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Welcome to Laurier

Erin Finn
2002 Orientation Team
Coordinator

Orientation Week 2002: Where Strengths Unite

Well, you're almost there... The past few months have probably been some of the most strenuous, nervous and exciting times, but the verdict is in now: you are officially taking on the prestigious role of a Wilfrid Laurier University student. Welcome to the beginning of the best time of your life!

From the moment you step onto the grounds of WLU and start to feel the spirit and sense of community that Laurier offers, your life as you know it will begin to change. Coming to university is one of the most profound and exhilarating decisions you have

ever made and the transition you are about to make can be slightly overwhelming at first. That's why Orientation Week exists. O-Week is designed to help you take those first few steps into university life and get you accustomed to your new surroundings and the challenges that await you.

While you have been busy making your decision to come to WLU, the Orientation Team, composed of 17 fantastic individuals, have been putting together the most action-packed week to kick off your university career. The team has been working hard to ensure that your days are filled with lots of off-the-wall activities and that your nights are filled with concerts, parties and revelry. This week is also designed to give you a glimpse at what to expect in the classroom, with academic seminars that will open your eyes to

the demands of student life. Unlike most universities (because we definitely aren't like ANY other), Laurier's Orientation Week is a full seven days that will introduce you to all of the facets of university living.

The theme for Orientation Week 2002 is "Laurier's Call of the Wild... Where Strengths Unite". This theme represents the strengths of all of our students, most importantly you, coming together to show off the many talents, personalities and imaginations that each of us holds within.

During Orientation Week, we encourage you to use your strengths and feed off of others in order to find the basis for which you will begin to build your life here at WLU. As a result of uniting all of our strengths all week, it comes to a climax on Saturday, September 7 with Shinerama Day! This is a day where the

entire university goes out into the community to raise money for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Last year we raised over \$118,000 for CF research through our Shinerama Campaign and with your help, we can do it again in 2002!

Quite simply, Orientation Week is absolutely amazing! The excitement begins from the moment you arrive and it never stops. I hope your summer is going well and that you are just as excited as us for this amazing week! So enjoy the rest of your summer, get excited about becoming a GOLDEN HAWK and get ready to have an absolute blast!

For more information please visit our website: www.wlsu.com.

A message from your Head Icebreakers

Your Head Ice Breakers

So here you are, getting your first glance of the student newspaper that you will be checking out on a weekly basis during your university career. However, this experience is just an insight about many exciting experiences that are about to come your way! Orientation week is going to kick it off and we are anxiously awaiting your arrival! The purpose of the week known as "O" is to transform the unfamiliar surroundings of WLU into familiar faces, places and spaces in one week's time. Just how will we do this, you ask? Well, upon your arrival, you will meet the craziest, not to mention friendliest and most spirited people at Laurier. We are your 2002 Orientation Week Head Ice Breakers and we are going to lead you through one of the most memorable and wildest weeks of your lives!

Your super-de-duper Orientation Team has the most exciting, fabudabulous events and activities planned for you! Whether you are reading this by yourself at your mind-numbing summer job, or in front of your parents around the kitchen table, or by yourself in the privacy of your own room, we need you to go to the nearest solid piece of furniture and start off the next sentence with a drum roll... (keep it goin'). Now scream out the next 17 words at the top of your lungs "and this Year's theme for Orientation week 2002 is Laurier's Call of the Wild: Where Strengths Unite!" There are sure to be some roaring, growling, snapping and biting good-times!

Upon your arrival at our wonderful palace known as WLU, you will be called to join one of four wild colour teams led by us, your Head Ice. It is in these colour teams that you will soar through the week par-

ticipating in exciting events, friendly competitions and jungle-wild activities that the O-Team has anxiously planned for you! This is one week you do not want to miss! What are these colour teams and who are these leaders, you ask? Well let us tell you! The Blue Sharks led by Sam Conradi and Julie Gales are sure to attack the week with all they've got. However, the Gold Grizzlies will be out on the hunt and are sure to stir up a growling good time with leaders Mike Iley and Patty Moher! The Green Gators, led by Shaun Miller and Amanda Brown plan to snap their way to the top as they facetiously say "See ya later..." to the other teams! The Red Tigers, led by the dynamic duo of Daryl Mason and Catherine Santos, are out on the prowl and will ensure that everyone knows how to spell RED TIGERS, RED TIGERS!

After you have found out your colour team, you will meet your Ice

Breaker (definition: the cream of the crop, they rise to the top). An Ice Breaker is like a spotter on a trampoline. They are there for you to make sure you know what you are doing and that you have a good time. In other words, a trampoline is meant for you to maximize your vertical leap, just like Ice Breakers are there to ensure you maximize your Orientation Week. Likewise, they will be there to help you if you get too close to the edge and answer any questions you have about certain jumps and maneuvers. They will reassure you of any fears you may have about the year and be there for you in every way possible. They will be your friend and will be with you, your floor and your partner floor throughout the week, guiding you through the wildest adventure ever! An assortment of activities, games and social events are planned so that you can comfortably meet new pals, get ori-

ented into university life and truly become part of Laurier's exciting and most wonderful close-knit community!

As you are about to embark on the beginning of the next phase of your life we want to ensure that you start it off on the right foot by getting the safest and bestest (do not use this choice of grammar in your university classes) introduction to WLU ever! We, your Orientation 2002 Head Ice are counting down the days until your arrival as we work with the rest of the O-Team to prepare this summer. We hope that you are as excited as we are! We are glad you have answered your call to come to Laurier and may the rest of your summer be wild and bright! We will see you in September when another class of strengths will unite!

Sincerely,
Sam, Julie, Iley, Patty, Miller,
Amanda, Mason and Santos



The Orientation Team is ready to take you suckaz on in September. Unfortunately, we at The Cord have no idea what their names are, so you'll have to figure that out yourselves. See? We didn't make fun of you like you thought we would...



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The Cord Weekly

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Since 1926 The Cord Weekly has been the prime source for news and information for the students of Laurier. Every week expect The Cord to reflect the views and concerns of students on the Laurier campus.



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Club Laurier began last year and is intended to reflect and recreate the Laurier community online. Club Laurier carries all the content of The Cord while adding its own content, discussion forums and a Procrastinators Corner.

the WLU'er

In your Frosh kits expect to see your WLU'er, a student handbook and agenda.

bluprint magazine

BluPrint Magazine, first published last year, is a full colour magazine distributed freely to all Laurier students. This publication will be produced 4 times this year and has a topic focus beyond that of Laurier, and is intended to achieve Canada wide distribution during this academic year.

The Keystone Yearbook & Keystone Frosh

The Keystone is the official record keeper of Laurier student's memories, and now this year a special Keystone Frosh edition will be created, providing a 140 page book just for Laurier's first year students. A yearbook position will also be reserved on each residence house council.

the Phone Cord

In October watch out for the free Phone Cord, a telephone directory of every student, staff and faculty at WLU.

Electronic Publishing Institute

The publishing industry is changing radically, and WLUSP will be a part of this change through research into new publishing technologies, especially electronic books. We will investigate the practical needs that must be met both by those using the publications and those doing the publishing.

Hiring Volunteers in September

Look for us during Discover Laurier and Frosh Week

In September Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications will be hiring editors, writers, photographers, copy editors, graphic artists, page layout designers, and web designers for all our publications. Additionally, WLUSP is looking for volunteers to work with Human Resources, Public Relations, Information Technology, Ad Production, and the Electronic Publishing Institute. We need volunteers from both the Waterloo and Brantford campuses. No willing, hard working undergraduate student will be turned away from volunteering at WLUSP. No matter what, you will find a home at WLUSP.

Your Student Leaders Exposed!

WLUSU President: Andy Pushalik

So you are now a real-life university student. Well actually, you are much more than that. You are a golden hawk, a scholar, a partier, an athlete, a musician, a volunteer, and the best of the best really. You are a Laurier student!

I cannot say enough how happy and excited I am to welcome you to Laurier and into our special community. Over the next few months you will receive countless pieces of mail to help get you ready for your new experience and to educate you on all of the fantastic things that happen on our campus.

One of these special things is the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU). As a Laurier student you are a shareholder in one of the premier student run organizations in Canada. WLUSU offers a variety of programs and services that are designed to help you learn, keep you safe and ultimately make your Laurier experience the

best it can possibly be.

Located in the heart of campus, WLUSU provides students with jobs, volunteer opportunities, social and academic events, and a voice to the university and external community. I, along with the Management Committee and the Board of Directors, strive to provide for your needs by ensuring that your voice is not just listened to but acted upon.

We are excited for the coming year with the unveiling of the newly renovated Turret Night Club, the redevelopment of our website, and a concerted effort to get back to basics and do what we do best!

If you have any questions before your arrival please give me a call at (519) 884-0710 ext. 3409, e-mail me at apushali@wlu.ca, or check out our website at www.wlusu.com. Until then say your goodbyes, pack your bags, and get some rest, because come September there will be so much going on you will not want to miss out!!



Andy is always willing to help... And loves to sit on what other people step on...



Got a problem? Ask Kristi, she'll help you out.

WLUSU Executive Vice-President: Kristi Edwards

Kristi Edwards is a Political Science and Communication Studies combined honours stu-

dent who has just completed her third year at Laurier. She will be fulfilling the position of Executive Vice-President: University Affairs for the next year for WLUSU. Kristi has been involved in many different areas of the WLUSU as a volunteer for Laurier Students for Literacy and Legal

Resources. She was also on the Board of Directors for two years, serving this past year as Vice-Chair. Kristi has also served as a student representative on the Senate and was actively involved in organizing "The Vagina Monologues", which raised just under \$6,000.00 for charity.

Kristi is responsible for the University Affairs Department, which includes four different committees. The Environmental Awareness promotes environmentally friendly projects throughout campus. The Health and Fitness Committee promotes healthy lifestyles and runs Heart and Stroke fundraisers, like Jump Rope for Heart. The Equality Awareness Committee will be promoting diversity and acceptance of differences among all individuals at Laurier. The Academic Issues Committee is a new Committee this year and they will be researching and focusing on academic concerns that affect students. Each of these committees will be working hard to improve student life on campus. In addition to overseeing these committees, Kristi sits on the Management Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Student Services Advisory Council.

The University Affairs portfolio also carries with it a large external component. Kristi serves as

the Laurier representative to OUSA, the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance, which is a student organization that works hard to lobby the provincial government on student issues, ranging from financial aid, to housing, to deregulation. Municipally, Kristi sits on several committees that work with different groups in the Waterloo Community to help find solutions to issues like housing shortages, safety, quality and some other things, such as parking.

Course evaluations are a major concern for students, so Kristi will work hard to improve this process so that students' concerns are heard. There are also a number of other projects that Kristi will be working on this year. She wants to make the Petitions and Appeals process of the University more student-friendly. She will be working with Laurier's Academic Integrity Committee to help educate students and faculty about academic misconduct and the harm it causes.

The most important thing that Kristi wants to emphasize is that she is available if you have questions or concerns about anything at Laurier. She can be contacted at (519) 884-0710 ext. 3434 or by e-mail at kedwards@wlu.ca.

WLUSP President David Field

At University you will be fed a lot of information, and this experience provides the freedom for you to choose what to believe. Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications (WLUSP) will be chief among those information suppliers. What makes WLUSP great is that you have an open invitation to participate in supplying and broadcasting the information.

You are entering WLU at a time when WLUSP has expanded and gone through phenomenal change. This has created an unprecedented amount of new volunteer opportunities and in fact, our policy is that no undergraduate student will be turned away from volunteering at WLUSP, as long as they have the best interests of the organization at heart.

So what do we do? Well, this newspaper, The Cord, is produced by us, and has been since 1926. Also produced are The WLU'er, a student planner and agenda, and the Phone Cord, a phone number directory of everyone at the university, from

staff to students. There is also the Keystone Yearbook and the first ever Frosh Keystone Yearbook. There is also our new web publication ClubLaurier.ca and the brand new full colour magazine entitled BluPrint. We also have a new Electronic Publishing think-tank designed and run completely by students.

For all these publications we need writers, photographers, editors, production staff, web designers, and those behind the publications, human resources, public relations, distribution, ad production, and information technology. Volunteers become apart of the WLUSP family, becoming one of your strongest bonds to this university.

I encourage you to please contact me to find out more about one of the most innovative university student groups in the country. E-mail me at anytime at david.field@wlusp.com or call me (519) 884-0710 ext. 3565. To find out more about what to expect from WLUSP this year visit <http://www.wlusp.com>. Have a great time at university, and remember it is only what you make of it.



Dave Field will mesmerize you with his Hawk. Reserve a spot now to be in his train of girls...

This Space for Rent

Oh! Find Me a Home...

*Raccoons, reeking carpets and ruptured pipes...
Helpful tips to avoid this stuff!*

Thomas Thompson

Growth and space in residence and on campus has been a persistent problem affecting the frosh at Laurier over the last couple of years. In recent years the availability of on-campus living space for first year students has dwindled as the intake of students has increased. The availability has also been pressured by the University's policy of guaranteeing placement for all first year students in residence. In the past, some students chose to live off-campus but it did not alleviate the problem. The cost of maintaining this policy came at a high price last year when 759 students were placed into a triple occupancy situation, in rooms that normally housed two.

When this crisis had arisen last year, plans were made to construct a new residence on Seagram Drive. With an anticipated completion in August, construction is progressing on the new residence building Waterloo College Hall. This residence, located about half a block from the campus, is estimated to provide additional housing for another 324 students. The addition of this residence combined with the decreased level of enrollment for first year students, estimated at 2400, should ensure that there is an adequate number of rooms available without having to resort to triples.

There are benefits to both living on and off-campus but the risk varies greatly. Living in resi-

dence provides fixed costs and the risks are minimal in regards to living conditions as long as you get along with your roommate and don't have any unexpected long term guests.

Living off-campus does provide a greater sense of independence, responsibility and freedom for first year students. Students who live off-campus are not obliged to invest thousands of dollars into a meal plan though this does come at the cost of having to be responsible for yourself.

There have been some misperceived drawbacks to living off-campus. One of strongest is the perception that first year students who choose to live off-campus are isolated from their peers living in residence, especially during activities such as Orientation Week. One organization LOCUS, Laurier Off Campus University Students, was created to address this problem. LOCUS provides support and opportunities to meet people in ways similar to residence life.

The greatest risk that comes from living off-campus is finding a good place to rent in Waterloo. While there are many reputable landlords there are also many lousy ones. Last year, The Cord featured two stories discussing terrible living condition and irresponsible and abusive landlords. There were so many people having problems that Legal Resources started a "Lousy Landlord" contest, a volunteer organization that advises students about their legal rights.

The contestants included tenants who not



Oh you think it's funny? If you don't read this article, YOU'RE gonna end up living here...

only had their complaints ignored by their landlords but also experienced outrageous problems. One group of tenants not only had their toilets leak for two months, but they had to pay to have a family of raccoons removed from the house and when the pipes burst, flooding the basement, the landlord did not clean the carpeting.

