



## HIP HOP VIRTUOSO COMES BACK TO WLU

Unassuming Laurier alumnus and up-and-coming MC Shadrach Kabango was back on campus over the weekend to support local charity and let us know he can still "Get Down" and "Rock To It"... **A&E, 24**

## THE CORD COMES OF AGE

From 1986-96, the paper finally divorced the Union and continued to push the boundaries of free speech at WLU ... **CORD HISTORY, 12-13**

# Tuition to rise 'about 4.4 percent'

With university fees no longer 'frozen', WLU president predicts an average increase of 4.4 percent across the board for Laurier, up from the 2.5 he expected in the fall

**DAN POLISCHUK**  
News Editor

As students come back to WLU next September lugging new textbooks and gaudy furniture, they'll

have Dalton McGuinty's Liberals to thank for lightening the load in their pockets.

In an announcement that has been anticipated and feared for some time now, Ontario's Minister

of Colleges and Universities, Chris Bentley, outlined a plan that unfreezes tuition rates and allows provincial colleges and universities to raise fees by an average of five percent. Specific programs,

such as medical and law faculties, can rise as high as eight percent.

For the past two years, tuition was 'frozen' by the provincial government in response to the outcry over increasing fee deregulation and to allow the Rae Review on post-secondary education enough time to make its recommendations.

Nevertheless, WLU president Bob Rosehart wasn't really sur-

prised by the announcement.

"I was sort of surprised by the micro-details of the announcement ... I'm not surprised, at the end of the day, that the number is where it is," he commented.

Rosehart was quick to note that the school probably won't hit the five percent ceiling next year though.

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Sydney Heiland

**STILL HAS IT** - Honorary president of WaterCan and former first lady Margaret Trudeau spoke at WLU last night.

# Former first lady carries on Trudeau family values

"I think I woke up some minds then - I hope to continue that," Margaret Trudeau says of her life

**ADRIAN MA**  
News Editor

She carries one of the most famous last names in Canadian history; a name that remains synonymous with the highest order of politics - a moniker that still brings to mind both success and scandal in almost equal measure.

"Trudeomania," recalls Jim Tate, a Laurier alum who graduated in the 1960's. "It was unbelievable. When [Pierre Trudeau] would show, there would be girls screaming after him."

It was this type of high-profile, paparazzi-buzzing environment that Margaret Trudeau was thrust into when she married the former prime minister and became the first lady of Canada at the

tender age of 22.

"She was known as a flower child," says Tate about the vivacious young woman who, along with attending White House dinners and entertaining dignitaries, was famous for dancing at Club 54 and partying with the Rolling Stones. "She was very young ... and it was a lot of pressure."

All the publicity concerning her marriage and the burden of being a first lady took its toll on Margaret Trudeau - she separated from Pierre after six years of marriage, with their divorce becoming official in 1984.

But she remains irrevocably tied to the Trudeau legacy and the ever-present public role that comes with it.

"Would I marry a prime-minis-

ter now? Hmm ... maybe if he was a cute enough one," jokes the former first lady.

Now approaching her sixties, Trudeau feels far more comfortable with a fame she once may have been reluctant to embrace.

"I would have been much better prepared for the role of prime minister's wife with what I know now instead of what I didn't know when I was only 22," she says.

"I was very good for raising children and doing what my husband wanted to do for the good of the family ... as for being able to make a big contribution, I tried my best."

The way she speaks about her children, one gets the sense that nothing means more to her.

She inadvertently reveals how her eldest son, Justin, still refers to her as "mommy," and her voice is noticeably brighter when she talks about him.

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# Hawks can't defend CIS title

WLU goes down 2-1 to Pandas in gold medal match

**MIKE BROWN**  
Sports Editor

ANTIGONISH, NS - When time ran out on Sunday's gold medal game at the CIS women's hockey championships, the WLU Golden Hawks were stuck staring - the vision of some blurred by heart-wrenching tears - as their western rivals, the University of Alberta Pandas, celebrated a hard-earned 2-1 victory.

For Alberta, the win marked a return to the familiarity of number one and a definite leg-up in one of the country's fastest growing rivalries. The Pandas have won five of the last seven national titles and have now defeated Laurier in two of three gold medal contests.

According to Pandas fifth-year captain Kristen Hagg, last year's 4-1 loss to Laurier aided her squad in this year's deciding game. "I think there was a lot of people in that room that knew what it took to lose a championship," she explained. "And then you just under-stand so much greater

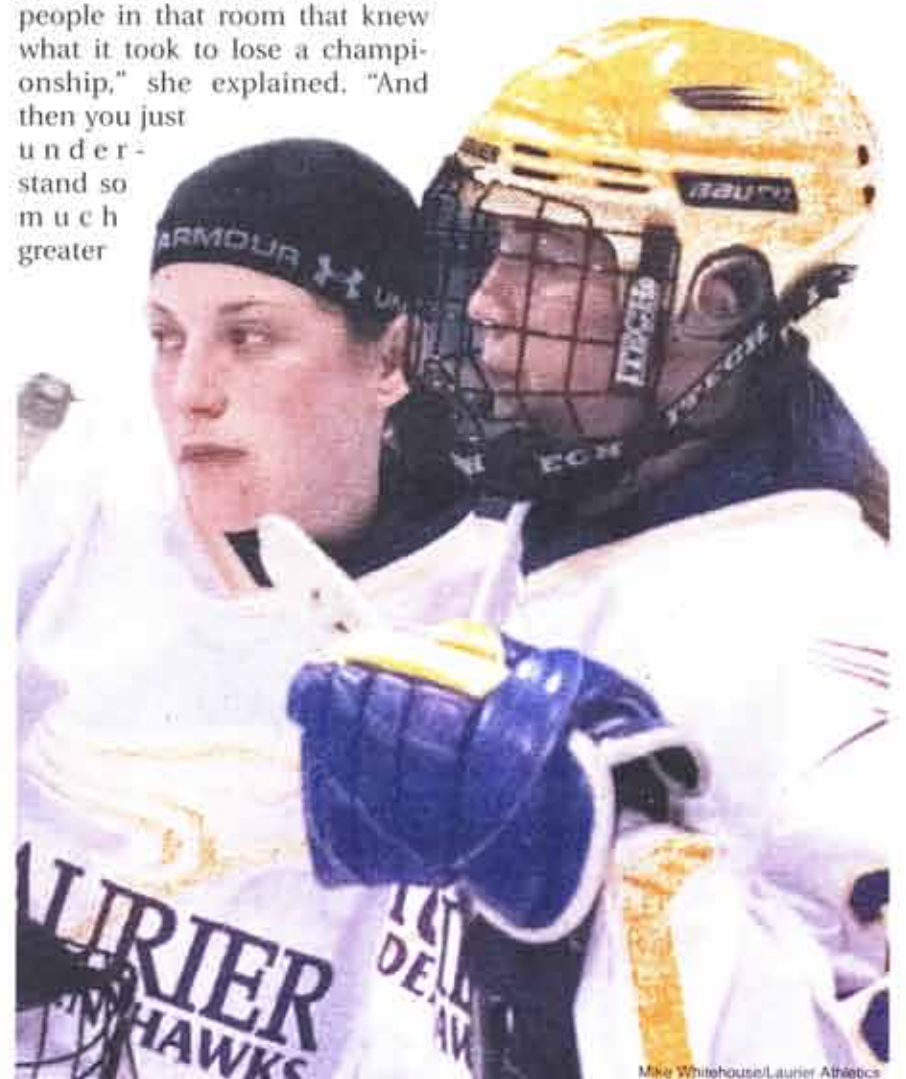
what it takes to win."

Though the weekend ended in disappointment for WLU, the small town of Antigonish had been kind to the Hawks before the championship loss. They entered the weekend as the tournament's number one seed and disposed of their divisional opponents with relative ease.

Third-year forward Jennifer Heslin discovered her offensive touch in Thursday's 4-2 win over Dalhousie, scoring twice to lead the team. It clearly wasn't Laurier's best game and the low margin of victory raised a few eyebrows, but Laurier wasn't too concerned.

"We can't just think of one game," explained fifth-year captain Ashley Stephenson, who was later named to the tournament all-star team alongside

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Mike Whitehouse/Laurier Athletics



## VOCAL CORD

With the impending tuition increase next year, do you think the university will be more accessible?



"If OSAP is increasing as well, then a tuition increase won't be so bad."

- Chace Nusca,  
First Year Business



"That is evil. It'll make it harder for both local and international students to come."

- Tatum George  
Third Year Psychology



"I don't really care. Tuition will always be increasing."

- Erica Nelson  
Third Year Anthropology



"Definitely not. It won't make much of a difference."

- Mike Thorne  
Third Year Kinesiology



"I'm disappointed that I have to pay more money. But if it works to make things more accessible, I'm glad."

- Kristen Ciccarelli  
Second Year Sociology

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LEND ME YOUR EARS - Yolisa Dalamba (above, right) headlines the ABS talk with George Dei and Gary Pieters.

## ABS' Afrocentric forum

Addresses issues within the Black community

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Features Editor

Laurier's Association of Black Students (ABS) collaborated with the Sociology Department this past Tuesday to present a discussion on the need to create Afrocentric schools within Canada.

A diverse crowd arrived to hear keynote speaker Dr. George Dei as well as discussion panelists Yolisa Dalamba and Gary Pieters. Dei, professor and associate chair of anthropology at the University of Toronto, spoke about the need to create Afrocentric schools in order to address the increasing drop out rates amongst Black youth.

"We need to teach [students] about issues [like] racism, sexism and classism," explained Dei.

He feels that controversial issues should not be put "in the closet." "[We must] bring them up to the front and prepare the youth for the world out there."

Dei admits there is some confusion as to what an Afrocentric school is and is quick to point out that while "people think it's an

all-Black school, it's not. It's a school that's defined more by the philosophies and the principles that it works with. It's a school that is not exclusionary."

Dei claims that by creating a more community-based schooling system, students will identify themselves more as part of the school and will want to participate.

"If someone believes that they are part of something, why would they cause damage to that?" asked Dei.

**"We need to teach [students] about issues [like] racism, sexism and classism,"**

- Dr. George Dei, University of Toronto Professor

He also emphasized the importance of having positive Black role models for younger children and says that this can be done within the schools. "The majority of the teachers will be Black to give the students that sense of role models," mentioned Dei.

David Green, president of ABS, said that attending an Afrocentric school with Black

teachers as role models "would have made a huge impact on me."

Green explained that it wasn't until he arrived at Laurier and started learning more about Black culture and history, as well as about himself, that he truly became aware of the opportunities available.

"It kind of changed my career path and what I wanted to do."

Kenisha Bynoe, vice-president of ABS and the organizer of the event, said she felt that the lecture and panel discussion was integral to bringing certain issues to the forefront.

"I feel this [event] was very important to organize just to address issues within the Black

community, even in Kitchener-Waterloo," she said.

While the panelists agreed that quite a few Afrocentric schools exist in Canada, they argue that more need to be created to help combat the increasing drop out rates.

While the success rates of these schools have yet to be proven, Dei wonders "what have we got to lose?"

## Director's fate still unknown

ADRIAN MA  
News Editor

The future of WLUSU director Yusuf Faqiri remains undecided, one week after last Tuesday's BOD meeting in which he was asked to step down.

Faqiri, who was also re-elected to next year's WLUSU BOD, declined to resign his post as director.

BOD chair Laura Gray hopes this is a signal that Faqiri aims to turn things around before the end of his term.

"I've done my part to hold him accountable and so has the board," said Gray. "Since he didn't step down, I believe he feels his performance can improve."

Faqiri could not be reached for comment.

This current situation in the BOD is unprecedented, according to Laura Gray.

While directors have been asked to resign in the past, Gray is unable to recall a time when a censured director was returning to next year's BOD.

"This hasn't been dealt with in the past by the Students' Union - it's never been an issue," said Gray.

Gray said the Constitutional and Operational Development Committee will spend time this summer examining the governance policy regarding this unusual scenario.

It is her hope that something official will be in place for future WLUSU BOD's.

Until then, the board of directors and Faqiri must find a way to

work together despite their estranged relationship.

According to current WLUSU guidelines, the BOD has no power to remove Faqiri.

According to Article IV of the WLUSU Governance Manual, a director cannot be removed unless: they voluntarily resign, is found to be of unsound mind by a competent authority, is convicted of an indictable criminal offence, or if they are dead.

Gray said that, for the moment, the only thing that can happen is for the students of Laurier who voted for Faqiri to show their support or to hold him accountable.

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## Trudeau fighting for clean water

- From TRUDEAU, cover

Perhaps it is her nature as a loving parent that drives her to work for WaterCan, an Ottawa-based non-profit organization that aims to provide better access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation in developing countries. She is at Laurier to honour the fundraising efforts of its students: professor Robert Christy and his sociology classes have raised \$2,000 for WaterCan this year alone.

As the honorary president of WaterCan, Trudeau accepts this donation gratefully. She has been to places where contaminated, undrinkable water is killing thousands of people - mostly children - everyday.

When she visits with women who have suffered through such tragedy, she relates to them. In 1998, her 23-year-old son Michel was killed in an avalanche. In northern Uganda, a freshwater well now stands in Michel's memory.

"I know the tragedy of losing a child, but to lose all your children from something that could be prevented ... it's humiliating to die the way they die."

By helping villagers install easily-maintained hand-pumps and protecting springs with concrete, a sustainable drinking source is created. It is something that she says is improving their situation. When she goes back to visit these places, after they have had clean water, she asks the women what the biggest difference is.

"Our children are not dying," is the response.

She warns that developing nations are not the only places that must worry about water.

Canada will be a factor in what Trudeau calls "a looming water crisis." She says that a wasteful attitude and American interest in Canadian water will lead to over-consumption and irreversible damage. She points out that American companies have unlimited use of water when they operate in the tar sands of Alberta.

"Canada will play a role as the 'water jug' of America," she says.

Trudeau says that despite all the reasons to feel pessimistic - the reckless abuse of water in North America contrasted by the desperate struggle for something clean to drink in places like Ethiopia - she sees hope. The donation she has just received is not just any cheque; it's an indication that this generation of Canadians is looking towards the future.

"I think young people are our hope. They're the ones who are actually going to make a difference."

Though she's no longer the famous flower-child of the 70's, vitality continues to radiate from her.

Very few individuals have had to live with more public scrutiny than she has, but there is nothing world-weary in the way she interacts with people. One gets the impression that a part of her still remembers what it was like to be one-half of Canadian history's most charismatic couple.

"I think I woke up some minds then - I hope to continue that."

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# BOD incident teaches lessons

It's a perfect illustration of the importance of making an informed vote.

As it stands, WLUSU director Yusuf Faqiri will be returning to the board of directors next year, despite the fact that he has been asked to resign from this year's BOD due to his poor attendance at meetings.

Faqiri is refusing to do the responsible thing and step down from the BOD. Remarkably, the BOD's hands are now tied. They have no feasible way to force him off the board even though he's clearly not providing for the needs of students very well.

This has highlighted a major oversight in the BOD's policy. There needs to be a provision for removing directors who are not meeting expectations. A director who has missed over 60 percent of meetings this year, as Faqiri has, has no right to remain on the BOD. Sadly, though, he can - both this year and next.

It wouldn't be such a problem, if we simply had to wait out the dwindling remainder of his term this year. But instead, we will be seeing Faqiri in the director position once again, thanks to the 886 students who voted to re-elect him - even though his midterm review in *The Cord* reported that "he was the unfortunate recipient of 'most ineffective' director from his peers."

BOD Chair Laura Gray has said that WLUSU's Constitutional and Operational Governance Committee will review their current guidelines this summer. Hopefully, they will learn from this situation and introduce a way to oust sub-par directors and means of dealing with underperforming directors who are re-appointed to the BOD.

In fact, this can, and should, be a learning experience for everyone. Incoming directors should now keep in mind that it may be easier to remove them in the future, and should therefore strive to best serve students. Faqiri should acknowledge the luck he's been afforded via the BOD's policy holes, and take this opportunity to improve his performance and attendance.

And Laurier's students would do well to remember this incident next year when they go to the polls, and inform themselves thoroughly about the candidates before they cast their votes.

