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Absolute K-OS at Wilf's

Scott Cairns

A charting hip hop single with no bass line? A live Hip Hop show with no drums? Conscious raps from straight out of Southern Ontario? What is the world coming to? Who is up to such excellent nonsense?

The answer to all those questions, as well as the meaning of life, is K-OS. Those not familiar with the name will without a doubt be bumping his album in a matter of months. Those who are already "down" with K-OS probably saw him at Wilf's last Thursday, where he rocked the house along with friends Kamau & Marvel, in promotion of his new album, *Exit*.

Born in Whitby, Ontario, K-OS (meaning knowledge of self, or Kevin's original sound...depending on when you're talking to him) had a few thoughts for the Cord Weekly about being a black musician outside of Toronto's cultural slipstream.

"It's always the people that are just outside Toronto that pick up on what's really going on because they're really observing what's going on."

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Whitby-born artist K-OS put on an outstanding (if too short) show at Wilf's last week. He showed up with no drums, no spoons, and no lyrics...check that...he rhymed like Dr. Seuss.

Off-campus committee improves housing

Jenn Martin

With housing issues on the rise in Kitchener-Waterloo, new efforts by the city are in the works to increase the viability of off-campus housing and improve relations with the community at large.

Based on a program at the University of Western Ontario, the Waterloo community is hoping to develop a similar program enabling easier mediation between stakeholders in the community and greater safety and knowledge for students who live off-campus. The city's establishment of what is referred to as the 'Off Campus It's (Y)our Neighbourhood Committee' has ensured that relationships between stakeholders will be built in order to create an off-campus housing program acceptable and beneficial to all members of the community.

As it stands, the committee hopes to institute an off-campus housing mediation program and an off-campus housing advisor program. "It covers everything for off-campus living," explains Kaye Crawford, a committee member. The mediation program could be accessed by either a tenant or a landlord for use in resolving disputes.

However, a large portion of the strength of the program lies in the proposed off-campus advisor program, where the basic idea is to "hire students who live in the neighbourhood to act as advisors after hours," says Crawford.

Hired students would be called to give advice, mediation and support in a variety of situations experienced by off campus students. Fully trained, advisors would be able to handle any number of situations ranging from people parking on front lawns to noisy neighbours in the middle of the night, and would also be able to contact the program director to handle any situations they felt unable or unequipped to deal with.

"It gives you peer on peer mediation," says Crawford of the process, who explains that with advisors in place police need only be called if the situation escalates to unacceptable levels, since "it's an easy, friendly way to deal with behavioural or nuisance issues."

LAURA ROCHACEWICH

Campus Clubs compete as Iron Chefs



Buffalos cooking chicken...that's funny. Buffalos and Culinary Arts raising money...that's cool.

Jennifer Asselin

On your marks, get set, cook!

These words rang through Wilf's Saturday night, as the first Iron Chef Competition got underway.

For those of you who have no idea what this competition is, let me explain. The Laurier version of the Iron Chef, similar to that of the television show, had two of Laurier's biggest clubs competing to find out who the finest cooks on campus are.

A secret ingredient, in this case chicken, is

introduced at the beginning and the contestants are given one hour to cook up a storm and make as many dishes with this item as possible. The group members are allowed to use any of the other food items around Wilf's as well as ingredients provided by the Culinary Arts Club, who, with the help of many sponsors, helped put on this event.

When the time is up, the judges do a taste test and a winner is chosen. A two-dollar donation at the door was collected, with the winning team getting the proceeds to donate to chosen charity.

The two groups competing were the Waterbuffalos and the Culinary Arts Club. A pre-released scouting report had rumors circulating; "If they (Waterbuffalos) show up sober, they have a chance to take the title."

As for the Culinary Arts Club, it was said that, "With so many cooks to choose from, this team is guaranteed to have a strong showing; if they check their egos at the door."

Before the competition got started, I was able to get a few comments from one of the judges, Union vice-president, David Wellhauser.

"I hope you're all ready, this is going to be an excellent competition. I hear they (the Waterbuffalos) can add booze to anything."

The other judges consisted of David's brother Paul, a former graduate of WLU, Tim Fox and WLUSU President Dave Prang.

The crowd favourites were the Waterbuffalo team, consisting of three members of the club. The Culinary Arts Club, had fan base as well with their team of three members.

"It's going to be fun but we're also going to do a little something for the community," said Brendan Fox, the president of the Culinary Arts Club.

The competition was fierce. I do have to note that both sides had some interesting strategies. The buffalos (not always clear-thinking guys), decided to start with the Minute Rice

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Grads defend their home

Graduate Students' Association President John Lomotey speaks on the planned Science Building expansion and the Grad House conflict

Stefan Sereda

Although the Grad Pub has been targeted for demolition, some members of the Laurier community are less than happy with the decision, indicating that a new chapter in responsible growth debates has begun. Continued discussion over the impending destruction of the building to accommodate new teaching facilities has revealed that certain campus groups are disappointed with the decision.

Specifically, the Graduate Students Association has expressed discontent with the amount of negotiation and consultation that went into the decision. GSA President Jonathan Lomotey addressed several issues regarding the negotiating process between his group and WLU's Senior Administration, stating, "we have been talking about it, though we are not totally happy about the way it has been handled."

According to Lomotey, the administration agreed to consult the GSA on all issues before a final decision was made, and they did not. Lomotey's official

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position is that "we have not agreed with the administration to take down the existing grad house." He further commented, "it appears we have but we have not formally agreed."

Lomotey noted that no agreement has been reached through the course of the recent discussions with the administration and that the GSA feels that "all the options are still open." These options include the construction of a completely new grad house as well as the dismantling of the present Grad Pub and its reassembly elsewhere on campus. The GSA, however, is also negotiating a third

option: having the establishment remain in its present location. Lomotey stated that he is "keeping an open mind" with all three options.

Should the grad house be moved or rebuilt, Lomotey said that the GSA would ask the administration to finance the reconstruction in further negotiations. The proceedings regarding the future of the Grad Pub and its employees

are still underway, and Lomotey "would want the process to work out in everyone's benefit." However, he wants to ensure that the interests of graduate students would be taken care of.

Negotiations between Laurier's senior administration and Graduate Students Association will be continuing throughout the week.

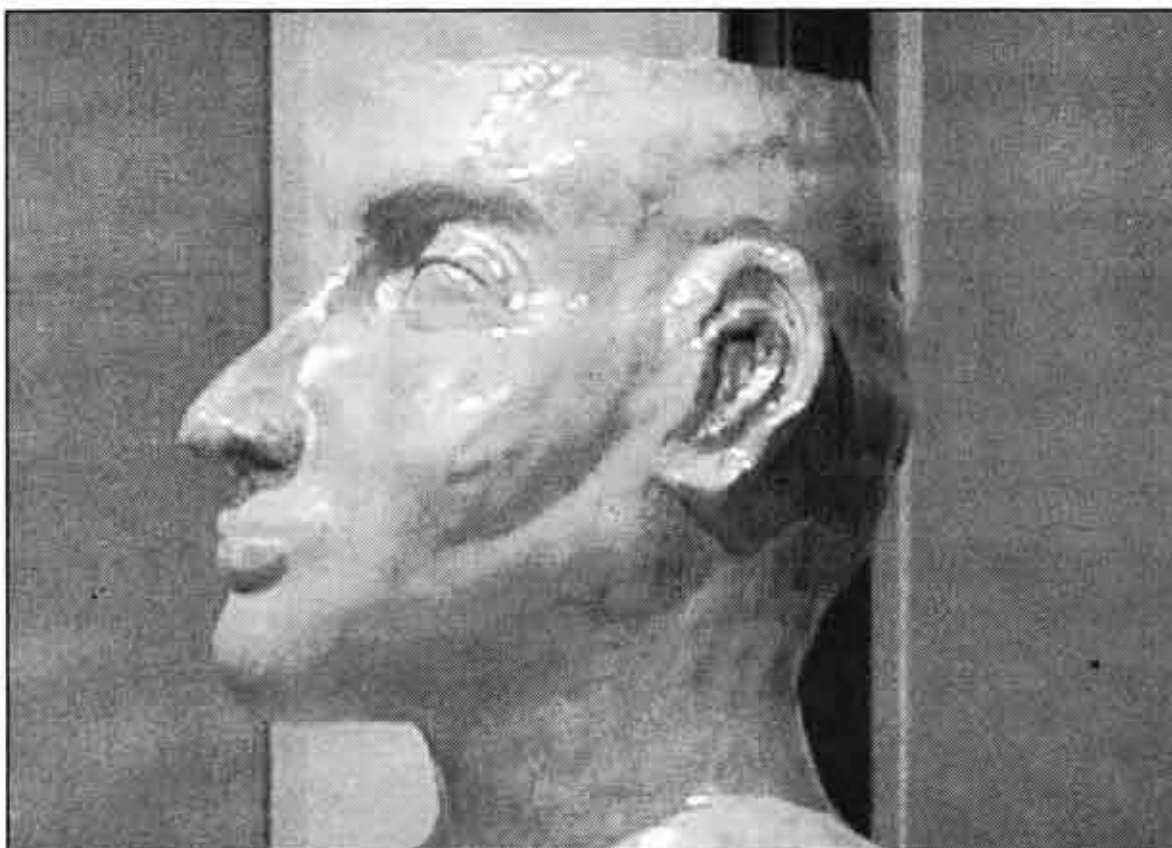


The Grad House, looming ominously over the dwarfed science building in the background. Oh wait, perspective.

MATTHEW CADE

Gallery showcases Laurier talent

Robert Langen Gallery displays student, staff, and faculty art from March 19th-30th...for free!



The Dalits' struggle

Scholar Arpita Anant lectures at Laurier on India's most beleaguered people

Dillon Moore

The Dalits of India have made some great progress in the past few decades, but they still bear a heavy burden of stigma.

At a guest lecture last Tuesday, brought to Laurier by the department of sociology & anthropology and the South Asia Partnership of Ottawa, Arpita Anant discussed the problems facing this caste. Anant is a Commonwealth Research Scholar from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, who is pursuing her studies at Queen's University.

Previously known in less politically correct times as "the untouchables," the Dalits are on the bottom of the Indian caste system, or social order.

Traditionally Hindu society was divided into orders based on occupation. Four

classes, comprising priests/intellectuals, warriors, merchants and artisans, were above the Dalits who, strictly speaking, were below the caste system.

While these occupational distinctions have blurred, social hier-

archy is still in place because of financial standing and family name. The persecution faced by the Dalits has been terrible and dehumanizing.

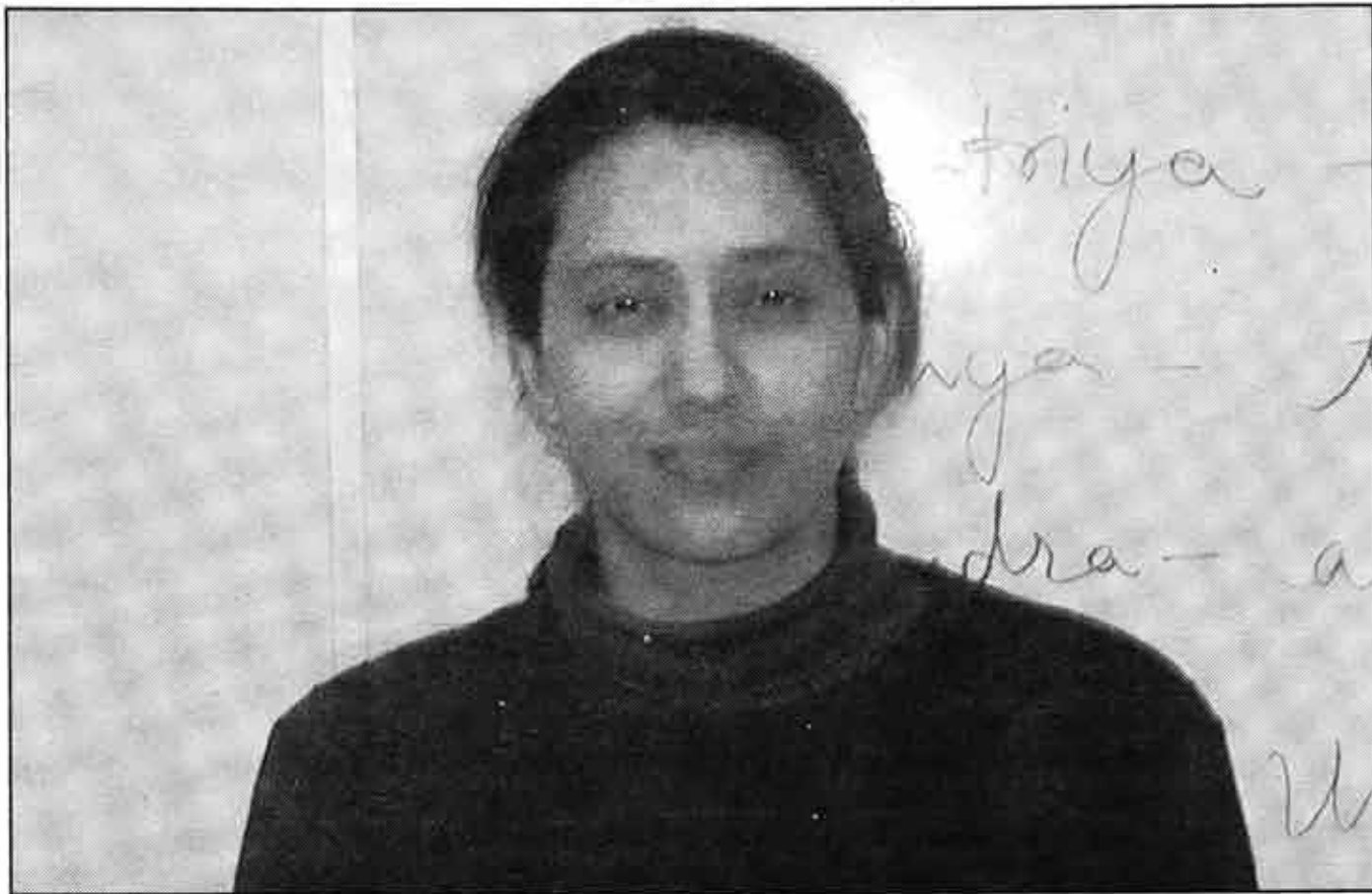
Anant outlined that the Dalits were those people who did what were generally considered "polluted jobs," such as cleaning up villages and burning animal carcasses. They lived outside of the villages themselves, and the moniker "untouchable" was literal, "to the point where their shadow was even considered polluted," said Anant.

