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Tightening the strings

President Rosehart cites numerous cutbacks in budget to save money in face of provincial funding shortfall

JENNIFER ASSELIN
News Editor

A recent announcement made by the provincial government indicates that contrary to what Universities were expecting, there may be far less funding made available by the "Undergraduate Accessibility Program Fund". For Laurier this means it may never see the \$1.9 million of the government's total \$30 million dollars it owes to Ontario Universities.

"The situation is giving us a huge amount of anxiety."

-Dr. Michel Desjardin, chair of the Religion and Culture department

With budget restraints like this, the University is attempting to ward off the potential negative financial situation it may be facing. In doing so, the University has sought with budget managers and in a confidential letter Dr. Bob Rosehart, President of WLU, mentioned a list of suggestions

in order to lower costs. The list included limitations on hiring, a canceling on the purchase of equipment and adjusting the temperatures on campus.

The money was originally promised to Ontario Universities when they realized that the numbers would increase because of the incoming double cohort.

The most important issue surrounds faculty and the hiring crunch that is taking place. "Right now we're in a period of uncertainty," said Rosehart. "As for open positions, we're looking at whether or not to defer them."

"The situation is giving us a huge amount of anxiety," commented Dr. Michel Desjardin, the chair of the Religion and Culture department. He explained that his department was in the process of hiring a member of their full-time faculty and that unfortunately they are not sure if they will be able to hire this person now because of the restraints. "We may lose this candidate now and all that work could go down the tubes," said Desjardin.

Desjardin also noted that the issue of the budget lies

Everyday should be a snow day!



Wilbur McLean

These students enjoy their snow day with a rousing game of football on Willison Field. On Tuesday, Laurier closed its doors because of snow for the first time since April 4 of last year. Of course, one snow day only leaves students hoping for more. More snow days please Dr. Rosehart! See page four for more on Tuesday's school cancellation.

with the provincial government and isn't necessarily at the hands of the President. "It's just frustrating from our perspective," he said.

Along with hiring, the university is also asking those employees wishing to take an unpaid leave of absence in 2004, to contact their dean or manager. This is being done on a voluntary basis and although salary would not be given to those

leaving, benefits and pension eligibility will still be respected in relation to the "provisions of specific plans and Letters of Understanding with our respective unions" as the letter to all employees stated. Requests for these leaves are to be submitted before February 15.

As well, there will be a decrease of 1% across the

budget. Which should, as Rosehart explained, "recoup about half of [the potential loss]."

"This change in government has caused a lot of uncertainty," said Rosehart. "We're trying to at least do something before the storm clouds roll in and who knows, maybe we will get the money. We don't know but we haven't been given

Sketches released

Waterloo police release sketches and information on suspects involved in Louie's stabbing from late November

JEFFREY HAWKINS
Staff Writer

Waterloo Regional Police have released composite sketches of three possible suspects connected to the November 23 stabbing in the Loose Change Louie's parking lot, which resulted in the hospitalization of a 21-year-old Waterloo male.

Several witnesses present during the attack described the suspects to a police sketch artist. Police are requesting more people to come forward with any information on the attack and the following suspects.

Suspect #1 is a 22 year-old Asian male, 6 foot 1" and 220 lbs with a muscular build and broad shoulders. He is described as having a square face and short dark spiked hair with a slight goatee. He was wearing a

dark blue sweatshirt and possibly blue jeans.

Suspect #2 is a male, white, 19 year-old, 5 foot 8" to 5 foot 10" and 160lbs with a dark complexion. He was wearing baggy jeans hanging low on his hips held up with a black belt. He wore a puffy, black jacket with a blue baseball cap slightly off kilter.

The victim was stabbed several times in the abdomen region resulting in life-threatening injuries.

Suspect #3 is a male, Asian, "young looking", and

5 foot 2" to 5 foot 3" with a slight build. He is described as having dark hair, possibly parted in the middle, that hangs down the sides of his face. He wore a beige hoodless jacket over a beige sweater and classic jeans.

The Sunday morning stabbing preceded Monday morning's infamous attack by WLU football teammates Stephen McGuffin (aka Ryan) and Jeff Melis. The attack, which hospitalized a University of Waterloo student, resulted in their arrest and prosecution.

According to Olaf Heinzl, Waterloo Regional Police Public Affairs Co-ordinator, shortly after 2:00am Sunday morning police responded to several calls regarding a disturbance between a group of males in the parking lot outside Loose Change Louie's. Upwards of 200 citizens were present during the attack and "some" of the witnesses have assisted police in producing the composite sketches.

According to the Waterloo Regional Police



Suspect One



Suspect Two

website, all three suspects fled the scene together in a green, mid 1990's, 4-door vehicle (described as "boxy") traveling northbound on Phillip Street.

The victim was stabbed several times in the abdomen region resulting in life-threatening injuries. He was taken to Grand River Hospital and was released a few days later, fully recovered.

According to Russ Crook, supervising Detective Constable of the Homicide Branch, two to three key female witnesses have not come forward.

If anyone has any information regarding the attack they are advised to contact



Suspect Three

the Homicide Branch (519) 653-7700 ext. 785.

A website for a case of beer

WLUSU Presidential candidate Connolly Aziz's site raises concerns about campaign expenditures

JENNIFER ASSELIN
News Editor

A formal complaint was placed this week against WLUSU presidential candidate Connolly Aziz concerning his website and the amount of money that could have potentially went into it.

Mike Borrelli, ex-director on the WLUSU Board, complained to Chief Returning Officer Jill Promoli that he thought Aziz's website had exceeded the \$250 limit on campaign expenditures. Aziz's site features Flash animation as well as sound. Aziz apparently paid a friend to create the site by offering him a case of beer which Promoli worked out to be about \$39 and so that amount was charged to Aziz's

campaign costs.

Borrelli then made a formal appeal on Tuesday regarding the decision made by the CRO. "If Connolly is admitting to the CRO that he bartered a case of beer for a website, that's something the CRO should be taking seriously," said Borrelli.

When questioned, Aziz responded that it was in fact a friend who made the website for him as a favour. "He's good at making websites, just like some people are good at making posters," he said. "He volunteered to do it for me."

The complaints surrounding Borrelli's appeal included that he felt the market value of the website was equal to hundreds of dollars and that "he has broken the spirit of

the policy as he managed to have campaign material sold to him well below fair market value." The other complaint was that campaign expenses are partially refunded by students after the election as it is the students' money paid into WLUSU which, among other things, goes back into campaign expenses. With this in mind, Borrelli felt it was wrong to expect students to pay for "subsidizing Connolly Aziz's alcohol purchases."

"Campaign spending limits are there for a reason," said Borrelli. "So a candidate

"He has broken the spirit of the policy as he managed to have campaign material sold to him well below fair market value."

-Mike Borrelli, Ex-director of the WLUSU Board

can't buy their election and so we concentrate on their platform, not an expensive spectacle surrounding it. Secondly, there is no way stu-

dents should be picking up the tab for a candidate's alcohol expense. Thirdly, an elected official should know better than to try and get around spending limits by buying friends booze."

Promoli considered the matter and looked into it further ensuring that the fee for the reported case of beer would be claimed as donated material and not as an expense. Promoli also noted that those who have the authority to file an appeal are candidates or party chairs, neither of which Borrelli is.

Residence pipes burst

Brantford students forced out of residence; extensive water damage

JEFFREY HAWKINS
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, January 17, 30 female students from Laurier Brantford's Grand River Hall residence were relocated two kilometres away from campus to the Brantford Holiday Inn due to two separate occasions of water pipes bursting in several locations throughout the building. No cost estimation of damages has been released, however, a hefty price tag is likely to ensue from the severity of the damages.

All classes were suspended last Monday due to the severe water damage occurring early Sunday morning.

All classes were suspended last Monday due to the severe water damage occurring early Sunday morning. According to David Prang, WLU Brantford Residence Life Coordinator, in the second pipe burst students' belongings were not damaged, but the flooding reached residence suites through the drywall hallways, storage and bathroom facilities.

At approximately 2:00pm Saturday afternoon the first pipe burst occurred when a water pipe feeding the dehumidifier on the Grand River Hall's roof burst in eight separate locations throughout a central column of heating service pipes within the building.

As the water began to creep through the drywall and ceiling tiles into the bookstore university personnel, accompanied by roughly a dozen helpful students, opened the lobby doors

attempting to divert the flow of water using shovels and squeegees. However, by opening the doors the frigid weather outside caused the lobby fire sprinkler head to burst.

The water was quickly shut off as university personnel and students continued to dry the floors and drain the excess seepage out the front lobby doors. By 9:15pm the water was back on in the building, but the water seepage had also soaked the insulation to the rest of the pipes in the central piping shaft.

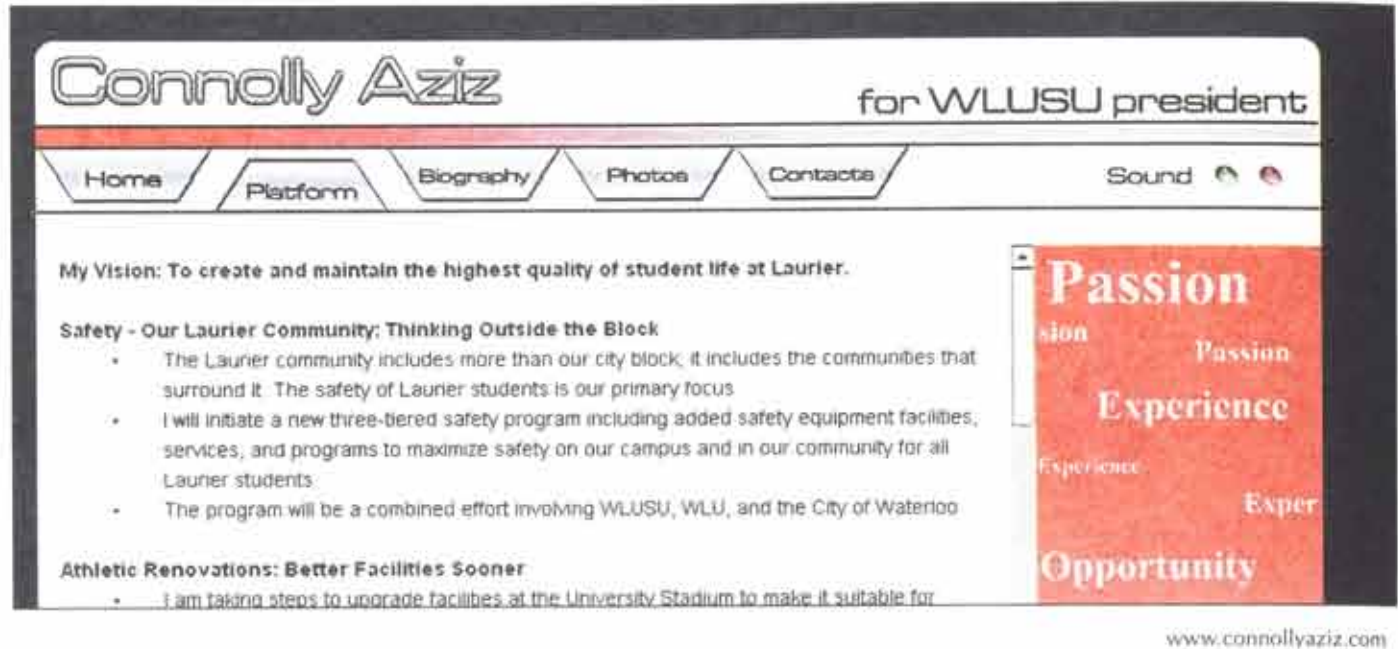
Early Sunday morning the second pipe burst occurred when a smaller water pipe feeding upper floor residence suites burst in several places. This caused water to leak into the hallways, bathrooms and storage facilities drywall.

A disaster recovery crew consisting of plumbers, electricians and security personnel have been assigned to investigate the cause of the pipe bursts, assess the damage and recommend upgrades to a new renovations planning committee for Grand River Hall.

Students were automatically relocated to the Holiday Inn and a shuttle bus travels back and forth three times daily. According to Prang, students should be returning to Grand River Hall by this Friday.

Students are accompanied by a rotating Don schedule to maintain ordinary student life despite being relocated off campus. Special permission has also been granted to students to collect belongings from their recovering suites as needed.

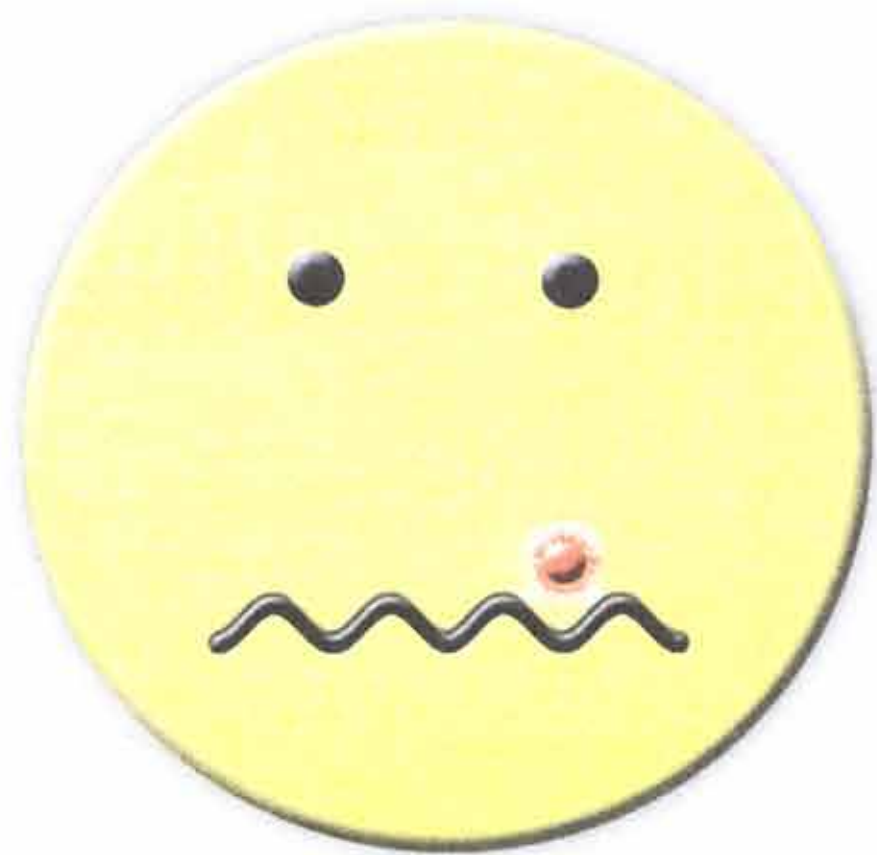
Fortunately for students, the Holiday Inn has just recently completed their installation of internet capability for occupants, so students will not be completely cut off from accessing the global village.



Aziz's website consists of sophisticated Flash graphics and music.

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Frozen Forecast: Males be warned, it's sweet peas and baby carrot season

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Flurries High -8°C Low -17°C P.O.P. 40%	Variable cloudiness High -7°C Low -16°C P.O.P. 40%	A few flurries High -9°C Low -17°C P.O.P. 60%	A few flurries High -6°C Low -15°C P.O.P. 60%	Light snow High -8°C Low -19°C P.O.P. 90%

SBE accredited for high quality

Business school successful in seeking recognition though cost is high

FRASER KING
Staff Writer

The Laurier School of Business and Economics has been accredited by an international accrediting agency.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) has concluded a lengthy investigation of Laurier's business school and has accredited Laurier's undergraduate and graduate programs. This means that the school is now recognized as coming to official business school standards.

Scott Carson, dean of the SBE was happy that the school was accredited and

proud of the students, noting "it is especially pleasing to hear comments from the AACSB review team on the outstanding quality of our students both at the undergraduate and graduate levels."

Though the accreditation comes as good news, Laurier had to begin the process.

Valerie Beyer, the Director of Marketing and Communications for the business school, noted that "the School of Business & Economics initiated the process."

The accreditation procedure is one undertaken by institutions on a voluntary

basis."

While the procedure is done voluntarily, the school had to pay a 'pre-accreditation fee' as well as other fees in the thousands of dollars to have the school be accredited.

"This recognition is valued both within Laurier as a validation of our efforts and by the public as a mark of quality assurance."

-Dr. Robert Rosehart, President WLU

While the cost was high, Beyer mentioned that "[the administration] view this as an investment rather than a

cost." There is an annual AACSB membership fee of \$3,400 for the school.

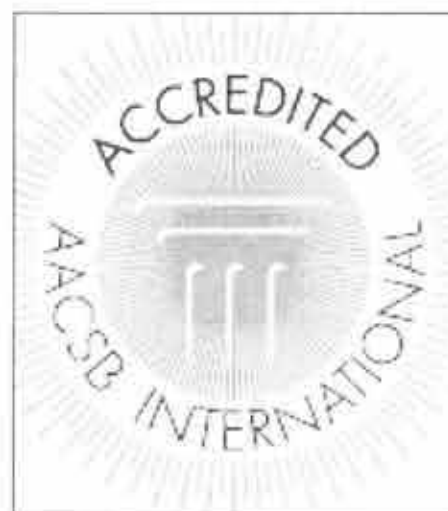
The review team that deemed Laurier to be worthy of accreditation was composed of visiting business department deans from Concordia, Vanderbilt, and John Carroll universities.

"This recognition is valued both within Laurier as a validation of our efforts and by the public as a mark of quality assurance," said Dr. Robert Rosehart, President and Vice-Chancellor of WLU.

The recent deregulation of the business school at Laurier was not a deciding factor.

Beyer noted that the AACSB focused on "a set of standards that are relevant and applicable to all business programs globally" and that "the AACSB accreditation

provides quality assurance," but the cost of the quality was not investigated by the review team.



The SBE is now accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Snow day all day

School cancellation due to inclement weather delights students

APRIL CUNNINGHAM
News Editor

It was the last hope for every procrastinating student in Kitchener-Waterloo Monday night.

Due to extreme weather conditions, Laurier was closed Tuesday along with the University of Waterloo and Conestoga College. It was the first snow day of the year.

Laurier Brantford and the University of Guelph remained open.

A mess of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and ice pellets dumped on the majority of Southwestern Ontario while high winds made visibility relatively poor. The storm system, which blew from the Ohio Valley, caused icy roads and poor driving conditions.

For WLU, the closure meant that all classes were cancelled. The school's essential services, Campus Security, Food Services,

Physical Resources and Animal Care, remained in operation. Any exams were cancelled and assignment deadlines were postponed until the same hour on Wednesday.

The last time Laurier closed due to the weather was April 4, 2003. Winter storms blew throughout Canada this week.

Dr. Robert Rosehart, President of Laurier, made the decision based on poor road conditions, and since "normal operation would pose a significant danger to faculty, staff and students while on campus," in accordance with university policy 7.6.

Students did not seem upset to have a day off.

"It's awesome," said Rick Sturch, first-year business student. "It's giving me a chance to catch up on my work."

His friend, Brad Bos, was also impressed. "I got to sleep in," he said.

The two business students said they were hoping to get another day off Wednesday.

Environment Canada is expecting the storm to move eastward Wednesday, while less severe snowy weather will remain in the region for the rest of the week.

Winter storms blew through every province in Canada this week, except the Northwest Territories.

The Toronto Star says it has been the worst storm since January of 1999, when Mayor Mel Lastman called in the army for snow removal purposes.

According to the University of Waterloo's website, the school has only closed three times in the last ten years. The last time Laurier closed due to the weather was April 4, 2003, the final day of winter term.

News Bites

APRIL CUNNINGHAM
News Editor

WLU application numbers up

Applications to Laurier's faculty of Science and to Laurier Brantford have increased from last year.

Data from the Ontario Universities Application Centre indicates that compared to 2002, applications to the Science program are up 37%.

Dr. Arthur Szabo, Dean of Science, thinks the growth in popularity could be because of increased promotion and investments, as well as the addition of two new programs: Photonics and Financial Mathematics.

Laurier Brantford is attracting students to new programs in Criminology and Organizational Leadership. A joint education program offered in conjunction with Nipissing has received 12 times the applications since its inception.

The number of students Laurier accepts will depend on government funding and money available in the university budget.

With files from Blair Forsyth-Stark

Sobey's robbery

A black male stole an undisclosed amount of cash from Sobey's on Bridgeport Road last Saturday, January 24, at 1:45 am.

He was at the checkout to purchase an item, but when the cashier opened the till, he took the money and ran without incurring violence.

The suspect is about 35-years-old, 5'8" and 160 lbs. He was wearing a headband, a two-tone green ski jacket with a white strip on each shoulder, and beige cargo pants.

Those with information should call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Guardian Pharmacy break and enter

A suspect broke into of the Guardian Pharmacy on University Ave. East last Sunday the 25th at 11:37 pm. He broke into the store after breaking the glass of a doctor's office next to the building and finding a way in.

An undisclosed amount of narcotics was stolen from the pharmacy.

Waterloo Division detectives are continuing investigations on the incident.

Bag o' crime

POSSESSION STOLEN PROPERTY 0220 HRS WED JAN 21/04

A WLU student was found in possession of a bag of ice melt believed to have been taken from WLU property. The matter will be forwarded to the Judicial Affairs Council.

THEFT UNDER \$5000 WED JAN 21/04

A resident student reported the theft of her rear license plate from her vehicle while it was parked at Laurier Place.

COUNTERFEIT JAN 22/04

Food Services staff reported receiving a counterfeit twenty dollar bill in their daily receipts. The bill was turned over to the Regional Police Fraud Branch.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS 1935 HRS FRI JAN 23/04

Residence staff at Macdonald House reported an "older looking" couple wandering around inside the building. When approached by staff the couple left the building and were last seen walking towards King St.

MISCHIEF 0030 HRS SAT JAN 24/04

Residence staff reported that person(s) unknown discharged a fire extinguisher at Heidelberg House.

TRESPASS 0215 HRS SUN JAN 25/04

A non-WLU male was charged with trespassing when he refused to leave the Turret after being requested to do so by staff.

During this time period one warning was issued for a Liquor Act violation.

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WLUSU President



RYAN DUNCAN

My platform will consist of matters of importance to both Waterloo and Brantford campus. Mainly the issue of a shuttle bus with regular travel between the two campuses. I will also support the issue of a \$1.50 raise in tuition in order for Laurier University to support a second refugee student. However, the major concern of my campaign will be to support and encourage the student services provided by this school, and make sure they are available to all students on a

daily basis.

