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Smoking action stalled

WLU administration will wait another year to devise a plan to enact a campus-wide smoking ban

DAN POLISCHUK
News Editor

Plans to implement a campus-wide smoking ban at Laurier beginning this September have stalled as WLU President Robert Rosehart has decided to table any prohibition for at least a year.

This comes after no strategic plan was forwarded to him by the implementation committee before their deadline at the end of May.

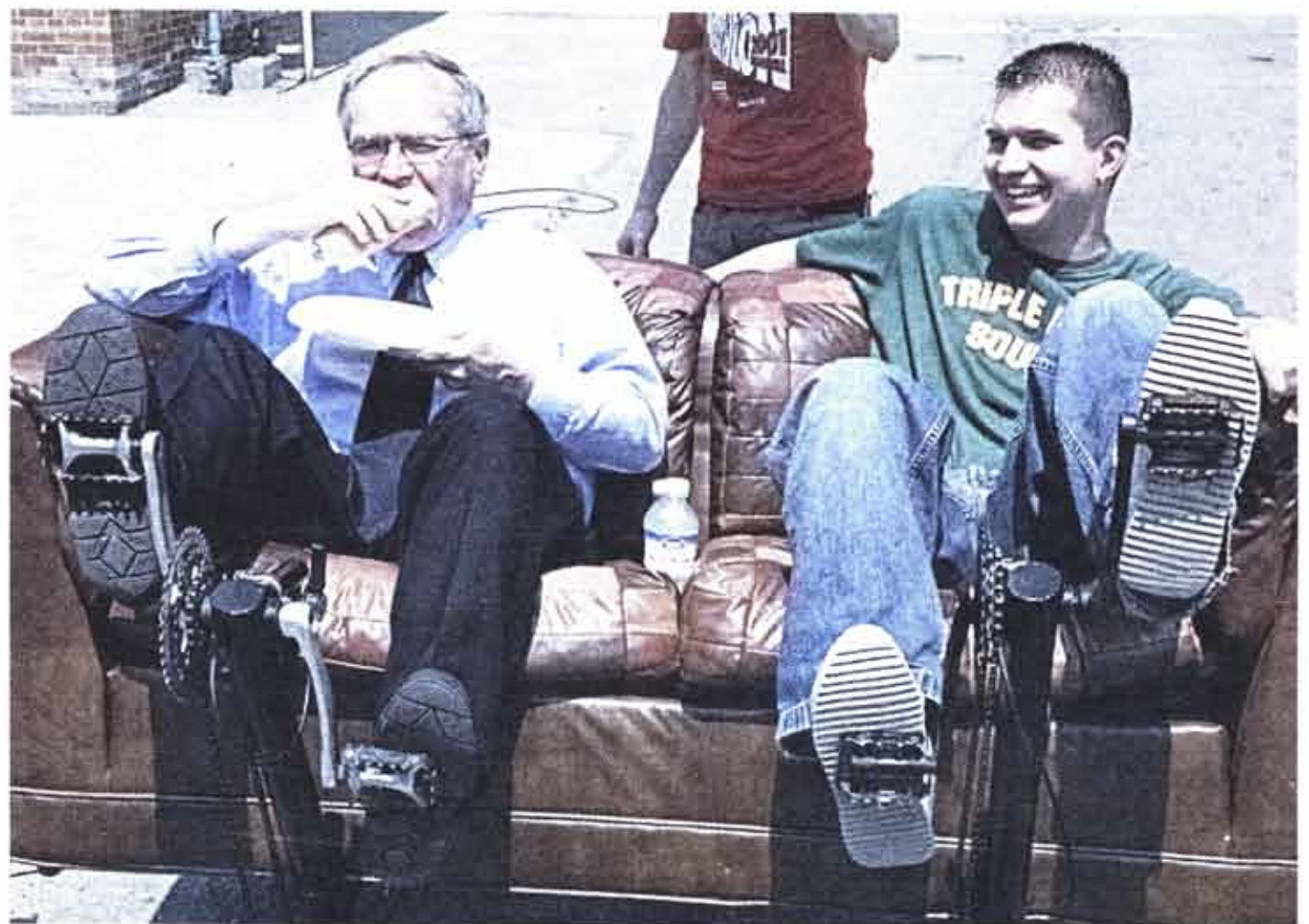
The issue of completely eliminating smoking on campus first arose when an online referendum question was posed to the Laurier community in mid-April.

While students, staff and faculty were all able to vote, the legitimacy of the referendum has become a topic of debate since it was posed during final exams. The question itself – do you support a smoke-free campus? – received approximately 75 percent support from over 2000 voters.

With no plan in place, Rosehart has decided to take a year to “broaden” the implementation committee by including more student representatives to help come up with new strategies.

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Editorial reaction to this story in **OPINION**, PAGE 8



Jordan Jocius

PEDDLIN' PRESIDENTS - WLU President Bob Rosehart eats a hot dog while WLUSU President Dan Robert peddles a lazy-boy bicycle in front of the Aird Underpass on Friday, June 10, 2005 for the National Commuter Challenge. For more on your campus leaders, read what they have to say about first-year students in **NEWS**, PAGE 3.

A Cord Weekly exclusive



Jordan Jocius

PANIC STRICKEN - Bystanders apply pressure to the wounds of an unidentified male after he was stabbed at a local keg party.

Students witness keg party stabbing

DAN POLISCHUK
News Editor

In the early morning hours of Sunday June 26, a bustling summer keg party in Laurier's student housing district was marred by violence, leaving three unidentified males injured and Waterloo Regional Police in search of their five assailants.

Two of the victims were assaulted with beer bottles while one was stabbed in the back and later taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The altercation, which erupted in front of the residence at 309 Hawthorn Street, was witnessed by several Laurier students, including Gordon Shaunz and Joy Kim.

As they were about to leave the party around 12:30am, they noticed two individuals having a verbal argument in the yard. The situation escalated as a tall white male, described as having a white t-shirt and curly dark hair, proceeded to attack his counterpart.

Upon doing so, four other males jumped in to help the assailant beat and eventually stab the victim.

“As they were beating him up, you could hear [the attackers] saying something like, ‘You don’t want to mess with us,’” commented Shaunz.

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Editorial reaction to this story in **OPINION**, PAGE 6

Laurier student drowns

Well-liked teenager's body found after desperate search

ADRIAN MA
News Editor

After four days of desperate searching, on May 26 the body of missing Laurier student Ryan Bartley was found in the Maskinonge River, sending his hometown of Keswick and the Laurier community into shock and sadness.

Bartley, 19 years old, was last seen in the early morning of May 22 making his way from one house party to another. When he was not heard from again, an official search was organized that saw more than 400 volunteers assisting

police in hopes of finding him.

York region police believe the death to be accidental, and noted that alcohol was definitely consumed at the party Ryan was last seen at.

Both family and friends from Keswick and Waterloo attended his funeral service held in early June. Present at the service that day was Laurier's Dean of Students David McMurray.

Dean McMurray fondly remembers Ryan as a vibrant and charismatic individual, and recalls the first time Ryan introduced himself to the Dean of Students.

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Brandon Currie
Editor-in-Chief

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In the next four years, we'll be your eyes and ears on campus. We'll hold your leaders accountable, keep you well-informed and most likely, at some point, piss you off.

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After all, that's what any good *newspaper* is supposed to do.

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shall conduct the affairs of our newspaper.



Jordan Jocius

RESCUE, 911 - Paramedics tend to a victim while a police officer consults an eyewitness. Laurier students were among the first to aid the victim.

Victim aided by students

- from **STABBING**, cover

According to a press release from Waterloo Regional Police, two other males were hit with beer bottles in the ensuing melee. These men, say Shaunz and Kim, were originally trying to even out the fight in which "alcohol was definitely a factor."

As the scuffle moved out onto the street, where the man was eventually stabbed, bystanders were shocked to learn the extent of his injuries.

"No one knew how serious it

was until he staggered over [to the grass] then someone got him to lie on the ground to apply pressure to the wound," said Shaunz, who was about five feet away by the stab victim at the time.

Richard Scott, a Laurier MBA student, arrived at the address shortly after the attack had occurred and quickly appraised the situation. He encountered the stab victim standing up on the road, but "bleeding profusely out of his back" from a large circular wound that appeared to be the diameter of a beer bottle.

"[The victim] said he was bleeding and maybe in some trouble. The reason why I got involved was because the other person who said he was [the victim's] friend wasn't giving him the attention that warranted the blood on his shirt," Scott told *The Cord*.

"I lifted up [the victim's] shirt and upon doing that I realized that he'd actually been stabbed. I instructed him to lie on his back and apply pressure his wound," he added.

The group of five attackers fled the scene before police arrived but

have been described as white males, 18-21 years of age. The four others were described as having shaved heads, with one wearing a baggy red shirt and another wearing baggy clothes, an orange t-shirt and short dark brown hair.

Anyone with information about the crime should contact the Waterloo Regional Police Division at 653-7700 extension 3399 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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McMurray: impact of Bartley's death "huge"

- from **BARTLEY**, cover

"He just walked in and introduced himself," smiled McMurray. "He had a tremendous sense of humour; he made people laugh. He just loved life and loved to have fun."

The reach of Ryan's dynamic personality was fully evident at the funeral service according to McMurray, who was amazed by the considerable turnout of friends from Keswick and Waterloo wishing to pay their last respects.

"The outpouring at the funeral home and the church was just so humbling to see. The whole town came out."

Maureen Coulter, a biology instructor of Ryan's, was not surprised by the sizeable attendance at his funeral. She remembers Ryan as a "promising" student that had "a good rapport" with others.

He stood out in a crowd of students because of his fun-loving nature," recalls Coulter. "He was always so friendly, he always took the time to greet you and to say goodbye. It's nice to have that warmth in the classroom and that connection with the students. I think there will be a certain hole in

some of the classrooms next year when students come back together to take common courses and he's missing from that interaction."

Dean McMurray also agrees that Ryan's premature end will leave a void at Laurier. McMurray described Ryan, an aspiring doctor, as a "great role model" - someone "who had a great time having fun but worked hard too."

Whether or not the alcohol at the party was a contributing factor in the tragedy is something that McMurray will not speculate on, saying that, "for the most part he certainly made good decisions. We don't know exactly what happened, and we may never know."

For McMurray, the most important lesson to be learned from Ryan's regrettable passing is not to take the fragility of life in stride.

"His benefit to others and the impact he's made on others as a result of losing his life is extensive... huge... because it stops you in your tracks and makes you realize how precious life is because it could end in seconds."

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN - Bartley was always one to stand out from his peers as noted by his professors and Dean McMurray.

Leaders of Laurier welcome you

The WLU brass provides insight into life and Laurier, including what to expect from the school in 2005 - 2006



Name: Dr. Robert Rosehart
Position: President of WLU

What WLU is all about:

"I think the great advantage of Laurier is the balance students get in terms of the academic programs and the various cultural, social, and athletic types of activity. By and large, in going to school here our students generally have a lot of fun. It's a very positive experience and I think it's because of that balance."

The Pres says:

"We know the students we admit here are going to be successful in their programs, but being successful in the program doesn't mean that they're going to develop personally. It's that personal development which is all a part of the Laurier experience."

For Student Publications' welcome to Laurier, please read the President's message and publication profiles, PAGE 6



Name: Dan Robert
Position: President & CEO of WLU Students' Union

On what to expect at WLU:

"The campus lends itself to a lot of exciting things; relationship building on this campus is generally a large focus in that you get to know so many people so quickly and the working relationships that are going on this campus, be it the university administration or the students union and everybody else is so beneficial to students coming onto this campus. [The students] can really expect whatever they want and that there's nothing on this campus that is impossible."

Welcoming words:

"Take full advantage and make sure that you're finding a great balance between your academics and your social life and everything else and we just hope that we can continue to provide for that at any time."



Name: Scott Carson
Position: Dean of Laurier School of Business and Economics (SBE)

On Laurier SBE:

"Our very considerable size gives our incoming students a huge advantage in that there is almost no area of business studies that we don't cover one way or the other. I've always felt the structure of our program is quite advantageous to a new student coming in with opportunities to experiment [with courses] at the front [first year]. It's a very youthful and active place with lots of students working in groups and with case competitions. There's a good spirited competitiveness that arises..."

Wise words from the Dean:

"It's important to get an education of the whole person; get involved outside of the classroom. Laurier is very rich with societies and associations... this is the whole part of the maturation of the whole person."



Name: David Docherty
Position: Dean of Faculty of Arts

On Laurier Arts:

"I think [the students] can expect a really good all-around introduction into what constitutes the liberal arts, and I think that for incoming students, their first year really should be that kind of exploratory year where they take the subject they wanted to take when they came here, and also two three they'd never ever think of taking in their lives... Given the things we've got: cultural studies, medieval studies, women's studies, Mediterranean, etc. the first year is really a great year for students in Arts majors because they're not bound..."

Wise words from the Dean:

"You've got four years to think about things that you want to think about. That's not just a privilege, that's a real treat having four years to really explore your own mind and the world around you, so make the most of it."



Name: Peter Baxter
Position: Athletic Director

Sports Bite:

"With more people coming into the [Athletic Complex] to use just as casual recreation, casual workout, or personal fitness, they tend to see all the other opportunities that are there. We have swimming, instructional classes, personal training you can take part in so you're going to see a lot of active growth in those areas. I think our facility is very welcoming that people from all levels can feel comfortable."

Healthy Hint for WLU:

"Get involved in a wide variety of activities... I think that's part of the real jewel of Laurier. You get to know a lot of people and the big social network involved with it."

compiled by Dan Polischuk

Robert, Rosehart divided over another smoking referendum

- from **SMOKING**, cover

"I don't know where this is exactly going to go in terms of implementation, but the direction I've given to this group is that I want a strategy that a) has a moderate chance of being successful, b) doesn't involve the 'sledgehammer' approach and c) promotes responsibility," said Rosehart.

Rosehart, who strongly supports a total ban, believes the whole issue began with little recognition of the '10-metre rule' that requires Laurier's smokers to light up well away from building entranceways.

"This one I find really surprising, because my experience with Laurier students is that they're very responsible and very respectful of the university. They have no difficulty though with littering the place with cigarette butts," he commented.

With a seemingly large percentage of students wanting to see a campus ban, Rosehart feels there is no reason to pose the question again.

"I don't really see why we'd do another one because you could take any group of more than a hundred people and do a referendum and you'd still get a 75-25 result. It just reflects the number in society," he said.

However, Students' Union President Dan Robert, a member of the implementation committee, has a different approach in mind. One idea he has is to bring back the question during the WLUSU election period when students are already "engaged."

"Let's hear the 'Yes' campaign, let's hear the 'No' campaign. Let's really get a true gauge of the students because I feel where it came out of the first referendum was a true gauge of faculty, staff, and

some students," said Robert.

"One of the issues that came out of the referendum was how many people really knew about it, the wording of the question, and no one really knowing the repercussions of voting or not, or what they were voting for," he added.

While crediting the WLU for making a pioneering effort, Robert believes the issue must be well

thought out.

"To hear that it's being tabled for a year is a wise decision. I think there are a lot of unanswered questions that the university still has in the administration and how it was going to be enforced."

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A mid-summer's Bag O' Crime

Welcome to the Bag O' Crime, Laurier Security's weekly gift to *The Cord's* readership

MISCHIEF
Saturday June 4, 2:20am

Officers responded to a report that someone had managed to move a piece of construction equipment, a 'Bobcat,' from the rear of Bricker Residence to the front of the residence. On arrival, officers observed a male driving the equipment but when he saw the officers he immediately jumped off and fled. Waterloo Regional Police were notified. The suspect was not apprehended.

MISCHIEF
Saturday June 4, 2:15am

Person(s) unknown broke the glass in a door on the second floor of the Nichols Centre.

MISCHIEF
Saturday June 4

Person(s) unknown threw a rock through the window of one of the offices in the Theatre Auditorium/MacDonald House

Link.

MISCHIEF
Wednesday June 8-9

Person(s) unknown broke the glass in one of the doors on the first floor of the Peters Building.

MISCHIEF
Saturday June 11, 12:45am

Person(s) unknown broke the glass in a door on the main floor of the Nichols Campus Centre.

THEFT UNDER \$5000
Sunday June 12

A patron of the Athletic Complex reported the theft of his wallet while using the gym at the Athletic Complex. The wallet was found a short time later but some of the contents were missing.

MEDICAL ASSIST
Friday June 17, 1:00pm

Officers responded to a report that

a student on the fifth floor of the Alvin Woods Building had struck his head and was bleeding. The bleeding was controlled and the student was escorted to Health Services for further treatment.

MISCHIEF
Saturday June 18, 2:20am

While on patrol, officers found that someone had removed the sign from the ground in front of PP&P at 81 Lodge St and placed it on the roadway along with some skids and concrete blocks.

THEFT UNDER \$5000
Saturday June 18, 3:22pm

A student reported that someone stole her wallet while she was writing an exam at the Bricker Academic Building.

MISCHIEF
Sunday June 19, 2:35am

A report was received that someone had broken one of the win-

dows at the Parking Kiosk on Mid Campus Dr and stolen a Parking Services jacket.

MISCHIEF
Sunday June 19, 12-2:15am

Person(s) unknown broke the glass in the lower portion of the door to office 2C1 in the Arts Building.

THEFT UNDER \$5000
Thursday June 23

Person(s) unknown stole a bicycle from the bike racks on Mid Campus Drive.

Crime of the Week

DOMESTIC DISPUTE
Monday June 20, 6:45pm

Officers intervened in a domestic dispute between two guests staying at Laurier Place. One of the parties involved voluntarily left the premises and no further action was required.

Publisher to sell ad space in text books

DAN POLISCHUK
News Editor

This coming September as students rip off the shrink-wrap on their new supply of textbooks, it is quite possible that among all the charts, diagrams, and information, an insert advertisement or two may be imbedded as well.

Publisher McGraw-Hill, has begun to publicize its idea of selling advertising space between their book covers. Started in 1829, the company, which sold approximately one million textbooks last year with revenue reaching \$88 million, is considered to be one of Canada's largest suppliers to universities. Plans for the ad involve selling the ads, which would be inserts - not printed permanently with the actual text - at a rate of \$1.40 per book.

In an earlier article published in the *Toronto Star*, a development specialist with the company explained that 'frosh packs' for first-year students already contain various sales pitches through similar insert advertising, often by banks. *The Cord's* efforts to receive any more details of the plan through a McGraw-Hill spokesperson were unsuccessful.

LOST & FOUND

During this time period the following types of items were turned in to Lost & Found: Eyeglasses, Keys, Bank Card, Jacket, Cell phones, Pager, Purse, Shoes, Books, Wallets, Camera, Bracelet, Watch.

