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> THE END OF AN ERA: LAURIER LOSES ITS HAWK



File Photo/Sydney Helland

FLOOR HAWKY - Thousands of students are protesting the disappearance of the hawk in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre hallway. For more see page 16 in Student Life.



Sydney Helland

Privacy Act big inconvenience

Protecting students' identities may change class environment, says prof

Laura Carlson
CORD NEWS

Laurier has been brought under a provincial privacy act, leaving several students and faculty inconvenienced. New constraints mean students have the right to keep their names private – on everything from attendance forms to marks postings.

Dr. Gregory Cameron, a communication studies professor at Laurier, recognizes the implication this legislation has on his job. He agrees that "government employees can't be the vehicle by which other people would get

information."

But it's causing major inconveniences in the classroom. "In order for [professors] to do our job, we have to know what students' names are," says Cameron. "If [the privacy law] is impairing our ability to do our job, we'll have to be exempted."

Effective June 10, 2006, WLU was brought under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act. Although this legislation has been in place for over 18 years, Ontario universities have never been required to fully comply until now.

The act outlines several pro-

visions, which changes the way both professors and students are able to conduct themselves in a university setting. "The act ensures that [personal information] can't be given to everybody else when you don't want it out there," explains Laurier's new Privacy Officer, John Metcalfe.

To guarantee such protection, students have the right to keep their names private from others. However, Metcalfe clarifies that "students can give us permission, but can also withhold it."

This prohibits university

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Dawson College a lot like Laurier

Montreal shootings could have happened here



ANDREA STUART
ENGAGED ALUMNUS

Senseless acts of violence are much more difficult to rationalize when they happen close to home, especially when they happen in a place you used to call home.

It has been eerie hearing national news services describe a gunman walking through the cafeteria, atrium and hallways of Dawson College, Montreal, the school I attended previous to Wilfrid Laurier University, shooting students indiscriminately.

News reports of school shootings in the United States are much easier to rationalize away, pointing to lenient gun laws and their cowboy shoot-'em-up history; but this is Canada and this was my school.

I can clearly picture the areas of Dawson where students were shot early afternoon last Wednesday as vividly as my peers in Waterloo can picture Laurier's dining hall, library or classrooms.

Dawson is an English CEGEP, which in Quebec is between high

school and university. CEGEP is free education lasting two or three years, offering either university preparatory tracks or career tracks, the latter of which are much like the courses Ontario offers in its community colleges. Laurier's admissions office recognizes CEGEP credits beyond first year as equivalent to first year courses completed at an Ontario university.

Laurier and Dawson have a lot in common. Dawson has a population of about 10,000 students, generally between 16 and 20 years old, and a dense urban campus boxed in by streets on four sides. Clubs, athletics and a vibrant student community are tremendously active.

While I was a post-secondary student in Montreal I never knew of any weapons, gangs, harassment, bullying, violence or criminal activity going on at school, and I do not believe this was because of any naïve sense of security.

I always felt safe at Dawson which, unfortunately, I cannot always say about Laurier. I remember that security guards at Dawson had a tangible presence in the

