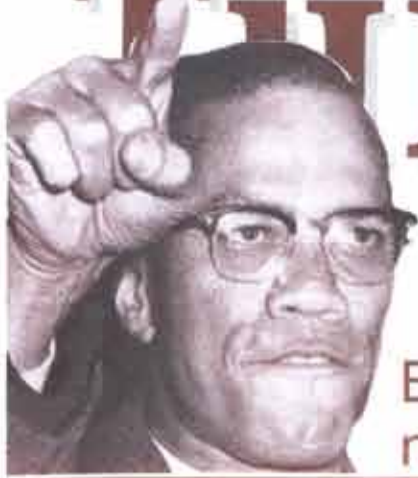
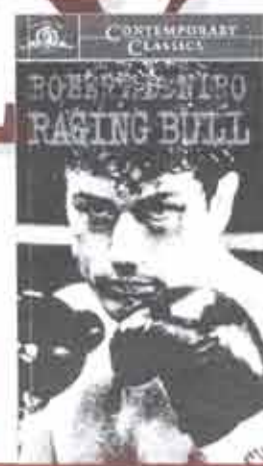


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Housing dispute

City Council proposes a one-year moratorium on licenses

Bryn Boyce

Self-interested, anecdotal and repetitive are the words that most accurately describe the grueling Monday night City Council Meeting. Everyone and their brother were out to tell how Beechwood this or Wilfrid that has been neglected in the housing study conducted by the City.

The student turnout to the meeting was encouraging. In total 20 Laurier students and ten from the University of Waterloo came out to voice their contempt for the Minimum Distance of Separation (75m-rule).

A wonderful palette of community interest groups attended the meeting as well. Concerned community members, neighbourhood association representatives, building consultant firms and university officials also rallied for a bigger pull in the approaching city decision on housing by-laws.

Dan Currie, a Policy Planner from Waterloo's Department of Development Services, delivered a half-hour presentation to the council outlining the major points and goals of their recently-completed 53-page 'Height and Density Policy Study.'

The highly disputed issue of housing in Waterloo has moved Currie and others to find middle-of-the-road compromises to appeal to the very polarized groups. "If I could summarize this study in one word, that word would be balance," said Currie in conclusion to his presentations.

He stated that it was extremely difficult trying to find a middle ground between groups, between issues of housing supply and demand and between student

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-Andy Pushalik, WLUSU President

ghettos or urban sprawl. It became clear, through several speakers from neighbourhood associations, that the long-term residents desired a one-year moratorium freezing licensing approval on all new student houses and the creation of a task force to study the student housing situation in Waterloo.



It's a bird, it's a plane, no... it's a crane. See page 3 for a complete construction update.

Matt Benassi

With student populations forecasted to balloon under the looming double cohort until 2006, many students fear that the 75m-rule recommendation coupled with a granting of this moratorium will only aggravate the problem. "If council goes ahead with a one-year moratorium they will create a housing crisis," said WLUSU President Andy Pushalik.

One speaker, Steve Singer, Chairman of the Ad Hoc High Density Housing Committee for Beechwood Park suggested this moratorium be placed only on student housing (class 1) in order to encourage smart growth and preserve his Beechwood community. Councillor Brent Needham pointed out that by placing this moratorium only on student lodgings, more pressure will be put on student residential areas driving up

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Popular professor passes away

Bryn Boyce

The Laurier community was in shock this past Monday morning. Dr. Peter Russell, a professor in the History department passed away from a heart attack while working at home.

Fifty-nine year old Russell had a known cardiovascular heart condition but his death was entirely unexpected.

With only one prior minor heart incident, Russell was working at home at 10:00am Monday morning and it wasn't until a neighbour noticed something was wrong that news of his death spread and his wife, Dianne, was notified.

Chair of the History department, Dr. George Urbaniak, was distraught during his mid-day HI109 in which he announced the news to the first year students. "Professor Russell was a very popular professor with students," explained Urbaniak continuing to say "He taught as many as 3,000 Laurier students and had a big impact on the university."

Urbaniak explained that Russell had two passions; the first was teaching American history and the second was sports and more specifically, soccer. Born in an ethnically diverse region in central Toronto in 1943, Russell devel-

oped this passion for soccer as a boy and it stuck with him all through his life.

He went off to receive his BA and MA from the University of Western Ontario (UWO), and received his PhD from the University of Michigan. He was first hired in 1980 and had an off and on part-time relationship with Laurier.

"Russell focused on the things that are still relevant and visible in today's society."

-Amy Mallett, student of Dr. Russell

American history courses in first and second year were Russell's favourite courses to teach. This term he was teaching two courses; the first was HI 114, Problems in American History and the second was HI 209, American

History 1865 to Present.

Amy Mallett a second year student in HI209 class praised Russell for his glib sense of humour and personal teaching style. "You get so many history professors who are so caught up in giving you the dates and numbers, but Russell focused on the things that are still relevant and visible in today's society."

Russell was known as kind-hearted and understanding. "His students loved him because as long as it was American history and as long as they were learning it was good enough for him," explained Urbaniak.

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Onlookers take in the debate at the City Council meeting where students, Councilors and residents faced off.

Bryn Boyce

State of the University address

Dr. Bob Rosehart is preparing for a 'possible' budget cut

Bryn Boyce

It seems that the cards are stacking up real purdy-like for next year's Laurier students. Not only will we experience an onslaught of enrollment from the looming double cohort, the likes of which has never been seen, but we may also find ourselves busking to increase our faculty funding.

Top that off with a side of 'possible' tuition deregulations and a 'possible' housing crisis and you 'possibly' might want to consider winning a lottery.

Now Cord News doesn't want to contribute to mass hysteria but holy shit, this place is being hit by every ridiculous situation possible. Touch wood.

The university recently announced that their budget is in a projected deficit position of \$3 to \$3.5 million. This is projected against a cost structure in the university of \$100,500,000. Jim Butler, the University's Vice President: Finance and Administration, explains that this deficit is primarily due to "costs that are increasing faster than revenue."

To prepare for this, Butler has requested that every university department "cut 3% [off their pro-

jected budget] as a planning exercise." This exercise is designed to "prepare for the worst" despite the fact the university "is hoping for the best."

Butler has stressed that many cards stand to be played including the Provincial funding formula which he expects in late March.

"You can't stop planning just to wait for a provincial budget," stated Butler in defense of the 3% cut exercise.

The pension fund has added a new spin to the financial problems by "performing poorly in the capital markets." The fund has had an admirable showing in the past decade, with surpluses every year. Until 2002-2003.

Then it got bent over the wood shed.

Best estimates show that it has 'possibly' lost \$11-13 million. The February 11 Board of Governors meeting quoted the market value to have dropped by \$14 million.

The plan invests 70% into Canadian stocks (as per required) with the remaining being spread into European, Asian and Far Eastern and American stock markets. Butler points to these failing markets as a main contributor to the funds poor performance.

The fund was heavily invested into Nortel (400,000 shares), that

bastion of financial stability. Trudy Trudell, representing WLUSA at the February 11 Board of Governors meeting, was most critical of the investment results. The decision to invest in Nortel was made along a "low risk" TSE 300 index.

This failing has meant that the university could talk a great hit depending on the results of an evaluation by the Financial Service Commission of Ontario. If the commission finds the fund has a solvency deficiency then the loss must be recouped in five years.

This five-year rebound would effectively double the debt, add \$2.7 to \$3.1 million annually. If this deficiency is not declared by the commission then the deadline to recover is fifteen years, adding roughly \$1 million annually.

So it seems like more than a 'possibility' that the double cohort might get to Laurier in time to see the first budget cut in at least the past three years.

More kids less money. And how many kids you ask? Well that's impossible to say. University President Dr. Robert Rosehart addressed the Board of Governors telling them that despite the efforts of the Provincial government and Ontario's Universities there are anywhere from 1,300-10,000

more students applying to university than there are spaces.

Also Butler's budget projection was based on an assumed 3050 frosh in the 2003-2004 year. Rosehart noted that the Tories have been tapping Universities to ask them to accept more students.

Laurier has not been one of these universities, and announced to the Board that, "in our case, I think it's fair to say we've committed to our share."

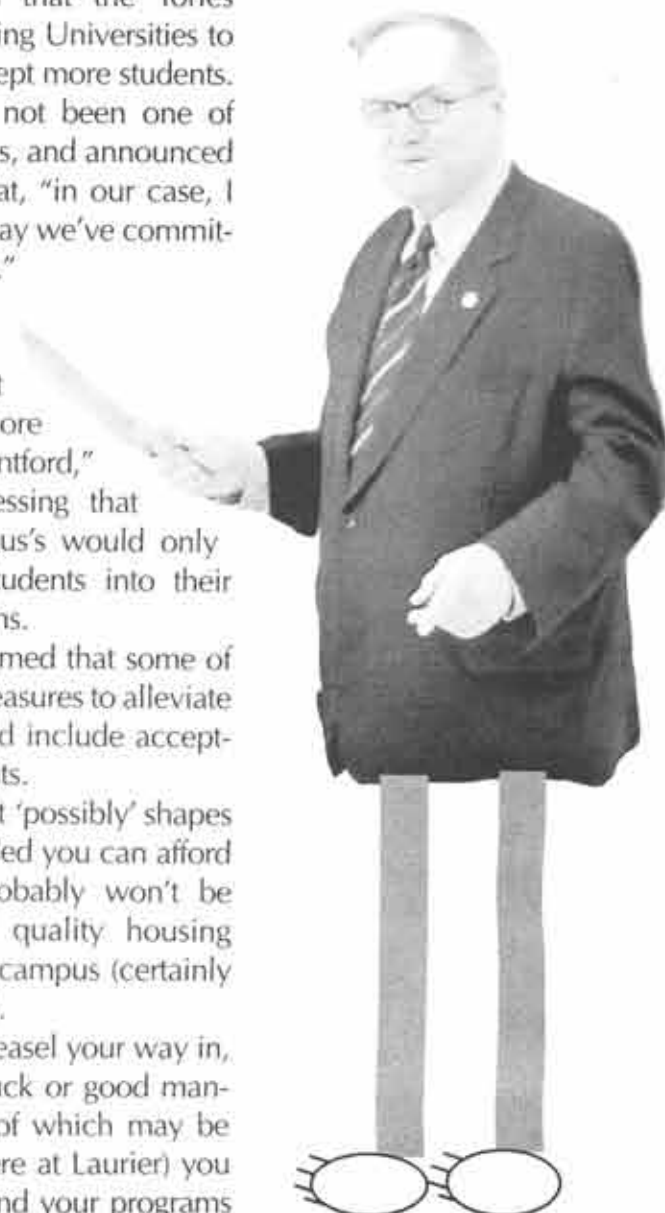
Moments later he said that "we might look at taking more students at Brantford," and also expressing that Waterloo campus's would only accept more students into their Science programs.

Butler confirmed that some of the 'possible' measures to alleviate the deficit would include accepting more students.

So the way it 'possibly' shapes up is that provided you can afford tuition, you probably won't be able to afford quality housing within miles of campus (certainly not within 75m).

If you do weasel your way in, through good luck or good management (both of which may be lacking elsewhere at Laurier) you will 'possibly' find your programs

crowded and underfunded by 3%.



The power of language and perception

LILS 'Dissonance': Mark Behr's lecture on language and racial tension in Africa

Siobhan Bhagwat

Mark Behr's lecture "A Tale of Two Towers: Language, Terrorism and Another Moment in History," a refreshingly politically incorrect discussion on the power of language and perception, captivated its audience in the foyer of Maureen Forrester Hall. Behr's appearance was organized by Laurier's Interdisciplinary Lecture Series.

His lecture revolved around his native South Africa, beginning with the reference to his "two year stint as a boy aged ten to twelve at an exclusive boys music school in South Africa," where he first recalls hearing the term dissonance. Dissonance he discovered implies "a discordant combination of sounds, or a lack of agreement or consistency between things." Though his first experience with the word occurred in relation to music it was not difficult for him to draw upon examples from life.

Behr related the story of

singing at the inauguration of the Afrikaans Language Monument. Afrikaans means "of Africa, from Africa...as a monument to a single language the central tower of the Afrikaans Language Monument set itself the task not of reaching the heavens...but of re-establishing the supremacy of that one language with the few words that had been lost at Babel." Sadly, the "singular most famous contribution to the world's twentieth century vocabulary" is Apartheid - literally it means separateness.

Behr provided the audience with Random House Webster's definition of Apartheid. A book which he noted none of the boys needed to consult to discover the meaning of the word they "simply always [knew] what it meant: Whites, or Europeans as we also called ourselves, were here with this lifestyle, and blacks, coloureds, and Asians are over there, with that lifestyle. Blacks, coloureds and Asians come over here only when they have to

work, for us."

"Eight months and six days after the inauguration of the futuristic Afrikaans Language Monument, South Africa's black children spoke out...Being forced to study Afrikaans - the language that staked its claim on the name of a continent - children of that continent resisted it and demand-

"Heterosexuality requires homosexuality for its very existence, white requires black, capitalist requires communism;"

- Mark Behr

ed recognition of their own." Their resistance was not appreciated by the state "Parliament passed a law to compel all people to learn (in) the same language Afrikaans."

June 16, 1976 saw thousands of children gather in Soweto protesting this law. Their protests "were met by the brutal and brutalizing language of the state...in the wake of the Soweto uprisings, 360 children were left dead." The majority of Behr's peers termed

"what happened in Soweto not protests but riots" and "these were not children, they were terrorists." The African National Congress, or Pan Africanist Congress, were not considered liberation movements by black terrorist organizations. The words black, terrorist, and communist seemed to share the same meaning. South Africa was not alone in their thinking. "In the USA, in official documentation of Congress and the State Department, the ANC was termed 'one of the world's most dangerous terrorist organizations' and Nelson Mandela, at that point incarcerated on Robben Island, 'a terrorist leader of a communist and terrorist organization.'"

As Mozambique and Angola gained their independence the "Cordon Sanitaire - literally the sanitary circle ensuring selective separateness from Africa, was crumbling." This led to brutal bush wars around Rhodesia - the only area that remained white.

While the country is in political turmoil and millions of people are being persecuted due to their skin tone, the boys who sang at the inauguration grew into teenagers who were mercilessly beaten if "caught engaging in homosexual games." They then began to construct their own cordons sanitaire...stridently hetero-

sexual and homophobic identities were cultivated." Here Behr made a crucial point that is relevant in our world and will forever be: "heterosexuality requires homosexuality for its very existence, white requires black, capitalist requires communism; and an assertion of innocence requires the guilt of terrorism."

Most of the boys were in military uniform by the age of 13. Those musical youth were still singing but now the beat had changed, the lyrics were angry. Their worlds became a flurry of security and resistance "and in turn security needs grew, so there were more detentions without trial; more assassinations, more control of the word spoken and printed...more whites digging in our heels and voting for the governing regime." That world crumbled within a decade and "white South Africa would be negotiating its future with the terrorists whom it had been fighting, arguably for 350 years."

Words and the way a society uses them can project powerful images that can create or end hatred. In this way Behr's lecture was key not only in highlighting the tragic, relatively recent history of South Africa but showing the crucial role our language plays in our lives.

WLUSU website re-launched

Stefan Sereda

Move over Internet porn, Laurier's Students' Union has hit the World Wide Web! Though naked photos of the WLUSU Executive are not included, students should find a wealth of helpful information.

The new and improved www.wlusu.com was launched on Tuesday, February 11 following "months of development." WLUSU President Andy Pushalik states on the website, "The job of any good student government is to communicate with its student members, and this new web presence will certainly help WLUSU in this area."

Pushalik insists that communication is key to the improvement of the school community, which is why the Students' Union spent \$10,000 on the project. "The value of this project is far beyond \$10,000," remarked Pushalik. "We got an excellent deal."

The money spent on the web site will allow WLUSU to send out newsletters and provide students with an Events Calendar and forums that are easy to update. There is also a function which allows students to contact WLUSU members, increasing their web visibility. The web site also features better graphic design than the Union's last site, but Pushalik believes the web site excels in its ability to grow. The President speculates that the site could expand to include on-line registration, and it should be "able to take us through the foreseeable future."

"The level of improvement

from the previous year to now is extremely noticeable," offered Pushalik, but he also noted that the site "will forever be a work in progress." Specifically, he noted that the forums read "coming soon," as the Union has yet to form a policy for them.

In comparison, Student Publications spent approximately \$600 on their clublaurier.ca web site throughout 2002. This site also features forums and information that is regularly updated. However, the site was designed entirely by students, and lacks some of the WLUSU site's capabilities, such as its ability to send out a newsletter.

To design the web site, WLUSU selected Orbus Communications, a web business run by two former members of the Union's Executive. The company, founded by former WLUSU President David Grady and former Executive Vice-President Cameron Ballantyne, also produced the Student Life CD sent out to frosh students. Pushalik claims that this will increase the accessibility of the web site for first year students, who will be able to link to the web site directly from the CD.

"It is important that we continually improve communications technology and solicit information from students," Pushalik states, "and at the same time make sure that they have the information they need." The President also encourages all students to try out the site, and send WLUSU feedback so further improvements can be made.

Ah, the wonders of the Internet.

Stefan Sereda
with files from Bryn Boyce

Bite down hard and grab a hold of something while these news shorts take your mind on a psychedelic thrill ride...

Peter Jorg, the Manager of WLU Security Services, reports that a **heart was found on the walkway** between MacDonald House Residence and the Theatre Auditorium. Discovered on Tuesday February 18 at approximately 3:20 PM, Waterloo Regional Police were called and they responded to the area. Police proceeded to close off the area with caution tape, while another heart was spotted in the back doorway of MacDonald House.

At first it was indeterminable if the hearts previously belonged to humans or animals, so they were taken to the Chief Coroner's Office in Toronto for medical examination. Later, it was established that the hearts were not human but that of a pig.

According to Mike Strickland, Laurier's Manager of Public Affairs, no materials were missing from the Science Building. It has yet to be determined who left the two hearts on campus, and why.

Laurier's First February Break and Enter Festival took place between February 21 and February 24. During the break ins, computer equipment was stolen from the Science Building; the Geography Department lost two laptops a data projector and some petty cash; and a walkman and two digital cameras were ransacked from the WLUSU Marketing Department in the FNCC.

In total, **these sackings of Laurier cost the Students' Union \$2,645.53, while the Science**

Building lost approximately \$10,000 worth of equipment. On Tuesday, February 25, the WLUSU Board of Directors met to discuss the thefts, where ideas such as increased video surveillance were brought up as methods for preventing a similar occurrence in the future. WLUSU President Andy Pushalik did not push for increased surveillance, and advocates a lock-up cabinet or safe to store the more expensive WLUSU equipment.

The brigands responsible for the technology theft are yet to be identified by campus security.

WLU Professor and military historian Terry Copp will lead a tour of Normandy battlefields in June and another of the battlefields in Belgium and Holland two months later. As one of Canada's foremost authorities on military history, Copp will explain Canada's role in both World War I and World War II while touring the battlefields of Western Europe. Copp will be aided by other military-history scholars and enthusiasts, who will offer a view of major Twentieth-Century world events which is usually limited to military scholars.

The tour of Normandy is open to the general public and it runs from June 16 to 30. It begins with a stop at the infamous site of Canadian military victory, Vimy Ridge, and a visit to the Vimy Memorial. The tour will then continue to Dieppe, Juno and Omaha Beaches, and Verrieres Ridge, before closing with a visit to a Canadian military cemetery in Calais. The second tour runs from August 25 and September 8, and includes visits to Ypres, the Scheldt Estuary, the battlefields at Oosterbeek and Arnhem, and the Rhineland.

Each tour can accommodate up to 34 participants, with the Normandy tour priced at \$3,700 per person, and the Holland and Belgium tour costing \$3,900 per person. Included in the fees is return airfare from Toronto, double-occupancy accommodations, ground transportation, some meals, and sightseeing, as well as a \$300 donation to the Canadian Battle of Normandy Foundation. To find out more, contact Mike Beehthold at (519) 885-9518.

The Students' Union Board of Directors has unanimously approved the recommendations of the Transformers Project. While this will not bring Optimus Prime to Laurier, the project did propose that WLUSU provide the rapidly expanding Brantford campus with a student centre. According to WLUSU, Brantford students must approve this idea by agreeing to pay a building fee in order to gain the financial capital needed for a building purchase.

The anticipated Referendum for Laurier Brantford Students will be held on March 27, 2003, where Brantford students will be given a chance to vote on this issue.

On Sunday February 23, the 45th Annual Grammy Awards were held, where **Canadian plastic punk Avril Lavigne was passed over for all of the awards she was nominated for.** Meanwhile, Elvis Costello played a tribute to the deceased Joe Strummer. Though this is an indication that something is right in the universe, it still does not make up for the shafting Costello and Tom Waits were given in the "Best Songwriter" category, for which Avril was nominated.

Construction progressing as planned

Brick and concrete work begin on King St. Residence

Stefan Sereda

Despite the arguments of Pink Floyd fans that we don't need no education, new campus facilities are quickly developing on campus. All in all, it's just another brick in Laurier's wall.

To conform to WLU's new fast-tracking construction policy and the encroaching double cohort, Laurier's new buildings are springing up rapidly. Contracted workers hammered, sawed and screwed through Reading Week, and most campus projects are continuing according to schedule.

The school's new academic buildings have progressed consid-

erably. According to Assistant Vice President Ron Dupuis, construction teams are pouring the foundation for the top floor of the new academic building between the Science Building and Bouckaert Residence. The teams are also "moving upward on the teaching wing," says Dupuis, and they have begun to install plumbing, heating, and electrical systems.

Construction on the new science building is "getting close to the top" as well. Ground was broken on these projects just over five months ago, on September 9.

This season's inclement weather has proven an added challenge for the construction teams. Workers have been melting the ice and snow in the sites

with blowtorches. This technique is necessary to prevent the concrete foundations from settling over the ice, which could cause foundational problems.

As for expanding residence space to accommodate the incoming first year student population, brick and concrete work has begun on the new 300 bed King Street Residence. The residence also features an underground parking garage, for which the foundations have already been poured. Both the parking garage and the residence are scheduled to be ready for the September move-in.

In Brantford an old building is being converted into a 58 bed residence. The apartment style housing complex is set to open in September, a critical step for Laurier's Brantford Campus. Applications to the satellite campus increased astronomically in



Matt Bonasi

Unlike the Dark Side's Death Star, construction at Laurier is on schedule.

January, when Laurier Administration realized that there was a 555% jump in applicants from last year.

Also, Dupuis is assured that the day care centre project in the

basement of St. Michael's Campus is "moving along well." The Waterloo YMCA will be moving in its day care operation in April.

Housing debate at City Council

(continued from cover)

the price and contributing to an increase of illegal or unlicensed slum residences.

Even predicting the forthcoming enrollment is a dice game at best, still several councillors including Scott Jones have already expressed a desire to pass motion quickly.

"They're using enrollment predictions from 2000-2001 but the most updated predictions are much higher" said Chair of WLUSU's Board of Directors, Ben Durrer.

"The Councillors need to do better research in order to make an informed and accurate decision," stated Pushalik, referring to Councillor Morty Taylor's and Councillor Scott Jones' eagerness to pass the moratorium that night.

Development Services' exhaustive nine-part policy study also finalized its recommendations for a nodes and corridors model in the Uptown (university) areas. While this model was very interesting several concerns remain.

These nodes and corridors (subdivided into major and minor groups) are designed for housing "intensification at the edge of neighbourhoods, thereby preserving the low rise, low density residential neighbourhoods."