I feel that the need to investigate ways in which to improve voter turn out for elections is also a very big deal, after all a student union should represent all students not some of them. Finally I wish to have greater co-operation between schools in order to address issues of concern for students on a provincial basis with concerted effort, this would allow for students to directly address the issue of the rising cost of education.



STEVE WELKER

President of WLUSU is not a job that should be taken lightly. It is a job that requires someone with the vision, the experience, and the ideas to effectively represent students and implement changes so that we are better meeting the needs of students. I believe that I have the ideas to be your President. I am opposed to tuition deregulation. I will cut the Student Union fee by 10%. I will see that the Athletic Complex is renovated to triple

the size of the fitness centre and weight room and bring in new equipment. I will ensure that the Co-Op & Career Services building is expanded to ensure more services are available for students. I will allow Brantford students to elect their Campus Commissioner. I will implement a health plan for part-time students. I will expand Wilf's to make it a better place to eat and hang out. I will increase

Campus Clubs funding by 10%. And I will create new opportunities for students to participate in their campus. I am the person you want as President. I have the ideas, the vision, and the experience. Vote Steve Welker for WLUSU President. www.welker.ca



CONNOLLY AZIZ

Passion. Experiences. Opportunity.

I believe it is the opportunities, experiences, and services at Laurier that help shape the character of the students that go here. These opportunities, experiences, and services define the quality of student life at this school.

I believe in not just having a high quality of student life, but in providing the HIGHEST QUALITY OF STUDENT LIFE. It is because of my experiences

here that as president, I will not only protect the quality of student life, but I will ensure that it is at the forefront of every decision made during my presidency.

I plan on doing that through improving Campus & Community safety. It is through better athletic facilities. It is through formal recognition of our co-curricular involvement. It is through easily accessible leadership opportunities. It is through

Dependable on-line registration, and the list goes on.

That is my vision: It is for Laurier not only to have, but to be recognized as having, the highest Quality of Student Life. I will achieve this vision through MY PASSION, MY EXPERIENCE, and I am your OPPORTUNITY!

For more information on my platform, please visit my web site: www.connollyaziz.com



ALUN EVANS

As students at WLU, we have an opportunity to be part of something unique: Laurier culture. Our culture binds us together as a community by fostering pride in each student; it defines us as scholars, leaders and individuals. I, Alun Evans, recognize the importance of our culture and as WLUSU President I plan to maintain and enhance our Laurier culture through democratic leadership, passion for Laurier and its students, and

my experience in WLUSU as well as outside of it.

Laurier is one of the few universities in the province which does not have a comprehensive online registration system. As WLUSU President, I plan to work closely with the Registrar's Office to make online registration a reality for all WLU students.

The facilities at the Athletic Complex become increasingly inadequate as our population grows. Naturally students are

seeking other facilities which threatens Laurier's sense of community. I plan to improve the facilities at the Athletic Complex thus making it a place which can accommodate our growing population.

As WLUSU President, I will maintain and enhance Laurier culture that is so unique to WLU while representing the needs of students. On February 5th, you can make a difference, vote Alun Evans.



JEN COULTER

On February 5th, you will elect a leader to represent you and your concerns. I firmly believe that WLUSU affects the quality of student life at Laurier. From food services and safety, to health services and fun on campus, WLUSU is your voice. If elected President I will:

- Commit to transparency, accountability and communication through weekly addresses on an up-to-date WLUSU web-site.

- Collaborate with the Brantford campus to design a "Made in Brantford" plan for governance,

services and space.

- Represent students' interests while renegotiating the Operating Procedures Agreement with WLU to ensure quality of services on campus.

- Develop a strategic plan to ensure WLUSU meets students' future needs.

- Address course evaluations in the spring of 2005 when renegotiation of the faculty agreement occurs.

- Work with academic departments to further develop councils to better represent students via the Laurier Student Caucus.

Ensure WLUSU's business operations focus on the changing needs of our diverse student population.

With my passion and dedication for the students of Laurier, I will ensure that your university will meet your needs. Vote for ability, knowledge and experience.

Vote Jen Coulter for WLUSU President. For Students. jencoulter4prez@hotmail.com. www.geocities.com/jencoulter4prez.

WLUSP President

(POSITION ACCLAIMED)



CRAIG RADCLIFFE

WLU Student Publications is an amazing organization that deserves informed and effective leadership.

I believe that as WLUSP President, I would provide the strong leadership and dedication required to administer its day-to-day operations. As President, I will foster a greater sense of community through providing greater interaction between publications' production teams, and increasing the number of team building events. I will increase revenue by working

with the VP Advertising to develop more competitive advertising price schemes.

I will reevaluate the Blueprint. Specifically I will look at making the move to a more cost-effective format. I will work towards syndicating the Cord Weekly and the Blueprint articles online through ClubLaurier, and I will ensure that the features that already make ClubLaurier "Laurier's Online Community", such as the forums, the weblogs, and the photography gallery, will continue to improve and grow.

I will work with the University administration to further the progress already made by the current President to make the upcoming move to a new location as smooth as possible. I will also make sure that the interests of the students are served in the transition, and that we receive fair treatment from the University in all matters.

WLUSU Vice President: University Affairs



MICHAEL CONWAY

In the upcoming 2004-2005 school year the office of the Vice President of University Affairs should be used to create a better environment within the Laurier community. It should be used to enhance our image within Waterloo, Ontario and beyond. If elected to this position I would hope to promote accessibility, accountability, proper representation and experience within the office of University affairs. Accessibility will be a major issue as the province of Ontario continues to grapple with the effect of the double cohort. Utilizing interest groups like the Ontario

Undergraduate Students Association I would hope to move towards increasing accessibility to Laurier as well as making current problems with accessibility visible to both the administration and students here. Secondly it is time that faculty become more accountable to the student body at Laurier. A new system of teacher evaluations is strongly needed and I plan to make every effort within my power to ensure that they are created and implemented. Lastly, the office of University Affairs is also the voice of Laurier students outside of the school walls. Students need to

elect a VP who can represent their needs and their wishes. I have been involved in many aspects of student life, including intramural sports, winter carnival, foot patrol and Laurier Senate. I can represent the needs of a wide range of students because of these experiences. Simply put, I am just a regular student hoping to work hard for other students here at Laurier.



TRICIA MARTIN

As a candidate for WLUSU Vice President: University Affairs, it is my goal to be an effective liaison between the students of Laurier and the community at large. This position involves working with WLUSU both internally and externally, and I believe that I possess the appropriate skills to meet this challenge. For the past four years, I have been a dedicated member of WLUSU, participating in several committees within the Student Activities department, as well as in the Student Services department, as a Legal Resources representative and then an Executive

member. This has allowed me to see the importance of a positive student life; and I feel that this position has the power (both politically and socially) to uphold this standing.

Working alongside the other members of The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA), a coalition of Ontario student governments; I am determined to assist in the process of ensuring that the quality of undergraduate university student life is constantly being improved, and that the needs of Laurier students are being met. This would include, pressing issues

such as tuition deregulation, student debt, and political awareness in the Waterloo community.

The voice of Wilfrid Laurier students needs to be heard, and I am the candidate who can effectively express your concerns. Vote Tricia Martin on February 5, 2004.



ANTHONY PISCITELLI

Representation:

This year I represented Laurier students on the WLUSU BOD and during that time it became apparent to me that students from Brantford and certain faculties were woefully underrepresented. As Vice President: University Affairs I will work to give more power to these students by reviewing our current representational system with students, making recommendations for reform and bringing those reforms to a referendum.

Growth:

In response to Laurier's

consistent problems with over-enrollment I prepared a report titled 'Does Size Matter' and will use this paper to lobby the administration to review its current enrollment system.

Research Internship Program: As VP:UA I will develop a program to link local community groups with Laurier students interested in applying their schoolwork to real world situations, providing community groups with invaluable advice and students with unique research experience.

Budgeting:

WLUSU volunteers often pay high fees despite their

irreplaceable contributions to the Laurier community. As a director I voted against these fees, and as VP:UA I will cut my departments budget, allowing us to lower these fees and setting an example for other WLUSU departments.

More Information:

To ask questions, view my full platform or volunteer to help visit

www.geocities.com/voteanthony/

Vote Yes on WUSC!

WLUSU Board of Directors



Patrick Alain

As part of the double cohort, I understand the questions and concerns of first year students. Though we may have overcome the first hurdle, the future will undoubtedly present challenges which I am ready to tackle. As a candidate for the WLUSU Board of Directors, I strongly believe we must take an active interest in

providing solutions that will ensure responsible growth for the future. Growth must not be feared; it is the people who make Laurier unique. We must assure that the spirit of Wilfrid Laurier University continues to thrive in this ever-changing environment. Vote Patrick Alain!



David Alexander

I'm running for this position because I believe that the WLUSU organization is a valuable asset to students at Laurier. We all pay this institution to represent and support us, but too often, our student Directors do their jobs from the Board Room. I support greater BOD visibility on both

Waterloo and Brantford campuses. I would work to make the Board more representative by increasing support for student initiatives and standing up for students on important issues such as tuition deregulation. We need a BOD that will encourage diverse views and support individual initiatives.



Dan Allison

In my first year at Laurier, I have had the fortunate opportunity of representing my peers on both first year council, and on the Board of Directors. Through this experience I have come to familiarize myself with the internal operations of WLUSU. As an elected board member, my goal will be to ensure that ALL students enjoy

equal access to all that Laurier has to offer. This means mandatory office hours so that students have easier access to their elected representatives. This means expanding entertainment that's accessible to all students. This means increasing accessibility for special needs students on campus.



Rafiz Andani

My platform for the WLUSU Board of Directors election is largely focused on first year students. I believe that there is potential for greater collaboration, integration and cooperation between programs and councils that exist exclusively for first year students. WLUSU needs, to gain a greater influence with first year stu-

dents, to help students get involved with the school and to connect students with other WLUSU services, events and opportunities. I believe WLUSU has great potential to continue making a difference in life at Laurier and it's essential that the student union gets as involved with the student population as possible.



Paul Boudreau

Hello, my name is Paul Boudreau and I am running for WLUSU's Board of Directors. I am doing so not out of self interest, but rather because the Students Union is an organization which is extremely important to me as a means of representation and provider of services to the student body of Laurier.

I feel strongly that, if elected, I could lend the skills and lessons I have acquired through my experiences both in and outside WLUSU towards both continuing the tradition of excellence already established and help WLUSU continue to evolve to meet the challenges of the future.



Adria Cehovin

My focus for next year is to further inform others about the health concerns that affect people on campus in relation to the buildings. This correlates to the proposed Athletic Complex renovation, the recent creation of Academic buildings and the proposed addition. Correspondingly, 'Laurier' should be more

accessible in three ways; the B.O.D. to all students (via a more direct web link with minutes posted, and), stronger connection with Brantford to pool together the talents of all students (via more student representation), and improved physical accessibility for those who need it.



Tudor Costache

We need progressive thinking to strengthen democracy at Laurier! My main goal is to get you, the students, actively involved in the political process, and I'll do this by constantly and openly communicating with you. Firstly, I'll maintain a weblog where I'll describe how I'm representing your interests, and where you

can give me direct feedback. Secondly, I'll use online forums to give you a chance to ask questions and demand clear answers. Lastly, I'll always be available in the con-course. I want to engage you in a conversation to strengthen democracy and represent you better! So get involved: <http://change.stonyrub-bish.com/>



Trevor Cresswell

WLUSU is one of the most spirited and enthusiastic universities in the country. With its vast network of student services and opportunities WLUSU has done an excellent job developing the unique sense of pride, and community that has become the essence of Laurier. As the university continues to expand, it is crucial

that WLUSU strengthen its communications with the student body. As a member of BOD I will encourage input from students and promote open forum discussions where problems, concerns and ideas can be brought forth to the board. I hope to assist in making the 2004-2005 year awesome.



Jodi Dam

My name is Jodi Dam. I am a first year contemporary studies major at Laurier Brantford. I have been heavily involved at Laurier Brantford and upon election I will dedicate my time and energy to every student that I will represent. I will be very accessible for all Laurier students. I think Brantford issues need to be brought to the fore-

front of the WLUSU political spectrum. I want to bring my open mindedness to the board to ensure that despite differences, it is possible to still reach resolutions that are in the best interests of the students.



David Daniels

As a board we should strive to create opportunities, provide activities, and represent the voice of the students attending Laurier. With deregulation spreading throughout campus I would like to see the funds given back to the students in order to preserve the quantity and quality of services we, as students,

should be provided with. Stressing quality at Laurier is very important to me and my education, so as a member of the board student services would be my main focus. Giving back to WLUSU and all students at Laurier is something that I want to put everything I have into.



Bernard Dawson

The coming year will be a tough one for the Laurier community and no one should hold any illusions about the issues that this school will be facing during the 2004-05 school year. Numerous problems loom ahead in the coming months and the WLUSU BOD will have to be present and active in order to pre-

vent the students of this great school from being pushed aside and ignored. The time has come for Laurier students to take a stand and declare that they will not be ignored anymore. So take a stand and vote Bernard Dawson for WLUSU BOD.



Matthew Gouett

Throughout my years at Laurier, I have always been proud of our reputation of spirit and competitiveness. I wish to continue this tradition through the board and their objectives. As a candidate for WLUSU Board of Directors, it is my vision that the board take an active role in protecting students' rights, in

search of off-campus housing. Furthermore, this year highlighted the board's responsibility in guaranteeing a safe education and environment for all students. I intend to encourage the board to uphold these values, as these issues not only concern me but every student who attends Laurier. Vote Matt Gouett!



Laura Gray

Working with YOU, Working for YOU If elected as a member of the Board of Directors, I am committed to: Making more volunteer positions available in the Student's Union to accommodate the thousands of applications received Work with Grand River Transit to attempt to include a bus pass as

part of our tuition Improving the Fitness Facility at the A/C Finding a means to release course evaluations to assist students with course selections Continuing to improve the security on campus Ensuring the B.O.D works in a fiscally responsible manner Maintaining Golden Hawk spirit!



Lyndsey Jones

We must have access to a meaningful learning experience through more variety in course selection, significantly smaller class sizes and improved access to faculty. We must ensure that students have more access to a wide variety of financial aid, particularly bursaries and scholarships. We must work with the university to ensure that physical

space is accessible to all students. We must have access to quality infrastructure, including study space, information technology and library resources. We must ensure that incoming students have access to comprehensive academic orientation sessions. If elected, I will ensure ACCESS. Progress. Perspective. Passion.



Fraser McCracken

Large class sizes, long lines and crowded facilities are all familiar sights in a Laurier student's life. I believe that it is time for that to change. As a director, I will stand up for your rights and fight for what your tuition dollars are supposed to provide. I will work actively to ensure a democratic and

transparent Board of Directors that is truly accountable to you, the students. I will use my experiences from First Year Council and ERT to actively work for you. I challenge you Laurier. On February 5th, make your voice heard. Vote Fraser McCracken.



Jen Mitchell

Instead of telling you what you want, I want to tell you what I want. I want better teaching evaluations. That is why through Arts Council I have already begun a strategy to be launched after reading week that has gotten incredible support from faculty and students alike. I want our Brantford

campus to feel more a part of Laurier. I want a second WUSC refugee student. I want to feel that those who represent me as a student at Laurier are there for that reason, not for their resumé. I want to feel represented and listened to. Do you?



Nicholas Murphy

Upon Election it is my goal to be an accessible and accountable director for all Laurier students. I've been an active leader on the Brantford Campus for two years and I plan on bringing my drive and determination for reform to both campuses. I plan on applying creative and unconventional means

for dealing with student affairs. Solidarity needs to become a part of student government again. I will dedicate myself to being a responsive director who is determined to see that democracy and direct interaction ensure that this board rests with those who empower me to represent them.



Tiffany Strobel

My name is Tiffany Strobel and I am a first year Business student here at Laurier. Over the last five months here, I have noticed numerous things that I feel should be changed and improved upon. Specifically, the division between prime and alternative dollars on the OneCard does not reflect our needs, nor

do the hours of operations in the Dining Hall. If elected to the WLUSU Board of Directors I will fight for change and I will represent student concern to the best of my ability.



Brad Murray

My name is Brad Murray and I am a second year Contemporary Studies major at Laurier Brantford. It is my hope upon election to become a vocal and accessible representative for all Laurier students. I believe it is essential that Brantford and all of it's issues be considered at a level more serious than

in past years. I also find it important that if elected I do everything in my power to bring legitimacy and accountability to the Board of Directors. Fin



Taylor Vanderwey

Firstly, I would like to see a bus pass for all Laurier students. I believe that the housing crisis in Waterloo is critical and with the university revoking their policy guaranteeing residence to first years, having a bus pass in the next year may become a critical need for many students. Secondly, I would

like to see the visibility of the board increased around campus. I believe that the students should be more informed and educated about the dealings & resolutions that affect them. As your representative I will ensure that these issues are brought forward and dealt with appropriately.



Sanjay Ojjo

Community Spirit + Fair Representation + Student Voice = Sanjay Ojjo. Sanjay Ojjo wants to work for the students, by ensuring their voice be heard and their needs are met. Sanjay Ojjo has been active in the school through Bacchus (student services), Fashion 'n' Motion (student activities) and House Council (residence life).

Sanjay Ojjo believes his involvement in the school will help him represent the students in a positive fashion.



Alysia Wyville

With the incamera sessions of WLUSU and virtual invisibility on campus, the current WLUSU BOD disassociated itself from the typical WLU student. I propose increased accessibility and visibility of the BOD, assisted by WLUSP. BOD needs to make its self available, but also make the student body aware of its

function. BOD needs an aggressive style of marketing to engage a reluctant student body. As well, I propose WLUSU Waterloo Campus foster stronger ties with our Brantford Campus. The Board needs to write a focused yearly "mission statement" to accompany the Mission, Vision and Values of WLUSU.



Kevin Spahich

One of the primary jobs of the Students' Union is to oversee where YOUR MONEY is spent. Students at Laurier deserve a student government that is responsible with this money and accountable to you, the student. If elected to the WLUSU Board of Directors, I will strive to make the 'Laurier Experience' a positive

one for all students by making sure YOUR MONEY is not wasted. I will endeavour to act in the interests of all Laurier students by listening to your concerns BEFORE any major decisions are made that will affect you. Remember to voice your opinion on February 5.

WLUSP Board of Directors

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Mike D'Aloisio

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Kornel Szrejver

As a Director of the Board for Student Publications, I intend to represent the students of Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo and Brantford, by providing them with the best possible value from the financial contributions that they provide. I intend to contribute in the development of Student Publication in the Brantford campus, while simultaneously ensuring that the funds that all students provide are spent efficiently and properly to satisfy important student needs. I feel that my past leadership experience will undoubtedly enable me to provide this service for all the students of the Wilfrid Laurier community.

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The tools for mass communication, within the university, are constructed and maintained by Student Publications. Students are provided the option to benefit from these information channels, or allocate their time elsewhere.

The primary responsibility of WLUSP is to increase the importance of their tools by creating reliable information that earns the users respect. Publications successful in achieving this respect will ultimately increase the value of their product. Given the opportunity I will ensure these responsibilities are accomplished, and surpassed.

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Jordan Jocius

Eden Orbach



Tunde Igli

Working closely with the president, with the other members of the board and with volunteers, we can ensure the smooth and efficient operation of WLUSP. I hope to create a positive and interactive environment, where volunteers feel appreciated. We need to hire the right people for the right jobs in order to ensure that each volunteer's experience with Student Publications is an unforgettable one.

As 2003-2004 WLUSP Vice President of Finance and Administration I gained a good understanding of the organization and arising issues. I have the passion necessary to be a good member of the WLUSP Board of Directors.

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"Lirpa!"

- April Cunningham, in reference to what she would want her fake name to be. (note: Lirpa is April spelled backwards)

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- Stefan Sereda, and Caitlin, who thanked almonds

Before I forget like I did last week, first thing: Amy Wright must be the most beautiful person in the entire world. I think it's impossible to be around her and not smile... Hypocrisy: who doesn't know something now, Ms. Morality? Have a good trip Cummie. When are you leaving? "Soon! Soon!" Katie, you are absolutely great. I've never known an editor who cared so much about her section... Stefan, you look up way too much space, jerk! No thanks to all those people who want me to write references for them. Don't you understand how poorly organized I am? Just kidding. I'll have them all done by this weekend. Promise... Sorry for misspelling your name last week, Lynda... All. Friday. You're in, right? -WM

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Chit-chat and trouble

Stalkers, predators and getting labeled a cyber-slut: the dangers of online chats.
The benefits: emoticons saying 'I love you'



News Editor
April Cunningham

My parents and close friends were terrified. I was awe-struck and head-over-heels for someone I had never met. It began with that magical button on the ICQ interface: "random chat".

I was just 15 years old when my friend downloaded ICQ Instant Messenger on our family computer. It was the dawning of the golden age of ICQ, the popular predecessor of MSN Messenger, and a whole new world had opened up for me. Almost every night that summer, I stayed online until the wee, wee hours despite my parents' pleas to come to bed. They knew my newfound addiction was changing me. After my minister commented that he thought I looked like I was growing up, my father responded that it was the internet that was aging me.

So what was it that kept me online? One word: guys. I had never had a real boyfriend at that point, and the attention a girl can get on the internet is astounding. My contact list almost completely consisted of boys, most of whom I met on ICQ.

Looking back, I realize how dangerous my habit really was. I probably gave out way too much personal information, and if any

sick man wanted to, he could have tracked me down and hurt me. And I had my innocent mind messed with like one would expect. I even thought I was in "internet love" with a guy from Chatham, five years older than me. I had no idea what love was.

ICQ made it easier to meet random people than MSN does. MSN users seem to use the messenger to keep in touch with friends and family, while for me, at least, ICQ was like going to the bar for a 15-year-old. If I set myself "available for random chat" who knew where the night might lead.

I think that's the difference between ICQ and MSN. ICQ, when used to meet new people, creates a virtual community and virtual relationships. Other internet services such as Lavalife and Yahoo Personals work the same way. But MSN is more of a connection between realities via virtual reality.

The internet has shown us that it is possible to exist virtually, like I did that summer. I, like many others, became addicted to this virtual reality.