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coined by the social activist (and Dalit) Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, and means literally "broken or oppressed people." Ambedkar was one of the few dynamic political leaders to emerge from the class to fight the unfair system, and is described as being "just as famous as Gandhi in India" by Anant.

According to Anant, when the British arrived "they saw India as being very based on caste divisions, because their first inform-



Anant, who delivered a very informative lecture last Monday at St. Michael campus

ants were mainly of the high caste, and they were concerned with the condition of some of the lower castes and initiated some social reform."

When India gained independence from Britain, it was Ambedkar who was most responsible for helping the Dalits to get more protection under the constitution. Since this step, various government initiatives have been started to attempt to remedy the situation.

The Untouchability Offences Act of 1955 recognized the problem but did not go far enough, as was the case with The Protection of Civil rights Act of 1976. Finally, in 1989 and in response to an ongoing atmosphere of killings,

rape, and mass persecution, the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was put into place.

This last act was by far the most comprehensive and effective, and many more cases were registered under it.

The main problems faced by the Dalits today include civil rights, political representation, overwhelming poverty, and the rights of Dalit women, who Anant says are "triply oppressed" for being women, Dalits, and poor.

While the aforementioned acts have helped in the area of civil rights, the other three areas remain very problematic. A system of reservation, or affirmative

action, have helped to ensure a more representative government, but Anant says that this measure is "facing a backlash from the other castes."

Often the tension between the castes has resulted in violence. When a member of one of the other castes kills a Dalit, often there is retaliation, which is then followed by a cycle of increasing violence.

While there is still much to be accomplished, Anant noted that "despite not having good leadership, the Dalits have been able to be recognized. Hopefully raising awareness of this issue will only lead to greater humanitarian gains."

News bites!

Future teachers march in protest

A demonstration by students and faculty of the Faculty of Education Students' Association at York University, and Faculty of Students' Association at University of Windsor is planned for this Thursday, March 27th.

The Toronto march will progress from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education on 252 Bloor St. West to Queen's Park.

The protesters are marching to express opposition to the provincial government's planned Ontario Teacher Qualifying Test, which would require teachers to take regular tests to prove their ability to do their job.

The teacher candidates' press release states "the teacher testing is part of an ongoing attack on public education."

Computer Virus Alert

A new virus is circulating on the web, under the name 'W32/MyLife.B@mm', through Microsoft Outlook and MSN Messenger address books. It arrives in an e-mail with the following information:

Subject: bill caricature

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New housing committee

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Hired advisors will be required to go door to door to introduce themselves to the households in their area and then visit again three times per semester. "There's a real one-on-one contact there," says Crawford enthusiastically. "They become visible in the community."

Another idea that has also been brought to the table is that of creating an emergency shelter for students. In the past the fire department has been reluctant to issue orders to displace students in questionable housing in the middle of a semester. However, under the new program, "if a student had a problem and housing was unsafe, we would have a system where students could be removed until their housing situation could be resolved," Crawford explains. In this way, safety issues could be dealt with in a more timely and effective manner.

Thus far, The University of Waterloo, Laurier, the city and the police have all been involved in the planning process, and there are hopes that Conestoga College will also become involved since there has also been talk of expansion on that front. Though it is conceivable that a university could institute such a program alone, Crawford sees the

city, which is already looking at assisting the venture with funding, as looking for a joint venture between universities because of their proximity to each other and the fact that it is not uncommon the UW and WLU students live together. In fact, she hopes to see the program as a joint three-way venture between the institutions themselves, the city, and bodies of student representation such as WLUSU and UW's Federation of Students.

"We're trying to create something that will be long-lasting, so we'd like to get a formal structure in place."

"Dean McMurray is very supportive of the issue", Crawford says. WLUSU's Vice-President: University Affairs Dave Wellhauser is also enthusiastic about the program. "This is something that will really look out for student interests," he says. "The more attention there is to off-campus issues, the better it is for students."

Though no official timeline has been set, a strategic planning session will occur in April and there is hope that a program will be in place by the fall. Right now, Crawford explains, the committee is in the process of developing more internal structure. "We're trying to create something that will be long-lasting, so we'd like to get a formal structure in place."

In addition, there is hope that the program will be of some assistance with the anticipated housing crunch created by the double cohort. With more and more students living off campus at younger ages, Crawford hopes, "if we have some sort of system in place it will make life better for everyone."

"We're at least all sitting down and talking about this," says Crawford. "It's very early. We haven't taken this to any of our decision-making bodies yet."

Despite its relative infancy, the program is generally viewed as something that will be highly beneficial to students. "It is important that we preserve students' quality of life and create an atmosphere where off-campus students can feel safe and know where to go for help."

"This is a step in the right direction," Wellhauser says, and Crawford adds that, "We're all very excited about this."

Super high crimes...bees in hives

COUNTERFEIT 1555 HRS TUE MAR 19/02

Staff at the Tim Horton's outlet in the Arts Building turned over what appeared to be a counterfeit ten-dollar bill. They advised that they have received other bills of the same nature recently. The bill was turned over to Waterloo Regional Police Fraud Branch for further investigation.

TRESPASS 0105 HRS THU MAR 21/02

Officers responded to a report of some people inside the construction site of the new residence on Seagram Dr. On arrival no one was found.

MISCHIEF 0120 HRS THU MAR 21/02

Person(s) unknown had thrown some eggs at the security vehicle while it was parked.

COUNTERFEIT 1200-1420 HRS THU MAR 21/02

Wilf's staff reported that they had received a counterfeit ten-dollar bill during the lunch hour. The bill was turned over to Regional Police Fraud Branch for further investigation.

MEDICAL ASSIST 2005 HRS THU MAR 21/02

An ambulance was called for a student at Willison Hall who was experiencing sharp pains in her right side. She was transported to hospital.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 FRI MAR 22/02

A WLU student reported that his locker had been broken into in the men's change room at the Athletic Complex and a disc player and some cash had been taken.

MISCHIEF 0145 HRS SUN MAR 24/02

Person(s) unknown ripped down the sign at the Fine Arts Building on Lodge St and left the sign lying on the front lawn.

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 0225 HRS SUN MAR 24/02

Officers broke up a fight on a bus on Mid Campus Drive. The bus contained students from Humber College who had been invited to a function at the Turret. No further action was required.

TRESPASS 0015 HRS SUN MAR 24/02

Officers responded to the area of the Toyota Solarium after receiving a report of individuals walking around on the roof. On arrival no one could be found.

MISCHIEF 0245 HRS SUN MAR 24/02

An officer responded to a report of three males damaging a pay phone just inside the doors to the Theatre Auditorium/Mac House Link. On arrival, phone parts were found on the ground in the Dining Hall Quad but the suspects were gone.

MISCHIEF 0300 HRS SAT MAR 23/02

Person(s) unknown removed all the paper towel and toilet paper rolls in a washroom in Little House and spread them about the floor.

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 1130 HRS SUN MAR 24/02

Officers were called to the Library regarding a student who was being disruptive with regard to a dispute with Library staff when he was told he could not take books out due to outstanding library fines. He

eventually settled down and was allowed to use Library resources.

MISCHIEF SAT MAR 23/02 - SUN MAR 24/02

Person(s) unknown removed a "Fire Route" sign in lot 7.

ATTEMPT BREAK & ENTER FRI MAR 22/02 - MON MAR 25/02

Person(s) unknown attempted to gain access to the Tim Horton's outlet in the Science Building. It

appears that entry was not gained.

MISCHIEF 0330 HRS SUN MAR 24/02

A Waterloo Taxi driver reported that eggs had been thrown at his cab by person(s) unknown as he was driving along Mid Campus Drive.

MISCHIEF SAT MAR 23/02 - SUN MAR 24/02

Person(s) unknown damaged the top of a walkway light between

Bouckaert Hall & Little House.

MISCHIEF SAT MAR 23/02 - SUN MAR 24/02

Person(s) unknown had thrown the contents of several bags of sidewalk de-icer on the ground outside Little House B Wing.

MISCHIEF SAT MAR 23/02

Person(s) unknown kicked a glass window at the north end of Little House B Wing.

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The colour of fear

Mojdeh Zamani-Ramazani is a middle-aged financial analyst at CIBC. She has a degree in business from Loyola-Marmount in California. She emigrated from Iran in 1974 and has lived in Windsor for the past fifteen years. Mojdeh has been an excellent mother to her two sons, always encouraging and supporting the boys in whatever it is they choose to do.

Mojdeh formerly worked for Women's Enterprise Skills Training, and helped teach job skills to immigrant women, aiding them in their attempts to adapt to Canadian life. Anyone who meets Mojdeh recognizes her as a good woman.

Why then, is Mojdeh standing at the airport watching dozens and dozens of individuals walk by as airport security empties her bags and makes her remove her shoes? This occurred not once or twice, but three times. Three times Mojdeh was searched, as people of all other ethnicities strolled by, unmolested.

"It doesn't really make sense to me," begins 20-year-old Ali Zamani. "My parents are very successful people and the only thing that distinguishes them from other successful people is their ethnicity."

Nader Zamani, Mojdeh's husband, is a math professor at the University of Windsor. His plethora of degrees read like a grocery list, and he has always strove to portray himself as a profession-

al individual. He arrived in North America when he was seventeen years old, where he received the first of his many degrees from Brown, an Ivy League school in the United States. He has been a professor since 1979 and two years ago a committee of faculty and students named him Professor of the Year in the University of Waterloo's engineering department.

Recent anti-terrorism laws have permitted such injustices to occur.

His home life is very successful, as well. He has been married to Mojdeh for almost twenty-five years and they have two sons, both proud Canadian citizens, who are each successful in their own rights. Indeed, Nader Zamani is a good man.

So why then are they searching his car as he tries to cross the border?

'Where are you from, sir?' 'Where are you going, sir?' 'What are you carrying with you, sir?' 'How long will you be staying, sir?' 'What do you do for a living,

sir?' 'Where were you born, sir?'

The questions continue as border patrol peruses the contents of Zamani's car, looking for a reason to detain him.

His six degrees don't matter now. Nor do his teaching awards or the four hours Zamani drives every weekend just to watch his youngest son play soccer in Toronto. Even the fact that he's been living in North America for over thirty years as a Canadian citizen is irrelevant.

All that matters is Zamani was born in Iran and possesses the "look" of a terrorist. Zamani, who is also a part-time professor at a university in Detroit, crosses the border several times a week. Since September 11th, he has been stopped, searched and questioned almost every time.

Recent anti-terrorism laws have permitted such injustices to occur. The fear of society has allowed them to occur. A newfound xenophobia that has stemmed from the events of September 11th has allowed these events to occur. But these instances of blatant racism should not be occurring.

Terrorists are bad. Muslims are not.

WILBUR MCLEAN
SPORTS EDITOR

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NON-PARTISAN POLITICS

Regardless of whether or not there is a "Big Blue Conspiracy," the fact that Students' Union candidates accepted funds from a political party remains an issue of fundamental importance. Student politics, like municipal politics, are supposed to be non-partisan; it should stay that way.

Ms. Edwards' and Mr. Tambeau's undisclosed receipt of donations from the Tories' "Millennium Leadership Fund" constitutes a breach of the student body's trust (if not WLUSU elections regulations). Regardless of their intentions (which I'm sure were, and still are noble), Laurier's students will be represented next year by a Vice President of Finance and Executive Vice President: University Affairs who "owe" the Ontario Progressive Conservatives - subconsciously, at least.

A student's personal ideology or party affiliation is their own business, of course. However, the minute a candidate becomes financially beholden to a political party, that changes. Clear, public disclosure of a candidate's financial backers should be mandatory.

I, for one, would not have voted for anyone on a "PC ticket", had I known the political party responsible for the current state of this province's hospitals, education system, environmental policy, hydro de-regulation and the end of rent control had contributed to their campaigns.

If you feel that the elections & referendum rules should be changed, make

WLUSU aware of your opinions, so that this situation can be avoided in the future. In the meantime, I encourage Kristi and Paul to donate "about \$50" to charity, or at the very least to return it to their party.

Greg Smith

PROPER PROTECTION

In November, our floor received a large amount of condoms from an undisclosed club on campus, enough so that every person on the floor got ten. Today, I was cleaning out my desk when I ran across a few that I still have and discovered, to my horror, that these condoms are all past their expiry date. After talking to a few of my friends, it appears that quite a few of these have been used after they've expired. We simply want to ask campus to check your expiry dates. If you're like us at all, the last thing you think about before slipping on a dome is if it's past the expiry date, so please ensure that you're properly protecting yourself.

Greg Lang and Company

COST AND EFFECT

Last week's story about political parties funding student governments comes as no surprise. I was involved briefly with student government at Laurentien University in Sudbury in 1998/1999 and

was disgusted by the control that the NDP had over the student government there. I was the only non-supporter of the NDP involved with the organization and it was very difficult to move up in the ranks of the organization. NDP members dominated the Union office and one official of high influence was an immediate relative of a former cabinet minister in the Bob Rae government. I don't see the situation with WLUSU and the provincial Tories as any worse or different, although I must admit that they are affiliated with a much more realistic and practical-minded organization than the NDP. With the election of the more moderate Ernie Eves as PC party leader and premier, we can hopefully look forward to an even more interesting and exciting relationship between student government and provincial governments.

James M. Morgan

THANKS, DAVE

I do not know Dave Wellhauser and have never spoken to him personally. However, I would like to congratulate him on an excellent job this past year and also thank him for instilling in me a sense of school pride.

The first time I saw Dave was at our school's homecoming game. Although my first instinct was to ask my friends who the "obnoxious guy in the construction vest" was, my opinion was quickly changed as I saw how proud

Leaving a legacy

Sean Geobey



is going on in the world.

I guess that is the great despair that comes with freedom. When you leave this fine institution, the cozy little bubble left behind no longer provides shelter from the outside world. Every day you will see new faces as you walk down the streets. You will also have to guard yourself against beasts as deadly as mad dogs and Englishmen, both of which are known for ferocious tempers and deadly teeth.

What did you learn here? Well for starters, one would hope basic social skills. When you first come here you do not know many people on campus and no one knows you. To sum up what I have learned from my time here, my piece of advice is that if you appear to too many, don't appeal to too few.

Walk into the future knowing that the world is not an inherently dangerous place. As one would hope you have learned, a stranger is just a friend you haven't met. Or, to put it in bizspeak, a network you haven't tapped.

The real friends you have made will, in times of need, stand by you. They will hold their strong arms around you and carry you forward when you are too weak to walk on your own.

So as we see you off, know that those you have left behind will be here for you, and when we meet again on the other side, we know you will be there for us.

Sean- thanks for offering your positive spin on things-Amy.

As you slowly wade your way through life, you will find that the departure of your predecessors matters far more with each passing year. As one who is returning for a final year at this beloved institution, I dedicate my last column to those who now leave, not to return.