This intensification won't take place, however, if the city decides to freeze the

growth of new student housing, especially in a year that will see nearly 1,000 more frosh flood into WLU alone.

In effect this model is an effort to find compromise between two sides. On one side there's the students who demand affordable housing close to campus. This entails high-density housing and in Ontario, university is becoming all about high density education. On the flip side, you have the long-term residents. Their concern is to preserve the 'standards' in their neighbourhoods.

Edwards expressed her disappointment that there were so many permanent residents "who felt all students were a problem." While most speakers were very courteous to student concerns several were much more radically against the cause.

"The City of Waterloo is benefiting from having the universities and they like those benefits but they don't accept some of the negatives that go along with it," Edwards said making reference to events like Shinerama and the Charity Auction as well as the millions that students contribute economically.

So the proposed compromise was this: build apartment complexes in these node and corridor areas to prevent 'urban sprawl' in residential areas while catering to student desires for nearby housing.

The problem is that many of these

nodes are at the edge of neighbourhoods lying kilometers from the universities—some so far out that you could find yourself forced to invest in Air Canada.

There weren't a lot of points that the students and community members agreed on during the delegation addresses but when it came to absentee landlords, both sides were unequivocal.

Numerous community and student delegates spoke out vehemently against the "absentee landlords" who, true to character, were not visibly in attendance. Absentee landlords were vilified by students and residents alike for degrading the community atmosphere and being "shameless opportunists" when renting to students.

The delegation addresses dragged on well into the night before allowing Council to discuss the next step. When the motion was finally proposed by Jones, it came in two parts.

The first clause was to pass the one-year moratorium freezing the issuance of lodging licenses and set up the task force to study the housing situation immediately.

The second part was a move to accept the study "in principle," which was a slippery concept. In the end, "in principle" was claimed to mean "give direction to" further study within the boundaries outlined in the study.

It became apparent that many councillors desired some definitive action to

come out of the board meeting while others, including Mayor Woolstencroft, pushed for a one-week deferral. Woolstencroft and Needham's move to deferral was defeated.

In the end, the city council decided to put off their decision for one week (despite voting down a motion proposing just that only thirty minutes earlier) by voting their way in full circle and back to square one.

Councillor Morty Taylor, whose constituency (Ward 4) is composed mainly of students, actually voted for the moratorium. Durrer stated that in effect he was "selling out his constituents."

Mr. Taylor is also the owner of the popular Morty's Bar and Grill, a bar with heavy financial reliance on our student population. Durrer and others have speculated that this move was indication that he may be running for Mayor in the

upcoming elections and is playing to the voting (permanent) members of his ward. But hey that's just speculation...

The City of Waterloo's coat of arms hangs on the wall behind the beautiful Council room. The handsome wooden coat has the cautious slogan, "Stability" prominently draped across it. The turbulent effects that this 75m rule and student housing moratorium would have not gone unnoticed or without the bitter taste of irony.

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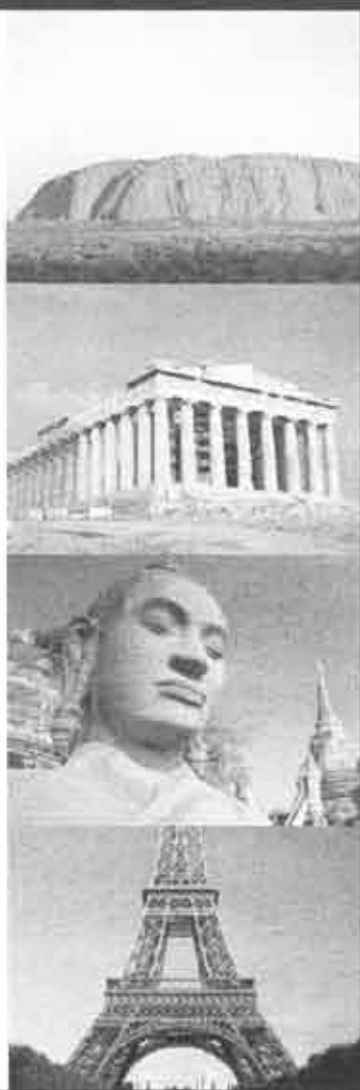
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Bag o' crime



MEDICAL ASSIST 1500 HRS MON FEB 10/03

An ambulance was called for a staff member who was experiencing pain in his right side. The individual was transported to hospital.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 1550 HRS TUE FEB 11/03

A non WLU male was evicted from 232 King when staff there reported a suspicious male. The individual was checked and was found to be using the premises for personal grooming. He was issued with a written trespass notice.

MISCHIEF 0330-0350 HRS WED FEB 12/03

Person(s) unknown broke a window of a vehicle parked in lot 20.

MISCHIEF 0033 HRS WED FEB 12/03

Person(s) unknown spray painted graffiti on the north wall of 232 King.

MISCHIEF 0235 HRS WED FEB 12/03

An officer responded to Bouckaert Hall after receiving a report that two males were throwing stones or ice at the windows. The area was checked but the individuals were not located.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 MON FEB 10/03 - WED FEB 12/03

Person(s) unknown broke into two washing machines at Heidleburg House and removed a quantity of money.

FIRE DEPT RESPONSE 2326 HRS WED FEB 12/03

Waterloo Fire Dept responded to an alarm at Willison Hall. There was no sign of smoke or fire but there was a faint smell of burnt popcorn. The Fire Dept felt that this was probably the cause of the alarm.

MISCHIEF 0430 HRS THU FEB 13/03

Person(s) unknown broke a window on the ground floor on the south side of the Alvin Woods Building.

ATTEMPT THEFT WED FEB 12/03 - THU FEB 13/03

Person(s) unknown attempted to break into a vending machine in Bricker Residence.

MISCHIEF THU FEB 13/03

Person(s) unknown pulled out a fire hose from a cabinet on the main floor of the Aird Building.

MISCHIEF THU FEB 13/03

Person(s) unknown smashed the glass front of a vending machine in St Clements House.

MISCHIEF THU FEB 13/03 - FRI FEB 14/03

Person(s) unknown smashed a pamphlet display case in the foyer of Bricker Residence.

MISCHIEF FRI FEB 14/03

Person(s) unknown broke a window at the

north entrance to the Nichols Centre.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS 1618 HRS MON FEB 17/03

Officers responded to the Science Building after receiving a complaint that there was a male and female wandering around who looked like they didn't belong. Both parties were requested to leave and complied.

ASSIST POLICE 1110 HRS MON FEB 17/03

An officer responded to the student residence at 195 Regina after receiving a report from Regional Police Dispatch that there was a 911 call coming from one of the apartments. Investigation revealed that there was no one in the apartment and the call was most probably as a result of damage caused to the phone lines during recent flooding in the building.

Crime of the Week

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE TUE FEB 18/03 - WED FEB 19/03

A heart was found outside MacDonald House and another inside the rear door. Waterloo Regional Police Identification Unit was called. The hearts were transported to Toronto and determined to be those of pigs.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 WED FEB 19/03

A WLU student reported that her purse had been stolen when she left it in the study

lounge in the Science Building.

MISCHIEF WED FEB 19/03 - THU FEB 20/03

Person(s) unknown wrote some graffiti on the vending machines across from Wilf's.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 1100-1300 HRS THU FEB 20/03

A WLU student reported that he lost his wallet and that someone had taken one of his credit cards from the wallet and used it at an off campus location.

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Person(s) unknown broke into an office on the 3rd floor of the Nichols Centre and stole two digital cameras and a walkman.

Professor Russell will be missed

(continued from cover)

Russell's involvement at Laurier went well beyond teaching. "He was an extremely successful intercollegiate women's soccer coach," said Urbaniak. The team was most successful in the early 1990s with Laurier. He then left Laurier's varsity to return to his old stomping grounds of UWO and steer their women's team to the finals for the last two years.

His most famous academic works dealt with American foreign policy and legal histories in Massachusetts. More recently, however, Russell has been working on a book dealing with the professionalization of American football, Canadian hockey and European soccer. A new and popular course entitled "Athletics & Societies in the Modern World" was scheduled for 2004 which combined his passions.

Dr. Russell will be most remembered for his witty attitude and wide knowledge of American history and soccer. "We always discussed the soccer result of the weekend but he always knew more than I did" remembers Urbaniak, who said their only personal friction was over the best soccer team.

"The entire department will

miss his presence; he was a treasured colleague"

Russell is survived by his wife, Dianne, daughter Katherine and son Bryan. A funeral service will be held at the Westview Funeral Chapel, 709 Wonderland Rd. N. in London, on Thursday, February 27, at 7 p.m.

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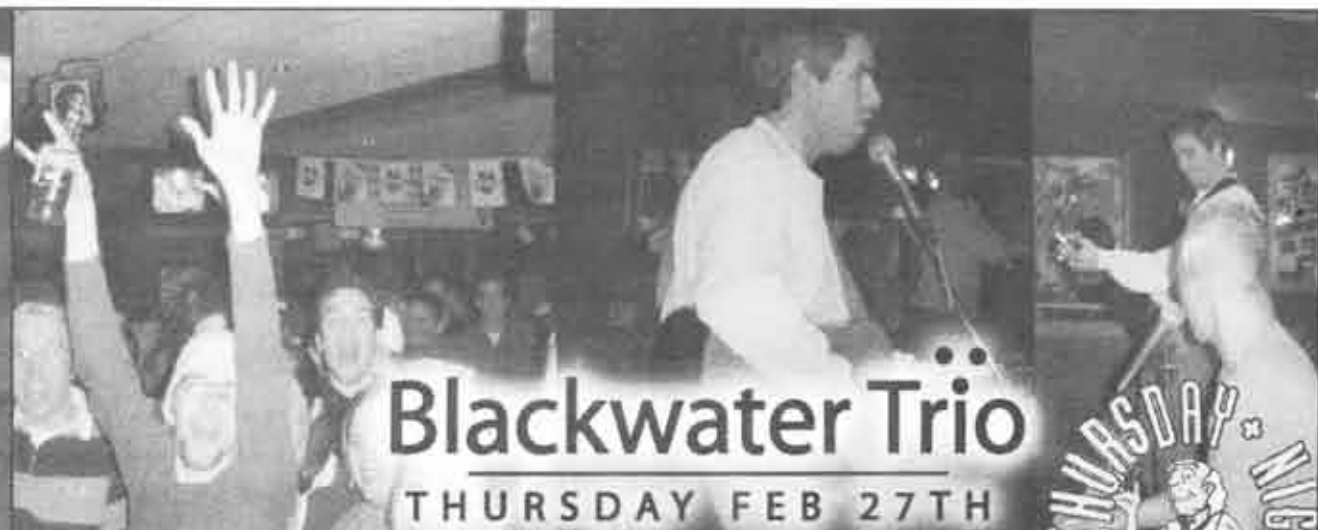
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Irrational Exuberance

Regan Patrick Watts



Opinion Editor

Still hunting for his legacy, in his final budget as Prime Minister, Jean Poutine has harpooned yet another trophy for his wall of great catches - the Canadian Taxpayer. In what can only be described as one of the most irresponsible, wreckless and outrageous federal budgets in recent memory the crass Prime Minister has left the now wounded Canadian people holding the tab to what can surely be regarded as one of the most expensive retirement parties in this country's history.

In true Liberal fashion, Jean Chretien presented Canadians with his retirement gift to them last week with a budget that drives up spending by \$25-billion over the next three years. Unfortunately, the true purpose of this monster budget is to remind Canadians that the federal government is once again the only institution that matters. Thanks to Jean Crouton and the gang, you will pay heavily for their ridiculous ambitions.

After almost a decade of retrenchment, withdrawal and abandonment of the very services that helped make

Canada the country that it is, Ottawa has come charging back by irresponsibly and arrogantly throwing around (and wasting) your money to satisfy its self-serving ambitions in ways not seen since the days of Trudeaumania.

In the interests of creating a more egalitarian society, this budget represents a massive transfer of wealth from the rich to the poor and a shift from private back to public. As a side note that the feds have failed to disclose, this budget is a clear aim at diminishing the role of provincial governments in this country. Finance Minister John Manley has probably succeeded in that goal. But in making the lives of Canadian taxpayer's easier, his job safer, her future more secure, he has unequivocally failed.

It isn't the size, however, but the plethora of new spending commitments that reveals the true egotistical ambitions of the budget's expansionism. Money is flowing into every possible nook and cranny of federal responsibility. There's \$10 million to restore heritage buildings, another \$10 million for Olympic athletes if Vancouver wins in their Olympic bid, and \$17 million for Katimavik! Someone please explain to me what Katimavik is.

Most of these new federal initiatives involve direct transfers to Canadians - leaving the provincial governments watching as Ottawa intrudes into their jurisdictions with paltry scholarships and grants for students and faculty, more needless handouts to families on welfare and a health accord that essen-

tially monopolizes the responsibility of the health-care system to the federal government.

And you can bet that whatever services the provincial governments provide with new federal help - daycare spaces or public transit for example - will be festooned with a federal government logo.

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Unless you are on the fringes of our society, there really isn't much for you in this year's debacle. An expanded RSP limit (for those with enough spare cash to max out already) and a slight reduction in Employment Insurance premiums is all that's really there. But only the most dedicated social activist could decry as inadequate the massive federal spending on low-income Canadians, paid for by everybody else.

This is a budget was presented by a Liberal government hell-bent on returning to the days of yore, when spending was king, redistribution of wealth was the catch of the day, and when government persued the interests of a more just society. The fact that these types of faulty experiments have failed in the past quite obviously means nothing to this year's band of tyrants.

But in the end, this was Jean's way of saying thank you... and what a way to go; by spending money that he spent the last ten years confiscating from Canadians.

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WLUSU's huge learning curve

Christine Cherry



Editor-in-Chief

Myles Wilson once said to me, "In a democracy people get exactly what they deserve." Well Laurier, you got it.

The Thursday before Reading Week I had the pleasure of attending the first meeting of the 2003-2004 WLUSU Board of Directors. I decided to go in with an open mind, hoping that I would be blown away by the enthusiasm and insight brought forth by this new group. I was blown away all right - blown away by the fact that this group as a whole has little clue as to what they are doing. I am not criticizing the Board as individuals; I think that they probably have some good intentions. The problem is that they lack the experience and leadership to put the innovation into practice. The WLUSU Board of

Directors are responsible for overseeing almost a \$7 million dollar budget - a budget created by students' money. This is a huge responsibility and while every new job means that a learning curve will be necessary, a spot on the BOD should not be treated as an entry level position. WLUSU manages many essential services on this campus - their contribution to the SSAC is crucial for ensuring that Laurier is a welcoming and comfortable place for us to attend school. Hundreds of students volunteer under various auspices of the Union, and say what you will about WLUSU, I don't think that there are many students who would like to see them fold altogether.

Only two members of next year's BOD currently sit as a director and the President-elect himself has never been directly involved in the administration of WLUSU. And while I don't think it is necessary or even advisable for every member of the BOD to have previous Union experience, I find it frightening when I imagine how this group will handle a situation that requires real insight into actual adminis-

tration. It's great to have new ideas but if no one on the Board knows how to implement them then they are rather useless.

Even more frightening was the mention that some directors made with regards to those directors that currently sit on First Year Council; they actually called the FYC "those with experience." Yes being a part of FYC does provide some knowledge of WLUSU, but the notion that these directors are the pinnacles of it reveals a lot about the lack of experience of the other directors. It takes more than one year on FYC to understand and be aware of not only WLUSU but also the greater university community and the city of Waterloo.

The shining light of next year is Meighan Doherty. She seems to have a clue as to what she is doing and her leadership and direction are going to be crucial. She has a big responsibility supporting the Board while everyone else plays catch-up. Neither Andrew Pike nor Sanjay Pottinger (the only two directors currently sitting on the Board) were elected to Chair or Vice-Chair positions, so Meighan

will not even be able to count on their help over the summer, when a significant amount of planning and research gets accomplished. Good luck Meighan - you have your work cut out for you.

When Dan pulled out a stack of reading materials for the Board to study in order to get up to date on WLUSU policies, programs, etc. I saw a lot of deer caught in the headlights. I ask the members of the Board, if you are not prepared to put the time and effort required into reading and thoroughly understanding this material, please resign.

Sitting as a member of the Board requires more work than simply promoting athletics or an external group that you are a member of. The Laurier community is much more diverse than your narrow agenda and they deserve informed representation on all issues. Please consider the fact that you need to understand how the organization you are working for operates before you can accomplish anything.

I hope that the BOD surprises me. It's about all that they can do.

I'm Sorry But...

Laurier Shorts

Social masochism



Melinda Cockburn

Social masochism is the only way I can describe it: people who are socially disfunctionate. They just don't seem to know how to interact with people without pissing them off. And if the fact is mentioned to them, they just don't seem to care.

They're who they want to be and no one is ever going to change that, not matter how much people do not appreciate their presence. It just doesn't phase them. Perhaps I should define this a bit better.

There are certain people in the world who are so focused on themselves that when anyone brings up something they want to discuss or have a problem they're trying to sort out, this kind of person has to relate it to themselves or somehow turn the conversation focus back to them. This, I think, is the first sign of a social masochist. They will even go as far as inventing some sort of story or exaggerating a fact into something it's not. For example, a person will have a particularly bad experience at one party and that one party ends up turning into five or six and thereby helping them get more and more sympathy for their "problems" which all seem to arise from one little escapade. The people present at this one party know that this person is a liar but that doesn't seem to

bother the social masochist.

Social masochists, also, don't know how to break off relationships. If they do try, it's a really half-assed job. They usually begin by being as obnoxious as possible. And the thing is, a social masochist completely relishes the fact that they are creating a crappy social atmosphere. They live for conflict. They live for the annoyance people feel towards them. It's the only way they know how to be with people and won't change no matter how many friendships they lose. They can always move on to the next bunch of poor victims and start the drama all over again. It makes them feel happy to know that

they've made someone's day completely miserable.

"These people are usually put under our mental categories as annoying or assholes"

These people are usually put under our mental categories as either "annoying" or "assholes." I've known way too many people like this. People in general

usually bug me in some way or other but social masochists are the worst of the worst. Everyone at some point encounters one.

They may be someone you work with or, even worse, one of the roommates you get stuck with in residence. Being someone who believes in reincarnation, it scares me that I would have to come back to be tortured all over again but people who enjoy being jerks.

If I had my way, anyone who just bugged the living crap out of me would be put on a remote island in the middle of the ocean and would have to suffer the fate of being subjected to a lifetime of being stuck with other social masochists. But unfortunately I do not have complete control over the world so I guess it's back to sharing a society with people who just like to make everything suck.

SBE quality slipping



Ben Durrer

The Laurier Academic Mentorship Committee recently hosted a panel to discuss "What Has Your Education at Laurier not Given You?". The same day the University produced statistics of average class sizes that show interesting results for comparison between faculties. As a fourth-year business student I know now why I am unsatisfied with the quality of our business program and I am worried about the future.

Laurier is a school that traditionally invests in people to ensure high quality teaching. But since I arrived, Laurier's growth of 25% has required large investments in bricks and mortar and left less money to maintain a small student/faculty ratio and the small class sizes we all expected. A quick glance at the numbers in the following table reveals that SBE has much larger classes than the other faculties and most disturbing to me is that the smallest class the average SBE student is likely to participate in still has 36 students.

There are many spin-off effects that reduce the quality of our education. Most obvious is the need to reduce faculty-marking time so SBE students work in numerous groups that the faculty "positively spins" as a way to enhance communication skills within a team. The excessive amount of group work eliminates the motivation over time to achieve academic excellence. A+ students grow tired of carrying their groups through the program and

the proportion of free-riding students grows in senior years. Group work tends to result in several mediocre projects rather than individual grades that vary in quality and it is unfortunate but students now ask themselves: "Why give it my all if I'll receive close to the same mark for doing just the bare minimum?"

The burden on faculty has also affected the way we are examined and the quality of feedback that we receive. Over the last four years more and more exams have shifted from short answer/essays to pure multiple-choice even though it is clear that a balance provides a much better evaluation. Professors are unable to provide feedback on our projects. Many profs ignore comments on writing style and primarily concentrate on content. This results in graduates who still have minimal ability to write.

My greatest concern is that SBE students graduate without an opportunity to take part in a small classroom environment with less than 15 students. We are not challenged in academic debates and we do not receive the chance to rebut an argument because of the need to share participation marks with the other 35+ students. The lack of small classes also eliminates motivation to be well prepared for class since we only need to contribute once a class and there isn't a risk of being embarrassed for not knowing the material.

SBE is considering the deregulation of BBA tuition to prevent further deterioration, but that will not likely solve the current quality problems. As an alternative, we must review the BBA program in order to find cost-efficiencies in some areas to provide key enhancements in others. I hope that such a review will commence in the near future and that the process will draw submissions from all stakeholders as we continue to build upon the strengths of SBE.

UNDERGRADUATE AVERAGE CLASS SIZES: 2001-2002

	100 Level	200 Level	300 Level	400 Level
Arts	91	52	32	17
Science	94	67	34	16
SBE	143	51	42	36

LETTERS

I Was Used!

I was surprised when I read the Cord's coverage of the WLUSU election because it failed to mention the significant impact that the Residence Dons had on the results. I currently live in residence and it was heavily influenced by Dons to vote for Dan Herman. I am interested in student issues so I followed the election race through the platforms in the Cord and the open forum and I was planning to vote for the candidate who would do the best job, not just the one my Don told me to vote for.

Don't get me wrong; I think it's great that Dons get first-year students to vote and become engaged in student issues. But our Dons should also push us to make an educated choice. The thing that tipped me off was that I asked what Herman stood for after being influenced and my Don didn't know. He said, "It doesn't matter, the other candidates suck." This is a real shame because our Dons are senior students who are supposed to provide good advice like when and where to vote.

Herman won by just over a hundred votes and I am sure that he got about 25 votes from my

floor alone between solicited proxies and the door to door sweep to get everyone to vote before going to dinner. We as first-year's were taken advantage of to help a Don's friend and that doesn't make me feel very significant. I can only hope that this doesn't happen again next year.

Trevor Wolfe

Op. Editors Note: Thank you for having the balls to put your name to this letter.

That's my bike!

To whoever stole my bike,

A few days before reading week started, you went into my garage and stole my bike. This bike is at least 10 years old and is rusted beyond belief, so I don't see why you would want it. The bike helps me get around Waterloo and I would really appreciate it if you would take a moment to reconsider your actions. Please return it to the place you found it and no questions will be asked.

Jason Shim

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Son of a Bush

Chris Robb

I was watching the CBC program Counter-Spin and I came across a realization about this horrible predicament the Middle East has been faced with regarding brutal regimes and US 'diplomatic' intervention; they are probably more confused there than we are here. My surprise did not come as a sudden epiphany in coming to the realization that these people are in grave despair, this is an obvious reality; it pertains to misconceptions we, on the periphery, have regarding religious and ethnic cohesiveness in this area.

We have been drudged with the theme of religious radicals, fanatics, dogmatic, martyrs, religious sects of thugs who oppose the United States and the Western world. Islamic Jihad, so I hope, has become a familiar theme we all come to know in light of these circumstances. Unfortunately, Islamic Jihad is not the fundamental driving mechanism for many of the people in this area. It does not ordain their current lives, nor does it act as a determining factor in their future. The mechanism that is in place is fear. These people are in such grave despair, that these religious 'sects' are almost non-existent. Individual, immediate and family concern has overtaken ethnic and religious priority. Individual survival is the means, and as long as war (or the perception of it continues to exist) this desperate struggle for individual survival will last.