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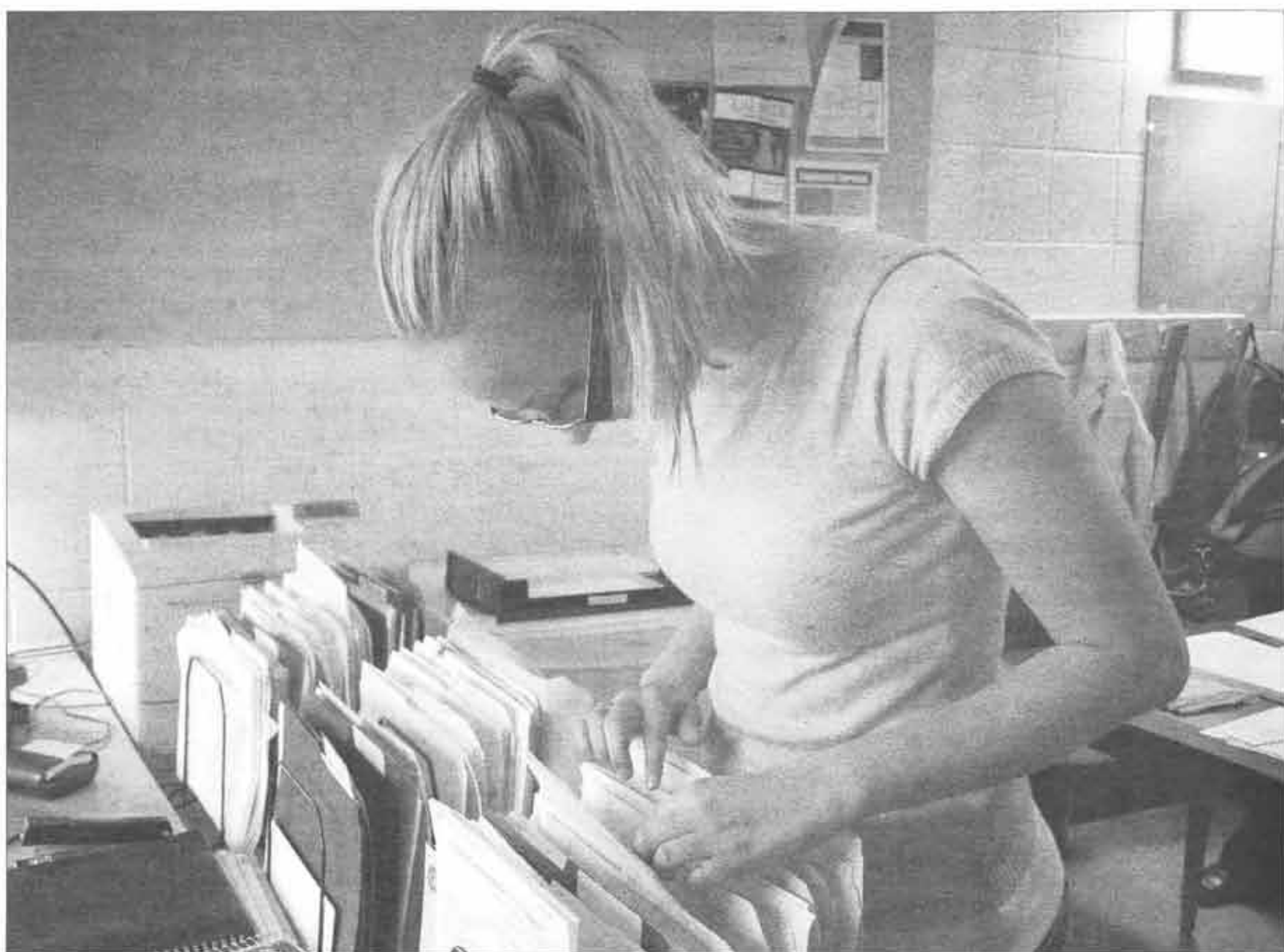
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The Cord will always attempt to do what is right, with fear of neither repercussions, nor retaliation. The purpose of the student press is to act as an agent of social awareness, and so shall conduct the affairs of our newspaper.



Sydney Hilland

PRIVACY POLICE - Don't expect to find your assignments on your own as Tara-elyse Dawe, second-year Languages and Literature, does above.

Act withholds names

- FROM PRIVACY, COVER

administration and staff, without consent, to publicly display any documents that contain a student's name.

As a result, a list of individuals who have OSAP available for pickup can't be posted, students can't find other students on the e-mail directory and the feature to look up classmates on Web CT has been disabled.

Professors are also not allowed to post marks, nor are they permitted to create a pile for stu-

dents to pick up assignments. It is also recommended that profs refer to students by their first names, and professors and tutorial leaders cannot ask students to sign an attendance sheet with both first and last name.

While the university is still looking into what exactly it can and can't do, Metcalfe states that "we've identified things that aren't good practices. Like all laws, there is an evolution in how it's applied."

Metcalfe also expresses that the act can be difficult to uphold

in a university setting. "A university is a community of learners. You come to university not to be anonymous, but to explore your identity. [The Act] is not a perfect fit with this."

Bob Spence, from the provincial office of General Information and Privacy Commission, explains that Anne Cavouckian, Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, has been pushing for this legislation to be put into effect at universities in Ontario for several years now.

"The act is not new," stresses

Spence. "It has been implemented at colleges in Ontario and universities in other provinces for years, and it's just natural for [Ontario] universities to follow."

Spence explains why it's taken so long for Ontario universities to be brought under the Act. "Although requests have been submitted in the past, there has been a long process of rejections and appeals," he suggests.

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WLU assured in wake of Dawson

Admin would "get together to find out what we're going to do" in face of a shooting spree

MIKE BROWN
NEWS EDITOR

Last Wednesday, Dawson College in Montreal was the venue for the most recent in the disturbing cultural trend of school shootings.

Kimveer Gill, 25, entered the school at lunchtime and opened fire in the dining hall, killing 18-year-old Anastasia De Sousa and seriously wounding about a dozen more. To date, the police have been unable to establish any obvious motive, though Gill's obsession with guns has become quite apparent.

Back at Laurier, Dean David McMurray is left shaking his head over the tragedy. "It's close to home," says the dean of students. "I haven't had students come, so

to speak, to express [their] concern, but in casual conversation and anecdotally, [there's] obviously a lot of reaction and response to 'how does this kind of thing happen?'"

For fourth-year music student Andrea Stuart, the shootings hit a little closer to home than for her WLU counterparts. Before coming to Laurier, the halls of Dawson College were her familiar stomping grounds and, given her knowledge of the place, Stuart was shocked to hear the tragic news.

In fact, Stuart likens the besieged college to Laurier in many ways, including "the energy of the student body," its size and the "campus blocked in by four streets."