If you decide to live off campus there are some things to keep in mind. First, it is important to be aware of your rights as a tenant before you

sign any contracts. It is also important to make sure that the house is licensed if city by-laws require it and it is also in any tenants' interest to make sure that they can easily be able to contact their landlord. Any students who have concerns about contracts or obligations can visit the Legal Resources office on the third floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre during the regular school year.

Hammered and Screwed

Stefan Sereda

There is more being built at Laurier than its reputation for destroying precious green space. Furthermore, there is far more being destroyed on campus than precious green space. Here is an update on construction on campus...

In response to the approaching "double cohort" and the griping of last year's frosh students that were stuck living in overcrowded triple-rooms, a new residence is scheduled for completion in mid-August. The Waterloo College Hall Residence will be built to accommodate 324 incoming first-year students on the corner of Lester Street and Seagram Drive. It is expected that students will be able to move in come September.

The campus library is currently undergoing renovations. The elevator shafts are being removed to create more room for books. New elevator shafts are being constructed on the sides of the building, but the construction is proceeding floor-by-floor, mean-

ing that library materials on floors six and seven will be unavailable until November when the renovations are complete. Laurier students can still access needed research materials via the TUG system, which allows students to order books from the University of Waterloo's library, as well as from the University of Guelph.

The construction of the Schlegel/SBE building and the renovations of the adjacent Peters Building are scheduled for completion this summer, to accommodate the growing number and unbridled ambition of Laurier's business students. The buildings will be connected by a tunnel, as most of Laurier's faculty complexes are.

In addition, a new \$11.4 million science research facility is being erected on Bricker Avenue, along with a new multi-level

teaching facility. The research facility is being built as an addition to the current Science building. To clear space for the new buildings, several houses on Bricker Avenue are being demolished. Much to the dismay of the Graduate Student Association and alcoholic Cord news editors, the Grad Pub is being demolished as well.

However, renovations to the Turret, Laurier's on-campus nightclub, began this week and are expected to be completed in the second or third week of August. The interior renovations promise aesthetic and functional improvements.

According to manager Chris Stanley, construction will not result in cover charges or

increased costs, allowing aspiring booty-shakers to give up the funk even on a student budget.

The new C wing of the Arts building was completed recently, adding six new classrooms, each possessing multimedia capabilities and seating 60 to 65 students. Nearby, the Health Services Department is being renovated, with the medical facility being relocated to the basement of Willison Hall for the summer.

Finally, the Dining Hall expansion

is underway, corresponding to a change in the student meal plan. The Dining Hall has been gutted and is progressing on schedule to be operational before September. Above the cafeteria, the Paul Martin Centre is also closed for renovations to allow for the expansion and adjustments. The new Dining Hall is being designed with a pleasant and classy French outdoor cafe motif, but inevitably, it will still be a cafeteria.



A conceptual drawing of the new a la francais look for the Dining Hall



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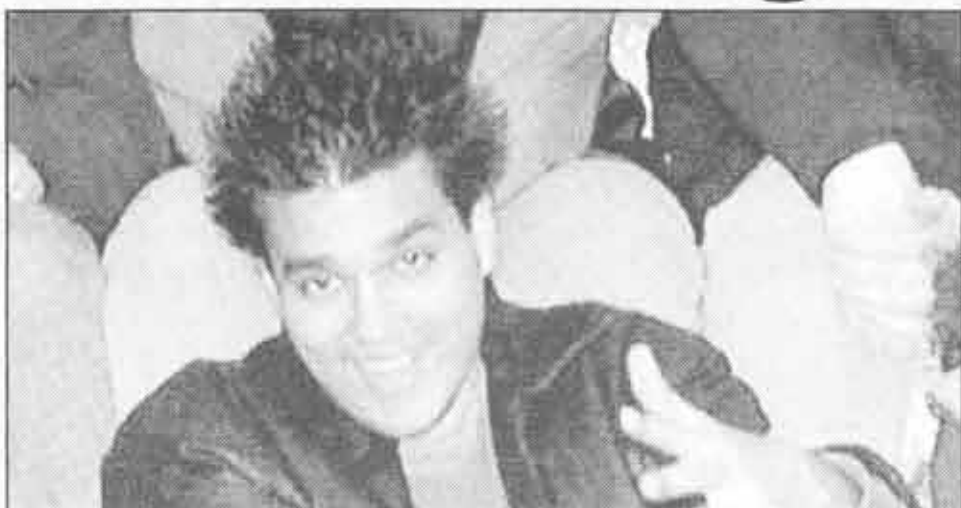
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or e-mail: maneesh@wlusp.com

The jerk in charge

The Cord Editor-in-Chief
Maneesh Sehdev

This is not propaganda. The Cord is one of Laurier's oldest features, being in existence since 1926.

Each week we do our best to cover everything going on at Laurier, from sports to politics to arts and everything in between. News is important in order to understand the happenings at Laurier and to keep up to date on developments affecting you as a student. International will strive to keep you informed on issues occurring throughout the world, offering you a unique student point of view that you can't find anywhere else. Student Life is a fun section that deals with students and the way our lives are twisted by being students at this university. Sports will keep up with Laurier's teams and offer all kinds of information about all the scores and how to get involved. Entertainment will offer interesting and entertaining happenings in the K-W area. The Feature will allow you to learn more about a certain topic, exploring it in-depth and at length. Business will keep students informed on business happenings and how they affect students.



Laurier's Most Wanted. Beware, this man is to be avoided at all costs...

Opinion offers a forum to discuss just about anything on campus, so read the opinions of those in there and write letters about anything. And we've got more surprises...

The Cord is put together each week by students for students. We are always looking for volunteers and I encourage anyone with an interest in writing, photography and design to get involved with The Cord.

We train students on industry standard equipment. This ain't no joke! The Toronto Star uses the same stuff to produce their paper as we do, and ours is ten times better than theirs!

This issue was made with first year

students in mind, offering you all a unique point of view we think you can only get from The Cord. In other words, this isn't just another pamphlet from some expensive PR firm.

In conclusion, we're a crazy and fun group of people that are able to laugh at just about anything. People from every facet of this university end up working at The Cord, so don't think you'll be out of place if you want to get involved. Believe me, I've met people from all over through The Cord and they all love me now! So if you wanna get involved, just talk to the guy with the spikey hair. And ignore what you've heard...

No Smoking?



This shady character lights one of his final cigarettes on campus.

Thomas Thompson

Smokers will be disappointed this September when they arrive at Laurier since they will not be able to purchase cigarettes on campus and will not be able to smoke on the majority of the campus.

As of July 1st, the C-Spot, the on-campus variety store, will no longer be selling cigarettes in compliance with University policy. This was the result of actions taken by the University Senate to enforce a policy set in 1992 which forbade the sale of cigarettes on campus. The policy had been ignored until Dr. Rosehart became President of Laurier in 1997.

For the past five years, the Students' Union has applied to the Senate for exemptions from the policy and in the past the Board of Directors has granted it. This

February a decision not to grant this privilege was made and the decade old policy will be in effect as of July.

Furthermore, the Senate has introduced a policy that will forbid smoking within 10 metres of any University owned or leased building. Previously, smoking has been banned in residences and inside the building themselves but was allowed outside of them.

To the smokers' misfortune, there is little relief from the University's policies in the city of Waterloo. There are city by-laws in effect in the K-W region that prohibit smoking in public places such as restaurants and bars. With these rules in effect it might be easier to try quitting instead of trying to enjoy the cool menthol taste around campus.

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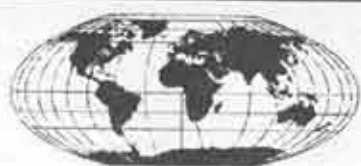
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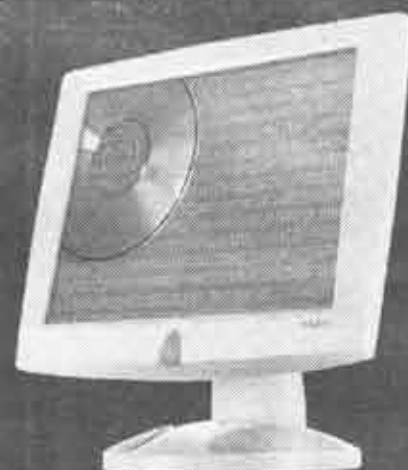
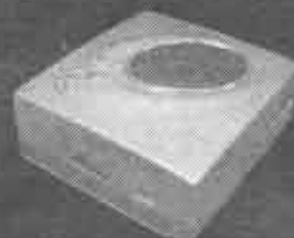
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Don't believe the hype

In all the information you have received from Laurier, including in the pages of this newspaper, you will find people encouraging you to do all kinds of things. Every group at this campus has a following for their cause and they will stop at nothing to have you included as well. However, no one will tell you to understand what you're getting into before you choose to get involved. Are you doing it because you want to or because everyone around you encouraged you to do so? Would you rather be recognized for your own actions or be just another person in a part of a larger group whose purpose you don't even know? Anyone who asks you to join their group is only interested in how your abilities can benefit them.

Here's how they'll get you: they'll do you favours that you didn't ask for. It may seem good at the time, but when someone does you a favour, you can expect two things from them: that they will ask you for a favour in return, and that you are in debt to them until they ask. You have no clue what the people at this institution are capable of. Many of them are corrupt, insidious people without any substance who have attained their positions through kissing ass and saving yes when they are required to do so. And they have no problem screwing you over in order to maintain their power and position. They are eager to grab you and fit you into their system to ensure that their archaic ways of thinking will always continue. They don't care about you, they only care about what you can do for them.

And if you refuse to play their game, they'll tell you it's impossible to do things the way you want. If anyone tells you you can't do something, there's a reason why. Is it because it shouldn't be done or because it threatens the position of the person telling you not to do it? The answer is almost always the latter. People will only tell you not to do something when it

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challenges what they have always known and believed. And once you challenge these robots, they will start to fear you. Because they fear what they cannot control.

Since I came to this institution four years ago, I've repeatedly been told what to do, say and think by people who are more like puppets than humans. Just because someone has a few letters after their name or a fancy title, it doesn't make them right. They only tell you what they do to keep that position of authority, not because they want what's best for you.

Only you can know what's best for you, so be wary of anyone trying to tell you what to do.

These groups have existed for years and know exactly how to prey on students just like you. They've spent their time perfecting their methods and will not hesitate to attack you if you disagree with them. They will spread lies and do anything to keep you down. Even though they needed your help previously.

Keep in mind that not everything is as it seems at Laurier. Even the so-called rebels are imposters who just want more for themselves at your expense. The Cord is not controlled by any organization on campus, and the Editorial Board and Editor-in-Chief make the decisions, but this does not mean The Cord is immune from such forces. These forces are everywhere and it's up to you to recognize and overcome them in order to be what you want to be.

I suppose I'm just another voice telling you what to do. However, here's my pitch: don't get involved with The Cord unless you are sure it is what you want to do and it is your decision. I would rather not have you work here otherwise. I make no promises and ask no favours. Look out for yourself once you get here, or get used and thrown away, like used toilet paper.

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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Bursting at the seams

Jeff Latosik



Congratulations and welcome to Wilfrid Laurier University.

Well, now that that's over with, I should let you guys in on a little pithy saying that's been running your school as of late: "You've got to keep up with times."

It's a cliché of small proportions but man, does it pack a mighty wallop. It seems to be a kind of unspoken rationale in every act of demolition, rebuilding, or beginning to build that has become the norm around our campus.

Ah yes, the times they are a-changing and you better hold on tight or you'll get trampled on. And loafers hurt, let me tell you.

The reason I say all this is not just to find fault in that which is, for better or worse, working fine. You're coming into a school where

hallways, classes, clubs, bars, study space, are all full. Well, no that's not true; they're actually bursting at the seams. That means they don't have room for you. And yet there you are. And there's another few hundred people just like you in that respect; they are on the outside of what is already full. Lining up doesn't even matter anymore because you're not going to get in.

Our walls are not
going to bend
anymore and you can
only add on so long.

But that's okay because at least Laurier is changing, right? Wouldn't want to be passé now would we? Better to be complacent than bitching and moaning right? Change is good because it requires people to shape up and get their act in order. No more slack. I mean this whole idea of people actually being able to find study space? Those people were spoiled, unrealistic, living their lives in illusion. Don't even ask about those people who, once they've

found a spot in the library, didn't have to deal with constant banging. Get with "the now" man. Yesterday was old news. Make way for the new.

Yep, the times are ushering in a make shift belief that these walls were made out of plexiglass and not concrete and stone. As a result, our education is feeling more and more like a canned good that's being shaken and is about to explode. It's sad but true.

Look, it comes down to this: our walls are not going to bend anymore and you can only add on so long. Pretty soon there are going to be many deserving people lost in the shuffle and your little brother or sister could be one of them.

"So what," you ask? Why say this if my own, or your, opinion doesn't matter? Well, don't let me pull the wool over your eyes just yet people. If anyone has the right to speak up it's you, the next generation of Laurier students, the ones who will be the most affected by this juggernaut we call getting with the times.

I just hope Laurier realizes, for the sake of change, that you actually attend classes here.

More than a number

Dillon Moore



By now you have received all the promotional material that you would probably ever want from Laurier. Calendars, promotional pamphlets, all of them emblazoned with the slogan "among Canada's best." This seems to ring with some promise, suggesting that this university will prepare you to be "among Canada's best" as well.

While it may be appealing to imagine being one of that select few, it's a lot less appealing to think that in reality you are viewed as one in a million — a drop in the bucket. This is too often the reality.

But Laurier, while guilty of this offense at times, is far from the sole perpetrator. The problem of viewing individuals simply as numbers is systemic within post-secondary education, and largely within our society as a whole. For example, while students entering university may have plans to tailor themselves into scholars possessing dynamic personalities and great dreams, while they are within the system they will be represented by the letters B.I.U.

This acronym, which stands for Basic Income Units, is used by the government to create a formula for funding post-secondary education. But each student is not automatically 1 B.I.U. — some students are worth more, and rate a greater number of B.I.U.s. This reflects the esti-

mated cost of educating a student in a particular program, as well as rewarding those institutions that move into areas of education that the government would like to see developed.

The result of this is that when talking about issues that directly affect students, the discussion instead seems to focus on the slippery acronym B.I.U. The administration is no more pleased with the terminology than anyone else, often wrinking their noses when mentioning it as though it's a necessary evil. Student numbers (almost all of you will have yours memorized by December) are just another facet of this depersonalization.

The effect of this is not always obvious, but it is tangible. When decisions on development and expansion are made, they are often the result of a forced adherence to a system of numbers that looks beyond human impact.

The solution to this dilemma is by no means obvious or easy. When dealing with massive amounts of information, it can be easy to lose track of what the information is meant to pertain to. But I have known students that have been able to take an active involvement in their

scholastic career. More often than not, their secret has been to work to remind the people in charge of the information that there is a human behind the numbers.