There was an array of panelists directly involved with the discussions of US intervention in Iraq and whether they would be successful and anticipated positively in conducting a regime change in Iraq. What horrified me was actual Kurds form the Iraqi north speaking for saviours of their own lives by the United States. Being on the periphery myself, I claim no knowledge of the hardships they have faced being dispersed, landless, and persecuted. What I do claim to know and recognize is that they positively supported US intervention in Iraq by doing

whatever was necessary to remove the current regime. This, includes the current push for armament of Turkey in defence against a possible Iraqi counter-attack and increased border control. What relation does this have in proving the disparity of the Middle Eastern and Iraqi peoples, proving that they are not a mis-conceived group of religious sects clinging to one another in US dissent?

For a couple of intelligent Kurdish people to support the US armament of Turkey would mean the slaughtering and further persecution of other Kurds in Turkey. The further oppression of Kurds and rebels would be a far easier and currently desired course of action by the Turkish government. Proving that there is either a lack of knowledge regarding the Kurdish struggle in Turkey by the Iraqi Kurds, or there is a lack of immediate concern for the repercussions of this impending US armament of Turkey because they are fearful for their own lives and that of their immediate families in Northern Iraq - take your pick. What I visualize here is not a group of anti-American Kurds rallying against US occupation. Rather I see a group of dispersed Kurdish people, in some cases allegedly urinating themselves whenever they hear anything remotely close to that of an airplane, existing within the Middle East, particularly Iraq.

How presumptuous would it be to assume this is the case with civilians of all religion and ethnicity in the area? Not very. So in support of Turkish and Jordanian armament and increased border patrol, they not only contribute to the persecution of Kurds in Turkey but they entrap themselves as refugees in the face of bombings within Iraqi borders. Immediate solutions come from fear of the future, fear of the future is misconceived by immediate solutions; these people are in despair. These are 'just' enclosed issues and consequences of US intervention within Turkey and Iraq.

Turkey has long been making

'international' (heard or not) statements about the annexing of Cyprus. Not only do more Kurds exist within Cyprus, but also Greek Cypriots. What will be the reaction of Greece in an armament of Turkey? Will there be an increased arms race, one greater than what has already occurred in the past decade between the two nations? With greater military strength it is probable that Turkey will invade, again, Northern Cyprus, annexing the region and conduct ethnic cleansing. A simple investigation into the conflict would prove this is their intention, especially after declaring this as a primary objective in 2001. It appears to be somewhat of a domino effect, a ticking time bomb if you will. More so with the precedent that US diplomacy has set recently.

Another key player in this confusing military fiasco is North Korea. What US diplomacy has been successful in stating is that if you pose a serious military threat to the United States, then peaceful, somewhat submissive diplomacy is essential. If you are a weaker nation, such as Iraq, then non-compliance will render

severe consequences. If I were a nation, faction, whatever, how would I presumably get the 'positive' attention of the United States? One to think about.

Peace in the Middle East is far more complex than 'simple' regime changes in certain countries. The longer the West indulges in misguided curmudgeon tactics, the longer this process of peace and understanding will take. We need to discontinue operating on the notion of 'what has brought us success will be successful for others'. This, of course, is easier said than done and whoever holds the key to the world; much like Bill Gates does the key to a specific street in New York City. Despite my predictions being somewhat Newtonian, they seem to be the process in which our world has operated. This whole reaction for a reaction mentality needs to discontinue in international relations because it is that that has founded great atrocities throughout history.

Unfortunately, our atypical society thinks in four-year increments; the democratic process. This causes extremely short-term thought and narrow-minded criti-

cism of issues plaguing our world for longer than we can imagine. 'George Bush is a warmonger!' No. We are warmongers. In short-term democratic thought, it is very easy for us to attribute a specific problem to one of these individuals then suddenly 'reset' when that person is no longer in office. It's a drastic reach, but may it be possible that international conflict has transformed into 'pop-culture'?

Is reality TV at a pinnacle? Afghanistan seemed to have died as fast as Ricky Martin's career. Unfortunately, people are still dying in Afghanistan and Ricky Martin is in the Hills eating imported 'mono-culture' foods that his former country is forced to produce in order to 'survive'. I can speak of love, but who has heard of that rhetoric anymore? I can talk of respect, but that is only determined by success factors other than morality and ethic. Economy shall prevail. The Empire will exploit, kill and destabilize for its proper functioning.

Chris is in 2nd-year and is also a member of the Football team.

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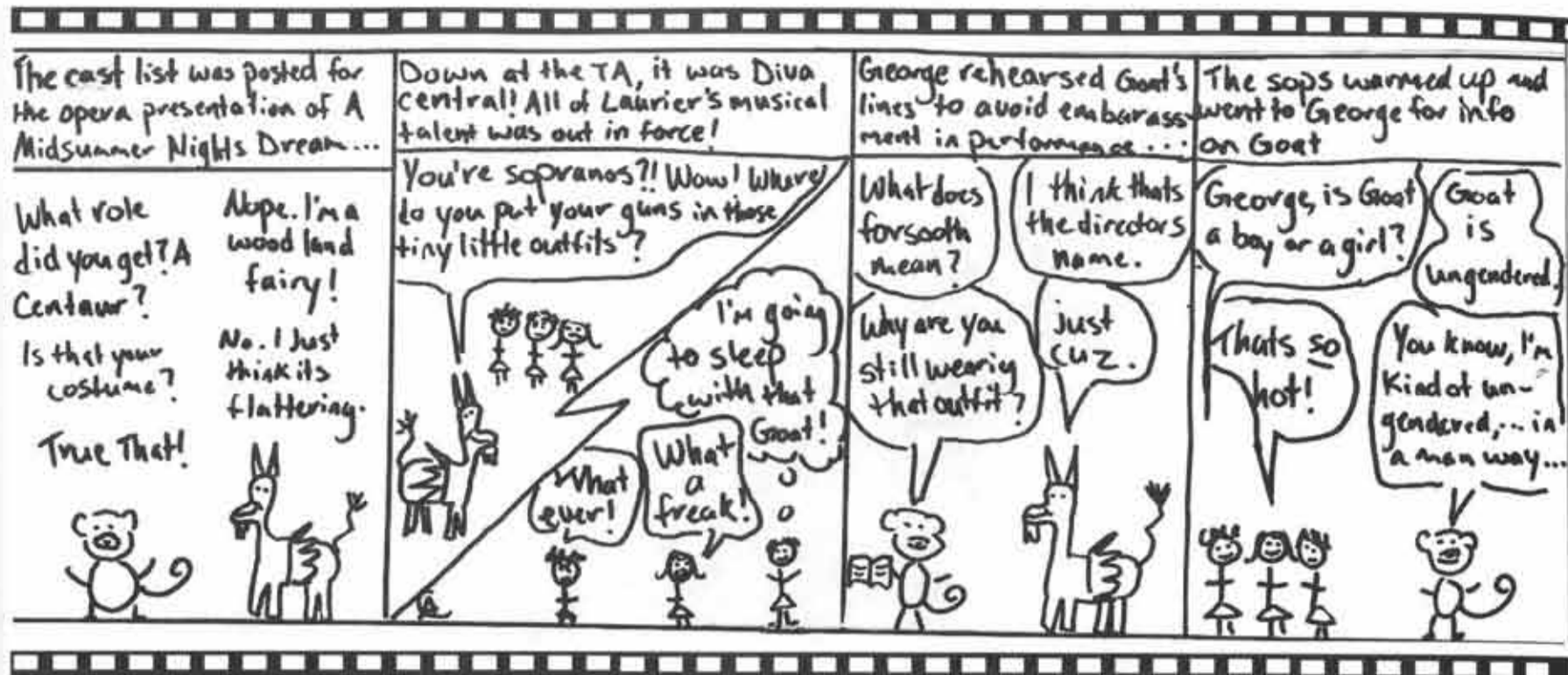
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Common sense vs. freedom of speech

Jeff Hawkins
Op/Ed Contributor

Recently Holocaust denier Mr. Ernst Zundel has graced the pages of most Canadian newspapers with the captions such as: "Holocaust denier wants refugee status." (Globe and Mail)

I just don't get it, for a man to have vowed insistently never to return to Canada merely two years ago, why are we having troubles deciding if he should be allowed back in Canada?

Mr. Zundel wants back into Canada because US officials caught up with him in his Knoxville, Tennessee residence,

on grounds of an expired visitor's Visa.

Last year, the Human Rights Commission ruled that Mr. Zundel's website spread hatred worthy of the hate crimes status.

This insufferable human monstrosity has been spreading hate and has already been deemed a threat to national security, while attempting obtain Canadian citizenship in 1996.

In 1991, visiting Munich, Mr. Zundel was convicted by German courts of inciting hatred - translated to a two year prison sentence in Canada - and was fined the equivalent of \$9,000 dollars for breaking Germany's strict anti-

hate laws.

Canada has been observed as a democratic nation that pre-

"The spirit of the Charter entrusts the government of the day to use common-sense"

-Jeff Hawkins

serves the underlying notion of democracy: Freedom of Speech.

By the letter of the Charter, Canadians should allow Mr. Zundel back into Canada as a refugee fearing persecution from his native land. However, the spirit of the Charter clearly entrusts the government of the day to use commonsense when dealing with issues such as hate propagating monsters like Mr. Zundel trying to get back into Canada.

Currently the Canadian Security Intelligence Service is debating whether to issue Mr. Zundel a "Security Certificate," deeming Mr. Zundel a threat to national security.

Instinctively we, as a nation, all know what the CSIS should do,

the right thing! We rely on commonsense to do the right things.

Common-sense tells me, and every other Canadian, not to let this man back into our country. Even he has insisted, back in 2001, not to return to Canada. Well Mr. Zundel, you may have your wish.

Let's all hope The Cord reaches the hands of those deciding Mr. Zundel's future.

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Black History Month helps nothing

Wilbur McLean



Production Manager

February 1st
In 1990, Nelson Mandela, after 27 years in a South African prison, is freed. One year later, he is elected President of South Africa. Black History Month is a time to celebrate his life.

Black History Month, now quite an event, appears annually and arrives with the most commendable of intentions. Its success in promoting black history is undeniable. Each year more television programs air, more newspaper articles printed and greater attention is placed on the accomplishments of blacks throughout history.

February 8th
"Gee, who knew that elevators, typewriters, lawnmowers, the heating furnace, air conditioning, combs and refrigerators were all invented by black people?"

Schools sit up and pay attention, opening up the history books to those clean, untouched pages of black history. Teachers carefully read their lesson plans ensuring their pupils are fed the prescribed amount of black history. Students, from Kindergarten to high school, find themselves suddenly learning things they had no idea about. "What do you mean there was slavery in Canada?!"

February 15th
The cotton industry proudly supports Black History Month.

Corporate America joins in the feel-good month. I learn that, indeed, General Motors does care about me and my heritage. It certainly feels good to see so many businesses, from the local bookstore to the biggest Wal-Mart, are willing to dedicate a section of their store to blacks' contribution to society.

February 22nd
Malcolm X, Martin Luther King and Harriet Tubman were the pre-eminent black leaders of their time. Their contributions to the cause of blacks are timeless.

The handful of black leaders who have managed to penetrate mainstream society are celebrated, saluted, honoured and discussed. Every major network, and most of the minor ones, airs a special on these leaders' achievements. For one month, they are revered.

March 1st
Amadou Diallo is shot and killed by 41 bullets fired by four New York police officers for resembling a criminal suspect.

Between 2001 and 2005, life expectancy will have dropped by 17 years in South Africa because of AIDS.

There are still country clubs and neighbourhoods that do not accept black people within their walls.

It's March. What happens now? One month does not fix the ills faced by an entire race of people. A single month is insufficient if the eventual goal is, indeed, to achieve equality. Advertising agencies concocting clever promotions that endear themselves to black people and take advantage of any wallet that might be susceptible to purchasing anything linked to Black History Month, does not mean I am cared about,

accepted or equal.

One unit of study specifically set aside in the school system for the study of blacks does not make us the same. It only continues to make us different. 28 days won't

fix the security cameras staring us down, the police officers stopping our cars, or the businesses that refuse to hire us.

Black History Month is nothing more than a placebo. It must

be done away with and an attempt at equality truly made.

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Equality on campus

Agata Tarkowski

Gender, race, and ethnicity are issues we are faced with every day in each of our classes and in each of our lives. On Friday, February 7, guest speaker Marilyn Jacobs, coordinator of WLU's Harassment/Discrimination Office, was head of an interactive seminar entitled "Creating an Inclusive Environment in the Classroom." The discussion, which involved nine other individuals from various areas of expertise, focused on on-campus diversity.

Jacobs, who has held her position for seven years, deals with an average of 25 to 35 contacts per year. However, she noted that not all issues come directly to her office and that "there are other people on campus dealing with concerns that people may have." Other people dealing with these issues include the Dean of Students faculty members that a student may feel comfortable talking with.

Her interest in creating the discussion held earlier this month stems from her strong feelings towards preventative education. She believes that the first step towards this is having a "policy on campus about harassment and discrimination." "We are not going to tolerate harassing and/or discriminating behaviour based on grounds stated in the Ontario Human Rights Code," she said.

During the discussion Jacobs stated that there are "complaints about many interactions on campus", making it her aim to discuss and suggest ideas with the panel about possible ways of dealing with problems. With the help of a video, Jacobs brought forth four specific problem areas.

One of the issues is intent versus impact. The words used in a classroom have the ability to insult certain groups of people. The intent, whether the speaker wanted to insult or not, is irrelevant. Instead, the person who feels insulted has the right to bring up his/her feelings regarding the situation. She suggested that the professor should allow a comfort level for the students in the classroom who might face this situation. Of course a risk is taken by the student to bring up his/her concern and the instructor should realise that, and

preferably address the circumstances one on one which it is the least confrontational. Most importantly she pointed out, students and professors should be aware of what language appropriate to use.

Jacobs also discussed the discrimination that Special Needs students might face and the problems professors might have with dealing with such students. All cases are different and instructors need to know how to deal with each case individually. This not only provides equal opportunity for the Special Needs student but it also prevents students from taking advantage of the program. It is the responsibility of the Special Needs student to recognise his/her needs.

A third issue presented by Jacobs was the insensitivity and invisibility that gay and lesbian students often face in the classroom. Gays and lesbians should be recognised and not forgotten about or ignored as it is the job of the professors to educate themselves on alternative sexualities. She went on to say that ground rules must exist about the discussion of sexuality in the classroom and instructors should become models for their students. If the topic of homosexuality is uncomfortable for other students in the classroom, it is necessary to differentiate the feeling of awkwardness with the feeling of discrimination that the gay and lesbian students are possibly feeling.

Scott Williams, co-president of GLOB-AL, a discussion group designed to make the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender) community at Laurier feel more comfortable, makes his own observations about discrimination, especially that of individuals with non-heterosexual orientations at WLU. Although he states that he cannot speak for everybody, he does make the comment that there are problems at WLU with the way in which people treat each other. "It's a pretty conservative campus," he said.

His complaints range from professors making remarks that are not inclusive of non-heterosexuals, to GLOBAL posters, which advertise meetings, getting torn down. "Professors often don't want to upset the straight students," he says adding, "homosexuality is often not mentioned in areas where it would be relevant." Either professors are not comfortable talking about it or they assume that there are "no gay peo-



Christine Cherry

All three minorities on campus pose for a picture.

ple in their classroom...which is very unlikely." He adds that the small Waterloo campus provides a comfort level for some homosexuals but it is "harder for homosexuals to get to know other people."

"The small university also makes it difficult for homosexuals who are not ready to come out or don't want to be out since they can be more easily identified by the entire school population," says Williams. He believes that it would be "nice for people to acknowledge that [homosexuals] are here, to try to make the school more comfortable for everyone, not just the majority." He also noted that unfortunately it will take awhile for total acceptance to reach the whole faculty and student body, although "it would be nice to do so eventually".

On a positive note, Williams observes that there are students and faculty who are trying to make it better by being more open and not ignoring that homosexuals do exist. During the discussion Jacobs also discussed

the ethnic pressures that professors might put on students. Often students are pressured into being the main voice for their culture. It is acceptable for the student to discuss their own experience but they should not become the voice of authority for the whole group.

Overall, Jacobs made her point obvious, that diversity does exist and that everyone should be aware of the appropriate ways in dealing with issues that may arise. The seminar was educational, many opinions were heard and it put a light on WLU's diverse community. The message was that if professors and students educate themselves and follow simple rules, the feeling of discrimination can be limited at universities, especially this one.



Food for thought



Christine Cherry

Most of you have probably heard of the Huether Hotel, and many of you have likely even been there in varying degrees of intoxication, but how many of you have really experienced everything the Huether has to offer?

The Huether, comprised of three different restaurants - The Lion Brewery Restaurant, Barley Works and the Lounge - offers a lot more than just great food and great beer. Hosting an incredible combination of unique menu items, interesting history and fabulous atmosphere, the Huether is a place you can't really appreciate in just one visit.

I spent an enjoyable lunch at the Lion Brewery this week. Located in the basement of the Hotel and outfitted with exposed brick walls, soft lighting, a low warm-toned wood ceiling and a rough stone floor, walking down into the restaurant is sort of like entering a cozy cavern.

My only complaint about the ambience was with regards to the noise. The restaurant is small so the tables are placed close together, making it almost impossible not to eavesdrop on your neighbour's conversation. This was exacerbated by the overall acoustics of the space which seemed to bounce kitchen sounds (silverware being polished, exhaust fans, etc.) and other diners noise, including ringing cell phones, around the restaurant.

There isn't a specific lunch menu, but a

lunch special is offered daily. The regular menu offers numerous items, including light entrées and gourmet pizzas, which are suitable for a lunch-sized appetite and budget. All of the pastas come in lion and cub sizes, but unlike most restaurants the smaller cub sized meal is available in the evening.

Our server was prompt and friendly, and offered some suggestions to my companion and myself. I ordered the lunch special - barbecued chicken breast with beer-braised mushrooms and mozzarella cheese on foccacia bread served with soup, french fries or salad (\$7.95). I upgraded to a caesar salad for an additional dollar.

My meal came presented on a plate reminiscent of California pottery. It appeared carefully placed, and the sandwich was hot while the salad remained cold. The foccacia bread was extremely fresh but the flavour was somewhat overpowering; it really muted the delicious, tangy taste of the barbecue sauce on the tender, perfectly cooked full sized chicken breast. Since a choice of bread is offered I think that next time I would select the kaiser roll or marbled rye. The best part was the mushrooms. They had a buttery flavour that melted in my mouth, and I found myself picking them off of the sandwich to enjoy on their own to ensure that the flavour wouldn't be lost in the foccacia.

The caesar salad was plentiful and came with two fresh lemon wedges and

freshly grated parmesan cheese, which I appreciated. The romaine lettuce was crisp and the dressing had a great but subtle garlicky flavour. The bacon bits were real and not too salty, but the croutons looked and tasted burnt. I had to pick them out of my salad.

My dining companion selected the personal sized Whole Garden pizza with Thai ginger peanut sauce (\$5.49). Topped with roasted red peppers, broccoli, portobello mushrooms, scallions, hot banana pepper rings and mozzarella cheese, this was beyond your average pizza. The sauce had a real tangy flavour that seemed spiced just right and the crust was thin and crispy with a hint of garlic. The variety of toppings available is outstanding. Items like bocconcini cheese and calamari really take the Huether pizza to a whole new level.

An essential part of a Huether dining experience is the beer; brewed on the premises, it offers enough variety to satisfy any beer aficionado. We ordered two of the beer samplers (\$3.25 each) which provided us with a three-ounce taste of eight of the nine brews; the samplers are a great way to discover your favourite.

My brave dining companion ordered the stout float (\$5.50) for desert. This grown-up take on the traditional ice cream float (which they also offer) is a chunk of brownie in the bottom of a 20 ounce glass topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and then filled with the dark English Ale. While it looked rather disgusting, my com-



panion actually really enjoyed it and said he would definitely order it again.

The best thing about the Huether is the unique menu items offered. Those with a less adventuresome palate can find some standard fare, but for those who like to experiment the Huether offers enough variety to keep you tasting for your entire four years at Laurier.

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Out of a possible Five Smiling Jenns

Home sweet home

Jennifer Asselin

A roof over your head and a warm place to sleep is something we often take for granted, especially as university students who still go home for the summer months. Unfortunately for many having a house is a luxury that some just aren't lucky enough to have. On the bright side however, Habitat for Humanity as a campus club is making a small but significant difference.

"Basically," said co-ordinator Tamara Rasokas, "we do three main things as an on-campus chapter. We do house builds, give donations and raise awareness." Habitat for Humanity has been a successful organization for many years. The essential idea is for the group to help those unable to afford a roof over their heads to get one step closer by helping build homes and raising funds.

The club is opened to all and currently has anywhere from 10-15 members. The big event this year was not only building homes in the K-W area and raising awareness within our own community, but this year's members also got to travel to Sacramento, California from February 15 to February 22. The group's Reading Week adventure is something called 'Collegiate Challenge' that all groups and chapters affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International can participate in.

Essentially two executive members started the ball rolling. Collegiate Challenge is an event held annually to give Habitat for Humanity chapters the opportunity to help a community other than their own and meet people with similar interests. The places to travel were aplenty but the group narrowed it down to a more manageable amount including places like New Orleans and Hawaii. After careful deliberation and looking at more



Courtesy Habitat for Humanity

Members of Habitat for Humanity help the sod get laid.

feasible budgets, the group voted on going to Sacramento.

"Fundraising included bake sales in the Concourse, a spaghetti dinner at a local church, selling candy necklaces at the Turret and a dollar auction," said Rasokas. Most of the money was raised by members of the group and the rest was paid by individuals going on the trip. As well, each member had to bring with them a donation of (US)\$100 to donate to the affiliate they visited to go towards building supplies and permits. "A lot of supplies get donated but not permits so money is needed for that," said member Steph Voss.

The group of students stayed in a local church set up by the affiliate. They were given directions on where to go by a leader from the Sacramento chapter and they also discussed items of business with this person on a regular basis.

Each day was filled with something new: "Two days were spent working in the Restore Building

where they keep extra supplies for the public to come in and pick up," said Voss. "Two days were spent working on a house. We prepared the lawn and planted four trees," she continued.

The group was also given time to explore the area on their own.

When asked what the best moment of the trip was, Rasokas replied, "For me it was seeing the looks on the home owners faces when they saw the lawn. That was kind of cool." She continued by saying "seeing California was a once in a lifetime opportunity for most." For Voss, it was "the friendships. It was like a week-long sleepover," she said.

Overall the trip was a success as the group made memories that would last a lifetime, as well as making two families that much happier by creating a house that they will soon make a home.

Smiling Jenn's Happy Facts

After washing canvas sneakers in the washing machine, stuff plastic bags into the toes and let them air dry. They hold their shape perfectly and never shrink.

Lengthen the life of cut flowers by adding salt to the vase water. A pinch will slow the growth of bacteria, so they'll bloom longer.

Instead of using oil to silence that creak or squeak, use petroleum jelly. It'll do the job, and it's less messy.

Having trouble keeping socks white? Add 1/2 cup of baking soda to your liquid detergent - it'll supercharge its cleaning power.

Add 1/2" of water to the bottom of glass votive holders before inserting your candles. The wax will pop right out!

Hate the rust stains that shaving cream and hairspray cans can leave in your bathroom? Coat the bottom of the cans with clear nail polish, and you'll have no more stains.