Your accomplishments here have been prodigious. I cannot name them all, but I expect that while at the bar we have discussed them all. Indeed, the bar is where many of the greatest events occur in the haze we call university. As an impartial observer, I must say that on the whole, alcohol has been a boon for the survival of our species. Despite the many tens of thousands of deaths it causes each year, there are likely many thousand more births resulting from it.

Like a fine wine, many of us become better with age. For with age comes wisdom and I certainly agree with this statement. However, I agree even more when wisdom is defined as falling out of shape, an increase in minor physical ailments and the realization that you have no idea what the hell

LETTERS

Dave was of his school as he led several cheers and got the entire crowd behind our players.

On a weekly basis, Dave's name appeared in the Cord whether it was fighting strongly and vocally for student rights or to simply let the students know that he was there for them in any way he possible could.

However, what amazed me most about Dave's dedication to the Laurier students was something I witnessed on the day of the student elections. As I was acting as a Deputy Returning Officer in the music department, Dave appeared with another student who he introduced to everyone around as a student from the Brantford campus. The fact that he took the time to make this student feel welcome is truly amazing, and showed me that this was a person who was committed both to his job and his school.

As my first year here at Laurier comes to an end and I look back at my various experiences, one of the first things that pops into my mind is the sight of a person in a construction vest and hard hat jumping around and screaming at the top of his lungs at a football game.

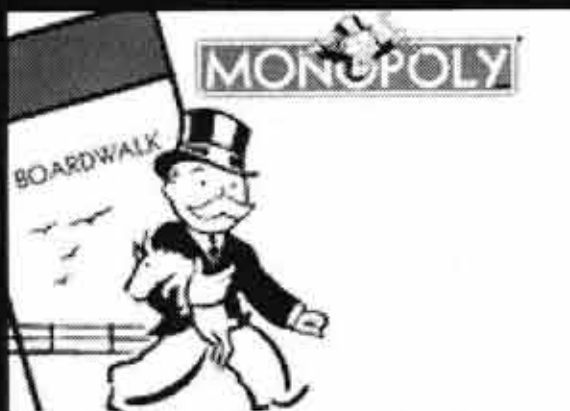
I am also very proud of our fine school, and hope someday I can show it in the the same way that Dave has. So, I have written this letter to let Dave know that he has made a positive and lasting impression. The work he has done this past year has been greatly appreciated, at least by this student.

Jim Reid

AGAIN...WHY?

Why does no one care on this campus? I'm really happy they finish frosting their tips for Wednesday night. I'm also really glad they care for their damned tutorial participation marks so much that they come to class, raise their hand and talk some trash about something that has nothing to do with the topic at hand. Why does everyone say they "love Laurier" and then treat their school not as an institution of higher learning but as a place to 'be seen'? Why?

Chuck Millar



**On March 20th,
the Students'
Union had a
monopoly at
Laurier.**

**When have
they not had
one?**

Even though I sat in your cake, I hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Trying to understand it all

John Robin Sharpe has been found not guilty of creating child pornography. The charges against him were related to his various writings that contained graphic depictions of sexual acts involving children. Sharpe's collection of stories called "Boyabuse" contained works with such titles as "Tijuana Whip Fight," and "Suck It."

Justice Duncan Shaw did however, find Sharpe guilty for possessing various other pornographic material, including sexually explicit photographs of children.

The various experts called in for the trial voiced opposing views with regard to Sharpe's work. While some likened his work to that of Shakespeare or Dickens, others testified that it was the most violent and profane work they had ever read. Sharpe merely laughed at being called a pedophile, and contended that he challenged the pornography laws to make for a better and freer country.

The fact that Sharpe's work was ultimately considered not to be child pornography has implications far, far beyond this one case. It prompts an entire re-evaluation of what is considered pornography, and more importantly, who has the power to make this deci-

sion. I usually find it very easy to take a definite stance, but this issue leaves me completely and utterly divided.

I obviously do not condone the use of children for the sexual entertainment of others. Children need to be protected, and we have laws in place prohibiting the use of children in sexually explicit material.

While I do believe it should be

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illegal for children to be used in pornography, I am extremely wary of any paternalistic act invoked by the justice system, or any other government body for that matter. When a work is censored, the powers that be have legitimized their right to decide what is appropriate for our eyes.

This makes me extremely uncomfortable. I want the right to be able to decide what it is I choose to look at, with minimal interference. But how far do these

rights extend? Is my being wary of censorship going to allow for the sexual exploitation of children? I recognize this as the classic tension between the private interest and the public good, but I see no possible reconciliation of these two competing sides.

What worries me is the extreme amount of subjectivity involved in labelling something as "artistic." What is more subjective than art? How can one Supreme Court Justice define a work as artistic, rather than pornographic? Is it all right to write stories about sodomizing young boys if its written in an artistic way? And what is art, anyway?

This ridiculous amount of questioning is meant to illustrate the breadth of debate involved with this issue. I can't wrap my head around it. And when our justice system finds a work called "Boyabuse" to be art, I think it's safe to say I'm not the only one.

AMY WRIGHT
OPINION EDITOR

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I am well aware that there are no mountain kangaroos in Canada. It was a weak moment for me.



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A fond farewell

Terri Ramsawack



As the year winds down to a close, so does this wonderful thing I call my column. Yes, dear fans, this is it, the end of an era. I would like to begin by thanking Amy Wright and Matthew Cade for allowing me to voice my opinion so openly this year. This has been an opportunity that I will never forget.

I set out this year to write a column that would spark interest, controversy and thought amongst my fellow students. And thanks to a select few people, I was successful. It is those people, namely Jayna Patel, Ben Fox and Ian Wilson who actualized my reason for being an opinion columnist. Those three taught me the following things:

1. That by using the power of words I could single-handedly influence the opinions of eight thousand people and ruin one person's entire university career.

2. That even though we are always taught to listen to the opinion of others, some people don't have to because they are always right.

3. That maybe I shouldn't be so critical of others, or at least try not to steal their thunder.

I have no hard feelings towards those people at all. They made me

happy because they justified my reason for being an opinion columnist. Really, I am more thankful to them for teaching me a lesson in how to be open-minded and to not be shy about voicing my opinions. I never set out to step on anyone's toes, but apparently I did, so too bad.

I would like to thank my roommates for being so wiggity-wack this year. Especially for helping to inspire my thoughts on Sunday nights and for being some of the best friends that I have ever had. I am going to miss you girls next year. As well, to my philosophy professors for teaching me how not to be what people want me to be and how to keep an open mind with whatever is presented in life.

To the Yogen Frusz staffers for being great co-workers and for taking me to my first drag show. To the people who actually read this column and have let me know over the past few months, thanks for your support. And to everyone else who has been there for the past four years through the ups and downs and the passing outs, I will truly miss you next year. Congratulations to Jenny and Dan, I love you guys.

My last few words of advice to those of you who read my column are to not be afraid to get involved in anything here at Laurier. Just make sure that you do it for the right reasons and don't be an idiot.

*Thanks for making me laugh,
Terri --Amy.*

To the Durham Catholic School Board:

Marc Hall is a seventeen year old boy. Like most other boys, he wants to take his significant other to his prom. Because this person happens to be another man, you have seen fit to deny him an opportunity available to other students. Students that fit your standards of normalcy.

Feel free to ignore the fact that he is in a committed, caring relationship. Feel free to ignore the thousands of people who are protesting on his behalf. And please feel free to continue spreading intolerance and hatred of lifestyles that differ from your own.

I wonder which is the bigger sin.

Amy Wright

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Decrying the West's inaction

Martin Asling

"When you think of the context of Rwanda in the modern world, the 1990's, it's like the visceral scarring of one's soul. Eight hundred thousand slaughtered in full light of the international community and nobody raised a finger... (It) makes you wonder where the anchors of humanity lay."

Those were the words of Stephen Lewis, a veteran of United Nations diplomacy, in part of a passionate speech made last Saturday, as a guest of Project Ploughshares in Waterloo.

On an evening to celebrate the peace and development organisation's 25th anniversary, attendants were given a grim reminder of how much work is yet to be done.

Lewis, the keynote speaker, gave a speech entitled 'The World is falling apart: What role civil society?' drawing on his experience working for UNICEF, the panel investigating the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda and his current role as the UN's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Lewis described in great detail the implications of poverty, disease and war on Africa while condemning the lack of foreign aid and attention they have been given.

He recalled, for instance how during the Genocide in Rwanda, Romeo D'Allaire, the head of UN forces in Rwanda at that time, pleaded for an extra four to five thousand troops "in the way we all believed an international society should intervene when humanity is at risk."

However, the Security Council refused, "led in a period of unbelievable infamy by the US and France," who actually cut the number of troops he had.

While he served on the "International Panel of Eminent Personalities to Investigate the 1994 Genocide and Surrounding Events" from 1998 to 2000, Lewis saw first hand the continuing trauma that resulted from the Genocide.

For one example, the panel visited a clinic in Kigali of six to seven hundred women trying to come together in solidarity. A significant number were dying of AIDS, having been raped during the genocide. The leaders at the Clinic had brought the panel to speak to three victims and Lewis told their stories while praising their strength and resolve.

One woman was indignant about the lack of action following the Genocide.

Lewis recalled her saying: "everyone is always talking about forgiveness, but how can you ask me for forgiveness when there is never any evidence of remorse? I look out

my window every morning and the men who raped me are walking calmly to work and no one does a thing about it."

"I just can't believe that these things occurred. It's not 1944, it's 1994," said Lewis.

Project Ploughshares, the hosts of the evening, have been advocating peace through research and dialogue since it's founding in 1976. They currently reside at Conrad Grebal University College of the University of Waterloo.

The organization is named after a passage in the Bible calling on people to "beat their swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks." This passage reflects their twin goals of combating militarism and underdevelopment.

Co-founder Ernie Regehr notes that the old conventional wisdom for combating underdevelopment in Africa, 'stability' through strong military and police, and backed by weapons, have had a destabilizing impact.

"One of the ironies that we face," he noted, "is one of the weapons that we sent to Africa in the 1970's... that were supposed to be weapons of stability, are the same weapons sloshing about the continent now causing extraordinary chaos in Africa and the world."

Stephen Lewis devoted much of his speech to the AIDS epidemic, which claims 2,300,000 lives in Africa annually, with 28 million currently infected. It has also created 13 million orphans and a projected 40 million more should things not improve.

To give the audience a perspective on just how overwhelming the epidemic has become, he recounted a recent trip to Namibia, where he met people from a group called Catholic Aids Action, who had devised a method to finance their operations: building child coffins out of paper mache.

"They looked at me with a combination of anguish and pride and said we can't keep up with demand."

Lewis emphatically argued that the disease is largely preventable "What drives me crazy is that we know what to do about it. There is no vaccine I grant you that, but we know how to stop this thing in its tracks."

He pointed to drugs such as called nevirapine, which can reduce transmission from mother to child by up to 53%. anti-retroviral drugs which can "prolong life for a number of years" and inexpensive drugs for thrush, meningitis and tuberculosis. He also mentioned the need for home care and voluntary testing so that people know their HIV status is very important.

He identified the main barrier as a lack



Stephen Lewis is currently the United Nations Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa

of funding: "the grassroots are strong and sophisticated... and there is no money at all."

In an attempt to curb the epidemic, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan asked for seven to ten billion dollars a year to combat AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. So far he has received far less- a total of two billion dollars over three years.

"We have seven hundred million dollars this year to treat a plague that takes two million lives a year one continent" Said Lewis.

Lewis was equally critical of the lack of foreign aid in the form of Official Development Assistance (ODA). Most countries, including Canada have consistently failed to reach the agreed upon target of 0.7 percent of GNP.

Recently, Canada, the United States and European Union had agreed to some increase in foreign aid. On why these countries had a change in policy Lewis opined that they did so under intense pressure from non-governmental organizations. (NGO's)

"All of them were pummelled into submission by the NGO community."

Lewis was less than impressed with the amount of additional aid.

He derided the United States' additional 5 billion dollars committed over three years as microscopic.

If the United States gave the target 0.7 percent of GNP they would be giving 70 bil-

lion a year, he said.

Lewis was equally critical of the Canadian government, which had promised an 8% increase in ODA. He noted that the near 0.24 percent ODA Chretien's Liberals give is less than half of what Brian Mulroney's government gave during the 1980s.

"Isn't it interesting that the committee that set the target of 0.7 was chaired by Lester Pearson. Isn't it interesting that Brian Mulroney and the Conservatives have a much greater loyalty to the Pearsonian tradition than to the people that inherit that political tradition," he added.

Susan Johnson, an economics professor at Laurier who was in attendance, does not feel more significant changes in ODA by the richer countries are unrealistic. "It's mostly a political choice," she said. "There's nothing that says they can't re-jig the way they are spending."

Having spoken on some of the most troubling topics facing the world today, Stephen Lewis ended his speech with an appeal for effort and optimism. "There ain't a moment's time for despair because that leads nowhere. There is only a time for struggle."

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United Arab Emirates

Two oil tankers collided early Monday morning in the Bay of Oman, twenty-four kilometres off the coast of the United Arab Emirates port of Fujairah. According to the harbour-master of Fujairah, the Stena King, a Swedish-owned vessel, rammed its bow into the side of the British Vigilance. It took several hours for the ships to be towed apart by tugboats. The British Vigilance, owned by British Petroleum, was on its way into ports for repair and was empty at the time. The Stena King was laden with oil but an inspection of the vessels and the water revealed that there had been no leakage or spills. There were no casualties in the collision.

Tanzania

AIDS activists in Tanzania are concerned over a ruling by the country's religious leaders that they are against the use of condoms in the fight against HIV/AIDS, which has been considered a key factor in controlling infection rates amongst Tanzanians. At a meeting last week in Dar es Salaam, the nation's capital, seventy representatives declared that all holy books were against the use of condoms and that they would encourage their followers not to use them. Some AIDS workers believe that this statement will have little effect upon the population since there is already a high awareness of HIV/AIDS amongst Tanzanians.

Nigeria

Leaders, ministers and diplomats from at least eleven of Africa's nations will meet in Abuja on Tuesday to discuss continental priorities at the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). The summit focuses on how to "jump-start" development in some of the world's poorest countries. There was concern amongst participants that support for NEPAD might be withdrawn by nations like the United States since NEPAD supports Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe's controversial re-election this month. The amount of support that NEPAD will receive from the G-8 will be during the G-8 conference this summer, which is being held in Canada.

Compiled by Thomas Thompson

Religious rioting in India

The politics and violence of religion in Ayodhya

Kiran Kharaud

Once again religious tensions have led to violence and further divided India's population of 1 billion this past month.

