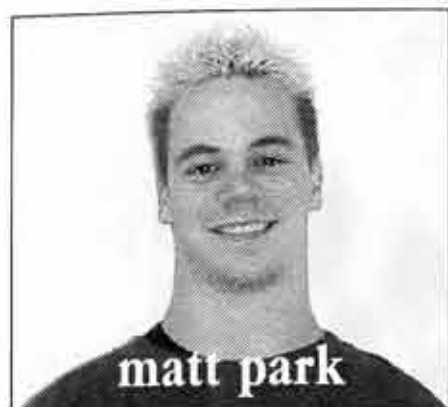
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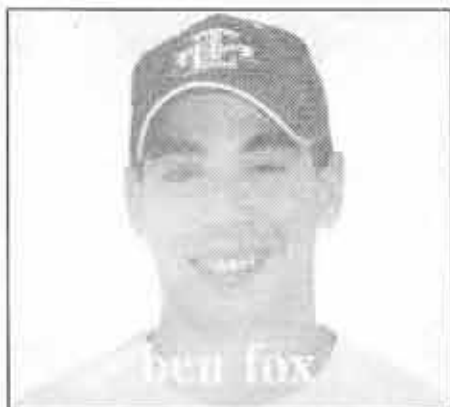
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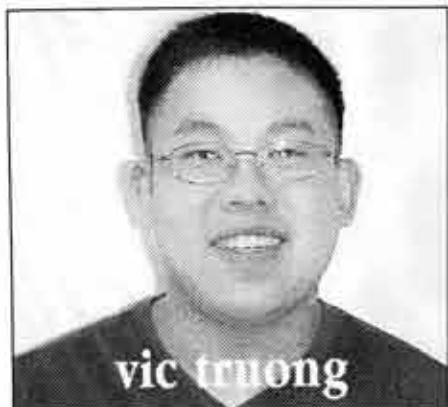
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Open dialog. It's a simple concept and something essential when working for the students at Laurier. I view the job as an opportunity to be a facilitator to the needs of the student populace. If elected I'll do whatever I can to maintain Laurier and WLUSU's stature in Canada and the world as the very best. I'm watching, I'm listening and I'm working for all of you. It's my privilege to do so.

Who's Ben Fox? He's a first year WLU student. What's he about? Getting involved, striving for excellence, and a giving back to his school! What's been troubleing him? CO-CURRICULAR Transcripts, LINE-UPS, lack of PARKING, and the size of the STUDENT BODY compared to the capacity of available services. What does he like? Our GOLDEN HAWK Spirit! What does he want to do? Improve the "Little Things" on campus that affect our daily lives as students!



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WLUSU has prided itself on providing the best services and opportunities to the students of Laurier. With an increasing student population, however, WLUSU must work harder to maintain this high quality of service. Funds must be used in a judicious manner. More worthwhile volunteer opportunities must be opened to give a larger population more chance to contribute to WLUSU. I want to help lay the groundwork to take WLUSU to even greater heights.

Laurier has always prided itself on guaranteeing residence to first year students. With the increase in new students coming into the school the residence system has been left little choice but to place students three to a room to live up to their promise. Changes must be made to residence system to accommodate this surplus of students. If elected I will see that positive changes are made in the residence system at WLU.

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### HARASSMENT

0715 HRS MON SEPT 17/01

A WLU student reported that while waiting for the bus on King St by the Athletic Complex an unidentified male approached her and made derogatory comments. The incident was reported to Waterloo Regional Police.

### MEDICAL ASSIST

0920 HRS TUE SEPT 18/01

An ambulance was called for a student at the Peters Building complaining of severe abdominal pains. She was transported to Grand River Hospital.

### CAUSE DISTURBANCE

0146 HRS THU SEPT 20/01

Officers responded to a report of a fight taking place in the area of the TA/MacDonald House Link. Upon arrival two males were observed having a verbal confrontation. They were separated and sent on their way.

### BREAK, ENTER & THEFT

WED SEPT 19/01 - THU SEPT 20/01

Person(s) unknown threw a concrete block through a door window at the stadium, broke into a vending machine and removed a quantity of coin.

### MISCHIEF

2320 HRS THU SEPT 20/01

Person(s) unknown threw a beer bottle at the window of the main entrance to Little House B Wing causing it to break.

### CAUSE DISTURBANCE

0223 HRS FRI SEPT 21/01

Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress on Mid Campus Dr. Upon arrival the fight had already stopped. Two WLU students were involved and the matter will be forwarded to the Judicial Affairs Council.

### CAUSE DISTURBANCE

0147 HRS FRI SEPT 21/01

Officers responded to a reported fight in progress. On arrival they found two groups of males issuing insults towards each other and challenging each other. The two groups were separated and sent on their way.

### FIRE DEPT RESPONSE

0645 HRS FRI SEPT 21/01

The Fire Dept was called when the fire alarm at Conestogo House was activated. Investigation revealed there was no fire but that the alarm had been caused by a water leak.

### MISCHIEF

FRI SEPT 21/01 - SAT SEPT 22/01

Person(s) unknown knocked off the top of a walkway light near the Science Building.

### FIRE DEPT RESPONSE

2120 HRS SAT SEPT 22/01

The fire dept was called to Conestogo House when a BBQ caught fire. The fire had already been extinguished by the time the fire dept arrived.

### MISCHIEF

SAT SEPT 22/01 - SUN SEPT 23/01

Person(s) unknown wrote profane remarks and drew an obscene picture in the area of the Peters Building/Arts C Wing link. The graffiti was washed off by security staff.

FIRE DEPT RESPONSE 1930 HRS  
SUN SEPT 23/01

The Fire Dept was dispatched to University Place. A resident was cooking in his apartment when the contents of a pot spilled over onto the stove element causing smoke which activated the alarm. Fire Dept officials allowed the residents back into the building once the smoke had cleared.

HARASSMENT 1700 HRS SUN  
SEPT 23/01

A WLU student reported that she had been approached by an unidentified male in the area of King & University and then again on Regina St. He had offered her money in exchange for certain favours and then drove away. A licence plate number was obtained and the information passed on to Waterloo Regional Police for further investigation.

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# Step in the Right Direction

As I sit in my classroom in the Alvin Woods Building, I strain to hear what the professor is saying. On a regular day, the noise comes from other students in the class or passersby in the hall. Lately however, the noise comes from the various construction projects located all over campus. When coupled with overcrowded classrooms, actually trying to learn becomes more and more difficult. Considering our primary job here at Laurier is to learn, it is dismaying to see that our surrounding environment is not conducive to that fact.

The disruption began in the summer with the beginning of the construction on the Schlegel Centre. Co-op students who had classes in the Peters Building constantly fought the battle between the sounds of construction and the professor's voices. Add this to the incessant vibrations of the building and a problem starts. How can the University expect students to have a positive learning experience when they are forced to deal with such conditions?

Any student who has a class in the Alvin Woods Building also knows the problem of having lectures interrupted by construction. I have already wasted countless minutes this term trying to listen over the din of activity outside. The only refuge we have from the incessant noise is when the construction crew takes their coffee break. When I'm in

class, I expect to hear the professor's lecture. I might as well stay at home and read my textbook from now on because I'm not really learning much more by actually going to class.

The school is far too overcrowded to be considered 'small'. Many come here because the university is advertised in this manner. The school is not small, it is

**The administration should think of the effect that they are having on the learning experience of the students.**

just a small campus. Packing approximately 8,000 students in a campus that is one block by one block and calling it a small school is an outright lie. The university is currently solving this problem by building additional classrooms and using St. Michael as a new campus, which is a step in the right direction. It would be better for Laurier to stay its current size because it's a big selling point, but that's just one girl's opinion.

I am fully aware that the university needs to expand, however I question why it seems like everything is done at the last minute. I'm sure that the admin-

istration knew that the number of students attending Laurier would eventually outweigh the number of resources available, so why couldn't they have done something a little earlier? Obviously this construction has to happen sometime, but it seems a little excessive to have so much going on at once.

This problem won't disappear, and I expect that it will not change over the next few years either. The administration should however, think about the effect that they are having on the learning experience of the students. With construction of the Schlegel Centre due to last all year, we can count on even more interruptions and more conflicts between exterior noise and professors. It should be a great year.

**AMANDA FITZPATRICK**  
**ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR**

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## LETTERS

### A MODEST PROPOSAL REDUX

It is apparent that people differ from place to place inasmuch as social, cultural, economical, and theological ways. These differences have led to inequalities amongst humans. As the Contemporary Roman Empire has recently found, the barbarians strive for civilized society as well, and it will take it by force if the opportunity presents itself. If they strike back, then they become the barbarous people in the eyes of the remaining civilized world. On the other hand, to do nothing only further perpetuates barbarian sieges on the empire. It is my belief that peace, even through extreme firepower, can never totally achieve security. Since security is an impossibility within a diverse environment, I find no other solution than to ensure peace by force.

Being the military superpower on the planet, it is logical for them to use their power to free the world of those barbarians who spit in the face of all things capital and free. For, if there are no barbarians remaining, the world will finally be completely free and will mark the beginning of a new golden era. It makes sense in multiple ways.

First, they can not only cure the cancer of terrorism, but could also put an end to some of the other social and cultural "isms" that plague our society and which most of us abhor. Swift and exemplary destruction would illustrate their dedication to peace and that barbarism and it intolerable.

Second, the economics of this decision supports a crusade against these

terrorists. Since the amount spent on military armament and the vast present stock to maintain peace, it is a wonder that these instruments are not used more often.

As well, striking while the iron is hot, history has noted theology is responsible for many great conflicts over time. Without fundamental proof to support itself, theology thereby becomes a difference and destruction for the civilized world. For various thoughts and contrary ideals, they only fuel the diversity that threatens the thought of one civilized world. Imagine how worship time could be used to do something more productive than clouding the mind with flights of fancy.

I close, realizing that perhaps the end has not yet been written. But if followed, it could lead to a world free of violence, where people understand one another without barriers or limitations.

**J.T Windjack**

### HURTS THE EYES

As if our school isn't ugly enough with various construction projects and dwindling numbers of trees and wildlife. Since Frosh Week I've noticed the propaganda of a number of different campus groups, spewed upon various buildings around the school. Why does Bacchus have the phrase "Think before you drink" painted on the wall outside the Women's Centre? Why do the different frosh teams feel they can cover our campus with their myriad messages? Besides making our campus look ugly, the fact that these

Students' Union groups feel they own the entire campus and can do with it as they please is ridiculous. The Students' Union owns the Fred Nichols' Campus Centre—nothing else.