# St. Patrick's Day vs Laurier Day

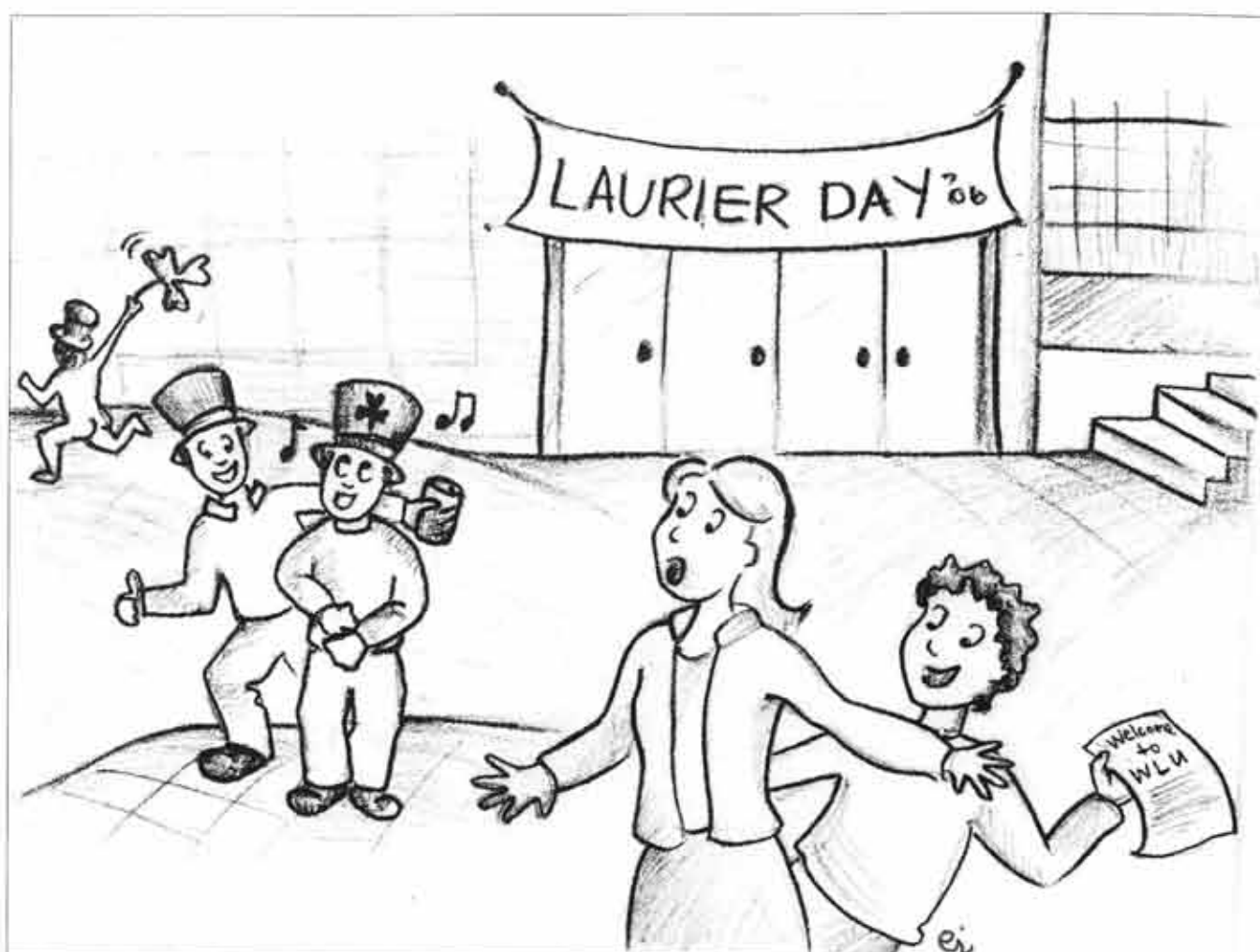
St. Patrick's Day - depending who you ask, it's either a holiday celebrating a beloved Irish saint or a chance to get obscenely drunk and wear "Kiss me, I'm Irish" buttons (even if you're not).

While we're all for partying, it's a special kind of drunk that you get after starting the day with a 9am kegger. And not special in a good way, either.

Students already have notoriety as noisy and destructive drunks; it doesn't matter if it's only actually a small minority of students who act this way. We really don't need to add to the reputation this year.

There's also the added bonus (or burden) of having St. Patrick's Day fall on the same day as Laurier Day this time. And the last thing the school needs is to have drunk and unruly students wandering around campus discouraging the parents of potential students from sending their offspring to Laurier.

We know you're probably going to get drunk this year. So go ahead. Get as drunk as you want. Just make sure you stay away from campus and refrain from knocking over your neighbours' garbage cans in the morning/on the way home from the bar.



Canadian excellence on display for Laurier Day

# The neverending tuition story

Students need to realize their tuition concerns are part of a larger framework that should address if they want things to change



KRIS COTE  
Cord Historian

Last Wednesday, student representatives heckled the Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Chris Bentley, with cries of "shame!" as he presented the new provincial education plan. While Bentley appeared surprised that students were upset with the prospect of rising tuition, a look back to the past would have revealed to him that students have always been upset with rising tuition.

In March of 1982, articles and editorials in *The Cord Weekly* decried an education plan which would see tuition rise by 15 percent. In general, it was argued that students were being forced to take on more jobs and graduate with more debt, and that education was becoming increasingly inaccessible for Ontarians - a prospect, it was argued, which would have serious implications for the province's future.

In 1988, tuition rose by another 7.5 percent; again in 1991, it rose by 8 percent and another concern was added to the list of student grievances: class sizes.

In each situation, students responded by critiquing the increases in the student press, writing letters to other newspapers, forming opposition organizations and finally, by picketing Queen's Park.

Not a lot has changed in the past 25 years, as these same

responses have been used by students over the past week.

Students have, and are, warning the government, that if they do not get their way they will not vote for the party in power in the next election. Democracy is seen as the ultimate solution to the problems of students.

However, the above examples of yearly tuition increases are significant in that they were each enacted by a different political party. No matter whom you vote for: the Conservatives, Liberals or NDP, the party has, and will, increase your tuition.

This really brings out two key issues; first, student organizations such as the Canadian Federation of Students have failed in their programs of media denunciations and protests in the past, and will likely continue to fail in the future. Picketing Queen's Park had no effect throughout the past 25 years, so why will it succeed today?

Secondly, the increasing tuition rates for post-secondary institutions are a symptom of a much larger problem in Canada: the increasing neo-liberal nature of the state.

It would be hard to find a government department that is not under-funded, and there are probably people in Ontario and Canada who need assistance more than the majority of university students. Most of us belong to a privileged class who does not have to rely on food banks (like a growing number of Ontarians do) or who cannot afford proper child care.

Jim Stanford, an economist with the Canadian Auto Workers

Union, recently noted that since 2000, Canadian corporations (excluding banks) have earned an annual combined after-tax profit of \$60 billion. These proceeds benefit a wealthy elite and remain outside of the grasp of the majority of students and Canada's working poor.

Moreover, these profits occurred at the same time as corporate and other tax cuts have proportionately benefited the rich (ie. the recent cut to the GST).

For the four years that students attend university, they decry the costs of their education. But following graduation, they seek jobs that will give them access to the upper economic echelons of Canadian society and decry the taxes that they pay.

If students are actually serious about increasing tuition rates, they need to adopt a more humanist approach to the topic and set it within an argument for altering the nature of the state. By increasing corporate and personal taxes, there will be funds available for day care, a foreign aid budget of .7 percent of GDP and even post-secondary education.

While students will picket Queen's Park and call for more government funding in the coming weeks, they need to realize that they can't have their cake and eat it too. To achieve meaningful and long-lasting results, they need to engage in a dialogue on the nature of the state and act upon this. Don't get your hopes up though, I doubt that this will ever happen.

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>>Point/Counterpoint: McGuinty's Student Access Guarantee and the tuition increase



# Privileges worth paying for

The plan means higher quality, and increased support from the government for students in need, says the **President of Laurier Liberals**



This week, to the dismay of student bankbooks across the province, the Ontario government announced that it's lifting the current cap on tuition fees.

Some of us cried bloody murder and profanity while others were too busy studying/partying/doing anything - except reading the paper - to even hear about the change.

Regardless, nobody is happy about the inevitable - most of us are going to be paying more tuition come September. We're frustrated because we've got no money as it is, and this can only mean we either work more or play less.

We're also worried that allowing institutions to raise tuition will push away people from lower-income families that want to attend.

These concerns are real and important, but we are assured by the announcement that they will not be abandoned in the wake of tuition hikes.

The McGuinty government, with its Reaching Higher Plan, is responsibly implementing change in the spirit of excellence, access and equality.

For every dollar that tuition rises, the government has committed to investing three.

Undergraduate programs will be permitted to raise tuition by a maximum of 4.5 percent for first year of study and four percent for subsequent years.

As a result, tuition will rise by about \$200 for almost 70 percent of university students - not pennies, but not exactly worthy of militant uproar.

Overall, they're spending \$6.2 billion on post-secondary education with the program, the highest supplement in over 40 years. We should realize that this is investment in our education; we will benefit from it down the road.

In raising tuition, all institutions must sign on to the Student Access Guarantee - meaning students in need will receive more money for fees, books and tuition without gaining any more OSAP debt. \$1.5 billion in new spending will go to student aid for lower and middle-income students, raising the threshold for grants to families

that make up to \$75,000 per year. That's 27,000 more students a year.

Meanwhile, the government will establish the Higher Education Quality Council to ensure that increases in tuition coincide with improvements in access and quality.

The rest of the funding will go to increasing the number of spaces in our institutions - something that's much-needed, as most of us already know.

**In the 1990s, we neglected the post-secondary system financially and have now fallen behind the pack in terms of quality.**

Overall, the principles of the plan are clear: the government is promoting an infusion of money into the system, while maintaining and enhancing equality across the board. Underlying that is the insurance that no qualified Ontario student will be denied access due to lack of financial support.

We should realize that these changes are desperately needed.

The Rae Review, an independent report released a year ago by an esteemed group of public policy specialists, was pitched as a wake-up call to all of us who have a stake in the education system.

The message was clear: in the midst of spending cuts in the 1990s, we neglected the post-secondary system financially and have now fallen behind the rest of the pack in terms of quality.

At the same time, economic forecasts warn of an ageing population and decreasing birthrates. In order to maintain our standard of living, we need to invest in human capital.

Together, these and other voices represent a call for action and the McGuinty government has answered.

It would be easy for the government to ignore the issue altogether - they'd

get more political expediency by throwing their focus and money towards a morass of other ailing sectors such as healthcare.

But instead, the government has responsibly refused to be short-sighted - I consider this to be good leadership and governance.

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## Drop the student debt

Canada should look to the European education model, where post-secondary schooling is often free



Students should not be complacent with McGuinty's five percent tuition hike slated for next fall.

This recent tuition increase far surpasses the cost of inflation at about 2.8 percent.

In 1990-91, the average cost of university tuition in Canada was \$1,464. That means tuition has nearly tripled in just 15 years.

But have we seen the quality of a university education improve along with it?

Not exactly. Last fall, Laurier faculty came extremely close to a strike mainly over issues like growing class sizes and unfair compensation.

University administrators cry that there just isn't enough funding to cover the regular operating costs of the institution.

But why should students have to shoulder the pain? Government and university inefficiencies have gotten us to where we are.

In Canada, we seem to be moving to a model that closely resembles that of the United States. Students pay more and more,

while governments contribute less.

Instead, we should be looking to Europe, where in several countries, university tuition is free.

Education is regarded as a common good that should be available to everyone. The more tuition increases in Ontario, the more elitist it will become.

I find it absurd that Ontario thinks this tuition hike is acceptable since they are increasing the number of grants available to students with family incomes less than \$70,000.

Sure, they claim that OSAP loans won't get much bigger. But that does not address the existing problem that students are already miles in debt by the time they receive their undergraduate degrees.

I have a friend who is a whopping \$60,000 in debt after just four years of university. This has come from OSAP and two lines of credit to cover her living expenses.

She hopes to go to teacher's college but that will only add to her massive debt load. It may take half a lifetime to pay back.

Other students who wish to continue their education in medicine, law or any master's degree could face a tuition increase of about 20 percent with McGuinty's

brilliant plan.

This almost defeats the purpose of going to university. We are led to believe that a university degree will provide an edge in career opportunities over college graduates.

But even if we do get a great job after graduation, what difference does the salary make if half of it is going towards principle and interest payments?

Forget the house, car and white picket fence - I've got to pay back my OSAP loans.

The only saving grace in this plan is the Higher Education Quality Council that will monitor university spending of the new tuition dollars and provincial funding, so it actually goes towards increased program quality.

Maybe then we will know that the extra \$200 a year tuition increase - which translates into around \$2 million for the Laurier admin - will actually result in more knowledgeable, dynamic Laurier grads and not frivolous construction and glossy brochures.

At a time when university graduates are needed more than ever in the so-called "knowledge economy," the government needs to take the economic burden off of students.

We know that excellence comes at a cost, but five percent is just too much.

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## Letters to the Editor

### An Unspoken Double Standard

Again, here I am shaking my head in disbelief over the farcical hypocrisy this paper so often involves itself in. "Ave Maria: Check Your Sin at the Door," is one in a number of deceptive articles written by Marcos Moldes, though this one article best showcase such an assault and prompted my reaction. As a citizen who values diversity in thought and conscience, I fail to comprehend how an individual who has faced so much discrimination over his orientation and values can then rationalize an attack on a group that is entitled to the same rights and faces similar mainstream ridicule. This inconsistent mindset only serves to further polarize and alienate our student body, while discrediting a core concept of school, diversity (which applies to beliefs and values, not only orientation and skin tone).

I'm afraid this article only prescribes one form of bigotry to atone for another, something that is becoming quiet trendy in this liberal and self loathing era we live in, (the suggestion that Catholic doctrine is bigoted and that Catholics should be drained into ghettos can be seen as nothing else but discriminatory).

I hope that the deceptive veil of political correctness can be lifted in this case to expose a faulty logic that is not unlike the bigots that unfairly target the homosexual community.

Bryan Hopps

### Stereotypes and scars

We are writing in regards to a comic that was written by Jacob Duprey on February 15. We are very offended and angry that somebody could make fun of

a serious issue like self-injury. Obviously Mr. Duprey is unaware of what he is talking about, and stereotyping is not only discriminatory, it is also ignorant. Here is some information to help educate him: not everyone who is "EMO" self-injures and not all individuals that self-injure are "EMO." Self-injury is a growing issue that is affecting many individuals in our society, regardless of race, sex, age, class, religion or appearance. Not only are individuals dealing with physical scars but they are also dealing with emotional scars. This is a very serious and dangerous issue and should not be taken lightly. There are individuals at WLU who are struggling with this issue and an article like this is very triggering. Approximately one in ten individuals are suffering with a form of self-injury and the statistics are continuing to rise, regardless of whether or not they are labelled as "EMO".

We think that your paper should be more sensitive to individuals, instead of making fun of something that the author clearly has no idea about.

-A. Horst on behalf of S.A.F.E.  
(Self Abuse Finally Ends)

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# WLU women are pretty and smart

And both UW and Laurier are full of these women, despite what a column in UW's student newspaper says



MARK CIESLUK  
Thus Spake the Wisnian

We all get a good laugh from time to time out of watching some poor soul jam their foot as far back as possible into their own mouth.

It's only human nature to revel, just slightly, in the harmless and self-caused humiliation of others.

So imagine my surprise when one of these delicious events recently came and went without so much as a peep on this campus.

I speak of an article entitled

"Waterloo Girls Need Some Lovin', Too," featured in the February 24 issue of *Imprint*, the University of Waterloo student newspaper, by a gentleman named Landon Mitchell.

Mitchell took it upon himself to sling mud at the entire female population of Laurier, without provocation and in a shockingly aggressive fashion.

Why has he done this? I really haven't a clue, other than to suggest that Mitchell is evidently unable to formulate an argument that goes deeper than personal attacks on the character of opponents who have not even been informed of the debate.

How has he done this? Through a brief but staggeringly offensive editorial that includes such gems as "Be thankful that it took [UW women] more than a 70 percent grade 12 gym credit and a lifetime membership to Airheads Anonymous to get in to [UW]" or "Just because you have something in your head to keep it from floating away, doesn't mean that you aren't beautiful at the same time."