The dispute of ownership of a religious site in Ayodhya, a small town in northern India on the plains of the Ganges, has once again erupted, placing the country in a state of domestic crisis.

Wednesday, February 27th, a train car was set on fire on the way back to Gujarat from Ayodhya. 58 Hindus, comprised mostly of women and children, were killed while it is believed that a Muslim faction committed the act.

The victims were on their way home from a vigil to support the proposed construction date of a new Mandar (a Hindu temple) on March 15. This is the where the 16th Babri Mosque (a Muslim temple) once stood.

Hindu hardliners had been protesting to have a mandar built on the site of the ravaged mosque as long ago as 1853. They attest that the site of the mosque is birthplace of their Lord Rama.

The burning of the train car reignited these feelings of hate and created a backlash of Hindus versus Muslims. By Friday March 1st, nearly 200 had been killed in the worst flare up of religious violence in a decade in the state of Gujarat alone. Almost all of these victims were Muslims.

Buildings and homes were set on fire with people still in them, while Muslims begged for their lives. Star television reported that a Muslim family of eight were burned alive in their car. The once lively city quickly transformed to a scene containing limbs and clumps of hair amongst the charred remains of people's homes, despite the presence of security.

The Indian government deployed 1,300 soldiers to Ahmedabad (capital of Gujarat), and other volatile areas in the state of Gujarat in an attempt to bring some order to the area. However, soldiers and police were also among the victims of the sectarian violence. There have also been accusations against police for turning a blind eye to certain aspects of the violence.

A curfew was imposed on over half of Gujarat and security forces had received an order to shoot anyone who was in violation of it. There were an approximate 300 arrests reported in Bombay, one including a leader of the World Hindu Council.

By Friday afternoon, Muslims had begun to retaliate, and the state of Gujarat quickly transformed to a state of chaos, making this the most intense crisis Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has had to face since taking office.

These events also occurred merely days



Protesters in Madhya Pradesh demand a Hindu temple be built in Ayodhya

after state elections, where his party, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) lost control in four key states where it traditionally held office. The BJP came to power in 1998 with strong support from Hindu hardliners and specifically for their open support for a mandar to be built on the Ayodhya site.

The current sectarian violence has been attributed to the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), a more fundamentalist branch of the BHP, who have assumed leadership in the construction of the mandar and set the March 15th, 2002 construction deadline. It was a VHP vigil from which the train attacked on February 27th, was returning.

These events only reminded Indians of the 1992 massacre of 3,000 when the Babri mosque was torn down with crow bars, sledge hammers and bare hands. This action was also led by the VJP under the leadership Lal Krishna Advani.

Advani is the current Home Minister in the BJP government and has been labelled the most dangerous man in Indian politics. If Vajpayee ever steps down as Prime Minister, Advani is the most likely contender to take his position.

Although India is officially secular, it is hard to ignore the links between the VJP and the BJP along with the role and position of Mr. Advani, especially since India remains under the control of a Hindu nationalist party.

Hindu hardliners, mainly VHP members,

called for a strike and even threatened a Satyagraha movement if the March 15th plans to initiate the building of the new mandar were not respected. A Satyagraha movement is a large scale peaceful process, first inspired by Mahatma Gandhi.

The March 15th deadline passed with relative peace, with the courts stalling to make a concrete decision on the politically and religiously charged issue, while the government resorted to great measures to avoid further outbreaks.

However, several VHP leaders and Muslim retaliators were arrested on suspi-

cions to act and there were even reports of cell phone use being blocked in Bombay.

Like the conflicts in Kashmir, which lies between India and Pakistan, the Indian government has imposed only band-aid solutions. Several civil rights were compromised on March 15th but the following outbursts of sectarian violence scattered throughout the country are evidence that the issue is not resolved.

The actions of the BJP will be critical for the remainder of its term, especially with the loss of control in a few key areas where it is traditionally held. Vajpayee must prove to his Hindu fundamental roots that he is still supporting their cause but at the same time he needs to demonstrate sympathy towards the Muslim population.

Amongst India's one billion people, 12% are Muslim and 81% are Hindu. Because the percentage of Muslims in India outnumber Pakistan's population, for Vajpayee to not sympathize with them could be an opportunity for Pakistan to come to their defence instead.

Vajpayee also needs to demonstrate that he still has control of the country.

The BJP's main political threat is the Congress party, led by Sonia Gandhi (the Italian born widow of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi) and Vajpayee's personal threat is Mr. Advani.

The area of Ayodhya cracks open the main line of division in Indian politics - religion. While Ayodhya is not a vital area for votes for any particular party, what actions any party takes towards the issue of Ayodhya is critical for its survival in Indian politics.

Whatever decisions are made regarding the Ayodhya issue remain to be used as a political tool to remain in power, but they also offer the consequence of worsening Hindu-Muslim relations within India and subsequently deteriorating Pakistan-India relations as well.

TIMELINE OF VIOLENCE IN AYODHYA, INDIA

- 1528-** The Babri Mosque is constructed by the nobles of Mughal Emperor Babar.
- 1853-** The first record of religious violence in the area.
- 1859-** British colonial rulers divide the sight between Hindus and Muslims to end growing tension between the two groups.
- 1946-** The year of independence for India and the creation of Pakistan.
- 1949-** The Indian government restricts access to the mosque after idols of the Hindu Lord Rama are unseemly placed. The site is declared to be a disputed area.
- 1983-** The VHP initiate a campaign to replace the Mosque with a Mandar.
- 1984-** A committee is established to 'liberate' Rama's birthplace and leadership is assumed by Lal Krishna Advani (then leader of the BJP, the current national political party in power).
- 1986-** Hindus are permitted to worship in the previously sealed mosque by a lower court judge.
- 1989-** Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government authorises the first foundation stone to be laid at the future Hindu temple sight near the Babri mosque. Hundreds were reported to have been killed from resulting riots.
- 1992-** The Babri Mosque is demolished by thousands of Hindu faithful using sledgehammers, crow bars and bare hands. An estimated 3,000 people were reportedly killed from the resulting sectarian violence.
- 1998-** BJP comes into power. The Supreme Court rules the government to be the "statutory receiver" of the land surrounding the mosque site.
- Jan 2002-** Right wingers set March 15th deadline to begin construction of the Mandar.
- March 2002-** Religious rioting breaks out in several spots between Hindus and Muslims.

The Cord's International Notices

Friday, April 5th, 2002 at 2:00 pm in the Geography Department (Arts Building Room 2E7) Professor Debora VanNijnatten of Laurier's Department of Political Science will be speaking as part of the globalization speakers series. The title of her lecture is "Globalizing the Science-Policy Interface: Implications for Environmental Decision-Making." This event will address, amongst other themes, how the dissemination of

information about environmental "best practices" in various countries can minimize the incentives for industries to make locational decisions based on weak pollution controls.

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David Wellhauser

In August 1998, Wilfrid Laurier University adopted "Laurier of the Future" as its strategic University Plan for 1998-2003.

This is an important period for post-secondary education since it deals with the years leading up to and including the double cohort in 2003.

"Laurier of the Future" was Laurier's strategic plan that was to prepare our campus for the double cohort. In the years since 1998 it has become ever more apparent that "Laurier of the Future" has not been followed and, by 2000, it was considered by some to be no longer rele-

the facts

1. "The library currently does not have the resources to support proposals for new undergraduate, interdisciplinary, or special programs or for new graduate programs".
2. At least one staff toilet has been turned into a full-time faculty member's office. Location: Woods 3-114.2
3. Students have access to 579 of the 1,209 parking passes. That's 47.8%.
4. The Dean of Students is also the Assistant Vice-President Student Services. There is a fundamental role conflict between these two positions.
5. According to Residence Services, we had approximately 876 students in triples at the beginning of the year and now we have approximately 585 students.
6. 51% of Laurier's operating budget comes from student tuition fees.
7. Peer Help Line has received over 250 more calls now than they received all last year. Legal Resources has dealt with 200 cases. Foot Patrol van rides are up significantly from last year, averaging 15 rides a night.
8. September 2000 - April 2001 Counselling Services recorded 1,568 "Appointments Seen." September 2001 - February 2002 Counselling Services has recorded 1,147 "Appointments Seen."
9. The number of multimedia-equipped classrooms has increased from 0 to 36 over the last six years "there has been no accompanying increases in staff available to the Media Technology Resources Department".
10. The switchboard attendants who answer the phone "Wilfrid Laurier" are hidden in a room behind the computer help desk office. They are not being held against their will.

board of governors



The BOG holds the purse strings and are ultimately the judge, jury and executioner of overall university affairs. Many members of this group feel like a rubber stamp. The Executive and Governance Committee, which is responsible for the University's planning update, appears to be more interested in the bottom line than actually solving the crisis on campus.

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Laurier is bursting at the seams. After four years of unprecedented growth, Laurier has grown to almost 9,000 full-time equivalents: that is approximately 1,000 full-time equivalents more than the University's institutional plan anticipated by the end of 2003. What is a full-time-equivalent? Well, to calculate a full-time equivalent you need to take the total number of courses being taken at Laurier, including distance education, by full and part-time, undergraduate and graduate students and divide that number by five.

Due to a myriad of factors, most importantly poor government planning and habitually late budget announcements, Laurier has found itself in an increasingly difficult budgetary position. Without a proper institutional plan Laurier has lurched forward. Enrolment has grown rapidly in an attempt to deal with chronic under-funding.

At Laurier, there are approximately 1,200 students who receive no funding from the provincial government. That translates into about \$7 million of lost government funding.

The university has been increasing enrolment to deal with the budget crisis created by government under-funding. The effects of under-funding are widespread on campus and are having negative effects on both the quality of academics and on the unique sense of community that has existed on this campus. Academics are suffering due to increased class sizes, classroom shortages, lack of study space and underdeveloped information and technology capabilities. Campus culture and student life is suffering due to overcrowding, increasing levels of student stress and a decline in students' trust of university administration, Senate and Board of Governors.

The problems of government under-funding have been exacerbated by an institutionalized problem of overenrolment. Laurier has overenrolled its first-year class by 962 students over the last four years. This has increased congestion and led to an increase in poor decision-making on campus, like the decision to force first-year students into triple residence rooms. To address these enrolment problems, the university agreed to add three student representatives to the Enrolment Management Committee.

Laurier is faced with problems on two fronts. The first is the chronic under-funding of the campus in terms of unfunded students, deferred maintenance and capital funding to build new facilities. The second is on-campus relations and poor university decision-making. This is one that the Laurier community has more control over, which makes it even more unbelievable and unacceptable that it continues to flourish and thrive on our campus.

Since September, an increasingly vocal group of stakeholders have been arguing that the University needs to update its institutional plan. A student survey conducted last semester showed students were dissatisfied with Laurier. In November, the Students' Union held a Town Hall on Growth. Several hundred members of the Laurier community attended. Based on student feedback from the Student Town Hall, the Students' Union released "Partnership for Sustainable Growth," which called for an immediate freeze on undergraduate enrolment. Based on some progress, the Students' Union, moved away from its position on an immediate enrolment freeze.

Also following the Student Town Hall, Chair of the Board of Governors Jerry Young agreed to update the institutional plan and invited members of the Laurier community to submit planning update reports to the Executive and Governance Committee of the Board. The uni-

senior administration



Our first line of defence against crisis they crumbled early on this battle. Several members of this group have identified the problems leading to the crisis but haven't been able to muster the political will necessary to do much about it.

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iversity held a Town Hall on March 19th, 2002, dealing with the institutional planning update.

During the Town Hall, members of the audience were extremely frustrated since the panelists from the Board of Governors would not comment on any issues that were raised or make any decision at the Town Hall.

Young did state that the "enrolment policy will be driven by the budget". This is problematic since the enrolment policy for the last four years has been driven by the budget and it has not solved any problems. It has, however, led to more problems. At the Town Hall, a member of the Executive and Governance Committee stated that the University is, in fact, in crisis. This comment was reassuring since it was the first time the University had openly acknowledged the severity of growth-related problems at Laurier. Laurier is in crisis and, if it continues to go in the same direction as it has for the last four years, things will only get worse.

The fact that Laurier doesn't have an institutional plan worth the paper it is written on has led to damaging high levels of inefficiency. On top of the problems relating to the budgetary crisis, the staff and faculty are demoralized, overworked and stressed out. Apathy among all stakeholders is rising as the unique campus culture that developed over the decades is quickly withering away almost as fast as the deterioration of the quality of academics.

There are several problems at the highest levels of the University that are trickling down and accelerating the decline of all that is great about Laurier. A lack of activity at the Senate and Board of Governors level are all symptoms of the massive problems from which our campus is suffering. A lack of cohesiveness, cooperation and strategic planning among senior administration have led to a reactive decision-making model that relies heavily on ad hocism and band-aid solutions.

In the Wednesday October 31st Cord Weekly, Dr. Rosehart said "there are no plans to grow outside the city block that the school currently inhabits. Laurier is about what goes on in this block". One need only inspect a map of the City of Waterloo to see that Laurier has already spread to several other city blocks.

The cost of not having a proper institutional plan has never been more apparent than it is today. The Grad Pub was constructed five years ago and is now going to be deconstructed to make room for a new Academic Building and Science Building expansion. The Science Building was built in 1995 and, less than ten years later, it now needs an extension. Laurier is always playing catch up with the physical capacity of the campus. Each year there is major construction yet the campus is never able to come close

to meeting demand.

Last year, the University and the Students' Union entered a controversial partnership to renovate the Dining Hall. Nearly a year later the construction has begun but the contracts still are not all signed. This leads to another important financing concern. To finance new construction projects, like the new Academic Building, the University will be taking on a debt that exceeds \$30 million. This debt is going to be paid for by an 8% surcharge on all new revenue. There is no argument that these construction projects are needed but is the financing plan sound?

Even as you read this it is unclear whether or not the Executive and Governance Committee of the Board of Governors are going to use this planning update as an opportunity to really address and solve problems or if they are paying lip service to the ever increasing number of

students, alumni, faculty and staff who are fed up.

Everyone has a role to play in ending the growth crisis on our campus. It is important that students and alumni get involved in the process since there appears to be as much or more apathy about this campus among Senators and Board of Governors as there is among the student population at large. To ensure this planning update and the following implementation process works, students need to make it abundantly clear to the administration that we are watching and paying attention to what is going on. Students need to let the Students' Union know they want their student representatives to keep the pressure on the University until this crisis is over. And the student body at large needs to support their student leaders by attending University Senate and Board of Governors meetings.

To end on a high note, there may be one unforeseen benefit from all the extra bodies on campus. For the period starting September 1st, 2001 and ending Friday March 22nd, 2002 the arm at Parking Lot 20 has only been broken 5 times. According to security and several alumni this is down from years past over the same time period.