Does this mean that I can now paint my own personal messages and beliefs on the walls around the school as well? What would happen if every club, group and team on campus used the school as their own forum for advertising and political banter?

Does the administration, perennially concerned about the school's image, not notice how ugly this graffiti is and are they not concerned about what sort of message is being conveyed to those looking to attend Laurier in the future?

This issue has concerned me for a while and I hope something is done about it soon before these eyesores become a permanent part of our campus.

**Jeremy Williams**

### AN ACT OF WAR?

Two weeks ago, thousands of people paid the ultimate price in the execution of their daily freedoms and liberties. The majority were not soldiers; they were not prepared on Tuesday September 11th, 2001. Their lives were brought to an abrupt end by the worst act of terrorism the world has ever experienced.

According to U.S Secretary of State, Colin Powell: "It is becoming clear with each passing hour, with each passing

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## A Proper Reply

Asad Kiyani



Last week, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the United States, Louisiana Congressman John Cooksey suggested "anyone wearing a diaper on his head and a fan belt wrapped around the diaper" should be stopped for questioning. His statements not only demonstrate his personal ignorance, but a popular misunderstanding about why America was attacked and what the appropriate response is.

The attacks in America were not attacks on America. They were attacks on an ideology exemplified by the United States but adhered to throughout the West and by the elites of the Third World. There is one reason America, and not Canada or France or Germany, was attacked: The United States is home to the most dominant practitioner of the ideological force opposing the terrorists; to attack America is to make the most powerful statement possible. This is not a battle about Israel or Islam or Christianity; it is a battle of ideas.

This is an ideological struggle founded on an opposition to Western cultural imperialism. It targets the corrupting influences of democracy and diversity of opinion and belief. To the terrorist, you can be of any race, any religion, any ethnic group and still be a part of this culture. And if you are a part of this culture — whether Muslim, Jewish or Buddhist — then you are an enemy of the terrorists.

The war on terrorism, then, must not be framed in racial, religious or ethnic terms but in an ideological context. To be successful, it must be fought with this in

mind. Any other way will lead to painful failure.

Overseas, we must have three goals. Our military response must be directed at only the terrorists, not their ethnic or religious group. Our diplomatic coordination must encompass the entire world, because the terrorists are based in many different nations. Our social and economic response must be aimed at providing the terrorists' impoverished popular support base with a useful alternative schools, homes and hospitals.

Domestically, much needs to be fixed. In the last two weeks, we have thrown people off airplanes because of their complexion; we have forced entire communities to hide their ethnicity in order to avoid attacks; we have murdered innocent citizens because of their accents.

**We don't stop to think or care. We just hate blindly.**

This ethno-religious based response is fundamentally dangerous. It not only provides more ammunition to already emboldened terrorists, it irrevocably pollutes the moral high ground from which we are now trying to base our response.

After Pearl Harbour, we rounded up all the Japs we could. After September 11, we're getting all the Brownies we can. We don't ask if any Muslims or Arabs died in the attacks [they did]. We don't ask if any Muslims or Arabs aided in the rescue [they did]. We don't ask if any Muslims or Arabs condemned the attacks [they did]. We don't stop to think or care. We just hate blindly.

When we do that, we become the terrorists.

## Breast Obsessed

Amy Wright



Breasts. Masses of tissue, meant to provide nourishment to infants. Yet something close to a cultural obsession surrounds them and I've never understood it. What is it about breasts that turn men into drooling idiots and convinces women to undergo thousands of dollars of plastic surgery?

Breasts were originally associated with the maternal bond between mother and child. Breast-feeding is one of our most natural and primal instincts. How then, has the breast become something that is fantasized about and lusted after? It is our own culture that has shaped the breast into a sexual object. Most women do not feel comfortable breast-feeding in public, as this act is regarded by many as indecent. But the reason that this very natural act is seen by many as inappropriate is because our culture places breasts within the realm of sexuality, lewdness or perversion. And I don't quite get it.

Between my roommates and myself, we have fourteen of them. I'm not going to lie to you, breasts come up in conversation on a regular basis. In the past two days,

I've heard comments ranging from "My boobs are so big today, I can't see my feet," to "I can't wear this bra, it makes me look like I have no boobs." I hear my roommates congratulating each other on hav-

**Our culture places breasts within the realm of sexuality and perversion.**

ing a "good boob day." If this sounds utterly ridiculous, it's because it is. My point is this: Women are (nearly) as obsessed with breasts as men are. What I find interesting is the degree to which women are concerned with the shape, size and silhouette of their breasts. We want them to

look perfect. Unfortunately, this desire to have perfectly shaped breasts results in many women going under the knife to have saline (or, god forbid, silicone) implants placed in their bodies. Studies upon studies have been done about the risks and negative implications of breast implants. Yet more women than ever are having these procedures done. For whom exactly are these operations taking place?

I had a conversation about breasts with one of my neighbors. After asking one of them his theory on breasts, he replied "Boobs are like martinis. One isn't enough, but three is too many." After congratulating himself for this intelligent remark (Dave, you're an idiot, honey) he continued by saying that breasts aren't a major concern of his. Was he serious? I don't know. I doubt it. Kind of hard to take him seriously when there's a year's worth of Maxim lying around his house.

They're just breasts. Male or female, they shouldn't be something to worry about or obsess over. So relax.

**"THERE IS NO NOBILITY IN BEING SUPERIOR TO ANOTHER MAN; TRUE NOBILITY LIES IN BEING SUPERIOR TO ONE'S PREVIOUS SELF." I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHAT THAT MEANS. BUT JUST BE A LITTLE BIT NICER. 'CAUSE I SAY SO. --AMY.**

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day that it is Al Qaeda network that is the prime suspect, as the president has said, and all roads lead to the leader of that organization, Osama bin Laden and his location in Afghanistan."

Al Qaeda is the terrorist organization run by Saudi-born millionaire Osama Bin Laden. The organization has been linked to several terrorist attacks against the U.S. and is currently being harboured and supported by the fundamental Taliban government of Afghanistan.

U.S. President, George W. Bush, has promised that those responsible for this heinous act will be punished. The Bush administration has promised not only to hold the attackers responsible, but those who "house them" and those who "provide them safe havens."

In contrast to the swift and decisive actions of President Bush's administration and their good decision-making, the Canadian government has acted in a typically slow, sluggish, and lackluster fashion. Prime Minister Chretien did promise our assistance, however he did not call an emergency cabinet meeting or session of parliament.

It is time for the Canadian government to take firm and decisive action. Now is not the time to be complacent. Let us show the world that we are not only America's neighbour and ally, but a nation committed to the end of terrorism, to the promotion of democracy and the preservation of mankind's inalienable rights.

Myles Wilson  
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# WLU Clubs: International Style

*A number of campus groups give you the chance to learn about the world*

## Adriana Groenewey

There are a number of clubs and organizations on campus that are involved in international issues or provide opportunities to learn about another culture.

As part of the Cord's efforts to promote knowledge of these opportunities, we present you with Campus clubs that offer a look into another culture or international issue. Contacts are included for those clubs with whom the Cord could reach during its month long quest for information. The others you should be able to contact through campus clubs on the third floor of the Union building.

## Amnesty Laurier

Amnesty International, a worldwide human rights organization, helps its members help those in need. Since its founding in the 1960's, after a group of Portuguese students were jailed for making a toast to freedom, Amnesty has grown tremendously.

Amnesty International lends a helping hand to victims of torture, those confronting death for their religion, political belief, race or other unjust reasons. Amnesty "fights for the rights of all men, women and children throughout the world."

Amnesty International engages in activities such as letter writing for those incarcerated unjustly, conducting fundraisers in places such as Wembley Stadium, monitoring human rights and conducting a worldwide campaign against torture.

Amnesty Laurier applies the ideals and goals of Amnesty International to the Laurier community. "No matter what your interests, Amnesty Laurier invites everyone to see what they are all about."

Amnesty Laurier meets twice a month. For more information contact Devin Yuke at (519) 747-1589 or email [nick\\_stratosphere@hotmail.com](mailto:nick_stratosphere@hotmail.com)

## Global Studies Club

The Global Studies Club, formally the Development and

International studies club, is an outlet for students to become involved and aware of social issues, current events, effects of global change and progress in the field of foreign relations.

By working closely with faculty, the club hopes to bring professors and students closer together. This will allow both the faculty and students the opportunity to hear about experiences they have encountered.

The club will also be running a weekly speaker's series featuring groups such as Human Rights Watch and showing documentaries from around the world. If interested contact Jen Brown at 746-9670 or [discwlu@hotmail.com](mailto:discwlu@hotmail.com)

A few of your options:  
-human rights cases  
-guest speakers  
-organizing exchanges  
-model United Nations conference  
-diverse cultural groups

## WPIRG (Waterloo Public Interest Group)

The Waterloo Public Interest Research Group is a Waterloo organization with its office located at UW.

The office contains a resource center where student volunteers can join their efforts together to act in response to critical environmental, social and human rights issues.

WPIRG was founded in 1973 by a group of undergraduate students, but receives contributions from many sources. The funding WPIRG obtains goes to the support of volunteer training, events and projects, maintenance of an office and library and two full-time staff members. Voluntary assistance provides the resources necessary to lift WPIRG off the ground.

After 30 years of existence WPIRG is strong in the Waterloo community. Even though it is based at UW it is open to any interested students of the Laurier community. For more information visit [www.wpirg.org](http://www.wpirg.org) or call (519) 888-4882 weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## AIESIC Laurier

AIESEC is a global organization that develops experience in students through international exchange.

It is "the world's largest apolitical, independent, non-profit organization managed by students," utilizing a global network of 740 Universities in over 80 countries and territories.

AIESEC Laurier gives the Laurier community a chance to get involved by "developing students into responsible, adaptable sensitive leaders that will contribute to the development of society with an overriding commitment to international co-operation and understanding."

AIESIC Laurier is currently recruiting for many positions in Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, Projects, Alumni, Information Technology, and need personnel to volunteer in Student nominations and other matters.

During the weekend of September 28th to 30th hundreds of students will gather at an Ontario Regional Conference where they will learn about AIESEC and life changes brought about from international exchange.