Mitchell has submitted his article in defense of women at UW, evidently made to feel inferior by UW men through comparison to our lovely Laurier ladies.

Leaving aside how obviously unproductive it is to attempt to prove the worth of his campus' women by slandering their 'competition' down the road, I am still dumbfounded by Mitchell's need to objectify and generalize the

women of both campuses as somehow requiring his direction or approval.

I am certainly inclined to agree with Mitchell's point of view – there is obviously no reason for women at UW to feel inferior to women at WLU in any sense of the word (unless we happen to be comparing women's hockey teams) – but in attempting to make this point he has done nothing except embarrass himself and obfuscate his own argument.

Mr. Mitchell goes on to further avoid any whiff of constructive commentary by making even more bewildering statements such as "However, because [UW] is known for its academic achievements and Laurier is known for, well, being nothing other than the 'high school down the road' most guys think that a girl can't be both

smart and beautiful" and "If you don't have [a boyfriend], show us guys what you're all about."

Mitchell is correct on just one point: women can be both smart and beautiful. My campus happens to be full of women who are, Mitchell, and I would wager that yours is as well.

I only hope that crude, baseless attacks such as Mitchell's are not representative of the quality and behaviour of the average UW bachelor, or else I truly do pity the UW bachelorette.

Shame on you, Mitchell, for your unwarranted attack on Laurier's women, and shame on *Imprint* for offering you a platform to publicly espouse such nonsense.

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## Liquor in the front...

...and poker everywhere else these days, laments Tanya Doroslovac



TANYA DOROSLOVAC  
Working Stuff

You know when you walk past those public service announcement ads and start to feel a little guilty?

Well, lately I've been feeling a little less guilty about the "Have you been tested for Chlamydia lately?" one and a little more guilty about the "Are your friends cutting class to cut cards?" one.

As lame as it is, it's true. It's about time I staged a poker intervention.

Excuse me for a moment while I state the obvious: there has been a huge surge in the popularity of poker over the past two years.

I can only hope that this state of exponential growth is unsustainable and will soon result in the tumultuous climax and collapse of clay \$5 chips, middle-aged balding men wearing stupid sunglasses and really boring televised Texas Hold'em tourneys.

Now, there are several reasons why I'm bitter about poker, not the least of which is simply that I suck at it.

I'm worried about my friends losing money, and that I'll have to take part in some sort of hilarious bank robbing caper / not-as-

hilarious underground prostitution ring in an effort to recover the losses.

But mostly, I'm worried because all this poker is cutting into our time together. It might be unproductive time, since in general we go dancing or make fun of people or watch movies we've already seen, but it's time that is important to me.

You see, poker strikes with a blind eye, without discrimination. The friend I speak of is not a smelly, middle-aged, lonely man at all, but a confident political science student with the brains to turn her distracting beauty into a gambling profit.

**I'm worried I'll have to take part in some sort of not-so-hilarious underground prostitution ring in an effort to recover the losses.**

My first attempts at intervention are brushed off easily. When I scoff at the buy-in expenses, she says "\$50 for a whole day of entertainment? That doesn't sound so bad to me."

They're crafty, these gamblers. She goes so far as to make fun of me, to quip, "I'm not addicted to gambling. I'd bet you I'm not," to rhyme off the math and social skills she's learning from the

game, to compare the number of dates this hobby has gotten her (11) to the number of dates *The Cord* has gotten me (0).

"Who decided that being addicted to something that makes you money is a bad thing? I'm pretty sure that's called a 'work ethic,'" she says.

She's sassy and she won't listen to me. At least she has her family for support. No wait, I'm being incredibly sarcastic; last I heard, her mom was telling her to drop out of university to pursue a career as a card shark, or at least as a dealer at Casino Rama.

But for now she's still an amateur, and the cracked-out eyes of addiction haven't become manifest. I imagine at some point I'll have to throw her in my van and force her to watch *Celebrity Poker* until she pukes enough to get it out of her system.

Until then, I've learned that if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. And if you don't want to join 'em, at least guilt them into giving you a share of their winnings and go out for schnitzel.

Schnitzel - now there's something to get addicted to.

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## The Left Wing Voter Relocation Program

"Hauling voter ass" to restore a Liberal government



KATHRYN FLYNN  
Good Girl Revolution

Grassroots organizations are rallying supporters to remind our new Conservative federal government about their duty to Canadians as well as to the international community. At the same time, Stephen Harper is probably still tinkering with his office furniture arrangement, so it's appropriately economic.

The 2006 Conservative platform didn't really focus on international politics; the mother country is such a mess that it's everyone's first priority.

We're all hoping that the new kids in the house will be the breath of fresh air that Canada needs. That doesn't mean that the small "I" liberals and big "L" Liberals alike have ceased being skeptical. While the Liberal party gets their act together, left wing voters are now without the leadership in Parliament they've enjoyed for 12 years.

Whether they voted Liberal, NDP, Green Party or Independent, the left wing hasn't completely freaked out about a Conservative minority government. It's the idea of a Conservative majority sooner or later that makes them sicker than the proverbial dog.

After significant consideration of liberal voters' concerns and best interests, I've come up with a plan to put their minds at ease: The Left Wing Voter Relocation Program.

For those that are truly passionate about the liberal ideology regaining its rightful ground in the House of Commons, this is an effort to demonstrate true devotion to politics.

We'll just move you to a riding where your vote really counts! Finally, the "first past the post" system can be foiled!

A research team will be

formed to determine which swing ridings could be won back from the Conservatives.

We'll also figure out which leaders need to be placed where. For now, the working idea is back to a Liberal minority with an NDP balance - we'll of course make sure that everyone is willing to compromise on certain platform promises.

I mean the good kind of compromise, as in co-operation - not the discrediting kind.

Support teams will be put in place to aid our devoted volunteers in packing up a life in one riding and hauling voter ass to another. New job placements, houses, schools for your kids and, of course, voter registration will all be done as efficiently as possible.

It's not unrealistic; pooling the resources of the entire left wing could accomplish quite a bit. Except for the Green Party, who would be financially pretty useless, but they can be the official Encouragers for the project.

We want to demonstrate that we've got a sense of humour, too. To prove we're not all work and no play, the Relocation Program is also willing to set up a tent city around Ralph Klein's house. And maybe a few gay bars up the street. Alberta has been staunchly Conservative for too long. We may have to empty out Kensington Market, but we can make some leftist headway yet!

Ideally, we'll need some passionately involved citizens and social critics to start off with; programs need devotion to get them off the ground.

We're going to have to start by emptying out the arts departments of the major universities; the professors are going to have to go. This is also a damage control in case the whole thing flops.

In a big or small "c" Conservative Canada, undergrads would probably be better off with a degree in economics anyway.

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*Upset of the Week*

**# 12 Texas A&M over # 5 Syracuse**  
Despite some inspired play in their Big East Championship, the Orangemen will struggle with Texas A&M. The Aggies played an unimpressive non-conference schedule, but managed to more than bolster their resume within the Big 12, with notable victories over Texas, Texas Tech and Colorado. A&M has three players who can step up at any given time, something Syracuse lacks; Demetris Nichols and Eric Devendorf have been serviceable, but ultimately Jim Boeheim's club relies heavily on senior point guard Gerry McNamara. Should the Aggies contain him and continually attack the 'Cuse zone, they should fulfill the traditional 12 over 5 upset.

*Player to Watch*

**Denham Brown, G/F, UCONN**  
Averaging just over 19 PPG over the last four games, the Toronto product has emerged, playing the best basketball of his career when it matters most. The 6'6" senior has been plagued by injuries and the continual battle for securing minutes throughout his four years in Storrs. Putting that behind him, it looks as though Brown, who already has one national championship under his belt, is ready to lead the most talented team in the nation.

*Upset of the Week*

**# 11 UW-Milwaukee over # 6 OK State**  
After weak showings in their last two contests against Texas and Nebraska, the Sooners are destined for an early exit. Wisconsin-Milwaukee's experience in last year's sweet sixteen should prove a valuable asset and push them into the second round once again.

*Player to Watch*

**Adam Morrison, F, Gonzaga**  
Entering the tournament with an NCAA leading 28.4 points per game, Morrison is expected to carry the load for the third-ranked Bulldogs. Gonzaga's record is often said to be inflated due to their pillowy soft schedule and expectations surrounding the former sentimental underdog have brought some added pressure. If Morrison and his squad are truly NCAA forces, he is going to have to lead them and prove it.

*Upset of the Week*

**# 11 Southern Illinois over # 3 Iowa**  
A traditional Cinderella threat, the Salukis are coming off a second-round showing in last year's tournament. While Iowa should breeze through the first round, they'll be in tough against a defensive-minded Southern Illinois squad. But be warned: don't blame me if this Cinderella can't dance, and busts your bracket.

*Player to Watch*

**Paul Miller, C, Wichita State**  
As a fan of the comedic value of hyper-absurd nicknames, Wichita State has become a sort of sentimental favourite for me in this year's tournament. And if these Shockers are going to come out of nowhere and surprise a strong Tennessee team in the second round, they'll be lead by center Paul Miller. At 6'10", Miller is an integral part of the Shockers' offence, and has helped the team win 12 of their final 15 regular season games. While guard Sean Ogirri may have a little more flash to his game than Miller, it is the Wichita State center who will be turned to get things moving along.

*Upset of the Week*

**# 12 Montana over # 5 Nevada**  
Not a risk for the faint of heart, this ballsy choice could prove disastrous. Nevada's 6'11" forward Nick Fazekas anchors a strong Nevada squad, but the Montana Grizzlies are a tremendous defensive unit with an excellent transition game. Virgil Matthews and Kevin Criswell are an underrated backcourt tandem and if 6'8" forward Andrew Strait can contain Fazekas, Montana's poised to pull the obligatory 12-5 upset. The experts are still picking Nevada - which is precisely why those gutless wonders don't write for *Cord Sports*.

*Player to Watch*

**Randy Foye, G, Villanova**  
The Wildcats, whose ability to prevail in an interesting Minneapolis bracket many are questioning, will need this 6'3" senior to play like a man possessed if they hope to hold back challengers like Boston College and Ohio State. With lingering doubts about the health of backcourt mate Allan Ray, look for Foye to step up. His proven March track record and balanced skills (20.1 PPG, 5.6 RPG, 3.2 APG) should be enough to march the guard-heavy 'Nova squad deep into the Madness.

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Southern U. 16	G. Wash	Kentucky	16 Albany
G. Washington 8	NC-Wilmington 9	Illinois	8 Kentucky
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LSU 4	Iona 13	Illinois	12 Utah St.
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Iowa 3	N'western St. 14	Tennessee	11 George Mason
N'western St. 14	California 7	Tennessee	3 North Carolina
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Pittsburgh 5	Kent St. 12	WU-Milwaukee	9 Wisconsin
Kent St. 12	Kansas 4	Florida	5 Nevada
Kansas 4	Bradley 13	Florida	12 Montana
Bradley 13	Indiana 6	BC	4 Boston College
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San Diego St. 11	Gonzaga 3	UW-Milwaukee	6 Oklahoma
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Xavier 14	Marquette 7	Ohio St.	3 Florida
Marquette 7	Alabama 10	Ohio St.	14 South Ala.
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			15 Davidson





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**STUNNED SILENCE** - Moments after the final buzzer of her illustrious career in purple and gold, Laurier's captain can do nothing but watch as the champions from Alberta celebrate their 2-1 win.

# Ladies have to settle for silver

- From **WOMEN**, cover

third-year forward Laurissa Kenworthy. "We have to think of the big picture, so even though we only won 4-2 ... we didn't burn anybody out."

With the win, the McGill Martlets were the only remaining obstacle between Laurier and a spot in the finals – and they didn't even prove to be much of one.

As an exciting, fast-paced first period began to wind down, the Hawks drew first blood on the powerplay when assistant captain Lauren Meschino's point shot snuck by McGill keeper Kalie Townsend on the stick side.

From there, the momentum grew markedly in Laurier's favour. The Martlets had more dive in them than Phil's, but were unable to draw the Hawks into a physical affair.

Rather, the speed-oriented WLU squad used crisp passing and fresh legs to skate circles around McGill. At the mid-way point of the second period, second-year defender Andrea Bevan made a pretty dangle and patiently moved into the slot. Her shot came out directly to veteran centre Candice Djukic, who made no mistake in netting a 2-0 lead.

Djukic struck again shortly thereafter, giving the Hawks firm control. At the end of the second, McGill managed to cut the lead to 3-1 when Fiona Aiston lost the puck in her skates in her eagerness to start a WLU rush and the Martlets turned back with a five-on-three.

Third-year centre Christine

Hartnoll knocked Shauna Denis' centering pass over goalie Morgan Wielgosz's stick, but the late marker would prove to be nothing more than a footnote in a period of absolute dominance for the Hawks. Rookie centre Lauren Barch added her first playoff goal late in the third period to round out a convincing 4-1 win.

"Tonight's game was Laurier women's hockey energy level at its finest," explained coach Rick Osborne after the win. "I think it was really important for us to not only win the game, but win it playing Hawks hockey."

And with that, the Hawks turned their attention to Sunday's final, a rematch with Alberta after the Pandas had survived the tougher division with a 5-0 trouncing of Toronto and a thrilling 3-2 win against the host St. Francis Xavier X-Women in a shootout.

"They're pretty confident that they're going to get it back from us, so I just want to keep it going," explained Meschino after the McGill win.

That would be easier said than done. The Hawks found themselves in penalty trouble early, but sparked some momentum by killing a 67-second five-on-three Panda powerplay.

When Alberta's Hagg was whistled for high-sticking, the Hawks were quick to capitalize. Djukic won the draw back to Bevan on the point. The physical second-year defender patiently moved in before slipping a perfect pass to Kenworthy, who slid silently in from the corner to beat Alberta goaltender Holly Tarleton.

That was when Laurier's luck ran out, and Alberta managed to net the equalizer late in the opening stanza. After working hard on the side boards, assistant captain Kaye London flung the puck in front of Wielgosz's cage, where winger Jamie Coffin made a pretty redirect to roof it on the helpless Laurier netminder.

The second period brought more tight forechecking on both sides of the puck as the one-goal draw persisted.

After second-year sniper Diana Cicchillo received a roughing minor, Bevan was whistled for a controversial interference call and the Hawks found themselves on their second five-on-three penalty kill of the game. It would prove devastating.

**"That powerplay goal was a killer ... I still have no idea what the second penalties in each of our three-on-fives were."**

- Coach Rick Osborne on suspect refereeing

As Cicchillo's infraction ran out, the Pandas were pressing, peppering Wielgosz with three or four shots in succession. Though the second-year keeper stood on her head to keep the puck out, she couldn't corral a rebound and it eventually came out to second-year right winger Jenna Barber, who made no mistake. She blasted it over an outstretched Wielgosz

for what would be the eventual game-winner.

"That powerplay goal was a killer," commented Osborne after the game, who was notably underwhelmed by the quality of the officiating throughout the game.

"I don't know if the supervisors told them to put the whistles away in between the second and third period, but I didn't like the change," he explained. "I still have no idea what the second penalties in each of our three-on-fives were."

Wielgosz shared the sentiment. "I feel a lot of times this weekend, they were just making obscene calls," the disgusted keeper noted after the loss.

Resilient to the end, Laurier tried to muster some offence to send the game to overtime, but Alberta was simply too strong.

The Hawks were plagued by neutral zone turnovers and couldn't manufacture any momentum coming across the blue line.

"It doesn't matter how good a passer you are," explained Alberta bench boss Howie Draper. "If you can really put a lot of pressure on another team, then they're going to cough the puck up, and I think we did that."

Complimentary of Osborne's squad throughout, Draper also explained how his team used their size to tie up Laurier sticks and keep the speedy Hawks skaters

away from open ice. Throughout the third, the Pandas were able to win battles along the boards, which was crucial to maintaining their one-goal lead.

"After playing against a very big team last night in FX, we felt this would be a little bit easier for us to compete against a team that was closer to our size," Draper explained.

"We really thought we would go back-to-back and that was our goal right from the beginning," lamented Osborne. "It was different from last year. Last year, we were almost possessed."