And Dawson always seemed safe, says Stuart. "I felt there was a [security] presence definitely," she notes. "More so than here."

"As a music student, I'm in the building often very late at night," explains Stuart. "I can count on one finger the number of times I've seen a security guard in that building," noting also the lack of security cameras in the Aird building.

Still, Rod Curran, director of Community Safety and Security at WLU, remains fully confident in the safety at the university.

"If something like this does happen where we have an active shooter come on campus, we would enact our emergency plan that we have and, at that point, senior administration would get together and find out what we're going to do," he explains, adding that nearby Division Three of the Waterloo Regional Police would be dispatched immediately.

Dr. Bob Rosehart, president of WLU, is satisfied with the plan in place. "You can prepare till you're blue in the face, but you can never say for certain that it wouldn't happen," he acknowledges.

Given the unpredictable nature of such unstable individuals as Gill, quick reaction is paramount, says Curran. "There's no way to really stop someone from coming in, but when somebody comes in, you have to react quickly and deal with the situation, so you don't have anybody getting hurt."

He also stresses the need for students to be aware of suspicious people on campus. "Security has probably only three people during the daytime or at night, whereas we have 12,000 students on campus, so they're like our eyes," he reasons. "We encourage students to report any suspicious activity to us."

Security can be reached at extension 3333, 24 hours a day.

> VOCAL CORD

How did you react when you saw that the Hawk was gone?



"I'm kind of disappointed. I thought it was a great piece of lore that should've been kept around in some form."

- Andy Hinrichs
Fourth-Year Business



"I don't even go here and I'm a little shocked about it."

- Heather Kendall
Fourth-Year History (UW)



"I didn't actually notice that it was gone, but everyone's talking about it."

- Drew Ramsey
Second-Year Business



"I'm really pissed! They should just put a new one. It's boring now."

- Janice Gregg
Second-Year Geography



"I heard it's to increase traffic and I think it's BS. I think they're trying to increase sales."

- Mike Morris
Fourth-Year Business/Computer Science

Compiled by Mike Brown, photos by Tony Ferguson

WLU branching out

Northdale campus absorbs student overflow, causes some inconvenience

ASHLEY JANG
CORD NEWS

When students try to describe Laurier and its atmosphere they often mention its small size, which creates a sense of community.

Recently, however, Laurier has begun to expand its campus in order to accommodate the number of students and the space needed for classes and offices. Due to the lack of classroom space available on campus, in large part owing to the inaccessibility of the Dr. Alvin Woods Building, the school has begun to use its Northdale Campus.

Located two blocks away on Hickory Street, this new building is a bit of a trek for those students used to classes on the main campus.

"Northdale was purchased originally because of the value of the property and for the further development of Laurier," says David McMurray, dean of students at WLU.

The purchase also benefited the school because of its four-acre size, with a parking capacity of about 300. Dr. Bob Rosehart, president of WLU, told *The Cord*.

Despite the practicality of the purchase, students aren't too impressed with the distance of Northdale Campus. "It's a little inconvenient," says fourth-year geography and history student Christina Prystay. "It's far, and it's kind of silly when you have a



OUT OF PLACE - Dr. Almeida gets updated by his students in a classroom in the Northdale building, which is also used as a rehabilitation facility. His patients must compete with students for rooms.

class ten minutes later at Bricker or the science building." This feeling is shared among many students, primarily science students who are the main users of the campus.

"Laurier students are used to a small campus but Laurier is much more than just a city block now."

- David McMurray, dean of students

As it turns out, students aren't the only ones affected by the use of Northdale for classes. Northdale Campus has been used for research studies about Parkinson's disease under the direction of Dr. Quincy Almeida.

The interference with students using the campus as well has

been minimal so far, according to grad student Chad Lebold who works with Almeida. But Lebold is concerned about the potential for problems. "We have patients coming in at the same time [as students] and last year with just us it was pretty full."

Campus facilities have also been modified to accommodate the increased number of students, meaning some spacial improvisation.

"We did have the gym, but it's now being used for classes," says Lebold. "We have another big area that we'll be using for exercise [for the patients]."

The opening of Northdale for classes seems to be part of a big-

ger plan for the further development of Laurier, which also includes St. Michael's Campus across University Avenue.

"In the next three to five years we plan to rebuild St. Mike's, depending on funding, to provide much more academic and research space," explains Dr. Rosehart.

The expansion of Laurier is occurring in order to accommodate students and, although it means some of their classes will be a bit further the administration insists that it is in students' best interest.

"Laurier students are used to the small campus but Laurier is much more than just a city block now," says McMurray. Despite the fact that Laurier is growing, he remains confident that it will maintain its unique sense of community.

Doors open for diversity

On-campus refuge for queer students, faculty

HEATHER HAMILTON
CORD NEWS

Laurier has taken action in promoting diversity around campus. With her creation of the Rainbow Centre for sexual diversity, Tiffany Naven hopes to have made a safe place for anyone who feels persecuted for his or her sexual orientation. When it comes to sexual diversity, there is still a long way to go before awareness and acceptance are more widely spread on campus, explains Naven.