For more information on AIESEC Laurier contact their chapter president, Andrew Morrow, at [morrow\\_andrew@hotmail.com](mailto:morrow_andrew@hotmail.com)

## WLU Anthropology Society

The Anthropology Society provides an opportunity for Laurier students to be exposed to the cultures of various areas of the world. This exposure allows students to understand and tolerate those that are different from themselves.

This year marks a special one for the society as it will be teaming up with the Archeology and International Studies societies for an array of activities. This union will allow its members to meet and exchange ideas.

Activities that will be offered this year include multicultural movie nights, a wine and cheese, meet the Professor evening, tutorial sessions, pub nights and a formal to be held in the month of January.

The Anthropology society is currently offering positions in its executive council. Positions available include "Shadow President", Vice-President, Secretary, Social Co-ordinator, Webmaster and a First-year Representative.

For further information on



Amnesty International Club President Devin Yuke(right) and friend

applying or joining as a member you can contact Aleisha Stevens at [stev4040@mach1.wlu.ca](mailto:stev4040@mach1.wlu.ca).

## World Affairs Society (WAS)

WAS provides students with a chance to learn about, and discuss, world affairs and international relations.

WAS traditionally organizes guest speakers, arranges socials and has represented Laurier at United Nations simulations held at McGill University in Montreal. Contact Campus Clubs or the Political Science office to get in touch with them.

## Other Clubs

The following clubs should be able

to give you a taste of another culture, a chance to practice your language skills or expose you to a variety of international issues. Most of them will organize socials throughout the year and try to showcase Laurier's diverse cultures.

Association of Black Students

Chinese Students Association

Croatian Club

French Club

Jewish Students Association

Korean Students Association

LASALAS

Muslim Students Association

Polish Students Club

Religion and Culture Club

South Asian Students Association

Taiwanese Students Association

## The Cord's International Notices

1) Barbara McDougal, President of the The Canadian Institute of International Affairs will be speaking concerning "Canada and International Terrorism in Light of the 'Attack on America'" Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Heidelberg Room of the Waterloo Inn. McDougal, a former Cabinet Minister, has represented Canada at a number of International Organizations. The speech is open to the general public, members of the association and people who may be interested in joining. For more information contact Lena Yost at 888-4567 ext. 2765.

2) Two groups who spent time in Central America this summer will be sharing their experiences at the Global Studies Club speakers series next week. The first are Laurier students who spent two months during the summer traveling, studying and learning together in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. They will share the floor with the Lutheran Campus Ministry who spent 10 days in Nicaragua discussing development issues. They will speak Monday, October 1st at 5:30 in Alumni Hall.

*In this magical box, we hope to notify students of each week's best events and opportunities of "international interest" on campus and in the nearby community.*

*Examples of suitable submissions include guest speakers, trips to conferences and other opportunities for students with an international focus.*

*Please forward suggestions to the International Editor's mailbox in the WLUSP Office or e-mail events to [johncarlaw@yahoo.ca](mailto:johncarlaw@yahoo.ca) for consideration*



There's lots of enthusiasm for the Global Studies Club this year. Just ask this possessed individual raising the roof for Club 'Prez' Jen Brown



# Laurier community discusses terrorist attacks

Brandon Currie

Last Thursday afternoon over one hundred Laurier students and professors attended a "round table" discussion in the Turret to discuss their emotions and repercussions from the September 11th terrorist attacks in the United States.

It was "a meeting of passionately concerned individuals, all seeking to comprehend and internalize these horrific acts of terror," summarized Professor Len Friesen, who facilitated the event.

In describing the effects of the attack, he said that "I grew up in a world reeling from JFK's assassination, and this horrendous event will have no less a profound impact."

At the round table three Laurier professors presented information related to their fields of expertise. Professor David Monod, from the Department of History, discussed US foreign policy, and emphasized that the attack has altered President George W. Bush's behaviour internationally.

"We saw through America's withdrawal from Kyoto and other international protocols that the US was acting very unilaterally towards other nations" but "the multilateralists in the America have won this battle" he said.

"America deserves credit, as well as its allies, for waging an intelligence war, a policing war, and a collaborative effort with many nations, even those in the Middle East."

Monod predicted that a U.S.

counter attack would be a calculated effort, exercising "surgical precision." He also suggested that India might take advantage of a divided Pakistan to invade the war torn region of Kashmir.

Professor Luke Fusco, from the faculty of Social Work, focused on the personal effects of the attack. He advised students to "reconstruct the part of us that got smashed that day," and to continue daily routines as best as possible.

Religion and Culture Professor Ron Grimes recited a poem, "11 Words for September."

Some students wanted to learn the "straight facts" about why a group could possess so much hatred . . .

Using imagery, the poem placed the terrorist's actions into a religious framework, illustrating some popular sentiments. He began with "Tower of world trade, like Babel, they all fall down... We are the Christians, they are the Moors." The poem ended: "Peace; what used to be, what might be tomorrow, but not today."

Students also had a chance to express their feelings and views on these events.

Said one: "On September 11th we lost our illusions, but it was a fallacy to think that we were safe in the first place."

Some of them felt that the

sheer proximity of the attacks increased their impact.

On this note, Dr. Monod stated that, "we can abstractly sympathize with tragedies throughout the world, but American culture is part of us, like it or not, which brings home the reality of this event."

Some students wanted to learn the "straight facts" about why a group could possess so much hatred for a country to commit such acts.

Dr. Alistair Edgar felt that if the attack were to be a response to U.S. foreign policy, then the World Trade Center, a civilian building, should not have been targeted.

To conclude the forum was one last opportunity for students to explain what they worry will happen in the coming weeks, and years.

One student asked, given that "right now, we view the Afghans as the irrational 'others', if we mercilessly attack them, won't we become the 'others' that the Afghans don't understand?"

Other students expressed concern about racial incidents that have been increasing in number since the attacks. The concern being that "this may change the face of race relations in Canada, and throughout the world."

A final thought from the student body described the attack as "an eye opener, this didn't happen in a foreign country, North Americans now face the reality that humans are killing humans, a reality faced throughout the world every day".

## World Watch

### Macedonia

NATO resumed collecting weapons from ethnic-Albanian rebels last Thursday after the country's parliament agreed on drafts for constitutional amendments that give more rights to the nation's ethnic-Albanian minority.

Under a West-backed peace plan, the rebels are to surrender 3,300 weapons and disband in exchange for more rights under the country's constitution.

However, some members of the Macedonian parliament have appeared reluctant to implement the plan, and have tried to stall the process by calling for a national referendum.

The NATO mission is officially scheduled to end on Sept. 26, although the Macedonian government has requested that a small force remain to protect international observers.

### Nauru

A group of 433 mostly Afghan refugees arrived last week at this tiny Pacific island state, which is to become their new home.

The fate of the refugees had been the source of intense international debate in recent weeks when Australia refused to accept them after they were rescued from a sinking Indonesian ferryboat last month.

Nauru, which has a population of only 12,000, finally agreed to accept the refugees in exchange for \$10.4 million in financial aid from Australia. Some refugees were taken by New Zealand.

However, a second group of about 230 Palestinian and Iraqi

refugees who were to be settled on Nauru have refused to leave the ship that brought them to the island unless it takes them to Australia.

The Australian government has drawn criticism internationally, but some praise at home, for its refusal to accept the refugees.

### France

An explosion Friday at a chemical fertilizer plant has killed at least 25 people and wounded 700 others in Toulouse.

The explosion, reportedly caused by the improper mixing of chemicals, had the strength of a 3.2 magnitude Earthquake and completely levelled the facility. Roofs and walls were also ripped off nearby buildings.

Many local citizens at first thought there had been a bomb attack, especially in light of the recent events in the United States.

### Afghanistan

The trial of eight foreign aid workers accused of converting Muslims to Christianity continued this week in the Taliban Supreme Court, despite the current tensions between Afghanistan and the US.

Diplomats representing the aid workers left on Sept. 12 due to fears of US retaliation against Afghanistan for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The diplomats appointed a Pakistani Islamic scholar to defend the group in court. The workers could face the death penalty if convicted.

Compiled by Paul Thomas

## WUSC International Seminar 2002 in Vietnam



If you are interested in an international experience, are returning to full-time studies in 2002-2003, and are competent in French and English, the World University Service Canada (WUSC)'s International Seminar may be for you.

The 2002 Seminar is in Vietnam, and is held for 6 weeks in July and August. Participants cover a portion of their costs, travel with other Canadian students and faculty, and conduct a research project while in the host country. Course credit may be available, pending your department's approval.

For information and applicants, contact Dr. J. Black, Communications Studies Department, Woods 3-213, ex. 3990 or dblack@wlu.ca. Deadline for applications is **Friday November 9th.**

WUSC is a Canadian non-governmental organization with a 50 year history in international development. For detailed information on WUSC and the International Seminar, see WUSC's website at [www.wusc.ca](http://www.wusc.ca)

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Law, November 1, 2001

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# Up Against the WALL

## The big box battle

Tannis Fenton

It has been called the Evil Empire by many. It is the monstrous behemoth that is quickly filling up the edges of our cities and suffocating the life out of our downtowns.

I am referring, of course, to the mass expanse of retail space known as the "big-box" store. It is a giant structure, several thousand feet square, of one-stop shopping.

The big-box boom is either highly praised or adamantly condemned, depending on whom you speak with. Regardless of your point of view, the fact remains that big-box stores are having a massive impact on urban economies and this is something that cannot be overlooked from any side.

Chains such as Wal-Mart and Home Depot head up the big-box phenomenon, which has been spreading like poison ivy.

The resistance against big-box stores, however, is strong.

Many people believe big-box stores are destroying small businesses and urban core economies.

Big-box stores are primarily built on cheaper land around the outskirts of urban areas. This means consumers are being led away from downtown areas, taking a devastating number of dollars with them.

Given the average size, which ranges from 10,000 to 100,000 square feet, big-box stores have the ability to offer many more products under the same roof. This is something with which small businesses simply cannot compete.

In this chaotic society, where minutes seem to acquire half-lives, the convenience of one-stop shopping will often reign supreme over going store-to-store.

On the other hand, big-box stores are located at a great inconvenience to those people without vehicles. How likely are students to buy a case of toilet paper or other such bulk treasures from Costco, and then transport it home on the city bus? As if...

As well, big-box stores deteriorate the network of self-sustenance that occurs within a downtown economy. Buying something at a small business indirectly supports many other businesses, as those dollars will be reinvested in a local bank or accountant.