Still, the Hawks refuse to be downtrodden about the season as a whole.

"People are pretty upset, obviously, but I don't think anyone can hang their head with a game like that," explained Stephenson minutes after leaving the ice. "We feel good about the fact that we got here back-to-back years. It's hard to win and it's harder to stay on top."

But returning to the top? Perhaps that's a different story.

"With the seven rookies, I'm optimistic for the future," says Osborne. "This was valuable experience for our rookies and I think we'll add three or four real solid core players again next year, and we'll be a contender again."

Laurier will, however, be without departing veterans Ashley Stephenson, Candice Djukic and Lindsay Arbeau, all of whom leave after five year tenures that included four provincial banners, three CIS championship appearances and last year's national crown.

# Hawks book own flight plan to nationals

Laurier shocked the university hockey world, downing UQTR in their own barn to squeak into the sixth and final spot at the national championships in Edmonton

**DAN POLISCHUK**  
News Editor

While the playoff journey has been a winding one, Laurier's men's hockey team can finally set its sights on their dream destination: Edmonton, Alberta.

As winners of the OUA bronze medal game against the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) this past Saturday afternoon by a 2-1 score, the Hawks have clinched the final spot in the national hockey tournament.

The event, hosted by the Festival City, will pit the best in Canadian hockey against each other, boasting a list that includes the top five teams in the nation: Alberta, McGill, Saskatchewan, Acadia, and Lakehead.

Laurier, ranked ninth, will be coming in as the lowest seed.

That said, Golden Hawks head coach Steve Martell remains confident that his team can continue their winning ways.

"I rank our chances pretty well," said Martell. "We're not intimidat-

ed by anybody. We've got a good group of kids that can compete with anyone."

Team captain Richard Colwill conveyed his optimism as well, when stacking up his squad with the likes of other national powerhouses.

"I'd [rank us] pretty highly. We're definitely going in there thinking that we can win this. We've beat Lakehead, we can beat McGill and I think the other teams—they're no better," commented Colwill. "Definitely anything can happen out there."

In this, the team's seventh trip to the tournament since 1983, the Hawks will undoubtedly be considered more of a serious threat than the .500 club that accomplished impressively little in their last appearance at nationals six years ago.

When asked how he believes his team will be identified at the tournament this time around, Martell was unsure.

"I honestly don't know ... how teams are perceiving us. I really

don't care. All I know is that we believe in ourselves as a group," he said, adding, "If that [underdog] role works for us, then I guess so. But I tell ya, we're a good hockey club."

Being familiar with the style of play across the country, having played in the Atlantic region and coached out West, Martell hopes for even more success.

"I have an understanding of the key programs in each league," he explained. "That experience will pay off in Edmonton, hopefully," he noted.

Until the time comes to really pay attention to the X's and O's, the players, like Colwill, will enjoy their time in the spotlight.

"We're walking around school with the biggest smiles on our faces right now. This is really something we've been working on for four years. To finally get it in your last year—it's awesome," said the forward, who is among a handful of players in their final year of eligibility.

Colwill admits, though, as much as he one day dreamed of such success, he didn't believe it would happen—even this year.

"No way, I'm not gonna lie to you," chuckled Colwill when asked if he expected a nationals berth at the start of the season.

"You never really think in your

last year that you're actually going to make a run at nationals. But as the season went on things started to develop and you start to get a taste for it. Now that it's here, it's unbelievable," he added.

That feeling of excitement is exactly what leads the team's bench boss to remain optimistic as it will prepare for a huge chal-

lenge in Edmonton, having to share a pool with Alberta and McGill.

"Who knows what's going to happen? I brought in some good kids that can compete well with anyone in the country and our program is making positive steps in the right direction. That's all you can really ask for," Martell said.

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MARK D. HOPKINS  
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With the Winter Olympics quickly becoming a thing of the past, the time has come for sports fanatics to shift their attention to the play-off races in the NHL and NBA.

Oh, and one of other sport. Often referred to as "America's pastime" and growing internationally by the day, the 2006 version of Major League Baseball is about to begin.

With the initial success of the ongoing World Baseball Classic, it is more than appropriate to not only dust off the gloves and bust out your Louisville Slugger, but also get pumped for opening day. Let's get right into it and talk AL East.

The perennial powerhouse Yankees were able to snatch lead-off hitter and the ever-popular Johnny Damon to man the prestigious centre field at Yankee Stadium, at the expense of their heated rivals over in Boston. Boston's response was puzzling at best.

Returning from the 2005 version of the BoSox are only three of eight position players. All four of their infielders are new to the squad, who hit a combined 20 home runs last year. Yes, 20. Surely, Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz are one of the most intimidating three-four punches in the league, but without the full supporting cast, I question Boston's chances to play into late October. I will give them credit for bringing in right-hander Josh Beckett to anchor the rotation, but it'll be naught but a consolation prize for Fenway fanatics.

North of the border, the Blue Jays have bought their way into serious playoff contention. Adding slugger Troy Glaus from Arizona and slick swinging Lyle Overbay from the Brewers should improve their lack of power in 2005. Losing the gold glove fielding of Orlando Hudson at second base will cost Toronto a handful of runs throughout the season, but General Manager J.P. Ricciardi has leaned towards a preference for offensive production. And pitching.

Also new in town are B. J. Ryan, the richest relief pitcher in baseball history and number two pitcher A. J. Burnett, with a career 49-50 record, but an abundance of velocity and potential yet to be realized. To go with this profusion of abbreviated first names, the Blue Jays also now have a roster at least capable of competing with the Yankees and Red Sox in 2006.

An underrated move by Ricciardi was his signing of two-time gold glove catcher, Bengie Molina. With all due respect to Gregg Zaun (who has, by default, become one of the game's best back-ups), this is an enormous upgrade. Despite arguably being the slowest runner in the Major Leagues, Molina provides the Blue Jays with one of the business' best game-callers, with a hell of an arm to boot. His ability to work with pitchers should yield immediate

dividends, especially with the newer and younger faces on the team. Molina is no slouch at the plate, either.

Some experts are selecting these Jays to win the AL East, or at least the Wild Card. Others are picking the Yankees. Personally, on paper, I feel that the Yankees are tops, followed by Jays and then the Sox.

While the Blue Jays will compete for the Wild Card, I cannot see them keeping up with the best line-up in baseball for 162 games. However, paper is used for reading and writing, not deciding baseball games. As it all unfolds, I will impatiently wait in anticipation of the first pitch on opening day.

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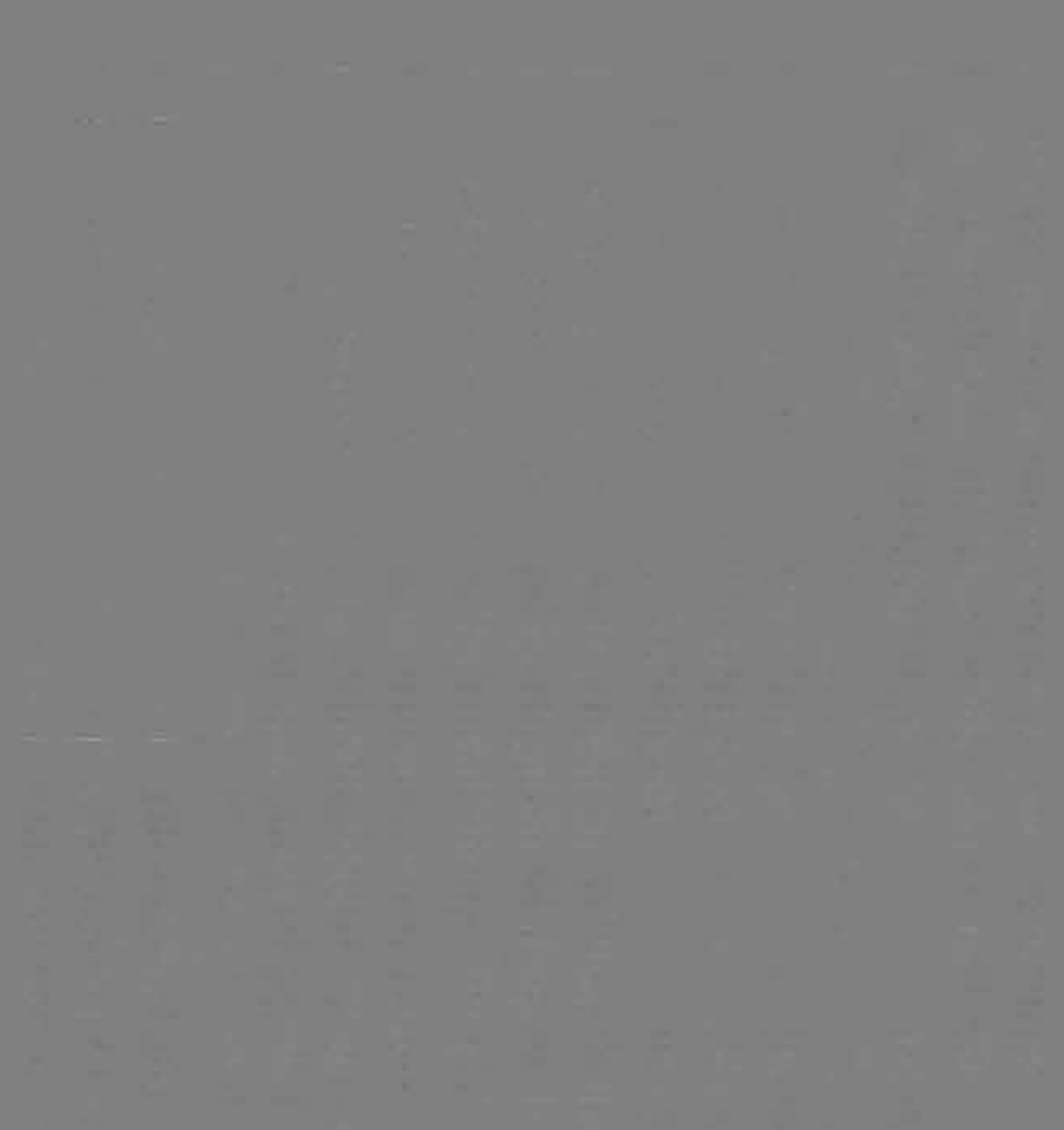
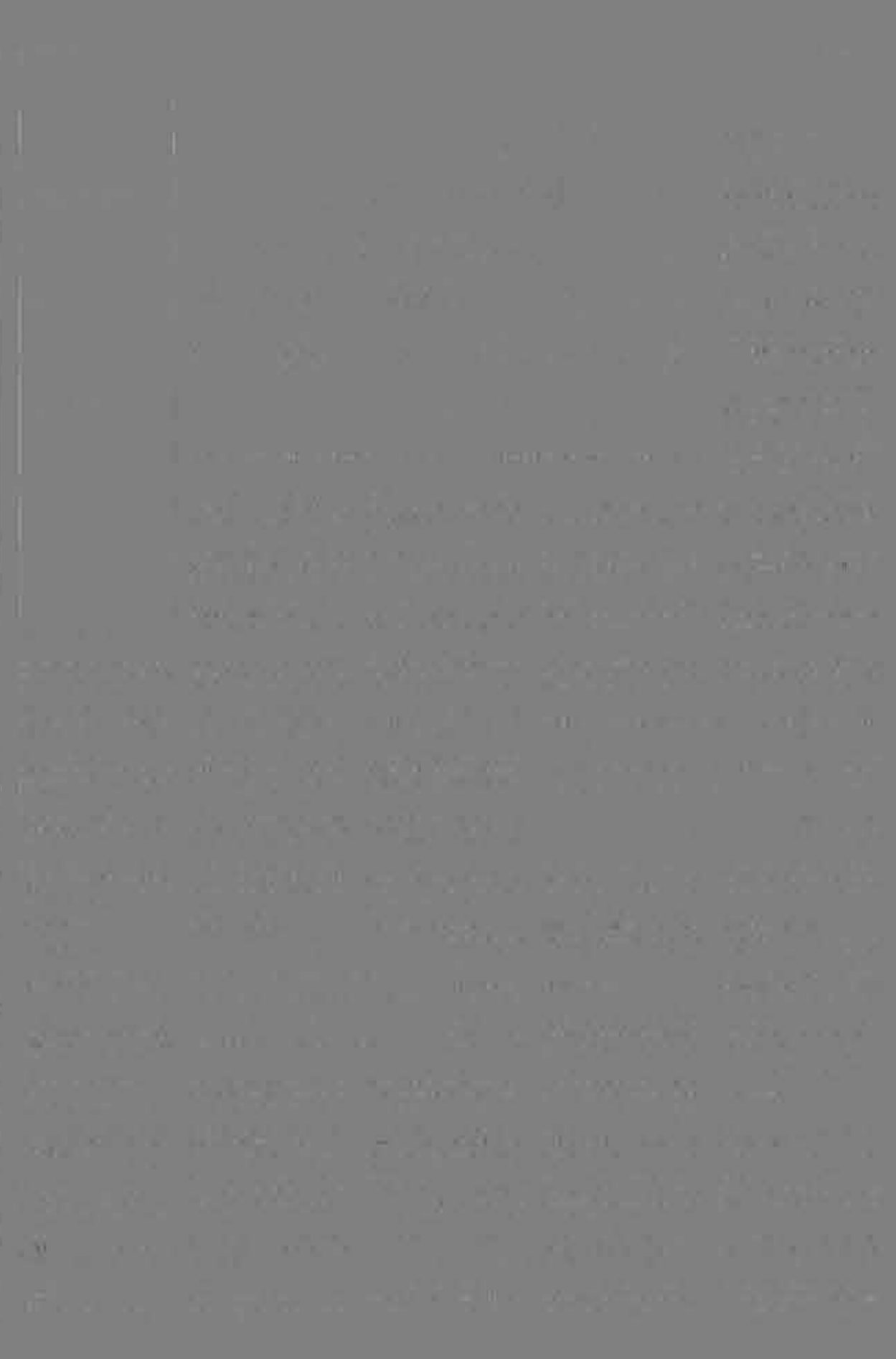
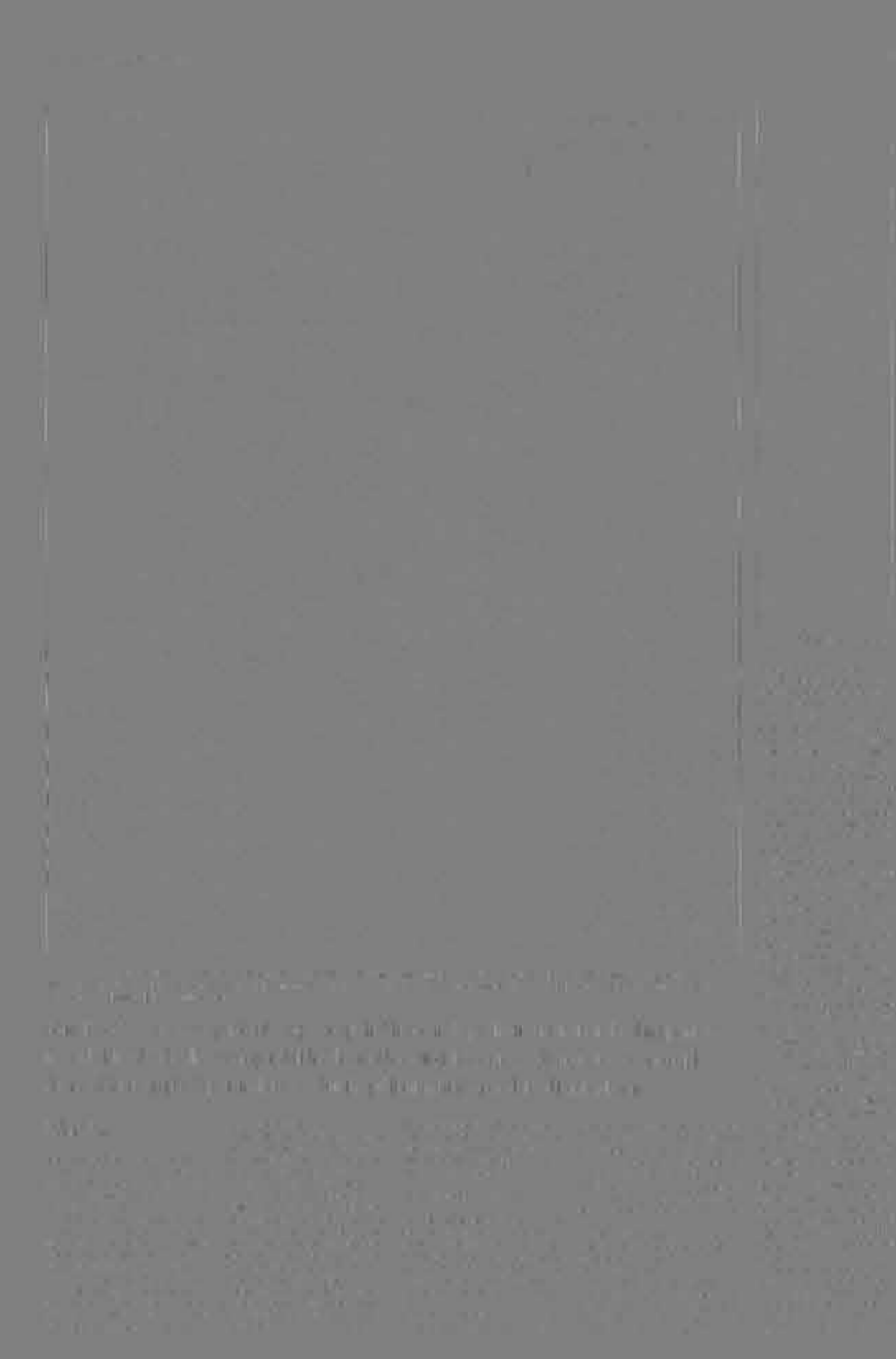
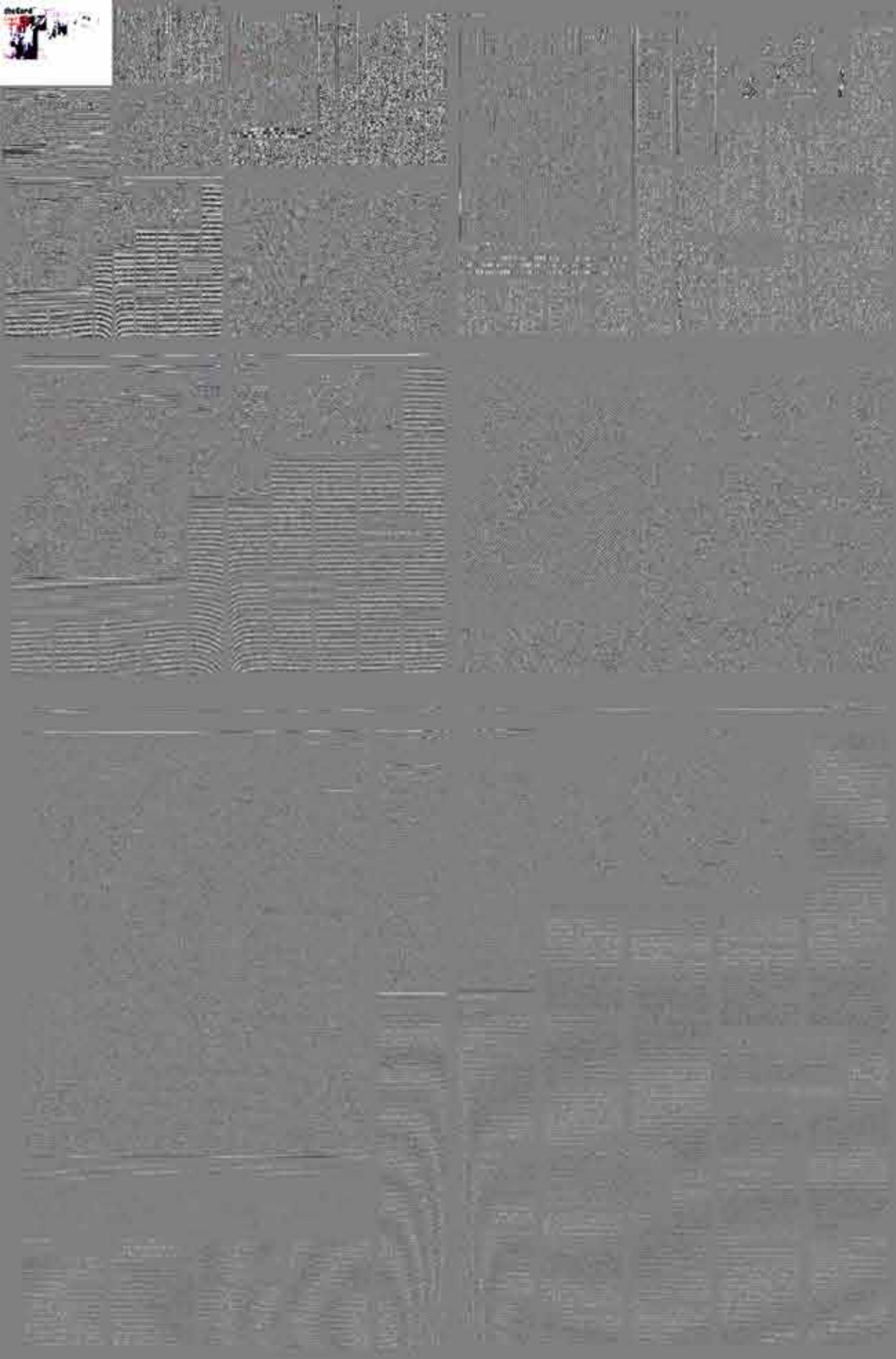
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# Saint Patrick: the man and the myth