To keep pasta warm for up to an hour without over-cooking it, place it in a colander set above a pot of simmering water. Cover until needed.

Keep sheet sets together - and your linen closet organized - by placing one pillowcase, flat sheet and fitted sheet inside the other pillowcase for storage.

When lips are chapped and you have run out of lip balm, use eye cream. Since the eye area is as sensitive as the lips, the moisturizer is a great substitute.

When making muffins, mix your ingredients in a large pitcher. You'll be able to pour the batter into the muffin tins easily and with less mess.

When ironing a shirt with decorative buttons, protect them by holding an inverted metal spoon over them as you iron.

Spill soda on your favorite cotton shirt? Soak the stain in a solution of 2 cups cool water and 1/4 cup white distilled vinegar.

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Dan Sennet

When deciding what I should do for Reading Week, I first had to ask myself – "how much can I afford and what can I do with the amount of money I have?" Then, like many others, I realize that I can't afford anything and I ask – "what I am I willing to sacrifice to be able to afford to go away?" I decided to sacrifice eating for the rest of the semester in order to go to New York City, The Big Apple, the most exciting city in the world.

I planned a budget of \$800-\$850 and when I told my parents about my plans they laughed. "Son," my dad said, "that won't buy you a sandwich in New York!" But I was determined, plus, I had already booked my plane and hotel. (Note: the cheapest plane is JetBlue out of Buffalo - \$44 each way.)

I went with my one and only and we arrived at Kennedy Airport. As I approached the terminal exit, I wondered what the incessant noise was in the background. We walked outside and saw a parade of yellow taxis, each honking their horns, at what I don't know. They would honk, then move up ten inches, and then two seconds later, honk again. It turns out that that is the norm in New York, everyone likes to honk, a stress reliever if you will.

We arrived at the hotel, that used to be a condominium, at least that's what I thought when I entered my \$79 per night room which was the size of my cupboard at home. I'll say this, it was comfy and \$79 per night is a great deal, being only five minutes away from Times Square and three seconds from Central Park.

It being late and us being terrified to go out at night as a result of the stereotypes departed on us from our parents, we took a taxi to the outskirts of Times Square and saw a movie.

Security in New York is amongst the tightest in the world. There are at least five cops (no exaggeration) on every street corner and three more walking up and down each block. Every place I entered, I was asked for my ID, and they were actively detaining people who looked "suspicious." The "Orange" terrorist alert that is currently out for major cities, I feel, is something that is out of our hands. I mean you could cross King St. and get hit by a car; living in fear is not living. Barring any unforeseen terrorist attacks, I felt safer walking the streets of New York City at night than I do walking along some streets of Toronto during the day.

The next day saw the "Blizzard of 2003" hit New York City with more than two feet of snow. It felt a little closer to three and, of course, I thought it would be a mistake to take boots (Kids, always listen to your mothers in matters of weather consciousness). As well, it was President's Day meaning that most things would be closed. We hadn't anticipated this either before starting our journey across New York.

So on this particular day we walked through Central Park, covering Strawberry Fields and taking a picture of the memorial to John Lennon. We arrived at the notorious 5th Avenue and walked to Museum Mile to see the Guggenheim, The Museum of Modern Art, The Museum of Jewish Culture, and a number of others. To our dismay – they were closed. So, we got on a bus to 34th Avenue, the block of the Empire State Building (closed) and man's greatest fear: eight floors of sheer madness – Macy's. What luck I

have to have Macy's be the only store open in NYC.

That night we saw an off-Broadway play (always cheap and entertaining) entitled, "I Love You, Your Perfect, Now Change!" It was cute and inexpensive. Dinner was the best part of that day – a New York style Pizza, sloppy, greasy and delicious.

The next day was Times Square Day. We lined up around lunch-time at a ticket booth that sold same-day, 50% off tickets to most plays. We bought tickets to "Aida", the Elton John musical. Just after purchasing, we won tickets to the Letterman Show. Feeling overwhelmed with the culture we were about to embrace, we went to Carnegie Deli to top off our stomachs. I ordered a traditional corned beef sandwich, which I split with my inspiring counterpart, who had a salami and egg sandwich. For \$11, I got a full cow conveniently placed between two slices of rye bread. My father was wrong, I could afford it, but I couldn't stomach all of it, I was too full after the first half.

The Late Show was cool, at best. Let's be honest, Dave isn't really that funny. The Ed Sullivan Theatre was awesome though. I couldn't help but think that Dave was defacing a theatre that once held Elvis, The Beatles, Johnny Carson and Ed Sullivan himself.

"Aida" was a beautiful play about a prince who is about to become king and falls in love with the daughter of the king whose country he is about to conquer. It turned out to be a Disneyesque love story. The most memorable part was exiting the theatre and being greeted by ten marine guards holding automatic machine guns. I reiterate, New York City is the safest city in the world – believe me.

Our final day was spent doing the things we hadn't already done. We took a trip out to Liberty and Ellis Island. The statue is much smaller than I had anticipated, almost as anticlimactic as the Mona Lisa. Ellis Island was just as weak. I figured it would have all the booths they used when it was operating, but it was a big, empty warehouse with some graphs in it. What a shame. We went back to Times Square to Stage's Deli and had the most delicious slice of cheesecake in the world. We got a piece of Chocolate Marble Cheesecake (which cost \$10), which we couldn't finish for fear that a heart attack would result. We walked around the rest of the day, seeing a fantastic Toys 'R Us, Virgin Records, and MTV where Britney Spears was doing the Carson Daly Show. After dinner, we went to B.B. King's Blues Bar and Grill. We sat and had a drink, listened to some blues and then called it a night.

We departed the next day, broke and tired, but having enjoyed the trip thoroughly. I'll give the budgeted student some tips when you go. Buy the transit-pass, it's only \$4 and gives you unlimited transit. The transit, much like the rest of the city, is very heavily guarded with a million cops, so it's entirely safe. Street meat is always cheap, but sharing a sandwich somewhere will fill you, guaranteed. Get tickets from the ticket booth in Times Square or the random draws at the box office, not from Ticketmaster. Finally, go with someone who you know you will have a great time with, someone you would want to share the city with. It's like I always say, "it's not where you are or what you're doing, it's who you're with."



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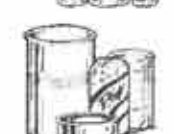
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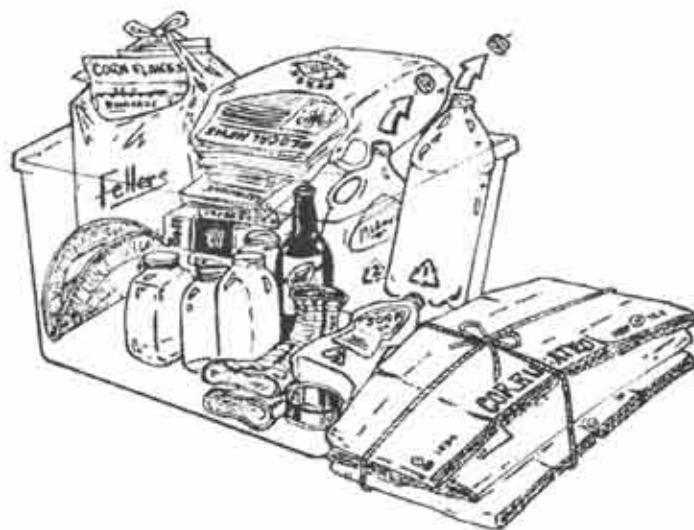
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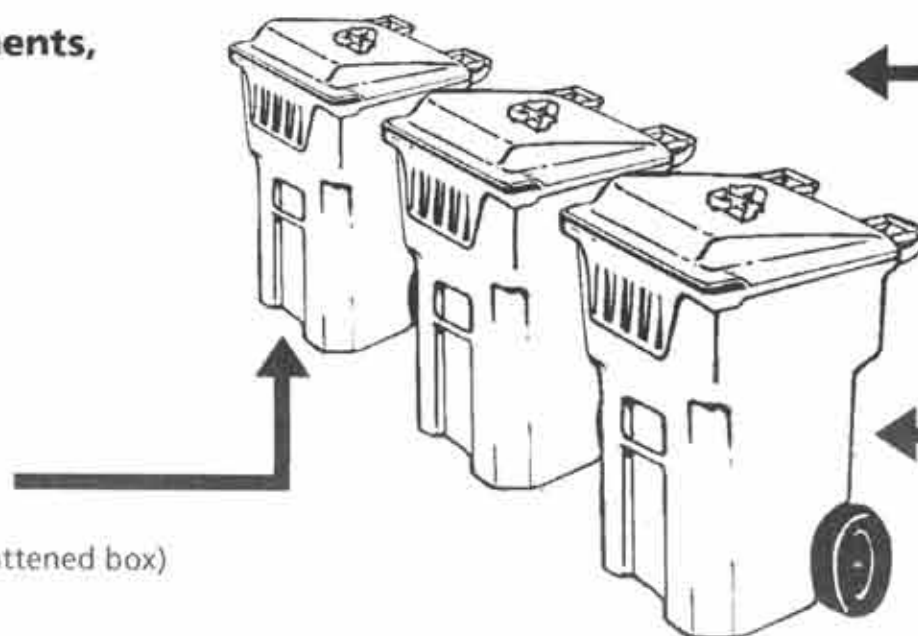
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Presenting Microsoft

Laurier's E-Biz club brought together enthusiastic students and Microsoft speakers

Jennifer Wilder

Rob Alexander-Carew from Microsoft Consulting Services Canada gave a presentation on Wednesday, February 12 at 5:30pm in the Concourse to a group of enthusiastic Laurier students. Laurier's own E-Biz club organized the event which brought together students and professionals to discuss the current job markets and what employers are looking for.

The representative of Microsoft Consulting Services is a Laurier grad who was the president of both the Physics and Computing clubs. He had fond memories of his time at Laurier and encouraged the student audience to take advantage of their time here. After graduation he was stuck with the question most students have: "What do I want to do now?" He attempted to answer this question by taking various positions at a number companies before finding what fit him best. He's worked for Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada as a programmer, at Xenery Inc. as a senior consultant and various others until he found himself in Microsoft.

He came to Laurier to help his former classmates answer

this pertinent question regarding life after graduation, and what they can do while in school to help them find a suitable job. His presentation mainly appealed to the technology and business students at Laurier. Everyone seemed highly interested on how to combine their love for technology with their studies in business. Rob purposed many paths that can be taken such as consulting, developing and constructing among various others.

His presentation catered to what the audience wanted to know about the workplace. The most important question posed was 'what are companies looking for in IT and in business'?

It was pointed out that in the IT world companies are looking for three main things: return on investment, agility and speed. First, companies need to feel you'll contribute to their bottom line by bringing skills that will add more benefits than expenses. Second, they look for someone

who is agile and has the ability to act quickly in numerous functions to the company's wishes. Lastly, they're looking for products that can get to the market fast and stay in touch with industry trends, in other words, someone who has got



Rob Alexander poses with some enlightened Laurier students

Courtesy E-Biz Club

"Be cocky at times; let the world know you've got what it takes..."

-Rob Alexander

his or her finger on the pulse of the consumer.

With regards to IT skills, Companies also look for employees with certain business skills such as technical, managerial, communication and political skills to complement their technological know-how. For the technical side, companies need someone who has a certain level of common sense or "technical know-how." It was revealed that managerial skills, or the ability to get things done while producing at a profit, is the most important thing that employers are looking for. There must be an efficient way of delegating and completing work in order to sustain a productive working environment. Communication between all levels and customers in an

organization is key to the passing and understanding of ideas or requests. Political power (the ability to convince someone) is the last important attribute employers are looking for. If employees have an innovative idea then they need to be able to convince others of its validity. Rob claims that possessing all the above skills will help you find a job in no time.

The next thing he pointed out was that positioning yourself was as important as having useful skills. If you do not let employers know what a valuable employee you could be, you will not be hired and your skills will go to waste. Be flexible, creative and ambitious in order to 'stand out' among the countless other applicants jostling for the same position.

These traits increase your energy level so that employers will view you as someone who will be an important and dynamic member of the team. This sets apart the general employees from those who make it big.

The best thing Rob suggested to do was to think positive, practice and to get involved. Get involved on campus to help build the skills and to learn the dynamics of working in a corporation. Be cocky at times; let the world know you got what it takes to make it and that there isn't a thing that can stop you. He closed with the tip: just to work hard and keep your eyes on the prize.

We'll Have a Short War Please

Finance Minister John Manley stated in an interview last week that in the event that the US enters into a war with Iraq, that it will be a short war "with an outcome matching the Persian Gulf War in 1991." While a long, drawn-out war will undoubtedly wreak havoc on the global economy, a shorter war would result in a healthier Canadian economy in the aftermath. Currently the global uncertainty has not yet severely affected the Canadian economy; however, if this conflict increases there is a good chance that Canada's export market will suffer. Though the Finance Minister was assured by President Bush that the US budget deficit and its current account deficit are not yet a problem, he expressed curiosity as to what adjustments will be made in the near future and how these adjustments will affect our economy.

Cami Slashing Production on SUV's

The Cami Automotive Plan in Ingersoll, Ontario is planning on slashing production of its compact sports utility vehicle, a decision that will create rotating layoffs for 1,500 employees for approximately one year. Production for the Tracker and Vitara models will be trimmed from 440 per day to 300 late next month while preparations are under way for the introduction of the Chevrolet Equinox SUV next February.

Loonie at Record High

The Canadian dollar hit a two year record high last Monday, closing at 67.03 cents. The dollar has been on the rise since last week when Ottawa's latest budget proposal stated a plan to increase national spending by 20% over the next three years. Economists predict that this increase in spending will induce banks to hike up their interest

rates again this year in the effort to fight back against the rapidly growing inflation. The Canadian dollar experienced a comparable growth to the Australian dollar, while the Euro and the British pound experienced a decline.

Consumer Confidence Flounders

Due to the global uncertainty caused by the potential impending war with Iraq, consumer confidence in the United States dropped 15 points for the month of February. This is the third consecutive month that the index has fallen, resulting in a recession that is much worse than economists had predicted. The consumer confidence index currently sits at 64 points, which is the lowest level that the US has experienced since 1993. This month's readings paint a gloomy picture with no apparent rebound on the short-term horizon.

Home Depot Profits Plunge

Home Depot Inc. reported an earning of (US) \$686 million in last year's fourth quarter, a profit margin that is down significantly from the \$710 million earned the year before. Weak December sales contributed to their mediocre profits last year and spokesmen from the corporation maintain that they are keeping a "cautious outlook" for Home Depot's future. Despite the 6% drop in sales, Home Depot announced that they are planning on opening 200 stores in 2003, which will add 40,000 people to its workforce.

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Co-op agreement

Laurier students still have a say in Student Services

Jennifer Wilder

Wilfrid Laurier University has renewed a co-operative agreement which will enable students to have a say in how student services are delivered, and to secure these same services for a five year span of time. The university's Board of Governors approved this agreement on the morning of February 11, while the governing bodies of the Wilfrid Laurier University Student's Union (WLUSU) and the Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Student's Association (WLUGSA) gave their approvals earlier.

The co-operative agreement allows students a 50% vote in the service delivery for a significant fee. One million dollars will be raised through this agreement in order to contribute to the expansion of the Athletic Complex fitness room and the Career Services build-

ing. This endowment enables the construction to go underway without consequently raising the student fees.

Some of the major initiatives of this contract are:

- Renovation and expansion of the Career Services and Co-op building

- Creation of an accessible learning centre for Special Needs, native and lesbian/gay students
- Introduction of community relations/housing mediation services

- Creation of an employer marketing position within Career Services

- This agreement is a unique contract which will go towards greatly improving the services that are found on campus.

Progistix gives big bucks

Jennifer Wilder

Progistix-Solutions Inc. donated \$50,000 to Laurier's School of Business and Economics in order to establish a Supply Chain Management (SCM) research centre on campus. Progistix-Solutions Inc. and its subsidiary Assured Logistics Inc. are the largest Canadian-owned third-party logistics company and are members of

the Canada Post Group of Companies. Progistix works to improve SCM strategies in such companies as Bell Canada, Xerox and Amazon.ca.

The money will go towards developing an executive program on the essentials of supply chain management. Laurier has also developed programs in transportation management, logistics management, purchasing management and e-business

supply chain management. So far, \$850,000 has been donated to this program by an anonymous Laurier alumnus; however, \$2.5 million is needed to develop SMC into Laurier's curriculum. Fundraising is currently underway to establish this endowment.

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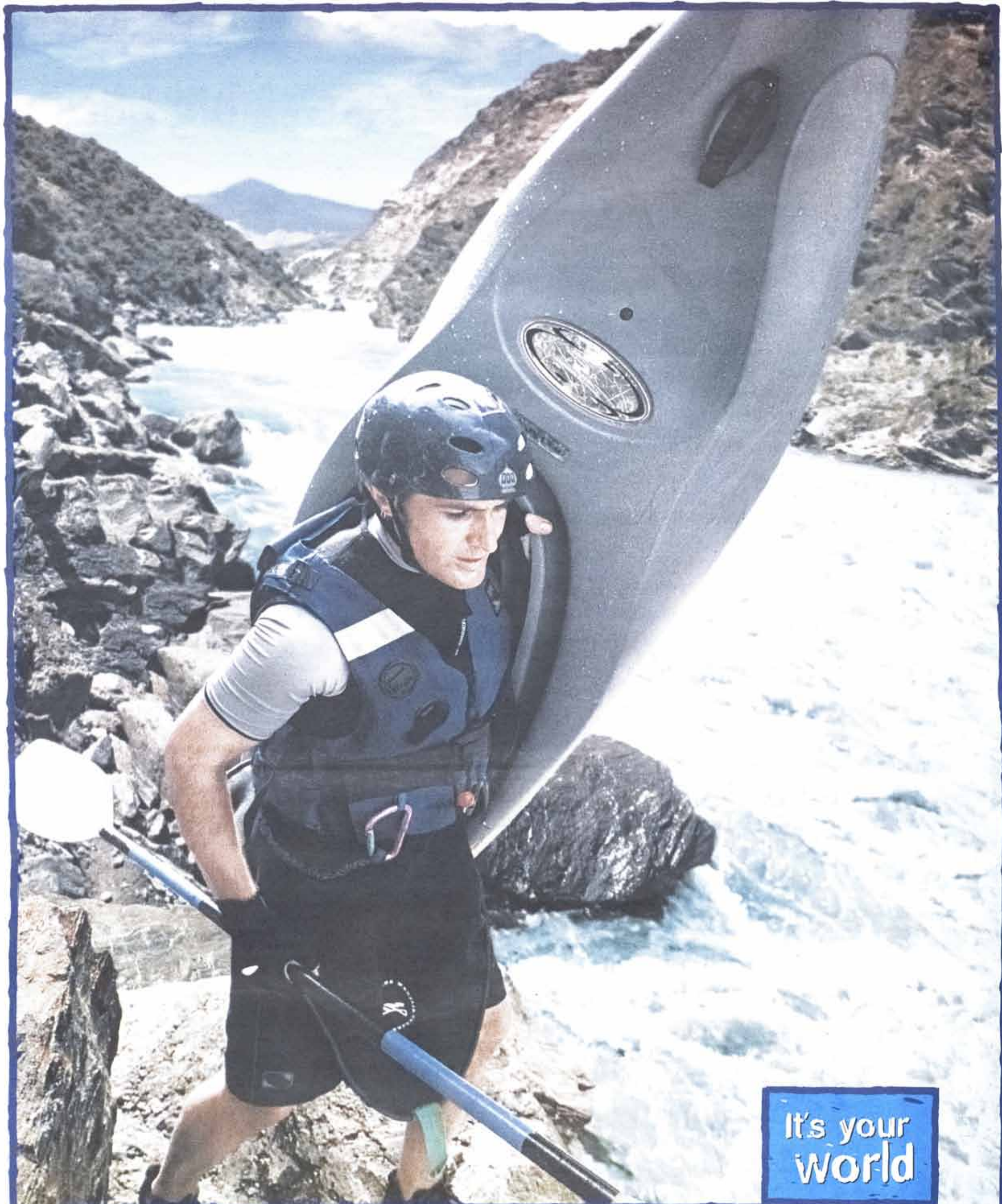
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Black History Month:

A reflection on its importance

Lauren Thompson



This month marks the celebration of a diverse group of people. It is the one month out of the year when we are encouraged to take time out of our lives and appreciate the accomplishments that black people have made. It is a time when the names of such influential figures as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks are brought into the foreground. It is a time when all people, no matter their skin colour, can look back at the past and be optimistic about the future. Black History Month is for everyone to celebrate.

I remember a conversation I had once with somebody about Black History Month. At one point they asked me why a whole month was necessary. According to this individual not only was a month too long but it indicated that the population was fragmenting into special interest groups. I disagree. I believe that Black History Month represents a deeper and more beneficial goal: celebrating the culture, history, accomplishments, and influence of a group of people who have lived through and overcome so many obstacles. In this light it is also a time when we can look to those black people who changed the course of our lives forever. These individuals paved the way for freedom and equality—the freedom to live our lives without prejudice and with the sense of equality that is integral to any healthy social environment. I asked this individual, just as I ask you now, to think about the lives many black people lead and have led. I think you'll see then why a day or a week just wouldn't do.

Popular Representations of black figures focus on sports and entertainment. I find this sad. People like Michael Jordan, Missy Elliot and, heaven forbid, P-Diddy are well known and celebrated individuals but despite their talent they still participate in a narrow range of activities. Entertainment and sports are not all that black people are about.

When I mention a term like "black heroes" I'm referring to all of those social-political activists who, in the present and the past, made it possible for the aforementioned individuals to become entertainers in the first place. I am talking of Rosa Parks who helped

desegregate buses in the south; Martin Luther King Jr. who made peaceful resistance a successful method of dealing with racial intolerance; and Nelson Mandela who played a key role in the ending of Apartheid in South Africa. I am also referring to those anonymous individuals who were instrumental in the organization of various "sit-ins" that put an end to Jim Crow segregation, and those who marched at Washington so that the U.S. congress would put an end to segregation laws. It is these individuals we celebrate during Black History Month. February, the shortest month of the year, was chosen in order to celebrate the accomplishments these people have made. Often I think to myself that 28 days is not enough time to rightfully do this.

It is the accomplishments of unknown individuals that are forgotten and ignored. But it is this history that has played such an important role in shaping our present day social values and political atmosphere. The stories that contribute to it are routinely left out of our education curriculum, libraries, and conversations. For example as I entered this well-renowned institution, it was troubling for me to find that the first year history offerings were missing my own history—the story of my ancestors—and yet there was an entire course devoted to Russian history. Why are the same select group of histories continuing to be taught when we have realized that there are many more out there that have been silenced? In this light I am sure that the history of black people has been generally obscured and even forgotten in the minds of many individuals. Moreover I know that black history is mentioned it is often equated with American history. We have to realize though that it can also be placed within a Canadian context and, more importantly, that it is just as valuable as other forms of history.

Over the years, I have been asked many times about my background and place of birth. When I make it known that I am a Canadian, people usually follow up with this question: "No, where are your parents from?" Truth be told on my mother's side of the family I am a first generation Canadian, as she is originally from Jamaica. However on my father's side I am a proud descendant of

the black people who entered Canada through the Underground Railroad as slaves; therefore, I am a seventh generation Canadian. In response to this many people say that my father must be Caucasian if his family has been here this long. I have to then explain that my family was one of the original families of colour in the city of Toronto, and that there are a large number of black families that have been in this country (Ontario in particular) since the 1800s. It is this lack of knowledge surrounding the history of black people in this country—and the lack of awareness, even in the black community—that has resulted in the poor representation of black voices in the Canadian history taught at our high schools and institutions of higher education.