As any addiction, I don't think this one was healthy. I continuously felt guilty, like I was hiding an entire side of myself from my parents; and with all those boys on my contact list, I was technically a cyber-slut. When I entered the virtual world, I left the real world and my family and friends didn't see much of me.

Still, dwelling in a virtual reality is not all bad. As a girl living in the country without a driver's license, I was able to travel any-

where in the world. For that summer, my social life was a virtual life. I learned about dating and sex online which was exciting and shameless.

The likes of MSN and ICQ have hopped on the band wagon of challenges for youth along with drugs, alcohol, and relationships. They now have a whole new dimension of reality to contend with. It may make them stronger, more intelligent adults, or it could hinder their social development.

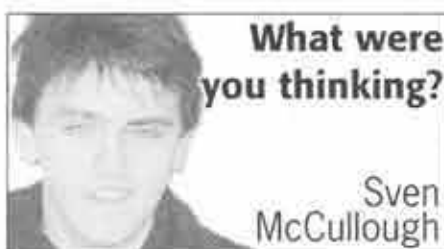
Lucky for me, I came out of the virtual experience with a real-life boyfriend. I met Jake in a restaurant over a year after he randomly sent me a message on ICQ. We're still together today.

Others haven't been so lucky. We've all heard the Oprah stories of young girls being kidnapped by internet predators.

Although the golden age of ICQ seems to have passed, and MSN is more widely used for communicating with people we know, the virtual reality has only intensified. Businesses depend on internet communications along with phone and fax to maintain professional contacts. More and more internet services are becoming available to click-start romantic relationships, and gamers meet online to play anything from chess to X-Box. Virtual reality could very well be the most powerful element of new technology. It co-exists with our reality so that our lives become a balancing act between the two. Our relationships may be enhanced, altered or hurt by its use. Finding Jake was like finding a diamond in the rough.

Virtual existence is now inevitably part of life on earth. It's an intense expressway. Proceed with caution.

Leaving Civic Nation at a reasonable speed



What were you thinking?
Sven McCullough

Hey, Mr. "I'm wearing the see-through sunglasses that J. Lo wore in her last video while I drive erratically in my lowered Honda Civic", you can't drive. Take it from me, a self-proclaimed expert on everything, who has a perfect driving record. Well not technically, but perfect as long as you aren't on the road. It's high time you learned to drive like me or get the hell off my road.

Mr. Civic likes to drive fast. Get out of his way, there could be a sale on seat belt shoulder pads or windshield stickers that make his car go faster! Nothing is more important than where he is going, except that you aren't driving in his path. Forget that the speed limit is 40 km/h and you're driving through a school zone for blind kids; forget that the road is one lane wide; Mr. Civic will try to pass you. A speed limit is actually a challenge to him. "Sharp curve 20 km/h you say?! Well we'll see about that."

Mr. Civic laughs in the face of pedestrians. Who yields the right

of way to walking folk anyway? You're forgetting that he is the undisputed Formula 1 champion of suburbia. Pedestrians have no place on a race track, be it Monza or King St. The big overhanging yellow sign and the lines painted on the road that us uneducated in Mr. Civic's Rules of Street Racing would call a pedestrian crosswalk, is actually the finish line. And the elderly people who use it are his fans. When he flies through the last checkpoint he is met with loud cheers. What? You thought they were waving their fists at him and cursing him to hell? How wrong you were. No, they are jubilating that Mr. Civic has just won the "Driving to Tim Horton's Grand Prix".

Mr. Civic supes up his car. Step 1: buy an import. Step 2: lower it. Step 3: get rims. Step 4: accessorize.

Mr. Civic likes loud music. It's not enough that only he can hear his Euro ecstasy popping rave tunes, he just wants to share his love of synthesizers and subwoofers with the world. Thank you Mr. Civic for driving by my house at 3:00 am with your muf-

fler that makes your car sound more powerful rumbling and your music blaring. You took it upon yourself to provide the townspeople with wall-thumping, glass shattering music when they need it most.

Mr. Civic supes up his car. Step 1: buy an import. Step 2: lower it. Step 3: get rims. Step 4: accessorize. This is the most important step because it's here that the car receives valuable performance enhancing add-ons like chrome wipers, CD mirror ornaments, a do-it-yourself tint job and if nothing else, the all-mighty stickers. Stickers serve a purpose beyond obstructing Mr. Civic's view out of his rear window, or advertising to car thieves what kind of stereo lies inside: they make his car go faster! You didn't know? And with all that extra speed he'll need a spoiler taken from a 747 to keep that power monster of a car on the road. Again, not just for decoration.

Mr. Civic is a woman. Or an old person, or a dog that learned to drive. He comes in many forms and drives different cars to fool you. He's anyone who breaks traffic laws, tailgates on ice, races someone or looks at me the wrong way. Are you Mr. Civic?

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Cord Opinion: Takin' it to the endzone. Nothin' but net.

Letters to The Cord

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Colin's concerns

I would like to respond to the "Student Union Evaluations" article by Jennifer Asselin and Wilbur McLean (*The Cord Weekly*, January 21, 2004). Specifically, the authors are critical of the WLUSU BOD's positions on deregulation of the BBA Program, the University's guaranteed residence policy, and actions taken concerning the rehiring of the Dean of Music.

Concerning deregulation, the article claims that "each (Board) member seemed to want different things and in the end they were unable to work together." This claim is false. At a meeting on September 10, our Board unanimously passed a motion endorsing the previous Board's motion of officially opposing deregulation. We also created a position paper which detailed WLUSU's opposition to deregulation, which was distributed to Senate members and the University community. Many Board members attended the September 22 meeting of the Senate to voice their opposition, and the final decision to deregulate was the result of Senate members choosing to protect their own departments from cutbacks. Immediately after the decision, an ad-hoc committee was struck by the Board to monitor the University's plans for deregulation and continued WLUSU involvement, and a strategic document with recommendations on WLUSU involvement will be forthcoming to next year's Board.

With regards to the University's changes in guaranteed residence policy, the article claims "the changes... saw little involvement from the board". Board members were involved over the summer in monitoring University policy, and consistently questioned University administration about where first-year students would be housed. In September, when students in non-traditional residences came forward with concerns about programming and social activities, the President and board worked to secure \$30,000 from the University to match residence floor funding.

In November, an emergency meeting was held by the Board to hear student concerns about the rehiring of the Dean of Music. The article claims that the "students that were present left feeling as though their voices were unheard." This is patently false. Each student was given the opportunity to express their concerns, and a motion was passed that compelled the WLUSU President to communicate student concerns to the University's Hiring Committee, and a document thoroughly outlining their concerns was then sent to the Hiring Committee on behalf of those students.

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Perverts and comedians

I have been a *Cord* reader for the last year and a half, and certain things have been bothering me more and more with each issue. This publication goes above and beyond the truth, constantly searching for offensive and immature material, which is then passed off as 'telling it like it is.'

Last term, the front page featured a picture of a befouled toilet (October 8, 2003). I understand trying to

comment on the quality of the washrooms at Laurier, but that was completely unnecessary. Strangely enough, I have never seen any toilets, underwear, or any other perverse attempt at (quite literally) toilet humour anywhere in *The Toronto Star*.

In the last school year, the front page was a close up diagram of female genitalia. What are you trying to prove exactly? If you regard photos intended to 'gross people out' as news, then way to go, we're all that much smarter. Another example: in the January 21 issue, you have the "Top 10 biggest Students' Union BOD disappointments." What starts off as a serious article ends with number one being Dan Herman, accompanied by one word: "EVIL". Need I say more?

Another case in point: Lindsay Blewett's "I can fake it any day" (January 21, *The Cord Weekly*) article. The entire article discusses how she can fake orgasms. Do you think Bob Rosehart is proud to show his school newspaper to anyone when it has content like this? People's minds are clouded, believing that the *Cord* says the dirty truth, no matter who tries to censor it. I sincerely hope I am not the only person who sees through this ridiculous blabber passed off as newsworthy.

To conclude, the majority of the material in *The Cord* is baseless tripe, proved by the fact that anyone who can string a sentence together can be a writer. Why not make the only school newspaper something worth reading? If you want to make jokes, go into stand-up.

Graham Markham

Lindsay blew it

I am writing in response to two articles published in *The Cord* by a columnist of yours (Lindsay Blewett), dealing with issues on 'punkyness' and 'guys who cannot have sex' ("Punky life," January 8, 2004, and "News: you're no Dirk Diggler," January 21, 2004). The latter does not focus on a certain or specific inability, but simply because they are male: which according to the writer is all of us "package bearing fellows."

I'm going out on a limb here, seeing how it is still only January, but I am confident in saying these writings are, and will continue to be, the biggest piece of contrived, contradictory bullshit that I will read all year.

Thank you Lindsay for wasting my time. Can I have my five minutes back now?

Wondering how she made it to *The Cord*,

Christopher Mcevoy

Liar, Liar! Pants lack fire!

In response to Lindsay Blewett's article, "News: You're no Dirk Diggler" (*The Cord Weekly*, January 21, 2004), I would like to ask: who benefits? While I am well aware that women often fake orgasms I would like to know why.

Ladies, no one benefits from you faking it. Unless him buying it makes you feel like you're one step closer to that Oscar (it could happen, Halle Berry won for something similar), you do not benefit at all.

The other half doesn't benefit either: after witnessing your Oscar-caliber performance he will think that his own performance is just as deserving of an award and

therefore, he will NEVER change. If he thinks what he is doing is good enough, why would he change? Why would he try and mess with a good thing? You get off (or so he thinks), he gets off, everyone wins in his eyes. But, the truth is everyone is at a great loss. Not just you, but every other woman he jackhammers into the mattress will have to suffer.

If he isn't doing what you like, don't fake it. Don't force moans and groans, help him to figure out what he is doing wrong. Learn what you like and teach him. By faking an orgasm you are only encouraging bad behaviour.

Though women like Lindsay may like to blame men for their less-than-mediocre sex skills, I blame women who fake orgasms.

Leanne Romanelli

Collie can't fail

In response to Chris Collie's article "Punk used to be about Politics" (*The Cord Weekly*, January 21, 2004), I just wanted to say thank you. I actually creamed my pants. It was awesome. The true meaning of punk rock has been so misconstrued by the popularity of those bands it makes me sick. Everyone likes a catchy tune, but I just wish that it wasn't labeled punk, because that's not what punk is. I'm sure Sid and Joe are rolling over in their graves at the idea of New Found Glory being labeled punk.

Somewhere down the line big music execs realized that punk could be repackaged and mass marketed to a culture of drones, and someone needs to give them a kick in the ass and reclaim punk for what it is: a badass genre that had something to say "about the authority and ideology of our governments." Punk has nothing to do with the myopic views presented in popular music that don't extend beyond their bodies, their vans or their velvet-lined traumas.

Lindsay Blewett

Complain in vain

Granted, the "new" punk may be markedly different from "original" punk, but Chris Collie can't say that they are necessarily different genres ("Punk used to be about politics," *The Cord Weekly*, January 21, 2004).

One of the most basic rules in music appreciation is that genres evolve. Compare Johnny Cash to Toby Keith, or Grandmaster Flash to 50 Cent. Even look at the forefathers of punk, the Ramones (who, as an aside, had no interest in politics), and compare them to NOFX. Granted, evolution's not always for the better, but that doesn't mean these artists have stepped outside the bounds of their respective genres; it means that they've evolved with the music and taken it in new directions.

I would agree, however, that sub-definition is sometimes necessary (like when Nirvana came out and they weren't really rock, so they were alternative-rock or grunge-rock). Some have called Good Charlotte and Simple Plan pop-punk; I think a more accurate definition would be mall-punk. Can't you see it? All those li'l Avriils and Sk8r Bois primped up and hanging at the food court, throwing garbage and dodging Security Guard LaFours?

Mall-punk. Yeah. Cause

really, that's what their movement's about; looking good, causin' trouble (but not too much) and shopping at West 49. But that doesn't mean they're "not punk;" they're just a stupid kind of punk.

Kerry O'Brien

Habitat hammers back

As I read the article "Indirect theft" by Sven McCullough (*The Cord Weekly*, January 21, 2004), I thought, "Wow, what a complainer."

Instead of being thankful for all you do have, you're complaining about how it's not good enough. Be happy that you at least have a car. I freeze my butt off every day as I walk the 20 minutes to school, along with many other students who can't afford a car. Then I got to the end and thought, "Alright, maybe this is a bit of a joke." But even if it is, there is still a problem with telling people not to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Maybe you should pass that kind of judgment on Habitat only after you've educated yourself at least a little bit on the organization and how it works.

People do not just have houses 'built' for them; it's a bit more complicated than that. The application process alone takes months, then homeowners have to put in a certain number of hours working on their home, and they also have to pay a mortgage to Habitat. Of course some people abuse the system, and yeah, this sucks and makes me angry too. But if we let those few discourage us from lending a hand to those who may have been given a rougher deal in life, especially kids, then we're giving in way too easily.

Whether you're an idealist, a realist or a cynic, you still share this place with lots of other people and how you choose to respect this fact is a reflection on your values and your character.

Tamara Rasokas
On behalf of the WLU Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter

"Survivor" wins immunity

I was a little put off, as any self-respecting "Survivor" fan should be, about "Shove pseudo-survival" (*The Cord Weekly*, January 14, 2004) which claimed that this program "exploits cultures and ignores the plight of others".

The article's main thesis seemed to be the immorality of exploiting other cultures and ignoring their plight. I would find it difficult to disagree with that, there are a lot of terrible things that happen in this world. The author claims that "entire cultures, like those in Africa, are presented based around tribal stereotypes." This seems to be an outrageous claim since he doesn't even know exactly when the show airs.

Having watched all episodes of the show it is easy to say that this is simply not true. "Survivor" does an excellent job of creating the proper mix of education while still fulfilling its main goal of being a game show with real contestants. Specifically in the Africa season, which the author mostly focused on, the show made constant intelligent references to the indigenous Maasai tribes of Kenya without a sense of exploitation, but rather preservation and respect for their culture. The show made it very clear and

never simply generalized the African people. Also, the lack of any kind of war in Kenya made the author's references to the sounds of AK-47s in the African Savannah seem misleading. It seems that the author of the article has exploited the African culture by making sweeping generalizations on insufficient evidence to prove his point.

In regards to ignoring the plight of others, I again have to disagree. Going back to the Africa example, AIDS is one of the biggest problems in Kenya. After an episode where two contestants saw the horrors of AIDS first hand, the crew from "Survivor" began to sell off props from the show and donated all of the money to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. This is hardly ignoring a problem. Is it really fair to pick on Survivor because the contestants are in a different country?

The article completely misrepresents the whole nature of the show by giving it a double standard against other game shows just because it is a 'reality' show. Exploiting and ignoring the culture of others is a terrible thing, but this article used misleading information to pick on a TV show that not only doesn't exploit and ignore cultures, but arguably promotes them better than other game shows while still providing an entertaining program.

Mark "Malachi" Broadbent

Bookburglar

On January 13, I attempted to return the now-useless to me course text I had purchased only a few days earlier. Unused and only half-heartedly flipped through the night prior, the assistant manager declared that the book was used and had been read, simply because when observing the book upon return she could immediately find page 12.

Why is that a judgment of whether a book has been used or not?

I never read it, I only went to one class before I decided I wanted to drop the course and now I can not even get my money back for the book. For all I knew, the book could have been that way when I bought it. Obviously there are some people who go through books on the shelves. Apparently some customers have complained before about the condition of some books on the shelves and refused to pay full price, so to prove the store's policy point about refunding books in mint condition, the manager put the used sticker on my book right in front of me! The manager did not enter the argument until I requested his presence, and did not even observe the condition of the book himself. He matter-of-factly backed up his assistant's final decision without even taking a two-second glance at the textbook. New slick cover, perfect spine, glue in the binding intact, straight corners, no folded pages and he offered me the used price at 75% of the original cost.

I had just been robbed by the bookstore!

If the WLU bookstore policy is going to be so strict that they will not honour their return policy, even when it is within the return dates, what else can a student do? We can not do anything except bend over and try to take it happily, because realistically there is no alternative to shopping at the

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Elect black women for prez



Editor-in-Chief

Wilbur McLean

Twelve years ago, Boyz II Men's "End of the Road" was at the top of the billboard charts; Batman Returns was the number one movie at the box office; The Toronto Blue Jays won their first World Series and Bill Clinton was elected president of the United States.

It's been twelve years since a woman last held the post of WLUSU president and, all things considered equal, there's only a one in five chance of that trend ending this year.

In a school that's nearly 60% female, it's alarming to consider that it's been twelve years since a woman held that position.

It doesn't end there, however.

In that time span, there have been only two visible minorities who've held the position of WLUSU President.

Want to hold the most prominent student-held position in the University? Be a white guy.

To compare, five of the last twelve Student Publications presidents have been female;

two have been visible minorities.

So why does this happen? As fun as it would be to blame the voters for sexism and/or racism, that's not been the case.

Rather, looking back through the years, it's been a lack of candidacy by women and minorities that has caused the discrepancy in leadership.

Turns out black women simply don't want to be president of the Students' Union.

There are likely a few reasons for that.

Many minorities at Laurier are first or second generation Canadians and the cultural beliefs instilled in them about university are that post-secondary education serves only one purpose: to learn in a classroom setting and get a degree.

It's no coincidence that it's Laurier's prestigious programs that house the most number of visible minorities: the SBE programs.

While Canadian culture dictates university is an all-encompassing, well-rounded experience, that isn't the opinion held by most of the rest of the world, including East and South Asia, where a large portion of Southern Ontario's (and hence, Laurier's) minority population originate.

Women, however, are a different story and may shy

away from the presidency because of the nature of the role.

Politics are traditionally a male-dominated field and the loud, boasting, "look-at-the-size-of-mine" attitude of professional politics lends itself well to the traditional male mindset.

Perhaps this example unnaturally finds women shying away from the position and politics in general.

Think about it: how often does one come across a woman who strives to enter politics as a profession? Rarely.

Alas, it's unfortunate that despite the growing number of minorities at Laurier and the fact that the majority of the school is female, we don't find more different types of people running for election.

I can assure one thing.

This year, like every other year, my Board of Directors votes will go to all of the women and visible minorities who are running.

Just for being who they are.

In order to truly be a representative body, all the groups on campus need to be represented.

And, for that reason, I'm sure Laurier will elect a black woman for WLUSU president in 2005/06.

Now, if one will only run for the job.

Shifty's Top 10

favourite WLUSU Board of Directors candidate platforms



10. Matthew Gouett.
Highlights: Standing up for student rights in the search for off-campus housing; student safety



9. David Alexander
Highlights: Greater attention given to student initiatives and tuition deregulation



8. Nicholas Murphy
Highlights: Reforming Brantford and main campus governments; ensuring democratic practices



7. Laura Gray
Highlights: Improved campus security, availability of course evaluations for course selection



6. Tudor Costache.
Highlights: Encouraging democratic involvement in WLUSU via personal availability in media



5. Patrick Alain.
Highlights: At least one candidate mentioned responsible growth



4. David Daniels.
Highlights: Returning the funds generated by deregulation to students for quality education



3. Taylor Vanderwey
Highlights: Universal bus pass to alleviate WLU revoking guaranteed first-year residence



2. Jen Mitchell.
Highlights: Supporting another refugee student, better teaching evaluations and ties to Brantford



1. Lyndsey Jones.
Highlights: stressing student access to profs, space, infrastructure, and financial aid

Vote for me!!!!!!



Sloth. Suspicion. Shamelessness.

Stefan Sereda

"Smackdown your vote." Someone should smackdown WLUSU's Elections and Referenda Committee, and any candidates who employ such hyperbole and exaggerated language to sell the election or themselves.

The race to see who's playing Napoleon in the Students' Union next year is on, and as usual, coded and overt language is being used to promote the candidates in the most shameless way possible.

It was obvious from the beginning of the race: the Elections Committee were decked out in "Smackdown your vote" T-shirts. As if voting was a way of asserting your political views in this virtuous example of student democracy. Sorry if you were mistaken: it's really just an individual way of legitimizing a system that elects dons, frat leaders, and, okay, Andy Pushalik. Your vote probably doesn't count unless you're voting the way a massive WLU organization is, because candidates running for President have less chance of winning an election than the Green Party if they aren't affiliated with Residence Life, Greek Life or WLUSU. Let's not pretend like anyone is storming the Bastille, or even delivering a Tonya Harding-caliber smackdown.

Why does the Elections Committee need T-shirts, and more importantly, sweat pants, that bear this slogan? Are the T-shirts really the best method for promoting elections? Do the sweatpants help them run around and encourage students to exercise their voting might? Or are they more pieces of Laurier apparel to remind these few individuals what extra-curricular they were involved in during 2004? Would students not know that there's an election going on by all the posters littered all over campus for two weeks in advance? I suppose there is one good use for the T-shirts: it's easy to find the right people to complain to when candidates surpass the Election Committee's ridiculousness.

This is where the self-promotion gets really blatant, dishonest, and pathetic. Posters start to look like advertisements for cleaning products that will keep the table in the Boardroom shining with lemon-freshness. Candidates try to come up with the best ad schemes to sell themselves possible, yet few have any originality.

The most common promotional tool is a list of usually three adjectives of virtue, which the candidate allegedly possesses or can bring to Laurier. This can be combined with alliteration to really drive the point home. Take for example, the new Lyndsey Jones slogan: "Progress. Perspective. Passion." Though this candidate, as a BOD member, has demonstrated that she can bring forth such promises as

a Director, other candidates make promises the equivalent of the McDonald's slogan "I'm lovin' it." Positive, vague, and as unoriginal as Justin Timberlake.

And while some candidates accomplish originality (see Anthony Piscitelli's funny George Bush posters), and others are told that putting naked photos of themselves on their posters is harassment, the worst attempts at publicity are usually the most aggressive.

If I may direct everyone's attention to www.connollyaziz.com, and this candidate's attempt to campaign with promotional music, I'm sure you'll all see how twisted this is. The immediate question that springs to my mind is whether or not Big Wreck wrote "That Song" to help some guy win a minor student election years after it was no longer popular. Furthermore, is Aziz paying any of these bands (whose music is not credited on the site) royalties? Would such a fee go above and beyond the \$250 allowed to be spent on a campaign? Does this flash animation website do so in general? When do you cross the line between selling yourself and buying an election?

The gimmicks employed in several campaigns seem dishonest. Why are all these candidates resorting to such ruthless advertising? Once elected to office, will these candidates renege on the promises made during their campaign? Please deliver the candidates who lack substance a smackdown.