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“Myths, legends” planned for O-week

WLUSU organizers anticipate comprehensive Orientation Week experience

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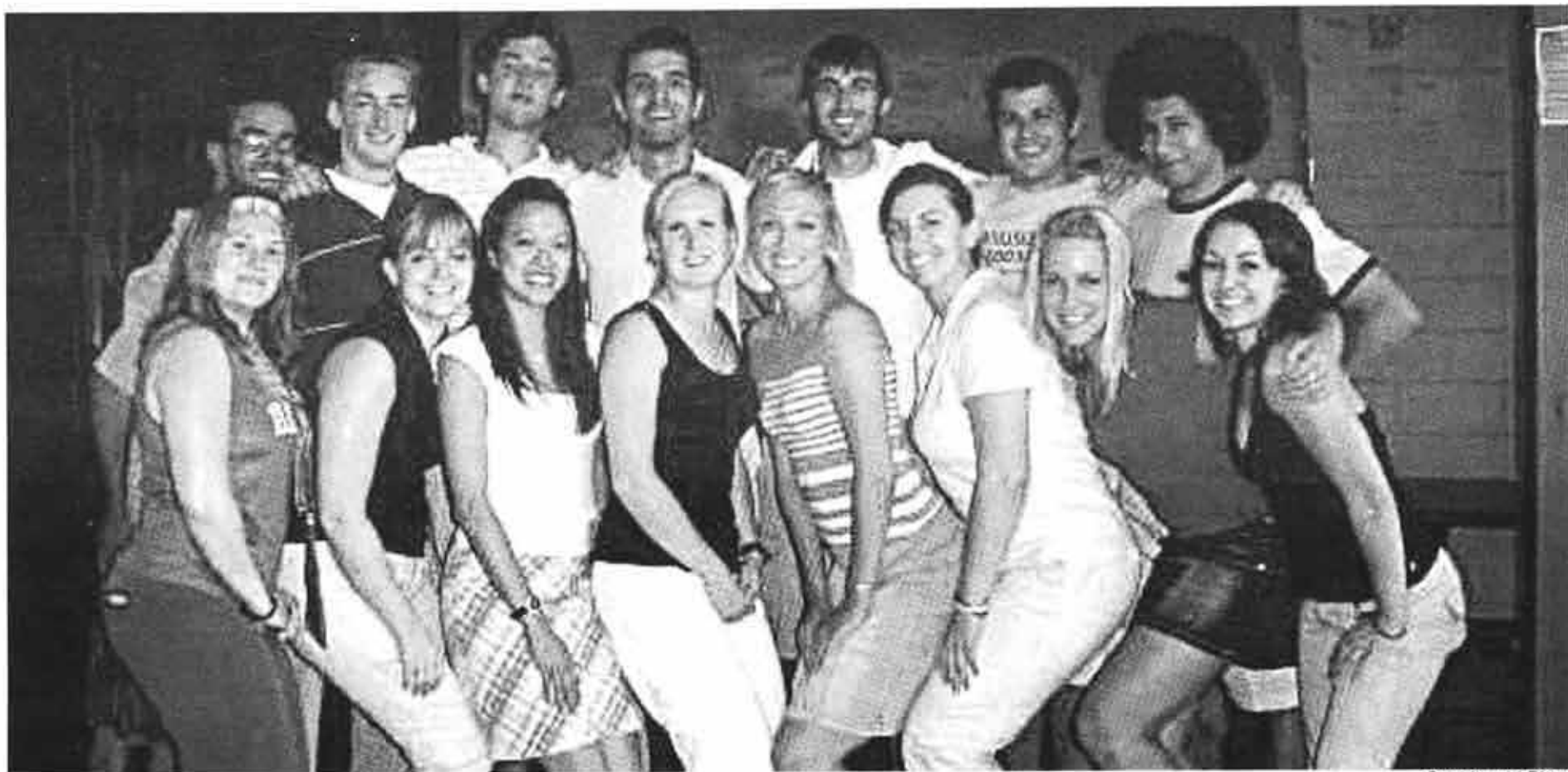
WLUSU organizers are just about ready to kick-off another Orientation Week, with this year's theme dubbed 'Where Myth Becomes Legends.'

With the tagline 'Your dream, your experience, your reality', the 2005 version of O-Week will play off a mythology theme which will go along with dispelling any preconceived ideas new undergraduates may have about university.

O-week co-ordinator Erin Paylor believes that incoming Frosh should be "so excited about coming to Laurier."

"I think that it [O-Week] gives first year students the tools they need to really get their foot in the door and really feel like they're part of the university. And our O-Week facilitates that," said Paylor.

Divided into teams for the five days – the Red Phoenix, Green Dragons, Blue Giants, and Gold Gryphons – students will take part in activities which will aim to dispel any anxiety of starting a new chapter of their lives.



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EAGER BEAVERS - The Orientation Committee is anxiously awaiting your arrival for the "Where Myth Becomes Legends" O-week.

"O-Week is meant to keep students minds off the fact that they're away from home; to try and get them to jump into a new environment and meet new friends," commented Paylor.

That level of motivation will be the job of senior students, named IceBreakers, who will be volunteering their time to lead the groups through all of the excitement. Mike Clegg, one of the Head IceBreakers, noted that while

making sure everyone is having fun, he will still let new Golden Hawks know about how good it is to get involved within the university.

"There are really a lot of things to get involved in here... definitely a lot of options," said Clegg, pointing out that the "Get Involved Fair", which will be held on the Wednesday, is an opportunity to sign up with already established campus clubs or start one anew.

The major change from a year ago will be the addition of a Learning Services Session. With faculties holding separate seminars on topics from plagiarism to essay writing formats, it will provide students with an understanding of the academic expectations at Laurier.

"This year there's been a big focus on academic sessions just because people are coming into university a lot younger than years

before, and so they have a really big focus on trying to be successful and get through university, so we try and introduce them to that," said Paylor.

"But it's also really important that they get a balance of the university and having fun – that's really important," added Paylor.

For commentary on Orientation Week, please see OPINION, PAGE 9

Ready, set, shine

Canada's number one Shinerama campaign ready to raise thousands for cystic fibrosis

ADRIAN MA
News Editor

It began in the 60's, a humble fundraising attempt where first-year students ran around town shining shoes to raise money.

Shinerama, a frosh tradition started at Laurier over 40 years ago, has since grown into a national event over the decades and now features tens of thousands of first-years from all around Canada shining shoes, cars, windows, and doing just about anything to collect donations.

With each passing generation of first-years, the scope and size of Shinerama has gotten bigger, and the goals have become more ambitious; this year the ultimate goal is to raise over one million dollars nationally, with the funds going towards the battle against cystic fibrosis.

Laurier remains a front-runner in Shinerama campaigns, often outperforming major Canadian universities despite having a smaller student body. For the past four years, WLU has raised more money in the annual event than any other Canadian university.

Allan Cayenne, the Vice President of Student Activities, attributes Laurier's consistently strong showing to the work of volunteers and the school's highly effective orientation program.

"We have a unique Shinerama campaign because our campaign is integrated very well with orien-

tation week," said Cayenne. "A lot of schools will only have a Shinerama day, or one or two secondary fundraisers, but they don't have an opportunity to really get across to the first year students what Shinerama is about and raise awareness about cystic fibrosis."

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is an incurable affliction that harms the lungs and digestive system and affects thousands of Canadians, with young children being the majority of the sufferers.

It was meeting people with CF that inspired Nicole McGilvery, this year's Shinerama co-ordinator, to do what she could to further the campaign. She plans to introduce individuals living with CF to Shinerama participants, hoping that a similar motivation will spark the incoming students.

"Meeting people with CF has just changed my life, they're so courageous in the things that they go through and so [we're] bringing [them here] to let first years see that," said McGilvery.

While the festivities surrounding orientation week and Shinerama remain an essential aspect of frosh week, McGilvery wants to remind people that the root of all the raucous cheering and entertainment is charity.

"Yeah it's fun and there's competition between the different coloured teams, but it's for a good cause."

Laurier raised \$170 000 last year,

with much of the contribution coming from students themselves. The 'Bling Bling' game, a popular O-week competition played by frosh students, raised an eye-opening \$30,000 in barely ten minutes.

While this kind of fundraising is impressive, McGilvery realizes that pulling in such quantities of money is becoming increasingly difficult, especially when Shinerama expectations continue to be raised year after year.

"It's really hard to raise more money, and a lot of it is consistency. We're trying to do a lot more summer activities so we're not pulling away too much from the students."

These events include a golf tournament and a bottle drive.

Shine Day, however, remains the cornerstone of the entire campaign. It's the day when students hit the streets to shine just about anything and is the campaign's most lucrative event, with Laurier raking in a handsome \$80, 000 last year. McGilvery has seen students do everything from shining windows and face painting to serenading the public with acoustic guitars and busting out dance moves worthy of Napoleon Dynamite. She even recalls students accepting donations in return for receiving a pie in the face.

For students more reserved and less keen on being pummeled



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with banana cream, McGilvery has some advice on how they can still contribute to Shinerama and enjoy the fundraising event.

"You have to find your own niche, and for students who may be a little more quiet and not comfortable approaching people, you can try and find someone who is a little more extroverted, and let those people approach them, while you collect the money."

Other ways to pitch in include washing cars, holding signs and distributing tokens of appreciation to donors. She also encour-

ages people to talk to their Ice-Breakers to get the most out of their experience.

Ultimately, while McGilvery feels that raising money to help those suffering from CF is a laudable effort, she does not wish for students to feel pressure to perform. Having an enjoyable experience is the key to Shinerama's success.

"Have fun. Go out there, have fun with your Ice-Breakers, have fun meeting new people in your frosh group, and have fun meeting people your community."

Message from a president

Dear Frosh,

Please let me be the first to congratulate you. I don't want to congratulate you on your decision to come to Wilfrid Laurier University. I want to congratulate you on becoming part owner of Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications (WLUSP).

When you pay your student fees in late August, in addition to the thousands you will be handing over to the University, you will also be paying a \$6 membership fee to WLUSP. Paying this fee makes you part of a proud tradition of student journalism.

Originally, Laurier's student media was under the control of its student government (the Students' Union). However, after Laurier's campus newspaper, *The Cord Weekly*, was shut down by the Student's Union, WLUSP broke away and asserted its independence as a non-profit corporation.

From its humble beginnings publishing *The Cord Weekly*, WLUSP has grown and now publishes *Blueprint* magazine, the *Keystone* yearbook, the WLU'er student planner, the clublaurier.ca website, and *The Sputnik*, Laurier Brantford's campus newspaper. Each of these publications is produced by our dedicated student volunteers.

This is where you come in.

If you like to write, take pictures, design webpages, layout print publications, or if you annoy your friends by constantly correcting ~~they're~~ their grammar, then we



Jordan Jocius

TAKIN' 'ER EASY - Don't blame us for electing WLUSP President Anthony Piscitelli; as the only candidate, he was acclaimed.

need your help. In return we offer you valuable training and a chance to see your name in print.

Publishing doesn't just involve the creation of content; there is also a bureaucracy that needs volunteers in order to function, inefficiently. So for those of you who aren't interested in being involved in content, you can still do your part by taking on an administrative position in finance, human resources, distribution, advertising, or on the Board of Directors.

Getting involved in WLUSP is easy; absolutely no experience is necessary. More importantly, it ensures that the terrorists won't win.

To get involved all you need to do is send me an email at presi-

dent@wlusp.com, come by the office in the basement of the MacDonald House residence, or call me at 519-884-0710 ext. 3565.

You may still be concerned that you're not creative, don't have computer skills and can't organize anything. Fear not; we have developed a position in WLUSP which those of you without any useful skills should consider. It's called the WLUSP President & CEO, and election for this position takes place once a year.

Sincerely,

Anthony Piscitelli

Anthony Piscitelli
WLUSP President & CEO

Blueprint looks ahead

LENNA TITIZIAN
Blueprint Editor in Chief

Blueprint magazine is a student-run project that publishes four issues per year.

A reflection of the diversity of Laurier's student population, it includes thought-provoking articles and commentary on many issues that matter to students, such as mass culture, social issues, politics and recent trends.

By reviewing local events, subcultures and trends, *Blueprint* pays attention to the local community and investigates the ways in which it interacts with the world as a whole.

It is also a publication of cre-

ative expression; each issue contains literary, artistic and photographic works. Web-content compliments the print version of the magazine.

Currently in its fourth year of publication, *Blueprint* distributes 2,000 copies on campus, in the local Waterloo community and in national bookstores through the Magazine's Canada (CMPA) Newstand and Library Partnership Programs.

Blueprint is also a part of the Genuine Canadian Magazine program.

Any students interested in volunteering for contribution, production, or copy-editing can fill



out the volunteer form available at blueprintmagazine.ca beginning July 11.

Watch for the official launch of our website on August 19, 2005!

Sputnik orbits student life in Brantford

PAIGE DESMOND
Sputnik Editor in Chief

Our satellite is in orbit for another year.

The Sputnik is Laurier Brantford's student newspaper, and it's where all the cool people hang out. Although *The Sputnik* had somewhat shaky beginnings, it has developed into a regular publication and has begun to make a name for itself in Brantford as the place to find important information as well as some powered opinion.

The Brantford Campus is a small, fairly close-knit community. In spite of this, it can be difficult to find information and this is where

The Sputnik comes in.

Sputnik volunteers cover everything from campus and community news to international events and entertainment. A must for anyone wishing to get involved with *The Sputnik* is a desire to change the world that they live in and is the perfect outlet for anyone who's ever been told they're very opinionated.

While student publications in Brantford may be a relatively small group, we prove that size really does not matter. We aim for quality over quantity and are devoted to representing diverse opinions and viewpoints, true to the character of Laurier Brantford.



David Alexander

DON'T STOP - Brantford's newest stop sign is soon to be joined by a fully-operational Laurier Brantford Student Center. The centre will be home to Brantford's Foot Patrol, and, ideally, *The Sputnik*.

Mark up your Keystone

DAVID ALEXANDER
1/2 Keystone Editor in Chief

Let me tell you a small secret: despite increasingly large class-sizes and ever expanding first-year student enrollment numbers, Laurier is still a relatively small school.

Our job is to chronicle life at Laurier, not unlike some kind of bizarre religious order.

It is fairly easy to get involved with the Student's Union, Student Publications, Residence Life or one of Laurier's many Campus Clubs. With so much to do on campus, you might wonder whether it is possible for your legendary achievements at WLU to be immortalized in some kind of

stone tablet.

Luckily, Laurier has such a tablet: the *Keystone* yearbook. Our job is to chronicle life at Laurier, not unlike some kind of bizarre religious order.

So, now that we've compared ourselves to a religious cult, I'd like to invite you to join said cult.

Keystone is looking for loyal volunteers to help with photography, layout and writing about prominent Laurier people, events and organizations. If you're interested in helping, please email keystone@wlusp.com

So get involved in Laurier's civil society and let us know about all the exciting stuff you do. Life only happens once; it's important to take lots of pictures.

To the families of new Laurier Students

In just 4 short years, you will be looking for ways to congratulate the new Laurier Graduate in your family.

Keep this as a reminder and after Labour Day of your Grad's fourth year, give us a call and have your congratulations printed in the *Keystone* yearbook to be kept forever.

(519) 884-0710 ext. 3560

Reminder to all 2006 Grads

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For more information about WLUSP, please contact anthony.piscitelli@wlusp.com

THE CORD WEEKLY

Laurier's official student newspaper

Since 1926, *The Cord Weekly* has been Laurier's official source for news, information, and discussion about life at WLU and beyond. In addition to the service provided to the Laurier community, *The Cord* offers many valuable opportunities for students looking to develop writing, editing, design and photography skills.

For more information,
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KEYSTONE

The Laurier yearbook

Keystone offers an annual review of the people, events and organizations that have a significant impact on the lives of Laurier students. In addition, this yearbook also commemorates the graduating class of each year.

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Blueprint

Laurier's student magazine

Blueprint is Laurier's official student magazine. Editorial articles critiquing and analyzing mass culture, current trends and local subcultures appear alongside literary submissions and photography from students. Our new website blueprintmagazine.ca will be launched on August 17th, so stay tuned.

For more information,
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The Sputnik



Laurier Brantford's student newspaper

Due to the rapid expansion of Laurier's Brantford campus, WLUSP launched *The Sputnik* two years ago to provide Brantford students with information and viewpoints relevant to Brantford campus issues. As *The Sputnik* continues to evolve, more opportunities become available for volunteers to develop their journalistic abilities.

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CLUB LAURIER.CA

Laurier's online portal

ClubLaurier is Laurier's online community. It features online content from each of our publications, photo galleries, events listings and other information and commentary related to life at Laurier. *ClubLaurier* will be relaunched in August.

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the wlu'er student planner

An invaluable time-management tool

A good planner is essential to balancing academic work with extra-curricular and personal time commitments. The wlu'er is free to all Laurier students and is an incredibly useful tool for time-management. In addition, the wlu'er features inspirational quotes and some information about Laurier, WLUSU and WLUSP.

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Welcome to Laurier - proceed with caution

In this newspaper, a rather strange one from our perspective in that we're writing to first-year students and not the entire campus community, you may have been shocked to see two sobering news stories run on our cover. A student death and a stabbing are likely not what you've seen or heard about Waterloo and Laurier up until now.

Don't read these articles and think that you've made the wrong choice by coming to Laurier - it's usually quite a safe place, outside of the occasional alcohol or testosterone-fuelled act of aggression.

As a young, healthy 17 or 18-year-old about to move away from home, most of you naturally feel a sense of invincibility as you look forward to what you've been told will be the best four years of your life. The thoughts of death and mortality are often uncomfortable ones in the university environment where social and academic life blur one's perspective of the big picture.

If nothing else, learn from these tragic events. You're young and likely to make stupid mistakes throughout your Laurier career. It's far easier to heed the lessons of others' follies, but they're also much easier to ignore. The onus is on you to be cognizant of the fragility of your own life and proceed with some sense of caution.

University is short, but so too is life.

Enjoy both with care.

Smoking delay makes sense for now

After trying to push through an online referendum in April that polled the Laurier community on its attitude towards a "smoke-free campus," Laurier's administration will now wait an entire year to decide how to implement a ban that was supported by over 70 percent of the poll's 2000-plus participants.

By all accounts, waiting is the right thing to do. More time is needed to answer the lingering questions that surround the issue, most importantly whether or not the inconspicuous referendum was legitimate.

The admin vows that it will continue to consult campus 'stakeholders' as it continues to develop its formula for implementation. While the opinions of Laurier's faculty and staff surely matter, the Laurier brass must realize that students hold the biggest stake on campus and thus should be given the most say on the matter.

Century Plan must tread carefully

On paper, Laurier's Century Plan seems like a pretty good idea. After all, we can't be known as the 'the high school down the street from the University of Waterloo' forever.

At the very least, the architects of the plan must be commended for setting out a bold vision for our school, even if that means putting more focus on graduate studies.

Undoubtedly, the planned increase in graduate programs and faculty research will enrich the academic quality of a Laurier education. Few would disagree that the presence of a post-graduate law school or a teacher's college would

As was stated a month ago in this column, the best way to carry this out would be to add a smoking ban referendum question to student elections this winter, when an appropriate amount of debate and awareness can shed light on the complicated issue.

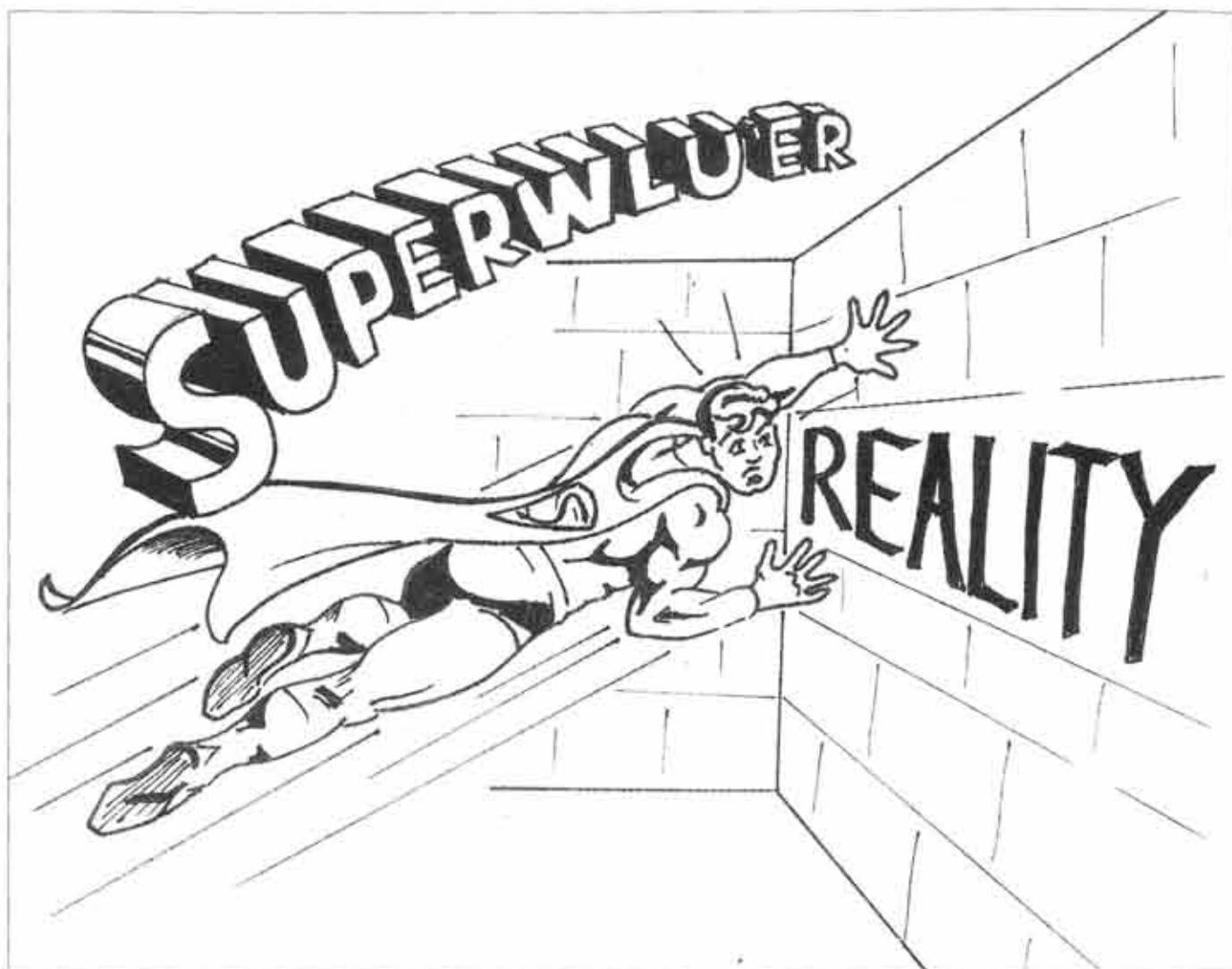
WLUSU, for its part, must continue to press the admin to be accountable to students on this issue, and consolidate its position by passing a motion that throws the full weight of the organization behind a new vote that will truly gauge where students stand.