Strategically, you have nothing to lose by asking for explanations, and in some cases a bit of human kindness. When you feel trapped by the system of numbers, it only makes sense to expect those making the decisions to be active, thinking beings — just as you would like to be thought of.

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A different side of Laurier

Matt Michels



Since you are reading this, you are coming to Laurier. Good for you. You are probably looking forward to the small, intimate atmosphere that you've read about on the website, in the brochures, or wherever. Unfortunately, you should get the idea out of your head or prepare to be disappointed. If you don't like being locked in the trunk of a car, then you won't like it here. Our school isn't small, it's just crammed onto a really small piece of property. If you don't like waiting in line for everything, you might be out of luck.

In my experience, the guy in charge of our school likes to run this place like a business, and not like a school. He gives the impression that his agenda places more emphasis placed on fiscal solvency than on academic excellence. Rather than trying to make the current population happy, he has made large capital expenditures in order to enlarge the school's capacity for students. He seems to value his own business reputation and the satisfaction of stakeholders (other than students) over the quality of your post-secondary educational experience. He has made it clear that he will never run a budgetary deficit in order to provide us with what we deserve, even if it means that the students, faculty, and staff will remain disillusioned with the administration. He makes a lot of money per year, and he works Monday to Friday, 40 hours a week. Stop

by his office and say hello some time.

I hope in choosing to come here, you didn't just listen to your parents or your guidance counselors. You should only do what you think will make you happiest. Don't worry, everyone gets a job when they graduate. Why isn't our first priority, as a university student, learning to enjoy school and developing into an intelligent, well-rounded human being? If your first priority is learning how to get paid, then please don't come here because I hate you already. Bling bling.

If you are thinking about joining a frat, please do so. If the world needs anything, it's more frat boys. And possibly another Cold War, and maybe an outbreak of the bubonic plague.

Remember during Frosh week you do not

have to participate in the activities that do not appeal to you. If you feel ostracized for not participating in something that doesn't interest you, it's only because your frosh group sucks. If you don't like the idea of being a cheerleader, then don't act like one. If

you don't feel like washing cars, don't wash any god damn cars. Just because your ice breaker (Frosh group leader) tells you it's a good idea to act like everyone else, it doesn't mean it is. If you try your hardest, by the end of Frosh week, you might still have the capacity to formulate your own independent ideas.

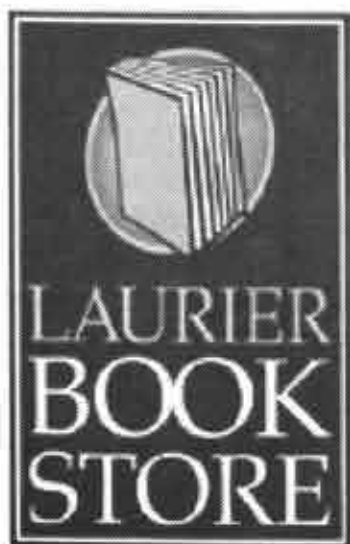
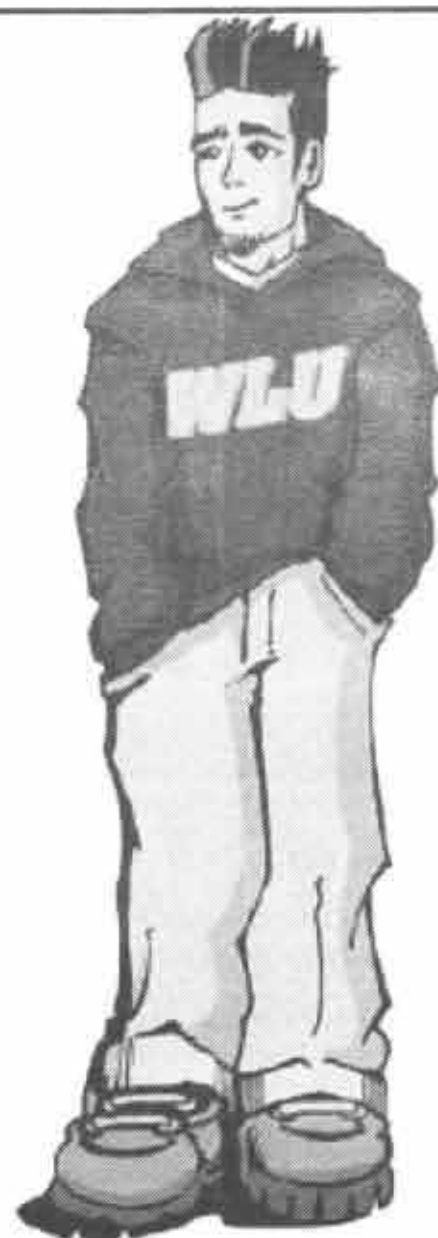
Despite its shortcomings, I like Laurier a lot. Yessir, this town has something for everyone, even if you're not a worthless conformist. I have only had excellent professors, and I have made a lot of good friends. If you possess a creative mind, and feel that you have something to offer our community, please bring those values to our school. We already have enough narrow-minded do-as-you-are-told.

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Expanding Cultural Horizons

International opportunities await you at Laurier. Here's a small, but in no way complete, listing of culturally diverse clubs you can join at Laurier.

Sean Geobey
Adriana Groenewey

WLU is known for its strong tradition of extracurricular involvement. Indeed, what one learns outside the classroom can be as important as what one learns inside it.

If you are interested in the world at large, there are few places where this is truer than in Laurier's internationally oriented activities. The Cord is profiling a number of opportunities available to students interested in pursuing their interests in the outside world. Most of these clubs can be contacted through the Campus Clubs office at WLU Students' Union.

Amnesty International

Since being founded in 1961, Amnesty International has grown to become one of the world's most important human rights organizations. The international community has recognized AI on numerous occasions, including granting the organization non-voting status in the UN and the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize.

Yet all of its international accolades could not have been possible without hard-working volunteers at the grassroots level.

AI Laurier gives students a chance to help protect men, women and children worldwide from torture, unjust imprisonment and oppression resulting from race, religion, political belief, and gender.

Amnesty has organized speakers, rallies, petition drives and letter writing campaigns to promote human rights. Their activities directly impact the lives of people around the world, and they are always looking for new members.

Global Studies

The Global Studies Club conducts an array of activities sure to excite anyone with an international interest. Closely affiliated with the Global Studies program at WLU, this club engages in a number of activities with a strong educational focus.

The centerpiece of the organization is its weekly speaker series. Through contacts within and outside the university community the club is able to host a speaker every week.

The series often includes presentations from academics, nongovernmental organizations, and various government agencies. Not only is the series fascinating, their well-attended presentations provide an excellent way for global citizens to meet like-minded students.

World Affairs Society

Whereas the Global Studies Club is primarily an educational organization, the World Affairs Society specializes in international simulations.

WAS organizes trips to various model United Nations, including McMUN, the model UN at McGill University in Montreal. These events allow students to use apply the theoretical knowledge they have gained to real-world situations, sharpening their public speaking and negotiating skills all the while.

In addition to model UNs, WAS has arranged guest speakers and social events. They can be contacted through the Political Science office as well as through Campus Clubs.

Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG)

The Waterloo Public Interest Research Group, or WPIRG, is not a WLU organization. Yet although its offices are located in the Student Life Centre at the University of Waterloo, their doors are always open to Laurier students.

Founded in 1973, WPIRG is the oldest Public Interest Research Group in Canada. These organizations harness students' academic abilities and use them to promote social justice, peace and environmental issues. WPIRG has two permanent, full-time staff members and a large base of volunteer resources to help it engage in a number of activities.

Although WPIRG is not an exclusively international organization, a number of its semi-autonomous "Action Groups" are globally oriented. These include: Amnesty International, Climate Change, economic Globalization, Food Not Bombs and Students Against Sweatshops. As well, WPIRG organizes the 2020: Building the Future speaker series and Teach-Ins on War and Racism. You can find out more about them by visiting their website at www.wpirg.org.

Laurier Students for a Public Interest Research Group (LS4PIRG)

Public Interest Research Groups along the lines of WPIRG are common on campuses throughout Canada, and Laurier Students for a Public Interest Research Group is attempting to establish one at WLU.

While primarily a lobby group, LS4PIRG does run a number of international events at WLU. These include teach-ins, bringing in speakers and working with WPIRG to bring some of their events to WLU. If you are interested in finding out more about



Top: AIESEC is one of the many clubs on campus that are involved internationally. Above: The Association of Black Students is among the clubs that explore specific cultures and invites interested students to join them.

LS4PIRG you can e-mail them at ls4pirg@hotmail.com.

AIESEC Laurier contact the Laurier International office.

If you are interested in learning more about the diverse cultures that make up the WLU community, contact campus clubs to find out what's available.

AIESIC Laurier

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

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

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

AIESIC Laurier is currently recruiting for many positions in Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, Projects, Alumni, Information Technology. For more information on

The following clubs should be able to give you a taste of other cultures, a chance to practice your language skills or expose you to a variety of international issues.

WLU Anthropology Society

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

Activities that will be offered this year include multicultural movie nights, a wine and cheese, meet the Professor evening, tutorial sessions, pub nights and a formal. For further information on applying or joining as a member you can contact Heather McCarvell at mcca8920@mach1.wlu.ca

While the clubs profiled here are all of a general international bent, Laurier has other clubs that have a specific national, ethnic or religious focus.

Other Clubs

The following clubs should be able to give you a taste of other cultures, a chance to practice your language skills or expose you to a variety of international issues. Most of them will organize socials throughout the year and try to showcase Laurier's diverse cultures. Keep in mind that there are many other international based clubs here at Laurier. For more information contact the Campus Clubs Co-ordinator Helen Lau at laux9360@mach1.wlu.ca.

Association of Black Students
Chinese Students Association
Croatian Club
French Club
Irish Students Society
Jewish Students Association
Korean Students Association
LASALAS
Muslim Students Association
Polish Students Club
South Asian Students Association
Taiwanese Students Association

Overseas experiences exposed!

Chris Tanner

As many of you know, or may not know, Wilfrid Laurier University openly accepts foreign students from all corners of the globe. Should one listen to any of these students discuss the similarities and differences between their respective countries and Canada, one may become curious as to what it is really like to live abroad. For those of you have not been involved in such intriguing conversations, or had the privilege of traveling the world, I will do my best to fill you in.

Personally, I had a fairly unique experience with my high school education, as I graduated from the International School of Brussels, Belgium. Living in the European capital taught me a thing or two beyond what I learned in school. First, I was completely ignorant to Belgian culture, as to me it was only Belgian beer, Belgian waffles, Belgian chocolate and Belgian lace. For example, the first time I went to a 'friterie' (fries vendor), I asked the vendor for a large order of French fries. Little did I know that Belgians actually invented fries and I had offended the man who worked there.

Yet after living there for a few months my ignorance diminished as the complacency of North American culture wore off. I then realized that Belgians are as proud of their country as Canadians are of Canada, and like all other

nations, Belgium has its own unique history and a culture all its own.

Second and most importantly, I learned that the world is ours to discover. Just beyond Belgian culture was French, Dutch, English and German culture. This realization led to my own self-discovery that there is more to this life than personal advancement through capital gain. What good is a huge home in the suburbs if your life is spent in a cubicle at a job you despise? For example, my father was too tired to celebrate the new millennium because he spent twelve hours in his office that day, while I left Brussels to celebrate the new year under the Eiffel Tower, before going to Amsterdam for an after-hours party.

Do not get me wrong, I am not trying to discourage any one from Laurier's business program, but I do encourage all curious minds to experience a new frame of mind, to experience new people, new foods, new music, new fashions and to generally expand one's cultural horizons. Thus, as we head into the new school year here at Laurier, I would like to encourage all students, especially the international students, to communicate their experiences and thoughts about foreign affairs and cultures to the masses. On top of international news, this approach will help educate the masses and hopefully persuade us all to keep an open mind to the world outside of Canada.



Chris poses with the flag of Belgium. But since this is black and white, what if we actually used France's flag? Or Italy's?? You just will never know, will you..?

Have you had an interesting international experience you would like to share with Laurier? Stop by the office or write to maneesh@wlusp.com



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Help desk: Woods 1-305 ext. 4357



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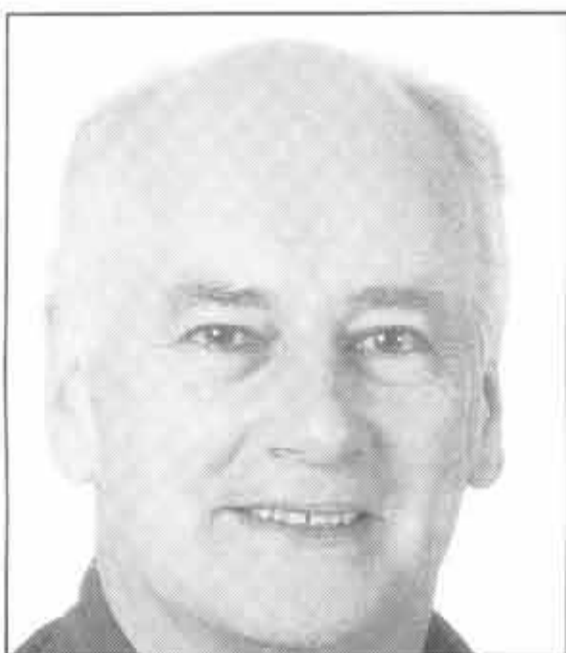
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The *truth* about Laurier...

By now, you've heard a lot about Laurier. But how much should you believe? Amy Wright looks at the good, bad and ugly of Wilfrid Laurier University.

Amy Wright

The Wilfrid Laurier experience is just like anything else in life— it has its ups and downs. In some respects, this institution is leagues above any other post-secondary school. Many of its features convince thousands of students they have reached educational nirvana. However, Laurier is not without its flaws. Hopefully this piece will offer a little insight into Laurier: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.



Peter Eglin: We tried to find a prof we liked, but ended up with this punk...

Resources

Laurier can offer a lot in terms of student needs — whether it's binding an assignment for class or finding out whether or not your landlord raising your rent by \$300 a month is legal. If you experience problems during the year, chances are that there is an on-campus service dedicated to helping you out.



Conformity runs rampant. Right now, nobody's here because they're all at the Gap.

enthralling nightlife, and the local bars can get a little tiring after awhile. To remedy this, resist the urge to line up at the Turret every Thursday night and try something else. Despite what your Icebreakers tell you, Wilf's is not the best place on earth and Black Water Trio are just a cover band, not the next Beatles. Stay home, download "Sweet Caroline" on Morpheus, and save yourself the cover charge.

enough, making sure you have all the requirements, making sure you have enough from the right categories: I hate it, I hate it, I hate it, I hate it. There has to be a better way.