Every year we dress in green and get drunk, but why?

DJ Demers explains the evolution of St. Paddy's Day



With all the other trivial things going on your life, I hope you didn't forget about "the traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide."

This, according to the official website [st-patricks-day.com](http://st-patricks-day.com), is the main purpose behind the annual holiday we know as St. Paddy's Day.

I took the time to navigate the entire site and did not find one mention of its more modernized role as a day where masses of university and college students drink themselves into a catatonic stu-

por. I can only assume this information will be added with the website's next update.

With St. Patrick's Day fast approaching this Friday, it is appropriate that we look at its historical origins and connect them to what we celebrate today.

Many historians believe that we celebrate on March 17 because that was the day that St. Patrick died.

To commemorate the passing of one of Ireland's great heroes, we let a small piece of our livers die as well.

A fitting tribute, undoubtedly.

Saint Patrick is most remembered for his incredible feat of driving the snakes from Ireland. Of course, as the official site points out, it is more than likely that

snakes never existed on Ireland, as the island was separated from the remainder of the continent at the conclusion of the Ice Age.

So, maybe his feats have been exaggerated a little bit. But who hasn't embellished the truth a little bit, especially when recalling events that occurred while inebriated?

To celebrate the driving of the snakes from Ireland (kind of), we embellish our own recollections of St. Patrick's Days past.

"Last St. Paddy's Day, I drank like 47 beers and then beat up those four bouncers who were giving me a hard time!"

It may be the case that you only had seven beers and you ran away from one bouncer who asked to see your stamp, but St. Patrick would be pretty pissed off if you didn't dress the story up a bit. I sure as hell don't want to piss off a saint. They have a little bit of pull in determining karma, I should think, so why risk it?

Another legend holds that Patrick converted the chief of a pagan tribe to Christianity after the chief was physically incapable of moving his arm until he became affable to Patrick.

I think Patrick had that pretty powerful God character helping him out on that one.

We don't all have this luxury, so to honour his awe-inspiring conversion, we drink until we're belligerent enough to physically hold our friends' arms until they concede.

Of course, the concessions we fight for are not as momentous as a conversion to Christianity. Often, we will fight over something such as whether or not peanut butter and jam is better than peanut butter and bananas.

While it may seem trivial in retrospect, don't despair. St. Patrick smiles down approvingly.

Saint Patrick's Day has deep-seated religious roots. It was

intended to honour the courageous man's struggles in converting the Irish to Christianity. Today we observe this day by dressing like we're Irish and getting shit-faced.

But, to put it in perspective, the Internet was originally designed with the intent of exchanging raw data between researchers. Now we can use it watch a video of an elephant playing soccer.

The point is, even though it has strayed from its original focus, St. Patrick's is still a semi-illegitimate holiday. Evolution is good!

So this St. Patrick's Day, remember that every action you do is a tribute to an important (or totally made up) aspect of Saint Patrick's life. Take this responsibility like your alcohol intake for the day: not lightly.

After all, if Saint Patrick had been half-assed, Ireland may still be teeming with those friggin' snakes that were never there.

## HOROSCOPES

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)



Your friend and fellow Pisces has a birthday this week. Take this friend to a strip club and buy them multiple lap dances.

Happy birthday Pisces!

How to celebrate? Go to Roxannes and see if Chris Rock was right and there really is no sex in the champagne room. If a cop tries to arrest you, tell him it's your birthday.

Not into strippers? Why not get a good old-fashioned, wholesome rub?

**Aries** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)



Because of year-end socials and essays cluttering up your schedule, you're likely feeling stressed. Rely on your keen intuition when an opportunity presents itself to fake your own death to get out of your commitments.

**Taurus** (Apr. 20-May 20)



Stay away from Gemini. You have an extremely weak and fragile immune system and Gemini is just swimming with diseases. But they're nice people.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)



Not feeling so hot? Whether it's malaria, the clap or a bad case of the bends, make an appointment at Health Services for your annual checkup.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)



A former flame will return sometime this week just as things are starting to heat up between you and your new conquest. Keep your mase fully stocked at all times.

**Leo** (July 23-August 22)



Roommates pissing you off this week? Prove you're the boss by pissing on their doors to mark your territory. Or you could just start labelling your food so they don't eat it. You decide.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



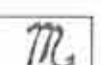
Honestly, your life will be so boring this week it's a waste of my omniscient skills to tell you what will happen.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Show that friend who helped you out last week how much you care by buying them something shiny. Something big and shiny that goes "vrooom" when you do like R.Kelly and put the key in the ignition.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Since your sign is so tragically represented by a disgusting, deadly insect, all the other signs got together and decided to vote you off of the zodiac. Sorry Scorpio, but the tribe has spoken. Pack your things and leave immediately.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Let your significant other cut and style your hair this week. When Venus moves into the 5th house, it guarantees a styling coif and you can use the saved money to take your darling out for delicious vegetarian food and chicken nuggets.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Your bedroom prowess is unmatched by most and yet you find yourself alone every Saturday night. Turn your sex skills into a business by marketing your services to students who need a little stress relief around exams.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)



This week during St. Paddy's day festivities you will vomit all over yourself, your friend, and possibly your friend's car. Don't make me say I told ya so.

*Michelle Pinchev and Blair Forsyth-Stark have been fabricating horoscopes since the mid-eighties. They are also incredibly hot.*

# Tax tips for student dummies

Tax season may be a pain in the ass but free money is nothing to complain about

**ASHLEY ROSE**  
Cord Student Life

Like most students, I am completely clueless when it comes to doing my taxes.

I know that Laurier releases a T2202A form and that my landlord sends us rent receipts, but what am I supposed to do with them?

Well, tax season is upon us, and with the help of Anne Powers and Cleo Hammel from H&R Block, it's time we all learnt a thing or two about doing our taxes.

**For every month of full-time schooling you will be credited \$400 which translates to \$3200 for a typical eight-month school year.**

It's easy to just hand over the proper forms to Mom or Dad and have them 'deal' with things. However, as students we need to know what we can claim so we can get the best tax return possible.

A lot of students feel as if they don't need to file because they don't have a job and therefore aren't making any money.

All students who are nineteen or older before April 1, 2007 should file to be eligible for their

GST/HST credit. Believe me, this cheque will arrive in the mail with perfect timing and may help you get through a dry spell in your finances.

The T2202A form, which you can currently download from Loris under the Student Services heading, contains a lot of valuable information.

Besides the basics, the form contains information about how much was paid for tuition and the dates of schooling which translates to the amount you will get in return.

For every month of full-time schooling you will be credited \$400, which translates to \$3200 for a typical eight-month school year. Part-time students are credited \$200 for every month attended.

It is important to note that this "educational amount" is only for those attending school, not studying via distance education.

Even if you don't personally pay your tuition, the law states that you must claim your tuition on your return form and not give it directly to your parents to claim.

You must first reduce your tax payable to zero and then any

amount remaining can be transferred to another party – whether they be parents, grandparents or a legal guardian. If you decide not to transfer the remaining money, you don't lose it but it will be carried forward until you need it.

Once you have graduated and start owing tax money, you can take advantage of this surplus.

While some students try to claim school supplies like computers and textbooks, unfortunately these are not deductible. In a way, these are covered by the 'educational amount' according to your level of schooling.

Rent, on the other hand, is tax deductible in Ontario as long as you are not living in a residence owned and operated by the university.

Additionally, if you are attending Laurier on a scholarship, you can claim your moving expenses, assuming you have traveled more than 40km to go to school.

This covers moving expenses like transportation, storage and the cost of meals.

While government-funded student loans are deductible if some of the load is repaid during the year, any money that isn't provided by the government cannot be claimed.

This includes student lines of credit from the bank. While the



bank will often give you a piece of paper that says you should keep documentation for tax purposes, it does not qualify as a deduction. This is because bank money is not earmarked for education like government funds are.

If you do have a student loan from the government, upon graduation the interest proportion can be claimed for a deduction which will help in paying what's owed.

Something that most students don't know they can claim as part of their tuition is exam re-writes and any costs associated with challenging an exam or final mark.

In all cases you must have documentation of all claims being submitted. It is common for the government to "re-assess" students.

If you have all of the proper doc-

uments available this is an easy process which may even get you a larger tax return. If you don't, they may disallow your claims, causing you to owe the government large amounts of money.

If you currently owe the government anything from the previous tax return, it must be submitted by May 1, which is also when you should submit this year's return.

The most efficient way to do your taxes is through e-filing (done online).

H&R Block is currently offering a promotion to do student taxes for only \$29.95, and will issue you the tax return money on the spot.

In any case, it's important that you get your taxes done, even if you do get mom and dad to do them for you.

## O-mega healthy

Why Omega-3 fatty acids are mega good for you

**LAURIE SADOWSKI**  
Food fod Thought

From eating organically to losing ten pounds in ten days, we're being introduced to more new nutritional and diet breakthroughs every day.

Sometimes, it's hard to tell which ones are facts and which are fads. In the last four years, the exaggerated hype on Omega-3 fatty acids has come to a halt. Now we're finally getting the real dish on these fatty acids.

There are three types of these fatty acids: eicosapentenoic acid and docosahexenoic acid, both from marine sources, and alpha-linolenic acid, which is plant-derived.

A little too scientific? They are more commonly known as EPA, DHA and ALA. These good fats are essential because our body cannot produce them by itself. The oils send messages to molecules throughout our bodies that are the building blocks for healthy cell growth. Yo get the job to get done, most of us need about 500 milligrams of both EPA and DHA, and 1500 milligrams of ALA per day.

Slight diet adjustments are all it takes to obtain the many benefits of Omega-3s. The majority of studies show that they lower the risk of heart disease. Because this hereditary ailment causes about 60,000 deaths in Canada per year, it's important to take necessary precautions.

Combine this number one benefit with a boost of good cholesterol. Add into the equation a decrease of blood clots, cancer, and dementia risks. Arthritis and

diabetes patients also experience a reduction in symptoms, and because of the proven brain-power associated with Omega-3s, both bipolar and postpartum depression sufferers have seen substantial improvement.

EPA and DHA are derived from marine sources. The highest sources are salmon and herring, both fatty fishes that offer approximately 2000 milligrams found in the average serving. Other good sources include whitefish, mackerel, sardines, and bluefish. The middle range includes tuna (albacore rating higher than white) and halibut.

Enriched eggs are on the lower end of the spectrum, but still come in at about 150 milligrams. Easily adapted into one's diet, eating about four servings of fish per week will substantially increase your intake.

ALA is a plant derived Omega-3 source. Despite the need for ALA being significantly higher, it is easy to adapt these into a healthy lifestyle. The greatest source of this is flaxseed oil, walnuts and ground flaxseeds. Soybeans, canola oil, pumpkin and hempseeds are also good. Lower sources, but still beneficial forms of ALA include kidney beans and tofu.