Too often these critical voices are left out of the history of my country. Granted, there is mention of black history in Canada but it is always done in passing and contains no detail. Along these lines it is sad to say that as a black Canadian I can name several key black figures in American history and absolutely none in Canadian history. Why is that? I can't believe there aren't any; with all the black people that immigrated here during slavery in the United States, can it be true that none played a role in the development of Canada? No. Obviously many did, and leaving them out is an injustice to both these people and ourselves.

I believe that the lack of black history in the school curriculum is the reason black youth are often unable to identify with any strong black role models—except those on the basketball court or on the stage. I realize though that it is not entirely the fault of the education system; there may not be an overwhelming amount of interest in this subject. But this scares me as it assumes that students would be unconcerned with the role of black people in Canadian history. Who gets to make that decision? Surely not the students. It is bad enough for black people to be misrepresented in the media; to be left out of the education system makes things even worse.

With this in mind I thought I'd offer you all a short but intriguing look into Canada's influential historical figures who were black. Maybe you're wondering how I got this evasive informa-



tion. I went directly to the source: my great-grandmother who was born and raised in Canada. She has seen it all and heard it all and considers herself part of the ongoing history of Canada. I will pass her knowledge on to you. Due to limited space I will focus my attention on three very important individuals who played a key role in the development of this history.

The first is Elijah McCoy (also know as "the Real McCoy") who was born in 1929 in Colchester Ontario and was the son of former slaves who fled from Kentucky before the Civil War. McCoy invented a lubricator for steam engines that allowed them to work for a longer periods of time. His invention became so renowned (both in Canada and America) that people looking for quality equipment would ask whether the machine contained "the real McCoy", which was another way of asking whether it was "the real thing".

Mary Ann Shadd, born in 1823, became the first woman to publish in North America. Though she was born in Wilmington Delaware, Shadd moved to Windsor early in her life. As a young woman Shadd became a teacher and activist for the abolishment of slavery and was integral in the Fugitive Slave Act of 1950. Later in her life she began publishing an abolitionist newspaper called the "Provincial Freeman." In addition Shadd was the first woman enrolled in the prestigious Howard University Law School.

William Hall, born in 1827, was the first black Canadian to receive the Victoria Cross sometime before 1952. The award was presented to him for his work in the Naval Brigade, which helped to relieve British residency in Lucknow. Hall also was the first black Canadian sailor.

Without the contributions of these and similar people the world would be very different, and not for the better. My hope is that this article will make you curious in regards to the subject and maybe even research it further so that you can spread your knowledge to others. When this happens I will be truly proud to be a black Canadian, even more than I am today. The recognition of my ancestors by my peers and professors would be very worthwhile indeed. In conclusion I celebrate Black History Month to develop an awareness of my own history and also to create an environment where other Canadian sub-cultures are encouraged to do the same. I don't feel, as the individual mentioned before did, that Black History Month is gratuitous, or that it panders to minority groups. On the contrary: I think it is an indication of the strength and vibrancy of our diverse culture.

Major Events In Black History

(starting from top left corner of pg. 19, moving counter-clockwise, each event matches with a corresponding picture).

- 1956 Rosa Parks' wins 381 day trial against Montgomery Bus; segregation on public transportation is ruled unconstitutional.
- 1961 Malcolm X founds "Muhammad Speaks"; an official publication of the Islam movement
- 1849 Harriet Tubman, a former slave runs away from a nearby plantation but returns to rescue other slaves.
- 1974 Muhammad Ali defeats George Foreman to win Heavy Weight Championship for 3rd time - the first boxer to do so.
- 1993 Toni Morrison wins the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- 1872 Elijah McCoy invents the first lubricator for steam engines.
- 1940 Louis Armstrong releases first recording "New Orleans Jazz". He would go on to have one of the most prolific jazz careers.
- 1959 Miles Davis records "Kind of Blue", seminal jazz recording
- 1937 Zora Neale Hurston writes "Their Eyes Were Watching God", an American Classic.
- 1989 Spike Lee makes "Do the Right Thing", one of the most critically acclaimed movies of the decade.
- 1990 Nelson Mandela released from Robben island Prison. He would go on to become president of the African National Congress.
- 1982 Bell Hooks receives her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.
- 1855 Mary Ann Shadd becomes the first woman to speak at National Negro Convention



Beyond the bean

Workers rights and environmental protection benefit from conscious First World consumers

Tara Koshowski

When you wait in line at any coffee shop on campus you should ask yourself two questions: Do you want to support an agricultural worker slaving in sweatshop-like conditions in a coffee field? Or do you want to help empower a community by paying a little extra for coffee that entails much more than caffeine?

This is exactly what fair trade is. It is a choice made by the consumer to support a change in the world trade system rather than choosing to maintain the status quo. You can choose to buy a product that is based on the concept of economic justice and empowerment, rather than giving charity through foreign aid or international loans. Fair trade is not a system based on exploiting workers, the environment or nations; rather, it is a system that looks to balance the unequal benefits of world trade.

Because of the wild fluctuations of coffee prices on the world market, the peasants who work on plantations receive increasingly smaller wages. Also, the expansion of worldwide coffee growth in areas such as Vietnam has precipitated a steady decline in world prices. The people who are affected by these global circumstances are too poor to

start development initiatives, and are not provided education or health care by their government.

Situations like this have contributed to a growing movement of organizations that have formed to help create a fair world trade system that does not exploit workers in the process of selling coffee. Fair trade is a cause taken up by many organizations, and here in Canada, the strongest is OXFAM.

OXFAM Canada works to inform the consumer of a better way of buying, and fights to create a more equal economic world trade system. However, many fair trade organizations can be found all over the world, and all work towards helping workers in Ethiopia, Indonesia, the Caribbean, Brazil, and Mexico.

The informal definition of fair trade provided on the OXFAM website is "a trading partnership based on dialogue, transparency, and respect that seeks to greater equity in international trade." It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized workers and producers, especially in South America.

When you are buying a regular bag of coffee, you notice that the price of conventional coffee is comparably less expensive than a bag of fair trade coffee. There are several reasons for this. First, cooperatives that participate in fair trade require more capital to operate. This is because the cooperative allows families in that community to instigate community development in health and education, improving overall quality of life.

By allowing communities to initiate this kind of development, buying free trade coffee provides something that cannot be measured in a country's GDP. While a worker in a traditional coffee field may only earn

a meager paycheck, a fair trade worker can earn money and affect long-term human development plans that may not necessarily contribute to economic growth.

There are many positive reasons for choosing to buy fair trade coffee beans. Although not all fair trade coffee farmers incorporate the same cultivation practices, there are some commonalities between them. Often, fair trade farmers do not use methods that affect the environment as much as the large traditional coffee plantations.

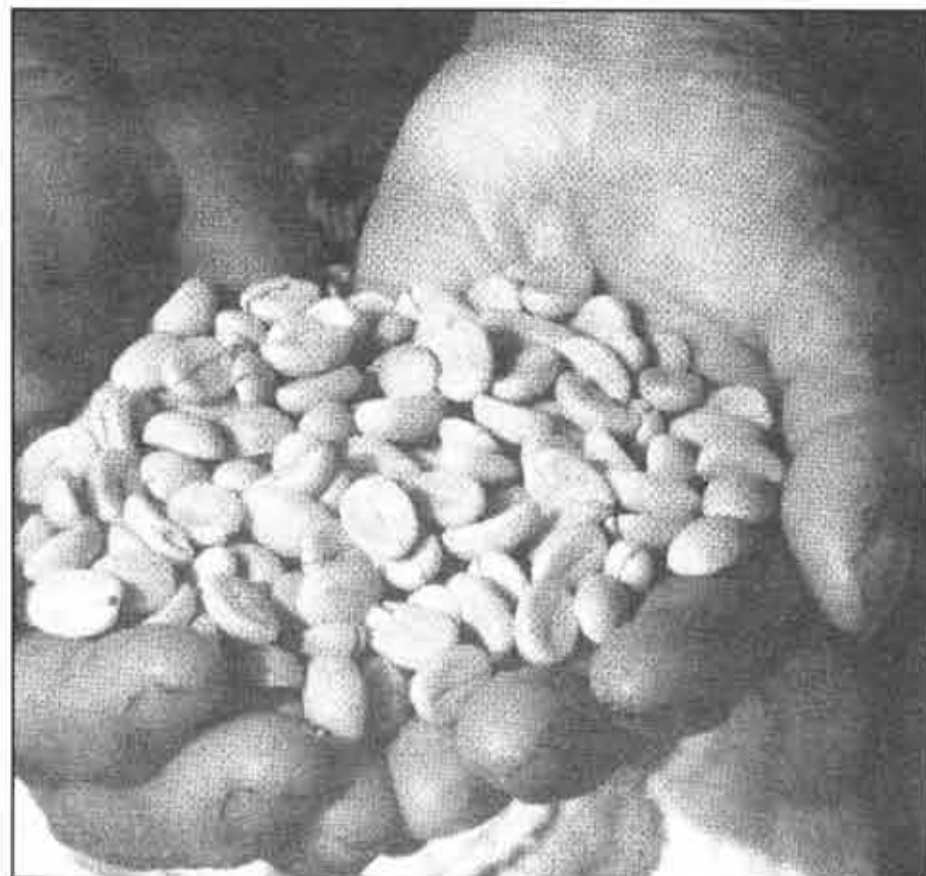
During the Green Revolution of the 1970's, traditional coffee farmers developed high yielding coffee crops that did not need to be grown under the canopy of the forest, leading to massive tropical and mountain deforestation in Brazil and many other coffee growing nations. This kind of deforestation leads to ecological devastation that affects atmospheric dynamics, water quality, and biodiversity.

There is also the problem of agrochemical pollution, which occurs because plantations are dependent on chemical pesticides and fertilizers, some of which have been banned in industrial

countries. However, because of the power of plantation owners in a given country's government, they cannot be banned in many developing countries. Situations like this result in adverse health effects for workers as well as the population of the country in general. Soil erosion occurs as well, which can be especially harmful in fragile mountain areas where some coffee is grown.

In comparison, fair trade farms often use organic farming methods. The UCIRI (Union de Comunidades Indigenas de la Region del Istmo) of Mexico is an example of this. Their

Do you want to support a farmer working in sweatshop conditions or pay a little more for a cup of coffee?



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On of the world's most exported commodities, coffee is essential to many developing economies despite vulnerability on world markets.

cooperative uses practices such as crop rotation, clearing land by hand, making compost, and planting a variety of plants. Shade trees are not cut down, but left alone or planted around coffee trees. Also, terraces built of wood, stone or plants are created to reduce soil erosion. Initiatives like this are important when considering the impact that the farming practices of plantations have on the environment.

There are several ways that fair trade operates in a larger global context. Depending on the source of your information, there are four major organizations that contribute to the operations of the fair trade system.

The Fair Trade Labeling Organizations International (FLO) is the central organization for all fair trade products. It was created to collect data and ensure the audit of all fair trade-labeled products from the producer to the supermarket shelf, and aims to see the introduction of one single international fair trade label. The label is the only way to know that a product is produced fairly.

All other organizations operate under the FLO. In Canada and the

U.S., Transfair is the label that is provided on the packaging to indicate that the product is fair trade; it also is the fastest growing of the fair trade labels and the most recognized among consumers.

Coffee is just a small part of a much larger picture. Fair trade does not just concern coffee beans, it also involves many commodity food products; tea, chocolate, coca, honey, bananas, and sugar to name a few. Because of the growing popularity of fair trade, corporations such as Starbucks and Sara Lee are now making it more accessible to the consumer.

As a student who has the power to make conscious choices in our society, it is important to consider the story behind each product you use. When you see a fair trade label on your morning coffee you can know that this is a product that has empowered the people who made it, and that you as a consumer have made a choice to help change how your coffee is grown. You can either choose to contribute to the world's problems, or help find a solution.



Look for this logo at coffee shops and grocery stores to ensure that products are certified Fair Trade.

WAR ON TERROR WATCH

Blix condemns Iraqi Co-operation

Chief UN inspector Hans Blix provided new ammunition to America's case for war yesterday when he commented that Iraq has not made a "fundamental decision to disarm."

After submitting a 16-page report to the Security Council discussing problems with Iraqi co-operation, Blix's cited Baghdad's refusal to destroy Al Samoud 2 missiles as a sign that Saddam Hussein has not taken inspectors seriously.

Blix has demanded that Iraq destroy the disputed missiles by this Saturday, or face even harsher criticism in his next report on March 7 to the Security Council.

Canada submits Iraq proposal

In an effort to reconcile the growing divide between Europe and America, Canada submitted its own Iraq proposal to the UN on Tuesday.

The resolution would see inspectors remaining in the country until the end of March to achieve disarmament tasks set out by inspectors.

However, the plan faced harsh criticism from both camps as America and France saw the plan as too conciliatory to both parties.

Mexico supports US

Mexican President Vincente Fox threw his country's support behind the United States over the weekend as Bush made a persuasive phone

call to the Mexican leader.

In a national address on Tuesday, Fox reversed his previous anti-war position.

Now as a key ally on the Security Council, Mexico is expected to support the US, UK, Spain and Bulgaria in calling for Saddam Hussein's removal.

Attacking Iraq will create Mideast peace: Bush

In a speech to conservative activists last night, US President George Bush suggested that ousting Saddam Hussein would bring peace and democracy to one of the world's most troubled regions.

Hinting that broader Arab issues

may be behind Washington's push for war, Bush said that the removal of Hussein would "set in motion progress toward a truly democratic Palestinian state."

Bush also went on say that a post-war Iraq would be instilled with democratic values, much like Japan and Germany after World War II.

However, Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Lieberman said that US occupation would be tantamount to making the US "an occupying power, not a liberator."

Turkey to host US troops

Top officials in the Turkish government said that it is highly likely that legislator's will approve a plan that will

see over 60,000 American troops deployed on Turkish soil, as well as 255 warplanes and 65 helicopters.

Although Turkey's population is largely opposed to war, the government has said that it can't afford to alienate the US and be left out of important post-war Iraq decision-making.

Iraq ready for war

In an interview with CBS's Dan Rather, Saddam Hussein said that Iraq is ready to defend itself vigorously in the event of a US-led attack.

Saddam also commented that Iraq did not lose the 1991 Gulf War and that the country had no ties to the al-Qaida terrorist network.

War on Terror

The best friends money can buy

Joseph Farag



Staff Writer

Turkish bases. Turkey is requesting that it send troops to occupy northern Iraq in the event of an outbreak of war. This is purely for self-defence says Turkey, and I'm sure the vast oil reserves located in northern Iraq have never crossed Turkey's mind.

As a close personal crony of the US, Turkey also enjoys exclusive immunity from public scrutiny. Ever since the falling out between the US and their old playmate Saddam, we've heard much of Saddam's heinous use of gas on the Kurds of northern Iraq. As when two close friends have a falling out, each one spreading malicious rumours (true though they may be) in an attempt to tarnish the other. But Turkey has the luxury of being on the America's good side, and therefore we don't hear much of the atrocities Turkey commits against its own Kurdish population, like using them as human minesweepers.

The US reminds me of that unpopular rich kid in school that no one really liked. You know the type, too snobby, arrogant and generally disagreeable to make any real friends of his own, the rich kid would have to rely essentially on buying the friendship of others. If you play with him, he'll let you play with his Game Cube on his 71" flat panel television with Dolby digital surround sound, but you have to play by his rules.

This is essentially what is happening today with the US desperately trying to make friends in support of its unjust war.

Historically, the US hasn't been picky about who it chooses to be friends with. Saddam and the US used to play together quite nicely in the sandbox. The US would let Saddam play with American anthrax, mustard gas, and other toys, as long as Saddam kept the big mean Iran at bay. And so he did for nearly a decade, from 1980 until 1988, with the US providing tactical data on exactly where Saddam should lob his lethal playthings. Total lives lost in the game are estimated to be roughly one million. But never mind that, Iraq was being a good friend, keeping our enemies away.

It seems Turkey and Jordan are eager to play with America's high-tech toys too. After months of denials that US troops were operating on its soil, Jordan finally admitted that 2,000 American soldiers are stationed in Jordan, manning patriot missile sites, coordinating covert operations, and servicing and flying AWACS spy planes. What nifty incentives does Jordan get in return for its 'friendship?' For starters, the US is proposing to double aid to Jordan to \$1.5 billion annually, the bulk of which will most likely find its way back to the US through arms sales. The US has also been kind enough to donate sixteen F-16 jets for Jordan to play with to its heart's content.

Not to be left out, the US recently promised Turkey \$15 billion in military and economic assistance. In return, the US would like Turkey to play nice and let US soldiers use

If America was my spoiled rich kid, I'd tell it to shape up and send it to bed without dinner. It's time for the US to clean up its act

Just like on the playground, being associated with the spoiled rich kid will invariably make those governments who choose to play with it somewhat unpopular. This isn't a problem though. In the past the US has propped up numerous unpopular, corrupt regimes, ensuring their survival even in light of popular opposition among the citizenry.

Take for instance the Marcos regime in the Philippines. Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, owned millions of dollars worth of shoes whilst the majority of the Philippine population lived in abject poverty. In 1986, when opposition to the US-supported regime grew to be too powerful, 3 US Air Force helicopters whisked the Marcos family off to Hawaii to spend their exile in the same opulent luxury in which they lived during their stint as US playmates.

It's good to see the US is making some friends, though maybe it would be better for the US if they were genuine. Perhaps then close allies one day won't turn around and be bitter enemies the next. If America was my spoiled rich kid, I'd tell it to shape up, take the TV out of its room, and send it to bed without dinner. It's time this spoiled rich kid cleaned up his act.

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Europe doesn't deserve veto



Rory Nisan

It does not seem likely that France, China or Russia will veto the war on Iraq. Though this would make them seem dead-set against the war, if one considers what logic underlies their thinking it becomes clear that they should not, and likely will not, attempt to prevent a United Nations' sanctioned war.

They are not against waging war to oust Saddam Hussein, particularly if they do not need to contribute militarily. We are close-minded to think that these countries would truly oppose the war on moral grounds, but solid reasons for such an act do exist.

This is why protestors do not say 'save the Iraqi people,' instead they say 'Bush = Oil.' They oppose American unilateralism, not the ousting of Saddam. It is difficult to oppose the removal of Saddam Hussein, considering his gross violations of human rights, state sovereignty in Kuwait and Iraq, and United Nations resolutions, in particular those that pertain to weapons of mass destruction.

It disturbs me that many protest-

ers selfishly ignore the plight of the Iraqi people in favour of anti-Americanism.

I wonder how many people would oppose war against Saddam Hussein if we found the missing tons of chemical weapons or how quickly opposition to war would dissipate if he unleashed chemical weapons in the upcoming war. I wonder who would have opposed removing Saddam from power back in 1991 after he annexed Kuwait, just two years after he finished a war with Iran that caused over 750,000 casualties and whose origins are fully blamed on Hussein.

Does it matter that it was 12 years ago that he invaded Kuwait? He is the same person today as he was then, doing his best to manipulate both the international community and his own people, all to keep himself in power. It is ridiculous to think that we will disarm him through weapons inspections.

Rwanda, a country where nearly one million people fell victim to genocide in 1994, provides a unique viewpoint of the morality in the impending war in Iraq. Today, Rwanda's president has said that as horrible as war is, it is a better choice than genocide, "I don't know how this matter has been presented, because what's at stake is not a choice between war and peace but war and weapons of mass destruction".

Simply put, proliferation of

weapons of mass destruction will lead to genocide.

France, China and Russia will not veto the war for another reason: the legitimacy of the United Nations is of utmost importance to them. Their veto power does not correlate with their actual power as states. They probably do not deserve veto power (although China is becoming increasingly powerful) any more than countries like India or Japan. Thus they have a great deal to gain by maintaining the legitimacy and preventing the obsolescence of the United Nations.


But because the United States is far more powerful than the power they have in the United Nations they have good cause to ignore the UN. They have not done so yet but are threatening to do so if France, China or Russia veto their next resolution. The US should be applauded for at least attempting to make their conflict with Iraq sanctioned by the United Nations.

How do France, Russia and China prevent the United Nations from becoming obsolete? They fall in line with the United States, content that they have had some say in the conflict with Iraq and hoping that in future discords (i.e. North Korea) they will continue to exercise some influence on the United Nations Security Council.

And that's about all they deserve.

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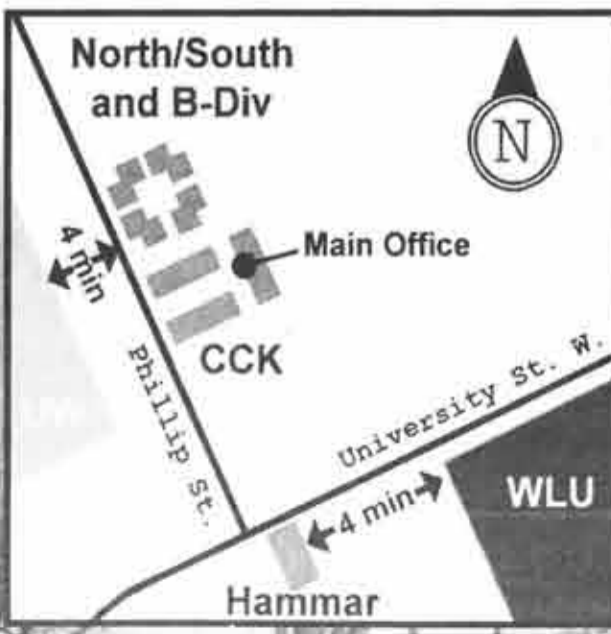
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Rethinking the 'Clash of Civilizations'

Paul Jarrett argues against Samuel Huntington's prediction of cultural conflict



Paul Jarrett

Globalization is one of the major issues of dissent in the world today. A major proponent of future fragmentation due to globalization is Samuel Huntington, whose book "The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order" has caused great debate. One of its main points is that culture, not states, will serve as the major division of conflict in the world.

In his book, Huntington argues that there are about eight different civilizations in the world that will come in conflict with each other due to their differences. Huntington is an anti-globalist, not because of the harm that some multinational corporations are causing, but because he views other civilizations as acting violently against the West.

Huntington formulates his argument by arbitrarily dividing the world into distinct civilizations through a process similar to pseudo-scientific racism. The stinginess of Huntington's argument is the root of its failure. He concentrates on religion as the focal point of culture, which in turn makes up civilization.

The main problem with this argument is that the civilizations mentioned are nothing more than a collection of arbitrary cultural entities that cannot be treated as distinct players in world politics. In trying to look at civilizations it is apparent that culture is not monolithic, as none of them are totally unique or homogeneous. Religion, language, history and tradition all overlap and intertwine across the civilizations laid out by Huntington.

What is missed in this point is that the increase in technology leading to the accelerated circulation of ideas and information enhances mutual understanding and leads to a growing convergence in values, institutions and interests. Many cultures will not only recognize the differences between themselves but also will realize their similarities and learn from each other.

Huntington ignores the reality that there are many variations within these civilizations. The circumstance of the Arabic civilization is most prominent. There is a major division between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims which dates back to the wars of succession after the death of Mohammed. Another major distinction in the Arab world is the 'Arab' and 'Persian' ethnic distinction that saw conflict between two Muslim empires, the Ottoman and the Persian.