Time Flies

And how quickly it goes. Four years will be up before you know it and suddenly you're supposed to decide what to do with your life. Take advantage of your time here, it is a blissful existence. It is a chance to learn, evolve, and become your own person. If you hate your program, change it. If you hate your roommate, move out. If you hate the school, there are plenty of other fantastic universities, all over Canada (not to mention the rest of the world!) Whatever you do, do not waste these four years... time is far too precious, and life is far too short.

Have a great year.



202 Regina: home of many registration headaches

The Good

Everybody knows your name

Despite the growing numbers of students, Laurier remains a very small, very intimate campus. It is impossible to walk to class without seeing at least five people you know. This will probably be a comfort in your first few weeks here as it will be nice to see familiar faces. By the time you get to your last year, it becomes annoying to be unable to get a coffee without stopping to talk to fifteen or more people.

The Professors

Generally speaking, a good bunch. I have had some very positive experiences with professors — getting feedback on papers, stopping to chat in the Concourse, or receiving academic advice. My experience has been that most of them are more than willing to help you out in any way possible. There's a few who seem to suffer from the Ph.D. complex (this person firmly believes s/he is above the status of mere undergraduate mortals) but not too many. You are paying a small fortune to listen to them talk, so make sure you get your money's worth. If a professor tells you it's not his/her job to make sure you understand what s/he's professing, it's a lie.

Opportunity

There are dozens and dozens of volunteer opportunities on this campus. I would argue that there is something for just about everyone, so get involved with whatever tickles your fancy. There is life beyond the Students' Union, so check out what else the school has to offer — you might be surprised at what you find.

The Bad

Conformity

It may be a sweeping generalization, but Laurier students usually tend to fall into the categories of Gap-wearing, Sketchers-sporting, Dockers-obsessed, Top-40 listening and/or Turret-loving. I would encourage you to express your individuality as much as possible, and maybe we can mix things up a little. If you feel a little out of place because you don't have the newest Ja Rule CD, this is not necessarily a bad thing. In fact, it's not a bad thing at all.

Me, Me, Me.

One thing Laurier is definitely NOT known for is its political conscience. If you are fantasizing about marching around carrying signs or burning your bra, this might not be the place to have such dreams realized. That's not to say things can't change, in fact, things are improving every year. Don't be afraid to speak up and state your opinion. That's how the world can collectively improve, starting with this campus.

All the Bizness

At Laurier, much of the attention seems to be placed on Business and Economics students, leaving Arts, Science and Music folk somewhere on the edges. For all non-Business students: your area of study is not worthless, regardless of what some people may try to tell you. It is just as demanding as the Business program. You are equally as intelligent. You will get a job after you graduate. The world is highly in need of those who are not afraid to think.

The Scenery

Kitchener-Waterloo does not have the most

The Downright Ugly

It's getting hot in here

Laurier has grossly over-accepted students for the past three years and a result, the school feels like it's bursting at the seams. Classrooms are crowded, hallways are crowded and this small, intimate little campus is getting ready to explode. It is not a pretty picture. You'll know what I mean when you have to rub against a swarm of people trying to get through the Peters Building.

Politics

They are everywhere and it's something you will be smothered in during your time here. Whether it's between WLUSU and WLUSP or the students versus the administration, it's nearly impossible to escape. While it may be thrilling and exciting in first year, by fourth year all of the red tape just becomes obnoxious. Every decision you make will likely piss someone off, so don't worry too much about it.

Registering for classes

This process is beyond stressful. It always occurs at the busiest time of the year, and is not the easiest thing to plan. Picking courses, going to 202 Regina, finding out you can't get in the class, re-choosing courses, making sure you have



Look at Johnny Laurier, along with Sally Laurier. What a couple of losers!

29.5 Messed up Things about Laurier



1. The flies in the Pita Shack
2. Continually overcrowding residences, then coming up with new and improved excuses for why it happened again
3. Refusing to rename Security as Police
4. Waiting until the cruiser literally spontaneously combusts before buying a new one

5. Eleven dollar lunches in the cafeteria

6. Gap Sweatshirts
7. Dockers
8. Hair putty
9. Nickelback/Staind/Creed/Default fans

10. Waiting for a spot to study in the Concourse
11. Blonde highlights/Frosted tips
12. Ignoring the Music Faculty and their free concerts
13. Brantford... Just joking, we love you guys... really!

14. Removing the lights from the top of the security cruiser so they have to wave flashlights in the middle of the day to attract the attention of fire engines coming to put out residence fires.

15. Continually decreasing the number of experienced female professors (six in one year alone)



16. Crazy animal experiments in the secret lab behind the Tim Horton's in the Science Building

17. Not walking on the Hawk.



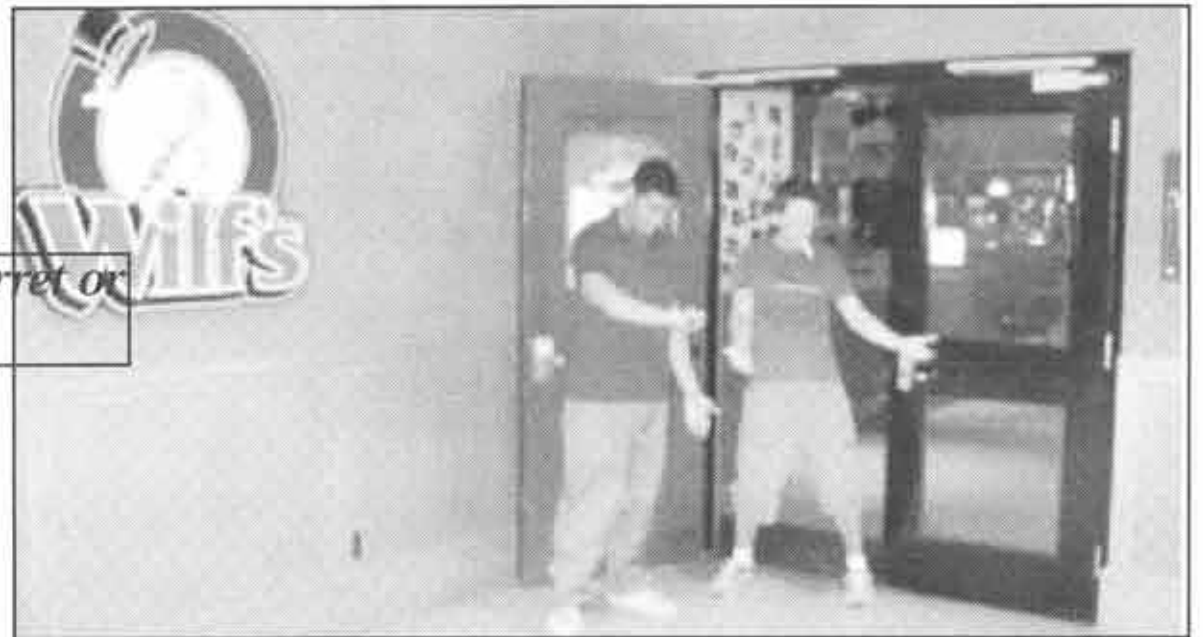
18. Taking the tuna melt off the menu at Wilf's when it was clearly the one thing it had going for it
19. Buying clothing from Purple and Gold. Everyone knows where you go to school.
20. Threatening to cut funding to the Women's Centre if it is critical of the administration.
21. Having to pay a fee for dropping a course.
22. Having to pay a fee for just about everything.

23. Keeping radioactive stuff in those tunnels beneath the Peters Building/Arts Wing by the Geomorphology Lab.
24. Classes at 8:30am on Monday morning.
25. Classes at 1:30pm on Friday afternoons.

26. Waiting for more than five minutes to get into the Turret or Wilf's

27. Athletes receiving more benefits and "extra help" than you can possibly imagine.
28. The Blackwater Trio
29. People who constantly complain about everything.
- 29.5 The Cord

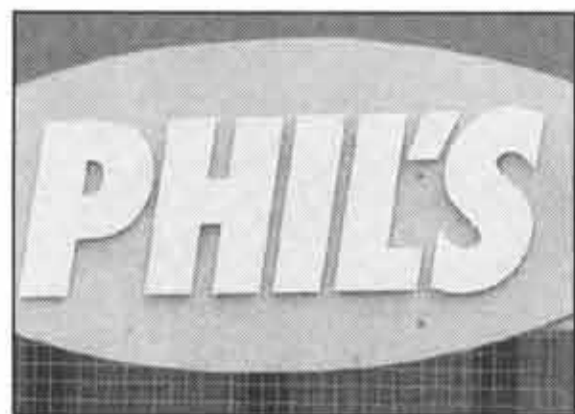
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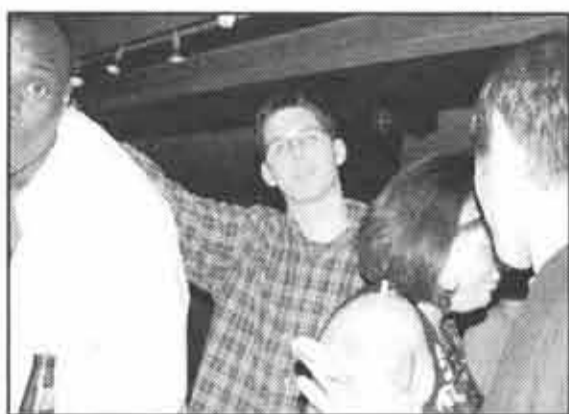
You can eat, drink...

Every so often you may find yourself without any schoolwork to do. Don't worry, this is temporary. What to do? No car? Afraid of public transportation? Get your shoes on and visit some of these places.



Phil's
220 King Street North

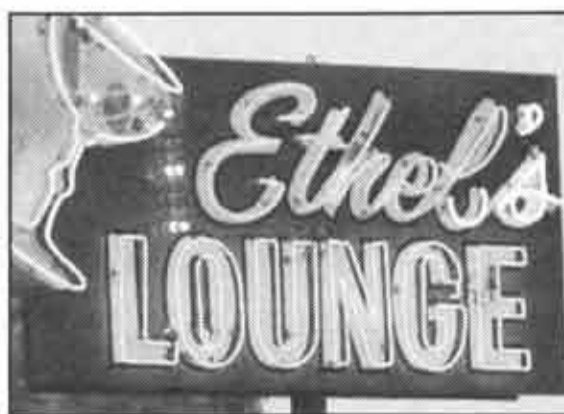
Hands down, Phil's is the cheapest place in town. If you can get past the fact that the place looks like a hole, you will find the deeper beauty: \$1.75 drinks. Friday is alternative music night and Saturday is ladies night. Just remember that every night is always heavy drinking night. I can't emphasize just how dirty Phil's is. If you go to the bathroom do not touch the walls, the ceiling, the door, the sink, the toilet/urinal, the floor (if you can find it), and do not touch any of the patrons. The dirt is everywhere. Everywhere. The line starts for Phil's at about 9:30 and the cover is \$5. If you want to maximize your bang-for-buck, then arrive early and carry 200 pounds of coin.



The Bomb Shelter (UW)
200 University Avenue West

One night my friend from UW calls and tells me to come over for some hardcore partying, UW style. I had planned on watching C-SPAN all night but I'll try anything once. We met at the Bomber; so named because it looks like a cement bunker. My friend, we'll call him Cap'n Ahab, introduced me to his pale-faced computer science friends and we hooked up with some drinks.

Five minutes later, Cap'n Ahab turned green and said he had to go to the bathroom. Apparently he ate a box of crayons earlier that day in a computer lab. We spent the next two hours in the bathroom; it had a nice "freshly peed in" vibe that reminded me of my youth.



Ethel's Lounge
114 King Street North

This place is straight out of a David Lynch movie: Elvis impersonators, eccentric clientele, mysterious clowns and beer brewed from tree-bark makes this the most unpredictable establishment in town. Spend any amount of time here and you'll start wondering if the people around you are real or part of the obligatory dream scene that is entrenched in any Lynch movie.

If you and your friends want to get together to tear things apart, then Ethel's is the place to start. It does an excellent job to confuse and terrify you all at the same time. On the Richter Scale of Madness chart, this place is an 11. And the food's damn good too.



Weaver's Arms Pub
268 Philip Street

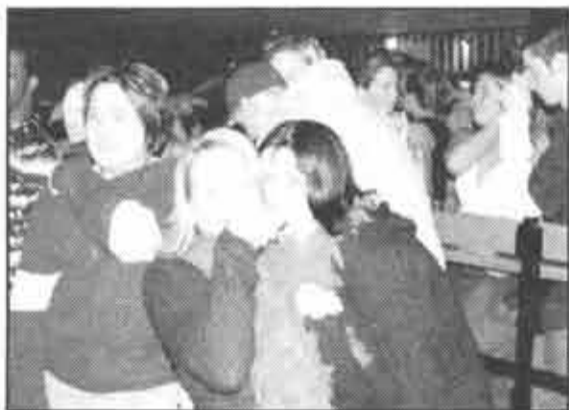
Wednesday night is Weaver's Night. Live music and beer, so much beer. With its large pub atmosphere, Weaver's is just about the single easiest place to relax in. The wings: to die for. Grab a pitcher and 30 hot wings and you have yourself a well-rounded meal. Schedule your dates with Weaver's carefully though, excessive use has been known to cause failure on important examinations on Weaver's Mornings. Weaver's Mornings are mind blowing experiences that offer strange new perspectives of the world... and your bathroom. All is not in vain though; Weaver's is an amazing time. Come to their open mic nights and take your turn in the lime light.



Wilf's
75 University Avenue West

Wilf's is literally where everyone knows your name. Whether you're there for a crazy Wednesday night or a good meal before a night class, Wilf's is the easiest way to hook up with your friends. Conveniently close to the geographic center of campus, Wilf's is also the easiest restaurant to get to. Plan to stay a while, though. Wilf's can get really busy at peak hours and waiting for food requires patience and a couple beers to pass the time.

Come for the amazing strawberry milkshakes; stay for a steady diet of Conrad Clubhouses (toasted white, no mao or tomato). On a lazy afternoon just grab a seat by one of the floor to ceiling windows facing the Quad and watch the Laurier world go by. Wilf's is almost entirely student run and is a great place to get a job to pay for all the entertainment you'll be taking in during the year.



Federation Hall (UW)
200 University Avenue West

Cap'n Ahab could barely walk but I really wanted to check out Fed Hall. There was a band playing there that I really wanted to see so I forced him to give me directions. Fifteen minutes later I was lost, standing ankle deep in water and surrounded by ducks. This was partying, UW style. Suddenly, C-SPAN didn't seem so bad.

There are stories, legends really, that tell of a bar that is 20,000 leagues long if it's an inch. Cap'n Ahab, in his post-crayon haze warned me of the line outside. "Nay a line," he said, "but a fearsome, tireless animal that consumes you and throws you around until you enter the mouth of The Beast!" I assumed he meant Fed Hall. In the cold dark, I could see nothing of this mythical bar. The UW campus is a large and cruel mistress. Those who travel her great lengths are forewarned: bring a map. The lady was angry that day, my friends, only the safe harbour of Laurier saved me.