For the past year, Naven has worked to open the Rainbow Centre, a place where student and faculty members of any sexual orientation can be free from prejudice. Evolving from the campus club GLOBAL (Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual at Laurier), the Rainbow Centre will continue

to grow in order to change the way sexual diversity is treated on campus.

"The biggest problem is that sexual diversity is hidden," explained Naven. "These students don't feel as though there is a space that accepts their own experiences."

"The biggest problem is that sexual diversity is hidden."

- Tiffany Naven, rainbow centre head

Many students at Laurier do not seem to notice a problem with acceptance, but, as Naven points out, how can one notice something that is not out in the open? Most forms of assault and discrimination against gay, lesbian

and bisexual students are not reported for fear of further persecution. According to Naven, the lack of education and awareness on campus is a main contributing factor to why this centre is so needed. As a part of the Rainbow Centre's plan to create this safe and inclusive space, Naven and her associates will develop programming and create a resource library. Through this she hopes to enrich people's lives academically, personally and socially.

Naven believes that the Rainbow Centre will make a difference in opening Laurier's eyes to on-campus diversity. "The change we'll see will be slow but constant. Each step we take can make a difference." From simple chalk writings on the pavement to in-depth discussions, the Rainbow Centre

plans on doing all it can to provide this space for all Laurier students who wish to take part. "There are no assumptions when you walk through that door. We want you to feel comfortable and to know that everyone's opinion is welcome."

As well as gaining more resources to fill up those empty book shelves in their Macdonald House office, the Rainbow Centre will hold bi-monthly movie nights and discussion groups where everyone can come to talk. Naven believes that these will not only help to create a stronger sense of community, but also give the centre the exposure it needs.

The Rainbow Centre is now officially open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and is located on the first floor of Macdonald House. For more information, students are invited to drop by the office, call 884-0710 ext 3010, or e-mail rainbow@wlu.ca.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fashion Faux-pas

The Special Constables within WLU's Community Safety & Security have recently received direction from Laurier President Bob Rosehart, advising them not to wear their security vests during the day. "I thought they looked stupid in the summertime wandering around here."

"I don't find Laurier particularly a threatening community, so I thought this was a bit American-style," he explained. "But I gave them the option; they have the option of wearing them." Security personnel were unavailable for comment.

Staebler dead at 100

Edna Staebler, famous for her cookbooks that featured Mennonite-inspired recipes, passed away last Tuesday. Staebler was in her 100th year and had celebrated her centennial at Wilfrid Laurier University last January.

She was a friend of Dr. Rosehart, who remembers her individuality.

"She made her own way. She was a superb role model on how to live your life and value your accomplishments," he told *the Record*.

A literary award was started at Laurier in Staebler's honour, which is administered by Kathryn Wardropper, who was also a good friend.

Wilfrid Laurier University Press plans on re-publishing one of Staebler's books, *Food that Really Schmecks* in November. The new edition will contain new cooking tips from two of Staebler's close friends: award-winning cookbook author Rose Murray and bestselling author Wayson Choy.

Dr. De wins award

Dr. Mitale De, associate dean of business at Laurier, won the prestigious female professional of the year award. It was a glamorous night for De as she was presented the award in the company of Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"I am honoured to achieve this significant acknowledgement of my work," she said.

The award was presented by the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) for De's achievements in academia, business and volunteerism.

LaFlamme honoured

Lisa LaFlamme, a Kitchener native who currently works alongside Lloyd Robertson with *CTV News*, will be given an honorary degree at this fall's convocation, to be held October 27 at the Waterloo Recreational Memorial Complex. She began her career with six years at local CKCO News.

First-gen funding

New program to assist first generation university students in pursuing their post-secondary studies

ADRIAN MA
CUP ONTARIO BUREAU CHIEF

WATERLOO (CUP) — Mike Dwyer, a student at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, is the first one in his family to make it to college or university, which makes him exactly the kind of student the Ontario government wants to see more of.

Premier Dalton McGuinty announced on Aug. 30 the initiation of a \$6-million program to provide funding specifically for first generation students.

According to statistics in Ontario, students are less likely to pursue post-secondary education if no one else in their family has before.

Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, says that students do not progress to post-secondary studies "for a variety of reasons," but cites financial barriers and a lack of knowledge about college and university programs as two key reasons.

Bentley says that the new program seeks to address these issues by allocating \$1 million to student bursaries and \$5 million to colleges, universities, and community groups to promote post-secondary education in their local areas.

Dwyer, 20, is in his third year of the economics program at Laurier. Neither of his parents went on to post-secondary studies, and his older sister didn't complete high school.

Originally from Newfoundland, Dwyer said he was encouraged at an early age by his family and teachers to throw himself into academics.