Tensions peak in Somalia

Somaliland and Puntland regions on brink of war

TYLER WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

The already tumultuous situation in impoverished Somalia has gotten even more dangerous and chaotic in recent days, as tensions increased between the autonomous region of Puntland and the republic of Somaliland over the disputed regions of Sool and Sanaag.

In addition, the situation has been exacerbated by recent statements from Puntland's President, Abdullahi Yusuf, accusing the neighbouring country of Djibouti of arming Somaliland and encouraging it to attack Puntland.

The Djibouti government has dismissed these charges as "baseless and utter nonsense."

Both sides have been steadily building up their forces and conflict is seeming imminent

The United Nations who has tried to broker peace talks between Somaliland and Puntland issued a statement on January 21. "The Secretary-General is deeply concerned by the increased tension between the administrations of 'Puntland' and 'Somaliland' over Las Anod in Sool Region, which threatens the outbreak of hostilities at a critical time in the Somali peace process."

The UN Secretary General Kofi Annan went on to call on the parties "to reach agreement on national reconciliation that would put an end to all the fighting and bloodshed in the country."

The regions of Sool and Sanag technically fall under the control of Somaliland as defined by the pre-World War II boundaries but recently many of the clans in the area



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A man lies down on the ground waiting to move across the border into Kenya. He is one of many refugees fleeing Puntland.

have aligned themselves with Puntland. Tensions between the two sides have been increasing since Puntland captured the regional capital of Sool, Las Anod.

Since then both sides have been steadily building up their forces and conflict is seeming imminent. The peace talks that have been sponsored by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IRIN) in tandem with the UN have been going on for more than a year with little concrete progress to be seen.

The Puntland spokesperson, Awad Ahmad Ashara,

told the IRIN that armed conflict is becoming the only avenue left between the two sides. Issues ranging from an interim charter to the makeup of a future parliament have slowed the peace talks down.

Somalia has been plagued by civil war, anarchy and the oppressive rules of a revolving-door sequence of warlords since the early 1990s. In 1991, clans in the northern part of the country seceded from Somalia naming themselves the Republic of Somaliland. It encompasses most of the northern regions of the country including the

contested regions of Sanaag and Sool.

Though not recognized by any government, the republic has somehow managed to scratch out an existence based on the dominance of the ruling clan and on the surviving infrastructure programs left by the Russians, the British and the Americans. Towards the southern part of the country lies the region of Puntland which has been self-governing since 1998 but does not strive for total control of Somalia, only a legitimate

government.

The peace talks have reported late-breaking progress as of January 26 as some of the most contentious issues such as parliamentary distribution have been resolved. A signed agreement between the leaders of the two factions appears to be close to completion. However the thorny issue of power sharing still needs to be resolved and with emotions running so high, it's anybody's guess whether or not the long-running peace talks will eventually succeed.

Rwanda's justice issues

BRYN BOYCE
International Editor

The recent high-profile trials of Rwandan Colonel Theoneste Bagosora and other accused officers has put the genocide issue back in the international spotlight. Retired Canadian General Roméo Dallaire gave a heart-felt lecture at Laurier last semester recounting the horrors he saw while commanding the UN peacekeeping force in Rwanda in 1994. This week Laurier saw another expert deliver a lecture concerning the issue of justice in Rwanda.

Mark Drumbl, an Assistant Professor of Law at the Washington and Lee University School of Law arrived at Laurier to explain the complexities surrounding the prosecution of accused genocideers. Professor Drumbl has acted as defense counsel for many detained Rwandan Hutus accused of various crimes including murder and genocide.

The Hutus and Tutsis had lived in relative peace since the colonial days when Belgium was in control of Rwanda. The deterioration of Hutu-Tutsi relations that

began in the 1980s has been largely attributed to propaganda actions by the Hutus.

Recently several radio executives were convicted of inciting genocide through their hate radio station, Radio Machete, which advocated violence against the Tutsis.

Drumbl explained that the massacre of approximately 800,000 Tutsis at the hands of the Hutus in 1994 was part of "a populist genocide in the sense that public participation was very high." Professor Drumbl, who set up several hundred files for accused Rwandans, said that of all his 300 interviews, "only one showed remorse for their actions." The rest he said, "thought they were doing good in killing the Tutsis."

The slow pace of the courts assigned to try the accused Rwandans has frustrated many and forced many people to consider alternate methods of justice.

The main focus of the lecture, entitled "Justice and Reconciliation in Post-Genocide Rwanda", was the manner in which justice should and can be carried out in Rwanda. He believes that

lower-profile and culturally specific form of trial is the best way to deal with the heavy backlog of cases.

In Rwanda, an old system called 'Gacaca' (literally 'grass') is being considered to deal with this problem. This method is similar to a democratic town square style of justice where the local people act as jury on specific cases. The widespread nature of the genocide means that millions of people are guilty of carrying out the genocide and in Drumbl's contentious opinion justice is better served through grassroots trials like Gacaca. Reintegration of these people back into society is crucial to stability in Rwanda.

The idea of "judicial romanticism" or the primacy must be cast away in Drumbl's mind because it ties justice too tightly into a crime-punishment system. "I learned in my mind that there are important limits to what the law can do and what prosecution can do," said Drumbl. Since 1994, only 17 people have been convicted of genocide in connection to the massacre and each individual case costs in the area of \$50 million to complete.

-IT TAKES ALL TYPES TO MAKE A WORLD-

Gough streaks across the UK

BRYN BOYCE
International Editor

Terry Fox was 18 when he began his marathon across Canada. What have you done lately? Well one man in Britain, a 44 year-old ex-Royal Marine, took a shot at one upping the Canadian without even knowing it.

Steve Gough, from Eastleigh, Hampshire booted it out of Cornwall in southern England to make his own point. He fiercely protested the country's ancient indecency laws and decided to try to trek his way across the country wearing nothing but his shoes and hat.

Gough b-lined it diagonally across Britain from the south-east of England to the north west of Scotland. The trip took him a little over seven months to complete. Despite frigid December weather, Gough was able to make it to Scotland with more than a few stopovers in British courtrooms and prisons.

All told, Gough spent 140 nights in jail and only 57 in his tent. Unlike Terry Fox

who raised incredible amounts of public support, this Hampshirean rang up an estimated \$118,000 in law enforcement and court costs. These costs will all be borne by the tax-payers in Britain.

"My body is part of me and it is not shameful. It's who I am," Gough told the press in John O'Groats, a small town in Scotland. It's unclear why the Marine would state the glaringly obvious upon completing his trip. Certainly very few people would contest the point that 'his body is part of him.'

"Nowadays if you see a naked man, some might think he's a pedophile or a pervert, but I've not caused any harm to anybody," continued Gough perhaps unaware of the sheer cost of his trip.

Certainly that's \$118,000 well spent right there... no charities or social initiatives could possibly make better use of the cash. On the flip side, that's \$118,000 that Tony Blair won't be able to use toward covering up the Iraq-WMD debacle in Parliament.

Greek preparations



DEMETRIU DIMOPOULOS
Cord International

With the upcoming Summer Olympics closing in and fears of terrorism mounting, the United States is aiding Greek forces in training drills, border security and detection devices.

Olympic security chiefs say Greece will soon begin testing its ability to deal with terrorist attacks involving biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. The anti-terrorism measures have already reached an unprecedented US \$965 million.

After Greece asked the International Atomic Energy Agency for assistance in eliminating a possible 'dirty bomb' attack, the UN agency in turn requested US assistance with the project.

Besides installing radiation detectors, the National Nuclear Security Administration is giving Greece \$500,000 for equipment to be used at the Olympic venues, according to the Global Security Newswire.

Concerning border security, US Undersecretary of Energy for Nuclear Security Linton Brooks said, "we will be locating at seven (sites around Greece); one port, two airports and four land crossings." The improvements to Greek border security were already planned under the U.S. Second Line of Defense program, but have been fast-tracked for the games.

Terrorism is nothing new to the Olympic games, or to

the country of Greece. In fact, they're home to one of the most notable and indefinable European terror cells, the far-left November 17 Revolutionary Organization.

N17 is blamed for more than 100 bombings, a string of armed robberies and 23 murders including judges, politicians, diplomats and officials from Britain, Turkey and the US.

N17 first appeared with the 1975 murder of CIA station chief Richard Welch, who was shot as he drove home from a Christmas party.

Greece accepts training and funds from the US to help safeguard the Athens 2004 Games

The group was eventually exposed after a failed bomb attack last summer which left one member seriously injured and led to dozens of raids. It was the first time Greece had arrested and put domestic terrorists on trial since the dictatorship collapsed in 1974.

November 17's ideology is based on a mix of Marxism, Greek nationalism and opposition to the power of America. Nearing the end of 2003, Greek courts convicted 15 members of the cell. The rulings, which followed a nine-month trial, were strongly hyped by the Greek government who sought to underline their commitment

to fighting terrorism.

In the past, Greek authorities have seen their credibility and support come under fire as people question their reliability in the fight against terrorism. Some are unconvinced that security will be sufficient for the upcoming Olympic games, a ripe target for a major terrorist attack.

Olympic terrorist violence has surfaced in past competitions in Munich, Atlanta and Sydney in 1972, 1996 and 2000 respectively. While Atlanta was relatively minor (a bomb hidden in a backpack exploded, killing one woman and injuring dozens), Sydney received threats which never materialised. The Munich terrorist attack turned out to be one of the most devastatingly violent acts in Olympic history.

On September 5, 1972, five Arab terrorists rounded up nine Israeli athletes and held them hostage. The terrorists announced that they were Palestinians and demanded that Israel release 200 Arab prisoners and that the terrorists be given safe passage out of Germany.

Amid negotiations, miscommunication led German authorities to make attempts on the terrorists' lives, triggering a bloody firefight.

However, the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes was not considered serious enough to cancel or postpone the games at the time. According to the Los Angeles Times, "[it was] incredible [that they went] on with it."

While the terrorist threat in the world may never be completely abolished, hopefully the measures taken by the Greek authorities, with assistance from the US, will be able to deter attacks from taking place during the games.

No sign of nukes in Iraq: Dr. Kay



Extra Value Spiel

Brendan Jones

When George W. announced that he wanted to send Americans to Mars it made me wonder what God forsaken individual would be tapped to take the mission. Now I believe Dr. David Kay, the chief weapon hunter in Iraq, may be right up there with Astronaut Paul O'Neill on the short list. No, it isn't his scientific prowess or proven Martian wrangling abilities that would make this man a contender. He would be at the top of George's short list for demanding an explanation for the lack of WMD in Iraq.

In all seriousness though, this revelation could have serious ramifications for George W. come November. David Kay resigned from his post on Friday saying, "85% of the significant things" in Iraq have already been uncovered. Kay also believes that the American pre-war stance with regards to the Iraqi WMD stockpiles was certainly misguided. After all, it's not everyday that a high-ranking official says, "we are unlikely to find large stockpiles of weapons, I don't think they exist."

The "significant things" are no small matter, as the title denotes, consisting of a chemical weapons program that was only developing "test amounts", a biological weapons program that was active "right up until the end," to "maintain an infrastructure" and stopped just short of "large scale production." And who can forget every dictator's favorite, the nuclear program, which was largely abandoned after the first Gulf War but resurrection efforts were allegedly made in 2001/2002.

However, Kay added that Iraq appears to have basically given up on WMD production and eliminated its stockpiles during the 1990s out of concern of UN inspections.

Furthermore, Kay said that the CIA dropped the ball when it failed to recognize the breakdown of government structure and the increase in corruption that gestated under Hussein's regime.

As the story goes, sometime around 1997-1998 when Saddam spiralled further into his fantasy world, he began disregarding all input and personally approving all major projects. This resulted in Iraqi scientists duping Saddam into bogus weapons programs, then

using the money for their own corrupt schemes.

In the meantime, Saddam passed his days writing novels. According to Dr. Kay, he continued sending the manuscripts to Tariq Aziz, former deputy prime minister in the regime, even during the lead up to the second Gulf War.

David Kay, like a late 19th century Native American searching in vain for buffalo, believes the hunt should go on. "There is going to be an irreducible level of ambiguity because of all the looting," pointing to the anarchy that ensued when the regime toppled last April. "We know that terrorists were passing through Iraq," Kay said.

"The country had the technology, the ability to produce, and there were terrorists groups passing through the country - and no central control."

The real zinger that Kay lets off is his detailed breakdown of the prewar intelligence misconceptions. Kay states that his team "found nothing on Niger" to support the claim made in the 2003 State of the Union address that Iraq had attempted to acquire uranium from the African nation.

The reports that Iraq would unleash chemical weapons on invading American forces were unfounded. The chemical weapons suits and antidotes discovered early in the invasion were revealed, through interviews with Iraqi military officers, to have been stored in the eventuality that Israel would join the coalition and use chemical weapons against them.

The intelligence which pointed to Iraq as guilty of smuggling weapons into neighboring Syria, also under a Ba'ath Party regime, could also not be fully corroborated by Kay's team. Kay said that while his team had received continual information from Iraqis that cargo of some kind was being smuggled over the border, no conclusive evidence that these shipments included weapons could be produced.

To the good doctor, the problem was as transparent as a junkie who needs a fix. "Unscam was like crack cocaine for the CIA," said Kay. He believes that the CIA became far too dependent on intercepted communications, spy satellites and foreign intelligence, as well as that purported by defectors and exiles.

For this, Kay believes that the CIA should try and kiss and make up with an explanation. "I actually think the intelligence community owes the president, rather than the president owing the American people."

World what forum?

Failure of Canadian media to cover the WSF shows tacit corporate biases



Coast to Cote

Kris Cote

World Social Forum, what World Social Forum? That is probably what most people were asking themselves after reading last week's *Cord*. That's because the World Social Forum was ignored by corporate Canadian newspapers, effectively censoring it. The one exception was the *Globe and Mail*, since they printed one (very short) story, which covered a march on the final day of the event. However, they presented the forum as a disorganized, anti-American mess.

What does this mean? Was the event really all that unimportant that it was not newsworthy? I guess the Michael Jackson case is just more important than a gathering of more than 100,000, including Nobel Peace Prize winners. I guess we really did not need to be presented with the ideas and concepts posed at the conference.

Or is it that corporate media didn't want us to know what was happening in India? This could easily turn into a discussion of corporate media concentration and its apparent weaknesses but I think this example brings to

light a larger and more disturbing issue.

In reality, the mainstream media has become the voice of the rich and powerful, those whose interests are better served at the World Economic Forum. Conveniently, this forum made headlines everyday with its ideas and concepts. Yet the World Social Forum was not reported because the ideas that it presented seek to undermine the corporatist state and media system of Canada.

That's right, our democracy has been hijacked by corporations, the same ones that control our media, and it is in their interest to consolidate their power over the government. Think about it. Report after report condemns the levels of funding given to our hospitals, schools, military, or just about any service you can think of, yet more than half of the federal government's surplus last year went to corporations. Four point four billion dollars to be exact.

Now some of you are probably thinking that sure, the government gave corporations huge tax cuts, but that money is going to trickle down to help the rest of us. For those of you thinking this, you must have missed the memo: trickle down economics was created and implemented by those who seek to benefit the most from it. It is a sham and does not help the people who need

help. If you do not believe me, look at the world's largest corporatist state, the USA. Bush's tax cuts, which predominantly benefit the rich over the poor, have failed to kick-start the stagnating US economy or help the poor and working poor who need it the most.

What does this have to do with the World Social Forum? It has to do with the spread of ideas and information. We don't know we live in a corporatist state because we are told we live in a democracy. Our media constantly flaunts the perception of a vibrant democratic Canadian society, despite the 'security threats' who are locked in prison based entirely on security certificates instead of evidence.

The World Social Forum defiantly flaunts these corporatist ideals. Its participants question the corporate mentality of profits over people. Why are profits put before generic AIDS drugs that would save millions of lives? Why is the US pushing to rebuild Iraqi oil pipelines while many people are still without running water or electricity (due to US bombs)?

The World Social Forum seeks to disseminate facts and information to the masses that would make them question their government's abilities and intentions. So instead of informing people of the hypocrisy of our nations, the corporate media propagate the benefits of freer trade. Big business successfully performed a coup and we do not even know it.



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Even the new Japanese troops can't find any WMDs...

'Bride dowries' fuel human rights atrocities



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You smell smoke mixed with a rancid stench that you can't quite identify. Moving into the kitchen, at the heart of the fire you see a human-like figure, completely doused in flames, moving sporadically, desperately trying to scream for help, just moments before collapsing in an unrecognizable heap on the floor and continues to burn. Victim of a stove explosion, or the victim of 'bride burning'?

'Bride burning', or 'dowry death' as it is also called, is yet another quietly ignored, yet shockingly barbaric human rights violation. In India, the giving of a dowry as compensation for acquiring a bride has been officially banned since 1961; however, this practice still continues and causes some of the most horrific incidents of violence against women worldwide.

A woman's job in India, and many countries in the Middle East, is to provide sons. Because this single-faceted purpose is unpredictable and without guarantee, the family will often provide a handsome dowry to the prospective husband to make the woman appear even more attractive.

Of course, the more good qualities that the husband possesses (coming from a financially well off family himself, being educated in North America, etc.), the higher the demands on the dowry.

Often, a one-time dowry offer is not enough. Husbands, and the family of the husband, will continuously ask for more money and extravagant gifts from the bride's family. In order to squeeze as much money out of the family as possible, some husbands will even threaten the woman's safety if his demands are not met.

When the bride has become useless to the husband, whether that be because her family can no longer pay any more dowry, because she has failed to produce a son or even if supper isn't prepared on time, he will often become extremely violent with the woman.

Throwing kerosene over a woman and then lighting her on fire has become an increasingly popular means of disposing of her. Some of these women survive their brutal attacks and are sent back to their family where they become even more of a social outcast and burden. Usually, any female children go with their mother.

According to the Government of India's National Bureau of Investigation, 16 women die each day as the direct result of inadequate dowries. Many unofficial sources estimate that the numbers are much higher, some as high as 68 deaths per day. Those num-

bers don't include those that survive bride burnings, the almost 2000 suicides per year to escape the almost certain fate, or the numerous abortions, infanticides and sex-trade sales of female babies.

Few men, or their families, are ever prosecuted for bride burning. Many claim that it was a stove explosion and investigation is not taken any further. Few women, or their families, have the courage to refuse offering a dowry.

If a direct cause of all of this suffering is dowry, and it has already been 'officially' abolished, I wonder what other 'official' laws fail to protect so many women each year.

A Dean of progress

Howard Dean is just too far left of centre to be welcomed by Democrats



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The outcome of the Iowa caucus and last night's New Hampshire primaries (the victory of John Kerry over Howard Dean) has shocked many political pundits in the US. Dean was the front-runner according to polls before the Iowa caucus but he had one small problem: He's too far left for the Democratic Party.

American Democrats expect a certain degree of the status quo in their presidential candidate. Especially after the reign of a neo-conservative baboon like George W. Bush, the Democrats want a candidate that will cater to the brainwashed masses who think that the invasion of Iraq was for liberation.

Unfortunately, Dean's

platform is far too radical to even be considered by those with the power to decide (not the abstract 'people' but a more concrete 'wealthy'). The planks of his platform fly in the face of everything the decision-makers are proud of in America.

In his campaign speeches, Dean talks openly about healthcare. Big mistake. Americans like their guns cocked and their healthcare reserved for the privileged. Dean plans to ensure that 92% of Americans have healthcare; Kerry is just looking out for the children, promising that all children will have access to healthcare. The difference here is that while no one can argue about the importance of children's welfare, the welfare of a 38-year-old impoverished drug addict is unimportant when compared with a huge tax cut for the sickeningly rich.

Dean is also adamantly against the current rules of campaign financing and other political contributions,

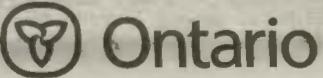
specifically by corporations. Bashing corporate influence in Washington will only forfeit corporate contributions and cause all corporations to work more actively against the campaign.

In addition to his corporation bashing, Dean is also a firm supporter of unions. This is dangerous for many reasons. Supporting unions is, in the eyes of many, constructing a direct opposition to the corporate world. The American government has gone to great lengths to all but destroy the power wielded by unions through legislation after legislation targeting organized groups of workers (for a good discussion of this issue I recommend Noam Chomsky's lecture CD "Propaganda and Control of the Public Mind").

The political climate in Washington will not allow for such a progressive president to come to power, especially in the aftermath of the ultra-right-wing Administration of Little Bush. The white-collar masses have spoken: John Kerry will likely be the next Democratic Presidential candidate.



The minimum age is going down.



The minimum wage is going up.