The Turret
75 University Avenue West

The closest thing you'll find to Disneyworld lies on the fourth floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. The Turret is quite simply the most entertaining and strangely surreal place at Laurier. Every weekend brings a few crazy evenings of fun, featuring a cast of hundreds of your classmates. The rules for campus behaviour disappear once you walk through those doors, however, as everyone slowly loses touch with reality as the night goes on. Keep an eye out for drunken student leaders parading around the dance floor; this is what they're really about.

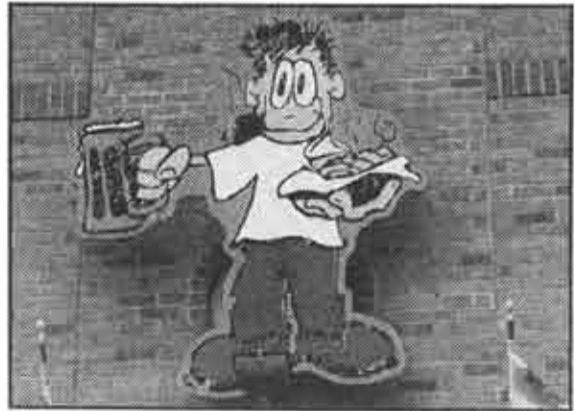
The Turret offers many absurd but enticing theme nights throughout the year and frequently serves as a guilty pleasure for many. Guilty because it's somewhere you might catch Mickey Mouse hanging out at, but pleasure because it's like every night is New Year's Eve and everybody's celebrating. Just don't step on my feet.



Morty's Pub
272 King Street North

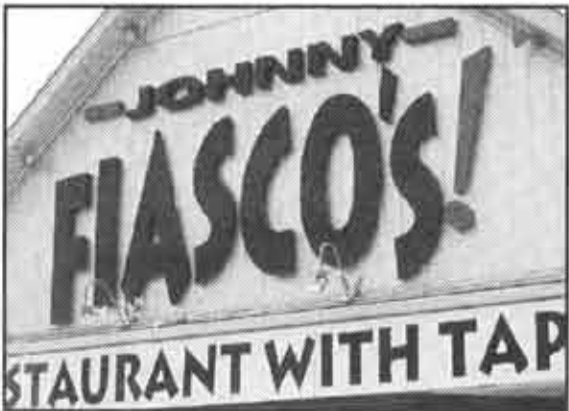
If you ever catch yourself thinking: I want to watch the hockey game, eat wings, drink beer, play pool, and I want it all now. You may want to go to Morty's. Nay, you must go to Morty's. In nice weather, Morty's front patio is great for sitting outside sipping brew and watching the game or the collage of people wandering around King Street. Some people swear by Morty's, going there as often as they go to the bathroom. Just remember that people who spend a lot of time at Morty's also spend a lot of time going to the bathroom.

Just remember, unless there is an important game on Saturday night, do not go to Morty's under any circumstances. At some point it becomes a magnet for every depressed old man in Waterloo. They turn on bad 80's music to cheer them up. Do not go on Saturday nights. I'm still emotionally scarred.



Loose Change Louie's
140 University Avenue West

As commanded by the management of Louie's: this is where all your loose change is spent. Louie's is not as cheap as Phil's but far slicker on the inside; some even call it a 'club'. I have entered Louie's many a time, but I have exited far less, or at least I seem to remember entering a lot more than exiting. The mish-mash of people is usually the most entertaining part of Louie's as you're never sure who is lurking around the corner. If you do run into a random person from the past, it will be here. It's close enough to Fiasco's and McGinnis that you can go crawling to another location if it's not up to snuff.



Johnny Fiasco's
140 University Avenue West

Fiasco's makes for an eventful Saturday evening, especially when the bar is actually operational (it has had a few brush-ins with the law recently), and upon its reopening it will continue to be one of the most popular bars in the city.

The dark, almost gothic atmosphere creates a more elegant and sophisticated feel in the bar; a welcome change from Louie's or Phil's where the bar juice comes up to knee level.

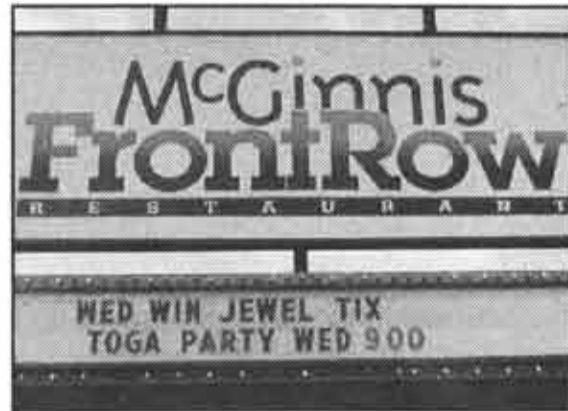
Two relatively small bars and shooter girls are the only source for alcohol, forcing patrons to dedicate a significant portion of their evening to waiting in line.



Mongolian Grill
170 Avenue West

Feed your face from a giant metal heat plate, just like the Mongolians used to do. Build your own meal combinations from various meats, oils and spices. This is the best eatery for the student that doesn't have a budget or eats once a week and brings a doggie bag.

Also, the Mongolian houses a Martini bar; Monday is cheap night and an absolute blast. Imagine taking one straight up just like James Bond, shaken, not stirred. If you can handle the olive at the end, you're more of a man than I. [Editors note: If you drink martinis, you're not a man to begin with.]



McGinnis Front Row
160 University Avenue West

The only real sports bar within walking distance for Laurier students, this is where you'll catch all your Boxing, Wrestling and any other big/expensive sporting events. The beer will flow until you can't. Also, the beer is always cold and somehow tastes better the more you drink for some reason.

If you're lucky, at the end of the night you'll get to take part in the trivia session and face yours truly. My wrestling knowledge is second to none and my drinking prowess is third to none. Give up now or face my eternal wrath of swearing and obscenity.

...and be merry in Waterloo



Princess Cinema
6 Princess Street West

The Princess offers a great alternative for people who do not want to see the latest blockbuster but still crave a fix of the silver screen. The Princess is upgrading their screen this summer so expect an even better experience than an old-school Cordie like me is used to. Their eclectic line-up of quality movies can be found in their bimonthly newsletter that litters almost every flat surface in Waterloo.

If you're going to see more than three movies get the membership and save copious amounts of money; five dollars for one show is an amazing deal. Mark down their double feature nights on your calendar to save even more. Show up early and nap in the comfy seats.

After the movies the fun really begins as the film buffs discuss the philosophical implications of the new Scoobie Doo movie. Watch their battle of wits as they hurl the twelve letter words they just pulled out of a thesaurus at each other. Laugh as they run out of air and pulled out their puffers. Pity them for trying to figure out just what the hell Mulholland Drive was about. Do not, under any circumstances, engage enraged film buffs in conversation. The neverending spew of illogic can be too much for most sane people.

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All photos by Corwin Leifso.



Generation X Video & Media
10 Regina Street North

It is a bit of a hike to get here in the dead of winter (or at the height of summer), but if you have to get that video rental that you cannot find anywhere else, Gen X probably has it. At first glance one would think they have everything; but do not be deceived, the last time I checked they didn't have a copy of The Secret of NIMH! Their magazine rack is also equally impressive. [Editor's Note: The Cord know a lot about racks.]

Boasting an impressive international section and the fare of some of the finest directors in the world, Gen X is worth a look just to see what it has out there. The basement is home to an impressive collection of Anime; I don't know if there's a hentai section (I know you want it freaks), but then I haven't checked.



Old Goat Books
99 King Street North

A short walk down King Street will bring you to this quaint little house of books. Old Goat Books is a great source for all kinds of used books. You can find just about anything in here and it's a great place to go to avoid the exorbitant prices of Laurier's bookstore, especially if you're in English.

The interior is very nice, making it easy to roam around looking for just about anything you're interested in at a cheap price. The books are in very good condition and unless you have to see your reflection in everything you buy, there's no reason why you won't like Old Goat Books. Unless you're an illiterate university student, that is...



The Silver Spur
28 King Street North

His name was Jimmy, and he sang the best version of Stairway to Heaven ever. I was crying, it was magical. The Spur's karaoke stage has seen some of the greatest singing sensations this side of expressway. "I know that is the happiest place on Earth" according to WLU/SP President Dave Field. The Spur is a great place to let loose and be silly. Surrounded by its colourful atmosphere, it's hard not to laugh.

There is a dark side to the Spur. Most of the time the people really, really suck. Not being a fan of karaoke, I've done my best to avoid it. The Spur is also dangerous cougar territory. For laughs, bring a friend and use them as cougar bait, just for laughs. If you don't know what I mean, I envy your innocence.

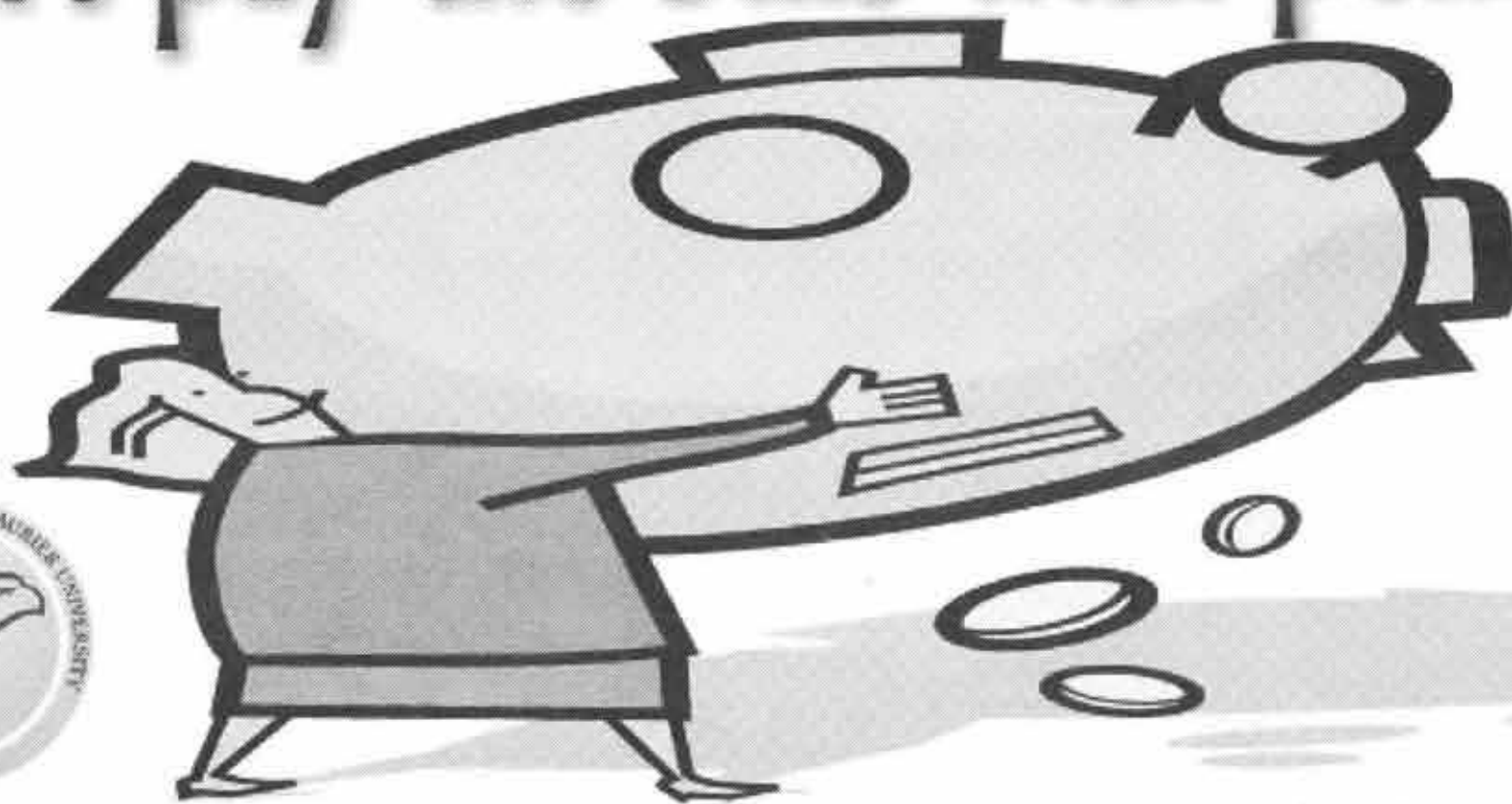


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AC bursting at the seams

More fitness renovations anticipated for the Athletic Complex in the next five years as facility reaches capacity

Caitlin Howlett

It won't be long before the Athletic Complex is spilling out onto University Avenue, users and all.

The recently renovated Athletic Complex boasts 2.5 million dollars worth of construction to make the facility more user friendly, but with the double cohort looming and enrollment on the rise, the Athletic department foresees even more additions to the facility in the coming years.

Peter Baxter, Director of Athletics and Recreation, persists that the renovations have "doubled the space, made it much more user friendly, and particularly broadened the base for female users and potential users."

But preparations for more expansion and renovation in the AC remain eminent. Baxter admits that the current facilities will not be enough to handle the increased enrollment because the facility is already at maximum capacity. First and foremost, Baxter concludes that "enlarging the fitness facility remains the top priority, especially because it caters to a wide range of athletes and non-athletes."

He also hopes to see the installation of a high performance room with rubberized plates and Olympic platforms available to the general student

population with qualified instruction first. An enclosure on the artificial turf of University Stadium is also on Baxter's mind, a strategy to increase indoor programming during the winter, aside from the general snow football and ultimate Frisbee.

Even though new renovations are upon the facility, the AC still offers a selection of services and tools to help keep Laurier physically active.

The recreational side of the complex offers a wide variety of fitness classes, for a price of course, as well as an aerobics room, cycleft and weight room, squash and tennis courts, Olympic pool, climbing wall and full gymnasium.

New users be wary, the AC is a very busy place with a high volume of traffic between 11am and 2pm and 5pm until 8pm. Cardio equipment can be reserved for one half hour daily, up to one day in advance. The sign up sheets are located in the corridor leading to the free weights and cardio rooms. Watch out for the clever folk who accidentally spill their bottled water on the sign up sheets which are laminated, hence destroying all evidence of booked machines.

The cardio room houses six stair climbers, two standard and seven recumbent bikes, two treadmills,



Will they jump? They just might when they find out the AC is going to undergo more expansion, despite previous multi-million dollar renovations, half of which were paid for by the students.

two cross trainers and two rowing machines. The room is also equipped with a TV and FM broadcast system that allows you to plug in your own headphones, to avoid listening to the same bloody CD that is played over and over.

The treadmills and elliptical trainers remain the most sought after cardio equipment, so sign up early. The competition to book machines will only increase with the new wave of students. Be mindful of cardio users who go over their allotted time. "Excuse me, but I have this machine booked" usually gets the exercise freaks off the bikes. Standing over the patron's shoulder will result in a swift kick to the groin.