Incorporating these foods into your diet is easy as pie. Budget-friendly meals like tofu chili (with kidney and soybeans) served with flax-rich bread is a good way to start.

Try frying fatty fish in canola oil, sprinkling walnuts and using flax oil on salads, or using flax and nut bread for fish with eggs as a binder are all ways to multiply the benefits.

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## Senior Residence Beds, 2006-07

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The cost of these accommodations is proposed to be: single room \$4,765 & double room \$4,524. Space is limited and applications will be accepted on a firstcome, first-served basis. Completed applications (together with the \$400 deposit) must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Monday March 27, 2006. Additional information is available by contacting the Residential Services Office at ext. 3746.

# Refugee student enjoying freedom

Hser Ta Kay's travel visa gave him 'the best feeling in my life'

**MARY ERSKINE**  
Cord International

Even in today's increasingly technological world, we still all depend on paper.

As students, we hand in countless papers over the course of our academic careers and fill out what seem like hundreds of exam booklets. However, unlike these mundane pieces of paper, there are others which have the power to actually make people feel safe.

This was one of the hundreds of lessons that Hser Ta Kay learned during his Reading Week trip back to Thailand. Ta Kay is a World University Service of Canada (WUSC)-sponsored refugee student who came to Laurier in December 2003.

He spoke to an impressive audience in a cramped room at the University of Waterloo last Thursday as part of Laurier's mission to assist UW's newly formed WUSC committee.

At the talk, Ta Kay shared the details of his past and current struggles as a refugee, and now a

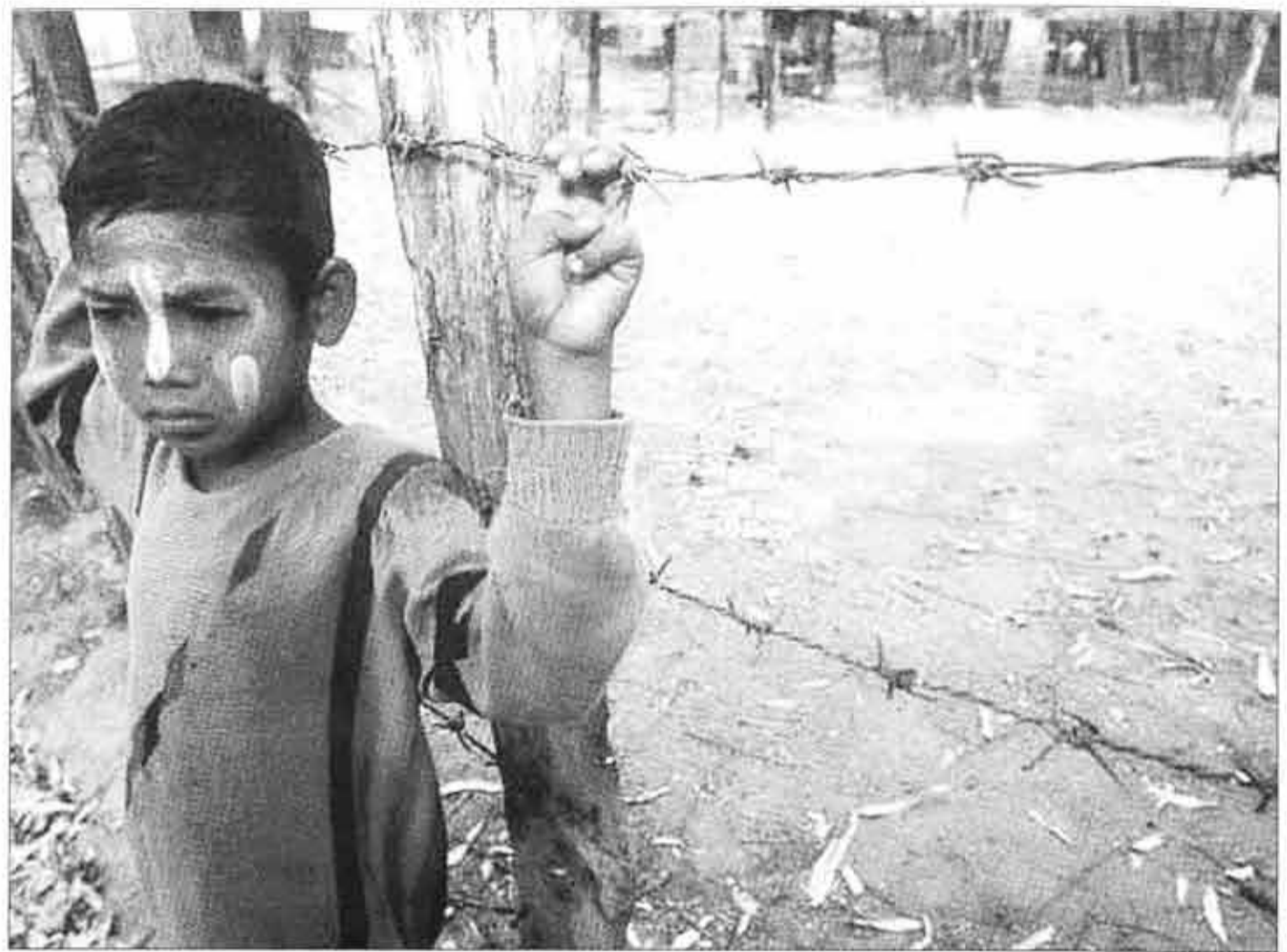
student here at Laurier. Originally from Burma, Ta Kay was forced to flee his home and travel to a refugee camp in Thailand when he refused to join the government militia.

Having just graduated from high school in Burma at 17, Ta Kay settled into the camp by starting intensive English training. "I was very depressed," Ta Kay recalled, "I felt like the refugee camp would be my home for the rest of my life if there was no change in Burma."

However, it was at the camp where he learned about the WUSC program, and after years of paperwork and he finally found himself in Waterloo, Ontario.

Now in his fifth term of study, Ta Kay is still faced with many challenges, but was thrilled to have the opportunity to return to his former temporary home in Thailand this past Reading Week.

According to Ta Kay, the contrast between the two times he arrived at the camp was stark. "I felt like I was the only one who was so lucky to get out of the camp and make it to the other part of the world, where I could continue my education and plan for my future in a safe and sound environment. At the same time I felt really sorry for my friends and all refugee people who are not lucky like me and [it] made me want to do something for them," he explained.



**HOME AWAY FROM HOME** - A young Burmese refugee leans on a barbed wire fence in a refugee camp in Thailand. Many families are forced to live in these camps when staying at home becomes too dangerous.

But going back to his makeshift home not only solidified his conviction to work hard, it reinforced the importance that a single piece of paper can have. While in the refugee camp visiting friends and family, Ta Kay remembered a time when he couldn't freely move beyond its boundaries. Today, armed with a travel visa and proof of Canadian permanent resident status, he was able to breeze over the border.

This document gave Ta Kay a sense of protection and identity, but also "the best feeling I have had in my life, knowing that I am safe and have all the protection that every human being deserves to have."

He ended his talk by noting that by facilitating his arrival and study in Canada, Laurier is not only helping him, but the entire displaced Burmese community. He went on to quote Burmese activist

Aung San Suu Kyi, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work in 1991: "Please use your liberty to promote ours."

The University of Waterloo WUSC committee hopes to sponsor one or more refugee students as soon as possible now that their committee is up and running. Laurier is currently home to two sponsored students, both from a Burmese refugee camp in Thailand.

# Mission accomplished at model United Nations



**THUMBS UP** - Pictured at the closing ceremonies at the Ottawa conference are WAS members Anujan Namasivayam, Mark Ennis, Tyler Bancroft, Aamir Taiyeb and Aaron Lye.

World Affairs Society brings home a record six awards from conferences

**TONY FERGUSON**  
International Editor

Laurier's official model United Nations club, The World Affairs Society (WAS), has returned from the Canadian International Model United Nations (CANIMUN) conference in Ottawa with a record number of delegate awards.

While in the nation's capital the team of 24 delegates participated in model UN debates as well as a mock International Court of Justice (ICJ) trial.

Four Best Delegate awards and two honourable mentions were awarded to six Laurier students who demonstrated exceptional leadership, tact and negotiation skills.

This is a considerable improvement over last year's single award.

"It's really outstanding in terms of progression through the years ... definitely the best we've done," said Aamir Taiyeb, president of WAS.

The trip to Ottawa was among two others that the club embarked on this year, including the McGill Model United Nations (McMUN) conference in Montreal and the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) conference at the prestigious Ivy League school.

In previous years, WAS traveled only to McGill, but Harvard and Ottawa were added to this year's ambitious agenda.

In Ottawa, Taiyeb took part in the ICJ trial, playing the role of a Japanese judge.

He presided over the trial on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, in which

Bosnia-Herzegovina accused Serbia and Montenegro of genocide for its ethnic cleansing of Bosnian citizens.

"It was a very interesting case," said Taiyeb, "because you learn from other people."

Taiyeb learned a lot from another delegate who came from Bosnia and fled the region when he was nine years old.

His knowledge of the affairs of the region was thorough, making him an asset for Taiyeb's committee.

But before Taiyeb and his delegates could jump into action, they had a lot of preparation to do, which, for these types of conferences, can be grueling.

Delegates must represent a country and express its unique viewpoint, which involves taking into consideration that country's values and goals.

"It's hard for a lot of people to do," says Taiyeb. "A lot of people who go to these conferences are bringing their Western perspectives into the debate."

This is no good when many of the delegates are representing countries from the developing world.

Preparation involves a fair bit of research. WAS members scour journal and newspaper articles, media reports and other resources to get as precise an idea as possible of where their country is coming from, ideologically.

The organizers of the conference in Ottawa gave WAS members an extra bit of extra help in that department.

Debriefing sessions were arranged where model UN partici-

pants could meet with actual members of the embassies. Taiyeb, along with half of the delegation, got the chance to meet with the first secretary from the Japanese embassy to advise him on his role as Japanese judge.

"He was an encyclopedia on foreign policy ... this guy was amazing!" said Taiyeb.

On top of the extra reading, delegates had to worry about paying their way. The team needed \$6,300 for the trip to Ottawa alone.

"The hardest part about fundraising is that we have to do lots of little things and that can get discouraging," said vice president of finance for WAS, Ryan Jakubowski.

A donation of \$500 seems substantial but after being divided between the 24 members, it works out to just over \$20 per person.

The club was fortunate enough to receive substantial donations from Campus Clubs, the Arts Student Advancement Program and the Department of Political Science.

The team would not have performed as well as they did without the WAS executive, who, according to Taiyeb, played an "instrumental role" in the success of the conferences.

The WAS team not only brought back good memories of meeting with their political idols, but sharpened their skills as well.

"I think our delegates this year have taken away more confidence in public speaking for sure," says Taiyeb. They've also improved their conflict negotiation skills and have a better understanding of the functionality of the UN.

# Gay Muscovites outraged

Mayor officially bans upcoming gay pride parade, *Brokeback Mountain* blamed

LEXI STADNYK  
Cord International

The gay community in Moscow was planning on organizing Russia's first ever pride parade on May 27, the exact date of the decriminalization of homosexuality in the world's largest nation 13 years ago.

But Yuri Luzhkov, Moscow's mayor, has officially banned the parade, citing that homosexuality is "an unnatural act" and that pride activities should be "severely repressed." Unsurprisingly, this has outraged the Muscovite gay community, which has called for protests to denounce Luzhkov's decision.

However, leaders of Russia's three largest faith groups, the Muslim and Jewish communities and the Russian Orthodox Church, have also condemned the parade and are also threatening to protest the planned event.

Talgat Tadjuddin, the supreme mufti, or interpreter of Islamic law, of the Central Spiritual Directorate of the Muslims in Russia has warned that "the protests will be much stronger than those being launched against the scandalous Danish cartoons abroad ... should

the participants take to the streets, they should be given a good beating."

"The position of Talgat Tadjuddin is unacceptable," said Nikolai Alekseev, one of the organizers of the Moscow Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual (LGBT) festival in response to Tadjuddin's comments.

**"Should the participants take to the streets, they should be given a good beating."**

- Talgat Tadjuddin, Supreme Mufti - Central Spiritual Directorate

"What is terrible is that he used the current situation in the world, connected with the publication of cartoons, to incite hatred towards those who have absolutely no connection to that," Alekseev accused.

Representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church have said that "a gay parade is without doubt, the promotion of sodomy—then it is our duty to join forces and protest against such immoral and appalling actions."

Head Rabbi of Russia, Berl

Lazar, has also voiced concerns over the parade.

"We should be thinking about the fate of our children," he said, "encouragement of homosexuality and sexual perversions is not permissible in any form or shape."

With the recent Golden Globe and Oscar buzz surrounding the gay-themed film *Brokeback*

*Mountain*, many Russians have expressed concern that the international attention on the film has encouraged open displays of homosexuality in Russia, such as the planned parade. Although the film has not yet been released in Russia, gay activists are hoping the release date in April will help garner support from fellow Russians.

Supporters of the event believe the parade is not a gay issue, but rather an issue of democracy and human rights.

"The freedom to speak out and demonstrate publicly is not just a reflection of diversity. It is essential to democracy," declared Scott Long of New York-based Human Rights Watch.



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**BEAMING WITH PRIDE** - A participant in last year's gay pride parade in Berlin hoists the GLBT flag. Russia's gay community hopes to hold one of their own in Moscow.

# South Africa's support for Iran stays strong

International community has eyes on Iran while IAEA investigations continue in search of The Bomb

KYLE BOULDEN  
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South Africa has come under fire in recent weeks for continuing to support Iran in the dispute over its nuclear ambitions, one of the few countries to continue to do so.

Last week, the South African Foreign Ministry released a statement outlining their unhappiness with the inability of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to conclude their investigation of nuclear activities in Iran.

"We regret the fact that the

Agency is not yet in a position to conclude that there are no undeclared nuclear materials or activities in Iran," said Abdul Minty, South Africa's representative to the IAEA.

South Africa's position on the Iranian nuclear issue has ruffled a few feathers among officials from various Western countries, who are looking to rebuke Iran for allegedly pursuing a secret nuclear weapons program.

While European, American and Israeli officials have concluded that Iran is clearly pursuing such a program, South Africa thinks oth-

erwise.

South Africa continues to support Iran's right to pursue nuclear research for civilian purposes, and has stated their belief that Iran's

**South Africa was one of five countries to abstain when the Agency voted to report Iran to the UN Security Council**

nuclear program has no military ambitions.

Meanwhile, European and American officials have been trying to convince South Africa to stop giving Iran diplomatic cover to continue its nuclear program.

Last month, at an IAEA meeting

in Vienna, South Africa was one of five countries to abstain when the Agency voted to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council.

Along with South Africa, Libya, Algeria, Indonesia and Belarus also abstained, while Cuba, Syria and Venezuela were the only countries to vote against the motion.

Why South Africa continues to support Iran is unclear. Some feel that the nation is trying to upgrade its status as a major player on the international stage, but critics have noted that South Africa's position does not put them in the best of company.

South Africa receives cheap oil from Iran, which it needs to sup-

port the country's growing energy needs. There are also suspicions that South Africa fears similar international interference in their civilian nuclear program.

Many Western officials want South Africa to change their stance on the issue because of the symbolic value.

In the 1970s and 1980s, South Africa found itself in a similar position to Iran, in that they were developing a nuclear weapons program despite opposition from both the United States and the Soviet Union.

With the end of the Cold War, South Africa decided to dismantle their nuclear arsenal in 1994. They remain the only country to have voluntarily dismantled an independent nuclear weapons program.

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# Muslim students attacked at U of T

**SARAH BARMAK**  
The Varsity (CUP)

TORONTO -- The conflict between Muslim and anti-Islamic factions on campus escalated to physical violence last week, when what appears to be a series of anti-Islamic attacks took place on campus, including the assault of a female Muslim student last Tuesday at a building on campus.

The student, who did not wish to be named, was followed into a washroom by a female assailant.

The woman shoved a flyer into the student's chest, pushing her back, while saying, "You need this, you're a Muslim."

The flyer advertised a rally supporting Denmark over last month's controversial Danish cartoon of Mohammed.