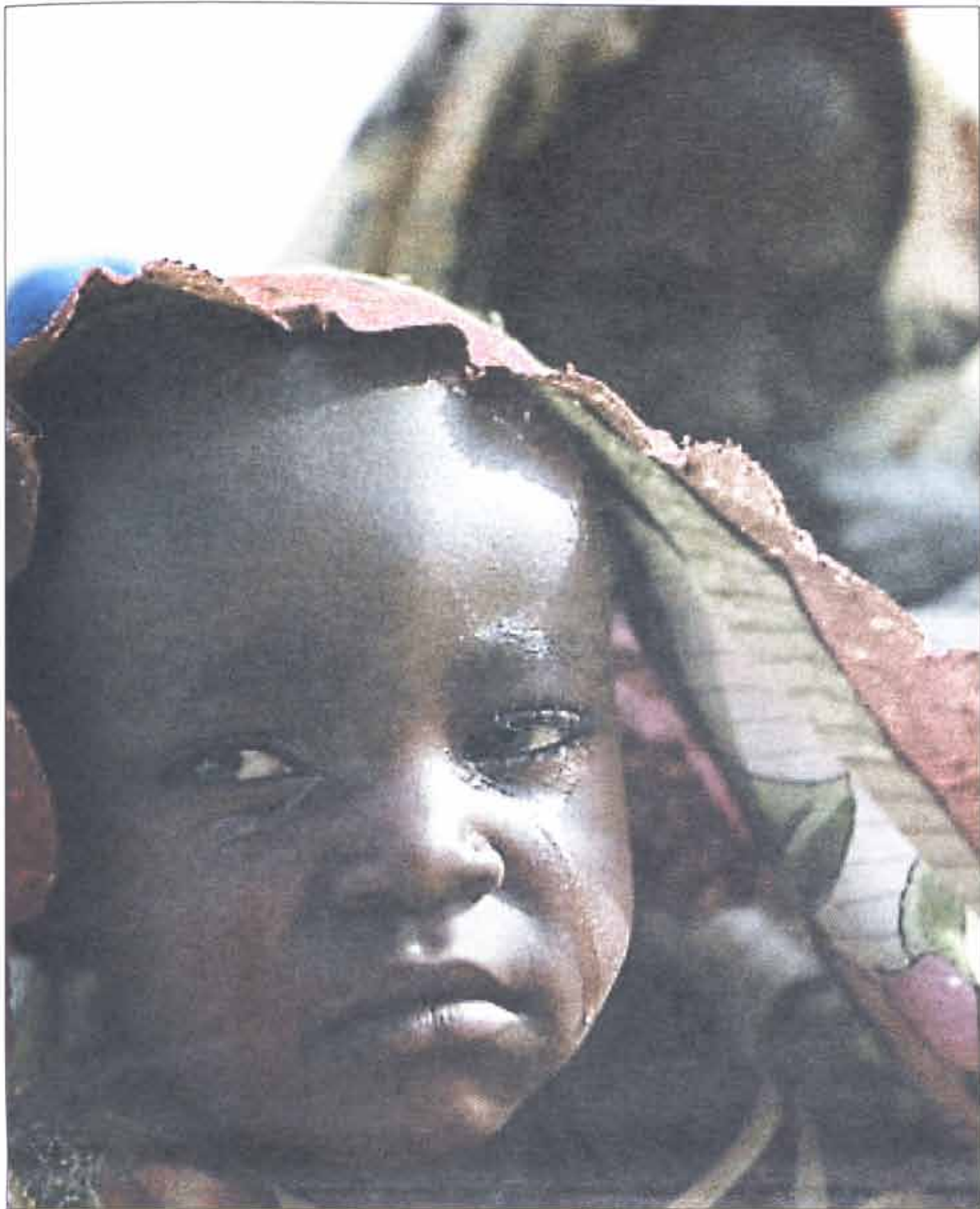
If you're an employer, here's what you need to know.

	General Minimum Wage	Students under 18 and working not more than 28 hours per week or during a school holiday	Liquor Server	Hunting & Fishing Guides: for less than five consecutive hours in a day	Hunting & Fishing Guides: for five or more hours in a day whether or not the hours are consecutive	Homeworkers (people doing paid work in their home for an employer)
Current wage rate	\$6.85/hour	\$6.40/hour	\$5.95/hour	\$34.25	\$68.50	110% of the minimum wage
Feb.1, 2004 wage rate	\$7.15/hour	\$6.70/hour	\$6.20/hour	\$35.75	\$71.50	110% of the minimum wage

On February 1, 2004, the general minimum wage will increase to \$7.15 per hour from the current rate of \$6.85 per hour. Annual increases will follow bringing the general minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour on February 1, 2007. The increases are being phased in over four years and will also be reflected in all minimum wage categories.

To find out more about how the new minimum wage guidelines affect employers and employees, call or visit the Ministry of Labour web site.

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This Sudanese mother and child wait are held up at the border. Escaping conflict may become more difficult for asylum seekers and refugees with the wider use of biometric IDs and strict border security

On the 'safe side'



International Editor

Bryn Boyce

During a trip to Buffalo, a friend of mine told me about his border experiences at the Peace Bridge. Upon arriving, his car was approached by a Customs officer who asked the driver for ID. After looking at the license, the officer asked the driver if everyone in the car was "like him." "What, do you mean, white?" was the response. "Uhh, Yeah." "Yes." "Ok then." ...and off they drove.

There are a lot of things that might be beaten or won in the world, but fear isn't one of them. Terrorists will come and go as often as any conflict, but not fear. It's here for good. Certainly many people have heard of the idea of a "culture of fear", where the emotion itself is exploited for political expediency.

Following this culture, clearly the best kind of freedom is the kind that comes with a CAPPS-2 biometric ID card. The newly created US card program collects data at the airport and "checks" if you're a terrorist before giving you a red, yellow or green boarding status.

This colour-coded simplicity is becoming pretty popular in America, which seemingly can't discern anything in the world outside of its assigned colour rating.

Black = 'them', white = 'us', orange = 'Christmas', red = 'bad', green = 'go'... I mean 'good'.

This new CAPPS II takes information like birth dates, home addresses, phone numbers, travel histories and travel itineraries into a database, then checks to see if you exist in other databases and gives you a colour.

Been to Iraq? Yellow. Is your name Hamed or Osama? Red.

The problem is there is no existing and comprehensive database of terrorists. They don't typically enjoy lining up for mug shots, fingerprinting and blood tests. So you can really only cross this with a list of convicted criminals and FBI compiled "suspected terrorists."

So what you get is a 'border line' case of racial profiling (since 28 countries, mostly North American and West European, are exempt from CAPPS II) and a wobbly matching system.

In the past, it's often difficult for people to understand why they disapprove of having their personal information like birth date, nationality, eye colour, height become logged away in databases.

The argument inevitably comes up in this debate is, "honest and innocent people have nothing to fear," these projects "improve national security." If you're not hiding anything, then what does it matter if the government knows your blood type? Well, what if it becomes (and it may already be) "whites have nothing to fear"?

The reality is that these biometric surveillance-

enabling cards and information databases tacitly assume guilt before innocence. Moreover they're the result of minority actions prompting action applied to the majority as well. All in the name of security from fear at the cost of freedom.

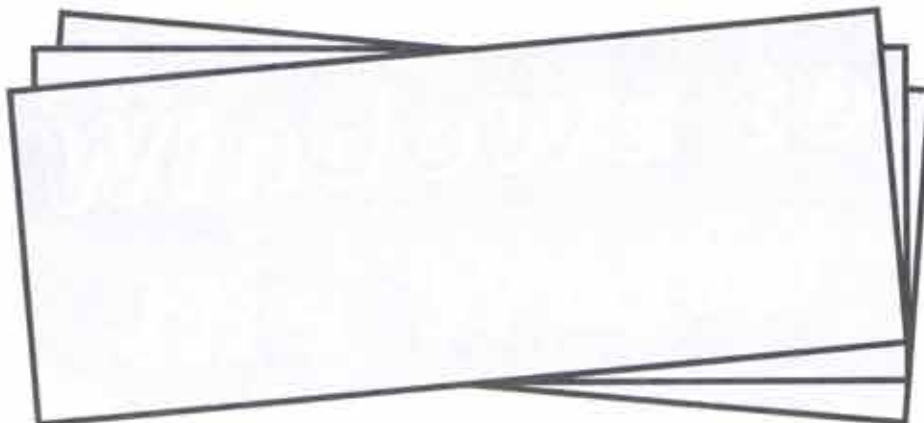
These border control policies raise interesting points about the flows of information inside countries. States feel they can legislate it out of people but see no reason why they should be made to give us honest reasons why.

Already Mark Hatfield, a spokesperson at the US Transportation Security Administration, has been quick to say that the information collected is destroyed "almost instantaneously" after the visitor has left.

Despite his claims, court cases have already been leveled against several American airlines for giving collected data to the government. Northwest Airlines in particular has defended its actions parrying with the "national security" or "patriotism" defense.

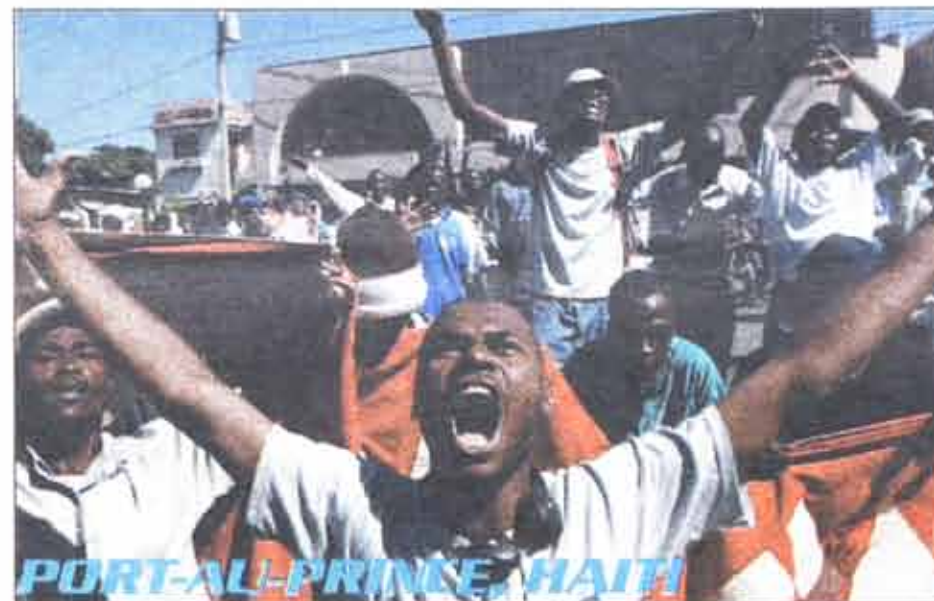
Not only do these programs target specific races and groups but they also erode individual freedoms. Having to leave a notice at the border every time you want to leave a country you were born into smacks of fear-mongering authoritarianism to me.

There have always been dangers in the world but it has never been any reason to run headlong into Orwellian style surveillance and monitoring policies. Why should it now?



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China celebrated its official New Year on January 25th and ushered in the Year of the Monkey in major capitals around the world. The girl pictured above is participating in a major parade under the Arc de Triomphe and to the Elysee palace. The Eiffel Tower was lit up in bright red to commemorate the event and symbolize the strong ties between Beijing and Paris. In London, similar festivities occurred with thousands of revelers dancing in Trafalgar Square. The parades were fabulously decorated with large dragon floats and extravagant fireworks in the evening. France and China combined to fund the event which cost over a million dollars.



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Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide is watching the country turn on him as protests, which have raged for months, begin to spread outside of the capital, Port-Au-Prince. The president has been accused of corruption, murder as well as rigging the 2000 elections. Over \$500 million dollars in foreign aid has been withheld pending some stability in the Caribbean nation. The protests have been markedly more passive after a string of violent clashes last week that were put down with a heavy hand. Kenneth Michel, the son of Haiti's former Prime Minister, said that "If [Aristide] hadn't crushed every demonstration last week, there would be far more people out here today." Forty-eight people have died since violence broke out in September.



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The bird-flu epidemic which is reaching dangerous levels in areas of South East Asia, has now warranted trade bans in the area. Countries like South Korea have shut their borders to meats like chicken and duck and more countries may soon be on board. In Vietnam, local Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants have taken chicken off their menu for fear of contaminated meats. It's unclear what they still offer customers... Many countries, like China and Indonesia are unable to slaughter infected birds for cost reasons and fear that this avian flu will cripple their industries. Already eight people have died from the easily transferred strain of the flu and it is hoped that the flu will not mutate and begin spreading through the air.

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Drugs revisited

Len explains the ups and downs of drug use and dispels common misconceptions about specific drugs and drug culture



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Drug use in youth culture is a common fact. For a wide variety of reasons, many individuals imbibe and indulge in the world of pharmaceutical intoxicants.

However, knowledge and foresight are two ingredients that many people leave out of the mix, crucial elements in understanding and experiencing the peripheral realm of drug use. Coupled with ignorance of drug information, hysteria, and moralistic panic, mis-education tends to govern the public (and sometimes private) mind concerning illegal drugs and their consumption.

Contrary to widely held beliefs, judgment based predominantly on opinion and not experience or professional knowledge cannot be taken as a viable account or representation of a subject as controversial as illegal drug use. Media misconception, selective sampling and biased convictions appear to be the characteristic features of popular opinion formation regarding this issue; ignorance is simply easier than conscientious examination.

To make matters worse, many foolish articles have been written describing drugs and their effects under an artificial guise of knowledge, which does not help to educate individuals on understanding the complex physical and psychological effects that drugs produce.

What few have endeavoured to discuss in relation to

drugs is the question of responsibility, perhaps the single most important element concerning prohibited substances. When responsibility is flouted in favour of drug use, then we encounter the problem of the addictive properties drugs possess.

As with sex, the most proficient method of escaping harm is through abstinence. However, for many individuals, abstinence is unacceptable. That being said, what needs to be focused on further is the decrease of erroneous reports concerning drugs and an increase of accurate information in order to prepare a person for both the profits and perils that can accompany illicit substance usage.

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With respect to uninformed reports, reading ridiculous information urging you to know the facts about drugs without, in fact, providing any is prejudiced reasoning at a basic level.

Information and education will always be the best way to understand something (next to actually experiencing it). For those interested in expanding their horizons and experiencing new and fascinating realms of perception, know what you are getting yourself into before you choose to dabble in the hemispheres of unconventional reality. For those uninterested in using drugs, simply possessing knowl-

edge concerning these substances is a step in the right direction towards understanding the culture of drugs and perhaps the people who use them.

Despite what is commonly believed, illicit drugs can and do have positive consequences, everything from mind expansion to new sensory perceptions, from a sense of community to new forms of expression.

However, these positives are very easily and frequently undermined through abuse, misuse, and misinformation concerning a particular substance. Drug abuse is a serious problem and is a life-destroying exercise; that fact cannot be disputed, but, similar to eating disorders, alcoholism and chain smoking, it is solely up to the users to decide their own actions. That is to say, it's up to the individual to change. Even good ol' Dr. Phil preaches this.

Also, if you decide to giddy-up into the world of pharmaceutical experimentation, make sure you know exactly what you're putting into your own body. Smoking parsley or railing draino are likely not pleasant experiences.

I agree with the statement "know the facts before you use any drug"; I am also not condoning illegal drug use. It is not for me to decide the manner in which individuals should behave and act, but instead simply offer insight into a topic that many people do not understand. By the same token, the myriad information available regarding drugs is boundless. Don't simply take for granted something some wingnut says or writes (myself included), check it out for yourself.

result, serotonin levels rise sharply when MDMA is occupying the binding sites, and the signaling between the neurons is amplified.

However, the produced "high," which is thought to be caused by an increase in serotonin levels, eventually fades when the neurons are drained of all their serotonin stores. A number of researchers speculate that this depletion of serotonin may cause the psychological "crash" (ie. coming down and sketchiness) that is experienced by many users (these above reactions are in reference to MDMA only).

As opposed to descriptions of simply a 'love' drug promoting the 'positive

happy feelings', the reality of the E experience is a little different. In affecting the production of the neurotransmitter serotonin, both MDMA (pure E) and MDA (not so pure E) users experience euphoria in waves and rushes that pulse through the body. Emotional openness and tactile sensations are extremely heightened, and an overwhelming sense of empathy exudes from those under the influence of the drug. However, through misuse, abuse, or purchasing 'bad drugs', users can experience disorientation, panic attacks, depression, insomnia, temporary perceptual disorders, hallucinations, and paranoia.



Heroin

This substance is derived from the opium poppy plant. Heroin is not known for numbness and relaxation but for its pain relief, lethargic mellowing warmth, and bodily elation. Heroin permits the blood vessels to expand to allow greater blood flow, creating warm throbs throughout the interior of the body. However, sticking needles in one's skin is ill-advised and dangerous when not adminis-

tered by either a physician or tattoo artist.

Heroin cannot expand your mind; it can merely nullify your decision-making and common sense as it provides a detachment from pain, activity, and desires, the very things that encourage thinking. Simply go to an intensive care facility. Hospital patients on morphine (another opium derivative) do not appear very witty, intelligible, responsive, or lively. I would argue that its use should remain in medicine.

LSD

Similar to mushrooms, LSD is a powerful psychotropic chemical that can cause minute ruptures of blood vessels in the brain. The attraction to LSD is because of its powerful hallucinogenic properties. At the onset of an LSD trip, there is a vague feeling of anticipation and increased energy as well as an undefined feeling that something is different. Pupil dilation indicates the onset of the hallucinogenic properties of LSD. As the effects gain strength, a general change in sensory perception occurs. This can include non-specific mental and physical stimulation, pupil dilation, closed and open eye patterning and hallucinations, feelings of insight, confusion, extreme

mental clarity, paranoia and quickly changing emotions. Colours are greatly enhanced and patterns melt and fold into one another. LSD is also a potent psychoactive chemical and recent experiences, especially dramatic ones, can alter the trip. Physically or psychologically unsettling events in the days before an LSD trip can blossom into distress and trauma during a trip. It does not, however, in and of itself facilitate unintentional suicide (as reported in previous articles); this type of claim is misguided. Psychotropic substances do alter perception and thought processes but a person tripping out is not necessarily an indication of mental imbalance; it simply means that he or she will never be able to become an astronaut.

Ecstasy

Ecstasy (or E) is an amphetamine derivative that is related chemically to both amphetamines and hallucinogens. E often contains cocaine, speed and heroin, or a mixture of all three, although the pure form of ecstasy, MDMA is itself a unique chemical composite and much cleaner (ie. less harmful) to the human body than the average E pill.

The main effect of ecstasy is to prevent the return of serotonin to neurons by occupying their binding sites on the transporter proteins, effectively preventing serotonin re-uptake. As a

Cocaine

Here's how it works: the neurotransmitter dopamine transmits brain signals by flowing from one neuron into the spaces between neurons and attaching to a receptor on another neuron. Normally, dopamine then is recycled back into the transmitting neuron by a transporter molecule on the surface of the neuron, but if cocaine is present, the drug attaches to the transporter and blocks the normal recycling of dopamine. This causes an increase of dopamine levels in the spaces between neurons that

leads to a feeling of euphoria.

Along with euphoria, cocaine produces a feeling of confidence and an unusual disposition to talk to anyone who will listen. Contrary to popular belief, cocaine does not, however, bring the user into another dimension where they are convinced they are untouchable; unusually secure and confident, but not untouchable.

The coming down experience from cocaine resembles gritty apprehension, with the user usually concentrating on obtaining more of the drug. Cocaine produces no hallucinogenic effects.

Ketamine

Ketamine (K) is a dissociative anesthetic. What this means is that it has the effect of separating the mind from the body, which can result in profound hallucinations and the sensation of entering another reality. This state has been described in terms of egolessness, and is closely related to accounts of near-death experiences, astral travel, etcetera. Under small doses, the effects are comparable to moderate drunkenness, without the negative side effects alcohol tends to induce. As larger doses are taken, depth perception and balance begin to shift and physical agility diminishes and a pleasant numbness is felt in the

limbs. Upon taking greater quantities, this sense of altered reality increases, leaving the mind open to suggestion for what the world around actually looks like, as depth and distance become convoluted. At still higher doses, Ketamine produces a potent psychotropic effect; hallucinations that seem as though they can be controlled. At high to extremely high doses, the user can enter the 'k-hole' in which it becomes difficult to move and the mind is so dissociated from the body that communication between the two is limited to essentially autonomous nervous system functions. Tactile feedback is also altered, but interior mental coherence is uplifted and intact.



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Ben Johnson at the 1988 Olympics. A few days later he would have his gold medal revoked for testing positive for steroids.

Athletic doping

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Back in the December 10th *Cord Weekly* Special Edition report on Derek Medler, the issue of athletic doping seemed to hit closer to home than usual.

Canada, as with many other athletic nations, has always had problems controlling athletic doping. The issue of athletic doping has continually drawn international attention as more and more famed athletes are suspected, and sometimes arrested, for using performance enhancement drugs.

Just to name a few Canadian athletes whose names have made the news for their connection to doping cases whether acquitted or simply accused:

1) 1988: Ben Johnson ran the 100 meters in 9.79 seconds - fastest human ever - then two days later after testing, positive for steroid use Olympic officials took away his gold medal.

2) 1995: Silken Laumann tested positive for drug use after taking over-the-counter cold medication and was stripped of her gold medal along with her teammates.

3) 1998: Ross Rebagliata tested positive for extremely small trace amounts of marijuana at the Nagano Olympics. Rebagliata was automatically stripped of his snowboarding gold medal; however it was thankfully restored several weeks later through the appeal process.

4) 1999 Steve Vezina, Canada's roller-hockey goalie, tested positive for steroids at the Pam Am Games. His entire team was

stripped of their gold medals.

These individuals, among many others, continue to scandalize the athletic world with their insufferable competitive nature that has driven them into the hands of corruption. But perhaps some of these cases are not as competitively driven as it first seems.

According to Laurier's health personnel, the issue of athletic doping doesn't seem to be as big of a problem for inter-collegiate sports, since it's less demanding than professional sports.

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Tom Huisman, Director of Operations and Development, has stated that from "roughly 10,000 athletes in the entire CIS (Canadian Inter-University Sports) - 300 of those were tested in the 2003 academic year - only 1 came back positive (WLU's Derek Medler)."

Considering the numbers of tests coming back positive for drug use, it doesn't seem as though doping is as pressing of an issue as it may seem at the international and national level.

In response to a question as to whether the Mr. Huisman has noticed any rise or decline in the results of testing, he stated that "the

number has stayed so low, it's so hard to tell." Mr. Huisman did add that there have never been any more than four infractions in one academic year.

Elizabeth Hoffman, OUA (Ontario University Athletics) President, also agreed with Mr. Huisman's viewpoint by stating that she "doesn't believe that at this point it (inter-collegiate sports) is too serious of an issue."

Mrs. Hoffman's statement is based on several reports regarding the amount of drug cases conducted throughout the last ten years. Her conclusion was that there has been a constant decline in recent years and will likely continue as such.

Despite the recent Medler coke fiasco Laurier has kept their noses fairly clean in regards to athletic doping.

According to the OUA, the issue of athletic doping is important. However, the drug prevention policy was "not at all provoked by a serious incident in the past". It is simply there to ensure that "there is absolutely zero tolerance of drug use".

So maybe the problem is not as bad as it may seem if you only think of the recent Medler case that has gathered so much negative media attention. Laurier still has drug-free students despite the occasional anomaly that may spring up. However, as Mr. Huisman stated the numbers are simply too low to even notice.