While Laurier President Bob Rosehart may be entirely correct that the results of the April vote reflect Canadians' social attitude on smoking, a new, transparent vote is needed to ensure that this supposed fact applies to Laurier's students.

increase the credibility of a Laurier degree. But it will also likely alter the identity and culture of our campus, this we must recognize.

With an influx of graduate and international students who have a lifestyle quite unlike that of a first-year, the student population will grow and diversify, slowly eroding the tight-knit community atmosphere so readily advertised to potential Laurier students.

It's time that Laurier be renowned for what a university should be known for - a quality education.



Emilie Joslin

You can go your own way

Don't get stuck thinking that your time at Laurier has to unravel in a certain way



My favourite prof gave us a lecture in class one day. Not a regular class lecture as in 'Here are some important facts for you to know', but a lecture as in, 'You fucked up and now you're going to hear about it.'

What she told us was that most students never really immerse themselves in learning. We vomit up essays the night before they're due. We rely on the odds to get us through multiple choice tests by randomly filling in circles. We read only bits of books, enough to pull out an acceptable diversity of quotes for essays. We do the bare minimum to get the marks we need.

"Read an entire book," my prof said. "Take less than five classes a semester so that you have time to really devote yourself to your classes. Go into debt if you have to."

As she talked, I thought of the time I was in the library and felt the urge to grab all sorts of books. The prospect of reading a book on French theorist Jacques Derrida seemed fabulous. But I couldn't. I had to eschew the books I wanted in favour of going home to write five essays that I had let pile up and that I didn't care about.

And so what I want to tell you is this: you don't have to do things the way that everyone tells you (overtly or otherwise). Certain

things will start to look like common sense to you. "That's just the way it is," you will think. When you do, take another look.

I'm taking four years to do my three year degree. It's amazing how much more breathing room even four classes a semester will give you. And I am going to be one happy girl this year when I'm taking one class a semester and I have time to read my Derrida book. A victory lap is not something to be ashamed of. Take as much or as little time as you want/need/can afford.

Hunter S. Thompson walked into Rolling Stone, rambled incoherently and then injected himself with god-knows-what - so they gave him a job.

When RadioLaurier doesn't give you a show, don't sigh and pick some other standard Laurier volunteer activity that isn't what you really want. Walk down the street to the University of Waterloo and get yourself a show on their open-to-the-whole-community FM airwaves.

When it seems like everyone and their dog is going home with randoms from the bar, don't feel like you have to do the same, unless that's your thing. I know plenty of people who have never done it. You're just as well off to find yourself one person who does

all that kinky stuff you like (and don't pretend you don't) and does it well. And that way you're also not getting any terrible surprises in the morning. Bar lighting can do wonders.

The Laurier myth machine is a powerful thing. Don't let yourself get sucked in. Question the stories people tell you. Because while it's guaranteed that you will hear at least five times that "Laurier's small size is great - you can't walk to class without seeing ten people you know," what you won't hear is that more often than not, those

ten people will be the ten people you most want to avoid.

You won't hear that the small size is great until you realize that everyone you know is somehow connected and they all know your business, whether you told them or

not. The myth machine's stories ignore the complexities of life.

One day Hunter S. Thompson walked into the office of the editor-in-chief of *Rolling Stone*, rambled incoherently and then injected himself in the stomach with god-knows-what. And what did *Rolling Stone* do? They gave him a job. Now, I'm not advocating following Hunter S. Thompson's lead exactly - that's probably a bad idea.

What I'm trying to tell you with that little anecdote is that there is more than one way to do things. There is more than one way to get where you want to go. Figure out what works best for you and run with it, even, or maybe especially, if it's off the beaten path.

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These unsigned editorials were agreed upon by at least two-thirds of the The Cord's Editorial Board and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Cord's volunteers, staff or WLUSU.

THE CORD WEEKLY 101 - Opinion

The Opinion section analyzes current events and offers insight on topics of interest to students from Laurier issues to politics to everyday life. It also contains readers' letters and the unsigned editorial, which is the collective view of the Editorial Board on a newsworthy issue.

Point / Counterpoint: O-week

The Yay side: O-week gives you the chance to meet people and get prepared for your first year at university



ERIN PAYLOR
O-week Co-ordinator

Congratulations and welcome to the Laurier family! You may not know it yet, but you have just made one of the greatest decisions of your life by enrolling in Wilfrid Laurier University! You're probably nervous, scared and extremely anxious for September to arrive... and who can blame you? Rest assured that this unfamiliar place will soon become your home away from home.

Throughout this experience Orientation Week will enable you to make a tonne of friends, achieve new heights and accomplish goals that you never imagined possible. It all starts here, on the first day you step onto campus... something that we like to call Orientation Week (a.k.a. O-Week).

O-Week you say? It's such a simple title for the most unforgettable six days of your life. This year's theme will bring you back to ancient times where your imagination can soar, as Laurier presents Orientation Week 2005, "Where Myths Become Legends... Your dream, your experience, your reality".

Throughout the summer, a group of 17 crazy Orientation Committee members are working

tirelessly to provide you with the best O-Week ever. Upon arrival, you will join one of the four colour teams consisting of students from all faculties and residences. You may discover that you're part of the Red Phoenix, Blue Giants, Green Dragons or Gold Gryphons. No matter which team you are destined to, all four colours will unite as Laurier Golden Hawks, the best team one could ask for!

Although it may sound like a cliché, O-Week will provide you with memories that will last a lifetime and set you on the right track to experience all that Laurier has to offer. Laurier's O-Week is one of the best in Canada. Wait, who's kidding who? It's the best in the world! It provides all first year students with action-packed events from morning 'til night - academic sessions, information about social events, school life and much, much more. So get excited... get excited now!

Of course, you will not go through this experience without some direct guidance. Enter Icebreakers - your friends and guides for the entire week. They'll teach you the ins and outs of Laurier and will answer all of your questions. Everything is ready, and it is now left up to you to bring your unique personalities, talents and energy into action and enjoy Orientation Week 2005, "Where Myths Become Legends."



BRYN BOYCE
Production Manager

At the risk of sounding like a scrooged-out old man, Frosh Week (or O-Week, officially) is not likely going to be the culmination point of all your days. In fact, you may even be horrified by what you see early this September because frankly, it has been known to get a little infantile.

Now don't get me wrong, I thought *Finding Neverland* was an uplifting movie, too. Johnny Depp's tireless (and regrettably drug-free) efforts to engage a small, skeptical child in the Peter Pan-style 'land of make believe' were cute - if not a little Michael Jackson at times.

And perhaps I am that child when it comes to Frosh Week, but I think we can all agree that, given both your age and stage as frosh, being divided into groups, assigned colours and pressured into cheering about how much better your randomly selected team is than another, is nothing short of ridiculous.

I was a Gold Grizzly but I made the mistake of picking up a Blue Shark t-shirt. Oh, the humiliation...

Frosh Week and its masterminds have always missed a couple very important lessons.

First, make it a more chilled-out week. You'll get to Laurier and some poor soon-to-be-ragged IceBreaker with a nickname like "C-dot" is going to figuratively pull you around from event to event by your hand. You'll never stop moving, cheering or drawing on each others' T-shirts the whole week (if this appeals to you, you really should be reading the article next to this one).

Being divided into groups, assigned colours and pressured into cheering about how much better your randomly selected team is than another, is nothing short of ridiculous.

Being busy is good, but you don't meet people because, despite your frantic 'fun-having,' you rarely get to stop cheering long enough for even the simplest of introductions. What's worse is that the colour division and subgroup division system means you really only mingle with the same 20 people the entire time.

Second, the organizers have to stop trying to micromanage the entire week. Sure, put on the events like the concert, the party or the trip to Bingeman's Park but make the week more casual and organic by giving the new students

a bit of free reign on campus. Let them meet who they want to meet and do (within reason) what they want to do. And ditch the 7am wake up calls - there is absolutely nothing natural or organic about that.

O-Week angers people because of its glitzy, artificial feel and the fact that not everyone has the energy or attitude of a cheerleader bred with an over-eager camp counselor.

I remember Matt Good chiding the double cohort frosh, asking them when the "purple KoolAid" was coming out. He (rather dramatically) compared O-Week to a cult - an overused analogy.

Nonetheless, there is some truth to this criticism because the structure of O-Week really is confining and keeps people locked into one type of experience.

If the organizers want O-Week to be fun for the students, then O-Week should be more about getting to know who you'll spend the next three or four years with, rather than lambasting the blue team because they lost the finals in the three-legged race.

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The life and times of the Bricker Lady

Mary Jo Guy tells you why she's the last non-student living on Laurier's campus and invites you to stop in for a visit



MARY JO GUY
Community Editorial Board

I live at 46 Bricker Avenue, in the only house left on the Laurier campus, next to the Bricker Residence.

I was born in Wisconsin in 1934. My father was a doctor in a small town for eight years, but decided to go into public health. We moved around Wisconsin, ending up in Madison where he became the Public Health Commissioner. He had only been in office for a few months when he died of a heart attack. My mom then went to work as a public health nurse in the public school system.

I hope your year goes well. Please feel free to stop in for a visit.

She met Franklin through a cousin who was our landlord at the time. They started corresponding in 1950, and then visiting each other. Pop, as I called him, worked at Mutual Life and had never been married at 55. In August 1952 they were married and moved in to 46 Bricker

Avenue. My pop died in 1986 and my mom in 1989.

I came to Waterloo in 1953 and attended Waterloo College, as Wilfrid Laurier was called at the time. There were 300 hundred students, of which 30 were women. There were no pizza places in town so my mom cooked homemade pizza for all of the women. After one year I went to New York to become an actor.

After I got married and had children, I ended up living in New Jersey. Each summer I would come up to Bricker Avenue with my kids. I always felt Canada was my home and my children felt that way too. I have five children and seven grandchildren.

I had only one sister and she died of cancer in 1987. My mom asked me, "If I left my house to you, what would you do?" I told her I would move to Canada - at that time I was teaching in Houston, Texas.

I am now a Canadian citizen. I am a Unitarian and practice Buddhism.

I hope that your first year goes well. Please feel free to stop in for a visit. I have a stream running through my basement. It's always fun to live on campus and I love my house.



Jordan Jocius

SPOT OF TEA? - Mary Jo Guy lives at the last non-Laurier property within the King/University/Albert/Bricker block.

Welcome to chronically cute Waterloo

Take it from a townie when she says size doesn't really matter that much - there's lots to see and do in Waterloo



TANYA DOROSLOVAC
Bigmouth Strikes Again

TORONTO -- I don't feel right about writing the Welcome to Waterloo piece without coming clean about something first. The truth is, I'm writing this article from the 27th floor of an apartment building in downtown Toronto. I can see a helicopter flying around, there are places actually open past midnight and I don't recognize all the homeless people I pass because there are more than just two.

This place is a lot different from what I'm used to. I'm spending my summer away from Waterloo for the first time. I'm a townie.

There are actually only three streets in Waterloo. If anybody tells you otherwise they're either lying or trying to take you to Kitchener where you will either be sold to the sex-trade market or subjected to Oktoberfest.

Waterloo coddled me as it raised me. I lived in Lakeshore, wore Northern Getaway t-shirts and dreamt of one day owning my very own Ford Taurus station wagon. I shopped at Conestoga Mall, got a job at the Princess Cinema and

was fully emerged in the cuteness that is Waterloo. Even the proprietors of our S&M store are just so damn sweet.

I wanted a co-op job in Toronto because I needed an escape from the chronically cute. So here I am, in a tiny apartment in the Gaybourhood, where I have to wrestle my roommate's small terrier for territorial domination of my own bed — a losing battle.

I got adventurous and took that little demon out for a walk one day. He led me along the city streets quite confidently, and I assumed he was taking me on a roundabout tour of my new neighborhood. Turns out he didn't know where the hell we were going. He peed on every tree in the city and got us very, very lost. Important lesson number one: never trust a guide that eats entire pinecones.

The point is, I'm not used to getting lost, not in Waterloo. There are actually only three streets in Waterloo: University Avenue, Albert Street and King Street. If somebody tells you otherwise, they're either lying or trying to take you to Kitchener, where you will either be sold off to the burgeoning sex trade market or subjected to Oktoberfest. Either way, odds are that when morning rolls around, you're not waking up beside anyone who has all of their teeth.

There are perks to living in

Waterloo. You'll soon discover the \$1.75 drinks at Phil's and the hipster-heaven vegetarian restaurant/bar/lounge called the Jane Bond. And you won't catch me making out in any Toronto parks at night. If you do, you should probably call the police because it means that I am being raped. Waterloo Park, on the other hand, is the perfect place for a midnight romp in the woodland forest, and I hear that the bucket swings are pretty good too.

Laurier will offer you arts and activities and recreation and the chance to get involved. And if getting involved isn't your thing, we also offer you the chance to sit on a patio with your friends and mock the kids that try too hard. You'll figure it out.

If studying is what you're here to do, you're in luck: Waterloo is a town full of academics. Mostly we hope that some of these so-called 'book-smarts' will be passed on to us here at Laurier whilst we grind with the engineers from the University of Waterloo. Ha! Just kidding. You don't actually want to touch any of the engineering students. Many of them have not yet discovered the mathematical properties or social benefits of antiperspirant.

At any rate, welcome to Waterloo — and to Wilfrid Laurier. Try the gelato, find Gen-X and by no means stick to University Plaza. We may not be the biggest university in the biggest city, but you'll soon find out just how much size matters. There are buckets of chances for good times. I wish you good luck and I'll see you around.

Get out and enjoy the party

While they're not perfect, Laurier and Waterloo offer opportunities and acceptance for gay students



MARCOS MOLDES

My So-called Queer Life

When I arrived at Laurier in first year I was ready to pack my bags and move home by day three. I didn't like Waterloo much, I thought frosh week looked like a bad summer camp reunion and my first trip to the dining hall reminded me of an episode of Fear Factor.

Waterloo isn't such a bad place, aside from the horrible shopping.

Most of all, though, I was scared that as a gay city slicker I would either be socially ostracized or be the victim of a hate crime by the time midterms rolled around.

As a queer individual being in an environment that is gay-positive isn't a preference, it's a necessity. Safety isn't something that can be gambled with whether you're queer or not.

So there I was on an all-guys floor worried that my 'loud and proud' ways were going to get me killed. Realizing that my fears were keeping me in my room I decided to do my best to make Laurier feel a little more like home.

Thankfully I learned a few things fairly quickly: Waterloo isn't such a bad place (aside from the horrible shopping - that really does suck) especially when compared to some other university

towns. By day five of frosh week I had transformed into one of those Brady Bunch look-alikes who had lost their voice cheering and while I accepted that the dining hall would never be featured in *Toronto Life's* Eating and Drinking Guide, I survived off a diet of pitas and soup.

The men on my floor were actually an amazing group of guys.

In short, Laurier was and is a fairly safe place for members of the queer community. Sure it isn't perfect, but it isn't nearly as bad as I initially thought it would be.

The gay community here is fairly organized. GLOBAL (Gays, Lesbians or Bisexual At Laurier) runs a weekly

social/discussion group and there are groups outside of the university as well. GLOBAL is a great place to get connected with other students and see what the community has to offer.

This isn't to say that Waterloo is some sort of gay sanctuary; homophobia is a problem that still exists. But what community doesn't deal with it? Whether you live in Toronto, Montreal or smaller communities like here, there are people who either don't understand or don't agree with queer identity.

Laurier is sort of like a big fabulous party, but occasionally you come across that loser that invariably gets invited or tags along. The whole party isn't bad, you just need to make some allies and learn how to avoid the loser who got invited out of sheer pity.

Letters to the Editor

Referendum-free zone

A referendum is a dangerous way to decide a minority-rights issue. The Canadian government recognizes this; that's why there have been no referenda on abortion or same-sex marriage.

The issue of smoking on campus affects two main groups: those who smoke and those who might inhale the smoke of others. While I favour protecting the second group, the decision of whether to allow smoking on campus is a minority rights issue. That's right, smoking is legal in Canada, in Ontario and in Waterloo.

Recognizing that cigarettes are highly addictive, to ban smoking on campus would cause many an inconvenience. The proposed ban puts smokers living in residence at risk as they will be forced to get their fix off-campus late at night when most other students are safely at home (or at least in bars).

The university should never have brought this issue to referendum. Instead, they should enforce what is already an ideal solution that protects smokers and non-smokers alike: the 10-metre rule.

The 10-metre rule could be

enforced through the designation of clearly-marked smoking areas on campus. The university could place butt-stops 10 metres away from buildings and out of the way of high-traffic walking paths. Finally, the university administration could start actually ticketing people who break the 10-metre rule.

The current rule, if enforced, protects people's freedom to smoke, with the stipulation that this freedom 'ends at my face.' We non-smokers don't like to walk through smoke every time we leave the Concourse. But we don't want to impose our values on smokers either, we just don't want smoke blown in our face.

David Alexander
WLUSU Director
WLU Senator-Elect

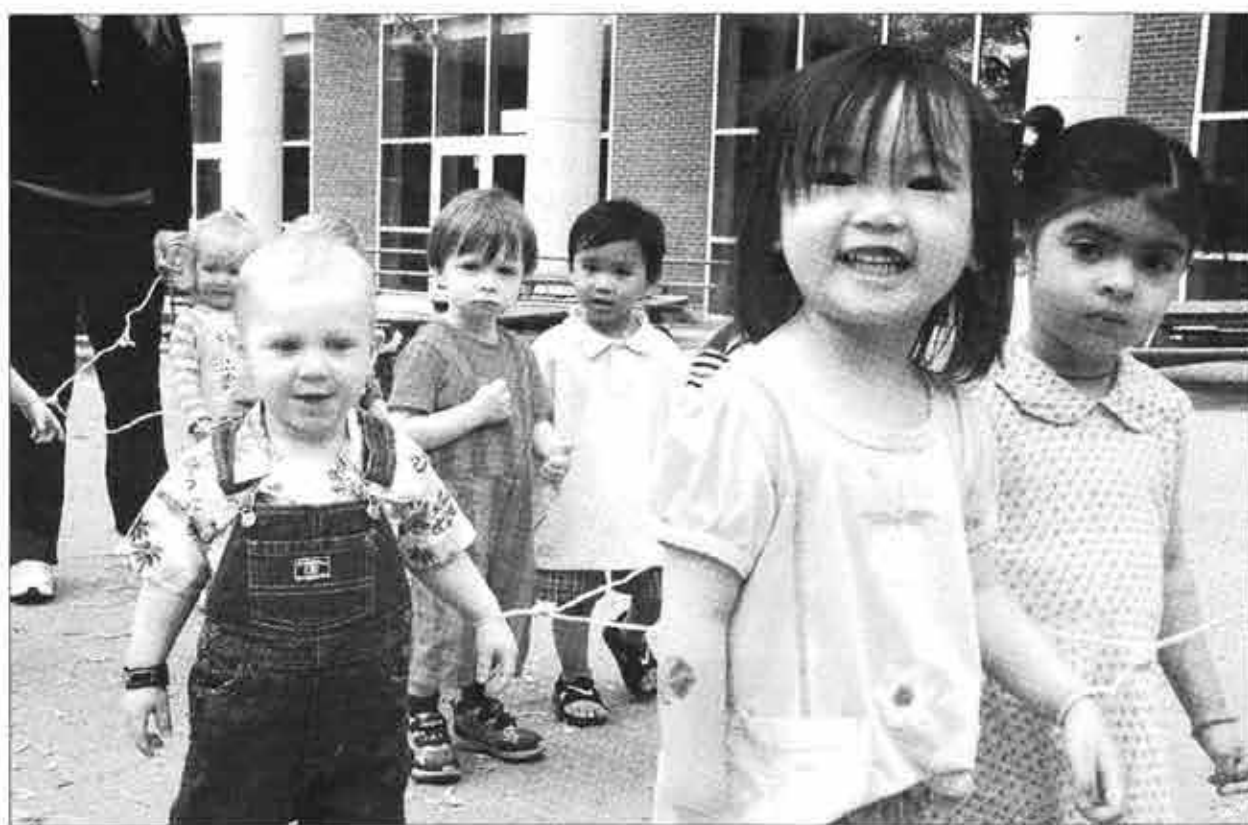
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Fast Forward

Cord Opinion is offering you a glimpse into the future, with this artist's rendering of O-Week. Just kidding, friends. You'll have a great time. But seriously, I really can't promise there won't be any chain-gang-type scenarios.