"She just kept yelling, 'Fucking Muslim terrorists,'" said the student, who is in her fourth year at UTM. The woman, as well as a friend who was with her, looked to be in their thirties.

A joint investigation by campus police, the Office of Community Safety, and the Office of Anti-Racism is ongoing.

The recent string of incidents is contributing to what student union VP Equity Shaila Kibria calls the "volatile atmosphere on campus against Muslims."

Last Wednesday morning, a group of Muslim women led by Kibria had eggs thrown at them by a group of people as they attempted to tell other students about that Tuesday's attack, while passing out flyers for International Women's Day.

"When I heard what happened [to the student last Tuesday], it enraged me," said Kibria on Monday, who explained that she had wanted to inform other students.

Although the motive for the egg attack is still not clear, two of the women pelted, including Kibria, were wearing hijabs, or Islamic religious headgear.

Further upsetting students was a photocopied article that was found posted on a wall outside the Sid Smith patio on Thursday.

It contained one of the infamous Danish cartoons as well as the statement that it is "an accurate view of the religion of Islam," along with a scrawled-on phone number and the name "Ted."

When reached at the number provided, Ted, who would not give his full name, said he was not affiliated with the website, but thought its message was "really super positive." He said he had posted a thousand flyers on U of T's and York's campuses.

Kibria is angry that administrators have not done enough, in her estimation, to send a message that Islamophobia on campus is not acceptable.

"What is the university doing? Every time I talk to the Dean's Office or [other administrators], they send me a copy of their official policy protecting freedom of expression. Like they're saying, 'Oh, shut up, shut up.'" Kibria says administrators did not respond adequately to *The Strand* cartoon, nor have they helped with other concerns.

"This has to be addressed by administration," said the victim of Tuesday's attack. "I just don't understand. There's this fear of Muslims and I'm not sure why."



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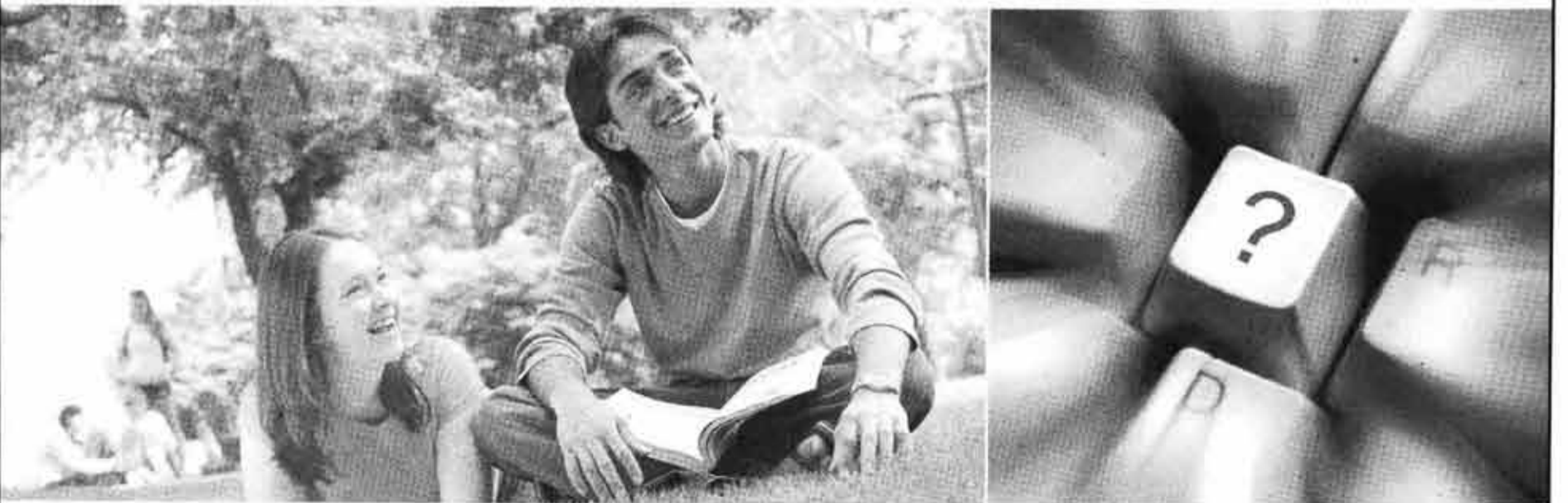
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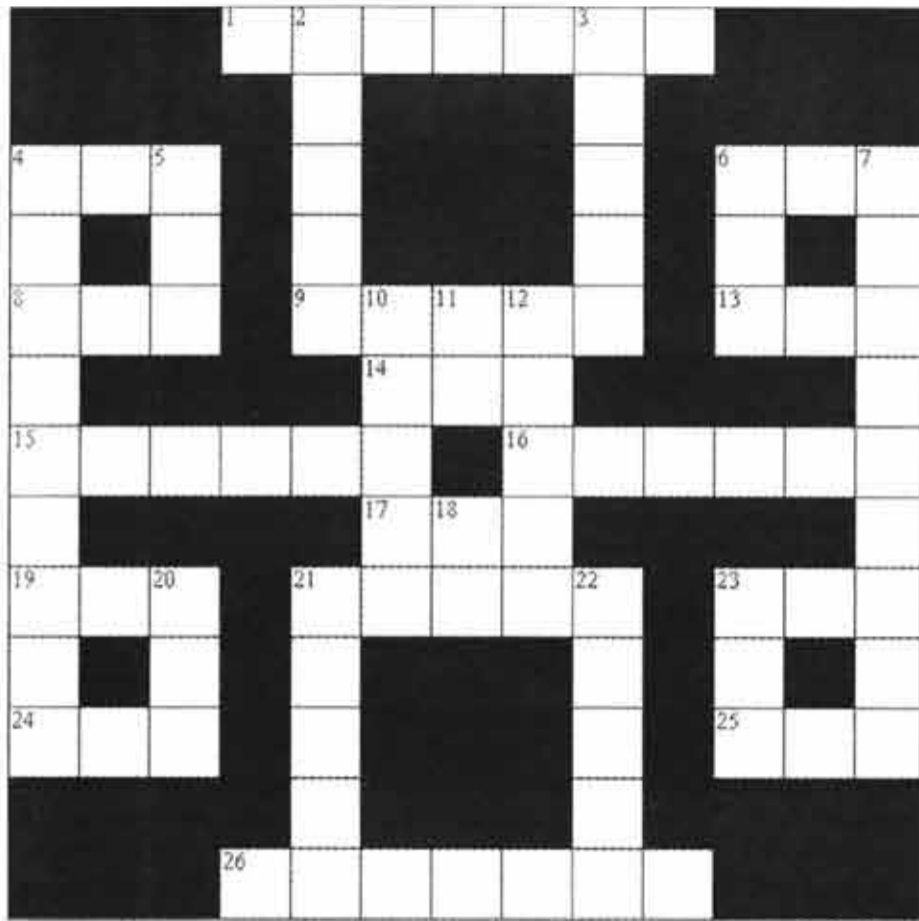
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# Xword

by Fraser King



**Across:**

- 1. What rednecks do
- 4. Ambulance workers
- 6. Doctor \_\_\_, British Sci-Fi
- 8. Greek Goddess of the Dawn
- 9. An prize in addition to
- 13. \_\_\_-Whiz, old timey exclamation
- 14. What Peter North does to cherries
- 15. Italian dessert
- 16. What Jimmy Carter grows
- 17. Variant of 'nay'
- 19. From Dusk \_\_\_ Dawn
- 21. Horror, action, that type of thing
- 23. To disfigure
- 24. What pigeons do [aside from defecating everywhere and spreading disease]
- 25. Things that say 'moo'
- 26. What a RENAME card does

**Down:**

- 2. a governor in India during the Mogual empire
- 3. As compared to 'odds'
- 4. As compared to 'lethargic'
- 5. Slang for 'sister'
- 6. What bald people wear
- 7. What a coup d'etat does to the government
- 10. What Bryn Boyce does best
- 11. Not 'yes'
- 12. Not 'lower'
- 18. Anime North abbr. [see you there, bitches]
- 20. Slang for 'outhouse'
- 21. Any of several spiny shrubs of the genus Ulex
- 22. To draw or bring out
- 23. Big \_\_\_, from McDonalds, silly

## Sydoku

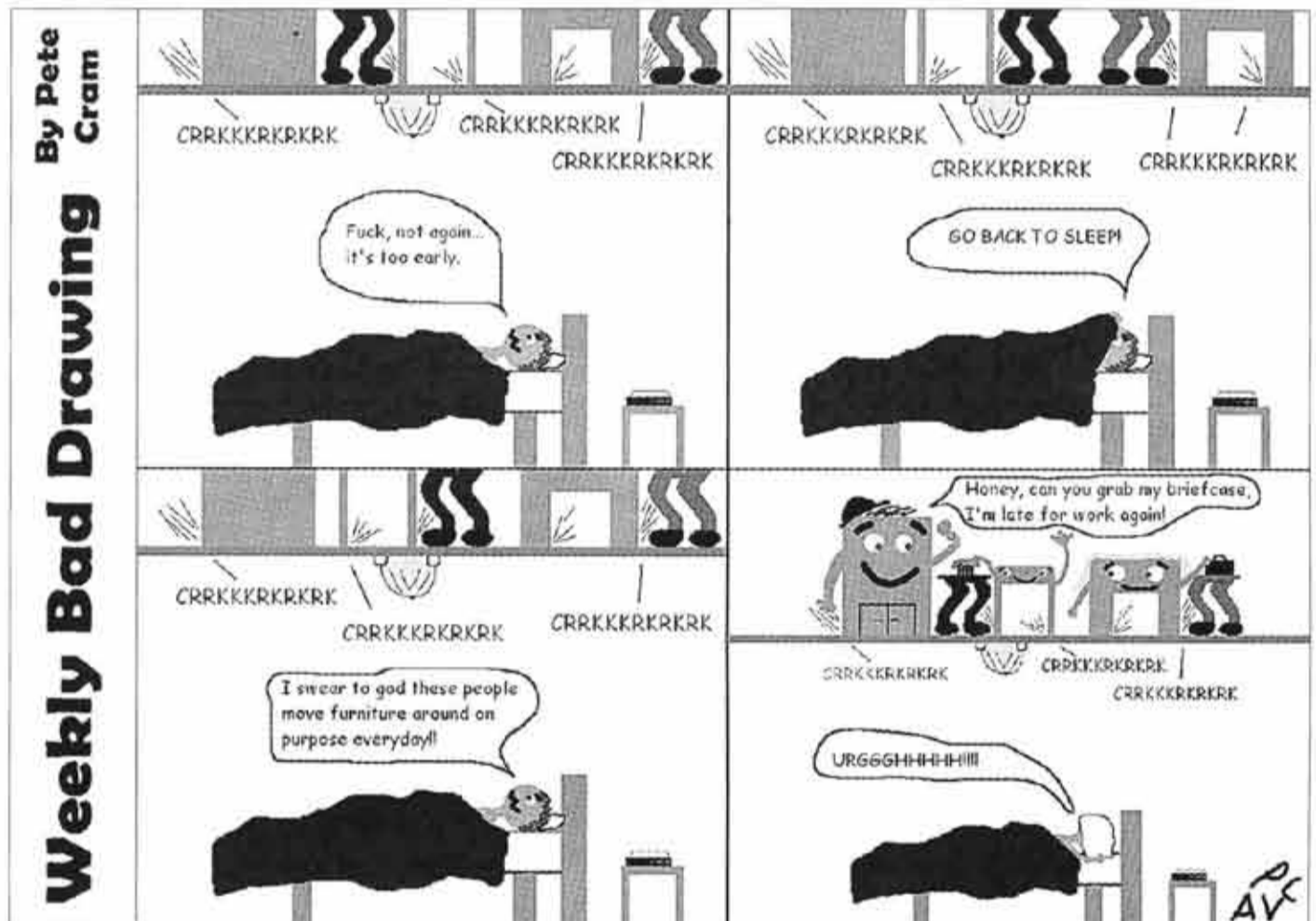
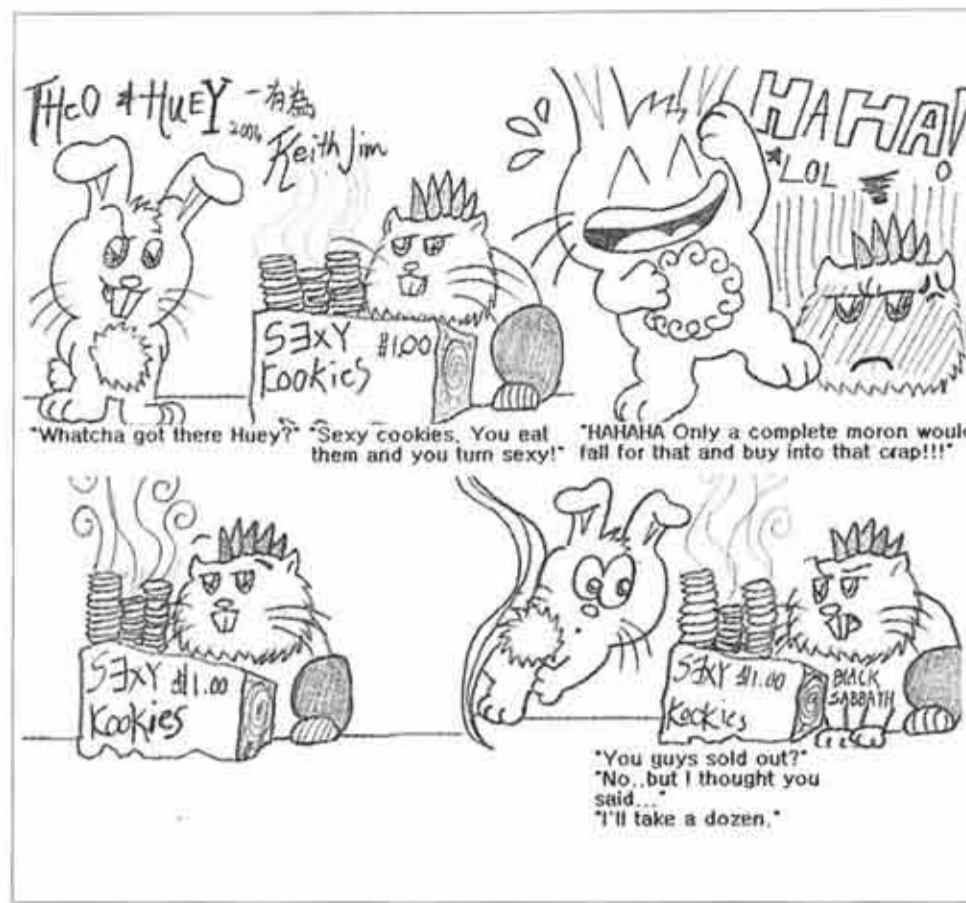
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Last Week's Answers



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**Holy Fuck**

Shoutouts to hotel pools and hot tubs, Wintersleep and Holy Fuck for the amazing concert, and WLUSP sweeping CUP. Happy Birthday to my sister. In preparation for leaving, here is a partial list of my favourite things about Waterloo: Waterloo Park in the summer (and with certain substances), the Perimeter Institute, Jane Bond (especially on Thursday night and when they have sangria), the paninis at the gela-to place, Macdonell's routine. Two more. Get me some tissues.

**The Matriarch**

**Generation Broke**

First off, Happy Birthday Angela Foster - without your hardwork and patience, this ship would sink. While I've been unable to ascertain your REAL age, I suspect it may be 10-15 times your handicap. Sandbagger. Also, thanks to Blair for the medicine and graciously permitting yourself to be used as a moving basketball hoop. No thanks to the sickness that has overcome me. Rager and Greg for the tickets and hasslin' me after the kegger. With snowballs. Lyndsey for actively seeking out fights with football platers Arla for sharing a love of squash - it's on. Emilie for putting up with our neverending requests and venting her feminist beefs. A Cord sweep at CUP - congrats everyone. Becca for being so damn lucky in Europe - seeing shit I never got to and getting on CBC.

Valerie for giving me her support throughout my thesis and now into my postgrad application woes. Dude Pistons - we had a stellar season and I think we're within our rights to demand an RBK sponsorship deal. Rizz for getting all aggravated over the dishes. Sydo for the pics and pointing out my retarded dance. And I mean retarded in the most neutral way possible.