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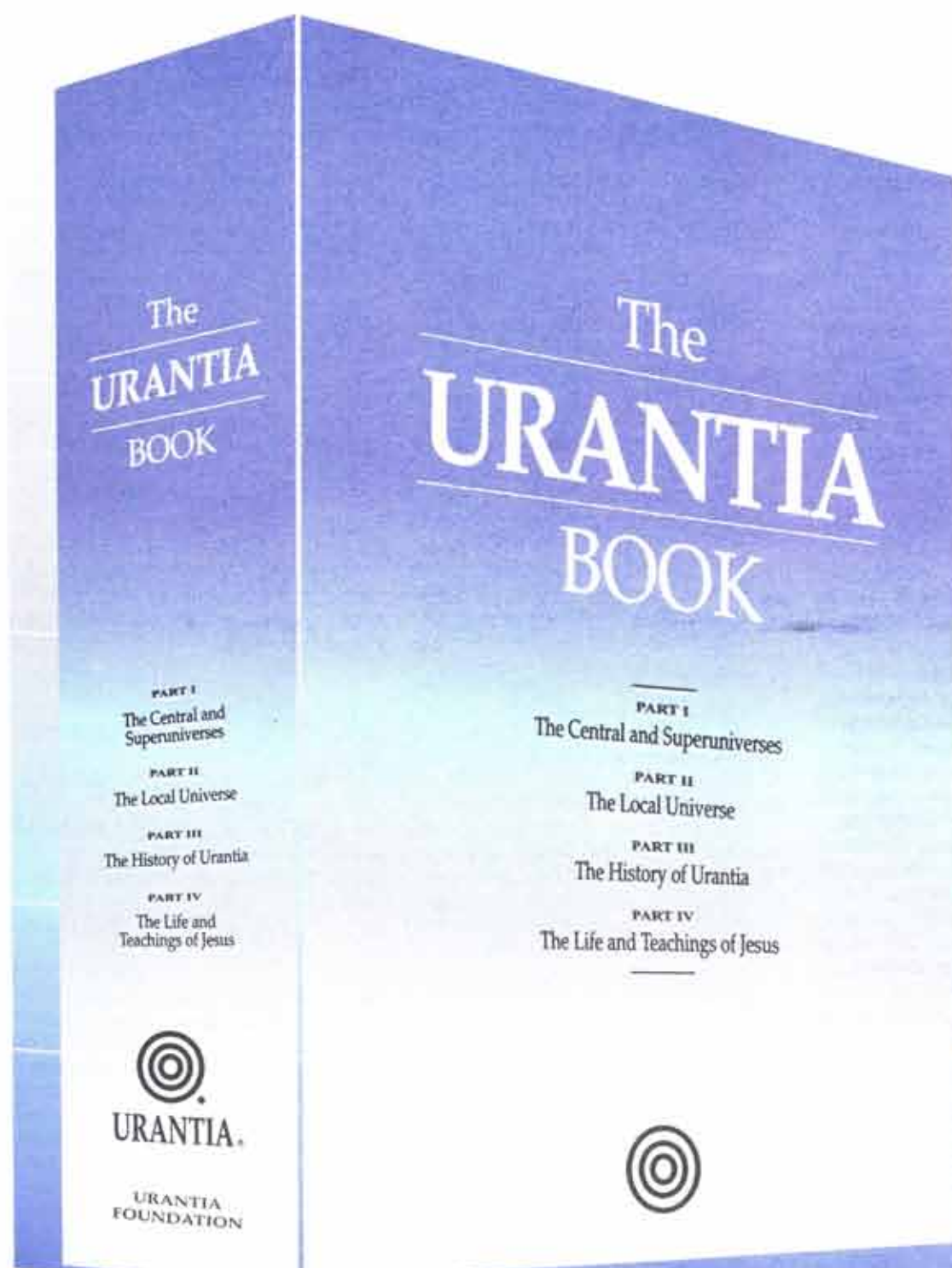
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Change clothes and go

If you're tired of wearing the generic styles that stores like Gap and AE offer, venture into some independent boutiques for personalized clothing alternatives

SHANON KOHLMEIER
Staff Writer

This week I made a shocking discovery. There are places to shop outside of the mall. I know we have all heard of these mythic shops that aren't boxed in by Wal-Mart and Sears but few of us know where to find them.

I decided I would be brave and leave my retail comfort zone. I hit the streets in



Shannon Kohlmeier

If you want to be stylish like this fine girl check out boutiques.

search of a shopping alternative and found three amazing stores. Each one was diverse and the prices were almost always less than I expected they would be.

The first store I visited was GLOSS, which is across from Waterloo Town Square on King Street. This store is perfect for anyone who thinks of themselves as a trendsetter or whose fashion idol is Sarah Jessica Parker or Colin Farrell. GLOSS carries a wide variety of designers for men and women like Gentle Fawn and Gstar that are not available anywhere else in the KW region.

As a girl who loves pink this store more than met my passion and every mannequin had an outfit straight from the pages of Cosmo. And trust me guys, no girls would be mad if you all traded in your ripped sweatshirts for anything from GLOSS.

However, the originality does not end with the designer clothes. Anyone can test their creativity with hundreds of customisable t-shirts. For around \$30 you can choose from tonnes of iron-on patterns and put them on any shirt you want right in the store while you wait. This is a truly original

touch that ensures no one else will be wearing the same thing as you.

Next I ventured a little further up to 23 King Street where I found Delirium. The first thing I noticed was an overwhelming amount of black, but upon further inspection I discovered tonnes of fun items and accessories. There were coloured wigs, hosiery, purses and hard to find brands such as House of Spy and Kitchen Orange.

Delirium also carries much more than your Shopper's DrugMart assortment of hair dye with colours such as Iguana Green and Hi-Octane Orange. The storeowner informed me that in the past many Ice Breakers have swarmed the store for dye to match their frosh team colours.

Many items appeared to be gothic or punk rock inspired but a bit riskier than the average Le Chateau purchase. Many items are designed and handmade by the storeowner and her sister which are clearly not offered in commercial outlets.

Finally, I visited Green Monkey which is right across from Morty's Restaurant on King Street. This store



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Delirium offers both brand name pieces and unique one-of-a-kind items to satisfy your shopping cravings.

describes itself as 'street and casual wear' and carries many recognisable labels such as Roxy and Quicksilver for guys and girls. Green Monkey seemed to have students in mind as they had a wide assortment of bathing suits, which are perfect for upcoming reading week getaways.

I highly suggest braving the elements and taking a walk next time you go shopping instead of sticking to the usual safe trip to Conestoga Mall. I guarantee that the fresh looks and creative styles that are offered at these stores will surprise you.



Shannon Kohlmeier

GLOSS is a good bet for designer labels and they're having a sale.

Profs need queer eye for straight guy

Chest hair, ripped pants, holiday pins and shoulder pads make WLU's faculty among the worst dressed

Take it from me

Rob Hogan

They call themselves doctors and they get to put the letters PhD in their names, but it is a miracle some of them even remember to get dressed in the morning. In order to lead this community of wisdom we call 'Canadian Excellence' it appears your mother must dress you for the job interview and after that just make an annual stop by Value Village for your lecture wardrobe. It seems as though profs at Laurier are all competing for the same award - worst dressed person in a position of authority.

I ask, are neck ties against university policy? If you walk up Hazel St. to the elementary school you will find better dressed teachers in a primary classroom than if you venture to the Arts building. One unwritten rule of the geography department is choose one outfit and stick with it. It could be the classic black pants and white dress shirt or the brown Dockers special with a blue dress shirt and blue blazer, but the rule sticks - wear the same outfit everyday. But I have news for all you mismatched profs out there - if you are the most predictable person in Canada

and teach the driest course in the entire academic calendar at least change the colour of your dress shirt from time to time to keep it interesting.

I guess in all fairness I have to admit that not every professor is as fashionably challenged as their colleagues. Not all teaching staff resemble a Halloween costume gone bad. The TAs across all faculties have figured it out. I guess they haven't been locked in a library so long that they can still keep with the trends. However, most often the well-dressed ones find a way to screw it up. Last time I checked, a belt is to be worn directly above the fly, not half done up hanging to one side as one prof of mine demonstrated last week. It makes one wonder what they were up to before class as they sat isolated behind their locked office door....

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Among the fashion challenged staff at Laurier there is 'The Trickster', the prof you think has figured it all out and actually pulled together a look. The most

common of these looks is the t-shirt under the blazer tribute to 1991. Though the blazer makes this look appear put together, 20 minutes into the lecture after the jacket comes off there is just some dirtball walking around in a half untucked t-shirt.

Put down the scholarly journal and pick up a Cosmo to get some fashion advice. There's just something uninspiring about someone wearing a Coors Light t-shirt, and that same person actually influencing your final grade.

If profs want some tips, they could look no further than the Political Science TA collection. An unofficial requirement of the job is to wear tight-ass pants and a tank top for the first class to keep enrollment up.

The solution to the problem is not clear cut, but the school's administration should implement at least one, if not all, of the following. The university should ban the faculty from watching The Red Green show in an attempt to end the fashion encouragement found within the show. Perhaps a six-figure government grant could be awarded to the Sociology or Cultural Studies department to research fashion and education, and discover why a person can not have the best of both worlds. This way a group of bad dressers could gather and research bad dressers. Following that they could present their findings to more bad dressers. Maybe profs just need a raise, possibly a prof-clothing levy because we do not have enough levies.

All that I ask is when I go to class I want to be able to tell the difference between

FASHION CRIMES TOP 5

TOP 5 FASHION CRIMES COMMITTED BY PROFS:

5. SANDALS WITH SOCKS

4. STRAIGHT LEG JEANS (WHERE ARE WE... THE SPUR?)

3. SPORT COATS WITH ELBOW PATCHES

2. SWEAT STAINS

AND THE NUMBER ONE FASHION CRIME COMMITTED BY A PROF...

1. VISIBLE CHEST HAIR

my instructor and the dead head in the back row who just rolled out of bed. Think of it this way, when you go to a fast food restaurant you can identify the employees from the greasy patrons right? So why is it that when you go to Laurier you can not distinguish between a profes-

5 STATEMENTS MADE BY A PROF:

5. ANYTHING 80S

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3. SPORTING A CROCODILE DUNDEE HAT

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1. WHO CARES WHAT THEY'RE WEARING, AS LONG AS YOU GET TO LEAVE EARLY

sor and some door-to-door vacuum sales person? The bottom line is that profs need to get their closets together and update their style so that students can actually take them seriously.

Food for Thought

Restaurant: Lion's Brewery Restaurant (Lion's Den)
Location: 59 King Street N.
Phone: 519.886.3350
Type: Casual/Pub
Cord's Rating:



out of a possible 5 cords

Chicken Wing Rating...

Out of a possible 5 wings

Price...	5
Sauce...	1
Size...	4
Chicken-to-batter ratio...	3
Overall...	3

DAVE BONE
 Restaurant Reviewer

When the question is posed about what the epitome of bar food is, the unanimous response is generally wings, wings, and yes you guessed it, more wings. You would be hard pressed to find many people on campus who will disagree that wings are the staple of most students' diets when they go out to eat. With this in mind, I have undertaken the quest of finding the best wing in the KW area, and I will be continuing this journey for the next few

weeks. Each restaurant's wings will be judged on the same four categories, those being price, sauce, chicken-to-batter ratio and size, and will be given a final rating at the end of the review.

The first stop on my quest was the Lion Brewery Restaurant, or the Lion's Den as many people refer to it as, in the depths of the Huether Hotel. Walking through the maze that is the Huether and finally finding the restaurant which is underneath the brewery, we almost needed a guide as there is no rhyme or reason whatsoever to the configuration of the archaic building. Upon entering, I felt like we were going into a dark, cavernous dungeon with a ceiling so low my friend had to bend over to not hit his head. That being said, the tables were all close to each other and the dim lighting combined with stone pillars, fireplace and a pub-style atmosphere made for a great place to stay and chill out for a while.

When eating wings, you must order beer, and we were in the right place as the Lion's Den is meant to showcase the beers of the Lion brewery. We each ordered a beer sampler (\$3.25) to start, which consisted of four different kinds of Lion beer all served on a paddle in small glasses. There was no shortage of selection either as you

had the choice between the full bodied Aldy's Ale, the dark English Ale (my personal choice), Lion Cream Ale, Bavarian style Wuerzburger, Lion Lager, Lion Light, Honey Brown and the Premium lager.

When eating wings, you must order beer. The Lion's Den is a good choice since they showcase the Lion Brewery.

We began with a teaser and ordered the mussels moude (\$7). This consisted of a half pound of PEI mussels in a spinach & shallot pinot blanc reduction with a curried cream sauce and two pieces of garlic bread. This was brought out right after our garlic buns which were excellent and perfect to soak up the sauce from the mussels which were tasty. The real reason we came was next, the wings. The wings started out with an advantage as they scored high marks for price. One pound will set you back only \$7.50, two goes for \$14.50, and for those who can really pack 'em away, four pounds will run you about \$26. Along

with the choice between mild, medium, hot, suicide, honey garlic, and either wet or dry Cajun style preparation, you also get your choice of having your wings come New York style or breaded. My friend went with one pound hot and one pound dry Cajun after he was advised not to choose the wet style by our server who compared the sauce to tasting something like a Halls cough drop, and left me wondering who really orders them wet after a warning like that. I went with one pound medium and one pound honey garlic, which are by far my favourite style of wing, and we had all our wings breaded.

The wings came with each differing pound on either side of the plate separated by celery and carrot sticks with dip, a definite must with a large plate of wings along with a huge stack of napkins. Size points were definitely there, as they were by no means on the smaller side of things. Chicken-to-batter ratio, a category that can make or break you, was not bad either. Even though we ordered them with the light battering the batter didn't attempt to hide the fact that there was no meat on the bones, although the breading did dominate the whole taste of the wing somewhat. That comes hand-in-hand with the poor rating the wings received in the sauce category. I found myself asking at times if there was even any



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The Lion's Brewery... good times.

sauce on the wing or was it just a light flavouring to the batter. I definitely didn't need to use as many napkins as it normally takes, which is always a comment on the sauce. The Cajun were alright and the hot were moderately hot, so if it is burning sensation you are after, go with the suicide. And so ended the first leg of my quest for the best wings in town. Overall the wings were not bad, nicely priced especially for the portions, but although I don't have any others to benchmark against them yet, I have a feeling that the Lion's Den wings will not end up with the champion belt when the dust settles after the final round is over.

Ask Kate...

Longing for fancy eyes is back, and this time she needs advice about dating a younger man.



Dear Kate,
 I wrote you earlier about a boy that has fancy eyes. I seem to have a tinge of a crush on. I've tried to take your advice to be forward with him and see if he wants to play sometime. Trust me, I have come close, especially since I think that he may have a bit of a crush on me. The thing is, I can't ask him out. It's not that I'm too shy, it's another problem. See I am in third year and he, well, he is in first year. Everyone that I have asked for advice about this problem seems to think that I'd be 'robbing the cradle' if I were to pursue anything with him. How do I get them to realize that age doesn't matter? How do I ask a significantly younger boy out without seeming too much like a loser who can't get anyone her own age?

Sincerely,
 Longing for fancy eyes

Dear Longing,

My question for you is who exactly are you trying to convince that dating someone younger is wrong -

your friends or yourself? If you really like this guy, and it seems as though you might since you originally asked me for advice in early November, then it's time to forget clichés and go for what you want.

So much time has been wasted simply because you are thinking about it too much. Just ask him. Stop caring about what other people think and say, especially since you are under the impression that he may also have a crush on you. Dating older men is traditional, but times are changing. Hollywood has turned dating younger men into a trend. Just because we don't all look like Demi and Ashton doesn't mean we can't follow their bravery in denying social norms and doing what we want.

I understand your concern and you may find that the two-year age gap is a legitimate issue. But until you make the initiative who are you to talk? You are acting like a fourth grader. I know you can do this, and I

know you want to do this. If you were really that unsure you wouldn't have written me back.

You said in your letter that you don't want him to think you are a loser for asking out a younger man: that is not going to happen. Being asked out is extremely flattering and most guys admire a girl who has the valour to do so. Every day you are faced with choices, some are bigger than others and some easier said than done. You just have to make a decision.

By waiting for so long you have probably put pressure on the decision to ask or not to ask and applied high expectations if and when you ever do take the plunge that it will be like taking a thousand bricks off your back. I am telling you, even if he says no, you will not regret doing this. When you want something this bad, you have nothing to lose, only to gain.

Good luck for the second time!
 Always, Kate.

Crossword Answers

Last Week's

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Horoscope

WEEK OF JANUARY 28- FEB 4*

Happy Birthday Aquarius



Happy Birthday Aquarius! A sudden disruption will force you to change any plans you had made. People around you may not be all they seem to be so make sure you know everyone's motive that you are working with. Follow your intuition for the most success.

Gemini

May 21 - June 21



A close friend will be giving you advice. Make sure you listen to what they are saying as they can see what is going on in your life better than you can. Someone may be presenting you with an unexpected gift later in the week.

Luckiest day: January 30.

Virgo

August 23 - September 23



A sudden change will take you by surprise. Someone you are not expecting to be troublesome will cause you some grief. Don't stress over anyone who isn't worth your time. Listen to your intuition to solve any unresolved problems.

Luckiest day: January 29.

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21



People who are close to you are going to want you to either help them solve their problems or pick sides between them. You don't have to do either, if possible separate yourself from any negative people and do your own thing.

Luckiest day: January 30.

Pisces

February 20 - March 20



A legal issue or contract will have to be dealt with. Make sure you know all the details about something new you are about to get involved with. Don't over analyze any issues though. Get the facts and take them at face value.

Luckiest day: February 2.

Aries

March 21 - April 19



When figuring out a problem the best way to go about solving it is to add a creative twist to your method. When you are too logical you can over look some of the more obvious details. You need a creative outlet.

Luckiest day: January 29.

Cancer

June 22 - July 22



You will finally get a lot of the answers you have been looking for regarding relationships and friendships. Don't worry about anything you can't do something about. You need to focus your energy on present tasks.

Luckiest day: January 30.

Libra

September 24 - October 22



After much effort you will be rewarded for your efforts. Make sure you set goals for yourself during the next while. Don't let the people around you tell you what to do. You can't get distracted from the tasks you are supposed to be working on.

Luckiest day: January 29.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19



Make sure you look at both sides of any issue; you don't want to jump to conclusions over the next while. Don't hesitate to talk with friends about anything going on. Someone else may be able to see a resolution you cannot.

Luckiest day: February 1.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20



The best way to achieve success is to finish one task at a time. If you take on too many little jobs you will not be focussed enough on the major task at hand. If you are dealing with many issues sort thorough each one individually, finish what you start.

Luckiest day: February 1.

Leo

July 23 - August 22



You have to listen to your intuition more closely. If you have been having trouble with getting things accomplished it is because you are too distracted. Focus your energy on current tasks and everything else in your life will sort itself out.

Luckiest day: January 28.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21



New relationships and friendships are going to be starting up over the next while. Don't over-analyze them and what they are about, just enjoy them. Make sure you allow other people around you to get to know the real you.

Luckiest day: January 29.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 19



Even though it may not feel like it all the time, you are taking the right steps for your future. A close friend or partner is going to help you through any tough times so don't hesitate to ask for assistance. Make goals for yourself.

Luckiest day: February 3.

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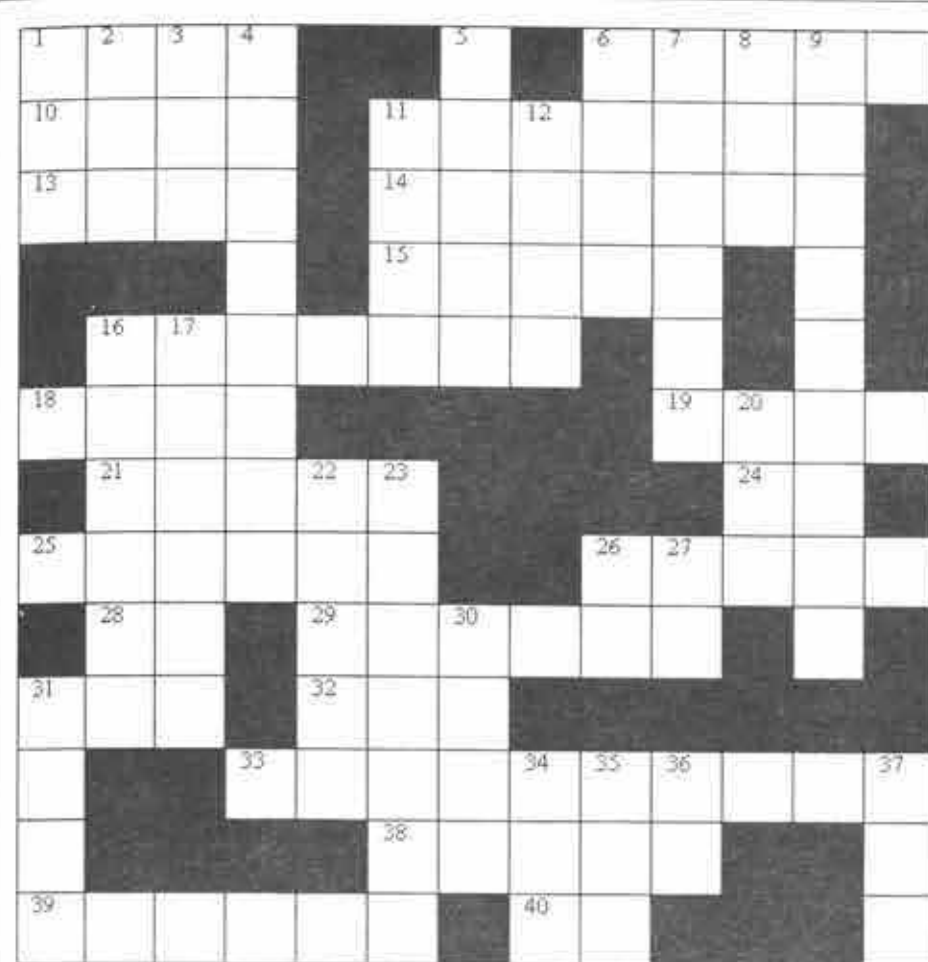


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- 1 Condition of being relaxed
- 6 _____ - Lama
- 10 Laurier underpass
- 11 Far from the usual
- 13 To clip neat
- 14 Very resolute
- 15 Ridiculed by imitation
- 16 Hold within
- 18 Of no practical importance
- 19 'am not' contraction
- 21 Uncaring
- 24 North America abbrev.
- 25 Ancient alloy
- 26 'Inferno' author
- 28 Tin, on periodic table
- 29 Mean-spirited disposition
- 31 Desperate plea

Down:

- 1 To consume food
- 2 Breathable substance
- 3 Country, _____ -Lanka
- 4 Alberta city
- 5 Multiple of 'radius'
- 6 Ten cent coin
- 7 Before Nova Scotia
- 8 Type of Network
- 9 A substitute
- 11 Incarnation of Vishnu
- 12 To condemn
- 16 Abrasive
- 17 Fermented tea
- 20 Traveler's hotel
- 22 Earth's protective layer
- 23 Of iron
- 26 Doctor abbrev.
- 27 'yes' variant
- 30 Bothers
- 31 Recycling containers
- 34 Floor covering
- 35 Depiction of thought
- 36 'WLU' philosophy prefix
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WEEKLY BAD DRAWING



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I'm gonna gauge this guy's eyes out in a minute.