But buying something at Wal-Mart nearly guarantees that said city will never see those dollars again.

Small businesses provide a web of success that is intrinsically fed. Big-box stores eat away at this system.

There is something unique about shopping at a store where everybody knows your name (Norm!), which is something places like Wal-Mart simply cannot offer.

Perhaps, one of the most devastating elements in a big-box store is the repercussion occurring when that store closes.

The massive space in an abandoned shell of a big box store is a hellish predicament for the landlord and surrounding businesses left behind in the wake. The vacancy represents a loss of rent income for the landlord and customer traffic for neighboring stores.

As Rick Barr pointed out in the Seattle Business Journal, bankruptcy laws often take away landlords' rights over their properties as the groups that have rights over the store space attempt to find people to take over their leases.

Often times, these spaces are converted into multiple store spaces.

In any case, an empty big-box store presents an ugly spectacle on the landscape upon which it is marked and according to the Maine Sunday Telegram, Wal-Mart currently has 350 vacant stores in the United States.

The flip side of the big-box debate sees the concept as purely beneficial to retailers wishing to expand their business.

"There are many benefits to big-box retailing," said John Williams, who is an analyst for the J.C. Williams Group.

"One is for the retailer. The rents are less. They reach a new market share and a new segment... And therefore they can offer lower prices. "There's just less overhead."

Many shopping mall inhabitants are looking to the outskirts for expanded retail space.

Jack Klaiman, vice-president of Oberfield Enterprises, which is a Montreal-based retail leasing advisory firm with over 120 clients, says shopping mall space is becoming increasingly unaffordable.

Many consumers, on the other hand, are heading to the big-box store conjunctions for their shopping, which could be a factor in mall retailers being unable

to afford rent.

"You've got to find a venue to have growth and people are looking for more and more deals," says Klaiman, who added a shopping mall hasn't been built in Canada since 1991.

"You can't afford to give a deal in a mall when the rent is absurd."

Rest assured, however, for retail analysts have promised consumers that big-box stores will instigate the demise of the shopping mall. Thank goodness for small favours.

Klaiman also says big-box stores are deceptive.

"If you go and check out the prices, they're not that much cheaper than the malls," he says.

In this light, this could mean many people are draining the funds away from downtown cores for no reason other than a misconception.

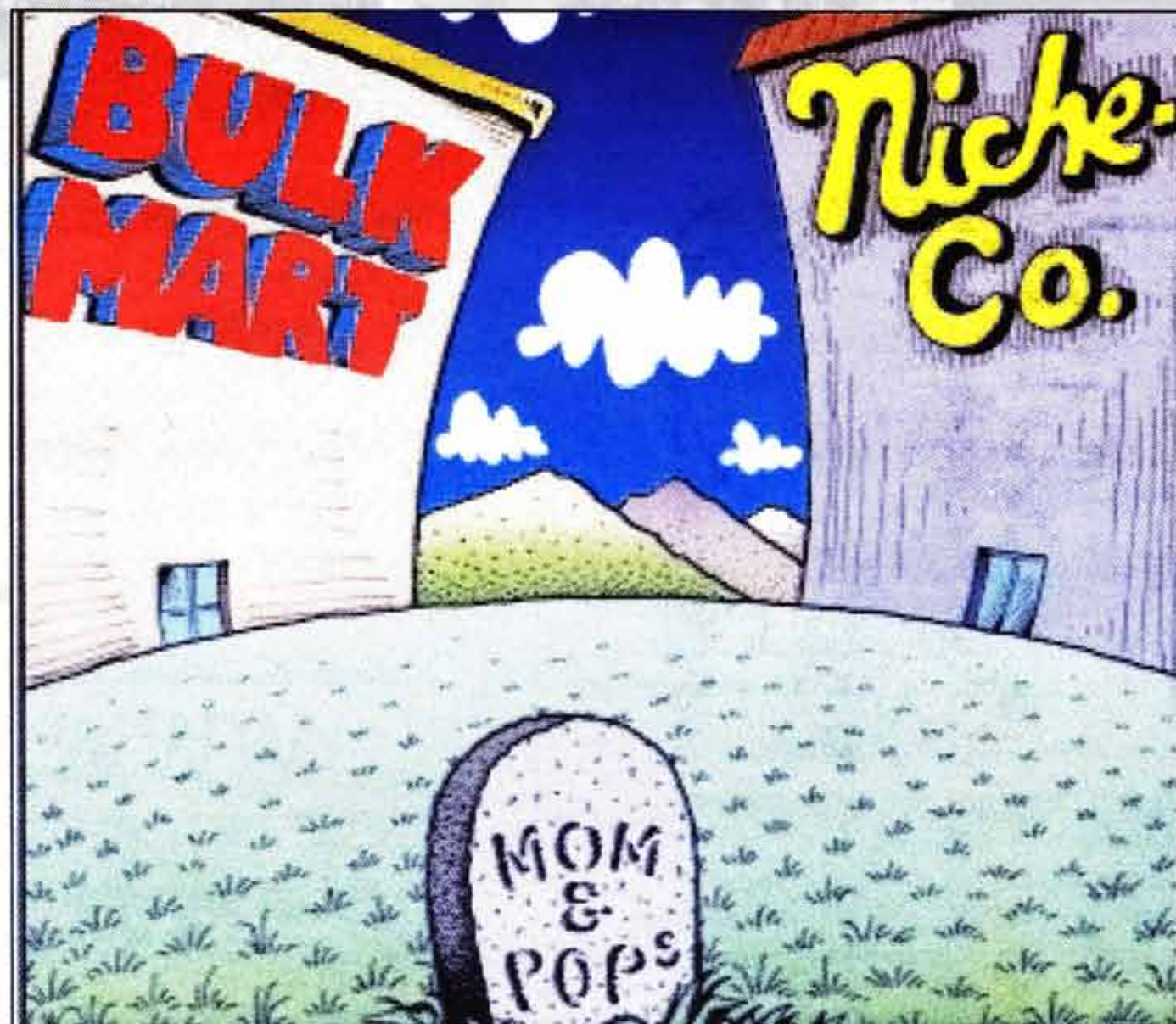
Now, there is no way to talk about big-box stores without mentioning the archenemy of downtown shopping, which is, of course, Wal-Mart.

According to the Wal-Mart newsroom Data Sheet, the original evil empire made \$104.8 billion last year.

Wal-Mart has been called the world's largest retailer and boasts 30% of American department store sales, as stated in the Economist.

The retail giant has over 2,000 stores in North America, a number that is constantly rising. There are also approximately 314 stores in China, Mexico and Brazil.

The Wal-Mart Super Centre is gaining momentum with 355 stores in North America. The super center is





a mammoth warehouse containing a bank, grocery store, accounting centre, photo shop, eye centre, pharmacy, bakery, deli, café, a regular Wal-Mart and a McDonald's, according to the Data Sheet. These super centres take up entire blocks and are comparable to the size of several football fields.

As a shamed Wal-Mart employee of three days, I can attest to the hideous training rituals that include overly patriotic southern Americans on video tape repeating phrases such as "We buy American when we can so you can" over and over and over again.

Fortunately, they convert such United States lingo to Canadian terms for their customers. Thank goodness for small favours.

New "ashoshiates", which is American for associates, are boxed into small rooms lit with loud fluorescent bulbs to have Wal-Mart mantras and mission statements infused in their paycheck-needing behinds.

Point observed: do not work at Wal-Mart if you can help it. The corporation has been highly criticized for its staffing methods.

Most Wal-Mart employees are hired on a part-time basis, which means its staff works up to 30 hours each week without any benefits.

According to Bob Banner, who wrote *Get Smart About Wal-Mart*, the company's employees make up one of the largest groups of uninsured people, with over 300,000 workers in North America.

In addition to their less-than-impeccable treatment of employees, Wal-Mart has also been criticized for its inventory that consists of unethical goods.

The United States Department of Labour has called Wal-Mart one of the largest importers of child labour items, according to Catherine Crocker from the *Philadelphia Daily News*.

According to Crocker's 1996 article, this preceded a 1992 revelation where the television show, *Dateline*, showed how the company carried goods with tags stating "Made in the USA" when the items were actually made in Asian sweat shops.

Crocker went on to say the department of labour has found similar human rights violations committed by Wal-Mart as recently as 1996.

Now we know how these big-box stores injure small businesses and urban economies and, more specifically, how Wal-Mart is public enemy number one.

And it appears the only people reaping the benefits of the big-box boom are the boxes themselves.

So, what are people doing to prevent big-box stores from infiltrating their communities?

Locally, Guelph has been fighting a battle to keep Wal-Mart from opening a store in the organic community. Guelph is one of the largest cities in North America to have successfully ousted the commercial giant and in doing so, set a precedent for several other cities to do the same.

Just when it appeared the battle was won, however, Wal-Mart showed up at the Guelph Council table again.



Hordes of people swarm to big boxes like this Toys "R" Us store in Kitchener. Stores like this take business away from the hard-working small businesses, which are suffering because of such chains. Many groups, such as the 5 and 10 Coalition, are trying to prevent these stores from taking over urban economies.

According the Fountain Pen, an Internet newspaper, the Ontario Municipal Board has agreed to take another look at the Wal-Mart issue for a number of reasons.

First, Wal-Mart has agreed to reveal its sales figures to the Ontario Municipal Board, which means analyses can be made on the impact the store would

wants to ensure the decisions made are current ones.

Time is the only thing that will tell whether Guelph, like most other Canadian cities, will see the construction of an insidious Wal-Mart.

In terms of legislation, one area has been highly successful at keeping the small business devourers out.

According to the *Maine Sunday Telegram*, this year, Belfast, Ireland, voted to limit stores to less than 75,000 square feet.

This law will keep stores like Wal-Mart away from communities.

Groups such as the 5 and 10 Coalition in Massachusetts blame certain land use and zoning laws that force development on the edges of cities. These groups are also opposed to government funding that is used to lure big-box stores to cities. This funding is denied to local small businesses.

Along with restricting store size, many communities have implemented laws that ensure these big stores are built in and around downtown areas, which keeps customers near small businesses.

The convenience and prominent popularity of big-box stores nearly guarantees their presence for years to come. But is the rise of movements such as those in Guelph and Belfast continue, perhaps more communities will prevent big-box development.

As consumers, we are privileged with the luxury of choice and as such we have the right to choose where we buy stuff.