Anti-globalists argue that due to conflicting ideologies, the backlash against

interdependence will lead states to reorient their political and economic ties toward countries that share basic cultural traits in common with their own. Moreover, they believe that economic interdependence will tend to cluster within civilizations while exchanges across civilizations will become increasingly shallow and precarious.

While some may argue that trading blocs along cultural lines will replace global trade, trade of this sort has been shown by the World Trade Organization to be a poor substitute for global trading partners and the diverse markets that they incorporate.

Countries will do what is in the best interest of themselves and their people. If interdependence can be helpful to countries they will continue to trade peacefully. United Nations statistics show that in the past ten years poverty has decreased in nations that have opened their borders to the global market. Although not every nation has improved, the average has been rising.

Another argument against globalization is that it will cause a drop to the lowest common denominator in areas such as labour standards and environmental degradation. In fact the opposite has occurred, as wealth has increased twofold in developing nations that have opened their economy versus those that have remained closed.

The other main argument mentioned about globalization is the 'jihad vs. McWorld' argument. This relates to the theory that as Western culture diffuses throughout the world, there will be a backlash as traditionalists rally against the penetration of Western values into their society.

What is neglected in this argument is the fact that cultural penetration occurs only when there is a demand for it. Many times when traditionalists rally against Hollywood movies, fast food and rock music they ignore the fact that the challenges in traditions persist and grow only because there are those who choose to embrace them. If there were no demand for these products they would not be available in these countries.

Globalization is not always a positive force and it cannot always overcome the malice of humanity, but it is a process and not an end in itself. Globalization has been occurring since humanity first began to travel and not even the most xenophobic of people have not been able to stem the tide. Globalization is separate from cultural imperialism because it does not seek to push religion, history, or tradition on those who do not wish it.

Globalization is an economic and communicational force that allows for interaction between all willing participants of the globe to increase the amount of wealth available to all.



Jacky Drouin

We're late, and we're running.

As the deadline for the war approaches, the need for alternative media sources grows stronger, specifically in the United States where the linguistic rhetoric of war has confounded its citizens into believing that they're the 'good guys'. In a three day bullet run from Wisconsin to Illinois, I took part in a series of lectures reminding students that information remains one of the most powerful tools belonging to the citizens of a democracy.

"Come sit on the stage," Matthew Rothschild suggested as we walked into the already packed auditorium at the University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire. Several students had already surrounded one of the most powerful voices in the alternative media in America. As the editor of Progressive Magazine and as director of the Progressive Media Project, Rothschild is one of many influential individuals in the US who is running a strong campaign against the war with Iraq.

"This is an illegal war, an unconstitutional war, and an unjust war," Rothschild begins,

specifically referring to the clause that entitles the President to declare a war without Congress backing. "As James Madison said, the clause to declare war was given to Congress because it was too much temptation for any one man."

"It's a very tricky time, a scary moment in history. And if it wasn't for these huge demonstrations," Rothschild paused for a moment, and looked out into the audience, requesting all those who have taken part in a peace march to stand. Within seconds, very few individuals remain seated. Rothschild nodded in approval at the solidarity within the audience.

"The only thing that stands between Bush bombing Baghdad is the big groups all around the world that are speaking out against the war," Rothschild concluded, referring to the thousands of peace marches that occurred across the globe on February 15th.

The campaign for peace has transcended the traditional political, economic and religious ideologies that isolated individuals from collective action, increasingly evident by the variety of groups attending the peace meetings and marches.

Across the United States and Canada, students have aligned themselves under the National Campus Anti-War Network (NCAN), a committee composed of delegates from college campuses to facilitate the mobi-


lization of students at a local as well as a national level.

At the meeting of NCAN this past Saturday at the Loyola University in Chicago, delegates attended from hundreds of universities all across the United States including Brown University, University of California-Berkeley, University of Texas, and Harvard University.


"These aren't tree hugging hippies, either," one student at the meeting remarked, pointing out the professional and business-like approach of a new generation of student activists. Equipped with cell phones, and knowledge of their constitutional rights the students called for an end to this war, protection of civil liberties and the repeal of legislation which threatens them.

In Canada, several universities have followed suit by organizing collective action on March 5, the North American student day of strike and action against the war on Iraq. Although Laurier has been harshly criticized for being a conservative school, several groups and individuals have been taking steps towards organizing collective action on March 5th. A meeting will be held on February 28 at 3:30pm in 2C9 to co-ordinate events for March 5th and to gain volunteers.

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Opposition to War on Campus

Make Laurier officially anti-war

Dr. Peter Eglin

Why should the university community care about the Iraq Attack? Isn't it a matter for politicians and polls, not for WLU, WLUSU, WLUFA and WLUSA? If you believe in managed democracy as a public relations exercise then you will answer yes.

My answer is that as the Canadian government prepares for war by dispatching ships and commanders to the Persian Gulf, there is a political vacuum in this country on this vital national issue. Yes, there have been questions in parliament (but no debate) and some small sample of opinion in the right-wing-dominated national press. Yes, there is large, growing opposition on the streets.

But have you seen our local MP's holding meetings in K-W to determine the will of the people, to discuss the wisdom of going to war, or even to present the ambiguous government position?

Given this vacuum, it is incumbent that we who believe in democracy raise our voices in civil society and let our will be known. In this task there is no more important site than the university. Across the United States itself numerous universities and city councils have passed motions opposing a US-UK-led invasion of Iraq. Surely students, faculty and staff of Wilfrid Laurier University can take up this issue

and through our constituent organizations, let the country know where we stand.

My own view is that of the majority of world opinion. A war on Iraq would be an abomination. Yes, you could make a case for a UN-led, multilateral 'police force' intervening in Iraq to arrest Saddam Hussein for crimes against humanity, following an indictment by the International Criminal Court (ICC). You would presumably be simultaneously pursuing the same course of action against the leaders of Colombia, Israel, Turkey, etc, etc, for their well-documented war crimes and atrocities against humanity. But these are America's clients, and the US won't join the ICC.

As Paul Knox wrote in *The Globe and Mail*, "the humanitarian plight of Iraqis has been trotted out so belatedly by Mr. Bush and his allies that it lacks all credibility as a pretext for war." The other reasons – weapons of mass destruction and the terrorist threat – are equally specious. I refuse to support a US-UK economic power grab in the Middle East or the domestic political ambitions of Bush and Blair, given the predicted amount of death and suffering. Where do you stand?

Peter Eglin is a professor of sociology and anthropology at Laurier

Activism Opportunities at Laurier

Today: Meeting of the Laurier Anti-War Group, with participants from students, faculty and staff. To join in, please contact Naomi Ives of the faculty of social work.

At 3:30pm in 2C9 (Arts building) there will be a meeting to co-ordinate protests and to gain volunteers for the North American student day of strike and action against the war on Iraq.

Also, tonight, at 7pm at the former Seagram Museum, Laurier Professor Alistair Edgar is speaking in favour of war in order to save the UN system. Come out and tell him what you think about that.

Feb. 28: A motion to endorse The People's Resolution on Iraq will be brought before a general meeting of WLU Faculty Association. Copies of the Resolution are available in the concourse.

March 1: University members will be joining the Anti-War Rally at Kitchener City Hall at 2pm, organized by the K-W Committee Against War and Sanctions on Iraq. For more information, call 578-1425 after 3:30pm.

March 5: North American student day of strike and action against the war on Iraq.

March 6: The Global Studies Club is organizing a forum on Iraq in 1E1 with speakers on various sides of this issue. They are looking for maximum audience participation. Look for notices.

Also on March 6, The People's Resolution on Iraq will be debated at WLU Senate between 4-6pm.

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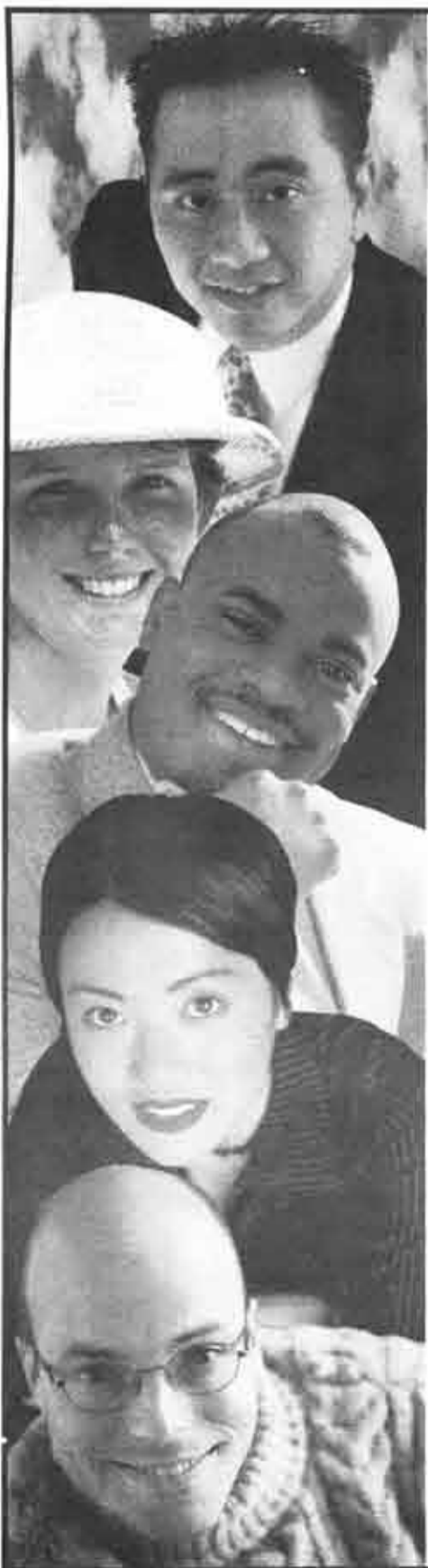
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Hawks fall to Mac in semi-finals

Kristen Lipscombe

The clock has struck midnight for the 2002 – 2003 Cinderella Lady Hawks. A young and skillful Laurier women's basketball team came out flying this year, accomplishing an impressive season record of fifteen wins and seven losses going into the OUA (Ontario University Athletics) play-offs.

A team comprised of six rookies, three second year players and a lone third year member, the Hawks walked on to the court this year lacking OUA experience but filled to the brim with talent, determination and the potential to take their abilities far.

Just this past week Head Coach Stu Julius received the OUA Coach of the Year Award, Meaghan McGrath was deemed the OUA Rookie of the Year and both Maire Guinney and Sarah Zagorski received OUA All-star nods. Golden Hawks women's basketball has proven to be a pleasant surprise for Laurier sports fans this year and is now a dominant team in the province.

Despite their recent successes, the Hawks' storybook season ran

into a snag last night, as they suffered a disappointing loss to the McMaster Marauders in the OUA West finals. Laurier fell 85 – 74 to the top team in their division and lost out on a chance to compete in the OUA Championship match-up this weekend.

Although the battle ended in a Laurier's downfall, the action on the floor was back and forth all night. The Hawks put out a solid, consistent effort throughout, but some questionable calls by the referees and too many missed shots cost Laurier the OUA West bragging rights.

Laurier got the ball rolling in the first half, with a quick three-pointer from second year guard Zagorski. The Lady Hawks started off ignited, hitting their shots from beyond the arc and shutting down the Marauders' attack. However, McMaster quickly responded with just as much fire and played a strong game under the hoop. Marauder forward Sarah Sterling was an impeccable force up front and Laurier's defense began to lack as Sterling and her teammates picked up steam down low. McMaster stole the lead midway through and stayed ahead by mere points until late in the half, when Laurier turned on the jets for



Courtesy of Laurier Athletics

Head Coach Stu Julius gives the Lady Hawks a pep talk during a timeout.

some convincing offensive breaks and a quick comeback.

The Hawks were able to lessen the gap going into the second, snagging a 46 – 42 advantage early in the half when rookie guard McGrath had two successful shots from the line. Hawks Guinney and McGrath were offensive sparks for Laurier and were both integral in keeping Laurier in the game.

As time began to run out on the clock and the significance of this game sunk in, both teams picked up the intensity. However,

the Hawks began to over-compensate and started to miss some key opportunities under the post. Second year Laurier player Robin Roszell was quick on the rebounds and Zagorski managed some fast breaks, but Laurier's luck ran out and McMaster reclaimed the lead. It was 69 – 65 for the Marauders with less than seven minutes remaining in the game.

The Hawks ceased hitting their shots from three-point land, while McMaster continued its success down low. The officials

began to call what seemed like too many fouls on Laurier and not enough on McMaster. The game was obviously not being called in the Hawks' favour and their chances seemed dismal as the last minutes ran out.

Indeed, the Marauders took the game and the OUA West division title, defeating the Hawks 85 – 74 in a hard fought contest. Guinney and McGrath led the Hawks in points with 18 apiece, while Roszell fared well with 13 of her own. Although the Hawks have lost their opportunity to reign supreme in Ontario, the book for this season is not yet closed for Laurier. The Hawks have another chance to move up the basketball ranks this weekend, when they tip-off against the runner-up in the OUA East for a berth in the CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) Championships.

Because McMaster is hosting the CIS event they are automatically ensured a spot in the Championships. Thus, the Hawks still have a chance to top off their fairy tale year with a happily ever after ending. Perhaps it will be the CIS shoe that best fits Laurier women's basketball.

Basketball boys caught in late season tailspin

Basketball reporter Craig Reaney comments on the status of the basketball team heading into the playoffs.

Craig Reaney

With signs of development and flashes of brilliance this past season, it is a wonder how such a disaster has befallen the Laurier men's basketball team.

Sitting comfortably at nine wins and three losses a mere month ago, the Hawks' chances of hosting a play-off game in the first round looked promising for the second time in as many years. Solid team basketball and a surprisingly deep front court had carried the team this far into the season and carried with it hopes of finishing the year off strong.

But the Hawks' record and chances of making the playoffs took a turn for the worse when they lost seven out of their last eight games going into this past weekend's game against the Guelph Gryphons.

With the exception of the loss to the Brock Badgers in St. Catherine's, most of these losses were actually quite close for most, if not all of the game. Which begs the question, why can't Laurier close out the games?

There is a simple answer to this: experience. Though it may sound like a crutch to support themselves on, the truth of the matter is that the Laurier men's basketball team

has a combined ten years of OUA experience as of the beginning of the season.

That is not to say that Laurier does not have talented and capable players. But it is important to note the loss of an equal amount of experience by the three non-returning veterans who played dominant minutes for last year's team.

"There are lots of times when we have three or four first year guys on the floor," said Head Coach Peter Campbell. He added that, "It was a growth process for us," referring to the stretch of games over the past few weeks where Laurier was unable to close the games out.

With such a stretch continuing and thoughts of losing their play-off spot beginning, the Hawks were in for a tough game against Guelph this past weekend that would decide whether they would play another day.

Going through minutes of frustration in the first half and falling behind, the Hawks rallied with a buzzer beater before half time to bring it close. The second half was a battle in itself, with Laurier coming out on top with a final score of 58 – 56.

This sudden death win would put them in a position to play the Brock Badgers this Wednesday. Brock was the team that successfully knocked the Hawks out of the



Matt Benassi

The players watch in anxious anticipation...

play-offs in the quarterfinals last year and is the only team that Laurier has yet to beat during Campbell's three year term as Head Coach.

"There's nobody in a one game set that scares us," said Campbell. "We can beat anybody left in the playoff picture". Campbell may be correct, as the Hawks have shown signs of completeness for long stretches of games, only to lapse for a short period of time and throw their hard work away.

Laurier may have less experience than other contenders in the playoff race, but like any playoff format, they are given an equal chance to succeed and their talent and athleticism may allow them to do so. Campbell put it best by saying, "The bottom line is, all we have to do is go 3 and 0, and

we could be in Halifax".

That goal may seem unattainable, but then again so did starting the season with nine wins and three losses. Anything can happen over the next couple of weeks for Laurier if they play at the level they are capable of and have shown to play at.

The Hawks' first play-off game is versus Brock on Wednesday, February 26.

Editor's Note: On Wednesday night, the Wilfrid Laurier men's basketball team defeated the Brock Badgers 65 – 59 in quarter-final action.

Bechler's death sparks debate on ephedra

Derek Iwanuk

On February 17, 2003, Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler collapsed at the Orioles' training camp and was pronounced dead at the scene minutes later. This is the second death in a calendar year for Major League Baseball; Cardinal's pitcher Daryl Kile past away last year. After the preliminary autopsy reports, both pitchers reportedly died of heart failure. In the recent death of Bechler, the reported cause of this heart failure was related to a diet supplement known as Xenadrine RFA -1, which contains the drug ephedra.

As of today, the United States government is looking more closely at the effects of ephedra, but there is no immediate plan to pull the drug off the shelves. Major League Baseball is considering banning ephedra from the league. My question is, why stop there? In the past year, two baseball players have died prematurely, leaving

young families behind. Yet, the government feels it is responsible for removing these supplements from the shelves, or at least for banning them from professional sports.

Enhancement drugs are killing the game, and its players. Not only are enhancement drugs and dietary supplements threatening the lives of the players who take them, but management actually encourages players to take them. Whatever happened to just working out and eating healthy like back in the day? Have you ever read the fine print on the bottles of these enhancement drugs?

You need a magnifying glass and a medical journal to understand what is going into your body, and that's just the ingredients. The "possible" side effects of the drugs take a good afternoon to read. O n c e

upon a time, there were no enhancement drugs like there are today. Despite the progress of science in the sports medicine field, maybe we are just better off without the enhancements in performance drugs.

But in the world of professional sports, it's all about size, strength and speed. No matter how big an athlete gets, it's never enough for the owners or managers, and even sometimes the fans. There is a constant demand for more; the bigger and the faster, the better. And when the big gets too big, the players die and we throw them away like yesterday's garbage. Pay off the victim's families and boom! we're out to find the next Daryl Kile or Steve Bechler.

It seems that our athletes are becoming expendable and disposable. And we can not limit the obsession to the professional rankings. Look at the college level, even here at Laurier. The competition is intense. How far do the Laurier Athletics Department go to ensure the safety of our athletes?

What if one day during the summer we see one of our own collapse on the field simply because he was pushed too much to be bigger, better and faster. When does the responsibility of the player's health become



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Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler doing what he does best.

the responsibility of the league? What happens when a player just does not know when to quit?

Rose deserves his shot

Charlie Hustle is getting hustled by Cooperstown

Colin Duffett



Pete Rose. Every baseball fan worldwide knows the name. After all, he does hold the major league record for career hits at 4,256. Despite being banned from major league baseball in 1989, good 'ol Charlie Hustle is back in the news yet again. This time it doesn't have to do with Cooperstown. Instead, it has to do with St. Mary's, Ontario, the town that is home to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. Pete Rose found his name on this year's ballot for the half season he spent with the Montreal Expos in 1984.

Rose's name on the ballot this year sparked the age-old debate all over again. Should Pete Rose be in the Hall of Fame? According to the Canadian Hall of Fame and its members, no. Well, not this year anyway. Rose has eight more tries to enter the hallowed halls of St. Mary's, joining baseball greats like Fergie Jenkins, Jackie Robinson, Gary Carter and former Toronto Blue Jays Cito Gaston and Joltin' Joe Carter.

My question to you is, should Pete Rose be in the Hall of Fame? If you ask me, baseball should plead for Rose to join Cooperstown. Just look at the stats. You'd be hard-pressed to find anybody in baseball with comparable

numbers.

He is one of the greatest ball players to ever play the game and that's the bottom line. His stats say it all. He has played twenty-four seasons of professional ball with Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Montreal and fifteen seasons with a .300 batting average or higher. He has achieved three World Series victories, seventeen All-star appearances, Rookie of the Year (1963), two National League Gold Glove Awards, one National League Most Valuable Player Award (1973), ten top ten finishes for National League MVP and one World Series MVP Award (1975). All of those accomplishments are certainly worthy of a Cooperstown induction.

Do you want more proof? How about Pete Rose ranks number one in twelve different career total categories and is in the top ten in five more career statistic categories.

Rose ranks number one in most games played (3,562), most at bats (14,053), total bases by a switch hitter (5,752), singles (3,315), and most importantly hits (4,256). Rose is also second in doubles (746) and fielding percentage as an outfielder (.991), fourth in runs (2,165), sixth in total bases (5,752), ninth in walks (1,566) and is ranked fifty-third in RBIs (runs batted in) with 1,314.

Charlie Hustle is in fact getting hustled by Major League Baseball. Let's look at other Hall of Fame members who aren't exactly "clean". O.J. Simpson is a member of the Football Hall of Fame. This is, of course, the same O.J. that was tried for double murder.

Even a double murder charge kept O.J. in the Hall of Fame. The differences between Rose and Simpson are abound; namely different sports and the fact that Simpson was found innocent, whereas Rose was found guilty of gambling.

Instead of comparing apples and oranges, let's compare Rose to somebody more suitable. Ty Cobb, for instance, was an out and out racist and on multiple occasions was charged with, and on a few occasions, found guilty of assault. Apparently, racism and assault with a weapon is okay, but gambling is not. God forbid we have a gambler in the Hall of Fame. According to Cooperstown, 'racist' is an acceptable label but 'gambler' is taboo. We already have drunkards, womanizers, adulterers and racists. I think a gambler would add to that gang rather well.

Despite the efforts of many people within baseball and outside of it, Pete Rose remains banned from Cooperstown. He was banned because of his alleged betting on baseball while he managed the Cincinnati Reds. Many would argue that at the time he was banned, he was the best coach in baseball.

The bottom line is this: Rose should be in the Hall of Fame as a player. His stats as a player stand head and shoulders above many of the players already inducted. The stats don't lie. Rose deserves the nomination as much as anybody out there. Unfortunately, Rose may have to wait until his time comes or at least until Commissioner Bud Selig hangs up his black pinstripe suits and his briefcase. If anybody deserves to be in the Hall of Fame it is Pete Rose.



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And now in sports

Colin Duffett
Bernard Dawson

For all of you who missed out on all the sports action during reading week, here's a recap of what happened in all the major Laurier sports.

Men's Basketball

The previous week was a week of accolades for the men's basketball team. This week saw Laurier Centre Post Chris Keith receive an OUA All-star nod to go along with last year's Rookie of the Year award and OUA Rookie All-star nod. Other Hawks that were awarded were 6'8" Forward Rob Innes and Point Guard Omar Miles. The rookies were named to the OUA All-Rookie squad Wednesday night saw the Hawks face off against the Badgers in quarter-final action. Laurier came out victorious 65 - 59. Leading the way for Laurier was Todd Cooney who netted 21 points in 35 minutes of the contest.

Women's Basketball

The women were also very successful over the break. Head Coach Stu Julius was named Coach of the Year; his third such achievement. Rookie sensation Megan

McGrath received the Rookie of the Year Award. On February 22, Laurier defeated Western in a quarter-final match - up 84 - 59. Last night saw Laurier face McMaster in the OUA semis, only to be defeated 85 - 74. The ladies now will head to the OUA bronze medal game on March 2 against an undetermined opponent.

Men's Curling

The men won their fourth OUA Gold Medal over reading week. Laurier, who hosted this year's tournament defeated Brock in a must win game to clinch the title.

Women's Curling

The women did not fare as well as the men did in the OUA Championships. The ladies finished the tournament with a 1 - 4 record, tied for last with our neighbors Waterloo.

Women's Hockey

After finishing first in the OUA West, the Golden Hawks earned a bye to the OUA semi-finals taking place at the University of Windsor this weekend where they will face the Queen's Golden Gaels. The Hawks ended the season ranked fifth in the nation after defeating Western

and Guelph this past week.