The blessings and curses of WLU High

Some jackass tells you about Laurier's magnetic pull, and how, four years from now it won't want to let you leave



CHRIS CLEMENS
Grasshopper's Incarnate

Wilfrid Laurier University is a slippery place that won't let you leave.

I usually like to begin with a glaring hypocrisy. You see, I'm speaking as a recent graduate. I lived for years in the maelstrom of higher education in Waterloo, soaked in liquor and swimming through the flood of community involvement that makes this school so unique and entertaining.

And now, I'm leaving. Doneski. Gone. You should really know that University Is Not Very Hard®.

They gave me a piece of paper that says I'm fully qualified to be over-educated, cynical as hell and completely unprepared for the working world. Thank you, Bachelor of Arts degree: you

screwed with my head and gave me the boot and now I'm going to South Korea to teach English.

Four years ago this would have freaked me out - dashing out into the Real World without a plan or mortgage or trust fund or pants or any of that - but now it seems like the finest logic in the world. Possibilities are boundless; life is golden. I'm excited.

This school holds you to its succulent breast with angelic hands and tears your face to shreds with demon-claws at the same time.

Now I know what you're thinking: I happen to be psychic and magical, a major perk of a liberal arts education. "Who is this jackass," you wonder, "and why is he

wasting our time with parables of his jackassery?"

Listen. I was talking about the WLU magnet, way back before I went on my narcissistic tangent, and it's true: this school holds you to its succulent breast with angelic hands and tears your face to shreds with demon-claws at the same time. It doesn't want you to leave. "You can't leave," it begs and cries and screams. And you can only see this from the banks on the far side of the river.

The demon is in the bureaucracy, the administration, as lame and clichéd as that sounds. Registering for requisite classes can be a nightmarish ordeal at times, and tumultuously shifting degree requirements often leave students out in the cold. Stay sharp if you don't want to be molested. No less

than seven of my friends were informed, just one week before convocation, that they had failed to meet graduation requirements. Vanishing credit transfers from exchange programs, misinformed academic advice - the list is as diverse as it is ridiculous.

Learning of their predicament far too late to register for summer classes, the victimized now postpone their plans for the future and come sliding back to WLU for the much maligned victory lap in September. And, of course, the school rakes in more tuition money. Don't leave - you can never leave. Coffers swell on technicalities.

However, the angel rests in Laurier's tiny size. WLU High, as the jokes go. The gorgeous thing about a miniaturized education is the open-door opportunity to grow through relationships with your peers. Talk to the kids in your lectures: they won't disappear into the nebulous masses once the

semester is over. You'll see a lot of each other, so get friendly.

Volunteer, or develop a rabid hatred for volunteering and start an anti-volunteer drinking club - it doesn't matter which. Meet your profs and chances are they'll remember you (wow, what a concept!). Troll Waterloo's bars for familiar faces. Pretty soon you start to develop a campus identity, a real sense that you belong. This is home and it feels good. Don't leave - you can never leave. The bond is strong. The pull is worthwhile.

So when I tell you that I finally managed to drag myself away from Laurier's shores, adultified and infinitely better than when I arrived - how's that for narcissism? - you'll know why the victory is bittersweet. This school is a little bit S&M, but I wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

For a disease without a cure, time is medicine

Fear of the future is a tricky thing, but rest assured that eventually you'll realize that most of it is unfounded and eased by time



MELISSA KING
Through The Looking Glass

I have a disease called *Ihatechange*. It flares up when I'm tired and I'm worn out, with other things on my mind. It's aggravated by impending doom, a date I've been dreading that gets closer with every passing second. Sometimes it's so bad that I think to myself, 'If I just don't fall asleep tonight then one day closer will never come.' See? It's powerful, my disease.

It's one of those kick-you-when-you're-down infections, too, at its strongest when my natural

defences are weak. It was really getting to me once, so I did a little research on it. I discovered that the syndrome plagues people young and old. It's in the same family as worry, anxiety, apprehension, trepidation and panic, and is also known as *fear of the unknown*.

There is no medicine for this malady and there is no cure. Perhaps this summer even you have experienced some of the warning signs.

There are many stories of patients with other diseases who stay positive despite the hardships, who lift up and warm the hearts of those around them throughout the treatment and beyond. For *Ihatechange*, where no outward symptoms exist for

other people to see, this is more difficult. To date, I have only discovered one tried and true alleviation and it isn't something I can tame or control, as much as I'd like to. Unfortunately it's also a rather retroactive therapy, but if you can do better I am open to suggestions. What I have discovered is that time keeps the symptoms at bay.

Smile and nod when people offer advice and assurance and sign your life over to time.

It works like this: each time I worry about something - that my boyfriend and I won't be able to

cope with the distance between us, that I will end up on a floor in rez with no one like me, that my classes will be too difficult and there's no way I'm smart enough to keep up - only time proving that my worries do not come true improves my ailment.

I know that things that are meant to be will be and I know that others who have gone before have succeeded (of course the troubled mind also knows that others have failed, too). Knowing these things is not the same as feeling them, though, and this particular bug only targets the heart. So if you're in distress this summer,

smile and nod when people offer advice and assurance to your worries and join me in signing your life over to time.

My worry has not disappeared because, like I said, there is no cure. But, I have given my overworked mind something else to focus on, something in which to trust.

I trust that time continues to pass whether I worry about what it will bring or not. Each time it brings a worry unrealized or a threat faded away, my trust grows stronger and my defenses gain a little strength as I begin to battle my disease once again.

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The many benefits of idleness

Listen up - this is probably the one and only time a professor will encourage you to be lazy, so you'd better pay attention



DON MORGENSON
Professor Emeritus

While it may sound as if I am mocking incoming students, who are about to join others, trancelike on the academic treadmill, I honestly do extol the virtues of idleness and would urge students to manage their time efficiently enough that they can set aside time for idleness. Let me make my case.

A traveller on the road to Naples stopped when he saw twelve beggars basking in the sun. He offered a lira to the laziest of them. Eleven of them jumped up to claim it but he gave it to the twelfth, the idlest. Samuel Johnson once wrote: "Every person either is, or hopes to be, an idler." But where can you find idlers? Why is it that today nobody is idle - cheerfully, honestly idle by choice?

History, though, is filled with purposeful idleness. A backward glance reveals there was always an idle class with wealth inherited or wealth newly made from clever investments or from corrupt business practices. There were always

men and women who never worked and never intended to work; idleness was the defining characteristic of their class.

Most of us reading 19th century novels are appalled at the suffocating atmosphere of such an idle class. But a closer look reveals actually "doing nothing" involved many activities: solving cross word or jigsaw puzzles, riding horseback, going to concerts, attending poetry readings, having lazy cream tea with friends and dining out on a regular basis. Now does that sound like "idle?"

In fact, it is not hard to make a sound case for idleness, just as Cambridge University Professor George Watson does in *The Wilson Quarterly*. Idleness has an elegance which in itself is virtuous. It can have a civilizing influence creating a large market of readers, collectors of literature and those who appreciate the fine arts. Bertrand Russell once wrote: "The leisure class cultivated the arts and discovered the sciences; it wrote books, invented the philosophies and refined social relations."

To be idle is to be at the least uninteresting, or at worst, to have failed. When Alberta Premier Ralph Klein made his bizarre late-



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LYING AROUND - Follow Ferris Bueller's lead and take some time off.

night visit to a homeless shelter, through his alcoholic fog he shouted at the homeless something like, "Get a job!"

A recent president of Wilfrid Laurier University, wanting to recognize those of us with 25 years of service to the institution chose to give us all a beautiful Boston rocking chair. You should have heard the sotto voce murmurs - "I'm not ready for a bloody rocking chair," etc. Clearly, few of us thought ourselves ready for the cushy but reflective idleness of the front porch rocking chair.

Such a negative attitude toward idleness is related to the 'activity ethic,' often disguised as the 'work ethic.' To be active (to work) is morally acceptable. Many people about to retire are asked, "What are you going to do with all your time?" Unfortunately, many of us simply exchange one set of frantic pre-retirement activities for a set of frantic post-retirement activities.

According to Professor Watson, it is not difficult to see why there is such a decay in idleness. One factor is the rising cost of living. After finishing a degree, taking a year off was a common youthful ambition; making new friends, visiting fascinating places and seeing the world. Today my students facing debts are impatient and can't wait to get on that treadmill to oblivion - defined as a pattern of rising income and little else.

A second factor is many of us achieve our sole identities through

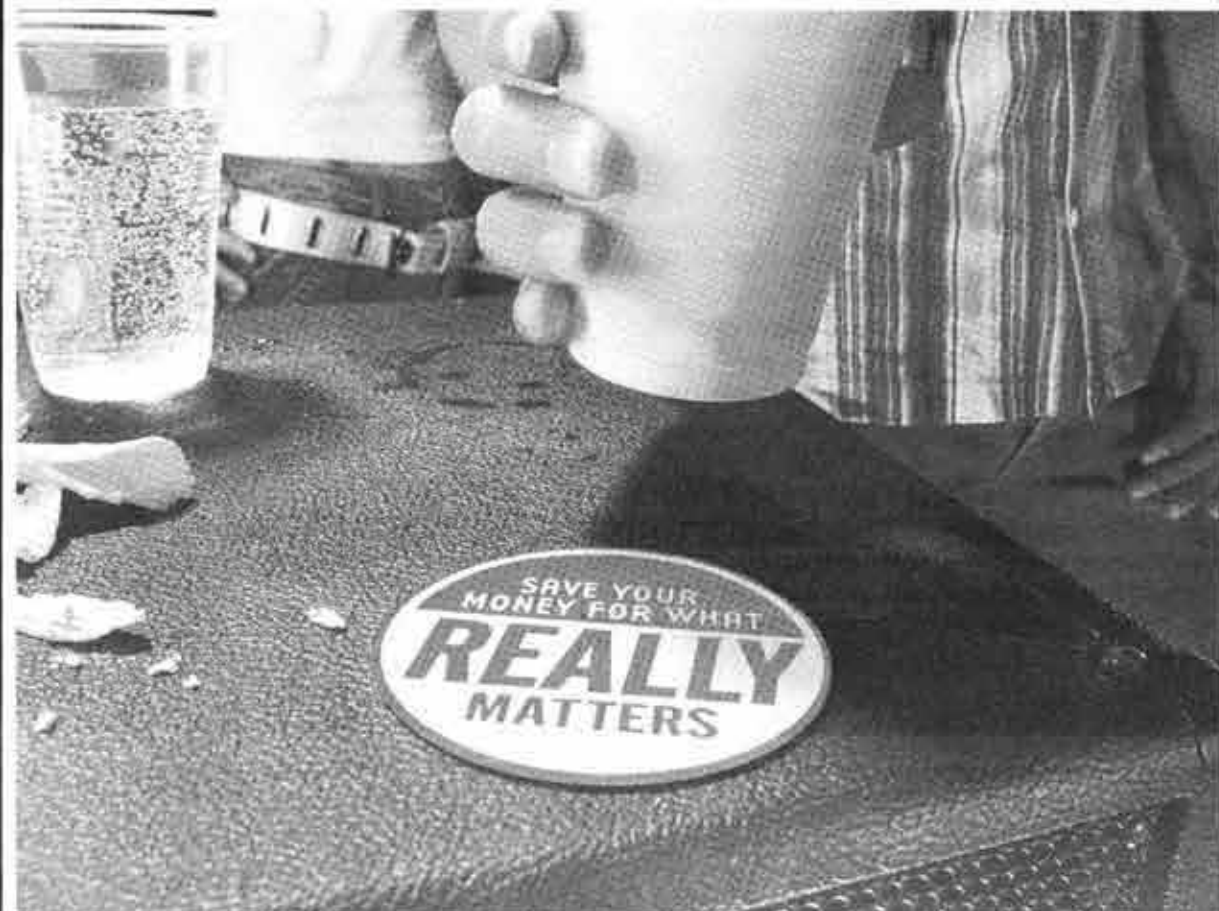
our work. Doing our thing helps define precisely who we are. Work provides an opportunity to do our thing but it also ensures that you and I have a thing to do. Another factor is our desperate need to escape monotony and boredom. What we seem to fear is the "terror of the vacancy" or the "dread of the wasteland". In Dr. Suess's best selling book *Oh, The Places You'll Go*, the worst possible place for anyone is the "the waiting place" where people are sitting idly waiting. Monotony is as close to death as we living can get - so we avoid it by running faster and faster.

My wish for all of you, as you join us here at Laurier, is the gift of whimsy, cultivated in idleness; lengthy periods of reflection, the quiet repose of contemplation. Though it may sound like heresy, when you make out your schedule for September, make time for idleness... the rewards will be many.

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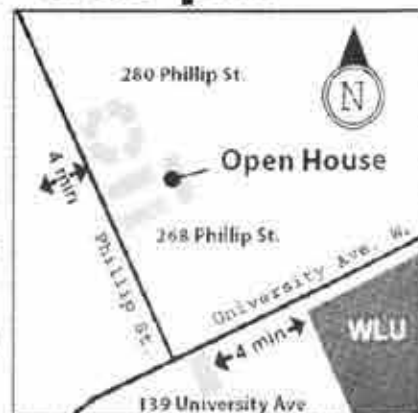
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The Cord's very own historian Kris Cote turns back the pages on 80 years worth of student volunteer content

KRIS COTE Cord Historian

The Cord Weekly and Wilfrid Laurier University have together developed out of a small, one-building seminary, which in 1911 housed one full-time professor and four students. Having gone through the earliest issues of *The College Cord*, as it was called at the time, I've begun to realize that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

The first Lutheran Seminary in Canada, the school was initially planned in conjunction with the University of Toronto. However, it was later decided that Waterloo would be the ideal location for the school.

In 1915 the department of Waterloo College was created, and it essentially served the role of High School. In order to confuse things, when the Waterloo College of Arts was created in 1924, it was called Waterloo College while the High School was now called

Waterloo College School. The new Waterloo College was affiliated with the University of Western Ontario and graduates received their diplomas from Western.

Today, Laurier promotes itself as a smaller school with an intimate atmosphere. In 1926, a similar promotional platform was used, and a Cord editorial explained that the advantages of Waterloo College's small size were "the attention paid to individuals [and] the personal contact with professors."

The Cord was created in 1926, and it was built on the foundation of previous attempts. A sporadic bulletin appeared throughout the school's early years, while two campus clubs later published papers that were eventually turned into *The Cord*. The *Squeaker* was printed by the Laury Literary Society, but it was not a newspaper. Rather, its main purpose was to publish jokes and amusing anecdotes about staff and students. Later these were

published in *The Cord*.

The second club, the Antheneum Literary Society, published papers for its meetings. These early papers were met with varied success, but its members realized the potential that their endeavour held. A committee was appointed, and the end result was, as the first Cord editors described, was "printed paper... in your hands today."

The paper's first editor, Carl E. Klinck, mused in 1926 that the *College Cord*'s name was not only an attractive alliteration, but also an embodiment of its goals. Literally, a cord is a "tie that binds," and the purpose of the paper was to bind the students to the school, and the school to the community.

On a side note, in 1926 a yearly subscription to *The Cord* cost 50 cents. In today's terms, that was \$5.28 for only four to eight pages of print and only ten issues. In 1927 the subscription cost rose to 75 cents, or \$7.85 in today's terms.

So even with the recent increase in Student Publication fees, *The Cord* is still a better value today than when it started, not to mention of higher quality.

The first Cord catered to a body of only fifty students, so its content was very personalized. For instance, student illnesses were frequently the subject of news articles. But through *The Cord*, students and faculty shared their global experiences. For instance, Reverend E. Neudoerffer described his experiences in India, as well as his disdain for Gandhi, while Prof. Aksim explained what it had been like in Russia during the Bolshevik Revolution.

As the school as an institution grew and evolved, so did *The Cord*.

In the fall semester of 1929, the first female students were admit-

ted to Waterloo College. It was required that the seven girls be from the Twin-City area since there were no separate dormitory facilities for them, and a Dean of Women was appointed. Despite some cries of an "invasion" by the men of *The Cord*, the female collegians quickly made their presence felt by becoming editors and reporters for the paper.

The very nature of *The Cord* lends itself to change over time. It is an independent, student-run organization, that is shaped by those who work for it. Just as the original Cord staff formed the foundation of the paper in 1926, the students of today (that means you) have the chance to shape the direction of the paper for the next 80 years.

THE CORD WEEKLY 101 - Cord History

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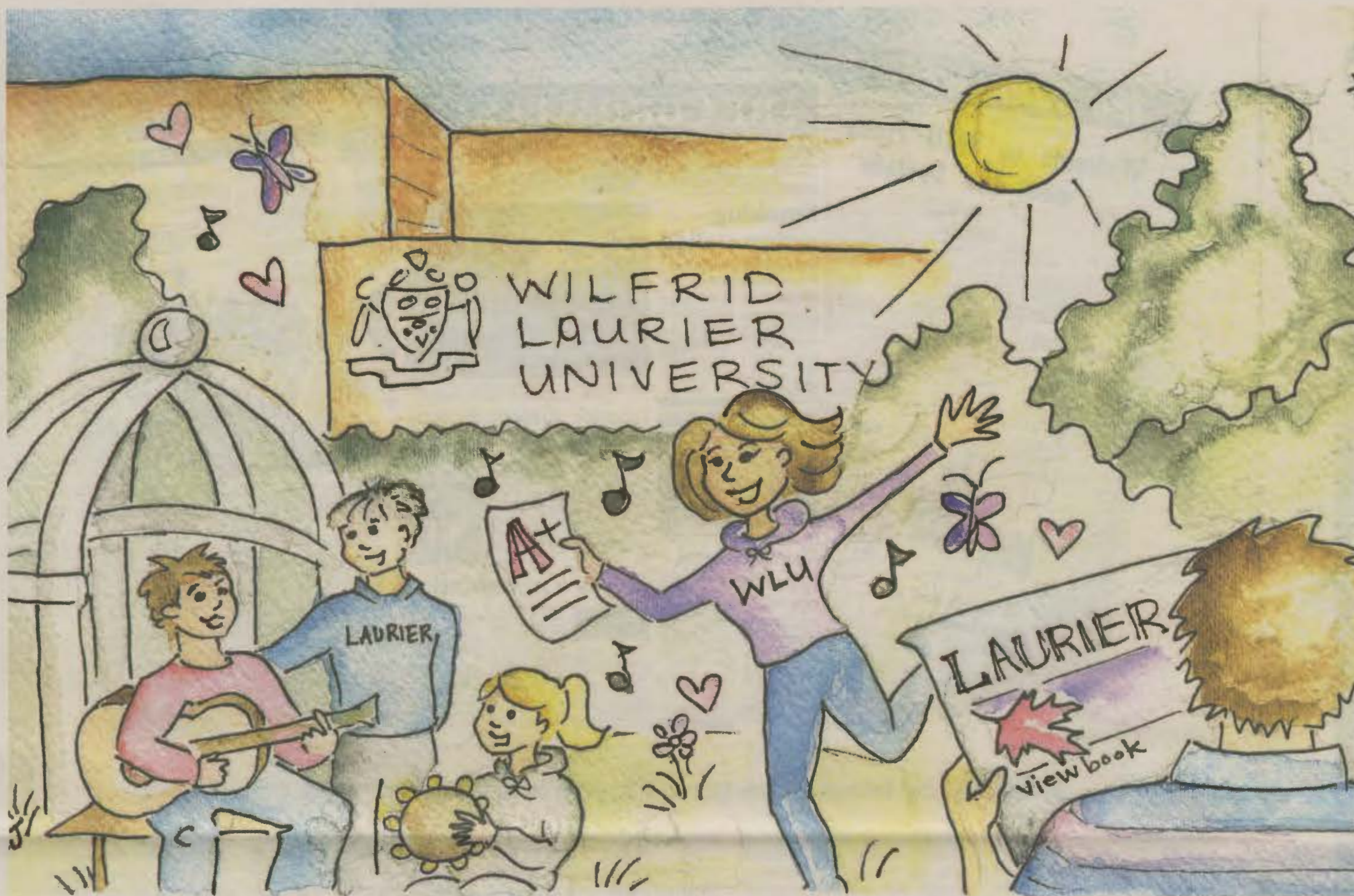


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The top 10 things you should re

Delving past the sugar-coated, politically correct viewbooks, Features Editor Blair Fors

By now, you're probably sick of getting 'practical' advice from your parents and teachers about what university will be like. Let's face it; most of it's utterly useless. They were in university how long ago? So, here are the top ten things you should really know before you venture to Laurier, from your fellow students who've been there and lived to tell about it.