Perhaps by shopping at a Mom and Pop shop instead of Wal-Mart, we can create a balance as consumers, keeping small businesses thriving at the heart of most cities.

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make on Guelph and its economy.

Second, a big-box Zehrs will be built at Imperial and Paisley roads. This means a lot more shopping traffic will be flowing to the city's West End and that traffic could possibly benefit from other big boxes.

The most prominent reason for the Ontario Municipal Board to re-look the Wal-Mart issue is the implementation of a new city council. The board



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# The Naked Truth

Amanda Fitzpatrick

Bif Naked fans were treated to a live show last Saturday at Kitchener's Lyric Nightclub. In town promoting her latest album *Purge*, she spoke about her new album, her life, and her plans for the future.

*Purge* is about spiritual cleansing and renewal, and the recording of the album was such an emotional process that Bif said "it felt really good" to finish the project. Co-written with guitarist Doug Fury, the album is one that doesn't hold anything back. As on previous albums, the lyrical content is in your face and deals with personal subject matter that other artists might avoid. When asked if it's sometimes difficult to publish such personal lyrics, Bif responded that "people expect it" and that they're "never surprised".

"There's always been pop music", and there's room for everybody... "I've never hated any kind of music ever."

She is extremely open and available to her fans, and it's important for her to keep such a close bond with them because she's "exactly like they are."

Coming from the same background as many of her fans puts her in the position to relate to them. It's not as easy to maintain such close ties these days. With gaining popularity, Bif has become aware that increasing celebrity brings a loss of privacy and increasing isolation. She deals with it as best she can, saying it's difficult because, "I'm a people person."

Naked decided to become straight edge in 1996 for a variety of reasons. She says: "I would be a dead girl" if she had continued on the same path because she made some "really bad decisions" when she was drunk.

Coupled with the fact that she has OD'ed and been so drunk that she almost asphyxiated on her own vomit, going straight edge seems a good idea. Discovering the greatness of coffee in a Boston Starbucks also made the transition easier for her. She also added that if "Henry Rollins can do it, I can too!"

Naked doesn't feel as if she is a role model for her fans, saying that most people become role models accidentally. She does, however, believe that she's "setting a good example" with her lifestyle.

In today's market full of carefully formulated boy and girl bands, it's difficult to find a place for other types of music. Bif is optimistic, however. "There's always been pop music", and there's room for everybody somewhere. "I've never hated any kind of music



Some guy at Tim Horton's says Bif is pretty hot. The entertainment crew prefers the likes of John Carlaw.

ever", she says, making me wish I could be as open minded.

Naked started her own record label, Her Royal Majesty's Record's in 1994. Her previous label folded, leaving her with no vehicle to release the record she had just finished. H.R.M Records was formed "out of desperation" and has continued ever since. Bif has remained involved with the company. She signed the group Live On Release and will be signing the band The Way Out this year. Although the label is small, she is constantly on the lookout for new talent.

Dabbling in most aspects of the

entertainment world (music, acting, modelling), Bif says that "it's hard to stay sane," but she's grateful for everything that she's achieved in life. She adds that her life would probably be as hectic if she was in any other profession.

Her plans for the fall include touring the rest of Canada and heading to Europe and the U.S next year. *Purge* was released early in Canada so that she can take the time to tour the entire country. Over the next two years, she will have the "opportunity to play everywhere" and the majority of that time will be spent overseas.

**You look like you'd like to win an autographed Bif Naked CD!**

If you would like an autographed copy of *Purge*, all you have to do is tell us what Bif Naked's real name is. (No, her name is not short for Biffifer.)

Email your answers to [amanda.fitzpatrick@wluasp.com](mailto:amanda.fitzpatrick@wluasp.com) by Friday September 28 to be included in this fitzastic contest.

## No apparent fear of death



Kids: Don't play with lighter fluid. Look what happened to this guy. Fire is bad.

Wilbur McLean

While many of us have been subject to sarcastic remarks such as "Jump off a cliff" and "Go play in traffic", it is fairly safe to say that there are very few who would take such words seriously.

Kurt Hemington is an exception. The 20-year-old is one of the few who doesn't mind flying off a mountain or being hit by a speeding car. In fact, he longs for the opportunity.

Originally hailing from Keswick, Ontario Hemington recently relocated to the

Waterloo area. Amazingly, he aspires to be the one taking the blows and being blown up while the likes of Tom Cruise and Mel Gibson sit on the sidelines primping their hair and applying makeup.

"When I was younger I used to watch Indiana Jones and James Bond," says Hemington. "I wanted to be like them, but I wasn't looking to be an actor."

Growing up, Hemington participated in a number of sports, but as he aged, his tastes quickly favoured more extreme activities such as mountain biking, skydiving and bare-

foot waterskiing. Needless to say, lawn bowling is not on the slate for this risk-taker.

Hemington's stunt moniker, NAFD (pronounced Naf-Dee) is not only his nickname but also represents his philosophy on life: No Apparent Fear of Death.

"I have always been willing to take the extra risk. That is my drug."

Ask NAFD what sorts of stunts he's performed thus far, and the response reads like a grocery list.

"I've done numerous fire burns, been run over by cars, zip-line stunts, firecrackers hitting me like gunshots, dragged behind a car, cliff-jumping, mountain bike crashes and skydive stunts."

What's most surprising is the nonchalance with which Hemington speaks of these dangerous acts. But he notes that being scared only impedes the job he has to perform.

"Right now, I'm my own stunt co-ordinator so I have to trust myself," notes NAFD. "You have to know your own limits because if you're scared, there's no way you can do it."

Hemington's work has appeared in a number of independent films, including *My name is Teninono* and *247 High Street*, a local production which made an appearance at Princess Cinema last year.

His aspirations are far greater, however, and someday Hemington hopes to be able to mingle with the stars of stuntwork in Hollywood.

"Eventually, I'd like to be in a blockbuster hit. To be able to see my name in the credits would be amazing."

Hemington's love for such a unique domain is rare, but for him stunts are far more than simply blowing stuff up. Instead, he manages to appreciate the feats for the mystique that they carry.

"It's like a magician. (The audience) doesn't even know the stuntman is doing (the stunt). I like the entertainment factor behind it," coos NAFD. "If I could be a stuntman and poor, I would be happier than being an actor and rich."

If you, too, would like to enjoy the wonderful, wonderful world of stunt-making, Hemington has a few words of advice:

"Just start by being an extra...Talk to people and don't expect to get paid."

Hemington also warns, however, about the extensive costs associated with the equipment for stunts. He estimates that you could spend between \$5,000-\$8,000 for the gear required to be properly protected.

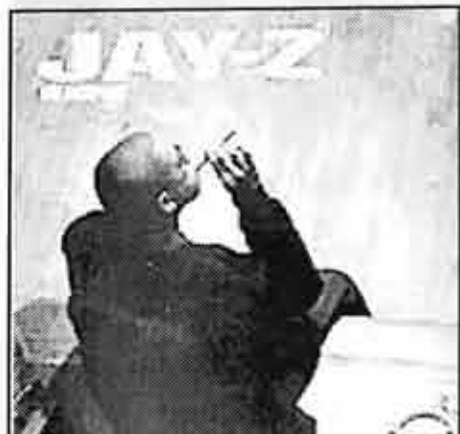
Hemington doesn't allow the expenses to hinder him, though, because, as he says, "this is what I love to do."

NAFD is preparing to make his first appearance in Waterloo on October 30th at Loose Change Louie's where he will be lighting himself on fire in front of the crowd.

As well, Hemington noted that he is available for all sorts of shows and films, urging all those interested in his services to contact him at (519) 579-7130.



# ear candy



Jay-Z  
Blueprint

NYC's platinum playboy is back with his sixth album in six years. *The Blueprint* debuted on Billboard's charts at number 1, making it Jigga's fourth consecutive Number One debut. Jigga's last album, *The Dynasty*, wasn't a true solo album, but really disguised as a compilation featuring artists signed to Roc-A-Fella Records. *The Blueprint*, a true solo album, only has guest appearances on three tracks. Unlike his previous albums, this one shies away from using top hip-hop producers like DJ Premier, Rockwilder, and Neptunes. It shows that, unlike his counterparts, he has confidence in his ability to create a hot album without employing the biggest names in the industry.

It's clear that Jay-Z has the ability to create music that is accepted by both mainstream audiences and

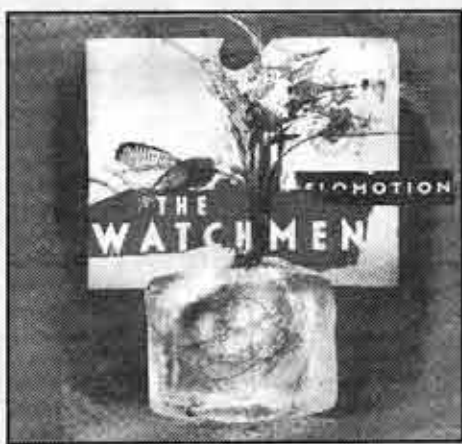
underground listeners, which hardly any other MC in the rap industry is able to accomplish. The downside to this album is that Jay-Z is still extremely superficial, constantly rapping about all the money he earns, the expensive cars he drives, his expensive lifestyle, and the number of women he gets. His lyrical progression remains stagnant and unfortunately he dwells on the same stale topics. But don't get me wrong - he has excellent MCing abilities.

Jay-Z demonstrates his top notch battle rhyming skills on the retaliation track "The Takeover", where he mercilessly rips apart NAS and Prodigy (of Mobb Deep). The track is filled with incredible one-liners and a grimy beat to complement it. (I am not too sure the Nas and Prodigy can survive this onslaught.) Another hot track is "Holla' Hovito", produced by Timbaland, which has an up-tempo bouncy rhythm and clearly should be an upcoming single. Another top quality track is "Renegades", featuring and produced by, Eminem which takes aim at the critics that wish to censor their music. If you listen hard enough you'll find a hidden track "Breathe Easy", in which Jigga creatively compares his rapping ability with an intense physical workout.

Overall the CD is not his best

work, but still remains one of the better hip-hop albums to pick up. P.S: "H to Tha IzzO, V To Tha IzzA" spells HOVA (another Jay-Z Alias).