I know what I'll do! I'll make a magic potion using my advanced skills in chemistry!

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You're awake now, aren't you, ya bastard?

What's that? Yeah I am gonna cut the stuffing out of your ass.

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Hawks split weekend series

The Golden Hawks continue to fight their way up the OUA standings with a win against Guelph but struggle as they fall to Lakehead on Saturday

SHAWN PARKER
Cord Sports

Coming off a 3-2 overtime loss to the Brock Badgers at home, the Golden Hawks of Laurier were looking for a little redemption from their tri-city rivals the Guelph Gryphons. Guelph sits last in the Mid-West division, and the Hawks were in need of the two points to get back on track. The Hawks also had revenge on their minds after a 5-4 loss to the Gryphons on January 10th, when Laurier blew a three-goal lead in the third period.

Game misconducts, mini-brawls and minor penalties set up the weirdest goal of the Hawk season.

Both squads began the game with a tentative step. The action was slow and it seemed as if no one was ready to step up and gamble for a big chance. The Hawks eventually found a little step in their legs when forward Bryan Kazarian made a nice feed to a streaking Rob Dmytruk who beat the Gryphon goalie to open the

scoring. The visiting side would answer back late in the period when a penalty shot opportunity was converted by a Guelph forward.

The action was vastly different from the second period on. The Hawks, mostly due to ferocious fore checking, were able to pepper the Guelph netminder with shots, and coming close on more than one quality scoring chance. Guelph was able to hang around in the game thanks to some timely goaltending, and scored the go-ahead goal early in the period.

The Hawks would still not be denied after falling behind, and forward Nick Gibson was able to make good on a pass from Kazarian, giving him two assists in the game and knotting the score up at two. The third period began with a renewed interest in the Gryphons. They were able to use their speed to their advantage and pot another goal, taking a 3-2 lead.

Just as it looked like Guelph was going to put the hammer down and rely on a defensive system to steal a big victory, the game took a step in the nasty direction. Game misconducts, mini-brawls and minor penalties set up the weirdest goal of the Hawk season.

On what looked to be a



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Laurier Men's Hockey splits weekend series by beating Guelph 5 -3 on Friday, but lose to Lakehead 6 -3 on Saturday. The hawks continue a slow climb up the OUA standings in preparation for the playoffs.

harmless dump in by Laurier's Riley Moher, the puck bounced off the end boards, where the Guelph goalie was waiting for the puck, and landed in the back of the net. That goal looked like it took the wind out of the Gryphon sails as Moher came back moments later to pocket his second of the game past as a screened goaltender.

The Hawks added an empty net goal after withstanding a flurry of action in front of their net in the final minute to hang on to a 5-3 win. Laurier looks to bounce back from a 6-3 loss at the hands of the Lakehead Thunderwolves Monday night when they take on the Brock Badgers in St. Catharines Wednesday night.

OUA Mens Hockey Standings

School	GP	W	L	Ties	OTL	PTS
MidWest Division						
York	16	10	2	4	0	24
Brock	17	11	5	1	0	23
Laurier	17	8	5	2	2	20
Guelph	16	5	8	2	1	13
Far West Division						
Western	17	15	2	0	0	30
Lakehead	17	13	2	2	0	28
Windsor	17	6	10	1	0	13
Waterloo	19	5	12	0	2	12

Cord sports "super" picks

Patriots look to clean up and take home another SuperBowl according to Cord sports football experts

DANIEL WILSON
Women's Basketball Writer

After a miserable 1-15 record in 2001 and consecutive last place finishes, the Carolina Panthers have reached Super Bowl XXXVIII for the first time in franchise history. Despite having a quarterback that wasn't even drafted and a roster that lacks big names, this miraculous turnaround did not occur by pure chance. During the preseason, Coach John Fox instilled in his team a defensive mindset that has propelled the Panthers to NFC champions.

Coming off 14 straight wins, the New England Patriots are looking for their second Vince Lombardi Trophy in three seasons. This impressive feat, which hasn't been accomplished since the unbeaten 1972 Dolphins, can be traced back to defense. Bill Belichick's team led the entire league in surrendering the fewest points allowed during the regular season.

As much as I'd like to see Carolina complete her Cinderella season with a Super Bowl victory, Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady will lead his team back to glory. New England runs a short passing game, which is boring to watch but very effective.

Patriots 23, Panthers 16.

SHAWN PARKER
Resident football player

If I were a betting man, someone would have taken both my thumbs by now. I mean really, who could have predicted Super Bowl XXXVIII would feature the perennially defunct Carolina Panthers and the early season struggling New England Patriots, a team beaten 30-0 in the season opener by ex-patriot Drew Bledsoe and the Buffalo Bills? I sure wouldn't have.

For my money the Super Bowl was going to be all about Brett Favre leading his old horses into battle against the powerhouse Indy Colts, where a changing of the quarterback guard would take place on the field. Or it could have been the Greatest Show on Turf St. Louis Rams or the feel good hit of the season Philadelphia Eagles led by Donovan McNabb. But the No Forecasting League has proven once again that it's impossible to know how it's all going to end up, so on that note, I'll take New England in a rout, 31-14 over the Cinderella Panthers. Please oh please won't the slipper come off. Patriots 31, Panthers 14

COLIN DUFFETT
Men's Hockey writer

The Panthers have never been to the Super Bowl; the

Patriots have been to the big show three times in the last ten years.

The road to this year's Super Bowl has been anything but boring. Each game has been an exciting, dramatic affair that for the most part has been close to the finish. Recent Super Bowl games have been anything but close contests. One team has historically dominated their opponent both offensively and defensively.

This year, the possibility for a one-sided affair is quite possible. The juggernaut that is the New England Patriots could conceivably run wild over the Carolina squad. But, I think this year will be slightly different.

Carolina has a tremendous defense. They are strong on the line as well as at the defensive back position. They are tough, fast and punishing, a deadly trinity for the opposing offense to handle.

Unfortunately, New England is just too good. My prediction is that Tom Brady will control the clock and strike hard when the opportunity arises. It'll be a close game but never any doubt. Patriots 27 - Panthers 20

BERNARD DAWSON
Mr. Cord Sports

I wonder if it is too late to change the title from the Super Bowl to the Spare Parts Bowl? I mean take a look at the rosters of both teams. A few names jump out at you, but the rest are basically nobodies in an NFL filled with Payton Mannings

and Warren Sapps. One of these guys is even a veteran of the NFL. Yes that's right, "He Hate Me" is one of Carolina's kick returners! Listening to Panthers' quarterback Jake Delhomme is like watching The Waterboy and trying to understand Farmer Fran.

Ignoring all of the unfamiliar faces and names, this should be a really good game. Both teams have excellent defenses backed up by brilliant defensive-minded head coaches. Offensively, both teams are pretty much one-dimensional; the Panthers pound the ball while the Patriots like to air it out. This game will come down to special teams and which team caalow scoring and one of the two kickers might be called

upon to win the game for their team.

New England: 17, Carolina: 14.

DEREK IWANUK
Shamed Sports Editor

After going 0-6 in all of my playoff picks I have decided to retire from football pronosticating. I will now focus my efforts to the Cord's annual NCAA tournament picks. Hopefully this year, I will not end up last. But if I could give you an accurate pick I would pick that most of these writers will get really really drunk on Sunday.

Pick: Drunken sports writers 5, Sober sports writers 0



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The Patriots are looking to win their second Superbowl in since 9/11. An American propagandist conspiracy?? You be the judge.

Duffett's top ten OUA playmakers

COLIN DUFFETT
Staff Writer

Top 10 OUA Men's Hockey Players

1. Jeff Martin - Centre
University of Western Ontario
Games: 11 Goals: 17 Assists: 6 Points: 23

Martin was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the 1997 Entry Draft. He spent five seasons with the Windsor Spitfires of the OHL where he amassed 253 points. In his fourth season as a Mustang, he has 103 points including 57 goals. This man is money.

2. Danny Dallaire - Goalie
University Quebec Trois-Rivières
Games: 14 Wins: 9 Losses: 2 Ties: 3 SO: 2 GAA: 1.99 Save %: 93.79

Being a former goaltender, I can fully appreciate a good goaltender. Dallaire has played in all of UQTR's contests. He's a tremendous goaltender who plays behind a strong team. In a division that is arguably one of the toughest, Dallaire could be

the main reason why UQTR heads back to the finals again.

3. Justin Davis - Right Wing
University of Western Ontario
Games: 13 Goals: 7 Assists: 21 Points: 28

Drafted by Washington in 1996, Davis leads the league in assists and points and has continually put up numbers in his two previous years. There is a reason why Western is always considered a favourite to win the OUA and Davis is a serious part of the equation.

4. Derek Dolson - Goalie
York University
Games: 13 Wins: 7 Losses: 2 Ties: 4 SO: 2 GAA: 3.36 Save %: 90.41

Dolson spent four seasons in the OHL split between the Oshawa Generals and Owen Sound. Dolson also won OUA West section MVP and Rookie of the Year honours. Having seen him play in Oshawa over a number of seasons I know that Dolson can steal the show on any given night.

5. Jeff Richards - Forward
Lakehead University
Games: 11 Goals: 7 Assists: 15 Points: 22

2002 - 2003 CIS All-Rookie team member finished the season with 38 points. Could score higher totals this year if he continues to play like he is. Currently he has 22 points in 11 games. Richards was also voted the most underrated player in the OHL during his stint with the Soo Greyhounds.

6. Joel Scherban - Centre
Lakehead University
Games: 14 Goals: 11 Assists: 11 Points: 22

This is Scherban's third season with Lakehead after playing five seasons with the London Knights. He's another big, strong forward and has become an integral part of the Lakehead organization.

7. Mike D'Alessandro - Goalie
University of Western Ontario
Games: 13 Wins: 7 Losses: 2 GAA: 3.22 Save %: 86.05

Don't let the GAA and save percentage fool you. He can be the difference maker in every game he plays as a team can only go as far their goalie is able to take them and D'Alessandro can take them all the way.

8. Daryl Bat - Centre
York University
Games: 12 Goals: 9 Assists: 15 Points: 24

York's best player and among the league leaders in points and assists. He's the type of player the opposing team should watch when he's on the ice. York will probably win the Mid-west division again this year and Bat will surely play an integral role for York come the post-season.

9. Michael Stathopoulos - Centre
University of Western Ontario
Games: 15 Goals: 11 Assists: 18 Points: 29

First year player who came from the London Knights of the OHL. As a rookie, he's second in the league in points

with 29 with ten of those coming on the powerplay. Western has a tradition of finding talented OHL players to fill a spot on their roster. Stathopoulos could be very important for the Mustangs in their upcoming run to the final four as well as future runs.

10. Richard Colwill - RW
Wilfrid Laurier University
Games: 14 Goals: 5 Assists: 12 Points: 17

Colwill hasn't had the season that he had last year but the former Owen Sound Attack player is still Laurier's best player. It is apparent that both Colwill and linemate Bryan Kazarian have missed left-winger Kevin Corso who has been absent from the majority of the Hawk line-ups this season. Colwill is big, strong, fast and smart with the puck.

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FIFA uses sex to sell

Sports writer Kelly Wamsley tees off on FIFA suggestion for short shorts.

Guest Columnist

Kelly Wamsley

Somebody please tell me what year I am in. Is this war against sexism ever going to end for female athletes?

Women's sports have come so far in the last few decades. They gained respect not only as women but as female athletes. Especially women's soccer. The sport has skyrocketed on the female perspective. People are starting to pay attention to these girls, not because they may or may not be beautiful but because they possess outstanding talent.

So why are they being degraded by such a powerful presence in the soccer world?

In recent news, the head of soccer's international governing body has caused an uproar by suggesting women soccer players should wear tighter shorts to bring more attention to their sport. FIFA president Sepp Blatter said the women's game needed different sponsors from men's soccer and could attract these clients with the use of "more feminine uniforms."

Are you kidding me? Did this guy actually think he could get away with such a sexist comment as to suggest that these women wear tighter shorts? You want soccer to incorporate tighter shorts, then go ask the men to wear speedos, because women have worked too hard for too long to have an idiot like this bring them back into the 40s.

It seems as though some things never change. In 1943 women had to run, squat

and slide in dresses, just so they could play baseball. How could we let history repeat itself?

Women in the role of athletes do not aspire to seek attention for their looks. If they wanted to do that they would be models. Of course all women like to be sexy and feel good about themselves. I am not going to argue that, but there is a time and place for it and on the field is not an appropriate time.

In athletics women have proved that they deserve the same opportunities and admiration as men and this should not change. This guy took all personal ability and talent away from these girls and turned them into objects. Tools for him to receive profit.

So is this what we are back to? Objectifying women? Have we even ever left that mindset? Women are just objects to be paraded around for the viewing pleasure of men. This completely disgusts me, not only



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Anna Kournikova is one example of women sports using sex to sell their sport. The president of FIFA wants to do the same for soccer.

because I myself am an athlete, but because I know the hard work and dedication it takes to play a sport, and it is almost heart breaking that hard work is not acknowledged by those chosen few who are driven and infatuated

by profit. It is a sad fact that it is 2004, and we are experiencing the same problems that they did forty years ago. This is absolutely ridiculous and I think we have evolved a lot more than that.

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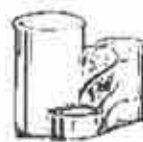
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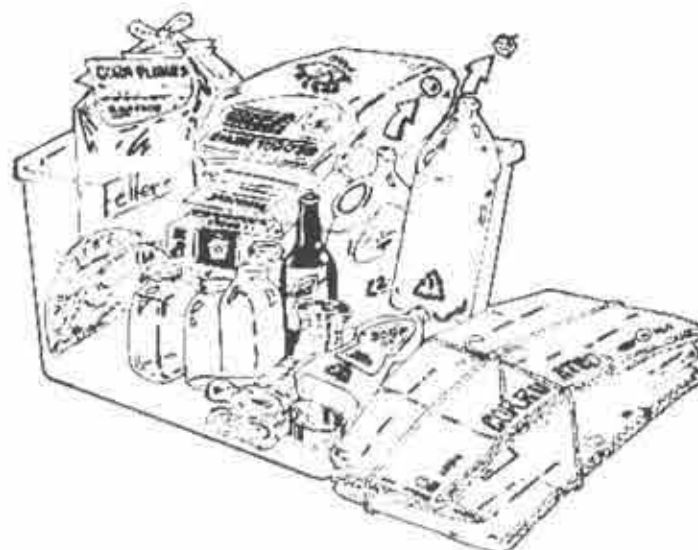
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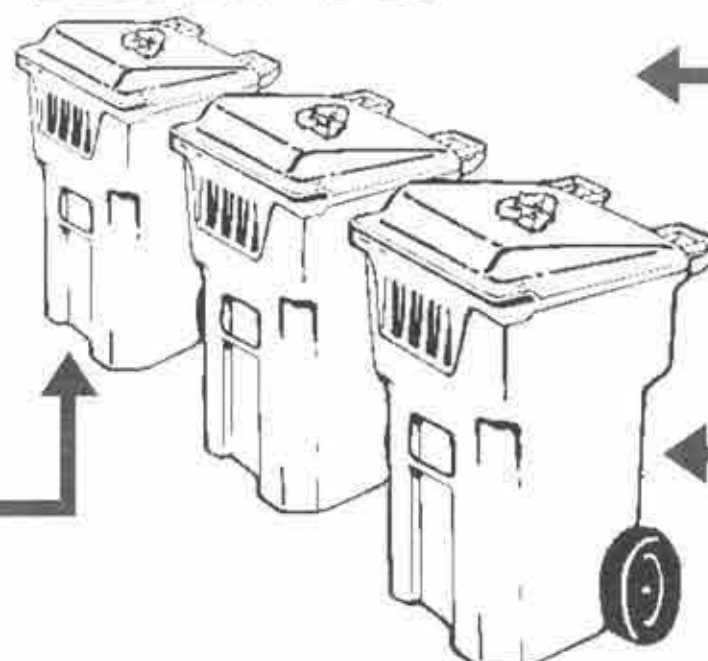
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Brassmunk does it big at Starlight

JON CORBIN
Staff Writer

"All the beautiful people to the front please!" The call echoed through the Starlight lounge on Thursday. It was after midnight but the dance floor was packed in anticipation. Needless to say, the Brassmunk performance did not disappoint. DJ Agile mixed beats quickly, giving the crowd virtually no time to breathe as emcees Clip, S-Roc and May One-Nine demanded attention with their playful and engaging energy.

The crew went deep into their repertoire, well past their most recent release, the *Dark Sunrise* EP. Hits like "El

Dorado" and "Big" drew reactions while underground heads were treated to older tunes from their vinyl days.

For those unaware, "Brass," according to May, refers to the many instruments of the horn section, each bringing different sounds to produce good music. "Munk" stands for the monk-like discipline of developing their craft.

Each member of the brass section performed almost flawlessly. However, it was the dedication and discipline that stood out. Not only did they put on an exciting show, but what other crew would sit in an unheated attic above

Jane Bond in frigid Waterloo to talk shop with two heads from *The Cord*? It definitely takes some dedication.

Refreshingly, Brassmunk has not forgotten where they came from. The crew formed in a Scarborough high school where large cypher sessions were the norm. Agile recalls, "There would be one guy on the beatbox and up to fifteen guys in the circle going at it." Movies like *Brown Sugar* were made for guys like this. When asked when they fell in love with hip-hop, answers like BDP's "Edutainment," "Eric B. Is President" and break-dancing culture came back. Agile recognizes that hip-hop has changed from these glory days, but they still believe it lives today. "The good stuff's still there, but you gotta work harder to get [it]."

"Canadians seem to follow everybody else. [Artists] are not big here until they're big there."

-DJ Agile, Brassmunk

After signing a deal with Virgin, the group is poised to release a full-length album, *Futuristic*, in late



All photos by Melissa Moffat

Canadian hip-hop up and comers Brassmunk rock the Starlight, but still have time to sit down and chat with pro-rock writer Jon Corbin

Summer/Fall of '04. S-Roc boldly states, "[With our last record] we touched the surface of what Brassmunk is about. Now it's time to go deeper." The support from a major label and outlets like MuchMusic has given the crew national exposure, allowing them to tour many North American spots in recent years.

To the emcees, their show in Waterloo was another step on the slow rise to the top. That's why they didn't mind sharing a cup of hot chocolate with us to stay warm. Their future goals have them

contributing to a Canadian hip-hop scene that needs to develop its own talent.

"Canadians seem to follow everybody else," Agile remarks. "[Artists] are not big here until they're big there." Speaking in agreement, Clip would like to see more dedicated emcees speak up about the status of hip-hop and work to make some change. And if these guys can continue to model that work ethic and move the crowd as they did on Thursday, the Canadian scene will be alright.



Happy Funny Polly

Film: *Along Came Polly*
Released: Jan. 16, 2004
Starring: Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston
Nutshell: Progressive humour
Cord's Rating:



out of a possible 5 cords

ERIC CHOW
Staff Writer

Reuben Feffer (Stiller) is a professional risk assessment analyst for a large insurance brokerage firm. His very existence is a careful and calculated one. But after he catches his wife cheating on him during his honeymoon, he attempts to take the high road and return to his prior existence. However, his lifestyle changes for the worst when he hooks up with Polly (Aniston), a woman who is his complete opposite. Feffer finally begins to live life rather than dodge around it, and his prior lifestyle soon becomes a figment of his imagination as he goes from being a calculating individual to a crazy S.O.B.

Academic Value

When I watch this film, I am reminded of the wise words of a brilliant philosopher who once said, "Don't take life too seriously; you'll never get out alive." Great words of wisdom. Although one goes to university to better himself/herself, you have to come to the realization that if all one does during their time at university is think about marks and grades, the 'la joie de vie'. If marks are more important than the actual education gained, then what

is the true point of going to university? We must not forget that we are twenty only once in our lifetime. And at the end of the day, life is not a destination but rather a journey.

Who should you see it with? Invite your woman and your scuba instructor. If they are one and the same, then you are the man!

My Take

At first glance, this film seems very similar to a previous Ben Stiller film, *Keeping the Faith*, a movie with a lot of entertaining adult humor but not your prototypical 'good' comedy. But as *Along Came Polly* progresses, so does the humor. At first, we may only chuckle at the humour but those chuckles soon become side-splitting laughter. Ben Stiller is quite adept at portraying an anal-retentive germophile risk-

Reuben Feffer does indeed remind me of another Ben Stiller character... Gaylord Focker perhaps?

assessment analyst. The uptight individual that is Reuben Feffer does indeed remind me of another Ben Stiller character... Gaylord Focker perhaps? And Jennifer Aniston was the icing on the cake. Her role was not simply eye candy but was used to further enhance the plot and the hysterics. However, her character seemed extremely familiar: a free-spirited female who is disorganized and lives paycheck to paycheck... does-

n't that sound very much like Rachel from *Friends*? Hurray for type-casting! But the crème-de-la-crème for humour definitely goes to Philip Seymour Hoffman who definitely carried a lot of the hilarity. I still cannot help but laugh at his basketball presence and skills.

Cheeky Fact

Did you know that Jennifer Aniston hates Greek, Chinese, Indian and spicy foods? Which is kinda ironic because she is Greek. Also, in *Along Came Polly* she is completely infatuated with spicy Indian food.



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Wacky Ben Stiller is getting crazy with the Cheese Whiz.

XIII=13

Game XIII
Released: 2003
System: Playstation 2, Xbox, GameCube, PC
Nutshell: Animated assassins
Cord's Rating:



out of a possible 5 cords

KYLE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

At first glance, *XIII* (read: Thirteen) is much like any other game of the first-person-shooter genre. The missions consist of generic find-the-key, find-the-door gameplay, with the occasional stealth-based espionage mixed in.