10. Health Services will replace your mom

You will get sick, fracture something or contract an STD in first year, this I can assure you.

Luckily, Health Services and your handy WLUSU student health plan will be there to save your life, literally. If you don't mind sharing your embarrassing health concern in front of students in the busy waiting room, Health Services can hook you up with free Tylenol or cold medicine, birth control and doctor's notes when you miss a test or need an extension.

Massage therapy and chiropractic care are almost completely covered under your health plan too, and there's nothing better than an almost-free massage.

9. Get out there

I bet you think you're going to make tons of new friends at university, right?

Well, that's true... if you put yourself out there, so join a campus club, or two. Don't overbook yourself, but try new things and see what you like. University provides an opportunity to start fresh and forget

about who you were in high school or what your parents wanted you to do, and start focusing on what you really enjoy. Aside from the extra-curriculars, take a variety of classes for your electives. If you're a business student, take film. If you're a geography student, take a language course – your options are limitless.

8. Your floormates will be your best friends and worst enemies

This will most likely be the only time in your life where you live on a floor with 30 other people that you see and hang out with every single day.

When it's 3am and you're bored, having that many people so close can be a Godsend, but the proximity will eventually get to you.

Forget about privacy; you could be mid-action with someone and not only will someone knock, they'll try opening the door. Definitely avoid 'floorcest' (hooking up with someone on your floor) as it can and will cause more drama than it's worth. Buy a white board and dry-erase markers as these will be your main method of inter-floor communication. Through the good, bad and inevitably ugly, remember you're only living with these people for a year so make the most of it.

7. You will get homesick

And that's okay.

You've spent your whole life living with your par-

ents until now, so it's only natural to miss them and the comforts of home. You will definitely miss friends from home too, but MSN and a long distance phone plan will ease the transition.

Get your parents to send you care packages; not only will you feel special but everyone on your floor will be jealous.

Ultimately, time is the only thing that will really help you combat homesickness, as you get used to your new surroundings and meet fabulous new people, it will get less and less difficult to be away from home.

6. Relationships don't really exist

Before I came to university, my mom told me "don't fall in love until fourth year."

As much as I hate to admit it, she was right. Don't come into first year planning to meet someone and fall in love, it will only limit the number of people you do meet.

Go to bars, flirt, take someone home and have a good time but don't start searching for Mr. or Mrs. Right, at least not in first year.

One of the main draws of a relationship is the ability to have sex in your very own bed but you don't need a boyfriend or girlfriend for that, just a 'friend with benefits.'

One word of caution though, don't fall for said friend. If you enter into this 'relationship' on the premise of casual sex, your partner probably isn't expecting anything more and you don't want to mess something good up.

5. You will develop a substance abuse

You passed high school relatively sober, so think you'll come to university and stay that way. Drink in moderation?

Not likely.

In university partying isn't just reserved for weekends, every single night is an excuse to blow off studying. Graviton is no longer an essential breakfast food.

Laurier is a fairly conservative campus when it comes to drugs but you will definitely have the opportunity to smoke many a joint a day; close; it's often used as a pick-up line.

Just remember to puff off campus, with the disaster that awaits if you're caught with property green-handed.

To re-coup from all the partying, coffee becomes your drug of choice in the morning. There are lots of places on campus where you can fix.

While all this partying sounds great, the first year student realizes that unless done in moderation, it can lead to failing classes which won't make it to second year when you begins at your very own house.

4. 'Broke as a joke' takes on ne

Even though I'd heard people talking about how poor university students were, I always didn't apply to me. After all, my parents paid the bill.



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What you should really know before first year

Editor Blair Forsyth-Stark offers practical advice every incoming student should know

Develop a substance abuse problem

High school relatively sober and so you come to university and still be able to function?

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'Joke' takes on new meaning

I've heard people talking about how freshmen were, I always assumed it was a joke. After all, my parents were footing

Wrong.

I, like every other student, was rudely awakened to how much things actually cost in the semi-real world.

For those of you paying for school on your own, good luck.

You'll be poorer than poor and every little bit will make a difference. Aside from the entrance scholarships, there are also a couple of scholarships and bursaries available only to first-year students so check out the academic calendar Laurier sends you to see if you are eligible. Even if it's only \$100, that's almost 5 cases of Lakeport.

Also, look for creative ways to spend your Dining Hall dollars; buy your bottles of water and juice for mix there instead of spending "real" money. While there's always the option of a part-time job, you might find it a little overwhelming first semester if you have one because everything will be so new and unfamiliar; it would probably be best to settle in and get familiar with your new lifestyle before taking on a job.

3. The Freshman 15 is not an urban university legend - it's true

I'm sure by now someone has told you about the Freshman 15, the theory that frosh will gain at least 15 pounds in their first year.

Countless things contribute to the inevitable extra padding: the 'fake money' aspect of your OneCard (it doesn't feel like you're spending money so you spend

a lot more), Pizza Pizza and Swiss Chalet both deliver and can be paid for with your OneCard and fatty foods tend to be faster to make so if you're in a hurry they're usually your first choice.

Also, your increased alcohol/drug use can lead to strange food cravings at odd hours and 7-11 is right near campus.

2. C's get Degrees:

When you're not eating, sleeping, or partying, you will occasionally need to go to class in university.

And while your parents and high school teachers have probably stressed how hard the work will be and how much you will have to study, there are a few secrets that will make your life easier.

First, unlike high school, it really doesn't matter what your marks are as long as you pass, so don't stress yourself out over the C you got on an exam.

That being said, there are some easy ways to pick up free marks.

1) Go to your tutorials: most have mandatory attendance or participation marks so show up even if you're hungover and half-asleep.

2) Sources: If it's the night before an essay is due, go to the library and take out as many books as possible.

sible on the topic. You don't have to read them, just find a couple of generic sentences that you can work into your essay and it will look like you did lots of research.

This technique is also useful if you try to negotiate your mark (which you can still do, contrary to what your high school teachers told you).

1. Nothing, not even this article, can adequately prepare you for first year

Ultimately, first year will be what you make of it.

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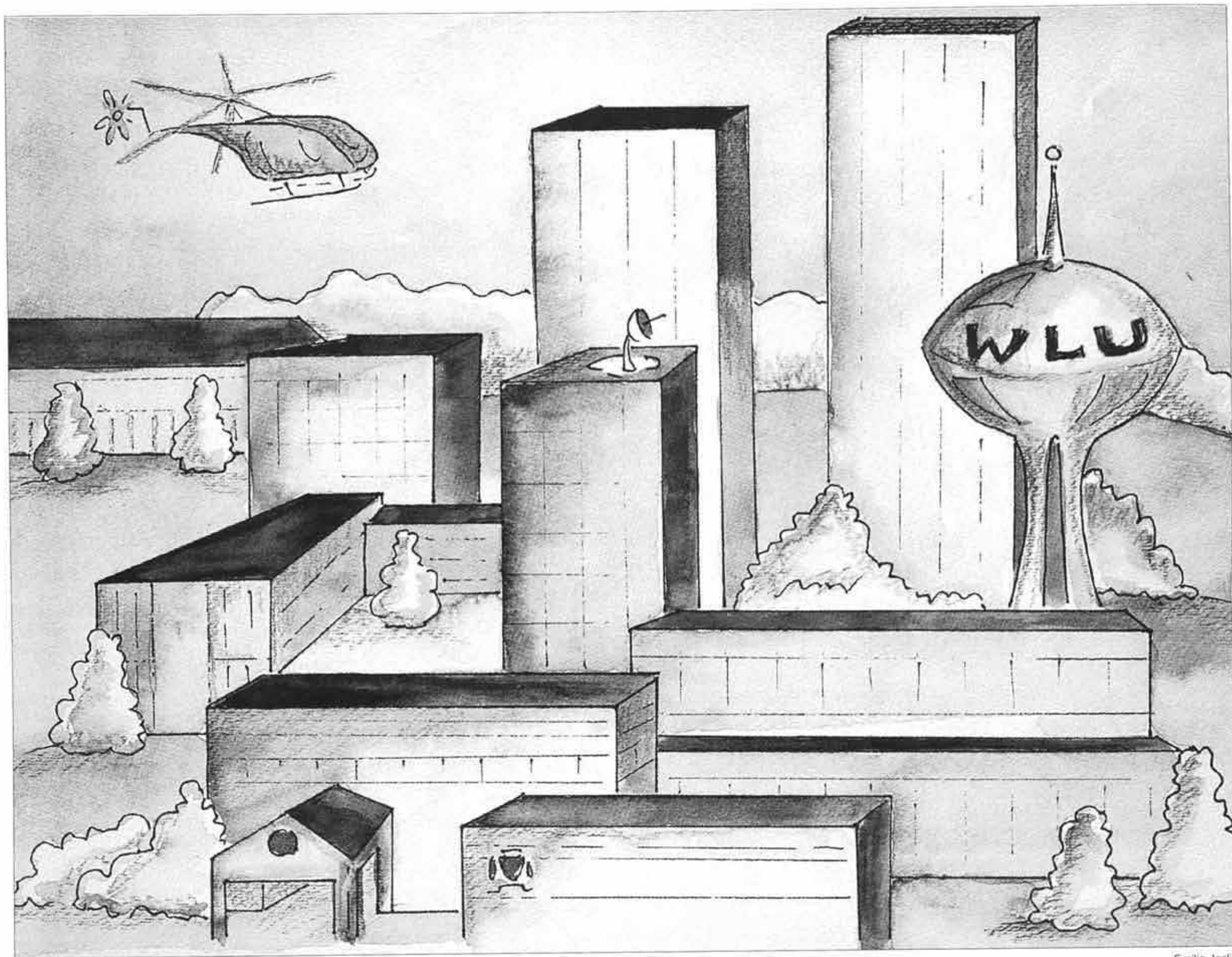
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THE CORD WEEKLY 101 - Features

The aim of features is to create in-depth human interest stories relevant to Laurier students. No topic is untouchable, from sex, drugs and partying to complex moral issues to cheap spring break vacations. Whatever the issue, features will cover it and make it relevant to Laurier students.

The Laurier of your future

The Century Plan of 2005-2011 promises the continued growth of Wilfrid Laurier with increasing graduate programs and internationalization, but university leaders are confident our infamous community atmosphere won't change, writes Special Projects Editor April Cunningham



Emilie Joslin

An ambitious "Century Plan" will carry Laurier – along with our incoming frosh – through their next five years.

The long-winded plan, released last May and unanimously approved in late June by WLU's Board of Governors, details the university's future developments and initiatives, bringing the school to its centennial year of 2011.

"Universities, in general, are encouraged to do this," says Dr. Susan Horton, Vice President, Academic of Laurier and core facilitator of the plan. "The Rae Report is more interested in seeing accountability and planning in universities."

Although plans are not unusual in the university setting, the Century Plan embraces a few cornerstone initiatives that some say are going to bridge the gap from the old to the new Laurier.

"It's a combination of what I call big ticket strategic items and a zillion little items," says Dr. Robert Rosehart, President of WLU. He says there are two significant thrusts of the Century Plan. The first is to reinforce the student-

focus of the campus.

Rosehart notes that a large portion of the plan is dedicated to making life easier for students. This includes an emphasis on academic counseling, an online student portal and a new student leadership centre.

Dan Robert, President of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) thinks the continued student focus is one of the most significant parts of the plan. "I think it's great that they're going to build that community sense into their academics... and talk about things like Shinerama in the classroom," he explained.

The second and possibly more notable change is what Rosehart describes as "the continued move to Laurier being a more comprehensive university with more graduate programs."

The word 'comprehensive' corresponds with one of the categories used in the annual Maclean's rankings of Canadian universities. The Century Plan defines the category as having a focus on liberal arts and science, "complemented" by various grad-

uate and professional programming (6). Currently, Laurier sits in the "Primarily Undergraduate" category with small schools such as Mount Allison and Trent.

Then there are what Rosehart calls "misfits" in the category, including Brock, Ryerson and Laurier.

To make the move to the Comprehensive category, "everybody would have to be on board," he says. Informal talks have already begun among the three schools.

So why all the emphasis on Maclean's rankings?

According to Rosehart, when the rankings began approximately ten years ago, only about 15 percent of students and parents considered it in their decision. Today, almost 75 percent do.

"I must admit, I'm not 100 percent convinced about Maclean's because most of the data is supplied by individual universities [and not gathered through formal research methods], but it's definitely a factor that we can't ignore," he says.

Horton thinks similarly. "I don't

think Maclean's numbers are perfect, but they help students to include Laurier on their shopping list."

So if WLU's Advancement Department positions the university carefully enough, Maclean's will eventually describe a grown-up Laurier to prospective students. But this change will not happen overnight. In fact, the entire method of categorization is foggy.

"If you were to ask Maclean's what it takes to go to another category, they probably couldn't give you an answer," says Rosehart.

To him, the change means continuing with undergraduate programming while developing more graduate numbers at the Waterloo campus. Undergraduate growth will be focused at Brantford. Since 1998, the number of undergraduate students at Laurier-Waterloo has nearly doubled. Now that number will begin to level off.

"We might replace some of the students with graduate students," he says, referring to the Waterloo campus. "The number [of undergrads] might decline, but not dra-

matically."

He says two exceptions to that rule would be the potential development of a Faculty of Education and a Law School. "We're sort of staking out those turfs," he says.

The Century Plan states that by 2011, the number of graduate programs will increase to at least 30 and PhD programs to 10.

There are several reasons why Laurier is making the leap to become a more comprehensive school. A lot of it has to do with actions on behalf of the McGuinty government.

"The government's response to the Rae Report, financially, is to have a major investment in graduate education," says Rosehart. "Part of this is coming out because the double cohort are graduating and want to go on to professional and grad programs."

And money is undoubtedly beginning to flow. According to Rosehart, over the past two years, the government has dedicated \$18 million to graduate education.

Leaders dream of WLU's tomorrow



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Dr. Robert Rosehart, President and Vice Chancellor



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Dan Robert, President and CEO of Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union

Law school, teaching college planned to bolster WLU grad studies

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Next year that number will rise \$71 million. Following that a \$179 million cheque will be written out to Ontario graduate programming. This is all new money, which makes administrators like Rosehart salivate.

"If Laurier doesn't do this, we're going to leave money on the table," he says. He assures that current undergrads are not paying for a plan that pushes them out of focus. It will mainly be government and research council support, he says.

Additionally, the plan notes that one advantage of being a comprehensive university is that we don't have to compete with smaller schools in the primarily undergraduate community. These small schools have the ability to offer more individualized experience.

With a gradual shift towards a more research-intensive university, opportunities for grants and funding could benefit the school as whole.

Horton says there are several areas where Laurier is currently lacking which could be aided by a burst of research activity which place the university behind the mark both financially and reputation-wise. "We need to make the changes that we think are essential to Laurier's future development," says Horton. "We want the best of both worlds."

Horton says that it there will remain an emphasis on undergraduate learning even though students' profs may be balancing research projects at the same time as teaching.

"You don't want people doing research to be less available in the classroom," she says.

But Horton admits the 'best of both worlds' syndrome will be a challenge. "There is a trade off and it's something I worry about," she says.

But, "these days for young faculty to make progress in their profession, they need to make research. And good research can inform what goes on in the classroom... it's something worth doing."

She says that the goal will be to explain to new faculty that a student focus is important, no matter how research-intensive the university becomes.

Yet there are still concerns that students will be pushed out of focus and education will become second priority to the prestige of research.

"People sometimes joke and talk about old Laurier and new Laurier," she says. "Sometimes they are worried about the change."

The WLUSU President, however, is not worried. "I don't think it's a move away from undergrad students. It's more of a broadening," says Robert. "I think it will offer a pretty well rounded package for the university."

Dr. David McMurray, Dean of Students, is confident that the plans for student-focus will help maintain Laurier's current "community" in spite of increased graduate work.

"Everyone recognized that we need to preserve and enhance our current strengths... you don't sacrifice what you do well and what

you're known for," he says.

He notes that one of the main reasons why students choose Laurier is the sense of community and campus life. He believes this is generated through a combination of efforts by students, faculty and staff, but is ignited by residence life.

"About 80% of first year students live in residence," he says, "so you start your university career living together." It is also the geographical closeness of the campus that creates a high level of interaction, he adds.

One of the major initiatives in the Century Plan that will help to reinforce the student focus as Laurier evolves is the Learning Services project. An Information Commons will be set up in the Library beginning in September with a central academic advisor to direct students to the help they require. This will hopefully reduce the "run-around" that many students currently get between departments.

One of the first new arms of Learning Services will be a Math Aid Centre, located in the Bricker Academic Building. The existing Writing Centre will also be a part of the service. McMurray says the Learning Commons office in the Library will be a place where students can feel comfortable seeking help with things like changing their major and ensuring they are in the right program or taking the right courses for their career goals. Orientation Week will include a mandatory session on the Learning Services project.

Another exciting focus of the plan is a movement towards

Internationalization. Eventually, Horton would like to see a Laurier where five percent of students are international visa students and cumulatively 10 percent have international academic experience. This number would be higher in business, and lower in music and science.

Horton says that although Laurier already has a good international reputation (the university hosted a UN conference in April of this year), more improvements can be made.

"We live in an area in Ontario that is heavily impacted by trade," she says. "We need the ability to interact with other cultures."

"You can learn more about organizational behaviour in China by going there and talking to the managers than by reading it in a textbook," she says as an example for MBA students.

Robert believes that international initiatives will enrich the already broad extra-curricular experience of Laurier students that he sees in WLUSU volunteers. "The more that you can gain out of your university experience above and beyond an academic degree is great," he says.

On a campus that knows the experience of construction all too well, building development and expansion will continue with extensive construction set to take

place on St. Michael's campus, across the street from Waterloo's main campus at King and University streets. The Dr. Alvin Woods Building (or the DAWB, as many students call it) will be completely gutted and remodeled this year. Some aesthetic development is also planned, as an avenue of trees will be planted at the University Avenue entrance and a new gateway to King Street is created. The Brantford campus will also have renovations done for additional office, residence and athletics space.

The Century Plan promises much and when all is said and done, huge amounts from the public purse will be spent. Horton has created an "accountability matrix" which will be reviewed periodically as an action plan. This will also help with government funding, which will be the main resource for initiatives.

Rosehart believes that "it's going to be a long road to where the number of graduate students is dramatically increased."

And as the campus continues to evolve, questions remain as to whether the infamous community will remain as embedded in our campus as our leaders believe.

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THE CORD WEEKLY 101 - Special Projects

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Going abroad with LINT

Laurier International (LINT) gives students an opportunity to get a taste for travelling and studying abroad in over 70 foreign locales



Brandon Currie

HEADS IN THE CLOUDS - These two exchange students enjoy a warm spring afternoon atop a mountain in Alicante, Spain, one of the many places LINT sends WLU students.