The full gymnasium serves as both a stadium for varsity athletics, including basketball and volleyball, as well as a playground for the young at heart. All sorts of athletic equipment can be borrowed in exchange for your OneCard at the Hawk Desk.

However, in light of the size of the gymnasium, it is often booked, and getting a spare court is often a trying and frustrating task. The gymnasium schedule for the current week is usually posted on the doors closest to the stairs leading to the main entrance of the AC. To avoid disappointment, check the gym availability so your dreams of shooting hoops or riding the scooter boards are not merely dreams.

The AC can also be a difficult place to fit in. A large percentage of varsity athletes spend the majority of their time in the AC and this results in the forming of cliques, an intimidating and deterring factor for potential and existing users.

Baxter believes that efforts to make the facility more user friendly, especially for females, have been quite successful, but there is still room for improvement.

The privacy wall installed between the hall leading to the cardio room and the weight room does indeed provide privacy for users intimidated by the weight lifters clanging

weights and grunting incessantly, but at the same time it deters patrons from using the free weights when they are subject to entering an area that has been deemed uninviting.

Beating the intimidating factor may seem like a challenge, but you might find some help from the Hawk Desk, or then again, maybe not.

"We are here for the students," exclaimed Hawk Desk employee Beth Morgan. The infamous Hawk Desk is responsible for both customer service and security to ensure all patrons of the AC get the most out of their visit,

"The AC acts as a stress outlet, gets you away from the books and is a great way to meet new people."

- Anita Gardner

unfortunately their claim to fame is inconsistent.

The Hawk Desk staff offers free towels, locks and a variety of sport equipment to users, provided they hand over their OneCards. Morgan, however, acknowledged the fact that they [Hawk Desk] do face more complaints than compliments, certainly a cause for concern.

For the most part, the service is adequate at the Hawk Desk, however, the staff have been known on occasion to be both ignorant and rude to users, a combination that is lethal because it deters patrons from using the facility and using the Hawk Staff as a resource.

Contrary to Hawk Desk belief, a patron should never have to jump in the air in return for their OneCards, but when a Hawk Desk staff member throws it at you, one has no choice. Similarly, when requesting your OneCard by politely giving the staff member your last name, one should

never have to listen to "What?" or as in one particular case, the staff member mocked the user's name as she turned away.

Finally, the Wide Receiver, despite his good looks or his great play in last week's game, should never demand the attention of both Hawk Desk attendants, in lieu of serving a customer. Mr. Wide Receiver should be receiving a football, not undivided attention from on-the-clock Hawk Desk staff.

When prompted about the services of the AC, Morgan replied, "all of our facilities are free, except for fitness classes," but in fact, the services are not free. The athletic fee is tucked neatly in the comprehensive student fee, so whether you use the AC daily or twice a semester, everyone is paying the same price.

Morgan later discussed that an athletic fee did exist within tuition and suggested that in order to get the most out of it, patrons should "use the facilities such as the basketball courts and pool as much as possible."

The AC devotes much of their efforts in providing students with a range of activities from squash to cycle-fit and they should be since everyone is paying a price.

Student intern Anita Gardner emphatically explained the importance of participating in activities offered by the AC, "it acts as a stress outlet, gets you away from the books, and it is a great way to meet people, same goes for the group fitness classes."

All of the services provided by the AC and their staff will be in the Recreation guide, included in all frosh packages and are available to all members of the university at the Hawk Desk.

Unable to disclose any new activities for the fall, Gardner did note that they will offer all the same classes and intramurals as the previous academic year, and hopefully the addition of a few extra dance classes. Grab your leotards ladies and gents, after all, you are paying for it.

Be a playa too

In this world, there are three types of people: pimps, playas and hustlers. What you choose to do with your life is up to you, but here at the Cord we focus on the playas. Tired of hustling? Not down with pimpin'? Be a playa!

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Intramural sports: You're fat, old and slow

Kristen Lipscombe

So you want to come to Laurier to exhibit your athletic superiority over the majority? You want to be the best that you can possibly be by representing the purple and gold in inter-university athletics? You want to demonstrate that you have the dedication, determination and desire to play with the best of them? You want to be a varsity athlete... or, maybe not.

Perhaps you want to get involved in athletic activities on campus, but do not have the time, talent, patience for or interest in varsity sports. Maybe you are not the greatest athlete in the world but love playing sports and want to stay involved in athletics throughout your stay at WLU. Or perhaps you are not a very sports-minded individual at all, but feel that your time at Laurier may be well spent by discovering your unexplored athleticism.

Well have no fear, because Laurier intramurals are accessible to the athlete in each and every one of us, whatever your athletic abilities (or lack thereof) may be. The former competitive athlete, the awkward athlete-wannabe, and the clumsy unathletic beginner can all find their places in university sports, through Laurier's intramural program.

Laurier Athletics gears intramural activities towards all students, offering a wide array of sports and three distinct levels of competition. As long as you are a registered and certifiable Golden Hawk, you are eligible for participation. Additionally, Laurier faculty and staff, alumni or non-registered students who have purchased Athletic memberships are also allowed to participate.

For intramural participants with a more cutthroat spirit, the intramural program offers a competitive league that is geared toward those who wish to participate in higher levels of athletic play. So if you are out to win and

have a particularly competitive drive, this league is for you.

The co-recreational intramural league offers an alternative, providing the opportunity for all interested students to participate in campus sports without the fear of being trampled on by the overly aggressive ex-varsity athletes you might expect to find in the competitive league. Co-recreational intramural sports provide great chances for students of all skill levels to get involved, meet new people and have some fun.

Finally, first year students have the opportunity to participate in inter-residence sports leagues, where teams compete according to the building in which they reside.

Intramural activities through the residence system are excellent opportunities for new Hawks to get to know their fellow froshies and to start involvement in Laurier Athletics early on in their university sports careers. This is also a superb chance to boost residential spirit and prove that the residence you live in is undoubtedly the place to be.

Participating in intramurals may also help you susceptible frosh avoid the dreaded "Frosh 15" - fifteen unwanted pounds that slowly creep up on you when you arrive at university and begin living off of greasy Wilf's appetizers and whatever leftovers the cafeteria serves up.

The intramural sports to choose from range from customary team sports to some not-so customary and even bizarre sports that are both challenging and amusing. Some of the traditional sports offered include basketball, hockey, indoor soccer, volleyball, slo-pitch and flag football.

The more peculiar intramural sports include ultimate frisbee, snow football (commonly referred to as "powder puff") and innertube water polo.

These particular intramural activi-

ties present entertaining twists on traditional sports, which make these unusual co-recreational sports appealing to participate in. Unfortunately, underwater basket-weaving is not yet offered.

In order to participate in intramurals, it is necessary for students to take it upon themselves to form their own teams. Entry forms are available at the Hawk Desk, in the Athletic Complex.

A team Captain must submit the form, registration fee and a performance bond of \$30 to the registration office by the designated deadline. Intramural sports are organized according to the term system, which means that some sports are only offered in the fall and some in the winter, while others run in both terms.

Although the cost of intramurals may make students who are strapped for cash (some may feel they have to save their dough for the essential 2am pizza cravings and weekend beer runs) hesitant to fork out money for intramurals, the truth of the matter is that the cost is cheap and well worth the fun to be had.

Entry fees help offset costs for operating the league's equipment, facility rental, paying for officials and related costs. Additionally, as long as a team does not forfeit any games and plays fair, the bond is returned at the end of the season.

One downside to intramural participation is that individuals who wish to play in a league but do not have a team to play for may miss out on the opportunity. Individual athletes must complete a free agent entry form, submit it to the Rec office by the appropriate deadline and then sit back and hope that they will be placed on a team or a new team will be formed.

There are also waiting lists for cer-

tain sports, particularly for sports that have limited time booked at required athletic facilities. For instance, there is only so much ice time available for intramural ice hockey, and consequently only so many teams and individual players can be accepted.

In order to increase your likelihood of intramural participation in the sports you desire, it is important to enter your team early or to sign up as a free agent as soon as possible - keep your eyes open for deadlines (check the AC) and do not wait until the last minute, or you may miss out on the chance to strut your athletic aptitude in the competitive league or to discover your hidden athlete within in the co-rec league.

So discover the Golden

Hawk in you and try out an intramural sport. You just might improve your lay-up, slap shot or spike. Perhaps you will find that you have a flair for tackling your opponents into a snow drift or a knack for splashing around in an innertube.

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Guelph Open: September 14, 2002
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Western Invitational: September 29

Women's Field Lacrosse

Home opener: September 22 vs.
York, Western
@ Queens: September 29, 2002

Men's Soccer

Home : September 15th, vs.
University of Toronto
@ WLU: September 27 vs. Windsor
@ WLU: September 29 vs. Western

Women's Soccer

Home opener: September 15 vs.
Toronto
@ WLU: September 27 vs.
Windsor
@ WLU: September 29 vs. Western

Women's Tennis

Home opener: September 21
@ McMaster and Western: Saturday
September 28th

Men's Golf

@ Carleton: September 13
@ Windsor: September 20
@ Waterloo: September 27
@ Queen's: September 29

Men's Rugby

Home opener: September 25 vs.
Guelph
@ WLU: September 28 vs. Western

Women's Rugby

@ Toronto: September 14,
Home opener: September 28 vs.
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From dumbass to Golden Hawk

Caitlin Howlett

Hey jackass!

This outburst would normally offend someone, but not Laurier alumni six-feet under, because this outburst is simply a cheer about their mascot.

Believe it or not, the unsightly and unintelligent mule once owned the football field, the hockey rink and even the basketball court.

Waterloo College (Laurier in its early days) was in desperate need of a mascot. Sadly, the man who suggested the mascot incidentally may have had the same brain as the mascot he chose.

There is something unnerving about a person who suggests a pack animal as a dignifying animal worthy of

representing a university. Ken Koker, a varsity athlete, would be that person to make the asinine executive decision to call fellow students mules.

Koker christened the new mascot when he referenced the basketball team in print in 1951. Apparently many students had suggested the ridiculous name as a counterpart to the Western Mustangs and their junior counterpart the Colts.

To understand why the mule was a poor choice, it is imperative to become familiar with the animal itself.

This generally sterile animal is typically used for transporting loads. Beasts of burden they were called in Asia Minor, because of their ability to withstand hardships and perform

work in the most severe of conditions. Somehow, the mule does not seem such a disastrous choice for a mascot, but present-day terminology will beg to differ.

Modern day lingo identifies a mule as an idiot with four legs, not to be confused with the idiots with two arms and two legs roaming the campus. A mule results from the promiscuous sexual acts between a fiery mare and hot-headed ass. Sound like anyone you know?

A figurative mule is a person who willingly carries drugs of the illegal variety into foreign countries in return for payment by the drug seller. Again, sound like anyone you know? Needless to say, the mule was not a

clever choice to represent a student population.

In 1960, the great change was made. The Cord Editorial Board of the newly named Waterloo Lutheran University voted to change the present pack animal mascot to the Hawk. The 'golden' was added to honour one of the two school colours.

Over time the original Hawk has become rather feeble, but recent design changes enable the Golden Hawk to be more prominent than ever.

Athletic Director Peter Baxter insists that since the Golden Hawk was redesigned, the name itself has taken on new meaning.

"The original logo was not intimi-

dating at all, but with the new design, the eye of the Hawk shows a desire to compete and will never become complacent, despite our success," explained Baxter.

The Golden Hawk will follow you relentlessly throughout your days at Laurier and despite beliefs that only varsity players are supposed to fashion the Golden Hawk, it is perfectly acceptable to display the Hawk on your chest, your head, your back and yes, even your ass, or maybe that's the Laurier crest, but nonetheless, display it with pride. For the Golden Hawk reminds us that in our early days, we too were dumb asses.

Vocal Cord:

In lieu of the Golden Hawk, what would you select as Laurier's mascot, and why?



Alex Kogfman (Adam Sandler?)
3rd year Jungle Studies

A cheetah, because I did a fourth-grade project on it, and it's cool. It is also endangered and it's a royal animal.



Laura Jackson
Hawk Desk staff

A caterpillar because we are always changing.



Kevin MacNeill
4th year football player

A mongoose, because then we could be called the gooses (sic) for short.



Beth Morgan
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A tortoise, because the Hawks always come from behind to win.

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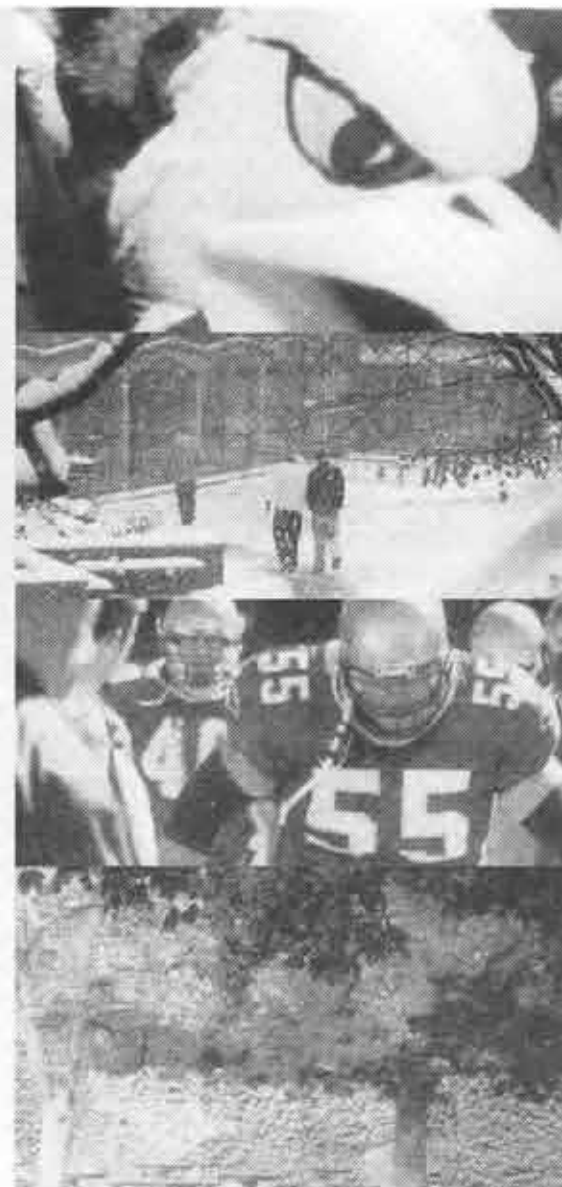


So Laurier has a new Frosh yearbook...

What does this mean for me?

Well if you're Frosh, it means you have a book all to yourself! That's right, for the *very first time*, Frosh have their own yearbook, that includes all residences and Locus students plus all major Frosh events, like Frosh week, Shinerama and the Boar's Head dinner. But that doesn't mean you don't need a Keystone as well. Laurier's official yearbook, the *Keystone*, is for everyone, and includes all major events (including more of Frosh week), sports teams, clubs and lots of pictures from around the campus. Hey, you might be in one of them!