"It's a dying place," said Dwyer of his old home and the lack of job opportunities there. "They don't want you to be on welfare or social assistance for the rest of your life — it's a trap there."

Dwyer says that his parents were certainly intelligent enough to go to college or university, but neither could afford to.

Dwyer's acceptance to Laurier was a triumph for the entire family.

"They were just insanely excited," he said. "For two weeks my dad was just calling everybody — people from our extended family. It was big because no one in even my extended family has ever gone to university."

He said that for many students with a family history of post-secondary graduates, getting into a college or university is more of an expectation rather than an exception.

"To them, it's not a big deal, but



Sydney Helland

DON'T GROW ON TREES - Mike Dwyer, a third-year economics student, is set to benefit from new funding.

for me, I knew that if I never made it to university my parents would be disappointed," said Dwyer, who receives substantial financial assistance from his mother and father. "My dad really hates construction and always wanted me to go to university. It would break [my parents'] hearts if I had to work in a factory or construction."

Dwyer says that a college or university education is more necessary now in an extremely competitive Canadian job market.

"I'm hearing people say more and more that the BA [bachelor of arts degree] is just the new high school."

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) agrees that creating more opportunities for people like Dwyer is something positive, but says the Ontario government's latest effort sends a "contradictory message."

"This shameless stunt spends \$5 on advertising campaigns for every dollar committed to the grants program itself," said Jesse Greener, Ontario chairperson of the CFS.

"It's really low-income families that don't participate in post-secondary education," said Greener.

In their 2004 report "The Price of Knowledge", the Canadian Millennium Scholarship foundation

noted that Canadian students from the country's highest income families were twice as likely to attend university as those from families with lower incomes.

Greener feels the government is unfairly hiking tuition rates and forcing students into mounting debt that outstrips investment in student aid.

"For every dollar allocated to student financial aid, more than \$1.30 will be clawed back through tuition fee hikes," he said.

Bentley says that the statistics don't support the position taken by the CFS.

"I am confident that post-secondary education is more affordable now than it was two years ago," said Bentley. "We've doubled student aid in 2006-2007 — how can anyone be against that?"

Aldith Carasquero is a co-ordinator at Seneca College's Centre for Outreach Education (SCOrE) in Toronto. The Ontario First Generation Student Bursary was largely modeled after SCOrE's successful program, which took economically and educationally disadvantaged youth and made them the first in their families to attend college or university. SCOrE found that 75 percent of their first-year students last year are returning this year to continue

their education.

She disagrees with the CFS and says the government's First Generation plan is "a great initiative."

"I think we have to look at the bigger picture," she said. "If you want to break the cycle of poverty, you need an education. We've [at SCOrE] been successful because I feel that we're connected with the students and we understand all their barriers."

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> BAG O' CRIME: A WEEKLY REPORT ON TOMFOOLERY AT WLU

Theft Under \$5000 - September 10
Special Constables responded to Waterloo College Hall to a report of two folding chairs being taken from the rear of the building. No suspect(s) at this time. Investigation continuing.

Criminal Harassment - September 11
A female Wilfrid Laurier University student reported that she has been receiving unwanted telephone calls from her ex-boyfriend. Investigation continuing.

Theft Under \$5000 - September 13
Alumni Hall staff reported that sometime between Sept. 12 and 13 the Homecoming banner was removed from the front of Alumni Hall. No suspect(s) to report.

Indecent Act - September 14
A female WLU student reported that a male exposed his genitalia on King Street in front of the Athletic Complex. WLU Special Constables and WRPS officers searched the area but could not find the male. Investigation continuing.

Intoxicated Person - September 14
An intoxicated female Wilfrid Laurier Student was found bent over on the grass next to lot #3A by Willison Hall by Special Constables on patrol. Officers escorted her to her residence (Willison Hall) and left her in the care of the duty don Residence Life will deal with this incident.

Suspicious Vehicle - September 15
While on patrol a Special Constable observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the University Stadium parking lot. The officer approached the vehicle to find a male and female nude in the back seat of the parked car. Both parties were spoken to and sent on their way.

Disturbance - September 16
Special Constables were dispatched to a disturbance in lot # 7. Upon arrival Spe-

cial Constables spoke to the male victim who had been pushed to the ground and punched. A male suspect had approached the victim and his girlfriend asking for a light, and then started an argument ending in the fight. The suspect had fled the area prior to officer's arrival.

Disturbance - September 16
Special Constables were dispatched to Willison Hall Residence where a non-university male was damaging property arguing with the duty don. The male was a guest of

a Laurier student from Willison Hall. The male was advised to leave the building and campus. No further action was required.

Disturbance - September 17
WLU Special Constables and WRPS officers were dispatched to a disturbance in Wilf's. It was reported that several people were fighting in the bar. When officers arrived the group was arguing but no punches had been thrown. The group was separated and asked to leave the bar. No further action was required.