David Wellhauser is Executive Vice-President of University Affairs

the time line

- Summer 1998** – Laurier purchased University Place.
- August 1998** – University issued a five year plan, "Laurier of the Future – University Plan 1998-2003"
- September 1998** – First-year class over-enrolled by 233 students.
- September 1999** – First-year class over-enrolled by 327 students.
- Summer 2000** – The University purchased Laurier Place.
- September 2000** – First-year class over-enrolled by 78 students.
- Winter 2000** – WLUSU released a position paper titled "Responsible Growth"
- Summer 2001** – Laurier purchases St. Michael Catholic Secondary School.
- September 2001** – First-year class over-enrolled by 324 students.
- September 20, 2001** – The Deputy Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities visited the campus and met with different university stakeholders.
- November 6, 2001** – Students Concerned with Growth Town Hall in the PMC.
- November 27, 2001** – Students' Union presents "Partnership for Sustainable Growth" to the Executive and Governance Committee of the Board of Governors and Vice President: Academics Advisory Group (VPAC). VPAC has no comments or questions and upon the Students' Union completion of the presentation quickly usher them out of the room.
- December 3, 2001** – University pledges \$15,000 to extend library hours.
- December 11, 2001** – At the Board of Governors meeting it is announced that there is going to be a planning update.
- January 21, 2002** – Deadline for submissions for planning update. This date was extended to accommodate the alumni association.
- January 22, 2002** – Discussion on University Funding in the Paul Martin Centre.
- March 19, 2002** – University's Planning Update Town Hall.

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The supreme academic body of the University. With the exception of history professor Terry Copp and a few other determined senators our Senate has been silent in discussing or addressing the growth crisis.

students



They are the heart and soul of this University. Students have rallied and have shown an unprecedented level of determination to solve the growth crisis. Students raised the warning of the looming crisis in September and have been tirelessly hounding the University to get its head out of its ass and do something about irresponsible growth all year.

On the fringe at Laurier

Andy Lee

Last week's Fringe Festival, comprised of five one-act plays presented by Laurier students, offered an array of performances ranging from comedy and drama to the downright bizarre. But despite its variety, the Festival proved that quantity alone only takes you so far.

The Festival got off to a tepid start with Kristen Howard's "Sodda-Who?", a play within a play based on the relationships between an actor named Mitchell (Rob Judge), his authoritarian director, Sapphire Maguire (Katie Head), and his overbearing Russian agent, Olga (Amy Paterson). Judge and Head tried hard to inject life into their clichéd characters, to little avail. Meanwhile, Paterson's Russian accent was forced and soon grew tiresome. Redemption came in the form of a slow-motion, WWF-inspired catfight between Sapphire and Olga, all hilariously choreographed to the tune of "Chariots of Fire".

Thomas Thompson's "Fervent Fray of Fraternal Fervor" followed, but failed to raise the bar. The play explored the dysfunctional relationship between businessman Andrew Knowles (David Alexander) and his estranged,



The Fringe Festival took place this past weekend at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall, showcasing the talents of Laurier students. While many enjoyed the production, others had an different point of view.

slacker-turned-entrepreneur brother, Paul (Chad McCordic). A host of minor characters interjected to reveal the finer details of their fraternal tension. The best performance of the bunch easily belonged to McCordic for his lively portrayal of a man desperately seeking his brother's approval.

The first half concluded with Andrea Curtis' "Last Stop Central Park", which centred on the seemingly chance encounter between

two strangers. The contrast between the overly anxious Stranger #1 (Jenna Harris) and the equally laid-back, smooth-talking Stranger #2 (Scott Yamamura) made for a truly engaging dialogue. Yamamura, in particular, made a hilarious performance as his wisecracking, Crackerjack-munching character. Harris also did a fine job of representing her character's amusing neurotic tendencies. Overall, the synergy between the

two established a sense of mounting suspense that finally culminated in a powerful surprise ending.

After a brief intermission, Yamamura returned to introduce "The Blue Hour: City Sketches", by David Mamet. His suave pinstriped suit and demeanor, combined with blue lighting and jazz music, set the mood for the melancholy vignettes to follow. Throughout its four scenes, "The Blue Hour" revealed a series of

characters exchanging banalities in various urban locations. From the doctor's office to the train station, Mamet's characters illustrated the trite nature and overall meaninglessness of human existence.

The Festival's final play was "When the Rain Stops", written, directed, and performed by Michael Kearns. Kearns made a powerful impression as a husband fighting to sustain a deteriorating six-year marriage with his wife Dorothy (Katie O'Hara). O'Hara was excellent as the meek Dorothy, whose feelings of inadequacy and frustration added to the suspenseful drama. Kearns and O'Hara played well off each other in depicting a husband and wife in the midst of one of life's many trials.

Like its predecessors, however, "When the Rain Stops" ran much longer than the audience would have liked. In fact, Dorothy's climactic plea to Michael for "time" was surely the last thing the audience wanted to hear after three hours of theatre.

Clearly, the entire Fringe Festival could have been pared down to a more digestible format. Until then, the Festival will likely remain solely on the fringe of Laurier's attention.

Heads bob to hip hop

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"When you're in Toronto, sometimes it's hard to see past what you're supposed to do. Living in the suburbs, I was never down with any Toronto rappers, so I was just allowed to do what I wanted to do. Sometimes there is a little trepidation in that sense, but I think it really helped me."

Now at 29 years of age, K-OS has been involved in the paradox known as "the Canadian Rap Game" since the 1993 single "Music Essence." After 1996's renowned single "Rise Like the Sun," K-OS had his first full-length release put on hold, feeling that it was "pretentious and derivative," and perhaps not necessarily where he wanted to go with his music.

Fast-forward to 2002. K-OS has seen recent success with his leadoff single, "Heaven Only Knows" which is already in heavy rotation on Much Music. And if "Heaven Only Knows" is any indicator of the quality of *Exit*, then it was definitely worth the long wait. When asked about his confidence with *Exit*, K-OS was happy but somewhat hesitant: "Lyrically, that's what I feel good about it. I said what I wanted to say and didn't compromise. [Instrumentally] it's got a lot of different vibes...I don't know, sometimes it sounds really foreign to me because I had Russ play guitar, and other producers. Sometimes it sounds really cool, but sometimes it sounds really foreign. It brings a certain texture. Ever had a tape, or an artist that you loved, but you listened to it so much that you got sick of it? That's sort of how I felt about it. It humanizes you and

it humbles you. Although I just read a review today in the *Globe and Mail*, and I listened to the record after I read the review, and that made me listen to the album differently. It's fun, man."

Perhaps the biggest surprise that K-OS had to offer during his showcase gig at Wilf's, was that he had no intentions of perpetuating the typical hip hop live format that has been used as a formula for the past 2 decades.

Equipped only with a mic, and a virtuosic guitarist named Russ, K-OS proceeded to rip up the crowd for an all too short 30 minute set of straight acoustic hip hop. The most amazing element of his performance was the whiplash head bobbing that the crowd reacted with, even without the use of a drummer or a drum sample to warrant such a physical reaction. K-OS managed to grab a rhythm out of a guitar that stood on its own, and ran with it as if it was James Brown behind a full band.

Show-opener's Kamau and Marvel did plenty to warm the crowd for K-OS. Marvel, whose video is currently played frequently on Much Vibe, brought a live bassist into the mix and dropped old funk record samples ranging from the meters to the fatbacks to support his raps. Kamau extended the use of surprisingly hype beats - giving empirical proof that the Toronto instrumental hip hop curse may finally be lifted.

K-OS's new sound did bring some familiarity, with a vibe somewhat similar to the "live" feel of past crews such as Freestyle Fellowship and Digable Planets. When asked about the relationship with hip hop com-



This next song goes out to Shelley Kwiatkowski. I hope one day she'll be my sex dummy.

bined with a live flavour, K-OS had a few names to drop, "Fugees for sure...I'll be honest, the first time I ever heard anyone rapping over an acoustic guitar was Wyclef Jean in '96-'97. Tribe, Digable Planets, anybody who'd use live instruments coz my dad's a jazz purist. My ears just attune to people who use live instruments. Tribe Called Quest, Fugees, and a little Outkast as far as keeping a little grimy and live at the same time."

Perhaps the only disappointment of the K-OS set was the length of the performance. At only half an hour, the crew left the small

but enthusiastic Laurier crowd wanting much more. Making his exit after the crowd initiated a freestyle encore, one audience member commented, "I wanted another hour. Laurier wanted another hour. He represented, no doubt, but perhaps not to the FULL-EST."

Minor quips aside, K-OS's appearance was without a doubt one of the biggest Laurier concert highlights of the year. Abstract Rude, Moka Only, K-OS and Swollen Members all in 2 weeks? One can only hope that such musical entertainment will continue in the coming months at WLU.

Backtrax: Stanley Kubrick

An overview of the late director's achievements in film. And boy was he good. Throw us a frickin' genius here.

Corwin Lefso

With all the hub-bub created by last weekend's Oscar presentation, it is interesting to note that Stanley Kubrick - arguably one of the best film-makers ever - only received one Oscar (for special effects in *2001: A Space Odyssey*), despite numerous nominations.

Often chided for his reclusive and near impossible demands for perfection, the master of film produced, directed, and wrote some of the finest films ever to grace the silver screen.

Using all of his savings, Kubrick made his first documentary, *Day of the Fight* (1951), which was followed by a couple of commissioned documentaries: *Flying Padre* (1951) and *The Seafarers* (1952). Kubrick's first short feature, *Fear and Desire* (1953), garnered him considerable acclaim for his directorial skills. His next two films, *Killer's Kiss* (1955) and *The Killing* (1956), were well received by critics and drew Kubrick to Hollywood.



Paths of Glory

General Broulard: "Colonel Dax! You will apologize at once or I shall have you placed under arrest!"

Colonel Dax: "I apologize...for not being entirely honest with you. I apologize for not revealing my true feelings. I apologize, sir, for not telling you sooner that you're a degenerate, sadistic old man. And you can go to hell before I apologize to you now or ever again!"

Paths of Glory (1957), a powerful antiwar film, entrenched Kubrick as a force to be reckoned with. Its star, Kirk Douglas, was impressed with young Kubrick's talent. After two weeks of filming *Spartacus* (1960), Douglas fired the director and hired Kubrick as his replacement. The battle between Douglas and Kubrick that ensued has since taken on epic proportions. Kubrick took absolute control of the project, imposing his own ideas on the film, much to Douglas' annoyance. The experience soured Kubrick's opinion of Hollywood and he moved to England, where he lived out the rest of his life.



Lolita

Humbert Humbert: "What makes you say I've stopped caring for you?"

Lolita Haze: "Well, you haven't even kissed me yet, have you?"

Kubrick's first project in England, *Lolita* (1962), drew threats from censors for its controversial nature and content. Its reception by the critics would become a familiar pattern for most of his films. That the film, about an older man who falls for a fourteen year old girl, garnered a cold reception from the censors is not surprising.



Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb

President Merkin Muffley: "Well now, what happened is...ab...one of our base commanders, he had a sort of...well, he went a little funny in the head. You know...just a little...funny. And, ab, he went and did a silly thing."

Dr. Strangelove, the wicked black comedy - in black and white no less - about nuclear holocaust, was well received. Its cast, including Peter Sellers in three different roles, George C. Scott as a very bizarre General and a very young James Earl Jones, offers generous amounts of dark humour that would warm even the coldest cynical hearts. Kubrick received Oscar nominations for Best Picture, Director, and Writing but no statue for his sock drawer.



2001: A Space Odyssey

Dave Bowman: "Open the pod bay doors, HAL."

HAL: "I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that."

Possibly the ultimate cult sci-fi film ever made, *2001* has, and continues to draw very mixed opinions from those who watch it. Kubrick collaborated with author Arthur C. Clarke for over four years to produce the incredibly slow paced sci-fi masterpiece. Kubrick was again nominated for Best Director and Writing (with Clarke) and won an Oscar for his trippin' Visual Effects. Indeed, anyone who sees the visual cacophony in the final scene rarely forgets. What it ultimately means, though, is a mystery. Kubrick was not one to talk about his films after he made them. In fact, he never watched them or talked about them after they were finished.



Clockwork Orange

Alex: "There was me, that is Alex, and my three droogs, that is Pete, Georgie and Dim. And we sat in the Korova Milkbar, trying to make up our razudoks what to do with the evening. The Korova Milkbar sold milk plus vellocet or synthemesc or drencrom, which is what we were drinking. This would sharpen you up and get you ready for a bit of the old ultra-violence."

Inspired by the violence in the film, real life gangs of droogs started appearing in England. Kubrick personally stopped distribution of the film within the UK and arranged that the film never be shown there until well after his death. The film, about the leader of a gang of thugs and the condi-

tioning he endurs to make him fit for society garnered Kubrick nominations for Picture, Director, and Writing.



Barry Lyndon

I can't find quotes from this movie and I've never seen it, sooooo....

Kubrick, adapting his screenplay from a novel by 19th century writer William Thackeray, tried to achieve a period look by using only natural light. A ponderously slow and methodical look at an 18th century gentleman who roams Europe trying to make himself a nobleman, Kubrick again received mixed reviews for his work. He did, however, receive his traditional Best Picture, Director, and Writing Oscar nods. Shooting lasted for 300 days, boosting Kubrick's reputation for pickiness to legendary status.



The Shining

"All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. All work and no play make Jack a dull boy."

Kubrick adapted Stephen King's novel about an author and his family who babysit a mountain hotel and the 'hilarity' that ensues. Kubrick's notoriety for meticulousness reached unheard heights when he asked for 70 takes of Jack Nicholson kicking seventy year old Scatman Crothers. Nicholson talked Kubrick down to only 40 takes, though, to be easy on the elderly man. At another point he

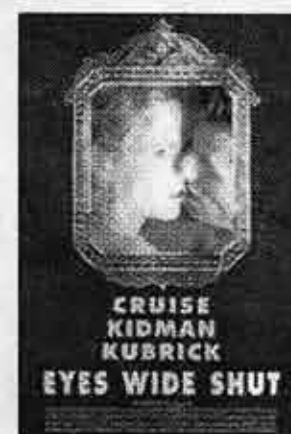
had Shelley Duvall do 127 takes for one scene.



Full Metal Jacket

Gunnery Sergeant Hartman, Drill Instructor: "What is your major malfunction, numbnuts? Didn't Mommy and Daddy show you enough attention when you were a child?"

An incredibly bitter and cynical portrayal of humanity, *Full Metal Jacket* follows the experiences of Private Joker in the Vietnam War. Released 7 years after *The Shining*, the film demonstrates Kubrick's increasingly reclusive nature and his disavowal of humanity. Kubrick only received one Oscar nomination for Writing.