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The Watchmen  
Slomotion

For their fifth musical venture, and first sans drummer Sammy Kohn, The Watchmen have released an album that, well, that takes some steps in a new direction. It was supposed to be a "greatest hits plus one", but the band kept writing new stuff and by the time it was released, it had turned into nine greatest hits and eight new tracks, plus a remix of "Stereo".

From the very beginning, it is obvious that these are not conventional Watchmen tunes. Forever recognized by the Royal We as a 'cho-

rus band', the ripping guitars just aren't there this time around. The first two songs, "Holiday (Slow It Down)" and "Absolutely Anytime" (both great tracks) are the only real evidence of the band that put out songs like "Must to Be Free" and "Run & Hide".

Kohn's absence is also obvious. Almost every track opens up with electronic beats and wavy keyboards. It's not bad, but it's not really Watchmen.

The saving grace is, of course, singer Danny Greaves. The guy could sing over or with any instrument and make it sound as beautiful as anything you've ever heard. His voice, which worked so well on older material, really stands out this time around.

"No Longer Mine" is a good song, and "Soft Parade" is gorgeous, a tribute to all the talent these guys have. The rest is just okay, and not really worth buying. And as for the "Greatest Hits", there's really only two or three songs that I would have picked. I mean, where the hell is "34 Dead St."? No this album is what's dead, yo. Some of it, anyway. Big ups to Carlaw.

M to tha Izzay, T to tha Tizzat

## Grescoe Wins Literary Award

Lynnette Visaya

In the 10th anniversary of the Edna Staebler award for Creative Non-Fiction, Taras Grescoe will be accepting his award in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall on October 4, 2001 at 7:30pm.

Grescoe's first book, *Sacre Blues: An Unsentimental Journey Through Quebec*, is a journey through the life and culture of the French-Canadian province. It follows Grescoe through the distinct society as he meets Mohawk warriors, and eats esoteric foods.

Grescoe was born in Toronto, raised in Vancouver and Calgary, and lived in Paris before he finally settled in Quebec. His earlier works can be found in *National Geographic Traveler*, *Saturday Night*, and the *New York Times*.

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# More bucks, more beer

*The basic necessities of existence summarized and price compared for you. So this leaves you with a) more time and b) more money. a + b = fun*

**Kevin Klein**

A student's existence is very basic in its needs and desires. Students need sleep, but not much. Students need class, but even less of that. The three things that students need most are food, beer, and money to buy both of these. The key for most lies in creating a certain balance between money for food and money for beer.

I have taken it upon myself to find where you can buy cheap food so that you have more money for beer and fun. It was a big task but ...

I said to myself, what do students eat? What I came up with can not be a surprise to most of you, since you eat it, just like me. It may not go over well with your parents, who are interested in seeing you cook yourself nutritious meals and eat heartily from the healthy selections of delectable sustenance served to you by the lovely ladies in white at the cafeteria.

No, the truth is you live on a basic diet of cheap, easy and barely edible treats including: milk, bread and cheese slices which make a tasty treat called grilled cheese. The ever popular Kraft Dinner, the "just stick it in the microwave for 2 minutes and 'Voila'" Michelina's, crack the can and eat soup. And who can forget every child's favourite Chef, Chef Boyardee.

Now, the question posed itself: what options do my peers have in their choice of establishment in which to buy these items that are essential to their existence? I came up with four places: Zehrs (located at the Conestoga Mall), Sobeys (located on Weber and Lincoln), Food Basics (located at University and Fischer-Hallman), and the ever popular, and always reliable, Forwell's Super Variety.

Below is a comparison of prices, benefits and drawbacks, in no particular order.

All information was collected by someone with a car and does not take into account transportation costs and problems. Transportation of persons and products is an issue you must deal with, and really isn't my problem. So don't forget to factor in cab fare, bus fare or the dinner you have to buy your buddy to kindly drive your ass to the store to get you some food.



Forwell Super Variety: King Street. And Super it is!

- Forwell Super Variety**
- Bread -**
  - Store Brand - \$1.39
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- Wonder Texas Toast - \$1.99
- Milk -** 2 litres of 1% - \$3.19
- Kraft Dinner -** \$1.19 per box
- Margarine -** Becel 1 lb container - \$2.79
- \*\* Note: all other Margarine containers were 2 lb \*\*
- Cheese Slices -**
- Kraft 12 - \$3.39
- \*\* note all other Cheese Slices were 24's \*\*
- Michelina's -**
- Assorted frozen dinners - \$2.49
- Chef Boyardee -**
- Assorted canned pasta -
- 425 g - \$1.59
- Soup -**
- Campbell's regular soup - \$1.59
- Campbell's Chunky soup - \$2.69

**Benefits**

The benefits at Forwell's are many. First of all, location. You can't get much closer to everything, and walking home with a few odds and ends is no Herculean feat. Secondly, they have everything that you need and even some things that you don't need but buy anyway because it's there.

**Drawbacks**

The drawbacks lie in the fact that you have to pay for convenience. The prices are higher but when you factor in cab fares, it just may be worth it.



Zehrs: Conestoga Mall. Wouldn't you like to shop here?

- Zehrs**
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  - Margarine -** Becel 2 lb container - \$4.19
  - Cheese Slices -** Black Diamond 24 - \$2.99
  - Michelina's -**
  - Assorted frozen dinners - \$1.99
  - Chef Boyardee -**
  - Assorted Canned Pasta - 425 g can - \$0.99

- 850 g can - \$1.89
- Soup -** Campbell's regular soups - \$1.19
- Campbell's Chunky Soup - \$2.19

**Benefits**

There are some benefits in shopping at Zehrs. They have a number of services to offer, from personal banking to photo developing to an in-store pharmacy. The selection is good, and there are fresh fruits and vegetables, meats and seafood at this location. The location, Conestoga Mall, also helps, as you can get some personal shopping done at the same time.

**Drawbacks**

The drawback at the same time, is location. Unless you have a car, you are going to be taking a cab or a bus there and who wants to lug groceries back on the bus? And, as you will see later, the prices are comparable to other chain stores, but can be undercut by the 'no frills' stores.



Sobeys: Weber and Lincoln. Wow! A 24-hour food village!

- Sobeys**
- Bread -**
  - Store Brand - \$0.89
  - Dempsters Sandwich Bread - \$1.82
  - Dempsters Texas Toast - \$1.89
  - Milk -** 2 litres of 1% - \$2.89
  - Kraft Dinner -** \$0.99 per box
  - Margarine -** Becel 2 lb container - \$4.19
  - Cheese Slices -** Black Diamond 24 - \$2.99
  - Michelina's -**
  - Assorted frozen dinners - \$1.99
  - Chef Boyardee -**
  - Assorted Canned Pasta -
  - 425 g - \$0.99
  - 850 g - \$1.89
  - Soup -**
  - Campbell's regular soup - \$1.59
  - Campbell's Chunky soup - \$1.99

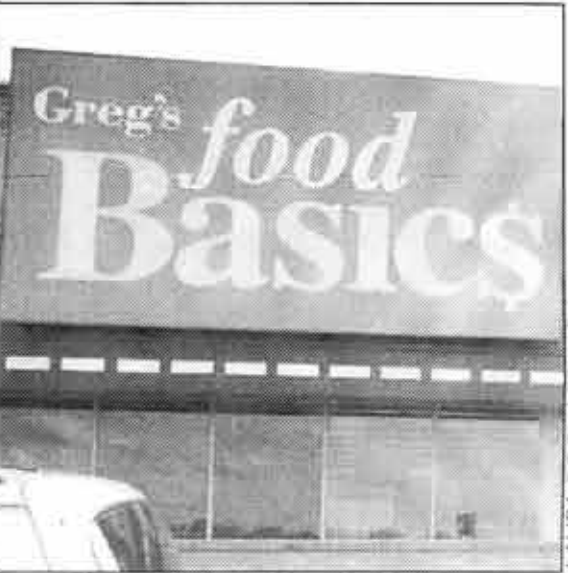
**Benefits**

The benefits of shopping at Sobeys are comparable to Zehrs. Another benefit is around the clock shopping. Monday to Friday, the store is open 24 hours. Also at this location there are a number of other chain stores

including Radio Shack and Zellers for more one-stop shopping. This location is also a good walk but within walking range for those who are dedicated shoppers.

**Drawbacks**

The drawbacks include location. Once again, without a vehicle, you are a good walk from home, so unless you can bum a ride, your fingers will hurt by the time you get home. And prices are comparable to the other chain store, but you can find things lower if you search and have a means of transportation.



Food Basics: University and Fischer-Hallman. Food. It's that basic.

- Food Basics**
- Bread -** Store Brand - \$0.99
  - Dempsters Sandwich Bread - \$1.19
  - Dempsters Texas Toast - \$1.77
  - Milk -** 2 litres of 1% - \$2.84
  - Kraft Dinner -** \$0.97 per box
  - Margarine -** Becel 2 lb container - \$3.99
  - Cheese Slices -** Black Diamond 24 - \$2.77
  - Michelina's -**
  - Assorted frozen dinners - \$1.47
  - Chef Boyardee -**
  - Assorted canned pasta -
  - 425 g - \$0.88
  - Soup -**
  - Campbell's regular soup - \$0.57
  - Campbell's Chunky soup - \$1.88

**Benefits**

The benefits at this store are obvious. Price. Things are cheaper here because there are no frills. This is a grocery store first and foremost and it does not try to impress you with the atmosphere. They sell you the food you need at a lower price.

**Drawbacks**

The drawbacks lie in that same idea. The food is fresh, but there aren't any special departments in the store. There is also the small fee of \$0.05 per bag, but you can bring your own or use the boxes provided for no cost. The biggest drawback is the location. This is a 5 - 10 minute drive and I strongly advise against walking. So, either you bum a ride, or you pay what you save in cab fare.



# How to Spell Comeback

Caitlin Howlett

An unbelievable recovery from an 8-1 deficit and a tough loss were the story that unravelled during the first games of the season for WLU's women's lacrosse team at Brock University on Saturday September 22.

## Laurier 8, Ryerson 8

The Golden Hawks appeared to be headed toward victory in the first minute of play against the Brock Badgers, when veteran Sandy Palumbo scored the first goal on a pass from attack wing, Vanessa Cowlen. But shortly after, the Hawks offence was shut down for almost the entire game.

The Brock offense came out to play near the end of the first half when third homme Kate Hinkson, and attack wing Sam Sheppard each potted a goal.

By 11:46 of the second half the Badgers were up 8-2. With the only goals from Palumbo and Cowlen to show, the Hawks appeared defeated.