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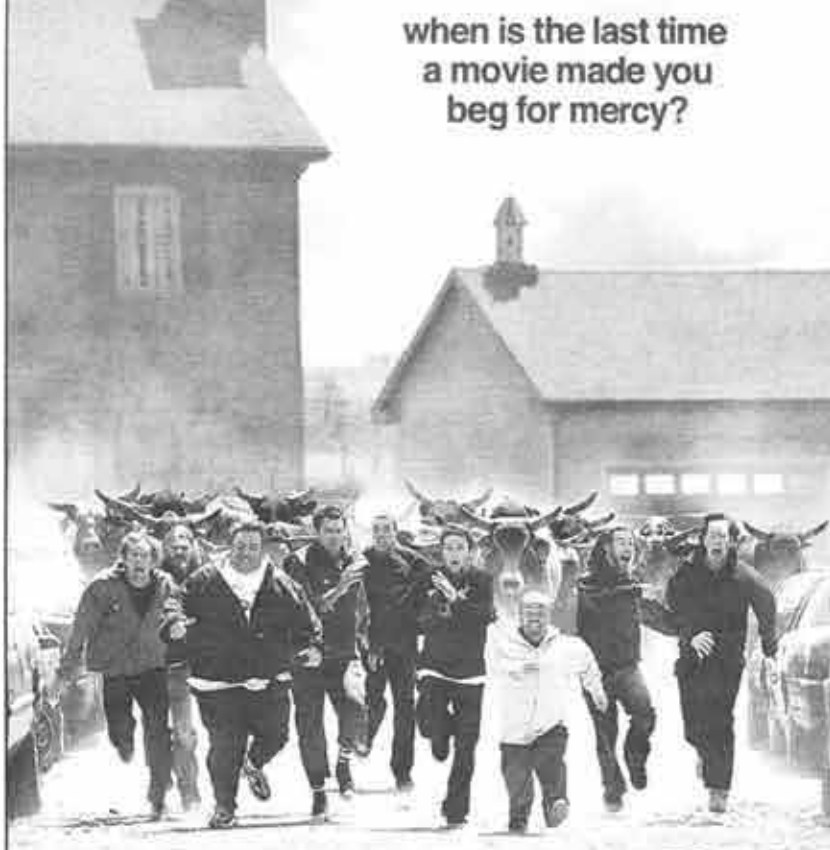
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Hawks tame the Lions

Laurier's football team rebounds with "very important" win a week after losing to top-ranked team in Ontario



#8 WLU 24-0 YORK

DAN POLISCHUK
SPORTS EDITOR

Although the opponent was a very young and inexperienced side from York, Laurier's football team was definitely in full celebration mode after a 24-0 road victory this past Saturday.

Having suffered a tough loss to Ottawa just a week earlier that officially dethroned them as the OUA's top team the Hawks turned it around quickly, albeit with a game they were expected to win handily.

But similar to how the story has gone this season things did not go exactly as planned for WLU early on.

While the team saw a serious offensive contribution from running back Ryan Lynch in the first half, with 52 yards on the ground on 12 carries, any drive was thwarted by numerous mental errors translating into penalties. When all was said and done, the team had already racked up 60 yards on just 7 infractions.

The team did get one lucky break before half in the form of a punt return fumble that was recovered by Laurier's Don Gooding with 52 seconds remaining. A 40-yard catch and run by Andy Baechler on the ensuing play set up Jamie Partington's seven-yard strike to Dante Luciani for the 7-0 lead.

By the time the third quarter rolled around, Laurier's defense was clearly showing why it is considered one of the best in the province, if not in all of Canada.

In fact, linebacker Jesse Alexander was able to already come up with his third interception this year. Getting down to the 33 yard line, the Hawks gained new life on stalled drive when York was called

for roughing the kicker on the planned field-goal attempt. The 20 yard penalty worked out quite well in helping Laurier to their second touchdown – this one coming on an end-around rush by Luciani again.

The Italian (stallion?) completed the hat trick by diving behind his blockers on a goal line plunge to put the Hawks up 21-0 with under 4 minutes left in the third.

With the start of the fourth quarter and a comfortable lead in their possession, the team looked to the bench for substitutions, namely Vince Luciani for Jamie Partington. Partington, who had been sacked 7 times this season for the second highest total in the OUA, gave way after a putting up meek numbers: 188 yards passing with a touchdown and interception, including a less than 50 per cent completion rate.

His replacement, while not flashing too much skills in terms of throwing, showed that the team may enjoy his agility in the quarterback position in the years to come.

Lynch, the fifth-best rusher in the nation, would give way to Brodie Legein, who impressed with multiple long dashes.

Chris Mamo, who had his streak of perfect field goal attempts end earlier in the game, settled the score at 24-0.

After the game, Laurier head coach Gary Jeffries explained that he "wasn't surprised at all" that his team came back with what some might have considered a must-win heading into Homecoming weekend.

"They are mentally tough ... we will always be that way," said Jeffries.