Eyes Wide Shut

Dr. Bill Harford: "No dream is ever just a dream."

Kubrick died shortly before the release of his last film. Just as controversial as his previous works, criticism flowed unabated by his recent demise. The story of a Doctor who learns that his wife thought of cheating on him and the crazy journey he takes into sexuality. Starring then-dynamic couple Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, *Eyes Wide Shut* was denied even a single Oscar nod and received mediocre box office success.

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ear candy



Simple Plan
No Pads, No Helmets...Just Balls

Brace yourself for the latest wave of new punk music. Think you know production heavy, overly commercial punk music? Think again. Simple Plan's debut album, *No Pads, No Helmets...Just Balls*, takes pop-punk to a whole new level, blending harmonized vocals, and clean guitars, with predictable song structures, and all-too familiar lyrical hooks.

Have you ever listened to an album and thought "wow, all these songs sound the same..."? Well, *No Pads...* is one of those albums. In fact, if top 40 radio is what Simple Plan was aiming for, they've hit the mark right on.

Working with producer Arnold Lanni (of Finger Eleven and Our Lady Peace fame), the guys have managed to recreate the formula

that seems to work for so many artists: Take your basic song structure (verse/chorus/verse/chorus/bridge/breakdown/chorus/chorus), add excessively upbeat guitar hooks, lyrics about alienation and lost love, and then digitally enhance the hell out of the vocals and instruments until the song is impossibly flawless by human standards. But the question is: is that such a bad thing?

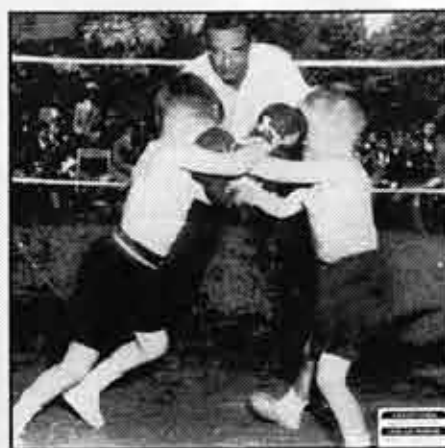
The controversy over this type of musical production can, for the most part, be traced back to the idea that being someone or something that you're not to promote your music is unacceptable. But the thing is, Simple Plan have already proven their ability to pull off every bit of the album in live performance.

From the dynamic vocal arrangements, to the convincingly powerful chord progressions, audiences saw it all live on last summer's Edgfest II and Snow Jam tours.

And if you can get past the somewhat irritating pop feel of *No Pads, No Helmets...Just Balls*, you'll discover a few tracks that not only prove that Simple Plan are capable of touching on more serious subjects, but that they can do so with a sincerity that other bands tend to lose in the recording

process.

Kat Lourenco



Headstrong
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It has been a long hard road to a record deal for this Canadian foursome. After years spent practicing at the University of Western Ontario, it is no wonder that humble lyricist Matt Kinna sings "We've been blessed by the angel of success" in the song 'Backlash.' Produced and engineered by Dan Brodbeck of Ghandarvas fame and mixed by Joseph Puig who has worked with Green Day, Headstrong offer up a politically tasty dish reminiscent of the early days of Rage Against the Machine.

'Adriana' is their first video and has been on medium rotation on Much Music. The song has also been receiving steady radio play on

Edge 102.1, as well as radio stations around Boston. Lyrically potent with a sound to match are the songs 'Hoodies and Hoods,' 'State,' and 'Open Season.'

Recently, Alternative Press referred to Kinna stating: "...when he screams, his voice parallels the fury of Zack De La Rocha instead of the woe-is-me leanings of the mentally abused metallers." Comparisons aside, the album possesses a unique style that may involve educating your ears before you think it's Canadian gold. Punchy, loud, soft, bouncy and thoughtful all at the same time, this album will be a hard act to follow.

In March of 2002, Spin Magazine called Headstrong one of the "Bands to Watch." My hope is that the music speaks for itself rather than the hype we are so often bombarded with on a daily basis.

Dara Hakimzadeh

John Scofield Band



Uberjam

John Scofield truly understands the limitless possibilities of jazz.

Always one to mix up his supporting lineup, Scofield never seems to be satisfied, constantly ushering in new influences in order to push his sound to new levels. His past work seems conventional when compared to his latest offering *Uberjam*. This album, unlike its predecessors, credits a band rather than a solo artist, and much like the acid funk of Miles Davis' *Bitches Brew*, *Uberjam* displays the intense work of six different musical visionaries.

Notably, John has added rhythm guitar player and sampler extraordinaire Avi Bortnick to the mix, and with his new-age perspective, he has opened up Scofield's playing, taking it farther into the experimental realm than ever before. Jazz still permeates through the insane funk vibes though, as does Scofield's lightning Ibanez guitar licks.

From the eastern vibe of Acidhead, to the runs of Offspring, to the electrofunk of *uberjam*, this album really sets Scofield miles ahead of other modern jazz artists, purely in the fact that it tries to do something never done before.

With the influx of electronic technology such as sweeping sample waves and drums heavily coated in delay, *Uberjam* is the *Bitches Brew* of the new millennium. Scofield even follows this up on the outside of the album, saying "out of all the albums I've made, I think this is the one that Miles would have enjoyed the most. He was always looking to take jazz to a new place."

Stu Reed

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Recruiting the women

Laurier coaches eager to announce the additions for their 2002-2003 seasons

**Caitlin Howlett
Mariana Hrkac**

Laurier coaches hit the recruiting pastures in full force in preparation for the 2002-2003 season. No different than usual, Laurier coaches take on the challenge of attracting the best potential Hawks to wear the purple and gold.

HOCKEY

With one more successful season under their belt, women's hockey at Laurier is barely concerned about recruiting fresh legs for next year's squad.

The loss of captain Heather Allan is perhaps the only void to be filled, most likely by either of the current assistant captains Jacqueline Grahek or Alison Goodman.

Intense recruiting before their stellar season gave the CIS championship finalist team 14 rookies, somewhat of an unprecedented number for a varsity team.

Head coach Bill Bowker is convinced that there is a significant number of players who have applied to Laurier and expects to see them during training camp, but also mentioned they have not sought after any specific recruits.

LACROSSE

Unlike Bowker, head coach of the women's varsity lacrosse team Lynn Orth has certainly done her homework.

She has identified Heidi Krasnozou from Brampton as her top recruit for the 2002 season. Krasnozou has been a member of the provincial team for four years and is a "free-wheeling, speedy scoring machine," commented Orth who remains confident that Krasnozou will add strength up the middle and easily take on the task of starting at centre or wing.

Orth also has the daunting task of replacing veterans Sandy Palumbo on the defensive wing, third homme Isabelle Hodge and Aleisha Stevens on the point. Orth hopes that with the current array of talent presently on the squad plus the hopeful additions of Krasnozou as well as two masters students, Petrice Cavar [political science] and Steph Green [MSW program] who hails from Guelph, she will have an experienced squad.

Confident in Green, an experienced goalie, Orth anticipates she will provide not only strong defense, but coaching support to Tamara Watt and Cass Horyn, the

current less familiar goalies.

Finally, Orth has snagged the top local KW recruit, Kathleen McCrea who is an exceptionally talented provincial offensive player who will replace Hodge quite easily at third homme.

Orth predicts that 6 to 8 of the prospective twelve females who she has successfully recruited [have applied to Laurier] will be here in the fall of 2002.

There is no doubt that Orth's intense and widespread recruiting efforts will enhance the contention of her already talented squad. The vast talent coming in to Laurier and level of experience should be more than enough to fuel her team to recapture the OUA title they won in the 2001 season.

BASKETBALL

Head coach of the women's basketball team, Stu Julius was pleased to announce the names of two exceptional athletes that have committed to the Hawks: Kerri Jilesen and Sarah Barnes.

Standing 6'1" and hailing from Midland, Ontario, Jilesen is an unbelievable athlete that dominated the basketball, volleyball, and cross-country venues during her career at Midland Secondary. She will lace up her b-ballin' shoes as she rolls into Waterloo to fill a void for the Hawks that Julius feels needs to be filled.

"She will play a lot and score a lot for us. She's a good athlete, a great passer, and a phenomenal defender," commented Julius. "She has a great basketball body," he continued. A solid and tough physique is what he was no doubt implying, either that or a great set of legs. Regardless, she will add depth to the perimeter game of the Hawks and make an immediate scoring impact.

The next asset that the team has secured for next season is Sarah Barnes. Sarah graduates from the OFSAA AA gold medal winner program at Governor Simcoe. She, too, brings size at 5'10" and joins the panel of Hawk perimeter players. Her style: good shooter, versatile, hard worker, great passer, and decision maker. And with a little luck, she too has a "great basketball body."

On the news front is the possibility of Michael Power's Meaghan McGrath being acquired by Laurier. "She is the best scorer in the province and perhaps even the country," assesses Julius.

Her most recent communication with an eager Julius informed him of her intent to come to Laurier, "if she stays in Canada." A sought after recruit, she would be icing on the cake for this basketball team.

Julius is still waiting to hear from three other recruits about whether or not they will jump on board with the Hawks. Any further recruit confirmations will be to his delight.



B-ballin' Sarah Barnes will join the Hawk squad at the PG/SG position

VOLLEYBALL

In volleyball, Head Coach Dave McIntyre has secured a prize recruit. She is Megan Stacey of North Bay, Ontario who will jump in as a 6'1" left side hitter for the Hawks.

"She will strengthen the pool of our left side attackers for next season. A blocker, jumper, very strong, nice arm swing, and very coachable - she's the real deal," expressed a happy McIntyre.

His conversations started last year when Stacey expressed an interest in Laurier's reputable business program and approached McIntyre herself. She was quite the find for the Hawks as she was assumed to be a candidate to go south. McIntyre believes that she didn't receive the exposure she deserved due to the remoteness of her hometown.

Coach McIntyre expects that next year's squad will be "bigger." "We're still waiting to hear from four other players, each of whom will potentially add size to the team." He believes they're in a good position for next year mainly due to their experience this year.

The ladies went undefeated in league play and suffered a traumatic loss in the semi-finals at the OUA Championships. "In order for us to learn, it was going to mean having to lose in that last one. We never thought we'd lose and we couldn't adjust once we were in the situation," explained McIntyre. He continued, "we're going to need to develop that extra will to win those big games for next year."

A program that has experienced great success in recent years, they will no doubt build on this momentum under an enthusiastic Coach McIntyre and a talented group of athletes.

SOCCER

Upon being asked about guaranteed recruits on the soccer front, a witty Head Coach Barry MacLean

answered, "there are no guarantees and any coach who had said otherwise is lying." His comment has likely arisen from the fact that seven athletes who had originally said that were coming to Laurier has dwindled to four.

MacLean reluctantly released the names of the four ladies that he "anticipates," will join the team for the 2002-2003 season.

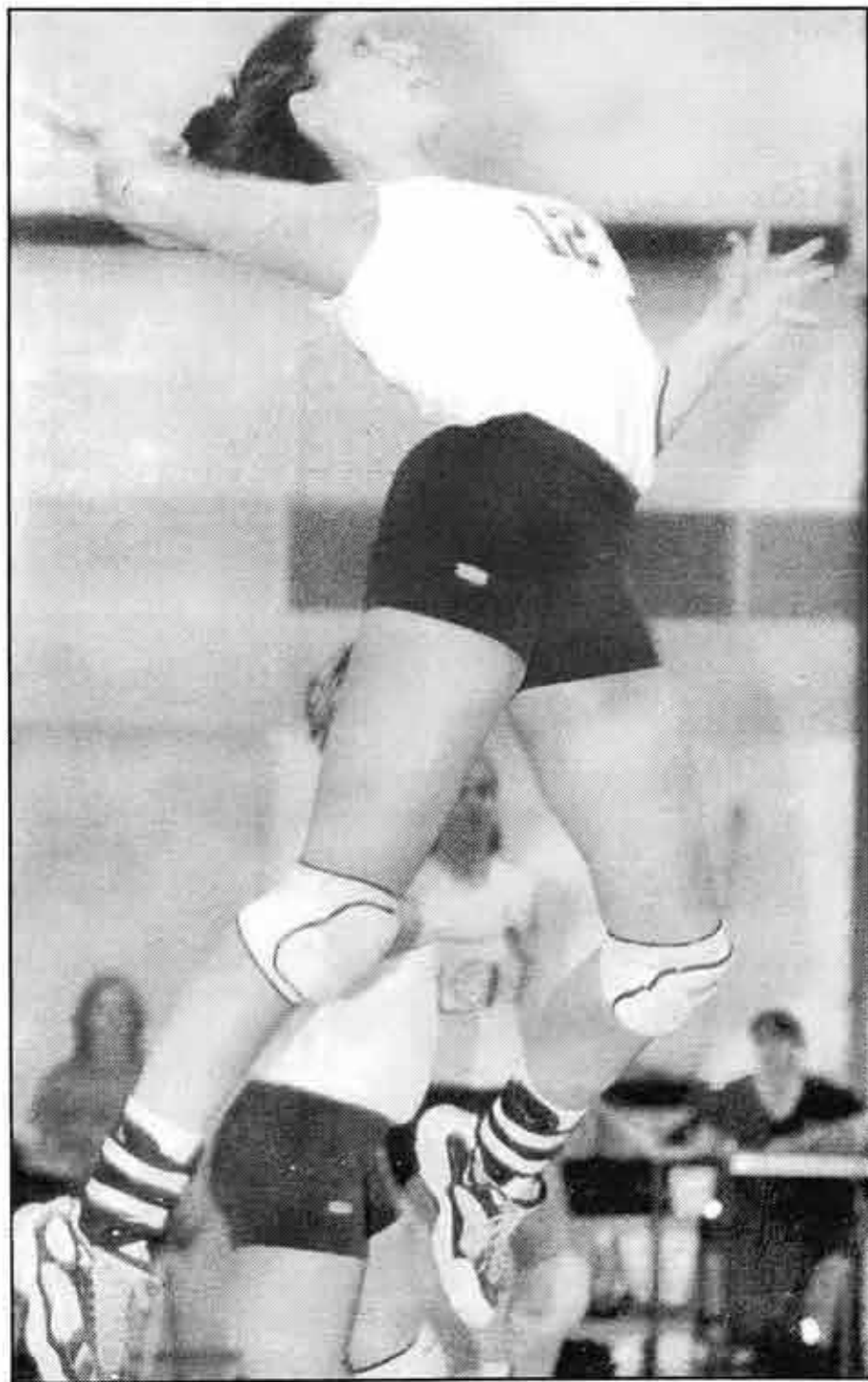
Hopefully doing so will not jinx his efforts because the group of them will, no doubt, be extremely valuable to the team.