TONY FERGUSON
International Editor

Since 1994, Laurier International (LINT) has been giving Laurier students the opportunity to study abroad. Although the program has come a long way since then with 102 students leaving the country to study up from 14 when it started, the objective has remained the same: global awareness.

"This is an eye opener," says Ewa Dabrowska, International Staff/Student Co-ordinator for LINT. "The most important part of [the program] is the global perspective." Dabrowska says that

with the global economy changing and the world becoming more interconnected, it's important to be able to study at a foreign institution.

With more than 70 institutions worldwide to choose from, students who plan to go on exchange have a wide variety of opportunities.

"This is the best time in your life to explore," says Dabrowska. "If you are going to do it, do it right now because later on you might be working for a company or business and you would not have an opportunity to travel."

Becky Ambrose, who has now

completed her sociology degree from Laurier, says that LINT's reputation was one of the reasons she chose Laurier. In third year, she went on exchange to South Africa where she studied at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal.

"Overall it was a really positive experience," she said as she recalled some of the moments from her trip. Meeting new people and learning in a different environment were among some of the overall highlights of the trip for Becky.

Residence life at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal was diverse, her roommates coming from South

Africa, Zimbabwe, Swaziland and Ghana. It was interesting for Becky to hear what these people from the other side of the world had to say, including one girl's intense dislike for white Afrikaners, a product of the post-apartheid region.

For students considering the exchange program, Dabrowska has some advice. "It's always good to know another language," she explained. Even if you are studying in English, it would be wise to pick up another language for basic communication on the street, she added.

Meanwhile, there is a big

change to the program for next year. Dr. Al Hecht, who was the program director for the past 7 years, will be stepping down. Dr. Hecht did a lot of work with LINT, establishing almost 70 percent of the programs available to students as well as making the first connection between Laurier and German institutions.

Dabrowska feels that the program ultimately "makes us better people... we become stronger people because we have experienced a different situation."

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WLU and the world: international clubs

There are many opportunities to get involved internationally at Laurier

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When September arrives, the majority of first-year students are preoccupied with the start of school. However, taking some time to discover what Laurier has to offer (other than a hefty course load) can be beneficial both academically and personally. High on the list of options to consider is campus clubs.

Campus clubs provide positive interaction with others and the chance to develop friendships. They help ease the transition from high school to university and can provide you with some useful contacts. Of the nearly seventy campus clubs at Laurier a large number are concentrated on international events and cultures. Aside from the activist-driven ones, there are cultural clubs and political clubs.

Among the cultural clubs are the Association of Black Students, the Caribbean Club, the Chinese Students Association, the German Club, the Jewish Students Association, the Ukrainian Klub, the Muslim Students Association, the Laurier Chinese Christian Fellowship, the Laurier Christian Fellowship, and East meets West (which honours Indian tradition).

These clubs allow students from similar backgrounds to come together and hold annual events to raise awareness and promote

multiculturalism on campus. This past year the German Club celebrated Oktoberfest in October, the Caribbean Club played cricket matches, East meets West showcased the Indian marketplace with "Indian Bazaar" and the Association of Black Students set up a tent in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre and braided other students' hair. According to Helal Fattal, president of the Muslim Students Association, "We try to help new students settle in by introducing them to people and providing community information."

In terms of political clubs, there are the Political Science Association and World Affairs Society. These clubs are open to anyone simply interested in the rest of the world. Both clubs are affiliated with the political science department and accept an unlimited number of members.

The Political Science Association organizes debates, discussions, and trips to political centres while the World Affairs Society (WAS) participates in model UN discussions.

Past conferences include the McGill Model United Nations and the World Model United Nations.

President Aamir Taiyeb says of WAS, "we have even better stuff planned for this year, and a brand new web site. Everyone, no matter their year or discipline, can get involved."

For all the activists out there, Laurier has a variety of clubs for students who want to roll up their sleeves and help out

JESSICA PETER
Cord International

Laurier as a community is extremely interested in helping out. It's obvious by the stiff competition for any volunteer position on campus. But if you're feeling unfulfilled by the on-campus opportunities to help, or if community oriented involvement isn't your thing, there are also a few international activist groups worth looking into.

DREAMS, or Dominican Republic Education and Medical Support started with groups of students fundraising and traveling to the Dominican Republic to build schools and other buildings for impoverished communities. It has since expanded; DREAMS at Laurier is one of its extensions.

Students Against Sweatshops (SAS) focuses on the rights of workers who are exploited by major corporations in sweatshops. As an executive member of the Laurier branch says, "We work to show that the factories are needed... it's the unfair and unjust wages and conditions that are appalling and what must be corrected." The Maquila Solidarity Network is a great source of SAS's information. SAS Laurier helps through letter writing sessions, Buy Nothing Day, movie nights, SAS Week and other awareness-raising events.

Amnesty International is a large

organization, with more than 1.8 million members at last count, and has a branch at Laurier. It fights for human rights as well as SAS, but in all aspects of life. Amnesty focuses on the promotion of human rights for all people, and the combating of abuses to these rights through letter writing and other forms of support.

These clubs are always looking for new members with that international activist spirit

Last is the club I know best. I am an executive member of WUSC (World University Service of Canada), which focuses on international development and is rooted in Canadian universities themselves. The most visible thing WUSC brings to the community is the sponsorship of student refugees (with the support of students).

There are currently two student

refugees at Laurier, both Burmese, and both active WUSC members. Besides welcoming new refugees, WUSC also raises awareness in development issues, meets with other WUSC councils, and sends one student a year to an international summer volunteer program.

These clubs are always looking for new members with that international activist spirit (and no, you don't have to be in Global Studies to join!). If activism closer to home is more your style, consider such clubs as Habitat for Humanity, LSPIRG (Laurier Students for a Public Interest Research Group), the Environment Club, and LSETA (Laurier Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals).

Where ever your interests lie, either internationally or closer to home, there are a lot of opportunities to get involved at Laurier.

THE CORD WEEKLY 101 - International

The International section lets regular readers of *The Cord* know what's going on in the world and connects it to what's happening on campus. Since *The Cord* is a weekly paper, this section provides a week in review of important international events. The section also provides students with news about international news on campus, such as the arrival of guest speakers or important events being held by one of the international campus clubs.

VE-Day honoured in Moscow amidst protest

ALEXANDRA STADNYK
Eastern European Correspondent

KIEV, UKRAINE - On May 8th many world leaders arrived in Moscow to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the allied victory over Hitler. Celebrations in Moscow included a mass parade on Red Square, where top world leaders including US President George W. Bush, watched on.

Not in attendance were the Estonian and Lithuanian Presidents who were boycotting the celebrations in an attempt to remind the rest of the world that the end of World War II marked the beginning of Soviet occupation in Eastern Europe for half a century.

Despite protests in Poland, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski attended, but his presence was not supported by the Polish people. Advertisements criticizing his attendance were broadcasted in objection.

After the allied victory of World War II, brutal Soviet occupation followed in the Baltic and eastern nations of Europe. In Ukraine for example, the victory was marred by the replacement of one tyranny by another. The collapse of Hitler and Nazi Germany did not mean freedom and peace for all. Instead, Ukrainians were forced to submit and live under Soviet rule for half a century. They had to fight for

national self-determination as Soviet oppression suppressed much of the cultural, political and social distinctness each independent nation held.

The Soviet powers trounced human rights, individual, national and religious rights. People living under Soviet rule had to suppress their culture and conform to the Soviet expectations that were

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strictly imposed upon them. For instance, the Russian language was standardized in Russia's satellite countries. Also, the Russian Orthodox Church was adopted as the main religion, specifically in Ukraine.

The eastern European and Baltic nations are just now finally emerging as free and democratic nations. The 60th anniversary of the allied victory is not a celebration for those who were subjected to live under treacherous Soviet occupation for over half a century, but rather acts as a reminder that the end of World War II and the bringing down of Hitler was the beginning of many years of subjugation and foreign domination.



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TOP: US President George W. Bush enjoys the parade with Russian President Vladimir Putin. **BOTTOM:** A Russian war veteran shouts out slogans in protest.

“Major” change to Global Studies program

Students can now pursue Global Studies as its own individual major

TONY FERGUSON
International Editor

The Global Studies program at Laurier has undergone a major transformation, so to speak. It is now a stand-alone program which allows students to select it as their only major. Previously, students had to pair it with another program, and often complained of having to choose a joint honours program that they really weren't interested in.

“The best for students is that they can now focus on GS in a way that wasn't possible for them before,” says Dr. Len Friesen, Associate Professor and Co-ordinator of the program. “This now gives them what they want,” he says.

The program, which is now up and running, has already acquired new staff and the coordinators plan on adding more in the future. This is something they “simply must do” in order to keep up with the growing levels of student enrollment.

One Global Studies professor, Adam Davidson-Harden, who was highly successful in one course that he taught last year, has been added to the list of full-time staff.

The GS department is also looking to hire a specialist in refugee

movements in the next month to start in September.

Students who are currently in the program now have the option of continuing with it as is, or upgrading to the new version.

The revamped program has a new placement program called ‘The New Global Studies Experience.’ This program recognizes that many Global Studies placements may be within Canada, available to both Canadian and International students. The program allows students to have the opportunity to travel and visit regions to help local communities. “This is another way we're trying to increase the possibilities for our students,” says Friesen.

The program is “highly student friendly” according to Friesen.

“We try to open up unique perspectives on the world, and in a way that combines a number of disciplines,” he says. The Global Studies department also believes that it's possible to face the world and to become engaged in the search for solutions that are needed to solve pressing problems.

“That's our hope, at least,” he added.

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The battle of the bulge

The freshman bulge is that dreaded extra weight that creeps up on you during first-year, better known as the 'freshman 15.' The easiest way to prevent gaining weight is to know how to avoid it *before* entering university, writes student health expert Jennifer O'Neill

Eating on campus

The Dining Hall can be your best friend or your worst enemy. The key to eating healthy on campus is to know and understand what you're putting in your mouth.

Put simply, think before you eat.

Comfort food is easy and quick, but not the healthiest decision. There are certain foods that should be eaten strictly as a treat, or better yet, not at all.

Stay away from Harvey's poutine and fries; instead try a small beef burger or vegetarian burger with a salad. When heading to Mr. Sub or Pita Shack stay away from the mayonnaise and other fatty meats and sauces. Instead try lean meats such as chicken or ham

with light italian dressing or mustard for sauce.

In the Dining Hall, watch your portions. The stir-fry and pasta meals are larger than one portion, try splitting it in half and saving the rest for a great snack.

Off campus

Ordering pizza will become tradition when living in residence. Don't let this become a habit. The trick is to stop eating by 8pm every night or two hours before you go to bed. This means avoid late night pizza and candy study parties.

If you are staying up late to study and you are feeling hungry, try cut up fruits and vegetables or keep some whole grain cereal and (whole-wheat) crackers stored in

your room for snacks.

When going to restaurants the safest way to save calories is ordering vegetarian; it's also the cheapest.

Exercise

Laurier's Athletic Complex just went through a major renovation – take advantage of it! Never again will you live less than one minute from the gym. Quit making excuses and try to get to the gym for at least 30 minutes, three times a week. If you don't like the gym, get a group of friends together and go on a walk or jog (Waterloo Park is a great place for jogging). This will also be a good way to clear your head and get some fresh air.

Rest

Young people need between 8-10 hours of sleep per night according to Health Canada. This isn't always possible when living in residence but do try to aim for between seven to eight hours. Sleep is vital to maintaining good health, lower stress levels and being able to focus in class.

This being said, living a healthy life does not necessarily mean living a boring life.

You can have a healthy first-year without compromising any important experiences. Listen to your body, think about what you eat and get moving. It's a simple recipe for a healthy and bulge free year.

Don't stress

A bit of harmless weight gain is no reason to panic. Our bodies are supposed to change as we approach our twenties. The most important aspect of this period of time in your life is the education for which you're dishing out thousands of dollars. Some students forget this, becoming terribly preoccupied with weight and appearance.

Just have fun, meet some great people and learn something. As long as you're healthy and active, don't worry about putting on extra pounds.

Trust me. You'll have plenty of other things to stress about in first year.

Hungry? Here's what to bring to residence

LAURIE SADOWSKI
Food for Thought

Anticipation awaits as you settle into your new University abode. Give mom and dad a kiss goodbye and close the door.

Then you hear it. It starts with a soft grumble, then becomes louder and louder until you just can't take it anymore.

You're hungry. And all alone.

There will be days when it's cold or raining, or when you don't have time to hit the Dining Hall. Every now and then, you'll feel like one more pita will push you over the edge. Sure, you can go the easy route with bags of cookies, granola bars, candy and pop. But you know those 15 pounds will creep up with mass beer consumption, so don't give it a head start.

Instead, invest in some handy-dandy kitchen tools, whether you have a kitchen or not.

Residence kitchen must-haves:

Electric kettle (under \$10, Wal-Mart)

This is an essential for comforting oatmeal, filling 'just-add-water' soups, tea, coffee, and so much more.

Can opener (dollar store)

Beans can make a nutritious addition to any salad or wrap; soups can be thrown in a communal microwave; juice is economically sold in frozen cans and tuna is a great plus to any sandwich or salad.

Non-perishable food items

Anything canned and sealed that has a far away due-date makes a great plan B meal. Best bets:

canned veggies, beans, soups or fruits, single-serve applesauce, cereal bars, cereal, dry milk (just add water, and it doesn't go sour), spices, nuts and much more.

George Foreman Grill (\$20 for small, Wal-Mart)

Allowed in kitchens only, this baby can grill anything. It's quick, easy-to-use, low-fat and creates tasty meals (especially if you can't cook). Invest promptly. Keep it in your room, but use it in the communal kitchen.

Hand blender (\$10, Wal-Mart)

Perfect for whipping up quick breakfast smoothies (yogurt or tofu, milk, soy, fruit), pureeing sauces or dressings, or feeding the urge for some good old fashioned Jell-o pudding. This is a must-have

for vegetarians who need to be ultra creative with their diets.

Refridgerator

Do yourself a favour and rent a Coldex fridge from the school for the year. These mini-fridges are extremely handy, even if it's just for beer and gin.

Pots and pans

Because you still have a communal kitchen, bring at least one pot and a frying pan for heating up a variety of meals.

Condiment Packets

Packets of mustard, mayo, ketchup, et cetera are non-perishable and can be stolen from any major fast food chain, plus you don't have to refrigerate them.

Three quick tips for eating on a first-year student budget:

* Buy things in bulk: head to Bulk Barn (at Erb and Weber St.) on Wednesday to receive 10% off with student ID, or ask ma and pa to make a trip to Costco before you go. You might feel silly stashing 150 single serve applesauces under your bed, but they'll be there when you want them, and it'll keep shopping to a minimum.

* Check out grocery flyers online at sobeys.ca and zehrs.ca for good deals.

* Noname brands almost always taste the same as the popular brand name. Just check the ingredients.

Couples: beware the 'turkey dump'

How significant is your 'other?' A friendly warning about break-up season at Laurier, brought to you by Sex and the UniverCity



MICHELLE PINCHEV
Student Life Editor

Laurier students come with many labels; we identify by program, year, culture or the clubs and sports with which we whittle away our free time. To the untrained eye there are dozens of sub-groups but essentially, students can be lumped together into two major categories: single and not single.

Fights, tears and rebound sex are all too common during turkey dump season.

Upon arriving at Laurier, particularly during Frosh week, you will become familiar with the term turkey dump. This refers to the period of time (usually mid to late October) during which the sound of hearts breaking can be heard all throughout campus. Fights, tears and promiscuous rebound sex are all too common during the notorious turkey dump season.

If you're single, you're lucky; this

could be a particularly lucrative time for you. But if you're in any kind of relationship, whether it's long distance or not-enough-distance, beware. Your happy union is at risk.

Within the two major categories are several smaller groups, some of which overlap. People who are dating, for example, can pass as either single or taken. If someone at a party has been hitting on you relentlessly, it could quite conveniently be said that you're seeing someone. But if the object of your affection suddenly sends you the green-light, you're free as a bird.

If you're of the second group, the "taken" variety, things can get a little bit more complicated.

In the blur of academic and social pressures and in some cases, alcohol consumption, we can sometimes lose track of who we are and what matters the most to us. If you're deeply committed to someone, don't be naïve. Come to school prepared, realizing that you're young and things can change very quickly in the life of a student.

But if you truly don't want this to happen to you then stay grounded; you may suddenly find

yourself suddenly fighting off the opposite sex with a stick. But ask yourself: is it worth it? Does this person really care about me? Is this about dissatisfaction in my current relationship or is this about my own insecurities?

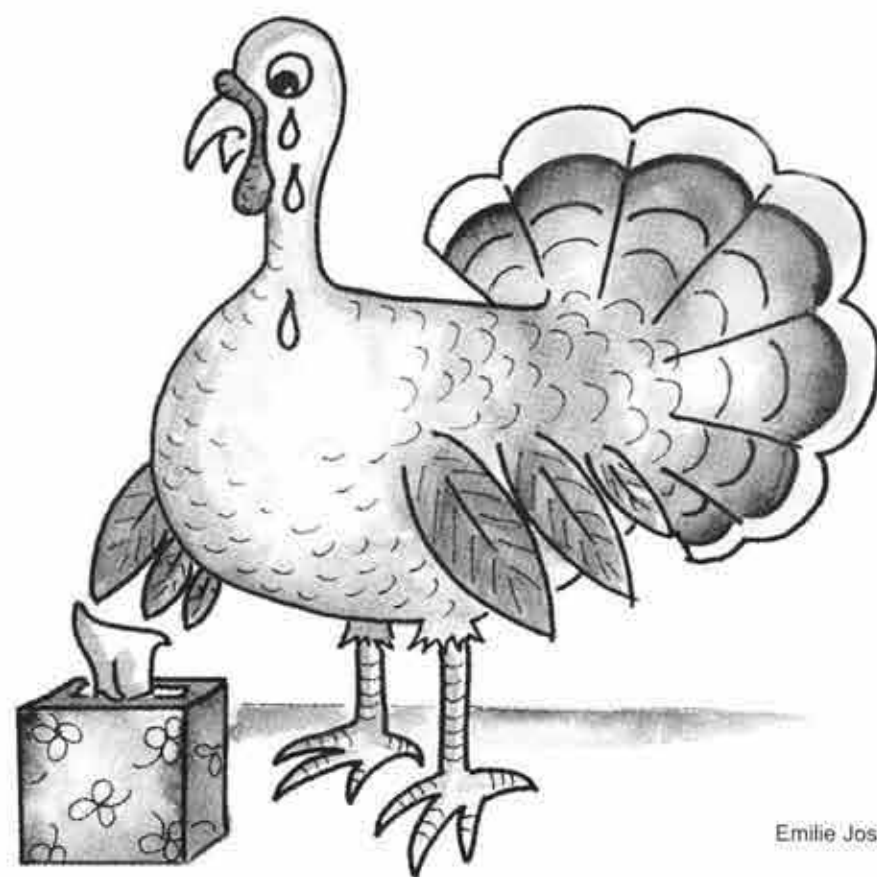
Before you throw away a good thing, make sure you are sure.

To further complicate things, in some cases your "other" may be somewhere else; either back at home, completely unable to empathize with the whirlwind of changes you're experiencing or at a different college or university doing God-knows-what. Part of you assumes the worst and so it's natural that you're inclined to do God-knows-what as well.

The best advice I could give you is to never make assumptions but, as much as possible, go with your gut (unless you are a neurotic or paranoid person in which case, don't).

Some couples make it. Most will experience a rough patch in the beginning at the very least, but if you make it, you and your other should feel very proud. If you survive turkey dump season, you can pretty much start planning the wedding.

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Your guide to swanky uptown

WATERLOO

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If you were to walk down King Street but five years ago, you would be hard-pressed to find any of its characteristic trendy shops, as recently a lot has been done to transform uptown Waterloo into the swanky shopping district it is today.

With uptown Waterloo so close to campus, there is no excuse (especially since you'll have a bus pass) not to hop on the number seven bus, or walk down and explore Waterloo's main drag. Downtown Kitchener has pleasurable shopping as well, and even though it's a little further from campus, it's worth the trip.

Walking south down King Street, one of the first places you're likely to see is Princess Cinemas. While the original is just off King on Princess Street, at 46 King is the Princess Twin, making the two locations Kitchener-Waterloo's only independent cinemas.