Palumbo was able to start the recovery effort at 17:30, scoring to lessen the lead to 5 goals. An OG goal (goalie's own goal) would come less than two minutes later, followed by subsequent goals from Caitlin Orth, Cowlen, Orth again and Cheryl Hooper.

Last minute attempts to score were unsuccessful, yet they managed to hold on to an 8-8 tie.

When asked why the team got

off to such a slow start, Orth said, "Brock has always been our biggest challenge because of the intimidating nature of their aggressive play. Initially this was our problem, but we were able to pick up the intensity by the end of the game."

In this particular game, the comeback attempt wasn't too much, too late and rather, the Hawks managed to make it just enough. The Hawks walked away with a tie game after what seemed a losing effort late in the game.

**"For this particular game, it wasn't too much, too late. In fact, it was just enough at just the right time."**

The inconsistencies of the officiating also contributed to early troubles in the game. However, Orth noted that various umpiring styles have always challenged the teams. But she believes her team can adjust for future games.

## Queen's 16, Laurier 9

This was also the first game for the Hawks playing under a new set of rules, planned to be in place for a one-year trial period. A new hard boundary line established, "makes it not lacrosse," commented Orth.

Less than half an hour was all that separated the first game from

the second against Queen's, whom Laurier defeated nearly one year ago to capture the OUA title.

## Laurier 9, Western 7

Queen's struck first at the fifty-five second mark of the first half on a goal from Julie Looper. The Hawks returned with two back-to-back goals by Orth and Cowlen. But the Gaels continued to pour on the pressure. By the end of the first half, the score was 7 apiece.

The second half did not resemble the first, but instead brought on a pummeling on the part of Queen's.

The Gaels dominated the field, running the Hawks into the ground with 8 more goals throughout the rest of the game.

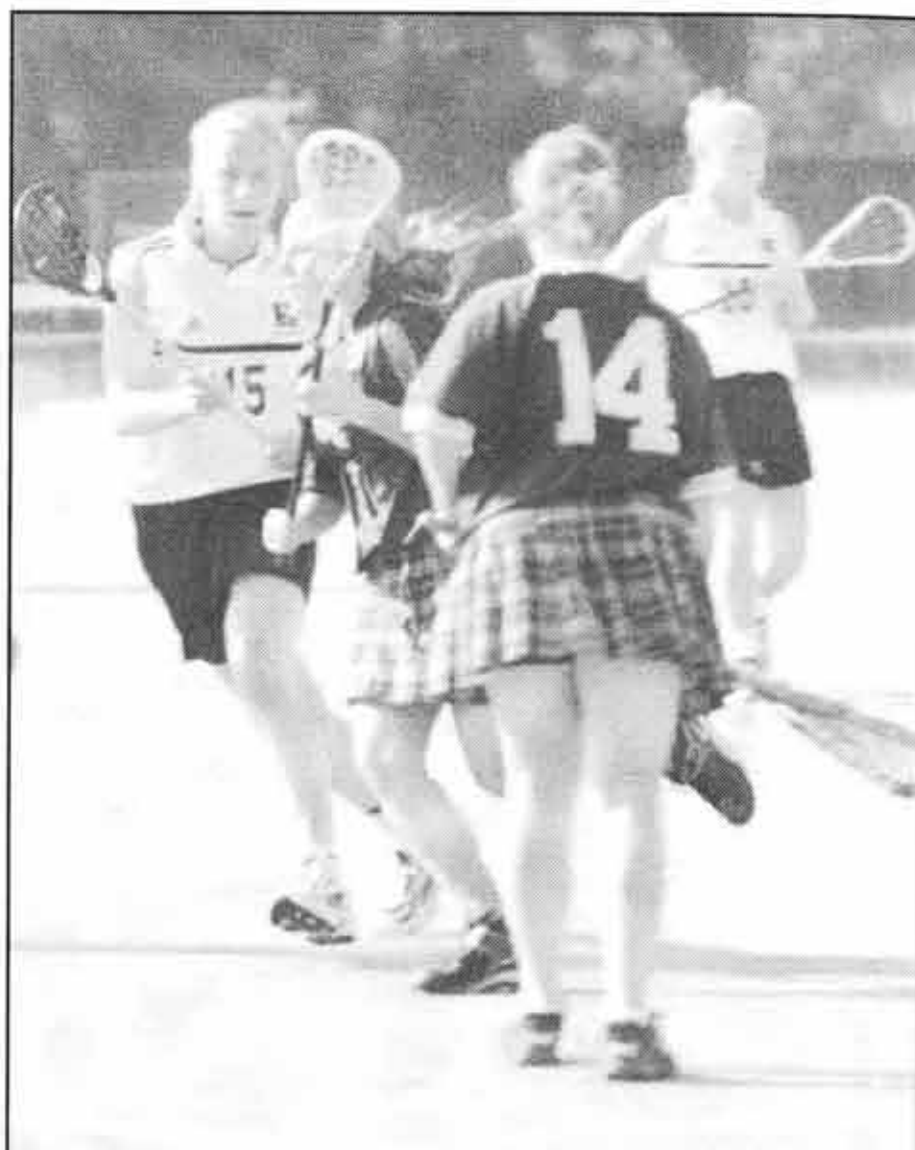
A goal by rookie Katrina Galanakis at 14:20 and another by Cowlen with 37 seconds left in the game would be the only attempts made to spur a comeback.

The final score was a gloomy 16-9 in favour of the opposition.

Coach Orth commented on why her players did not fare so well against a team they stole the championship from less than one year ago: "I think we were victims of the schedule being the only team that played two back to back games, as well as switching fields and umpiring styles."

On Sunday the Hawks started fresh with home field advantage against the Western Mustangs and the McMaster Marauders.

The Hawks would manage to



LAURA ROCHACEWICH

Hey Ryerson...you may have been up 8-2 late in the game, but as they say, "It ain't over 'till it's over."

squeeze out a 9-7 victory over the 'Stangs and would come out on top against Mac by a score of 15-8.

## Laurier 15, McMaster 8

What separated their play on Saturday from Sunday? Campbell, who plays the defensive position of third man, explained:

"We won the games on Sunday because we started to show patience and slowed things down. We panicked a little on Saturday - myself included."

The team takes their 3-1 record to McGill this weekend with hopes of improving their record, and being well on their way to another successful season.

## Rugby Women Lose...

Colin Duffett

Despite dominating the majority of the match, the Laurier women's rugby team lost 27-11 to the undefeated Western Mustangs this past week.

The powerhouse Mustangs scored early in the game and had Laurier under the gun from the very start. The strong Western forwards overpowered and out-rucked their Laurier counterparts for much of the first half. The strong forward play paved the way for 20 of Western's 27 first half points.

## Western 27, Laurier 11

Although the Laurier defense seemed timid at times, the team finally came to life. This turn of events eventually led to Laurier's first points of the game: a field goal by centre Sandra Pinelli. The comeback was short lived, however, as the Mustangs took the ball and marched downfield to have their way with our Hawks. This left Laurier in a tough predicament, behind 27-3.

After the Western try, a new Laurier team appeared out of the woodwork. This was evident when blind side winger, Lacey Scott, made a great run for the Golden Hawks' only try of the match. Laurier assistant coach, Nora Donald, went on to call the

effort, "a team try."

Going into the second half down 19 points, the Laurier women managed to control the game playing 38 of the 40 minutes of the second half in Western territory.

The great play of centres Christine Carruthers and Pinelli, fullback Carla Langhorst, and forwards Virginia Edwards and Michelle Crispe led the Laurier charge. Laurier forced the Mustangs back on their heels and back towards the Mustang goal line. If not for some unfortunate mishaps in the Western end, the score would have been considerably different.

Despite the Golden Hawks lack of finishing, they managed to shutdown the Mustang offence in the second half, outscoring them 3-0. The improved second half play led Laurier coach, Heather Seiling, to say, "We played much better. We spent the second half down here (in the Western end)."

The loss leaves the Golden Hawks winless in their first three games of the season and playoff hopes are beginning to dwindle.

The team will head to Windsor on September 29 to do battle with the Windsor Lancers in what has become a must-win game.

The squad will finish off the regular season at home on October 5 against the University of Toronto at 4:00pm on Willison Field.

## But Rugby Men Win

Steve Salt

Below a wonderful rugby sky, the Laurier Men's Varsity squad fought what was at first a very sporadic and whimsical affair, before finally coming together in the second half of the game.

Resting on a 0-2 record, the Hawk rugby lads really needed this win against the Royal Military College out of Kingston if their play-off hopes were to be kept alive.

## Laurier 25, RMC 8

In the first half though, it looked as if that urgency was non-existent as Laurier was committing the very same little errors and sloppy play that cost them the game against Trent last Sunday.

RMC took advantage of a string of penalties and give-aways in the first twenty minutes, to put away an unconverted try and a successful penalty kick, both by their fullback.

All Laurier could muster was a penalty kick of their own to make the score 8-3 for RMC at the end of the first half.

Unfortunately for the visibly jubilant RMC squad, Hawk's coach Derek Humphreys and captain Dan Yungblut stirred up the sleeping Purple and Gold and

the team that started the second half came out with the drive that they had been waiting for all season. In addition to that came a breakthrough performance from a one player wonder. The team was both relieved and happy to witness the spectacle that he put forth.

Initial pressure by the Redmen was thwarted as Laurier took over with strong forward play and a sudden onslaught by rookie fly-half, Jason Doble.

Doble punched through the RMC defense twice for two tries, converting both himself and adding two penalty kicks to rack up 20 of Laurier's 25 points on the game. Dennis Clayton provided the last try.

Clayton's try put the nail in the coffin (Doble kicked the convert off the post and out) and the Hawks were left with their first victory of the season, managing to convincingly defeat RMC 25-8 when it was all said and done.

Doble was named player of the game after his nothing less than inspiring and stellar performance.

Entering into this week, the Hawks are faced with a test of endurance as they play three games in the eight days. This includes their game this Wednesday afternoon down the street against the Waterloo Warriors followed by two road games against Carlton and Windsor respectively.