In *September*, check the weekly photo updates by clicking on the *Club Laurier* site and click on the Keystone link.



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Jobs no one tells you about

Becky Guthrie

What? Something other than BACCHUS, Foot Patrol, and The Bookstore?

If you're anything like the hundreds of other first year students coming to Laurier in the fall, you're looking for an on-campus part-time job, or a volunteer position to look great on your resume, or both. Unfortunately, you only know of the most popular and visible positions – just like everyone else. The competition is fierce and nasty.

Unless, of course, you have information about some relatively unknown paid and volunteer positions at Laurier. Such as the information supplied here.

Paid Positions

Career Services

First, check out Career Services – across from the Athletic Complex on King Street. Unbeknownst to many, Career Services is a wealth of information on part-time positions both on-campus and off. At the back of the office (past the waiting room and the little TV room) on the wall to your right, you'll see armfuls of binders with job information. Of particular interest are the ones labeled "Part Time Employment." These postings include off-campus employment from places such as McGuinnis Front Row, or on-campus postings from numerous departments such as Information Technology Services and Physical Plant, Trades and Grounds.

Work-Study Positions

For those students collecting OSAP, there's also a special binder for you called "Work-Study Positions." These positions range from clerical to media relations to research to athletic assistants. In order to apply for these positions, you must be granted approval by Student Awards at 202 Regina. According to Catherine Barlow at Career Services, there are always positions left unfilled because few students apply. As well, the departments looking to fill these positions are very flexible in terms of hours and are willing to work around students' course schedules.

Media Resources

Media Resources also offers a Student Operator Position for approximately ten students on an 'as needed' basis – the first student to reply to an email posting gets the job. This position averages approximately 10-20 hours over two weeks, however a "keener" can average 12-16 hours per



Maneesh and Wilbur desperately look a picture for this story. Unfortunately, their attempts proved futile...

week. This is not a position to support yourself with, but does provide a little pocket money – base pay is a little better than minimum wage. Duties include delivery, videotaping, troubleshooting for professors, setups, cleaning overheads and whiteboards, and lock ups. As well, as your experience increases (not necessarily seniority), you may be bumped up to a senior position where you are offered a standard shift once a week from Monday to Thursday, either 5:00-7:00pm, or 6:30-10:30pm. To apply, contact Sheila Watson-Crowther, Media Resources Supervisor at swatsonc@wlu.ca.

PRISM Help Desk

Another position which many students are unaware of is the PRISM Help Desk. The Help Desk employee averages 6-8 hours a week and is paid \$11 per hour. They have a range of duties including adding pages to print accounts, working with money, cleaning labs, and answering general inquiries regarding PRISM and related services. An advantage with this position is that you get free printer pages. However, in order to be a Help Desk employee you do have to be a PRISM member which costs approximately \$65. To apply, contact HR@prism.laurier.org.

Other unknown paid positions at the school

include the Summer and Part-Time Employment Assistant, Student Careers Assistant, and Student Assistant, Grad Employment with Career Services, positions at Food Services, the Library, The Hub, the OneCard Desk, and many others.

Volunteer Positions

Special Needs Office

The Special Needs office is always looking for volunteers to be Student Note Takers, and new this fall are Peer Helpers. Peer Helpers will provide office support, work one-on-one with students for recreational support (such as walking students to class), provide technology support, and research/library assistance. The hours for this position are very flexible. Visit room 1C11 in the Arts Building or visit the Special Needs website to apply.

International Student Mentors

For those students interested in international exchange or work term, Laurier International interviews for Student Mentors. These students are responsible for introducing international students to Canadian culture and community. Skill sets that Laurier International is looking for is an energetic, friendly, and outgoing individual who

enjoys organizing events, and is interested in foreign cultures and languages.

In order to apply, students must visit the Laurier International website and fill out the Student Mentor application form. Unfortunately, this is a position for students in second year and over, but students interested should begin applying near the end of the winter term (February/March).

Student Career Assistants

Career Services also offers six to twelve volunteer positions called Student Career Assistants which are recruited in the spring. Unfortunately, as first year students, you've already missed out on the 2002-2003 opportunity but it is something to keep in mind for February/March. Students in this position are involved in a range of duties including setting up events, helping students in the centre to find information, helping at reception, and holding various workshops for students. As well, there is the option of customized projects for each student according to their personality and the careers they are interested in.

This position lasts a full year – the summer after recruitment and the two school semesters. During the summer, the students are given assignments such as developing advertisements to get students to visit Career Services in the fall.

Vocal Cord:

What advice do you have for incoming first-year students?



Scott Cairns
4th Year Business

Have sex with a professor.



Erica Davis and Paul Wilkins
4th Year Business

Remember classes are not that important. There is way more learning to be done outside the classroom. Accounting sucks!



Matthew Cade
1st Year Classics

Get a haircut and a place to live.



Osama Bin Laden
At Large

I enjoy meat sauce.

Off the beaten path

One experienced Laurier student gives his account of university life

Edward Schall

The decisions I have endured over the last five years were mentally challenging but extremely rewarding. My time at WLU was filled with a series of trials that have helped enhance my personal development and better understand the world around me. A very important realization that I have come to understand is you can only be helped if you seek out help. What you will realize when you get here is that you exclusively own the right to make any decision you wish, even ill-advised ones. The level of guidance that you have experienced prior to arriving here is only available if YOU actively seek it yourself. Generally, no one will pay any extra attention to you if you are screwing up in school.

You can easily flunk yourself out of university and no one will really give a damn. And as the saying goes "you are just another number", mine starts with 97... As long as you are paying tuition, and just barely maintaining the academic minimum, nobody will say a thing to you. Once you are unable to meet either requirement, it's side-walk university for you.

My situation is this: I am a fifth-year student that is just completing a general degree in economics. "Five years for a general degree, what kind of idiot is this guy?" The relativity of the situation is that I am bright person that lacked the proper guidance to fully benefit from the academic aspect of university. In retrospect, I should either have taken an additional year off before attending university, or switched into a program that I was interested in after my first year.

When I first arrived here I was an honours math student, which I originally assumed to be the right program choice for me. My study habits

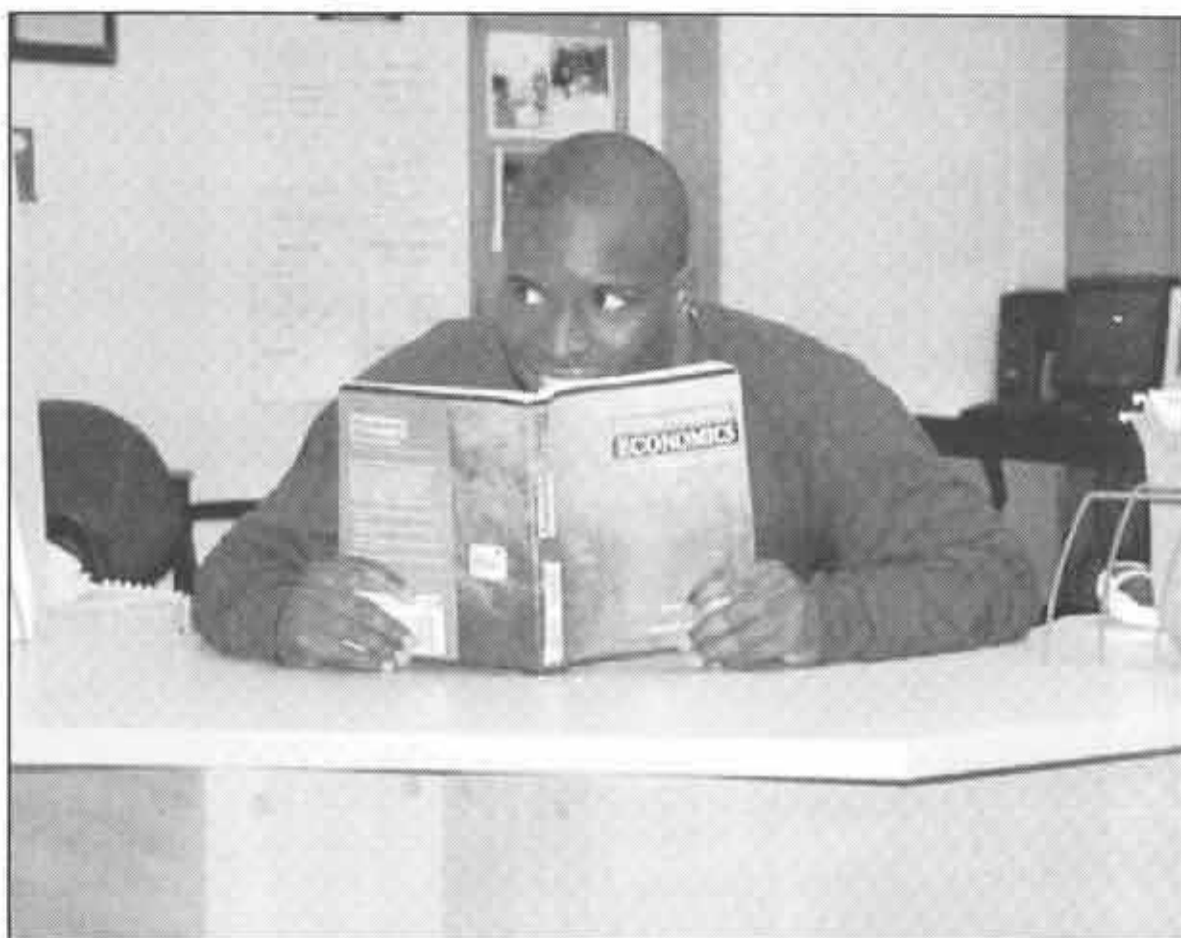
all through university can be summed up in one simple statement: all-nighters. Essentially, I have learned all the required information for every assignment, midterm or final exam, the night before. I have experienced varying degrees of success from A's, B's, C's to D's, you name it, I have it on my transcript. I got into academic trouble early because my assumption was that the study habits I exhibited in high school would be easily utilized in the University arena resulting in the same level of success. WRONG!

As you will hear repeatedly, you have to consistently and regularly keep up with studies in order to potentially achieve high degree of success in school. This statement is all too true. Along the way, you will find some individuals attaining good marks even though they don't put forth a decent effort, either because the course material is simple and unchallenging or they are so bright that they instantly understand the material. Don't let the way they achieve success fool you.

Unfortunately, my academic disarray continued for the next four years, at which point I was unable to complete the requirements to receive any degree in math. The main reason why I was unable to put myself on the straight path was because I was unaware of the numerous resources available to help me (i.e. Counseling Services, Dean of Students office, the various academic counselors, undergraduate officers, and professors, just to name a few.)

Fortunately, after last spring's counseling sessions, Dr. Peirson assisted me with assessing my situation and together we arrived at the best solution for me. As a result, I was able to fulfill the requirements to graduate with a degree in economics in the Fall of 2002.

One of the biggest mistakes I see students



This bad boy is now 24 and has been at Laurier for five full years and counting... Loser.

making is staying in a program even though they are dissatisfied or uninterested with what they are learning. For example, I have come across a number of friends and acquaintances that were unhappy with the structure of their respective programs at Laurier, but most remained in their program despite their discontent. Most of them were B and A- students, so grades wasn't the issue, but what it came down to was their program did not stimulate them intellectually. If this happens to you, don't make the mistake that others have made before you.

The reason we attend university is to help further us on the life path we most desire, and if what you are learning in school doesn't fulfill that, then you're hampering your personal growth. If

what you are taking doesn't interest you, then find out what excites you and pursue that. Remember what you learn now will affect future careers and ultimately your quality of life. Enjoy what you do, do what you enjoy, it's that simple.

What it comes down to is this: don't let the same stupid mistakes that happened to me happen to you. If you need any help or require some guidance, seek it out immediately. Get a second or third opinion from someone else if you are unsure that the original piece of advice was what you were looking. Help is there, you just need to ask. Lastly, find out what you truly enjoy doing, and do it. Remember, what you learn affects you for the rest of life.

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What you don't know...

Our fearless Business editor discusses some of the things business students can expect once you arrive WLU

Eva Pai

First of all, I'd like to say welcome to the most stressful four years of your life. Everyone always says that university years are the most fun years of your life. Although this may be true for some, in terms of sleep deprivation and stress levels, these years are probably as stressful as having a newborn and working two jobs so you can pay back the enormous student loan you incurred that led you to a job that causes you even more stress...?

People generally have the misconception of university being one big frat party. From what I've heard, this is true at some universities or in some programs, but if you're in Honours Business or Economics, you're in for a rude awakening.

Some of the best advice I can probably give you is to put that extra effort in during first year and do really well. Because chances are that in second year you'll receive some of the

lowest grades you've ever seen, unless you're a numbers guru, in which case third year will definitely not be your year.