When asked to access the mental lapses his team displayed in the early half of the game, Jeffries provided a simple response:

"It's a physical game. With a younger group, you have to focus on [discipline] all the time."

Linebacker Yannick Carter, representing a defensive group that only allowed a total of 173 offen-

sive yards to the Lions, was asked to explain how the team was able to play so well with more than a handful of starters out due to injury.

"There's not much to say ... watch the game – that says it all. The defense has a lot of heart. We've got ... a lot of depth defense, so we were able to come out and play with some of our key starters down," said Carter.

And when questioned whether he has taken upon it himself to lead the offensive stoppers, Carter was quick with his response.

"It has to be someone. There's a bunch of guys on the team that are stepping up ... If the defense shows a little heart, a little energy, the offence feeds off of that."

Which is exactly what it did, specifically with the three-touchdown performance of Luciani.

"The 'W' was extremely important because no matter who we're playing every game is important now. It really helps the confidence ..." he said.

"Coach Pyear was making great calls and got the ball to the right people."

Recalling what their coach told them in the dressing room up only 7-0 at the half, Luciani commented that Jeffries "just told us ... how we're capable of so much more. Just hearing that, we kind of thought to ourselves, 'Yeah, we're so much better than this. Let's come out and prove it.'"

Continuing to prove their worth

is something they will try to extend into this Saturday's matchup against an old foe: the Western Mustangs.

"Homecoming's huge. It's not only a big win for our team but also for all the alumni, fans and students. It's a big deal."



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Women's record no longer perfect

Soccer team comes crashing down to earth after early undefeated start to season; came back with solid Sunday performance

LAUREN MILLET
CORD SPORTS

The Laurier Golden Hawks women's soccer team took to Alumni Field twice this past weekend and came away with two very different results. On Saturday, they were faced with an unfortunate 3-0 loss to the Western Mustangs; however, they bounced back to trounce the Windsor Lancers 2-0 on Sunday.

The unbeaten Hawks were eager to extend their perfect record. But it was not to be against the

Mustangs.

"Bad refereeing led to the first goal," explained Head Coach Barry MacLean.

"After that we lost our focus for the next 15 minutes. That's when the second and third goals came. Western was just the better team that day. They deserved the three points."

With the disappointment against the Mustangs still fresh in their minds, the Hawks arrived at the field on the warm and sunny Sunday afternoon thirsting for a better result.

"We knew we had to win today," stated coach MacLean, adding, "Getting the results was more important than putting in a good performance."

In the Sunday affair, the Lancers opened the attack with a shot that deflected off the cross-bar soon after kick-off. Not to be outdone, the Hawks immediately countered with a promising attack, only to have one shot deflect off the post and the rebound barely miss the top corner.

Midway through the first half, Hawks striker Stefanie Vescio post-

ed a strong run and topped it with a powerful strike into the back of the Lancers' net. Subsequent attacks were led but to no avail and the half ended 1-0 Hawks.

The second half kick-off opened what was to be a very physically demanding test for both teams. The ball was pushed end to end, each team desperately wanting a goal.

It was the Hawks, however, who were going to get it, as Vescio angled a low shot across the box to put the Hawks up 2-0.

Having a safe lead did not put

an end to the Hawks' attack as they continued to fight the Lancers for every inch of the field.

After a few close shots by the Lancers at the end of the second half, the final whistle blew, giving the Hawks a well-deserved three points.

"We started out a little rough today, but we sorted out our problems at the back," described coach MacLean. "We picked it up and played a great game. I thought we deserved the full three points."

Men get weekend split

Soccer heads on road trip on winning note

JAMIE NEUGEBAUER
CORD SPORTS

Following an emotional 3-2 defeat at the hands of the Western Mustangs, Laurier's men's soccer team looked for 3 big points from Sunday's match up against the 2-2-1 University of Windsor Lancers.

On the shoulders of a brilliant late-match goal, the Hawks did not disappoint pulling off a tightly contested 1-0 triumph.

The match started at a high energy pace, with both teams desperate to seize early command of the game.

It was Lancer Shawn Macfarlane who started the chances off when, in the 9th minute, he was sprung by a brilliant through ball near the 18-yard box. However, he failed to beat WLU keeper Youssef El-Abbar who stood tall in his net.

In the span of a minute between the 24th and 25th, Hawks striker Damir Hadziavdic had two opportunities at close range free kicks, just putting both of them over the bar.

The 33rd minute saw Hadziavdic on the loose again, this time on a breakaway as a result of a lapse on the part of the Windsor defence. Sent in by a pass from the Hawks midfield, he failed to keep control of the ball, pulling out to the right before firing it off the outside of the Lancers' post.

With the second half came a drastic slowing in pace and constant lapses on the part of the Golden Hawk defence. Lancer attackers were able to penetrate the Golden Hawk back line, unleashing headers on the Laurier keeper off of free kicks in both the 46th and 54th minutes. Fortunately, El-Abbar was up to the task on both occasions.