# Going Nutts for Kenny Nutt

Kirill Bondarevsky

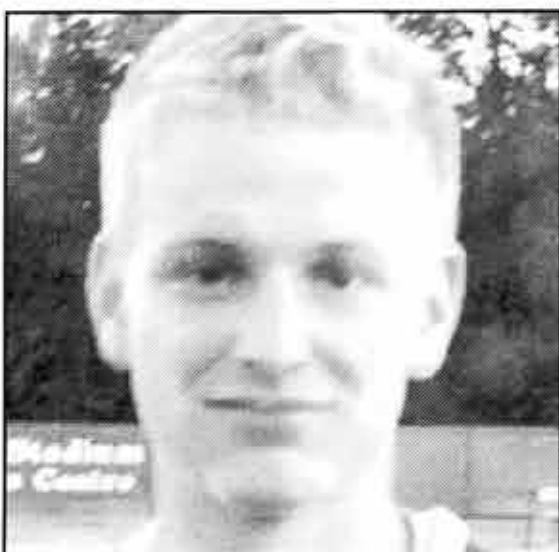
After last season's national championship performance, the Laurier men's soccer team is off to another promising season, this time carrying the weight of high expectations on their shoulders. The team is led by Kenny Nutt, a standout midfielder who last year earned MVP honours at the CIAU tourney. I sat down with Kenny to talk about winning the national title last year and the team's pursuit of a repeat showing this year.

**What are your thoughts on the new team, and how do you compare it to last year's winning squad?**

We have a lot of new faces on the team. As far as talent is concerned, we are equal if not better than last year. It takes time to start playing well as a team and we lost some guys with great leadership and determination but new players are stepping up.

**Do you feel a lot of pressure from the fans, the coach, and the rest of the school to capture the national title again this year? If so, how do you deal with it?**

We definitely want to repeat our success. There is a little bit of pressure to maintain



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## WHO IS KENNY NUTT?

**Program:** 4th Year Business  
**Hometown:** Kitchener, Ontario  
**2000 Golden Hawk Team MUP**  
**2000 OUA West MUP**  
**2000 OUA All-Star**  
**2000 CIAU First-Team All Canadian**  
**2000 CIAU Tournament MUP**

our title. The team gets a lot of motivation from the fans. Coach McLean tries to keep us focused on each individual game. We don't want to look too far ahead, taking it one game at a time helps us stay focused.

**This year you are playing with your**

**brother Dave, how is that working out?**

It's great. We haven't played together for a few years. When Dave was playing for Waterloo two years ago we played against each other and it got pretty intense. I'm glad we're on the same team - he keeps me focused.

**The soccer team does quite a lot of traveling. Any interesting incidents or pranks you can tell us about?**

We do have some pranksters on the team. We were in a hotel in London this past weekend and some stuff went down (smiles). Nothing too bad though.

**You were injured after the end of last season. What happened? And has it affected your game in any way?**

I tore cartilage in my left knee playing intramurals last winter. I had an operation right after and recovered pretty quickly. I played all summer long and everything is fine now.

**Inside sources tell me that your roommate Rusty has been a source of "great inspiration and support". What's the deal?**

(Laughs) Yeah, my roommates motivate

me quite a bit. When we lose they make fun of me and it's always 'What happened, Kenny, what went wrong?'. After a bad game I definitely take a lot of heat from them. They're very supportive, though.

**Being a star on the national championship winning team must have its benefits, i.e. soccer groupies - any comments?**

(Laughs) No comment, maybe the football team (are our groupies).

**What is your outlook for the rest of the season?**

Keep working hard; stay focused on every aspect of the game. Practices are important. Because of so many new faces we must work extra hard to develop team chemistry and start playing better. The key is to focus on the common goal and start playing better as a team.

With Kenny Nutt leading the way, the men's soccer team continues their season in high spirits for the coming weeks. This weekend they find themselves on the road as they look to improve their 3-1 record and keep moving toward their quest for another national championship.

## The Week in Sports

### Football tops U of T

The men's football team managed to defeat U of T this past Saturday by a score of 19-10, evening their record at 2-2.

Quarterback Ryan Pyear had a good day as he went 10 for 17 for 102 yards. Rookie wideout Juan Scott was his favourite target as he caught 6 passes for 84 yards and a TD. The team next plays this Saturday on homecoming weekend against McMaster (3-0-1).

### Men's Soccer in Tough

The defending national champion men's soccer team found themselves in tough in a weekend away from home as they fell 2-0 to Western, the 1998 and 1999 National Champions on Saturday. The team managed to recover on Sunday and squeaked out a 1-0 victory over Windsor in a tough match bumping the team's record up to 3-1 thus far.

### Women's Soccer struggles

The women's soccer team hit a wall this past weekend after a strong start to the regular season. The team, which had been undefeated in the regular season for a string of 13 games dating back to the 1999 campaign were blown out 4-0 by Western. The squad recovered on Sunday and won a close match 1-0 over Windsor leaving the team's record at 3-1 on the year.

### In Short

The men's baseball team lost 3 of 4 games this past weekend...The men's golf team played in Windsor, placing 5th and 7th out of 10 respectively...Against Mac and Western, women's tennis' Nadia Petryshyn was on the winning doubles team and also lost a tight match in singles...Danielle is returning to Waterloo this weekend! Yea!

(With files from laurierathletics.com)

## Cross Country fights Mother Nature

Allison Hill

The Laurier Golden Hawk cross country team battled runners from all over Canada, as well as teams from Buffalo and Michigan in the 27th Annual 2001 Western International Cross Country Invitational last Friday.

Unfortunately, the Hawks' biggest competitor ended up being Mother Nature herself, as the day turned out to be storm-filled and gray, resulting in a course filled with mud ponds and deep streams where the local wildlife seemed to be taking up residence.

Luckily, the sky cleared just long enough for our Lady Hawks to attack the 5 km, hill-covered course in London.

Laurier's top performance came from Tara Ross, who seems to be consistently pulling out solid runs this year.

An exceptional run by team captain, Andrea Peebles, helped brighten the otherwise cloudy day for the Hawks.

Joining Tara and Andrea on the trail were Heather Swift, Pavla Kazda, Whitney Ludwig, Kim Wilson, Lesley Brent, Mandy

Bedard, Kaye Hope and Nicole Lee-competitors who refused to be sidelined by the inclement weather conditions.

With such a large turnout of fit, fun females, the race showed plenty of potential for the remainder of the season.

Unfortunately, the boys were unable to take on Mother Nature, and their race was cancelled due to lightning, and a chance of possibly drowning on the course!

Many rookies were disappointed, as this was to be their first competitive race of the season.

On a rainbow note, team captain Mike Bianci suited up the following morning and kicked Mother Nature's butt, as well as a fleet of other men running the race hosted by Trent University.

Bianci placed a close second, even without his cherished spikes, which were "stolen". With the spikes on foot, a sure victory was in his vista.

Good luck to all runner's in next weekend's race in Waterloo, especially to the rookies who have not yet had the opportunity to compete as Golden Hawk's. Don't worry, lightning rarely strikes twice...or so they say.

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# So...U want a bus pass?

*In the works is a plan to create an agreement between the university and Grand River Transit that would mean student bus passes for cheap.*

Emily Cade

The Wilfrid Laurier University Students Union (WLUSU) is currently looking into providing a Bus Pass known as the UPASS for all Laurier students. The program could begin as early as September, 2002.

This means all full-time students would pay a per-term fee that is a reduced value from the current \$136 price for three months. The Grand River Transit System (GRT) anticipates around \$50 for each term. They have also suggested that students will only need to ride the bus once a week to make the UPASS worthwhile.

Another plus offered by this plan is that with the reduced traffic, there will also be reduced emissions from cars, which therefore is better for the environment.

The Students' Union will wait to see what the students of Wilfrid Laurier want, but suggest there are positives in a program that will help reduce the amount of traffic in and around campus. There will be fewer cars both on campus and

travelling to and from the area, as the GRT is currently expanding their routes and running them more frequently. At a school where available space is about as common as a good movie starring Freddie Prinze, Jr., the UPASS would clearly be a plus.

Another plus offered by this plan is that with the reduced traffic, there will also be reduced emissions from cars, which is better for the environment. It is well known that transportation is a primary cause of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to major climate changes. With more people taking the bus, fewer people are likely to drive, not only to school, but to other destinations as well.

GRT and WLUSU will put out a survey in mid-October that will be sent to a random group of students. They hope those students who receive the survey will fill it out, but it is naturally not a necessity. If more students fill it out though, the Union will have a better idea of how students feel about the idea of a Bus Pass being part of their tuition fee.

The Union is planning to take the results of the survey and stand behind what the students say. If more than 50 per cent of those surveyed feel it is a good idea, the possibility will be presented at the next referendum.

One down side is that if succeeds, those students who do not wish to have this as part of their fees each term currently have no means for opting out.



Yes, this is a bus, and in the near future, students may be able to board it all term for a reduced rate. That means less money, but more opportunity to see the world. Na na na na, na na na na, Trans-it.

This means that those students who do not want to be a part of the plan should voice their opinions now. If it goes through, every full-time student will have to pay the fee for the pass. Those students who are interested should also be just as vocal as those who are not, since for those people who live further away from campus, or who want to pay less rent for a house that is further away, the pass would be an asset.

If all goes as planned, Laurier

will be one of many schools in Ontario that offer this service to the student population. Western, Queen's, Trent, McMaster and Guelph already offer the service to their full-time students.

The plan is still in its primary stages, and there will be no way of knowing if it will go through in the near future. After the survey is completed, the referendum will not be held until February.

Although there are several positives to the proposed program, it

is still in many ways just another corporate agreement. Student input is therefore crucial to its proper implementation.

Although the last thing that many people want to see is another charge on their bill every term, this fee might be one that most of us will appreciate and put to good use. So if you get the survey, think about whether or not in the long run, this would be a beneficial program for you and other students, or if you would rather just walk.

## Vocal Cord

*Would you support a "non-opt out" fee that would provide you with a per-term bus pass at a reduced rate?*

*(Confused?? Read the story above, jar-jar!)*



Personally I wouldn't because I drive to school. I'm sure it's a good thing, but not being able to opt out would discourage students.

Sherief Hamid  
1st Year BBA



Considering my personal situation, I definitely would. I take the bus at least twice a day. It would be great for me.

Meagan Snyder  
1st Honours Arts



No. Because I live close to campus, there's no reason for me to commute every day, so the \$50 would go to waste.

Melissa Allen  
2nd Year Business



I think that it's a fabulous idea. It's such a reduced rate. You're already paying \$15,000, what's another fifty?

Andreea Brezeanu  
2nd Year Economics and Accounting



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