The controls are well executed across each console platform. Fans of *Halo* or *Medal of Honor* will quickly adapt to the control scheme on the Xbox, Gamecube and PS2 systems. However, the best control of your character can be found in the mouse/keyboard combination of the PC.

While its control and gameplay elements are not bad, per se, they do not break any boundaries within the genre either. Where *XIII* excels is in the game's style, flavour, and story.

The game begins with your main character waking on a beach with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. The plot soon unfolds to reveal that you are wanted for suspected assassination of the president. While the game takes place in modern times, users will draw parallels to the famous JFK assassination immediately. The story that follows is a wild adventure that reveals a massive conspiracy that is orchestrated



by 20 powerful social figures whom you identify as you tromp through the generic levels.

The music is equally intriguing, mixing subtle techno beats with a 60's flavour funkadelic sound. Furthermore, various celebrity voices are used to represent the game's characters. The star of the game is voiced, ironically enough, by David Duchovny who is by no means a stranger to playing a pawn of government conspiracies. His partner in crime is played by Hip-Hop/sitcom star Eve and the man helping you reveal the conspiracy is none other than Adam West of *Batman* fame.

Finally, one of the coolest elements of the game are the graphics. The game uses Cell Shade animation (a fancy word for cartoons) to detail the world of *XIII*. This makes for some particularly cinematic moments, similar to the style in which Ang Lee presented *The Hulk*, with the use of separate frames to show simultaneous action.

The cool style and story of the game will keep you glued to your television or monitor for the duration of *XIII*, but unfortunately the textbook first-person-shooter gameplay will not offer much incentive to play through the game a second time, unless you really enjoyed watching the conspiracies of the *X-Files*.

HEAR SAY



FIDGITAL condo life

CD: Condo Life
Artist: Fldgital
Released: Page Music Distribution Inc (2003)
Features: Waste of time
Cord's Rating:



out of a possible 5 cords

Is this some sort of joke? I can't believe that a band like this even exists. Fldgital, an electronic pop duo out of Vancouver, have possibly produced one of the most annoying records I have ever subjected my ears to.

Condo Life is the title of their newest recording. I'm sorry, but this record simply

sucks.

The theme of the album is supposed to be about condo living. The band is very fashion influenced, but if you look at the cover of *Condo Life* you might be wondering where they're getting their fashion advice from. Someone has to tell them that the year is now 2004 and that we aren't living in the 80's anymore.

Condo Life reminds me of cheesy lounge music, the kind of music played in hotel lobbies located in the crack district. Some songs on this album actually start with some potential by creating a unique jazz sound with big bass. However, as every song progresses the lyrics and electronic noises ruin the entire tune. The album's basis revolves around living in an inner city condominium. I think songs like "29 stories" and "fashionable" are exemplary in expressing some of the key 'themes' of the album.

Fldgital's *Condo Life* is an ass buffet of repetitive noises and it's safe to say that it is an album best listened to while your CD player is set on mute.

Michael Mocherniak



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I don't recall the electronic scene being this embarrassing in the past

T.O. faints for Linkin Park

MIKE BROWN
 Cord Entertainment

This past Saturday I ventured to Toronto for a much-anticipated evening at the Air Canada Centre, where Linkin Park's 2004 *Meteora* World Tour made one of its first stops. Aside from a few minor problems with balance (in which the vocals were overshadowed by hard-hitting instrumental segments), the show did not disappoint. With help from Story of the Year, Hoobastank, and P.O.D., Linkin Park brought a sold-out audience to their feet with a phenomenal performance that gave credence to their tremendous commercial success.

Although both Story of the Year and Hoobastank put on solid opening sets, the crowd, which undoubtedly crossed many borders in music genres, were not very into them and I found myself surrounded by still bodies in the pit.

Fortunately, the show began to quickly gain momentum once P.O.D. took the stage. Aided by a veteran stage presence (the product of over ten years of live performances) and a spellbinding laser show, P.O.D. got the audience jumping. In fact, during the band's second last song, a crowd surfer was carelessly tossed into an open space where he hit the ground head-first and lay motionless for about five minutes before leaving the pit on his own strength. Brief scare aside, P.O.D. finished their set with "Alive" and left the audience to await Linkin Park.

After a short wait, the curtain dropped and Linkin Park exploded into a frenzy with their fans quickly following suit. It would be merely the beginning of an ener-



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He's one step closer to the edge...and HE'S ABOUT TO BREAK!

getic performance that captured the unique blend of metal and rap that, admittedly, I didn't think the innovative headliners would successfully put forth in a live setting due to the complexity of post-production that Linkin Park depends on.

Although they drew primarily on their 2003 sophomore release *Meteora*, the band also included some fan favourites from their major label debut *Hybrid Theory* and even performed an X-Ecutioners' collaboration, "It's Going Down", that showcased Mike Shinoda's rhythmic skills.

The evening's highlight came when lead vocalist Chester Bennington appealed to the crowd to give guitarist Brad Delson a break. Delson proceeded to survey the mass of fans screaming for the chance to play with the band for "Faint," arguably *Meteora*'s biggest single, and selected a guy in his late teens from the moshpit. The

lucky fan did not look out of place in the least. He played the guitar riffs to perfection and looked quite at home as he helped take the audience energy level to new heights. Linkin Park followed with "Crawling," "Numb," and "In The End" in succession to close their set.

The fans, however, were not ready for the show to end. They called back the boys of Linkin Park for a four song encore that included the melodic, lesser known gem "My December," a remix of "Pushing Me Away," and was punctuated by an extended version of the band's first radio single, "One Step Closer."

After much applause, I joined the thousands of weary, sweat-laden fans in streaming towards the exit after a phenomenal performance. In my experience, this show was outclassed only by the Foo Fighters' Arrow Hall show in the summer of 2003.

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Mainstream Mania

Chris Collie

Within music culture, there's always a specific group of artists with the ability to slide through massive layers of listening groups, quite unlike many others who become easily pigeonholed in the sound that their demographic commands. Without preoccupying their success around mad hook-laden marketing schemes to buy their popularity, these musicians showcase some kind across-the-board appeal that's really a unique scenario.

Otherwise thought of as a wire-to-the-cortex melody making machine, these are the type of musicians that just about anybody enjoys and don't mind admitting to it. It's not even the actual name or image of the artists that's important as much their fundamental premise of creating songs that everybody enjoys.

A prime example of this phenomenon is John Mayer, a man who really has the whole scene I'm describing dialled to a pinnacle. Right now, Mayer is just about the best choice you can make when choosing to attending a warm summer night's concert with a significant other, because chances are that you're both going to enjoy it.

Mayer writes the hookiest melodies, pens lyrics that spark your brain, and tosses down solid guitar and vocals. If I have to quantify this phenomenon of the 'sure, I like them' scenario, it's likely because artists like Mayer don't really hide behind the genre-specific codes of reggae, metal, or trance, but instead rely heavily on the two general principles that have governed their type of all-listenable music forever: the rules of the singer/songwriter. This category appears where songs of ridiculous quality, both from a musicianship and melodic perspective, reign supreme.

When the listener's subjective opinion becomes focused on a melody with a very large base of comparison and lots of tough acts to follow, hid-

ing behind a genre-novelty falls increasingly flat. Following is the mandatory ability of the songwriter to deliver these songs with high levels of raw emotion and power. Anything less and the individual would be known singularly as just a 'songwriter', creating their masterpieces behind the scenes.

The underlying theory here is simple: the songs these people write are basically impossible to fully dislike - if you even like music in the first place, that is. However, these tunes are definitely not pushing the boundaries of any genre or attempting to make grandiose statements to test the listener's belief system, but merely delivering on a promise of high-quality and emotional music for all of us to enjoy together.

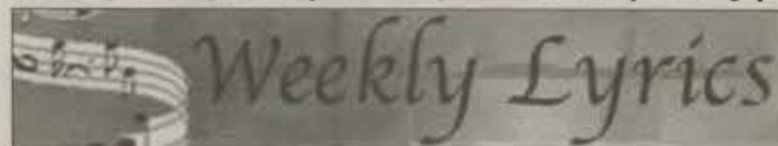
It only makes sense, considering the ridiculous list of occasions when crowds of drastically different tastes converge. Just think of all of the success stories here that have rocked the jam with tunes that almost everybody knows and loves: James Taylor, Dave Matthews, Jack Johnson, Ben Harper, Coldplay and of course, John Mayer. The list just goes on and on.

It's no argument that all of these artists display an amazing level of talent and ability, and I would argue that they are enjoyed across the board by people who like music. These artists can convince a wide diversity of people - thousands - to jam the Molson Amphitheatre on a warm summer night for concerts that everyone can enjoy. That's definitely a skill worth admiring.



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Regardless of whether you hate John Mayer, you gotta love it when he tells you that your body is his wonderland. Even if you're a guy.



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Meighan Doherty was the first to guess that last week's lyrics were courtesy of Ashanti's brilliantly satirical masterpiece "Rock Wit You (Aw Baby)". Meighan also pointed out that the rebellious misspelling of the word "with" in the song's title may have been the responsibility of the songwriter rather than mega-pop-sensation-smash Ashanti.

- Chris, Entertainment Editor



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One journalist big business can't shut up

Greg Palast releases a new assault on George W. Bush and friends in *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*

Book: The Best Democracy Money Can Buy
Author: Greg Palast
Publisher: Plume
Release Date: Feb 25, 2003



Cord's Rating:

out of a possible 5 cords

BERNARD DAWSON
 Staff Writer

When I first had the chance to pick up Greg Palast's *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*, I was not sure what to expect from the American-born reporter working in England. From the cover, it is easy to assume that the reader is in for yet another attack on George W. Bush and his big business buddies but that is not the case.

The Best Democracy Money Can Buy is not just another assault on Bush and Corporate America, it is the assault on Bush and his money-loving friends. Palast may lack the flash of Michael Moore but his work is a masterpiece of investigative journalism.

He begins with the story of how Bush stole the 2000 election in Florida. To explain this, he travels back to 1998 and shows how the Government of Florida fixed the vote by eliminating the voting rights of over 50,000 citizens.

Do you think they were all just ex-cons? Well, Palast shows how people with similar names were often stripped of voting rights, even though an ex-con might be a decade older or younger than the law-abiding citizen striped of their rights. Palast backs up his claims with proof, inter-

nal documents and e-mails given to him by whistle-blowers in the state government.

Palast does not stop there. He spends the rest of the book informing the reader about numerous other shady business deals committed by Bush's big business buddies. The pages are filled with murdered small-claim African miners, energy companies filling baby Bush's pockets, and all-American corporations chasing the all mighty dollars.

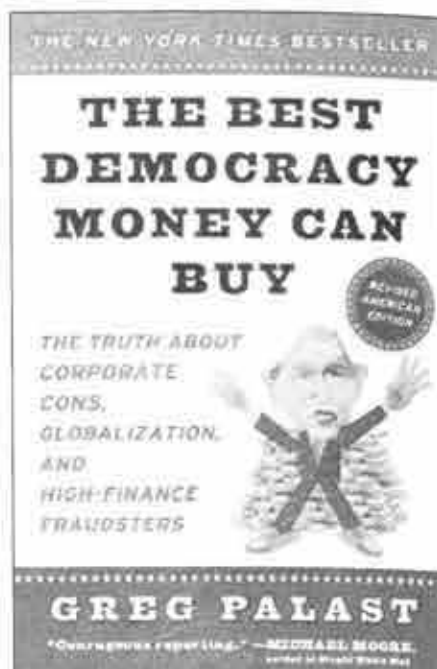
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The issues brought up in the book are nothing new. We expect corporations to lust for more money, and have politicians be for sale, but

what is shocking is how little regard they seem to have for the average person. It seems that people are nothing but mindless slaves - only good to buy the latest cars and munch on Happy Meals.

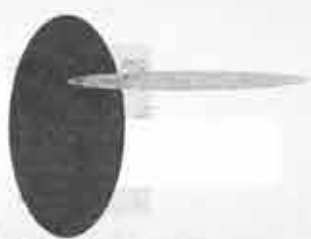
As Palast unfolds his stories of injustice, a reader is left grinding their teeth in pure fury at how their fellow human beings are being exploited and ignored. Worst of all is the fact that every allegation is backed up with evidence. This is not a book that can be ignored for a lack of support of the author's beliefs.

On the con side, Palast can be very dry at times. Facts and figures are important to the book but sometimes it does read like a textbook. But there is something about Palast's writing style that keeps a reader flipping the pages. It is like a frantic letter from a friend warning you about some evil that is coming your way. No matter how shocked you are, you keep reading.



Overall the book is an almost perfect piece of investigative journalism from a reporter who is not afraid of asking the tough questions and gaining the even tougher answers.

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A city of arts and culture?

Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray lectures Laurier students about the societal and economic importance of arts

THOMAS THOMPSON
Special Projects Editor

Politics is one of those things that are supposed to go undiscussed. Political discussions either tend to infuriate or bore other people around you. At this time of the year, political discussions on campus tend to focus on the upcoming Students' Union and Publication elections, not the role arts and culture have in Urban Development.

This weekend, Laurier was host to Opera.Ca's annual meeting. To kick off the event, Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray gave a lecture entitled "Imagine a City: The Role of Culture in Urban Development." Murray, who is now serving his second term as mayor, campaigned on a platform of improving funding to arts in the city.

Initially I wasn't sure what to expect, but Murray delivered a light-hearted yet intelligent discussion on the role of cities. First of all, he mentioned that the political forces that have shaped Canada have significantly changed. Basically, Murray

described a shift from nationalism to globalization, especially in economic integration. The result has been that cities are now competing to attract human capital and diversity.

Sharing his own experience, Murray talked about how art allowed him to understand his homosexuality...

One of the biggest problems Murray identifies with cities is what is described as a utilitarian approach to their finances. He describes this mentality as being primarily concerned with first tier infrastructure: roads, bridges and capital projects. This replaces funds to the second tier infrastructure, which includes less-tangible assets including arts and culture. Murray mentioned that most cities often sacrifice the second tier in favour of eco-

nomic development.

Murray argues that art and cultural venues have their own value. In order to be a hub and not in the periphery, Murray noted that cities must attract intelligent and creative people in today's economy. Part of the draw is to have cultural venues available to the populous. It is also important in drawing tourism to a city.

Of course, the value of the arts umbrella isn't just economic; it also has value in defining our society. Murray described art as heresy in the face of corporate concepts. In Winnipeg, Murray said that "there 52 languages and that we don't just tolerate, but [we] celebrate this diversity." Murray also discussed how Art is also healthy for the people of a community by allowing self-exploration. He described art and culture as tools an individual can use to ask questions that they might not otherwise ask in other circumstances.

Sharing his own experience, Murray talked about how art allowed him to understand his homosexuality

ty and its related issues. These were questions that he would not have been able to ask easily in school or religious settings.

Not everyone agrees with Murray's vision for cultural investments in cities. He was quite candid in saying that before his second election his approval rating went from 76% down to 52%, and three new candidates entered into the race after he announced his intention to improve arts and cultural funding. For Murray, creating a cultural space and a positive urban environment are key to improving lives in our community.



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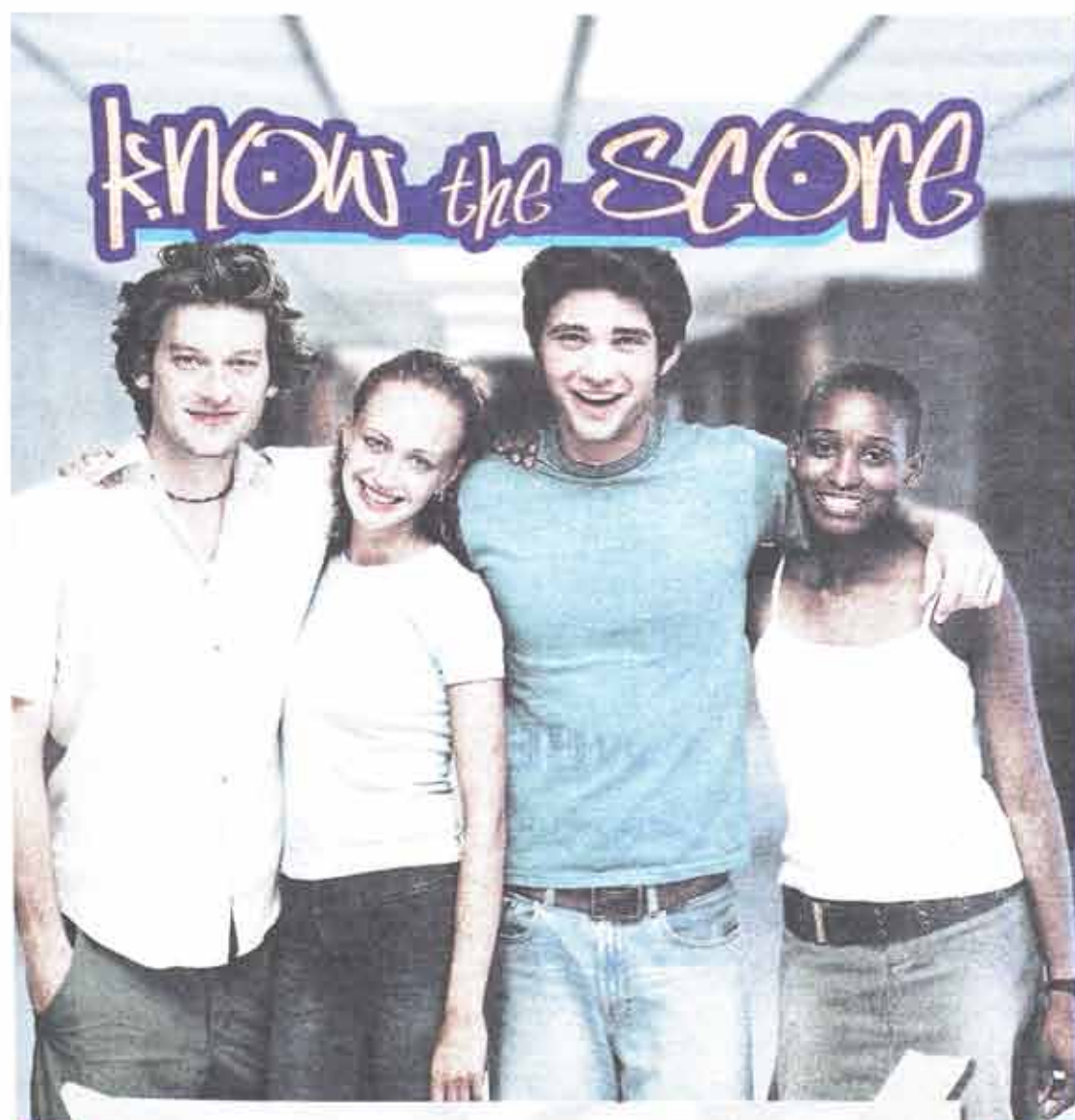


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Love in one act operas

C'est l'amour... or is it, as *Le Portrait de Manon* and *La Voix Humaine* find centre stage at Centre in the Square

Operas: Le Portrait de Manon, La Voix Humaine
Released: January 24, 2004
Starring: Not many fat ladies

Nutshell: C'est l'amour



Cord's Rating:

out of a possible 5 cords

MATTHEW CLEMENTE
Cord Arts

Opera Ontario presented two stunning one-act French Operas in Kitchener's Centre in the Square last Saturday evening. Both productions were amazing, and both were about love; yet one left you with feelings of contentment, and the other left you disturbed.

While I do have a strong penchant for classical music

and opera, I make no pretence to be particularly adept in the subject.

The first performance of the evening was *Le Portrait de Manon*, by Jules Massenet, touted as the greatest composer of the Belle Époque. The sequel to his most successful opera, *Manon*, this performance was the first by a Canadian professional company. Set in a castle near Paris in 1912, the curtain opened to Theodore Baerg as Des Grieux, lamenting his deceased wife Manon.

Tutoring his nephew, Viscount Jean de Mortcerfe, Des Grieux learns of the latter's love for Aurore, who is tutored by Tiberge. Des Grieux is outraged by this, as Aurore is of low status.

Tiberge enters in an attempt to convince Des Grieux to let the couple marry, but his attempts are in vain. Jean and Aurore, left alone, and desperate in their

love, begin to contemplate suicide.

In this ironically comic scene, the various methods of suicide seem rather undesirable: drowning themselves in the river would leave their bodies bloated and unsightly, poisoning themselves would be too painful, and hanging themselves would leave them with their tongues exposed. Their last brainstorming effort, death by sword, would prove impossible, as Jean would not be able to pierce Aurore's heart which he said was also his own.

As the scene progresses, (a wonderful performance), the lovers knock over a table and its contents, revealing a portrait of Manon. The likeness of Manon and Aurore in appearance and beauty was striking. Tiberge enters and learns of this discovery with new hope of uniting the couple.

As the opera wraps up, we learn that Aurore was in fact Manon's niece, orphaned and adopted by Tiberge. Learning this, Des Grieux immediately gave the couple his blessing: a happy ending for a simple, yet beautifully orchestrated and performed production.

After a short intermission and an excessively priced bottled water, the curtain opens on Francis Poulenc's 20th century *La Voix Humaine*. The opera is intimately set in a woman's boudoir circa 1935. Rightly billed a "tour de force for solo soprano," the entire opera saw distraught Elle on the telephone with her lover.

As is the case with many monologues, this opera was more provocative than many larger-scale productions. *La Voix Humaine* was very demanding— a real marathon— and performer Lyne Fortin, considered Canada's leading French soprano, delivered.

Her lover was moving on, and it was obvious that her heart was broken and she was destroyed, even suicidal.

Fortin portrayed this amazingly through her singing and body language. The conversation and the opera ended with telephone cord wrapped around Elle's neck as she murmured "Je t'aime."

And so the evening ended: two very contrasting productions by some amazing Canadian talent. It proved once again that, contrary to popular belief, opera can be an exciting, dramatic and thought-provoking form of entertainment. There is nothing quite comparable to a live performance by some remarkably powerful singers backed by a full orchestra. While popular music comes and goes, one evening at the opera justifies the art form's enduring appeal.

On another operatic note: Laurier's Faculty of Music presents the Canadian premiere of Louis Aubert's *La Forêt Bleue* with performances February 27 and 28 at 8:00 pm and February 29 at 3 pm.

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