Ashley Hill: strong, athletic, aggressive, tough, and a natural leader. Meaghan Smith: technically sound, athletic, and quick. Katie McCarter: very fast, very good technically, has a great attitude, and a hard worker. Last but not least, Heather MacDougall is the big goal scorer of the group. "She is quick, good with both feet, and quite the scorer - which we desperately need," said MacLean.

Other prospects are two first year students that already attend Laurier: Laura Bosch and Amber Sofijanov. Both were hesitant to jump right into the varsity scene and try to juggle their academic workload. Barry would like very much to see them jump on board.

The biggest issue this past year was actually scoring the goals. "We scored only 30 goals in 29 games and that's not enough. We don't give up a lot of goals, we are strong on defense and our goalkeeping is excellent. But we need to score more," said MacLean. The loss of seniors Kathy Jackson, Jen Weber, and Colleen Barham is an additional concern to consider. As well, Kristine McAuly will also not be returning due to a head trauma she suffered during play this season.

Hopefully the acquisition of this impressive recruiting class will fill the gap of the departure of these players, and address the goal scoring issue of the past.



Megan Stacey jumps in and up for the 2002-2003 volleyball season. She comes in as a 6'1" left hitter with mad-ups, which is a good thing.

NCAA Tournament Picks: Who's the expert?

Things have suddenly become interesting.

After dominating first round play, the expert panel slipped up, opening the door for the twins, Peppler, and especially the quarter, who performed well enough to tie the experts for first place.

With the number of points awarded being increased with every round (sweet sixteen and elite eight picks were worth two and three points, respectively) the game is still wide open for any of the contestants to come through.

There is no doubt the winner, who will be determined this coming weekend, will be battle-tested and can lay claim to being the ultimate NCAA tournament expert. Prepare yourselves, gentlemen, cat and coin because the worst is yet to come.



Peppler the Cat

Round one results: 14/32
Sweet Sixteen results: 5/8
Elite Eight results: 1/4
Total points: 27

"The end time is near," Peppler muttered as his steely eyes stared us down. "The apocalypse is upon us."

A sly, plotting grin appeared on Peppler's face when informed of his past week's success. Who is this evil cat? What has happened to sweet, young Peppler that we all once knew and loved? Perhaps the next week will reveal the truth behind the cat.



A Canadian quarter-dollar

Round one results: 14/32
Sweet Sixteen results: 6/8
Elite Eight results: 2/4
Total points: 32

"Yes! 50%! Finally, 50%!" ecstatically declared the coin, whose past week's performance left it at 22 of 44 overall picks, or 50%.

"My parents said I would never amount to anything and was doomed to be a 45% kind of quarter, but alas, I have achieved my destiny! 50%!"

Quarter then broke down in tears and was unable to continue.



Matt & Kevin, 6-year-old twins

Round one results: 11/32
Sweet Sixteen results: 7/8
Elite Eight results: 1/4
Total points: 28

Matt and Kevin's showing in the Sweet Sixteen was impeccable, but these young bucks came back to earth in the elite eight.

It is worth noting that Matt and Kevin's age combined (12), is almost equal to the total number of years the expert panel has spent in university (10). Wow. That says a lot about the state of education.



The Expert Panel

Round one results: 22/32
Sweet Sixteen results: 3/8
Elite Eight results: 2/4
Total points: 34

"Do you realize an inanimate object is almost as smart as you?"

Griff Gettas, an onlooker of the competition had that to say about the experts' poor performance from last week, leaving the two-some just two points ahead of the quarter.

"It was all Brian's fault," scapegoated Matt. It appears all is not well for the once comfortable experts and the finger-pointing has begun.

Peppler the Cat	Canadian quarter	Six-year-old twins	Expert Panel
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This week's your last chance to log on and vote in the 2001-2002 Cord Sports awards. Who were the best of the best? Check out clublaurier.ca and follow the link from the home page to vote.

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Hockey fans lives lost

Derek Iwanuk



Two years ago, Chad Hildebrand was attending a senior men's hockey game when a puck flew into the stands and hit him in the temple. Hildebrand collapsed after leaving the arena, fell into a coma and was taken off life support a week later. A tragedy no less.

It seems these incidents are happening all over arenas around the country. The NHL should be the first to step up and take action in hoping other leagues will follow. Higher glass and netting around the glass are necessary steps and there has to be some action the NHL can take to avoid another tragedy.

The next question is who is responsible for the death of this girl? Although there are disclaimers on the back of tickets, in most cases these disclaimers do not absolve teams or venues.

The NHL and its teams should take responsibility for the death of this girl. It is their job to ensure the safety of their fans at their sporting events.

When this safety is jeopardized, they are responsible. But really, it does not matter how much money the NHL or Columbus Blue Jackets fork over: it can not bring back the life of the girl that was lost due to their negligence.

Hopefully the NHL will realize that it is cheaper to put up protective netting and high glass to protect their fans than it is to dish out settlement claims or fight civil lawsuits. In a few years from now, sporting events will move in a positive direction. It's a shame, though, that a girl has to lose her life for these changes to become a reality.

Brittanie Cecil was just a week away from her fourteenth birthday when a deflected slap shot from Columbus Blue Jacket's forward, Espen Knutsen, struck the girl in the head. The slap shot took the girl's life two days later.

Brittanie is the first recorded death of a spectator in the NHL's history. The tragedy has caused the league to re-evaluate arena safety. The question that remains though, is what more can the NHL do to prevent these tragedies, and if another of these horrific tragedies occurs again, who is responsible?

Currently in all NHL arenas, spectators are protected by eight feet of glass and boarding which is 40 - 48 inches thick.

Only in Phoenix do they have a netting to protect the fans from the puck, but this is because of a balcony that hangs over head. Should all arenas have this netting? Or should we just leave things as is?

In light of this tragedy, it is only the first fatality at an NHL game in the leagues eighty - five year history.

But there have been other cases similar to Brittanie's in the last couple of years.



Before being named Sports Editor



After being named Sports Editor

Congratulations!

A big congratulations goes to both Kristen Lipscombe (above) and Caitlin Howlett (below) on being named the Cord's Sports Editors for 2002-2003. While both suffer from poor bowling skills, they have assured us they will head to the batting cage and stand in front of the incoming baseballs in order to toughen themselves up for the coming year. Good luck, ladies.



Before being named Sports Editor



After being named Sports Editor

Take a walk on the Boardwalk, literally

The A-Team brings another world famous game to Laurier Concourse

Donny Langley

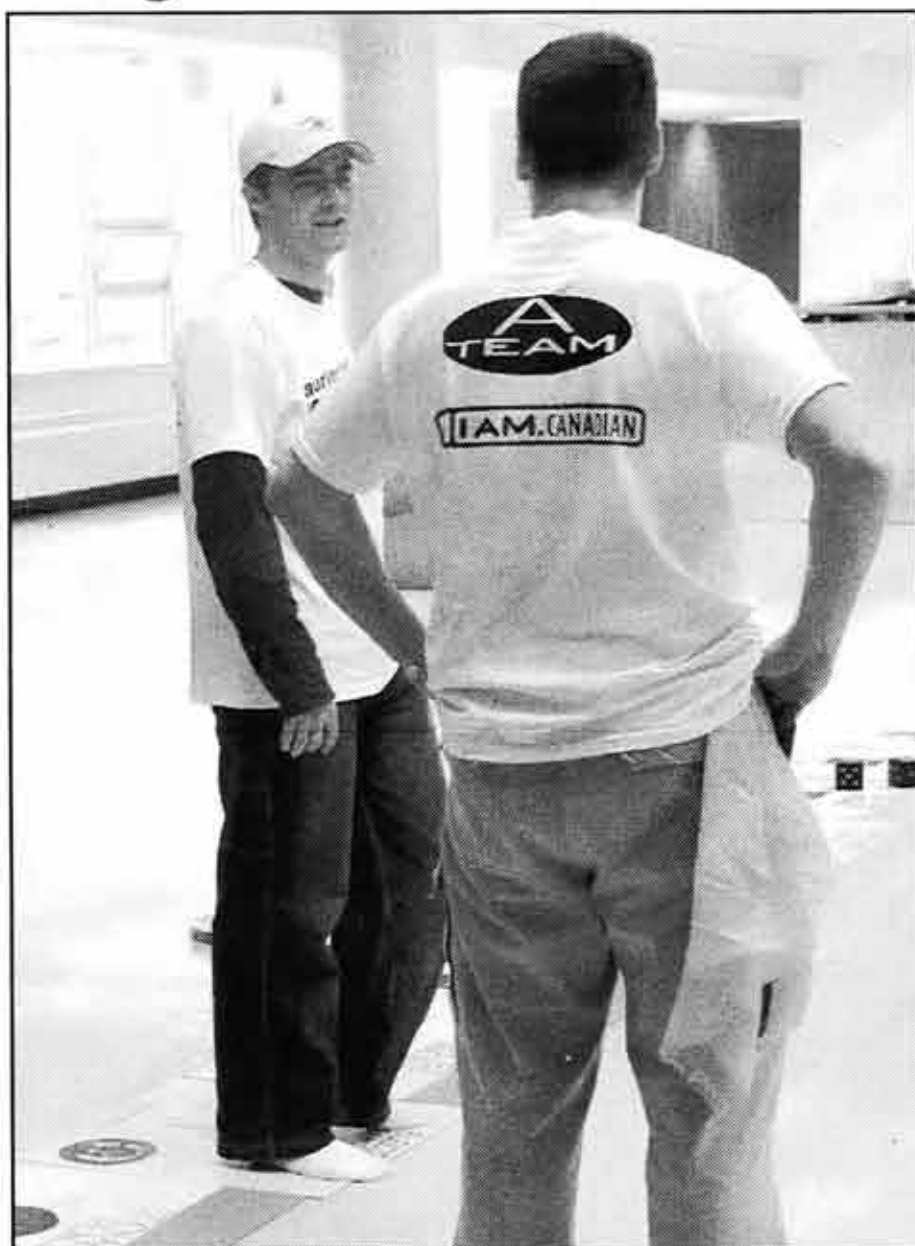
Risk, LIFE, Pay Day, Trivial Pursuit and the grand daddy of them all, Monopoly.

These are some of the best loved games ever created by the Milton Bradley Company, and Laurier decided to jump on the bandwagon last week bringing Monopoly to life.

Starting with 16 contestants, on Wednesday the game started off with 16 players, 4 each on normal sized boards. The winners of those games became the four finalists. They were Michael Miller, Aaron Shipway, Brandie Ferrell and Dave Bradica. The game was truly an experience and an event unlike anything I'd ever seen before.

The A-Team made this version of the game look exactly like the real board game. I can tell you for certain that it looked exactly like the board I have seen since I was five years old. The game of Monopoly is one that everyone can identify with. I decided to ask folks when they played Monopoly the first time. I think my favourite answer came from my friend Jeanine: "I think I was about seven years old when I played for the first time without a partner, mind you I wasn't very good, but Lord I had fun".

How many times have you played games when you were growing up, and you had a partner who was older and wiser. They would actually moved the piece around the board and made the



Playing Monopoly in the Concourse. What else can I really say?

decisions, but you felt you were helping out because you were looking after the money. Monopoly money was important to me in my younger years. I used it to play store, buy groceries from the kitchen and check out books from my library, thinking the only way you could get books from the

library back then was by using Monopoly money.

But this article is not about me. It is about Laurier's version of the game. I sat down with Michael and Aaron, and we chatted about the game called Monopoly.

In response to when the first time they played Monopoly, Mike

answered: "Well to tell you the truth, I was five years old when I started playing. I wanted to start at a younger age, but the parents just wouldn't let me. They said 'I was too young for such a game. God I hate those warnings on the boxes, '5 and up only', like what is that?'"

Aaron said: "I'm not sure when I started playing it, but I still play it because I like board games, Monopoly in particular, because of the competitiveness of it. I find it fascinating that it can get so cut-throat. Not to say that I am immune."

I agree with both of them. I actually started playing Monopoly when I was about six years old. I remember I bugged my parents for over a year to let me play and they finally gave in. I asked them

about properties on the board as well as pieces. Mike told me: "The best property on the board would have to be Marvin Gardens, because you know, anyone with the name Marvin has to be the coolest guy in the world. And favourite piece, there is no contest there it has to be the thimble. What can I say; you never lose with the thimble, that is what I have proven."

Aaron said: "My favourite properties are the light blue's because the houses only cost \$50 bucks each but the rent is higher than the

previous two properties. My favourite piece is the moose from the Canadian version. I don't really know why."

I also asked them: if you could bring any other Milton Bradley Game to life what would it be and why?

Mike said: "In my life, monopoly is the only real board game, everything is just fake. So there would be no game that could compare to this one."

Aaron's take was different: "Risk, definitely Risk, only because that is my favourite board game of all time."

God I hate those warnings on the boxes, '5 and up only', like what is that?

All in all I was thoroughly impressed with this version of Monopoly, the winner walked away with a 21-inch television and a 40 dollar gift certificate from East Side

Mario's. Everyone had the chance to win prizes, and with Molson as the major sponsor, the big prize up for grabs was two tickets to the Molson Indy in Toronto, won by Aaron Shipway.

Other prizes included gift certificates from Beach Bunnies, East Side Mario's, Loose Change Louie's, Johnny Fiascos as well as The Turret and other Molson Prizes. Let's just hope that we will get the chance to see another amazing board game come to life.

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Julie Pong

Looking for a cozy little restaurant that has a unique atmosphere and exotic food? Well, Hannah's Bella Bistro, located at 51 King Street North, (right beside Waterloo Taxi), is the place for you.

From the outside, Hannah's Bistro does not look like a quaint little restaurant. However, once inside, one feels as though they have walked onto a little tropical island.

A bamboo canopy hangs overhead as artificial vines, birds and other such paraphernalia create this tropical atmosphere. The lighting is dim, each table is adorned with real flowers and a candle, and without a doubt, this restaurant appeals to those who enjoy an intimate, romantic atmosphere.

Some may argue that the menu is limited, especially for those who are particularly fussy eaters. However, even I, known to not venture out and try new food, found a dish that appealed to my likings.

For appetizers one could find anything from a mixed green salad with exotic fruits, crab cakes, or a sizzling hot shrimp plate. Entree choices included a variety of mouth-watering dishes: sundried tomato fettucine, Chilean Sea Bass, chicken Montserrat or peanut pad Thai. Appetizers were priced anywhere from \$6-11, and entrees ranged anywhere from \$16-24.

Immediately after ordering, one is served piping hot fresh bread with a tangy red-pepper sauce that is simply delicious. This bread was so delicious it was difficult to not indulge to the point where one would be full.