Men's Hockey

The Golden Hawks defeated the Brock Badgers in the first round of the OUA playoffs and will now face the York Yeomen in a best of three series beginning on February 27. The Hawks finished a successful season in which they finished second in the OUA Midwest division. Two players, Richard Colwill and Nick Vukovik, were elected to the OUA All-star team.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball season is now officially over after losing to Western 3 - 1 in their playoff contest. Leading the team was Cathy Ingalls, who made the OUA All-star team this season.

Men's Volleyball

The suffering is over and now the healing process can begin. The men's season is officially over; although it was over long ago. No playoff opponents here; just the reality of a 1 - 15 season.

What you gonna do when Bush runs wild on you

Bernard Dawson



In this insane modern world, the human race faces many important issues. Important world leaders from almost every nation meet and show the ability to make bad situations even worse. The present system isn't working, so I'd like to submit my ideas for how to fix the problems of the world.

This whole Iraq nonsense can be settled without a war or thousands of innocent lives lost on both sides. Saddam proposed a debate, and as much as I'm a fan of debating, it just wouldn't get the ratings necessary to justify it being televised in prime time.

So why not a WWE style steel cage match between George W. Bush and that wacky Iraqi. Bush could even enter the ring with Hulk Hogan's old music from the 80's blasting in the background. And the two can solve their differences once and for all.

I'll admit it does sound weird, but it has to be better than a war. Why kill thousands

of Iraqis or US soldiers when the politicians can solve their own problems. Imagine the possibilities, Bush gets in trouble and rushing to toss him a steel chair is good buddy Tony Blair. Hey, why not make Jimmy Carter the special guest referee.

The Iraq situation is not the only situation that sports can help solve. Third world nations concerned about modern western Imperialism could simply challenge the offending nation to a soccer match. If the poorer nation wins, the big bad western power takes their exploiting corporations and goes home.

Have the US national soccer team face the North Korean national team. If the US wins, North Korea stops its nuclear program. Hey its better than bombing them back to the Stone Age right?

How about the revenue collected from MLB and NBA teams over each leagues respective luxury tax be sent to Africa to fight the AIDS problem. If the Yankees want to pay a washed up right fielder thirteen million dollars this season, they should go for it. But when that puts them over the salary cap, shouldn't the penalty fee go somewhere it can make a difference?

Now I'm sure that none of these things will ever come to pass. Most of these education

leaders are not sports fans and some probably assume that sports are for the uncultured masses. Maybe that's why the world is so messed up.

In my younger days when I played hockey I was taught that hitting from behind and other assorted cheap shots were cowardly and wrong. Which means that they are perfectly legal in the real world.

Face it, there are people who believe that hijacking planes and crashing them into buildings is an honorable thing to do. On that same note there are other people who believe that bombing nations off the face of the earth is an acceptable solution to most problems.

I think that we can agree that both of those examples can be considered cheap. And yet each is more acceptable to many (not all) world leaders and politicians than any of the ideas I proposed. So now I ask who is crazier, myself and my fellow sports fans or the people in charge? If you want that answer, just turn on your t.v. and flip the channel to CNN.

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The goods on hockey sensation Palinsky

Laurier rookie Tracey Palinski has been a key ingredient in the women's on ice success.

Bernard Dawson

Gracefully flying down the wing, Tracey Palinsky leaves yet another defender in her wake. She moves toward the goal with a quiet purpose sparked by a fierce determination to fill the opposition's net with a piece of frozen black rubber.

When this happens, more often than not, the puck ends up behind the helpless goalie and another goal is added to the Golden Hawks' tally. So far this season, this scene has been repeated on many occasions.

Palinsky is a soft-spoken native of Port Elgin, Ontario and is a major reason that the Hawks are ranked number five overall in the nation. As a rookie, she has arrived at Laurier after a brief stint at the University of Minnesota.

In her short time here at Laurier, Palinsky has earned the respect of her coaches and teammates with her all around

play. The play making centre never seems to take a shift off, giving the old one hundred and ten percent at both ends of the rink every time she steps on the ice.

Her style of play won the second year Psychology major numerous admirers, including Head Coach Bill Bowker. "Tracey is an honest two-way player that can score," said Bowker. "That's a good way to describe Tracey Palinsky. She is great offensively and defensively. She has added to the maturity and physical strength of our hockey game. She sees the ice very well."

Despite all the praise being heaped on her, Palinsky remains modest about her personal achievements. Her stated goal is simply to "...help to make it to Regina again." The CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport)

Championships for women's hockey will take place from March 6 - 9 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

This weekend the Hawks will travel to the University of Windsor for the OUA (Ontario University Athletics) Championships. Because the team has finished as the OUA West leaders, they have a bye to the semi-finals where they will face-off against either Queen's or Windsor.

No matter what happens in the playoffs, Palinsky views this season as a success. "It was intimidating and there were some big skates to fill, but things have worked out well."

Of course, the perfect ending to this story book season for Palinsky would involve her accomplishing her personal

"Tracey is an honest two-way player that can score...She is great offensively and defensively."

-Bill Bowker, women's hockey Head Coach



Courtesy of Laurier Athletics

Rookie Hawk Tracey Palinsky (#18) is a pivotal offensive force and will be a leader on the ice at the upcoming OUA Championships.

goals and helping the team return to Regina for the CIS Championships. The team will have to defeat the third best team in the nation, the University of Toronto Blues, in order to get there.

Hockey Hawks hopeful

Kristen Lipscombe

This year's edition of the Laurier women's hockey squad has some big skates to fill. Last year the team completed a season of excellence and their best showing since the team's 1993 inception. In 2001-2002, the Hawks topped off their regular season with a nearly flawless 23 - 1 - 1 record. Additionally, the team snagged the OUA (Ontario University Athletics) Championship title, stole silver in the CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sports) finals and was one of the two most successful teams at Laurier.

So how does this year's team stack up? Although the Hawks undoubtedly remain a dominant force in the province and across the nation, the solid Laurier unit appears to be more penetrable than in years past. The Hawks have exposed some holes in their game that will have to be filled before they enter the OUA Championships this weekend in Windsor.

Laurier polished off the regular season record with 16 wins, two losses and four ties. The Hawks fell 1 - 0 to the third ranked team in the nation and provincial rivals, The Toronto Blues, early in the season. Although that loss was an understandable one, the Hawks displayed potential for weakness when they suffered a 2 - 1 defeat at the hands of the Waterloo Warriors on February 15. This is Waterloo's first year with varsity status and they finished the season with a record of 3 - 17 - 2. Indeed it's true; the Hawks lost to the second worst team in the province.

"I'm not making any excuses," commented Head Coach Bill Bowker on the loss to the Warriors. "The bottom line is they didn't play. I think the girls were embarrassed. I think they felt they let themselves down and all the people that make this Canada's best program. When you're the number one team and defending champions, you can't take the night off. There are responsibilities that go with that honour."

Despite Laurier's painful demise to Waterloo, the Hawks have not been dissuaded and have gone on to close their regular season gracefully, with two more victories. On Wednesday, February 19 the Hawks spanked the Guelph Gryphons 7 - 1 and on February 21 they topped the Western Mustangs 4 - 1.

"We absolutely whacked Guelph," said Bowker. "Guelph can't play at our level, so they hacked and slashed us."

Although five Hawks were out of commission due to injury or illness for the Western match-up, Bowker was impressed with his team's performance on the ice. "The game was one of the best team builders we could have had at this point in the season."

With the OUA Championships ensuing this weekend, it appears as though the Hawks are not going to let the few gaps in their season discourage them. "We are mentally prepared to go and play," commented Bowker on how Laurier is preparing for some tough up-coming competition. "We have made some adjustments in practice to confuse Toronto on the forecheck.

We're starting to gather our thoughts for the OUAs and our job against Queen's."

The Hawks face-off against the Queen's Golden Gaels on Saturday. As the ninth-ranked team in Canada, defeating the Gaels will be no easy task. And then there's the imminent challenge of taking to the ice against the notorious Toronto Blues.

"Will Laurier be able to live up to their past accomplishments? According to Coach Bowker, it sounds as though the Hawks are ready to lace up their boots and skate their way back up to the top. However, only time will tell whether this year's Hawks truly have what it takes to accomplish their OUA wishes and CIS dreams.

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Top Ten Movies of the '80s

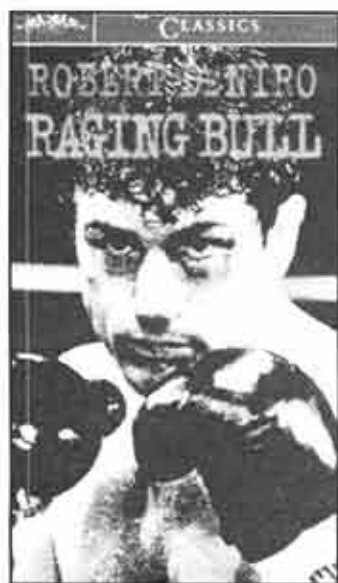
Inspired by Justin Sharp's article "Top 20 Albums of the '90s" written a few weeks back, Brad Skelton decided he wanted his own list combining his two loves: The '80s and great films. Enjoy.

Brad Skelton

Before I begin, I should let it be known that I do realize how silly it is to create such lists. This is a purely subjective exercise and it would be absurd to think that I or anyone else could produce a comprehensive collection of the best titles to come out of a given decade. This list has little value except to send all of you cinematic enthusiasts in search of movies that you have perhaps overlooked. There will of course be people who disagree with my choices, and to them I say "Screw you, this is my list. If you don't like it then write your own list for the Cord."

most chaotic, harrowing and horrific battle sequences ever put to film. We come to understand the internal politics of the 25th Bravo Company, how animosity and suspicion build into war atrocities and how a civil war breaks out between frightened members of the same platoon. Stone, rarely interested in subtlety, always goes for broke and brings to his films a sense of overwhelming urgency. Not many films feel as intense or immediate as *Platoon*.

see it, it is impossible for me not to grin.



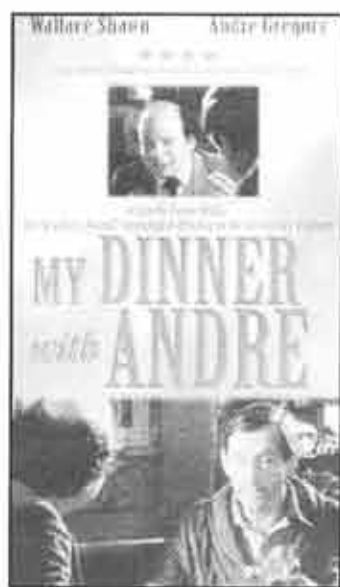
1. *Raging Bull* (1980). This movie frequently appears on lists of the greatest films ever made and for good reason. Martin Scorsese (director), Paul Schrader (screenwriter) and Robert DeNiro had previously collaborated on *Taxi Driver*, which was the best film of the '70s; four years after that film they managed to make the best film of the '80s. *Raging Bull* deals with the life of boxer Jake LaMotta, middleweight champion from 1949 to 1951, whose career and personal relationships were driven by his own paralyzing jealousy and sexual insecurity. Scorsese involves us in LaMotta's perspective so well that we understand and pity this man even as he alienates everyone in his life. Martin Scorsese, arguably the world's greatest living director, uses his own personal obsessions (guilt, ambivalence towards women) to energize the film and few filmmakers have put as much of themselves into their movies. Every scene is perfect, illuminating the mind set of a tortured man who is the reason for his own unhappiness, and in one astonishing scene LaMotta simply stands in the ring, taking a horrible beating as penance for his sins.



3. *Do the Right Thing* (1989). Few films in the 1980s created as much controversy. This was Spike Lee's third film and he confidently directs the picture as it alternates between humour and racial tension, showing amazing stylistic skill as well as his talent for sharply observed characters. (The movie always seems to know exactly where it's going, even when it appears relaxed and leisurely.) The film takes place on a hot summer's day in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, with the action centering on Sal's (Danny Aiello) pizzeria. We get to know the people of the neighborhood very well as they go about their routine. Suspicion and resentment form an unsettling undercurrent. All of Lee's passion, sadness and empathy are up on the screen, creating perhaps the most profound and poetic films ever made about race relations in American.



4. *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981) is the greatest action movie ever made. Harrison Ford, taciturn and drolé, is perfect in the now legendary role of Indiana Jones, an archaeology professor and adventurer/man of action. Steven Spielberg (who, having released the incredible *Minority Report* this year, has given us at least one great feature film during each decade of his career) is an expert at building one exciting action set piece on top of another, including perhaps the best chase scene in movie history. (Indy getting dragged under the truck; need I say more?) Spielberg sweeps us through his film with heedless energy and has the guts to conclude with the wrath of God destroying the Nazi villains. No matter how many times I



5. *My Dinner With Andre* (1981). Two old friends who haven't seen each other in five years meet at a classy restaurant and have an animated conversation over dinner. From this audaciously simple premise comes a film that is so joyously alive, so full of ideas that we never feel aware of the fact that this is basically a movie about a conversation that lasts for nearly two hours; the film occupies space in our imaginations. Written by Wallace Shawn and Andre Gregory (who essentially play themselves in the lead roles of Wally and Andre), and directed by Louis Malle, the movie flows with an improvisational intensity as the characters consider those issues in life that we have all thought deeply about at one time or another. When Andre Gregory says "if you're living by habit then you're not really living," it reminds me of Plato's statement that the unexamined life is not worth living.



6. *Ran* (1985; translates as *Chaos*). Akira Kurosawa, the great Japanese master, made this film when he was 75 after 20 years of being unable to find financing for his films in his own country. *Ran* is *King Lear* adapted to feudal Japan and some critics have argued that the film is as much about Kurosawa's career as it is about Shakespeare, which is perfectly valid. An elderly warlord decides that he will retire and divide his kingdom among his three children (who are sons in this version, not daughters as in Shakespeare), but thinks that he will still be able to retain his power and influence. He is horrified to discover that his sons would rather go to war with one another than rule the land cooperatively, and he is confronted with and driven mad by the knowledge that his own life has been an endless conflict; his greed, arrogance and ruthlessness have laid the foundation for the demise of his own family.



7. *The Long Good Friday* (1980). This film could go on a short list with *The Godfather* and *GoodFellas* as one of the greatest gangster films of all time, and it also contains parallels with *Ran/Shakespeare*: Harold Shand, a vicious London crime-lord who has led an arrogant existence, finds his empire falling apart after years of comfort and security. This is a study of a particular type of violent personality about fierce, insane pride. Bob Hoskins as Shand gives one of the best performances I've seen from any actor, and the entire film moves with inexorable logic towards its final scene, which achieves a terrifying, transcendent beauty.



8. *Roger & Me* (1989) is Michael Moore's first and best film and is probably my favourite documentary. Angered by the closing of General Motors plants in Flint, Michigan (home of GM), which led to the loss of 40,000 jobs, Moore documents the poor living conditions in Flint while trying to get an interview with Roger Smith (CEO of GM). A manipulative, muckraking exposé on corporate greed, Moore expertly brings the audience into sympathy with his outrage, turning angry socio-political critique into a spectacularly entertaining revenge comedy.

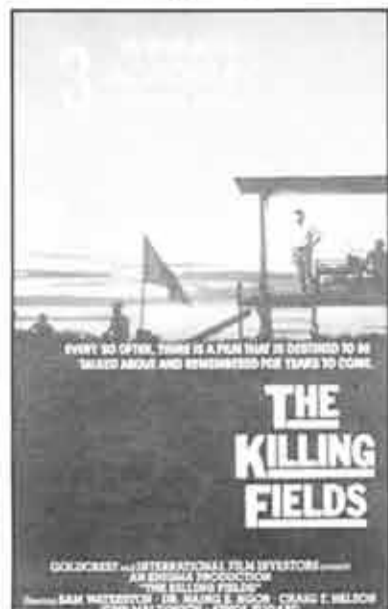
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2. *Platoon* (1986). Oliver Stone's great Vietnam war film is one of the most powerful visceral experiences the cinema has to offer. The editing and camera work are masterful, and Stone creates some of the

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9. *The Killing Fields* (1984). Based on the book *The Death and Life of Dith Pran* (which is itself based on real events), Roland Joffe's film details the fall of Phnom Penh as seen through the eyes of New York Times correspondent Sydney Schanberg (Sam Waterston) and his Cambodian translator, Dith Pran (Dr. Haing S. Ngor). When the Khmer Rouge take control of Cambodia, Pran disappears for years as he is held prisoner in a farming commune,

waiting for his chance to escape. The movie wisely focuses on Pran's uncertain and terrifying life as he tries to make it across the border to Thailand. Pran's story is told with unblinking honesty and Ngor, himself a Cambodian refugee, brings a quiet sincerity to the film that is perfect for the role.



10. *House of Games* (1987) is the best of all the neo-noir films to come out in the 1980s.

Lindsay Crouse plays a successful psychiatrist and author who becomes fascinated by the world of a con-artist. Mike (Joe Mantegna), the con man, promises to instruct Crouse in the ways of the grift, and David Mamet (who wrote and directed the film) delves into the deeper pathologies driving these characters. This was Mamet's directorial debut after years of working as a screenwriter, as well as a playwright in the Chicago theatre, and with *House of Games* he proved himself not only as a talented filmmaker but also the creator of the most distinctive dialogue in the movies: he mixes gritty slang with perfect elocution, adds to every sentence or exchange his own unique cadence, and elevates each spoken word to the level of poetry.

Honourable Mentions:
Once Upon a Time in America (1984), Sergio Leone's last film, spans 60 years in the lives of a group of Jewish gangsters from New York, using flashbacks and opium dreams to tell a story of guilt and betrayal.

Milos Foreman's *Amadeus* (1984) shows the life and career of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as seen through the eyes of his rival Salieri, a mediocre and jealous court composer; Salieri seeks to destroy Mozart because he believes God has cursed him

with the ability to recognize Mozart's genius while being unable to achieve the same greatness himself.

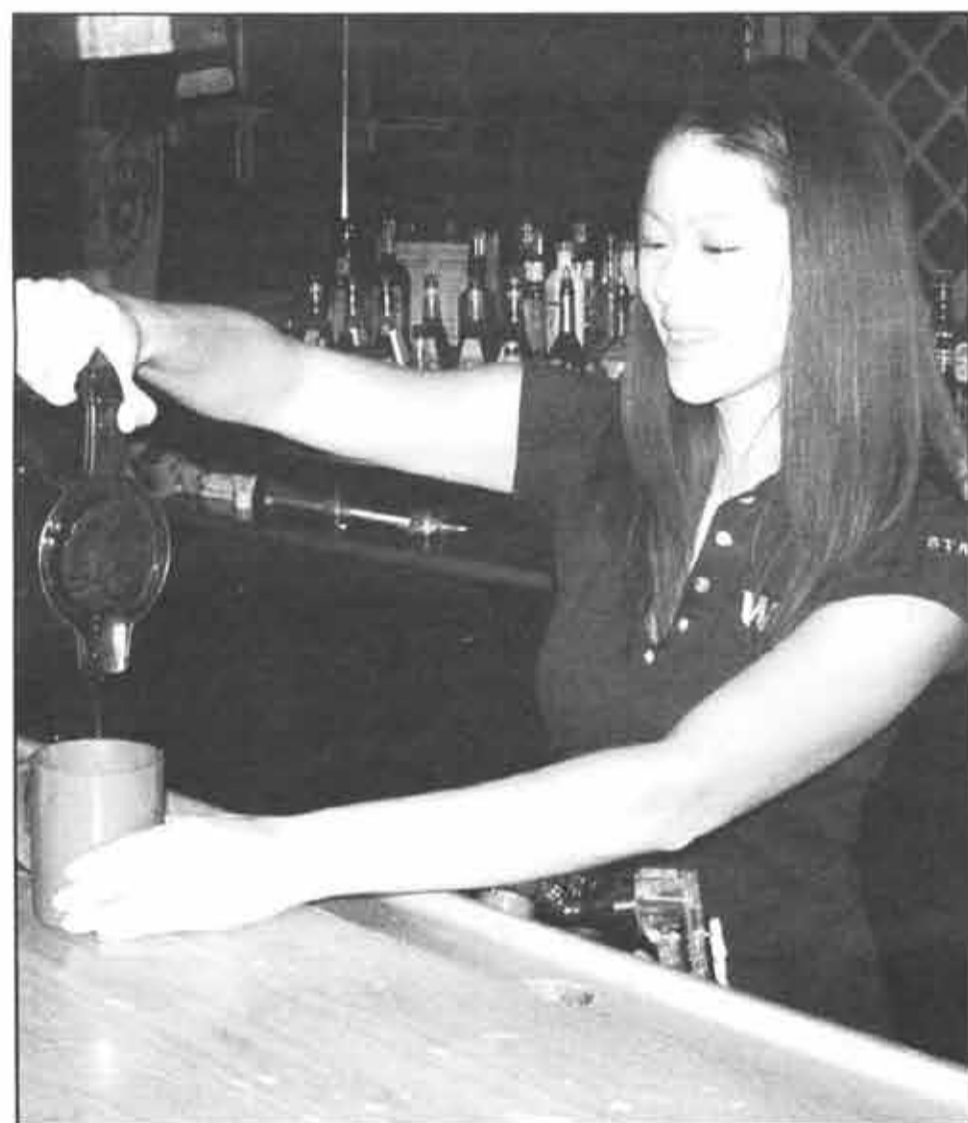
The Last Temptation of Christ (1988), another film by Martin Scorsese and Paul Schrader (and adapted from the Nikos Kazantzakis novel) explores the duality of Christ who is both God and man, and the fact that he could be both at the same time is one of the fundamental mysteries of the Christian faith. The final forty minutes of the film where the devil tempts Christ with the promise of a normal life are brilliant.

The Right Stuff (1983), Philip Kaufman's epic about the early years of the American space program captures the optimism of this period of exploration and the courage of test pilots like Chuck Yeager (the first person to break the sound barrier), John Glenn, Alan Shepard, Gordon Cooper and Gus Grissom. The film is also a very funny satire of the news media and the public relations industry.

And *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980), the best and most visually exciting of the *Star Wars* films.

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Matt Benassi

Vanessa pouring coffee...and yes, this photo really is from Open Mic Night...we swear...!

Devin Yuke

It was freezing outside Wilf's Pub Monday nights but inside Wilf's tells a different story altogether, as things really heat up for the Monday night open mic.

It's 10:30 at night and Jake Bryant chats onstage between songs, most of them a motley collection of acoustic-guitar rock anywhere from Dave Matthews Band to Pearl Jam. The audience replies with applause, and Bryant says a few beer-inspired puns on stage. The scent of chicken wings drifts by borne on air currents drunk with laughter and casual conversation.

Ryan and Nardo come here every Monday night. "No matter if I sleep in until 7:30 or 8, I can still come out to Wilf's," exclaims Ryan, "I haven't had a bad Monday in 4 weeks," adds Nardo

Everyone agrees the Mondays have really rocked at Wilf's since management decided to run an

open mic night on Mondays. It all began this January, according to Jen Copson, one of the Assistant Managers, (just don't call her the Ass. Man.) "Monday nights sucked [before], so we needed

"We see more and more people coming every night and listening, then playing."

-Jake Bryant

something to get Mondays started since the Grad Pub shut down."