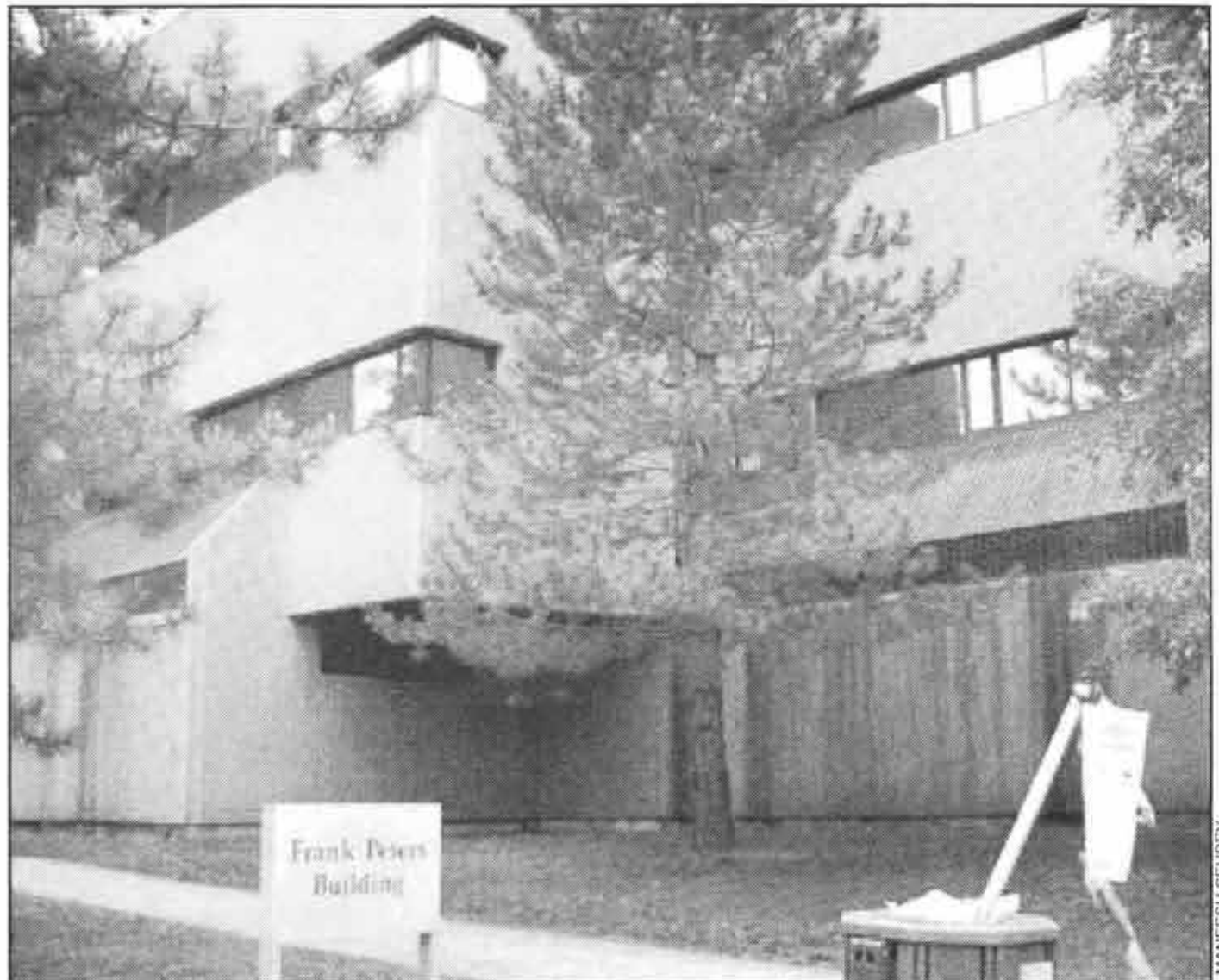
The reason I'm saying this is because the 7.0 Business GPA cut-off point that is required to stay in the program is cumulative over the years completed. This is something that is not too well known and generally causes a lot of panic during the end of second year when it all of a sudden it doesn't look as though you're going to achieve that 7.0 GPA for your Business classes.

In terms of smart advice for first year in the Business Program, there are so many things that you only figure out when it's either too late or the end of the year, that you wish you had known from the beginning.

Here is my attempt to solve some of these crises.

One of them is put as much money on your alternative meals for Tim Hortons' coffee or tea, because for some of those cases and group projects it will be your new best friend. For

For those of you that are sitting there saying 'I don't drink coffee', I give you a month.



The Frank Peters Building will be home to business students for the next few years. And so will the garbage.

those of you that are sitting there saying: 'Well, I don't drink coffee,' I give you a month and you'll just be another one of the souls lining up for coffee and a donut in hopes of a double caffeine and sugar rush to get you going. In terms of exams, a good thing to

know is that Business exams are always first. This means that for those of you who figured you could do nothing for the whole semester and then cram the week before, think again. The week before your exam, you'll still be sitting in class.

Talking about taking the lazy way out, there are those famous cases and group assignments. If you're picturing yourself choosing between a case that's due the next day and going to this really hot girl/guy's party, I suggest the case, because Laurier Business' policy on handing things in is so strict, immigrating to the States would be more lenient.

You will hear horror stories of people tripping on stairs, losing front teeth and gushing blood to get their papers in by noon. If you hand yours in at 12:01 pm, they will mark it for you, let you see the mark that you could have had if you were a minute earlier, but still give you a big fat zero.

Welcome to the world of Business people. And believe me, it doesn't get any better as you go on. In second year, there are no deferred midterms, but you actually transfer the weight of your midterm mark to your final mark, so yes folks, you can actually write a 100% final.

My suggestion? Write that midterm unless you're in a coma, because finals at Laurier Business are not generally known as friendly.

Are you realizing what you've gotten yourself into yet?

I hope you're an early riser, cause when it comes time to get up and sign up for labs, you better be ready to go at about 3:30 am. I went at 5 am in my first year, and the line was already out the door.

For other business-y stuff, some of the best advice is to buy used books, but don't go and buy them before you've had class, because a lot of the time books will have changed or some of them are almost useless.

So if you see an older student in the same section as you, don't be afraid to approach them and ask them if they

have old textbooks you can buy. Now be careful though, some of the older students are true business people. They will try to make profit on everything and anything, so make sure you know what the average price is for the same book before you agree to buy it. I also suggest you ask to see it before you make an agreement, because there are people who will use a \$150 book as a coaster for their beer.

Some cheesy advice, and this is something you will not hear the end of: Get involved! There are many great Business Clubs here at Laurier that really suit every person's interests. Some of these include the Accounting Association, for those of you who would like to learn more about the exciting world of number crunching.

Another is the ever-famous Association for Collegiate Entrepreneurs (also known as ACE), which is a club that initiates new projects and new ideas. The Economics Association and the Laurier Marketing Association are also part of the campus clubs, if those are your areas of interest. All of these clubs are worth checking into and all of them are popular and opportunistic clubs.

Lastly, there is the new E-Biz Club and Dex, a case writing competition club, which was able to fly to their final championships this year. So I suggest that you find one and join because you do meet a lot of people, which could come in handy when you're studying for midterms and finals.

On a last note, I suggest you actually attend class, because in terms of Business, three quarters of an exam comes from lectures, not from textbooks, the Internet slides or your neighbours' ideas of how the world of Business works.

Overall, if you're thinking that first year is going to be a breeze and that you'll be able to do whatever you want, whenever you want, think again. I also suggest you buy one of those wall calendars, because midterms and finals creep up a lot faster than you think.



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Top: Members of the Association for Collegiate Entrepreneurs are among those who strive for a complete business education. Above: The other side of the Peters building that your pamphlets won't show you...

OSAP, Bursaries and all that jazz

Dara Hakimzede

So you are in the middle of deciding on what university will be your home for the next four years. Mingling through the pamphlets and glossy magazines you begin to contemplate the costs of your studies. If you are coming from Ontario your best friend may be OSAP.

One of the biggest misconceptions of university is the fact that things will get done for you. This is not high school and your parents are no longer around to baby you. It is time to be an adult: pay bills, budget and get a part-time job if needed. To get the ball rolling you should send in your application for OSAP in the middle of July. Applying online is quick, easy and will be processed quicker than through regular mail. Just visit <http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/intro.htm>

When you show up in September, remember to bring the essential items to get your money. Your social insurance card, proof of attendance (your pink slip) and summer earnings (summer pay stubs). The lines during the first week for OSAP are beyond bearable so if you can afford to wait for



If only poor Thomas had read this article, he wouldn't be so broke and helpless!

money then go the following week.

Maybe you didn't get enough greens from the man; consider appealing at the Student Awards office. Ask about the "student contribution appeal". You will have to tell them your budget situation and give them a sum-

mary of your summer expenses (this means receipts). The best time to look into a contribution appeal would be during the third or fourth week once all the OSAP loans have been given out.

Currently the Student Awards office at Wilfrid Laurier University is not

accepting any applications for first-year bursaries but do not let this discourage you from looking for their help in the future. Laurier is known for its great entrance scholarship funding for entering high school students. Scholarships range from \$750 to \$2500. You can

view the scholarship grid at <http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwsa/scholarship/entrance/entr/grid.html>. For a full description of the Student Awards office, what they do and how they can help, check out: <http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwsa/>.

If funding institutions at Laurier can't help the burdens of school, try www.millenniumscholarships.ca or www.terryfox.org. The federal government's Canada Millennium Scholarships began in 1989 and they are worth between one thousand to four thousand dollars. The Terry Fox organization presents a total of twenty scholarships worth four thousand dollars each year for the total four years of schooling. The scholarship is known as the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award, which was created to encourage Canadian youth to pursue higher education.

From a Laurier Grad to the up-and-comers, remember that it is never too late to look into help. I am currently kicking myself in the ass for not seeking funding help. My advice is simple yet wise: budget, do not drink yourself to the curb at Phil's and stop buying Five Alive from the machines!

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PERSONALS

Hey Jon!

Remember Scouts? Remember how Paliga and I made you our bitch? University is like that all year long! Don't think you can escape either. There is no escape! hahaha
Corwin

I Love Henry Kissenger!!!

I don't know if you're reading this or not, Henry. But I think you're the best. I loved how you led the Jews out of Egypt, how you put 2 of each animal on the Arc, how you fix your glasses on your face after debating the nature of communism. When are they going to give you your own daytime talk-show?

Ronald Reagan (I'm not dead, yet)

France... you SUCK!

The ball goes in the net you idiots.

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Your thoughts betray you young Skywalker. Your feelings for your friends are strong. Especially for... a sister. So, you have a twin sister. Obi-Wan was wise to hide her from me. Now, his failure is complete. If you will not turn to the darkside then perhaps she will.

Nooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!!!!!!

Not So Deep Thoughts

Why are these things called the classifieds? They're not actually classified... we don't really put them in classifications. Hell, we just make them up as we go along. You'd think it'd be really fun but it's really hard. I'm not used to being creative. There must be something in a textbook that I can copy out and use. That always works for class.

Neo-Fascists have control of a nuclear bomb!?! Say it isn't so Ben Affleck. You twit.

Did I mention I like pie?

Corwin:

Your in-jokes suck! Stop writing to your imaginary friends, sucka. Why don't you take this chair and roll your ass around town...? **M-Core**

Wanted:

A 2x4, 15' of nylon rope (the yellow kind), an industrial vacuum cleaner, three strands of Christmas tree lights, a Rabbi, a blue kiddie pool, a hamster and no questions asked.

Dillon Moore

Have you ever tried to figure out the inner meaning of a Tool video? How can you explain the re-occurring theme of Ronald McDonald and racial tension in Sesame Street?

Shazbot!

Joanna's mom

I can't help myself. I love your daughter even though I'm Black. I hope you look forward to your bi-racial children. I'm sure they'll be black as charcoal. You'll love them! We'll name them Deshawn, Latonya and Dgiamil.

Love,

Your future son-in-law

Nicole Kozicki

You say I've forgotten you. That I make no mention of the bond we once shared. Alas, it is just the opposite. I think every day of you. *Sigh*. What's a young man to do? Is there any chance of a sly rendezvous before you make your exodus to far away lands? I hope so.

You know who

Nick Solowski

Who's gonna sit around joking about funky hip hop beats now? No more EPMD and Ghostface beats kickin' in the office. Although we got it done in the Concourse while checking out the offerings of the graduating class... Bang that sh*t retarded!

Big up

to the graduating posse! You better be back to sit on the black bench and continue raising hell, or else... Hardcore lives!

Spooky

Karen

Look, I'm writing you a personal! Thanks for the fun phone conversations and all those hugs on the weekend. I'll try to find a good stationary store in Ottawa so we can hang out and lick envelopes sometime... -Maneesh

The Last One

Even though I wrote the last four, I would like to give a big thanks to all the Cordies and supporting cast who helped out with this issue. You know who you are and your name is mentioned somewhere in these pages. Also, I would like to thank everyone getting a subscription. Just write to me if you want one, sucka. If I forgot to mention you in this issue, let me know as well. Another issue... We did it again! Joke's on you, Jack! **M-Core**

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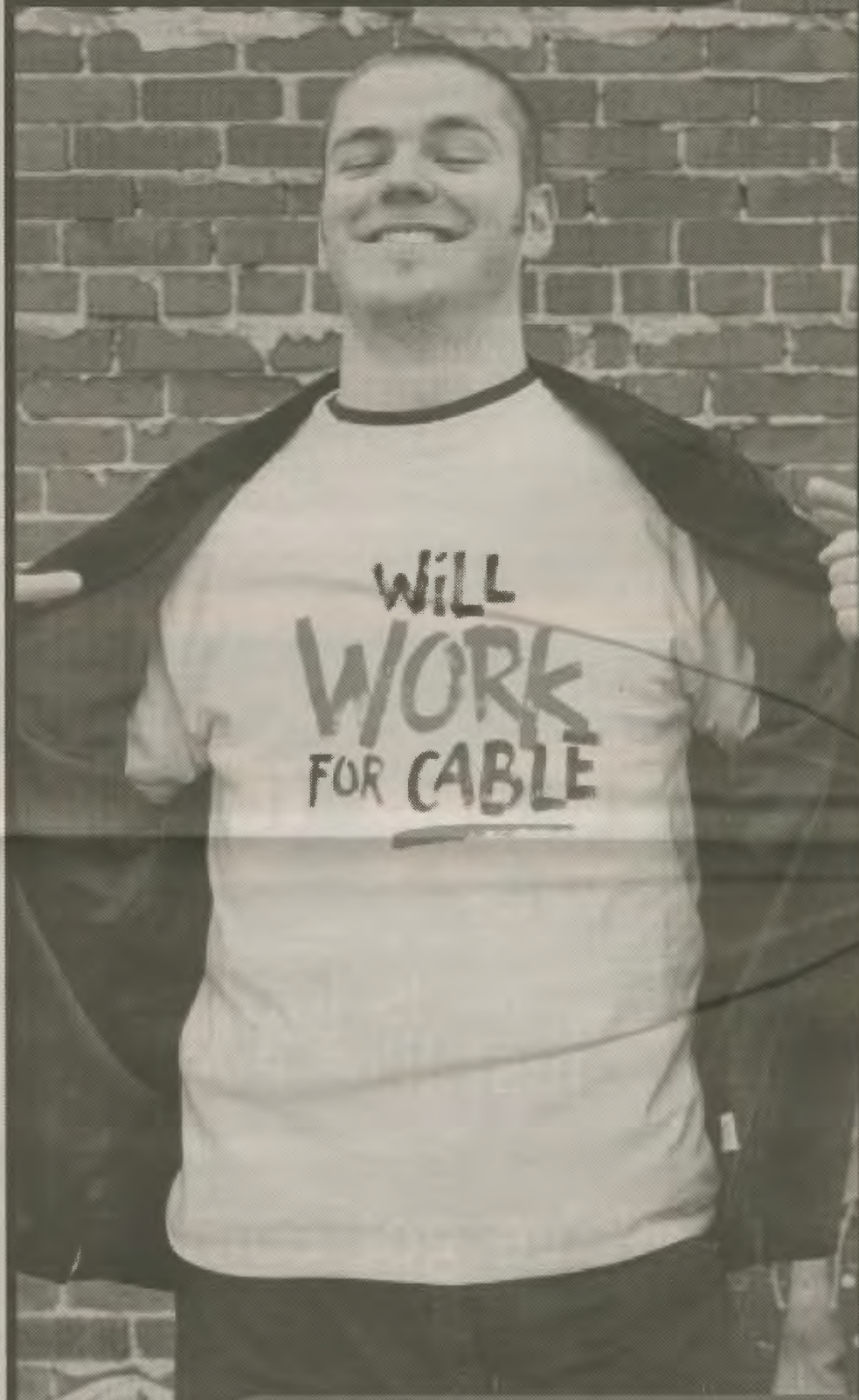
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