BCB

Yay me for getting work done this week - Arla, you are my library witness! Yay Adrian for getting the CUP position! Yay Blair for our appointments on Friday! Yay St. Paddy's Day for making Brandon pissier than usual! Yay Pinchy for being my new roomie! Yay Bryn cause I'm not a monkey! Yay EMMA!!! I LOVE YOU!!! WHEEEEEEE!!!!!! (BEAVERS!) Shit dawg remember bowling?? Sydney you kicked

ASS!! Mike Brown, I beat you one time. I'd like to beat you again. Jordan you're awesome for starting the "Say One Nice Thing" game. Tones I hope you still have my cardboard cartoon! Dan please continue to DP rap about the C-WORD. I'm sorry Carly I think I forgot the caption - keep eating meat! Chris it was wonderful to see your smiling face in the office tonight. Alex you're awesome where are you? BEAVER!

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# 'It's a celebration, bitches!'

The Cord entourage bumrushed the premiere of Dave Chappelle's *Block Party*, a hip hop extravaganza

## Block Party



4.5 out of a possible 5-rind-blooded Rick Jameses

Director: Michel Gondry

Release Date: March 7, 2006

Starring: Dave Chappelle, various

**LEO YU**  
Hip Hop Correspondant

Ever wonder what a concert that combines the funniest comedian of our time with some of the best hip hop and R&B artists would sound like?

Well, Dave Chappelle has a golden ticket that will get you into such an event. With the help of director Michel Gondry (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*), Chappelle invites you to witness one of the best block parties ever put together in New York City, as a talented team of musicians came together to put on an extravagant celebration party right in the heart of Bed Stuy, Brooklyn.

The journey to the party starts in Dayton, Ohio, a warm, Midwestern town that Chappelle calls home. Here we are introduced to Dave's neighbors, his barber, the clerk at the local convenience store and finally a very

animated group of talented young musicians from the Central State University Marching Band.

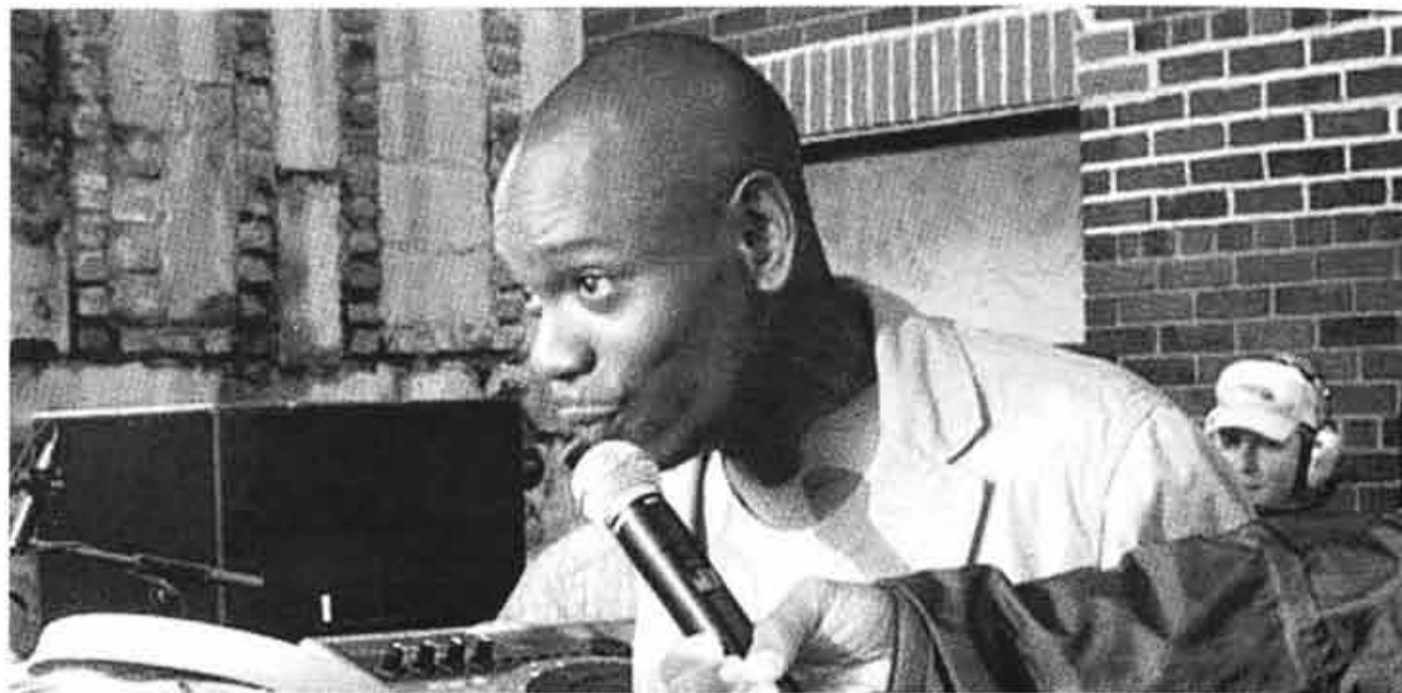
This group of individuals is the mosaic of the environment that surrounds Dave when he isn't working in Hollywood. As a token of his appreciation to his roots, Chappelle handed out several Willy Wonka-inspired golden tickets to some lucky Ohio townfolk.

With transportation and accommodation all taken care of by Dave, the road trip to Brooklyn is ready to commence.

Ultimately, the list of performers at the concert reads like an orgy of hip hop and soulful musicians.

Names like Kanye West, Dead Prez, Common, Mos Def and Talib Kweli would make any true hip hop fan scream like a schoolgirl, while soulful acts such as Jill Scott, Erykah Badu and The Roots would melt even the toughest of thugs. And if that is not enough quality music for you, the headlining reunion of The Fugees should convert any naysayer.

Some highlights of the performances include a rendition of "Jesus Walks" by Kanye West, whose backbeat was provided by the members of the Central State University Marching Band, a playful Erykah Badu tossing aside her



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**TRYING TO FIND A MEX-I-CAN** - Chappelle offers a spot of comic relief in the midst of his outdoor rap festival.

trademark afro wig when the wind proved to be a distraction and old school rapper Big Daddy Kane's stage collaboration with The Roots on the hit "Boom!".

Surprisingly, following the three-day process of planning and preparing for the final stages of the block party was as intriguing as the performances themselves.

Instead of showing the concert performances in chronological order, the film shifts back and forth between footage from the performances and rehearsals to the days leading up to the event.

In the end, the film managed to really capture the live energy that

permeated the concert's atmosphere. Chappelle remained entertaining and comical in almost any scenario, such as his self-amusement when trying out proper outfits for the event and his conversation with the couple that lives in the ancient, rough New York art-house that provided the backdrop for the concert's stage.

Through the positive meaning exuded from the onstage performances and inspirational messages from artists, the film proved to be both an entertaining and learning experience. Wyclef Jean's motivating speech about educating yourself through reading and making

something of your life showed that the Party had a much wider, racially-motivated scope.

Chappelle comes from a society whose culture rose out of a bitter, often harsh and dangerous racial climate.

This resulted in the common adage that Blacks laughed to keep from crying, which Chappelle takes to the heart deeply.

His brand of Black humor has managed to unite people from different backgrounds and ethnicity, and his *Block Party* was just another extension of his attempt to alleviate the pain of social injustice.

## Panic!'s fever prescription requires no cowbell

Las Vegas' newest answer to The Killers bring out an album sure to be topping charts soon

**AMANDA BRANCH**  
Cord A&E

*A Fever You Can't Sweat Out*, Panic! At the Disco's first album, is easily one of the most addicting albums I have ever heard.

Every song on this album is completely different from the last - it's rare that to find an album with such musical and lyrical range, but *Disco* gets it right on their first try.

It's hard to believe these guys are fresh out of high school and

goes far beyond his 20 years.

His lyrics range from seductive to angry to narrating an intricate story. And Ross' fantastic lyrics are brought to life by Brendon Urie perfectly.

Urie has fabulous voice and sings with such passion that you can't help but keep listening.

Panic!'s album is split between futuristic, synthesized, danceable beats and Vaudeville-esque show tunes. The product is truly something unique.

Each song shows off Panic!'s unbelievable creativity and style, from the seductive "Lying is the Most Fun a Girl Can Have Without Taking Her Clothes Off", to the surprisingly upbeat and extremely catchy "The Only

Difference Between Martyrdom and Suicide is Press Coverage", to the narrative "There's a Good Reason these Tables Are Numbered Honey, You Just Haven't Thought of it Yet".

*A Fever You Can't Sweat Out* has something for everyone because of its incredible musical range and lyrical content.

It's no wonder Panic! is starting to move into the mainstream fairly quickly, with their first video "I Write Sins, Not Tragedies" in high rotation on MuchMusic.

If you haven't checked out Panic! At the Disco, I highly recommend you do.

These guys have almost unrivaled talent and can only get bigger from here.



## Panic! At the Disco



5 out of a possible 5-Marie Babel Bolivix

Title: A Fever You Can't Sweat Out

Release Date: March 7, 2006

Label: Warner

## Men, Women & Children's funkelectronicadisco

Innovative and inventive music, or just a bunch of crazy shit? MWC's debut proves to be the former

**JAY GUITARD**  
Cord A&E

Crazy what an artist can come up with when they just want to have some fun.

While playing in the band Glassjaw, guitarist Todd Weinstock grew tired of the self-piteous tracks that were being churned out in mainstream rock music.

Two years later, what initially started out as a casual side-project with programmer Nick Conceller

has bloomed into a fully-functioning band: Men, Women & Children (MWC).

With a fresh, hard-to-peg sound that combines rock, funk, electronic and elements of disco, it's not surprising that MWC eventually plan to tour with Head Automatica.

Unfortunately, until these bands have established identities separately, they will not be hitting the road together. MWC have crafted a promising debut album

that could make this a reality sooner than some may suspect.

Opener "Dance in my Blood" enforces the idea that a big part of MWC's sound lies in creating a spectacle.

This is a pretty good way of establishing the band's sound, and it is a great track for a lead single.

One could describe the sound as a postmodern disco club reject; complete with synths, hand-claps and a sing-a-long chorus. The vibe is maintained on "Lightening Strikes Twice in New York", although the focus on guitar over synthed strings in its chorus seems to take away from the track.

To skip ahead, "Photosynthesis

(We're Losing O2)" sounds like the geekiest track Prince never recorded; a funny way of awkwardly incorporating biology-themed lyrics into a funky song.

It isn't the only silly one here, as "Monkey Monkee Man" comes complete with sounds effect of, you guessed it, monkeys.

Finally, "Vowels" also has an "A..E..I..O..U" breakdown that is laughable until the chorus explains just how clever this lyric is ("A..E..I..O..U Nothing!").

Fittingly, "Vowels" is the last track on the album, and once it ends the intention of the disc becomes clear: MWC have crafted a much-needed blend of intelligently silly pop music.



## Men, Women & Children



3.5 out of a possible 5 finger-lickin' Princes

Title: Men, Women & Children

Release Date: March 21, 2006

Label: Memphis

# Laurier Opera's winter blockbuster

WLU's opera ensemble proved their worth with a full-length production of Britten's *Albert Herring*

**DARRYL CREMASCO**  
Cord A&E

*Albert Herring*  
Friday, March 3  
Maureen Forrester Recital Hall

Less is more; an increasingly common theme these days.

Well, the cast of this year's opera, *Albert Herring*, by Benjamin Britten, had absolutely no trouble doing much more with a basic plot and low budget to display a wellspring of exceptional vocal talent and dramatic flare.

The opera takes place in "Loxford", England, where Albert (played by Brandon Leis) is a young boy working in the family butcher's shop under the watchful eye of his domineering mother (Erica Iris Huang).

Today, however, is his lucky day, as he is voted to become the King of the May by the town matriarch, Lady Billows (Jessica Lalonde) and her gang of officials. This is normally a position awarded to a chaste woman, yet they seem to have had difficulty finding one this year, as "country virgins, if there is such, think too little and see too much." Thus, Billows' group is forced to choose a male candidate instead.

Young Albert becomes the May

Day King, and wins a full 25 pounds in prize money. But instead of using the money for the family business, Albert treats himself to a scandalous night on the town, away from the clutches of his overprotective mother.

Seeing Albert's transformation from timid little boy to full-fledged debaucher throughout the course of the opera was quite exciting, due to a very original and memorable performance by Leis.

Other characters, such as the mischievous young couple, Nancy (Beth Bayley) and Sid (Nathaniel Wiseman) or the hilarious trio of children played by Sarah Iles, Kristen Wilkes, and Angela Burns, added a wonderful liveliness to the production.

The interaction between the singers and the orchestra was (for the most part) right on the mark, and many precocious instrumental lines (such as the violin glissandos with Sid's "whistling under the window" scene, or the staccato piano chords paired with Albert's drunken hiccups) added a colourful dimension to the work.

The excellent set, beautiful vocalizations and great instrumentation all came together to make yet another high caliber opera production here at Laurier.



Darryl Cremasco

**A CROWN OF POSIES** - Albert Herring, the May Day King, was played with vigour by the talented Brandon Leis.

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# The second coming of Shad

Coming back for the second time since he graduated, Shad visited Wilf's on Saturday to help raise the R.O.O.F.

**LEO YU**  
Hip Hop Correspondent

Whether you're a fan of local hip hop culture or just interested in making the world a better place, Wilf's was the place to be last Saturday night.

The night marked the third annual Hip Hop Helps benefit concert, a student-organized initiative that brings local rap artists together for charity.

This year's beneficiary was R.O.O.F., an organization that assists homeless youth in the Waterloo Region.

Jon Corbin, a former Laurier student and founder of the event, explained that hip hop music has been an effective way of uniting Laurier's collective consciousness.

"I realized that there were many people on campus who were socially conscious, but they were spread out in many different areas. I used the concert as a tool to get people into the same space," he said.

And helping get people into this year's space was show headliner and recent Laurier business graduate Shadrach Kabango, known in the hip hop community simply as Shad. His critically-acclaimed debut album, *When This Is Over* has sold over 1000 copies, and the

London-based artist has recently opened for Kardinal Offishall and Common.

Local rapper Titus, Relic the Oddity, college professor and rapper ILL SEER and Laurier graduates Soul Natural and the Runaway were also featured on the bill.

Since his debut performance last summer at the Huether Hotel, Shad has gone on to play many shows around the Toronto and K-W area. His most recent return to Laurier was in January when he opened for Kardinal Offishall at the Turret.

After an hour of quality hip hop music provided by the opening acts, Shad's growth as an artist was on full display as he took the stage to roaring applause from a moderately-packed Wilf's.

Kicking off his set, Shad got the crowd involved by asking the audience to yell "Bloaw!" alongside the popular "Wild".

After going into his always clever and hilarious freestyle session, Shad got into better-known material from his album, notably its lead single "I Get Down", melancholy rap-ballad "Out Of Love" and the guitar-assisted feel-good anthem "Rock To It".

After the vibrant 45-minute set, all of the evening's acts came



**HANGIN' SHAD** - WLU alumni Thoughtbug (left), Tee-Lo (right) and Shad (centre) in the middle of a stellar set.

together for a freestyle cypher, as each artist showcased their talent in the purist form of emceeing. But it was clear that the highlight of the night was Shad's second return to the university he called home for four years.

"It's crazy, it's cool. It's different coming back when you are here in the summer term, you know every single person. Now you see a few familiar faces, but it's nothing quite like what you remember last at Laurier, which is knowing every single person. But it's definitely

cool," the Kenyan-born artist explained.

Although this past year has been somewhat of a roller coaster for Shad, he admits that his rapid growth as an artist has been an exciting journey.

"Just watching things grow and the momentum carrying, it's a very cool experience. Every step of the way you are just thankful that things are happening that you never really thought would happen. Every show you learn different things."

With plans of expanding his limited exposure, Shad is looking into producing a music video for a possible single which has yet to be determined.

The idea of exploring foreign markets is also on Shad's list of priorities, starting with Japan.

"The album is going to be released in Japan right now on a direct import, kind of a trial basis of 500 copies to start ... The Canadian urban market is pretty small ... Europe, Australia, Brazil even would be wicked."

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