Someone begins strumming an acoustic version of Snoop Dogg's 'Gin and Juice' as I talk with Bryant who grew up in the Pittsburgh music scene, which he calls much more developed than Waterloo. "There's more emphasis down there on playing music... here it's more about going to nightclubs." But he also notes how the hosts have taken a step in

the right direction with this. "We see more and more people coming every night and listening, then playing, and then it really grows exponentially from there. It'll be packed next year." These hosts are none other than Mark and Carmen, who are no doubt following the grand "single-syllable name" tradition at Wilf's.

Mark and Carmen appreciate the diversity of the nights. "Different people come out; people play what they like to play." Mark continues, "[I really appreciate] the people I've met - they come from all different kinds of backgrounds."

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Do Not Smoke the Spike Lee Joint

Movie Review: *The 25th Hour*

Tito Goya

DO Why are these people floating? Who has invented these bright colours? Who is on drugs and who isn't? Are these people lying? Or are they misunderstanding their common language? Where did the music go? Who will you trust and whom will you blame it all on? It's a "Spike Lee Joint."

RE There is absolutely no suspense. Everyone knows what is about to happen: Monty, Montgomery Brogan (Edward Norton), will be locked away for a total of 7 years in an overcrowded, high-security New York prison for dealing drugs to innocent downtown school kids. He has three options: run, shoot himself or go to prison. The majority of people would most likely chose the third option. Redemption, commodity, cowardness, obedience, regret...Monty has none of these.

MI A walk with the dog, dinner with dad, a

night at a club, maybe a fuck: it's Monty's farewell song to life. It is also Spike Lee's version of an old song with a new beat: "What would you do if you only had one day to live?" By directing this award winning adaptation by David Benioff, who also wrote the novel, Spike Lee leaves behind whatever made him so famous and controversial in "Do The Right Thing" and "Bamboozled" and move on to more "serious" filmmaking. "The Good Girl" and "About Schmidt" are just the most popular examples of the new filmmaking school Hollywood has recently embraced like an artistic manifesto. Interested in uncovering feelings of guilt and remorse, untamed passions and questionable moralities, this new realist stream has basically two qualities: it is able to stretch out a five-minute plot over the period of two hours and, secondly, it is meant to confer Hollywood an air of intellectual noblesse.

FA The ingredients: a major offense, a beautiful Puerto Rican girlfriend, named Naturelle, teenage innocence and parental regrets,



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Actress Rosario Dawson plays the girlfriend.

potential betrayal, gangsters managing a night club, a big gun and about a dozen primary suspects. On the whole, this might very well be a new LAPD Blue episode about broken homes, broken trust and broken hearts. "Gotch'ya!!" Spike Lee cried out loud. While you were half asleep trying to figure out who is who and the symbolic significance of Monty's dog, here is what really happened:

SO Despite his apparent lethargy, Spike Lee managed to sprinkle a couple of racial offences, a five minute poem most likely entitled "Fuck You" and tickle our multicultural euphemisms, in order to shake up that political correctness mix. It was just about the entire Spike Lee tool kit, when... sud-

denly, Monty Brogan's identity as a New Yorker starts being exploited. What better symbol for wounded human greatness is there than the World Trade Centre?

LA 25th Hour proves itself to be as complicated as a multi-layered birthday cake: first, it deceives audience with stereotypical Tuesday-night detective drama stories, then gets them to meditate on the meaning of life by introducing multiple and extreme close-ups, uses cool music, cool girls and drugs upon request. In the end add a little symbolism, preferably something with no connection to the plot to confuse the audience and the more rational critics. But what you don't understand can only make you stronger.

TI I don't want there to be any doubt that the new "Spike Lee Joint" is filled with symbols and connotations from ancient and modern, profane and sacred film and literature, many of which I did not get. However, according to Monty Brogan "in prison you are actually only for one reason: you have enough time to figure out who is who," or even better - what the hell was that?

Correction:

In the Wednesday, February 12th issue of the Cord, The photo on page 21 of, the Entertainment Section, The photo at the bottom of the page is NOT from Bricker Coffee House, it was from LOCUS Coffee House.

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50 Cent
Get Rich or Die Trying



I thought we were done with the boring gangsta rap. Ten years ago when it was fresh I loved it. But 50 Cent...well his voice sounds like a cross between Mike Tyson's pitch and Wesley Willis' slur - and yes, that's an insult. The rhymes are fine and the beats are okay (though nothing special) but I've seen all this material before with EPMD, Slick Rick and NWA.

There is absolutely nothing new presented in this album. Even the most innovative track "Heat," with a glock being cocked as a backbeat, was done by the Beastie Boys 12 years ago. This guy's as blank as the look on his face, infecting his CD booklet. Pictures throughout the booklet show 50 Cent as a gangsta, to increase his street cred, but all the pictures are shadowed perfectly. Some pictures look like it would have taken three hours to get the light just perfect. Hey 50, I'm not buying the album for your passé image (that lost its 'cool' ten years ago), I wanna hear what you can actually do with a tune - and you've proved you're nothing but a poser.

With absolutely ridiculous lyrics like "I do what I wanna do, don't care if I get caught" he's proved that he's nothing more than the Avril Lavigne of rap: a completely corporate constructed version of post-teen angst. *Get Rich or Die Trying* is so 'hardcore' with his barrage of swearing and gangsta stories that he and the album become a satire of the ignorant kids that actually believe this asshole is real. And if he's so hardcore then why such the pretty boy face? If not for the unshaven face and constant scowl I'd mistake him for another member of Boyz II Men.

So are the beats and rhymes good? Oh yeah! Its executive producers are Dr. Dre and Eminem, which means Dre's fantastic g-funk injection and the Eminem obligatory sound effect drop. However, 50 Cent seems to have leaned on the producers without adding any of his own talent. To compensate, 50 Cent relied on little variation between songs and the constant blast of "shit," "fuck," "nigga" and "mother fucker" which makes the album very, very,

boring and completely forgettable in his wave of hype.

Justin Sharp

The All-American Rejects
The All-American Rejects



Good power-pop bands are few and far between in these days of alternative metal and punk/emo, and that's partly why The All-American Rejects self-titled debut is so refreshing. Sure it's derivative, contrived and calculated, but some of it is just so damn catchy.

However catchy and fun the album is, AAR's problem is that their songs aren't entirely memorable. There are three great tracks on here such as the first single "Swing, Swing," "Time Stands Still," (which will most likely be the next single, just you wait and see) and "Happy Endings."

Each of these tracks emphasize the band's different strong suits, be it up-beat power-pop on "Swing, Swing," or rock balladry on "Time Stands Still," or the ability to amalgamate '80s pop, '90s rock and '00s boy bands (all in one damn song too) on "Happy Endings."

Now, the band has the music thing down, all they need to do is write some better lyrics. They're passable as pop fluff, but not much else. All songs involve a lovelorn protagonist who is falling in or out of love (or both) and whose sentiments teeter and totter on the edge of schmaltz.

AAR do have a strong debut and some songs that are right ready for radio, and that's probably where they'll sound best. This band is destined for better things, I'm willing to bet that in five or six years time, they'll have a nearly flawless greatest hits collection.

James Hrivnak

Broken Social Scene
You Forgot It In People



You might not believe it but Toronto has a legit independent music scene. At first, I didn't believe it. Toronto? Birthplace of MuchMusic? Then I bought this album. Since my first listen, I've been trying really hard to think of a way to describe the music contained within—a way that will make people want to go out and buy it as well. I was thinking of saying that it was really, really good. But that doesn't do it justice. So what else can I do to make you buy it? Here is my short, inadequate attempt.

You Forgot It In People is not a particularly experimental or trail-blazing record. Categorically speaking it is post-rock, although it is apparent this term lost its meaning years ago. As far as influences go there are a variety throughout: Sonic Youth in "Almost Crimes," My Bloody Valentine in "Looks Like The Sun," and Dinosaur Jr. in "Cause=Time." "KC Accidental" trods the same path as fellow Canadian post-rock laureates Godspeed You Black Emperor, and "I'm Still Your Fag" is a track Leonard Cohen might have spun if he was a member of Pavement.

But *You forgot It In People* is an incredibly organic record, and so reducing it to a specific genre or to the sum of its parts is a disservice. Not only is the musicianship dynamic (the band expanded to include eight other members since their last album), but the diversity of the songs is staggering—each sounds as if it could be the centerpiece of another album, and yet they all hang together in a remarkably cohesive fashion. This must have taken a phenomenal amount of meticulous pre-production and production work, and Broken Social Scene succeeds in making the end product seem effortless. In doing so, the band lends the rarest of qualities to their album: an expansive musical vision that never cashes out as overwrought.

So there you go. In a year of highly anticipated releases and a burgeoning garage rock scene, the album of the year was right under our noses. If you are a fan of independent music and have yet to hear *You Forgot It In People*, go to whatever lengths you need to get your hands on it.

Jeff Latosik



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Alicia,

Happy Birthday!

Nicole and Sarah,

Good luck. Too bad I hate you.

Li'l B,

You'll get the job don't worry. If you don't I'll trash everyone on the hiring committee. I promise. I have that kind of power.

Care,

Happy Birthday! What a difference a year has made.

Stefan,

Where the hell are you? It's 8 in the morning and Classifieds crashed. We have a whole other column to fill and we need someone who can ramble in the way that only you can. Who else make random references that nobody else can understand?

Your boss

Wilbur,

I am sorry I ruin all of your fun but it makes my job a lot more fun for me. And that's what really counts.

413 Boys

I love you. I want you. However, I cannot have you as it has recently been determined that I do not have a vagina. All these years I had been mistaking my belly button for a vagina. I was wondering why masturbation wasn't very fulfilling. Now I know why.

Amy

Wilbur

You make me randy. Or Jimmy. Or John. Or Lary.

Amy

Jenn

Why are you sleeping in the library? It's highly inappropriate.

Amy

Burning bridges,

Good for you. You will be much better than this place and most of the people you have encountered here.

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Angela,

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Christine

Colin Duffett

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Ann

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Sony, I had to.

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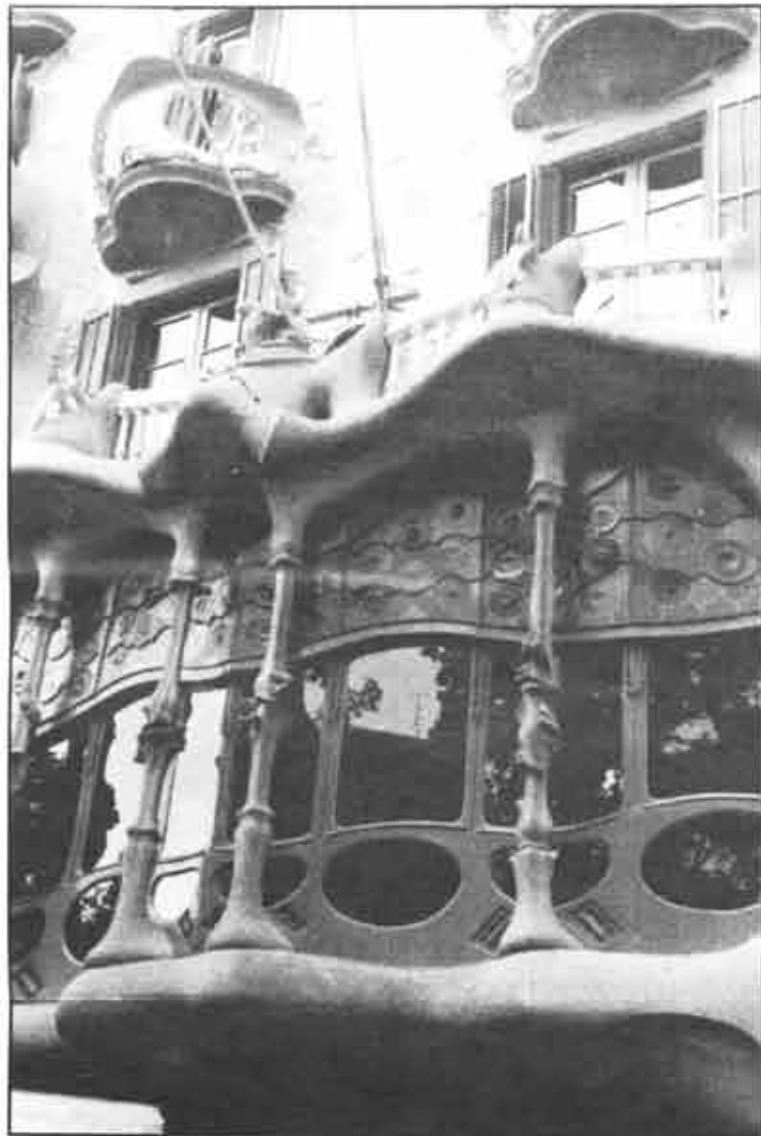
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Showcase Artist

Matt Benassi

The extremely talented Matt Benassi began fostering his photographic interests in grade eleven. "I always seemed to see various things that gave me ideas for [pictures]," explained Benassi, "some things just spark your imagination, jump start the mind, give you ideas of pictures you want to take." Matt's eclectic collection is due to his tendency to take photos of "anything extraordinary - that's going to keep my attention." His love for playing with angles which allow you to "make anything look good" leads to interesting photographs such as *Snowy Webster's Falls*. In time, his photos will most likely be gracing the pages of National Geographic, a job that will allow him to indulge his two great loves - photography and travelling.



Gaudi Palace

This picture of Casa Batllo "was taken in Barcelona, Spain on a backpacking trip through Spain and Portugal." Antonio Gaudi's exquisite detail "is captured in this picture, you can see that each column is similar but the floral design is different for each one."

Swollen Piercing

This picture is of a friend of Matt's "right after he got his tongue pierced...his tongue swelled so much that listening to him talk" greatly amused Matt. The photo is reminiscent "of the movie aliens - where an alien stretches its jaws to reveal an inner creature to eat its prey...it just captures that same expression of aggression."



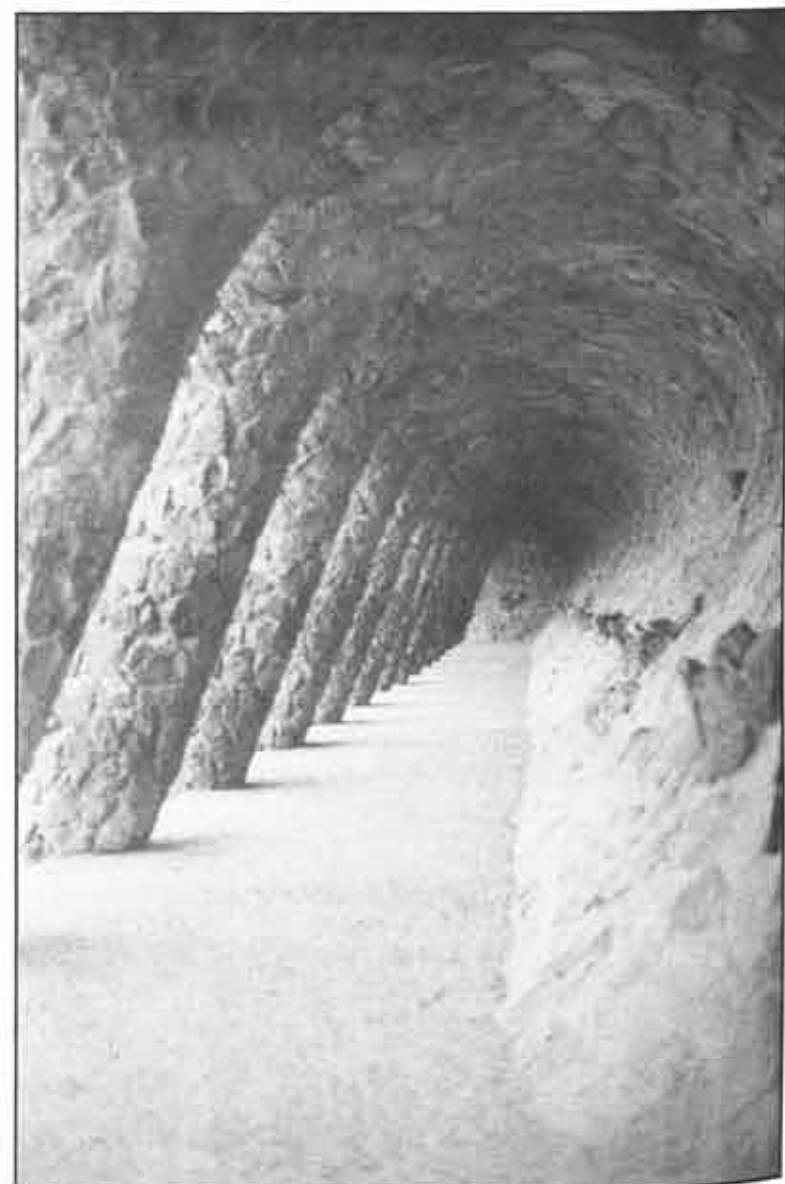
Caves

This photo was taken in Gaudi Park in Spain. The "beauty is captured through using depth of field. The columns and rock are on the same angle and it seems that when you walk down the corridor that you need to lean to the right to align your body with the angle of the cave."



Snowy Webster's Falls

Matt usually enjoys the beauty of the area during the summer but his favourite picture was taken "during a beautiful winter day" which "was a treat". Part of the reason Matt loves this picture is because the "stump in the ground adds a lot of contrast against the snowy white background, it also guides the viewer's eyes to the right where the frozen falls are." The fact that "the location of the stump and the falls create a beautiful picture through the use of the correct angle to get this image" only adds to Matt's appreciation.



St. Lucia in Black and White

Katie West

discuss his art.

Sometimes it's easy for us as university students to slip into life inside a bubble. Within our few city blocks, we seem to have everything we need and we learn, eat, party and focus on ourselves in this generally fun time-and-space that is university life. It is difficult to juggle the demands of school, work and a social life, but it is so beneficial to notice and pay attention to, and get lost in something other than our own lives. An opportunity for such exposure was presented in an exhibition by Christopher Higgins, showing his photographs of St. Lucia in the Robert Langen Gallery February 4 - March 8. The reception was held February 12 and Higgins showed up to introduce and

In explanation of the nature and purpose of his silver gelatin prints, Chris opened by saying that "the show is about perspective." It was about opening viewer's eyes to the real side of Creole culture in St. Lucia, reminding audiences that there is a big world out there that we sometimes forget. The black and white photos were of people, places and everyday life in the east Caribbean, portraying the spirit and humanity of the West Indian people and the essence of the raw, beautiful location itself.

Untitled 1 is a photo of a bare-backed, long-haired St. Lucian man sitting on a post seemingly "guarding" his St. Lucia. He is watching the arrival of a mass of white tourists who will probably see a

whole different side of St. Lucia than the one he does. I asked Christopher why he chose to print the photos in black and white and not colour. He reiterated his exhibition outline saying, "usually people see St. Lucia in glossy, colour brochures, with long sandy beaches, clear blue skies, and happy white people." His photos challenge these perceptions, these "outsider preconceptions," and demand that people see another side of St. Lucia.

Higgins himself has not been blinded by all-inclusive package notions of St. Lucia; his photos themselves uncover the humanity and culture of the Creole people and the "unseen side" of St. Lucia. He has spent a considerable amount of time in St. Lucia, taking two to three month trips at regular intervals

over a ten year span. Higgins, both a writer and a photographer, has also travelled extensively in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America. His articles and photos have appeared in *Outpost*, *Islands*, *Now*, *Photo Life* and *New International*.

I asked whether he knew the subjects in his photos, and he pointed out his St. Lucian friend standing with his nephews in the photo *First Communion*. Clearly, Higgins is not an unknown tourist snapping shots of things he knows nothing about; he has researched, written articles and a book on St. Lucia and has familiarized himself with the people, the land, and language and the smells. My favourite piece is *Untitled 11*, a close-up photograph of dark feet lined with wrinkles, caked in dirt and revealing a



Christopher Higgins
First Communion, 2000, gelatin silver print, 8075" x 12.5"

row of cracked and non-existent toenails. This photo does not capture the beauty of the white sand or aquamarine water, but rather the humanity of the people. If you get a chance, instead of walking by the gallery, walk in - you will see photographs that remove the glitz and glamour of St. Lucia while uncovering the raw and unpolished beauty of their people and places.

UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE Stephanie Butcher

The guns are silent,
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The girl writhes on the ground,
in pain,
broken and punctured,
battered and bruised.
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And they all take mocking bows.

The girl cries out.
Sudden. Harsh.
"God forgive them! They don't know what
they are doing!"
Her voice,
reflecting her body
battered, broken, torn.
The gunmen frown and raise their guns.

They shoot her again.
Merciless. Cold.
The girl lies still as her muscles,
once strong,
go slack... a lifeless body.
She opens her brown eyes
a final time.
"God forgive me!" her eyes close
her breath stops.
She is dead.
And all because of unnecessary violence.

Creative

David Alexander

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Showcase Artist II

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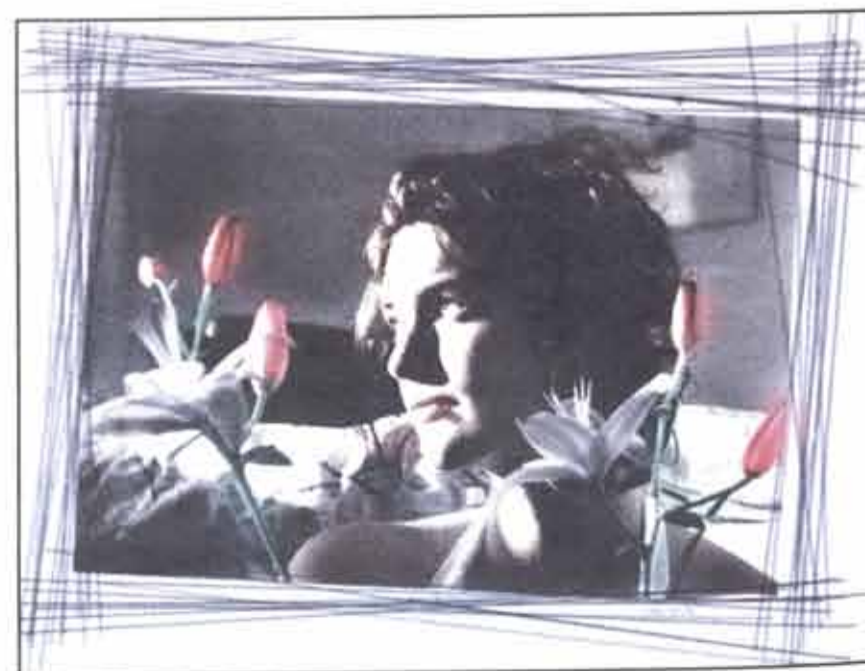
My favorite kind of photography is time-lapse photography. That's where you leave the shutter open on your camera to record a scene over time. These shots were both five second exposures. The coolest part about it is that you get to see things you can't see with the naked eye, or with a video camera, like the stars or the blurred headlights of cars as they drive by a still background.



The beautiful thing about photography is that ten people can head out and shoot the exact same thing on a roll of black and white film, develop it in a dark room, then print the image in a darkroom, scan it into a computer and add color, or a motion blur or whatever... At each stage you have the opportunity to add your own creative twist. Those ten people can shoot the EXACT same picture, and end up with images that are entirely different and unique. That's what I love about photograph, that's what keeps me into it.



This is a historic graveyard in Toronto. There's something about 500-year-old graves that makes for an interesting photo.



This is an example of what I was taking about. I set this scene up—lighting the flowers and the subject (my girlfriend), and I shot the photo and followed it all the way through to the image you see now, adding my own interpretation along the way.