The original Princess shows mainly independent films on its single screen, and specializes in foreign and art house features. The newly opened Princess Twin

shows progressive mainstream films and boasts two theatres with more modern seating and sound.

A membership can be purchased for eight dollars, which is valid at both locations. With the yearlong membership, you will receive three dollars off admission every time you see a film. Admission for non-members at the original is nine dollars and ten at the twin, making the membership well worth the price.

Across the street from the original Princess is Orange Monkey, located above Jane Bond. Orange Monkey is an amazing independent record store that specializes in vinyl. You can find used classic records for less than five dollars; perfect for building your own vinyl collection.

The kind staff at Orange Monkey will gladly order in any record or single that you desire, for a reasonable price. They also sell tickets for local concerts, buttons, patches, Orange Monkey t-shirts and posters.

Located in the same building as the Princess Twin is Loop Clothing. Loop inspires to be more than just a clothing store with its slogan 'Lounge. Gallery. Culture.'

Specializing in urban street wear from a variety of independent and well-known designers, Loop is known to hold special events, be it a concert at the Starlight or the mysterious Goat Face Ball – an event where participants signed up, paid a fee and showed up at Loop in formal dress to be taken to a secret location for an all-inclusive party.

Loop also has a station where you can have custom clothing made. There is more to buy than just clothing, with art always for sale. While the interesting clothing does not come cheap, it's worth a look.

Walking further south down King, you come across Delirium. It specializes in alternative clothing for both men and women and hosts many different labels including a specialized, in-store line of clothing. There is a large selection of interesting and unique handbags available in all shapes and sizes, and also has many kitschy accessories that make great gifts.

If you cross the street and walk down a block, you will find Thryve. While they do not have a street front display, they are relatively

easy to find with signs pointing you up a set of stairs. Boasting a collection of accessories including bags, hats, shoes, and watches they have many unique pieces that are sure to impress as most items in Thryve are not available anywhere else in Kitchener-Waterloo. While many of the items are pricey, the attention you may receive while wearing them is priceless.

Beside Thryve is 360 Degree Clothing. All students can appreciate great used clothing for a bargain. 360 is full of stylish, second-hand pieces perfect for students on a tight budget.

Walk a little bit further south and you encounter Gloss. If you are looking for "fitted Northern European" styles, Gloss is your place. While some items are affordable under a student's budget (especially the transfers), many items may be out of reach.

Close to all the shopping on

King Street is Generation X, a video rental store located at 10 Regina Street North. The main reason to shop at Gen X, as it's more commonly known, is the vast selection. Employee Heather Walker has explained that Gen X caters to "more demographics than chain rental stores," and has "a lot of films that are included in university film courses, and low rental rates and late fees."

If you are looking to watch an old classic, Gen X is your place. If it's bad or trashy films you're after, look no further. There are entire sections dedicated to cult and trashy films, even Anime.

So while Waterloo may not be the most exciting place in the world, it is shaping up to be a great place to shop and be entertained. If you know where to look, you are sure to find interesting and unique items upon your fall arrival.

THE CORD WEEKLY 101 - Student Life

Students and life; that covers pretty much everything at Laurier. The Student Life section aims to making living as a student as easy as possible with articles and advice on health, sex, shopping, food, astrology and much more.

Football rules at WLU

At a school of incessant cheering, the football field offers a legitimate excuse to scream yourself senseless

MIKE BROWN
Sports Editor

Varsity football; it's one of the sacred hallmarks of university life.

Pub-crawls, spats between roommates, late night trips to Pizza Pizza and MacDonnell Village – these will all be commonplace by the end of your first year at Laurier.

But there's just something special about varsity football.

I'm sure Hollywood has ingrained us all with a passable understanding of the varsity football experience. We envision hoards of dedicated students taking a break from the books to enjoy a few cold beers from the back of their buddy's Bronco because, after all, anyone that says drinking heavily at 2 pm is wrong is clearly just an overcompensating alcoholic worthy of our pity.

Eventually, these lovable football aficionados meander into a stadium unfailingly packed with thousands upon thousands of fans before cheering their team on with unparalleled zest (except of course by the opponents' fans who forego studying in favour of a shockingly similar age-old ritual).

Now, for all those non-geography majors out there, Hollywood is in the States. I can't deny the accuracy of this depiction of varsity

football for American schools, but Wilfrid Laurier, as you may well know, is in Canada. We don't even have thousands upon thousands of students. Our stadium is moderately less state-of-the-art, though I know of few that transform so readily into a baseball diamond for my beloved Monday night 3-pitch games in November.

Differences aside, varsity football at Laurier is still very much an experience. It is perhaps the only sport that garners much fan support at WLU, and is definitely the most closely followed. Last year, University Stadium was full to capacity to watch a thrilling Yates Cup (the provincial championship game) comeback victory by the boys in purple and gold against the McMaster Marauders.

In fact, I draw a blank when I try to think of a single event that united the Laurier populace more than the successful football season.

It's really quite simple.

Everyone loves telling their friends from back home how vastly superior Laurier is to the school they foolishly opted for. Given the preeminent position of varsity football and the skill of the Laurier squad, we Hawks have plenty of boasting to do.

Last year's team lost 14 players and still managed to go undefeated



Graham Folkema

BACK TO BACK? - Last year's football squad celebrates moments after knocking off the defending OUA champion McMaster Marauders for the Ontario title. This year's squad looks strong to repeat.

in OUA (Ontario University Athletics) play. This year, we only lose six players and are sure to be a competitor to win Ontario again, if we manage to hold off the perennially strong Marauders and Western Mustangs.

It's certainly shaping up to be a great season on the field, but you don't even have to be a sports fan to enjoy a Laurier football game.

Can't discern between a touchdown and an interception? No worries. Just cheer when your fellow Hawks do and your more sport-savvy cohorts will be none the wiser. If the games are even half as exciting as last year, it will take a pretty dedicated sports-hater to have a bad time.

The home opener is slated for Saturday, September 10 against

Windsor. If all goes well, the Yates Cup final will be here in Waterloo on November 12. I already have plans to be at both, and I highly suggest you start making some too.

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Varsity sports at a glance

The Cord takes a look at which teams are worth having a look at and which might be best to pass by as we enter the new season

MIKE BROWN
Sports Editor

From provincial and national championships to winless seasons and double-digit losing streaks, 2004-05 was an up-and-down year for Golden Hawks' varsity athletes. Here's a look at Laurier's teams, from the top of the nation to the bottom of the basement and everywhere in between.

The Best

Women's hockey

After losing just three games en route to the national title, the Hawks have to like their odds on the ice. With Coach Rick Osborne's new contract and national expo-

sure for the hockey program, the new class of recruits should fill the void left by departing veterans including OUA Player of the Year, Cindy Eadie.

Women's lacrosse

The ladies of lacrosse claimed their second consecutive provincial banner with an 11-1 season last year. With OUA MVP Erica Howard returning to lead the squad, a three-peat looks promising.

Men's football

Last year's OUA Championship was a welcome surprise in a season marred only by a loss at Laval in the national semi-finals. The Hawks lose only six players this year and, with quarterback Ryan Pyear returning for his final year of eligibility, a Yates Cup repeat could very well be in the cards, though McMaster and Western will do their best to stop us.

Women's volleyball

After reeling off seven consecutive victories, the Hawks fell to Western in the OUA final. As Laurier continually thirsts for its first Ontario crown in school history, the strong returning core led by OUA All Star Danielle Walker leaves Laurier faithful hopeful.

The Worst

Men's volleyball

Unlike their female counterparts, 2004-05 was a year to forget for the men's volleyball team. On the plus side, they snapped a 17-game losing streak to end the year with back-to-back wins and the youth-infested squad showed some improvement. Still, even with a solid rookie class, hope for a play-off spot is hope misplaced.

Women's rugby

Generally, a winless season is frowned upon. Without a regular season win to their credit since 2002, the women's rugby squad probably heads the list of teams you shouldn't lose sleep about missing.

The Rest

The remainder of Laurier's varsity squads should compete, though none seem to be of championship caliber. Both basketball and soccer teams, as well as the men's hockey club, have been reliable bets for the playoffs over the past few seasons; meanwhile, the men's rugby and baseball teams seek to get over the hump and enter the upper echelon of competition that has eluded them of late.

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Sports for non-athletes

Laurier intramurals - what's offered and how to get involved

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Do you love sports, but don't want the commitment of a varsity team? Well, you're in luck. Getting involved in sports at Laurier is easier than a grueling, often disappointing varsity tryout. Laurier Athletics offers intramurals ranging in skill level from beginner to expert in almost every sport. As a first-year, you have a few options when it comes to getting involved.

For those living in residence, there's the option to join an intra-residence league. RAC, or Residence Athletic Council, organizes sports where you will play for your house against other residences. There is a small \$10 fee to play for a semester. Sports include men's and women's basketball, co-ed inner-tube water polo, co-ed soccer, as well as men's and women's soccer. These leagues are a great way to get to know the people in yours and other residences

in a sporting environment. Registrations for these leagues are all done through your residence house council.

The other option is getting involved in intramurals through the Athletic Complex. The choices include ice hockey, basketball, volleyball, soccer and, new last year, dodgeball. Pre-registration starts online during O-week. Payments and last call for registration are two weeks into the semester. You can register as an individual or get a group of friends together and make a team. The leagues run ten weeks with finals and prizes at the end.

With so many options, there's no excuse not to grab a friend and get involved. Intramurals are a great way to stay fit, fend off stress and meet new people. For more information on intramural leagues, visit:

<http://www.laurierathletics.com/intramurals>



Cindy Eadie

THE CORD WEEKLY 101 - Sports

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Sunny days, same old average Jays



MARK HOPKINS
MLB Insider

Their new home includes a stunning turf surface, prominent Rogers advertising and fluorescent green scoreboards that are not only hard to look at, but also hard when run into – just ask Johnny Damon. The team also has a new bench boss, John Gibbons, and a few new faces on the field, namely Corey Koskie and Shea Hillenbrand.

Okay, J.P., I will give you that one. After all, the Jays only trail the Twins by 4.5 games (as of June 28) in the AL Wild Card race.

The tough part for Torontonians is that the loaded New York Yankees and curse-defying Boston Red Sox are vulnerable this year. The Yankees have shifted around much of their line-up, and Boston's pitching staff is nowhere near the prowess of their historic run last October. It's too bad for the Blue Jays that they couldn't take advantage of these teams' sub-par performances thus far with a breakthrough season for themselves.

Despite all of this, the future does appear to be somewhat bright for the Blue Jays. Although the Jays look more like the Black Crows in their new uniforms and their

main play-by-play man, Jamie Campbell, speaks like a computerized answering machine, there are reasons for fans to be optimistic.

Rookie infielder Aaron Hill has thrived thus far in his first taste of the major leagues, as a fill-in for injured Canadian third baseman Corey Koskie. Roy Halladay is an early favourite for another Cy Young Award and Orlando Hudson may be on his way to his first Gold Glove.

Also, Toronto got a steal in the draft in early June when they picked up left-handed pitcher Ricky Romero out of Cal State Fullerton. This was the second straight year that Ricciardi has opted for a lefty with his first pick; Romero went sixth overall as the draft's top pitcher.

The Jays of today, however, will likely sputter around the .500 mark for the rest of the season, as the cream always rises to the top in a 162-game schedule. Despite the tricks that the Orioles have pulled thus far, they are one Rafael Palmeiro Viagra pill away from falling limp and coming back to earth.

The best teams will make the playoffs come season's end. In the AL East, that will likely be the Red Sox or the Yankees. Perhaps the Blue Jays can plow into the playoffs in the next couple of years. Owner Ted Rogers' increased payroll will certainly not hurt. Until then, enjoy watching the Rogers' Jays on Rogers Sportsnet at The Rogers Centre.



Roy Halladay

Mo' money, mo' production?

Should the Philadelphia Eagles bow to the demands of superstar showboat Terrell Owens or is he just another player in the team-centric NFL?



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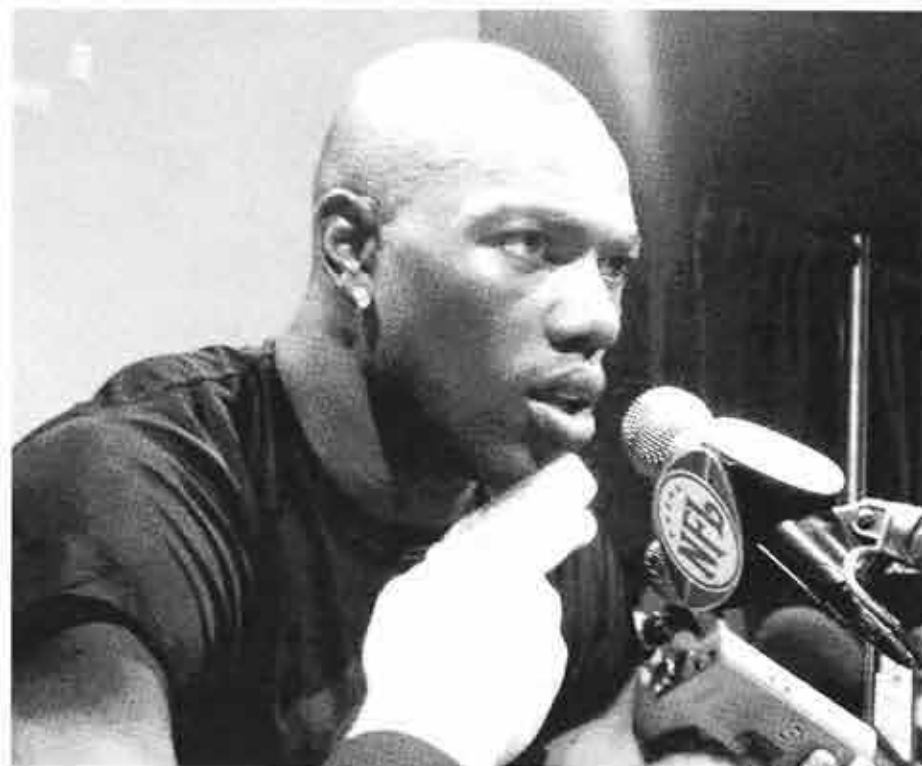
Maybe it's just me, but I don't think that Terrell Owens got the memo – and if he did, then he didn't get the message. For a player who has always acted as if he adheres to the 'me-first' philosophy of the NBA, this memo might be life changing.

Of course, the memo I'm talking about isn't real – but maybe it should be. The memo would explain that the NFL, unlike the Association, is not a league that relies heavily upon its superstars. For better or worse, the NFL is a 'team first, league second, players last' kind of operation. It's a league where playoff quarterbacks are cut on a whim (tough luck Quincy Carter) and former-rushing leaders still in their prime can't get signed (sorry Edgerrin James and Shaun Alexander). But Terrell Owens doesn't seem to understand this, and by all indications never has.

Ever since his days in San Francisco, Owens has looked lovingly at the spotlight, even being brazen enough to turn the star at the center of Texas Stadium into his own stage. And who can forget T.O.'s infamous auto-graph signings?

Then again, maybe I'm being too hard on T.O. He is, after all, one of the league's most dangerous receivers, and helped the Eagles get over the Conference Championship hump and into the Super Bowl. There was even talk of Owens winning MVP until a crippling ankle injury derailed those plans.

Owens is the type of receiver who will work damn hard for a catch, even harder for extra yards and who always has his eyes on the end zone. But problems in San Fran sent Owens looking for a way out, and Philly was all too happy to pick him up. After all, Owens and the Eagles are a match made in heaven. The only thing Philly fans love more than a winner is an arrogant winner (see Jeremy Roenick and Allen Iverson).



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SCREW THE RULES - In his typical egotistical manner, Terrell Owens stares down the league's top brass and his own team in an attempt to circumvent player salary rules.

Nonetheless, the Eagles and Owens remain at odds. In spite of a heroic, but ultimately futile Super Bowl performance, which saw Owens play against doctor's advice and almost lead the Eagles to their first ever Super Bowl win, the two sides are stuck like stub-

Agreement (CBA), is a non-guaranteed contract. Of course, the two sides will probably meet in the middle somewhere, with Owens getting more money upfront and the Eagles saving face by not shelling out more cash.

But a problem still remains: the NFL's CBA doesn't give much to the players and is aimed at making team owners and the league rich beyond comparison in the North American sports world. When the CBA expires, there might be some fireworks, as the players seek guaranteed contracts and the league tries to maintain the status quo.

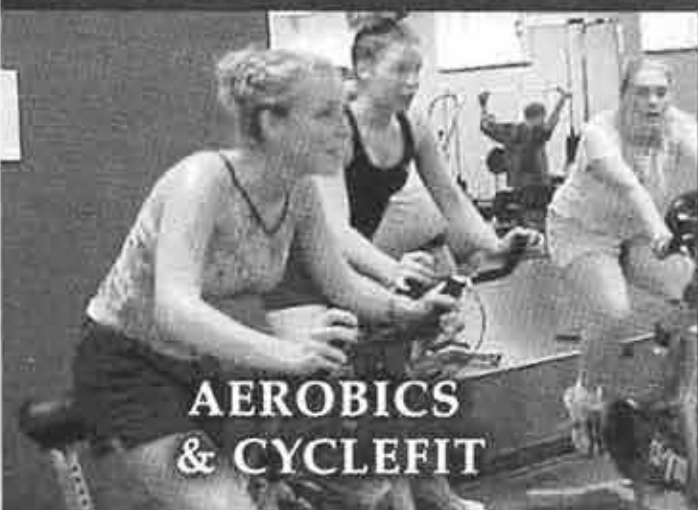
The NFL is the best-run sports league in North America; they should learn from the NHL's mistakes and compromise to avoid labour unrest. But for now we'll have to sit back and watch as the 'me-firsts' of the NFL hold out for cash, risking their team's seasons in the process. And we'll have to give props to teams like the Eagles who stick to the contracts they sign (as long as things are in their favour, of course). So, here's to the Eagles: for not giving in, and not setting an ugly precedent that could send the NFL into 'me-first' territory, and for giving my beloved Cowboys a chance in the NFC East – at least until they strike a deal with Owens.

The only thing Philly fans love more than a winner is an arrogant winner - see Jeremy Roenick and Allen Iverson

born children in a staring-contest, with neither side wishing to blink first. Things are so bad that Owens has brought in the NFL's most feared agent, Drew Rosenhaus, to handle negotiations. Rosenhaus is an assassin, and has Owens sitting out mini-camps leaving the Eagles sweating.

Rosenhaus maintains that Owens is only doing what's best for himself and his family. Maybe it's because of his tender ankle that # 81 is looking for more guaranteed cash. Meanwhile, the Eagles maintain that the barely one year-old contract is sufficient and aren't looking to negotiate. The team would rather stick with the current deal, which, as per the league's Collective Bargaining

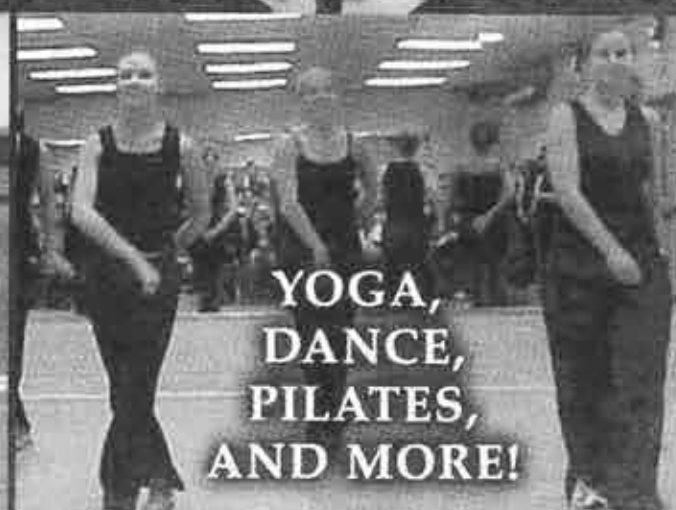
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Places to hang in K-W

Introducing the six places that you should be seen at in first year and where to find them

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Staff Writer

Jane Bond

The Jane Bond café shares 5 Princess St. with Orange Monkey Music, a little bundle of joy all in itself. The building is right across from the old Princess Cinema, impossible to miss on this cozy little street.