The presentation of the entrees was undoubtedly a highlight. My sundried tomato fettucine was garnished with strawberries, grapes, and other edible trimmings. By merely looking at this dish, my mouth was already watering. It was apparent that this restaurant took the time to present their dishes in such a way as to whet your appetite.

Hannah's is slightly higher-priced compared to those restaurants that have a more relaxed atmosphere. However, with the higher price comes, I would say, a better quality food, presentation, and overall



atmosphere.

Without a doubt if you have some extra spending money in your pocket and you are looking for a charming, intimate restaurant

with exotic dining, then find your way to Hannah's Bella Bistro, and I promise that you will enjoy everything this restaurant has to offer.

Cord Student Life: We ask the tough questions like "Are there really Mountain Kangaroos in Canada?"

Alumni week: Man-band mini-golf

Student Alumni Association brings alumnus and their clubs back to school

Kevin Klein

With Winter making a resurgence, it's nice to know that I have already gotten in a round on the links. Well, it was only 6 holes. And mini-golf. And in the Concourse. But c'mon - its still cold outside.

To celebrate the fifth annual Alumni Awareness Day, the WLU Student Alumni Association (WLUSAA), brought a favourite past time of some (and the first date of most), mini-golf to the T

Concourse. It gave everyone a chance to play a hole or two with former Hawks who have gone on to bigger and better things.

On hand to take part in the event was Dr. Dan Andrae ('80 MSW), President of the Ontario Association of Social

Workers and Laurier Alumnus of the Year, Charlotte Gibson ('83 BA, '86 MA), President and CEO of the Easter Seal Society, Robert Schlegel ('72 BA), President and CEO of Pavestone Co. in Texas who recently donated a large sum towards the creation of the Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies.

But, these wonderfully successful, intelligent alumni did not round out my golfing

threesome. That honour was reserved for Glenn Coulson ('97 BA) and Joe Heslip ('98 BMUS), both members of the pop music group VIP.

Now ladies and gentleman, regain your composure. These two may be music superstars, but when you are playing mini-golf it's all about who can get the ball in the hole. Showing no mercy on the two superstars, I soundly defeated them. But I'm just good, I guess.

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During our time on the course, one thing was clear. These guys loved their time at Laurier and were glad to be back. And back to a campus that has undergone some major changes.

"Chicks, chicks, chicks," said the unmarried Joe, when asked

about his suggestion for most improved aspect.

To Glenn, however, the biggest change and most welcome came in the form of the improved Second Cup. He recalled getting his coffee from a little booth in the Concourse, which has also seen some major changes. Leaning his putter against the centre pole, he recalled sitting around the pole



VIP band members Glenn and Joe playing with their only clubs in the Concourse.

KEVIN KLEIN, THE NEXT TIGER WOODS

on a circular couch in his days.

After finishing out the last hole with a solid two a-piece, both Glenn and Joe felt it was important to inform me that not all boy-bands are gay, as two of the four members are married, and in fact they had graduated to man-band status.

"We're not a boy-band. We're a man-band. We play instruments, that makes us a man-band. No boy-band plays their own instruments," they said.

Fans of the band can look forward to a new, man-band album, scheduled to come out in the summer, tentatively titled

"Looking Forward to Looking Back." Much like the theme for the day, they joked.

"Today is a nice reflection on what we've done," said Glenn.

A very special congratulations goes out to Michelle Gamble, WLUSAA Events Coordinator for a great event and idea.

Event attendance may have been lower than hoped for, but those who did take part had the opportunity to meet some Laurier grads who have done well with their lives. And I got to mini-golf with VIP. A dream come true. I love man-bands.

Charity takes home 1st prize in Iron Chef competition

Continued from cover

Not to be discriminated against, the Culinary team also had their fun creating a very small grease fire that was significant enough for the A-Team MC's to mention the rules in case of fire.

I must say that the MC's kept the evening very much alive and the crowd enthused.

Messes were numerous as food was flying and knives were being expertly sharpened. The buffalos, in true character, decided to spice things up a bit by chugging a bag of milk, the logic and fun in this still hasn't been pointed out to me.

To spice things up a bit, the four judges decided the team members needed a little spunk and gave them a shot - which each member downed - and seemed to put a little punch in their cooking abilities.

The excitement continued as one of the Culinary team's burner broke down. So, a la Survivor, one of the buffalos burners was taken away and 20 minutes was added on to their time.

The competition began to wind down as time ran out and the dishes had to be put together. Judges marked the teams best three dishes on three criteria; appearance/presentation, taste, and creativity.

Dishes cooked by the Culinary

Arts Club included quesadillas, a chicken and rice dish as well as chicken kabobs. All of these dishes were given two thumbs up from the judges as well as audience members who got to taste the food.

The Waterbuffalos had the dish of the night; the Buffalo Cheesy Ballz (with a 'z' because apparently that's important). As David Wellhauser said, "I never thought I'd like someone's balls but these are awesome."

An audience member thought the opposite though as she said, "There was just too much meat in one bite!"

Their other creations included roasted chicken as well as seafood pasta with chicken and bacon.

After tasting and judging were completed, a few final comments were put forth by the judges.

"Everything was fantastic but it's the charities that are the real winners tonight," commented Wellhauser.

Prang was of a simple opinion. "The Buffalos have taste and the Culinary Arts have presentation."

Overall it was a hard fought competition that had to have a winner. By a margin of one vote, the Culinary Arts Club walked away with the title. The money that was raised, 150 dollars, was then given to their charity of choice, the Marc Santi Foundation.

Happy Birthday to me.
Happy Birthday to me.
My Girlfriend bought me a cake but I ruined it by looking into her pocket and finding the candles. So she got mad and then she sat in it.
Happy Birthday to me!

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ICE week comes to Laurier

Third year business students substitute a week off of classes for the added stress and excitement of doing a 'real' case with a 'real' company

Marc Henein

Every year at Laurier, third year business students undergo what some see as the most crucial point in any business student's time at Laurier. ICE week involves participation of 191 students who are formed into 36 groups for this week-long event. Students are given a real case from an outside business that is concerned with operations.

This year, the chosen company was Meritas Mutual Funds. They have asked three main questions that participants are expected to answer. These questions are (drum roll please): Can Meritas Inc. go beyond traditional buyers of socially responsible mutual funds and target mainstream investors? Should Meritas Inc. promote the

fund companies in Canada and is facing the dilemma of promoting either the faith-base or performance record of their company. Being a new firm, this case works well for ICE week students because they will be able to see a difference when and if their decisions are implemented.

There are two main steps in this assignment for all third year students to take. The first is writing their report and recommendations to the company through focusing on the above questions. The second step is condensing all this information into a fifteen-minute presentation. This is then presented to a group of Laurier professors with different business backgrounds. Once all the groups have presented, six groups of students are chosen to advance in the competition. Their next responsibility is to present their recommendations to the executives of Meritas. In exchange for all their work, the winning group, which is chosen by Meritas, is given a prize through this company.

Meritas Financial is one of Canada's only faith-based mutual fund companies in Canada and is facing the dilemma of promoting either the faith-base or performance record of their company.

These three questions are on all third year business students' minds for ICE week.

Meritas Financial is one of Canada's only faith-based mutual

range in size and price. Last year Danier Canada's prize was leather briefcases as well as other Danier paraphernalia. The year before,



Here is a picture of something. I don't know yet.

IBM awarded ThinkPad laptops as the grand prize.

Pieter Knispel, a third year business student and participant in ICE week, says: "ICE week is the first opportunity we have had to work as a cohesive unit and apply the theory we have learned over the past two and a half years to a real-life setting." Many students in all majors often question why they must take certain courses, but it is with ICE week that all business students finally see the merit of taking statistics and decision models.

The ICE week report was due on Monday at noon and the presentations are being completed

Tuesday beginning at seven and continuing until eleven this morning. These deadlines are fairly tight considering the students are given the case Wednesday at noon and are expected to compile a report of their recommendations and suggestions to implement them by Monday. In Knispel's group they were up until 7am Monday morning completing their report and Pieter admits that "although it is physically and mentally draining, I am learning a lot on how businesses function and the dilemmas they encounter."

One cannot forget that despite the prizes, this is also being done

for marks. Ten percent in each student's four core courses are up for grabs. So even if a group does not have the opportunity to present their ideas to the executives of Meritas, they still have the opportunity to boost their marks while attaining an invaluable experience. Helping Meritas Inc. decide what is their best action plan is keeping third year business students from sleeping, but is also doing wonders on showing them how much their education will help them when they get into the corporate world.

Discuss this story online at www.clublaurier.ca

Weekly Business Joke

Dave Prang walks into the human resources department of Kimberly Clark and hands the executive his application. The executive begins to scan the sheet, and notices that the applicant has been using the application to wipe his soiled ass.

"I must say," says the executive, "your work history is smelly. You've been fired from every job."

"Yes," says Prang.

"Well," continues the executive, "there's not much positive in that."

"Hey!" says Prang as he pokes the application. "At least I'm not shitty."

Ottawa keeps out American tomatoes

The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency announced this week that they are increasing the provincial duties on tomatoes from the United States by 71%. This increase seems to be in response to the Americans raising their Canadian softwood lumber imports by 29% last week. Ottawa disagrees, stating they have been investigating for the past year that the US tomatoes were being sold here at a lower price than they were being sold in the US. There is an ongoing investigation on the toll this has taken on Canadian tomato farmers and the results are expected at the end of July.

BMW Mini set for North America

Currently BMW is looking optimistically



towards the United States as the largest market for their newest car, the Mini. BMW is hoping to sell 20% of their total output to the US, which would represent twice as much as the US was relied on for in 2001. To date, the Mini has been under fire because it has been operating under a loss. This is believed to be due to costs associated with their plant and administrative costs. However, BMW is confident that the Mini will turn a profit soon. The Mini was last sold in North America in the 1960's and in 2002, the Mini is being sent to only 70 select dealerships in North America.

RIM expands into Hong Kong

Local Waterloo firm, Research in Motion (RIM), has sealed a contract to sell their primary product, the Blackberry, on the Hong Kong market. The first mobile operator to offer Blackberry technology is Hutchison Telecommunications. As of now they are the largest telecom firm in Hong Kong. For now, the Blackberry is being distributed to corporate customers only. However, they are looking to expand to personal consumers in the near future. RIM's shareholders responded positively to this announcement

by purchasing more shares of the technology firm. RIM sees this expansion as the next logical step, as they successfully introduced the Blackberry to North America in 1999 and Europe in 2001.

Nortel in talks^W ith Motorola

Market watchers this week have speculated that Nortel Networks is in talks with Motorola to combine their wireless operations. This will translate into more job cuts for Nortel. Some speculate these job cuts could reach the 10,000 mark. Since the economy has taken a dip, Nortel has laid off over 50,000 employees in total. This announcement comes just after an internal memo at Nortel was circulated saying there will be no more lay offs. With such job cuts and negative earnings each quarter, it is unrealistic to look for Nortel to have any growth before the end of 2005.

BCE Emergis at the fall

First quarter revenues have not materialised at BCE Emergis and this resulted in their stock falling more than 40% by the end of the week. Translating into a loss of \$25-\$30 million for the quarter, this stock has hit

a new 52-week low of just below \$11.60. These levels have not been seen since January 1999. To counter this negative news, BCE Emergis is preparing a cost reduction plan with revised financial guidance for the rest of the year.

Interest Rate Expected to Rise

David Dodge, Governor General of the Bank of Canada has announced that he thinks the economy is on an upswing. Due to this new information, analysts finally believe that our economy is headed out of what has been predicted as a recession. Of course, no one knows if the economy has indeed been in a recession over the last couple of months because statistics have yet to be compiled on the data.

The recovery of our economy might see interest rates go up this summer. If you're a fourth year student, and you have an obscene amount of money, you may want to look to purchase a house while the mortgage rates are low. It is inevitable that they will go up when the interest rates increase. It is also the time to purchase large items that involve some sort of financing plan.

Looking at the market for vehicles, now is the time to buy. Zero percent financing will not last long if interest rates increase.

Compiled by Marc Henein and Chris Jacobson

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Summer Groundskeeper

Luther Village On The Park, Waterloo, is looking for two strong, dependable individuals to assist with the janitorial and indoor and outdoor maintenance of the retirement community on a full time contract basis from May 1st to August 31st, 2002. These positions pay \$10.25 per hour. Please submit resume to: Human Resources, Luther Village on the Park, 139 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 6L1 Fax: 519-884-9071

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ULTIMATE QUESTION

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PERSONALS

Congratulations, N^W Cordies

Shouts out to all the new Cordies, and a big thanks to everyone who helped out and applied. You're a bunch of classics, in every sense of the word. My thanks is limited, however, by my inability to say anything nice. Let's all go to the Flying Dog next week and get some cougs. Who's in? -Manceesh

Abducted: Steve Cannata

Last seen eating donuts and chips at Tim Horton's. Needed back for upcoming pie-eating contest at Wilf's. The missing is described as "cute as a kitten" by Chris Eby.

Creepy Cool J,

I would love to go to your cottage this summer. I'll wear my hair up, you bring your LFO CD. By the way, nice rack!! Hoolio and Patrick say hello.

Sweetheart

That'd Be Alright

Why don't you come in. I've got something to show you...in my room.

Tam

Courtney Fruz

Congratulations on the acquisition of an automobile. Was that you we saw speeding on Erb Street last Saturday?

See you next Thursday

Matt Cade

I apologize for temporarily disabling your email for 12 hours, rendering you even more helpless than usual. I hope our friendship can survive this 'little' snag because I'm living at your cottage this summer, regardless. Who else can cook bacon *and* potatoes? Exactly.

Not so Fitztastic

Tony Tower

I've been listening to the Rock! Show in my room, and I must say that it arouses me. Why don't you come and sleep in my room tonight? It's okay, my roommates have gone home for the weekend.

B. Shinndecjay

Tony Tower and Amanda Fitz,

Your show also arouses me. I know this is obvious, since I hang out with both of you on Fridays. But I thought I'd let you know. Keep on grooving and/or rocking.

Matt Cade

Manceesh,

Why do you screw everything up? This is a simple process...granted, I never told you exactly what to do...and, well...why do you screw everything up???

Cade

Dillon and Amanda,

I looked mad, I wasn't. You thought I flipped out, but really I was upset with Chris Ellis for breaking the printer. But you should know that "you've fu%ed with the wrong marine!"

The Boss

James and Matt

Can I get wit you?

Wilbur

Cottage

You're so close I can taste you. It's nothing personal, current Cordies, but I have got to get waterski-on. And you all best get your posteriors to the dock. I guarantee the sun this time. And lots of random questions. And a fruit plate.

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