The Jane Bond is one of Waterloo's more artsy bars, with vegetarian cuisine available at certain times and local art on the walls. The Jane Bond occasionally hosts smaller, more intimate shows (BC band the Unicorns, for example), book readings, and has live DJs every night. The staff is super nice and the laid-back atmosphere makes the Jane Bond a great place to hang out.

The Huether

One of Waterloo's historic buildings, the Huether Hotel, has many facets. The coffeehouse, Café 1842, is named after the year in which the building was constructed. In the basement, you'll find part of the pub, where you can purchase \$3.50 draughts of specially crafted beer.

Head upstairs and you can play some billiards, or, on Thursday, stay in the pub and join in the jam session with blues musicians. The Huether also has a great patio, known as Barley Works. Sonia Adlys, who is part owner, says that the Huether has just celebrated its 50th anniversary of ownership by the Adlys family. So come on out to this richly historic building for good times and yummy, inexpensive beer.

The Starlight

This is a tiny, adorable club located on King Street just beside the Bead Bazaar. The owners of Jane Bond were forced to expand into a new building due to a lack of space for their shows. For this reason, smaller shows and book readings are held at the Jane Bond, and the Starlight serves as a larger performance venue.

Some great shows have taken place here with bands such as Hawksley Workman, Gentleman Reg, controller.controller, Sarah Slean, The Organ, and The Planet Smashers.

Club Renaissance

Club Renaissance (aka Ren) is located in downtown Kitchener on Charles Street, conveniently placed across from the bus termi-

nal. Ren is one of K-W's only gay clubs, so homophobes stay away. However, this club feels like a safe, positive space, has a very accepting atmosphere and is a nice bar that anyone is guaranteed to enjoy, regardless of orientation.

The student-run Conestoga College radio station, 88.5FM, occasionally broadcasts live from Ren, and be sure not to miss the Halloween party, which features a midnight buffet and lots of beautiful costumes.

Victoria Park Pavilion and the Boathouse

Also located across from the Charles Street bus terminal in downtown Kitchener, Victoria Park is a refreshing green space in the middle of the city.

The Pavilion is often used for special events, including a Ceili

monthly, which is an evening of Irish dance--they'll teach you how, there's live music, and Guinness!

The Pavilion has also hosted such events as a Latin American festival and other cultural happenings. The Boathouse, not too far away, is a great performance venue for touring bands to play in Kitchener.

The Duke Street Muse

How can you go wrong with this name? Located, unsurprisingly, on Duke St. in Kitchener (which runs just parallel to King St.) this little café is almost right on the corner where Duke meets Queen (we dig regality around here, it seems).

The Duke Street Muse serves delectable vegetarian dishes and a variety of exotic and just plain great-tasting teas. Of particular interest is the Orgasm tea, which has been described as "liquid After Eight." The name, needless to say, is apt.

This new location has allowed the café to expand and the brightly coloured decorating makes it an upbeat place to be.

Audioslave improving

Mike Brown reviews Audioslave's latest effort *Out of Exile* and concludes that it has a lot to offer



attempt the ever-tricky sophomore offering. *Out of Exile* benefits from the band's time together and Cornell's influence shines through much stronger than on previous efforts. However the band will continue to face criticism that they sound like an amalgam of two old bands rather than a new one with a distinct identity.

Nonetheless, *Out of Exile* has a lot to offer. Tom Morello displays his heavily recognizable, Hendrix-influenced guitar chops, most prominently on the blues-influenced "#1 Zero." Brad Wilk likewise struts his stuff with effective drumbeats such as the mellow intro to the title track. Tim Commerford's bass riff on the smash single "Be Yourself" paces a technically tight track that hints at the new identity with which Audioslave tantalizes their fans.

Out of Exile is, above all, Chris Cornell at his best. His meandering, textured vocals shine through on tracks like "Yesterday to Tomorrow" and "Heaven's Dead." He takes the band in a new direction with rich, throaty melodies

and aptly placed falsetto on the cheerful "Dandelion." And to top it off, he displays his range with a vocally intriguing arrangement on the slow but catchy "Doesn't Remind Me" before bursting into an explosive chorus.

Though more diverse, *Out of Exile* does not fully realize the potential sum of its prestigious parts. It lags a little in the middle and fizzles out with the sub-par "The Curse." That being said, the album is definitely worth a listen and, while Chris Cornell will never be the political pundit that Zack de la Rocha is, he is still an excellent songwriter and one of modern music's premier storytellers.

Ultimately, the onus falls squarely on these seasoned rock veterans to make Rage and Soundgarden fans forget who they were and focus on what they've become. Despite its shortcomings, *Out of Exile* definitely takes a step in that direction.

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Boys Night Out's wild crowd

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Even though the summer heat was grueling, fans of Burlington based Boys Night Out packed into The Reverb for a night of punk rock antics.

The concert as a whole was a 'home coming show' for the Canadian band that has achieved a cult-like following since signing to the trend-setting record label, Ferret Records. After recording a string of hardcore-influenced demos, Ferret Records immediately signed the band. Next, BNO recorded their first full length release *Make Yourself Sick*.

Much of the album's lyrical content deals with disgruntled men who have grown tired of their female counterparts and feel that they have no choice but to end their lives. As morbid as this idea sounds, the group juxtaposes their murderous lyrics with pop melodies and infectious catchy metal riffs.

Following two sub-par opening acts, BNO erupted onto the stage and opened their set with the explosive track "A Torrid Love Affair" from one of their early

demo releases. After pleasing the crowd with an old track, lead singer Connor Lovat-Fraser began to plug the band forthcoming sophomore album, *Trainwreck*.

The new CD is a concept album which promises to be more evolved than the band's previous release. Followed by more chatting with the crowd, Boy's Night Out proceeded to grace us with a few selections from their new CD. The crowd seemed to respond favorably to the new songs which were drastically different in sound and structure in comparison to their older songs.

Without a doubt the highlight of the gig took place when BNO closed the night by playing their electronic influenced song "Hold On Tightly, Let Go Lightly". The crowd response was so great that numerous members of the audience stepped onto the stage with the band and sang in unison. Once the song came to a close the band embraced their loyal fans and expressed to the entire Reverb crowd that they hoped to see them all in the near future.

Boys Night Out's second album, *Trainwreck*, is due out on Ferret Records July 27th, 2005.

MIKE BROWN
Sports Editor

When Rage Against the Machine alumni Tim Commerford, Brad Wilk and Tom Morello hooked up with ex-Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell for the 2002 debut of Audioslave, there was no doubting the band's credibility. Blending two of the nineties' most successful rock acts, it was merely a question of whether the chemistry would work.

After a generally successful debut, Audioslave is back to

K-W's musical platter

When it comes to musical diversity, Kitchener and Waterloo have it all - here's who to look out for



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Brantford's own - The Vermicious Knid recently released a split record with The Sourkeys.

NATALIE SIMONS
Cord A&E

K-W's thriving music scene has witnessed some great years in terms of independently birthed underground bands and artists. It is undoubted that you will receive a whirlwind of assorted tastes and styles this impending frosh year. Between the CD release parties, college radio, and the roaring buzz of Internet forums, discovering that warm, comfortable niche of musical familiarity should come easily.

If you consider the Internet to be your preferred musical power-house of information, websites such as www.kwmusic.ca, www.royalcity.ca, www.stillepost.ca/boards, www.20hz.ca, and www.519punk.com are some of the more popular domains where you can find horrifyingly long lists of bands and local show postings for the present month.

This town does seem to be a predominant supporter of the emo/screamo and post-hardcore craze. This is exciting news if music drenched in teen-angst and power pop melodies are your proverbial cup of tea. However, for the rest of you interested in the pretentious off-beats of other sub-genres, K-W can offer a wide range of music from general radio-worthy rock to indie rock pop or to the newly discovered post-rock experimental genre.

Rest assured there are countless buzz-worthy bands awaiting your hard earned bucks in each musical genus. Here are the ones that have made the most buzz this summer:

If you enjoy music that acts as a reaction to mainstream rock, is melodic but angst-free and puts great emphasis on its jangle-pop harmonies and arrangements, consider The Silent Film Soundtrack. This quartet is a

prime example of a band incorporating more electronics into their acquired indie pop sound. Expect an early August release of their newest 8 song EP *Diplomats and Confidants*.

If you prefer high-charged musical outbursts, inventively fractured song structures and hilariously awesome rhythmic guitar variations, prepare to invite The Sourkeys to your next dance party. Just this past May they have released a split record with Brantford's finest The Vermicious Knid and have a 7" release party happening July 9th at Kitchener's Zero to One. This summer, be sure to be there or be... well, just be there.

If you're into the hypnotic instrumentations of electronically influenced rock, beautifully composed melodic hooks and textured sound structure, bands like Sing That Yell That Spell and Winter Equinox may just be your ticket. You can spot both bands this summer in Toronto promoting their latest albums.

Lastly, if your idea of brilliantly structured music involves unorthodox guitar arrangements, speedy punk tempos and vocals that consistently shift between melodic pop-punk and gut-wrenching screams, (not only are you in the right town but) the following bands might just make the cut on your next mix tape: Analogy Wry, Glory Fades, After Her and Caulfield.

Undoubtedly, all of these bands have or will inevitably leave their mark within K-W's ever-flourishing scene, but in the odd case that none of these artists tickle your fancy, be sure to check the websites, your local campus radio station, or newspaper and bulletin postings to find artists more fit to your style.

Comics make a movie comeback

The latest trend in Hollywood is all about spandex, masks and alter-egos

JESSICA PETER
Staff Writer

Smash! Pow! It's the calling card of classic comics' camp. Even campier, and possibly more wonderful than the books, are the movies based on them. We've been seeing more of them as the rights switch hands - movie-makers seem to be winning.

So far this year, none of the movies have followed the classic form. What we have seen are two supernatural, darker movies, and one very dark movie based on a graphic novel. *Blade Trinity*, the third "good vampire fighting bad vampires" movie seems to show that the series has lost its steam. *Constantine*, based on the comic book *Hellblazer*, features Keanu Reeves as a chain-smoking demon-fighter trying to win back his soul. *Sin City*'s dark streets and darker characters were more reminiscent of old film noir or pulp fiction novels than of stereotypical comic books. Its artsy feel was even enough for the Cannes Film Festival.

Fantastic Four features four people who gain, well, fantastic powers in a mysterious event. They are Mr. Fantastic, The Invisible Woman, The Human Torch and The Thing. Together, they fight against a villain called Dr. Doom. Can there possibly be any more delicious comic book camp? There's also another graphic novel adaptation coming up: *V for Vendetta*, which is about freedom fighters struggle against totalitarianism. Oh, also, Natalie Portman has her head shaved.

Next year, the third installation of *X-Men: X3*, comes to theatres. Most of the main mutants are still involved, and there are rumours that Beast and Gambit will appear as well. The villain is said to be another new mutant, Juggernaut, but he may be supported by the



Contributed Photo

Fantastic Four - Freddie Prinze Jr. makes his much anticipated return to feature films in this sure-fire summer blockbuster

Dark Phoenix.

Summer 2006 also brings *Ghost Rider*. It's about a motorcycle stuntman who agrees to have a demon inhabit his body to wreak vengeance on evil-doers, in order to save his true love.

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It stars Nicholas Cage, who at first seems like a strange casting choice- they actually had to hide his ghost rider tattoo so he could play the role. But once you see him in his hair piece, it all comes together.

Even more movies are slated for release in 2007. So far, there's *Captain America*, but its casting is still under speculation. There's also *Nick Fury*, a secret agent said to be the American James Bond; seducing villainesses, flying heli-

copters and taking a special "Infinity Formula" to remain young.. okay, maybe that part is a little different.

Anyway you see it, there is something in comic movies for everyone. There's action, dark pasts, dark futures, pointless dialogue, supernatural strengths, bad guys that are really good guys, good guys that fight bad guys, amazing special effects, love stories, and most of all, lots of fun.

Stripes' satanic verses slightly off



The White Stripes



3.5 out of a possible 5 pentagrams

Title: Get Behind Me Satan

Release Date: June 7, 2005

Label: Interscope

SIERRA LEEDHAM
Cord Intern

If you're The White Stripes, how do you follow up an album as well received as your previous effort, *Elephant*?

Apparently, by recording a piano-driven album in your own house in two weeks.

That's what Jack and Meg White did for their newest album *Get Behind Me Satan*. Recorded in Third Man Studios, less common-

ly known as Jack White's home, *Satan* is a step away from the music the public has come to expect from The White Stripes.

Get Behind Me Satan isn't a bad album, it just isn't what it could be. It essentially sounds like an album full of demos and great ideas that never fully develop.

The album opens with "Blue Orchid" a dance number draped with the falsetto voice that barely escapes the concert hall. On the following track "The Nurse" a song filled with marimba, small drum explosions and haunting lyrics dance all around you.

"My Doorbell" employs cute, sly lines such as "I'm thinking about my doorbell/when you gonna ring it?" as the track attempts to be a playful modern ditty.

The White Stripes recorded Get Behind Me Satan in their own house over the course of just two weeks.

Carrying on with the trend of each song being different from the last comes "Forever For Her (Is

Over For Me)", which opens with the line "I blew it," perhaps a lyrical signal as to what's ahead on *Satan*.

"Little Ghost" could be seen as this album's "Hotel Yorba" as the musical influence that Loretta Lynn has on Jack is obvious in this mountain music hoe-down.

On "Instinct Blues," Jack pulls out the required crunchy blues that pops up on every album, unfortunately this time around it all seems forced.

"As Ugly As I Seem" is the best slower song on the album, as it's very sweet and imagining Meg slapping the bongos is great. "Red Rain" is by far the best track on *Satan*, with beautiful slide guitar and howling vocals.

The album's energetic build-up finishing with a toy piano is impressive. Jack and Meg end the album with a ballad about being lonely and missing home. "I'm Lonely (But I Ain't That Lonely Yet)" is a fitting end to an album that explores the ideals of truth and character.

THE CORD WEEKLY 101 - Arts & Entertainment

I present to you the Arts and Entertainment section. A&E attempts to inform the masses about everything sonic, visual, titillating and fun. If you want to read about the latest live bands on campus, look no further. Haven't decided if that blockbuster is worth seeing? We will tell you. Read on to see if this is your kinda thing...

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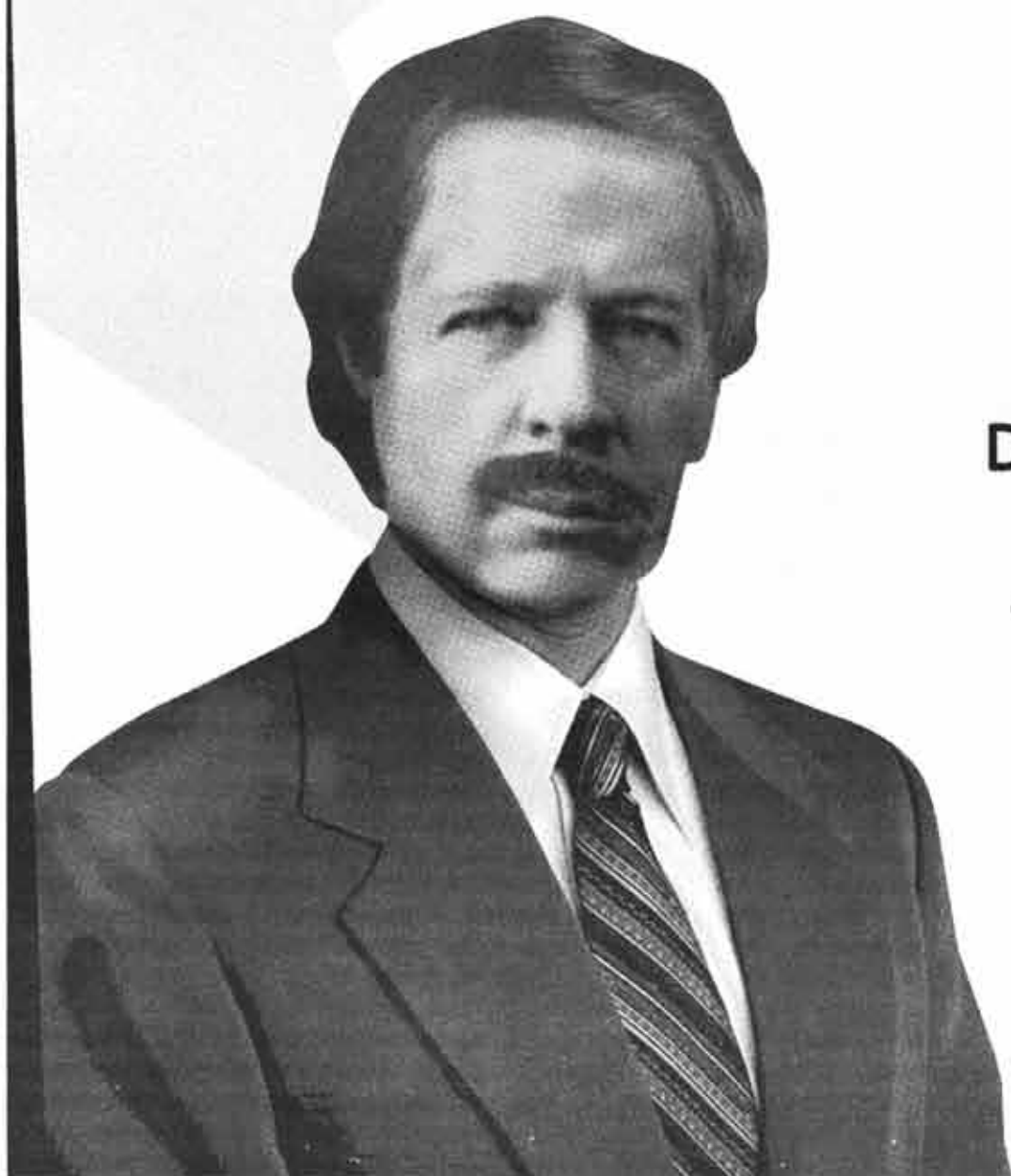
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Everything must go!

Pay attention to me

I'm standing on this corner, I can't get their attention facing rushhour faces turned around. I clutch my stack of paper, press one to a chest and watch one swoop and stutter to the ground. I don't know what I should do with my hands when I talk to you. Causes dance away from me. I contemplate my next communique. Hey, well maybe you should stay.

The Spectre of Albert Street

Wanted

A phone call from far away, a 'hi, how are you today?' and a sign recovery comes to the broken ones.

Emo Boy

Freedom

Under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms every citizen is entitled to the freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media communication. Therefore, if you believe somebody's actions were inappropriate and in the opinion they were tasteless you are entitled to such an opinion and nobody can steal it from you. While taking the post-stabbing photo displayed on the cover four inebriated males believed my actions tasteless, called me a fucking paparazzi, became extremely confrontational then tried to steal my camera equipment. The tactfulness of snapping photos of a violent incident involving human bloodshed is a matter of opinion and yes perhaps even tasteless, but it is by no means illegal. What is illegal is using excessive force in an attempt to uphold your own moral beliefs despite the law. These vigilantes were so passionate about the inappropriateness of these photos that they were prepared to fight me directly in front of the men and women who actually protect these laws.

Laws protect our rights and freedoms so that everyone can have access to the truth. I believe photographs capture the essential truth better than words could ever describe. For this reason, it is so imperative we document these events using every medium possible including photography.

The truth is someone was stabbed last Sunday morning and hopefully these photos will help expose the seriousness of that situation.

As for the young men who tried to steal my camera ... I think you should consider yourself lucky that the police were around to protect your rights.

Don't touch the fucking camera.

Jordan Joke-Us

Good Lord,

The sad cruelty of the EIC position is that you don't have enough time to devise witty shouts-out. Props to the Ed. Board for braving their first p'duction weekend and coming through with a smokin' Frosh issue, Jordan and Dave for staying late and finally to the morons who threw a 'fart bag' in our office at 1:30am, thanks for keeping us on our toes. Also, to my beloved Brazilian phenoms - good luck tomorrow... Argentina doesn't stand a chance against Rotten Ronnie -BC

Get a Sweater

I just got a message that said "yeah, hell has frozen over." I got a phone call from the lord saying, "hey boy, get a sweater, right now."

A Prophet



"What? You mean this isn't the second round?!"

Rob Babcock

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