Finally, perseverance paid off in the 76th minute as the ball-control skill of Hadziavdic paid off as he stuck with the ball in the Lancer box. Swinging himself around, he fired it into the back of the Windsor cage, giving the Hawks a one-goal advantage.

Despite a gutsy attempt to come back, the Lancers just fell short of the equalizer and the Hawks held on for the slim 1-0 victory.

After the game, Golden Hawk Head Coach Barry MacLean conveyed his pleasure with his squad's all around effort.

"Yesterday the game against Western took a lot out of us; it's always tough thing to play two games back to back. I think the guys battled well, we created a lot of chances," said MacLean.

"We definitely deserved the 3 points."

Season of "attrition"

Men's rugby team comes out of gate with two straight wins and something to prove

PARRY SOHI
CORD SPORTS

The men's rugby team looked to carry some momentum from last week's 45-18 domination of the Guelph Gryphons into this weekend as they faced the U of T Blues.

Heading into a game that would end as a 29-12 victory for his squad, WLU Coach Josh Windsor explained the strategy for the game was "to take advantage of our speed" to exploit U of T.

The opening minutes of the game were plagued by poor tackling, as neither team was able to gain an edge.

Eighth-man Jacob McNamara stepped up the physical intensity by scoring a hard-fought try, igniting the Hawks. WLU began to set the physical tempo at an even higher pace with hard hits from John Moonlight and Clayton Gilmore.

The Blues, on the other hand, were unable to exploit any of the critical penalties by Laurier, missing a penalty shot and making questionable offensive errors.

Laurier flanker Shane DeJong added to Toronto's humiliation by pulling off a shake-and-bake through their defence, setting up McNamara's second try of the match. WLU finished the half scoring another try from a great effort by Mike Talbot and a superb conversion by Jordan Fair.

The Hawks continued the trend in the second half, cycling the ball well and providing excellent support, which led to third-year winger Adam Markew scoring a try.

Laurier's final points of the match came as Markew scored his second try, displaying his superior athleticism and bringing the Laurier crowd to its feet.

The squad, though, seemed unimpressed with the victory, as a disappointed Gilmore suggested.

"Although we got the win, we felt the game was not representative of our ability."

Coach Windsor attributed the breakdown late in the second half to some of the substitutions.

"I wanted to get a few of the rookies in the game late. We have a more significant game coming up this Wednesday against Wind-

sor so I wanted to rest some of the guys," explained Windsor.

In contrast, McNamara suggested that the breakdown was in part due to the fact that the Laurier team was "over-confident, under-prepared and overall underestimated U of T as an opponent."

In a post-game talk to the team, Coach Windsor reiterated the mentally and physically demanding aspects of the sport.

"This season is like a war of attrition. There's no time for injuries, so you need to suck it up."

Looking ahead to the remainder of the season, Coach Windsor believes the team can improve on their 4-4 record from last year.

"I feel we're a lot quicker this year, we have a few national players, and we lost some close games last season that we feel we can take this year," he said.

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Putting extreme sports to the test

Although it may seem underground sports have fallen into the mainstream, they have, in fact, gotten better than ever before



RICHARD HILLIER
CORD SPORTS

When sports like snowboarding and skateboarding emerged in the early-to-mid 70s, and surfing long before that, the world was taken off guard by an underground culture, rich with feelings of rebellious freedom where riders and extreme athletes alike could take the world in their fists and do what they wanted.

Very few conventional sports require athletes to be so consistently aware of their surroundings, where the slightest mistake could send them flying face first towards the pavement, swallow them up in a thirty foot wave, or bury them alive in a roaring sea of snow.

It is perhaps this toying with death and severe injury that make these sports so extreme. In recent years, sports like snowboarding and skating have exploded to such mainstream success that

it's likely you'll find just as many competitions, jams, and demos as you will during regular season football games. Skate and snowboard brands have taken over as primary fashion brands for many teenagers and 20-somethings worldwide as a sure fit way to fit in and look cool.

However, the commercialized success of sports like skating, surfing and snowboarding begs the question, "Are extreme sports even that extreme any more?" It seems that, with the presence of expensive brand names and so-called "board-riding" companies, the high level of mass consumption has diluted the underground, free and rebellious essence that founded the high speed development and progression of these

sports.

While many companies exploit these sports for all they're worth by selling sub-par equipment and uninspired apparel, and people everywhere indulge in snow, skate and surf logos for no other reason but to look cool, extreme sports seem to be following the familiar footsteps of many other mainstream sports.

The worst thing that can happen to a sport is for its image to be sold for the sake of style. Extreme sports, however, are more than just social image boosters and expensive vials for the recreational adrenaline junkie.

Look at any board magazine or film and you'll get a brief glimpse of the cultures that surround these extreme sports. You'll find that

these sports support the mentality that it's not clothes, money or shock value of high flying stunts that matter (although those are all enjoyable perks), but rather how creative you can be with your mind and how to express yourself and your personal style through sports that many so passionately love.

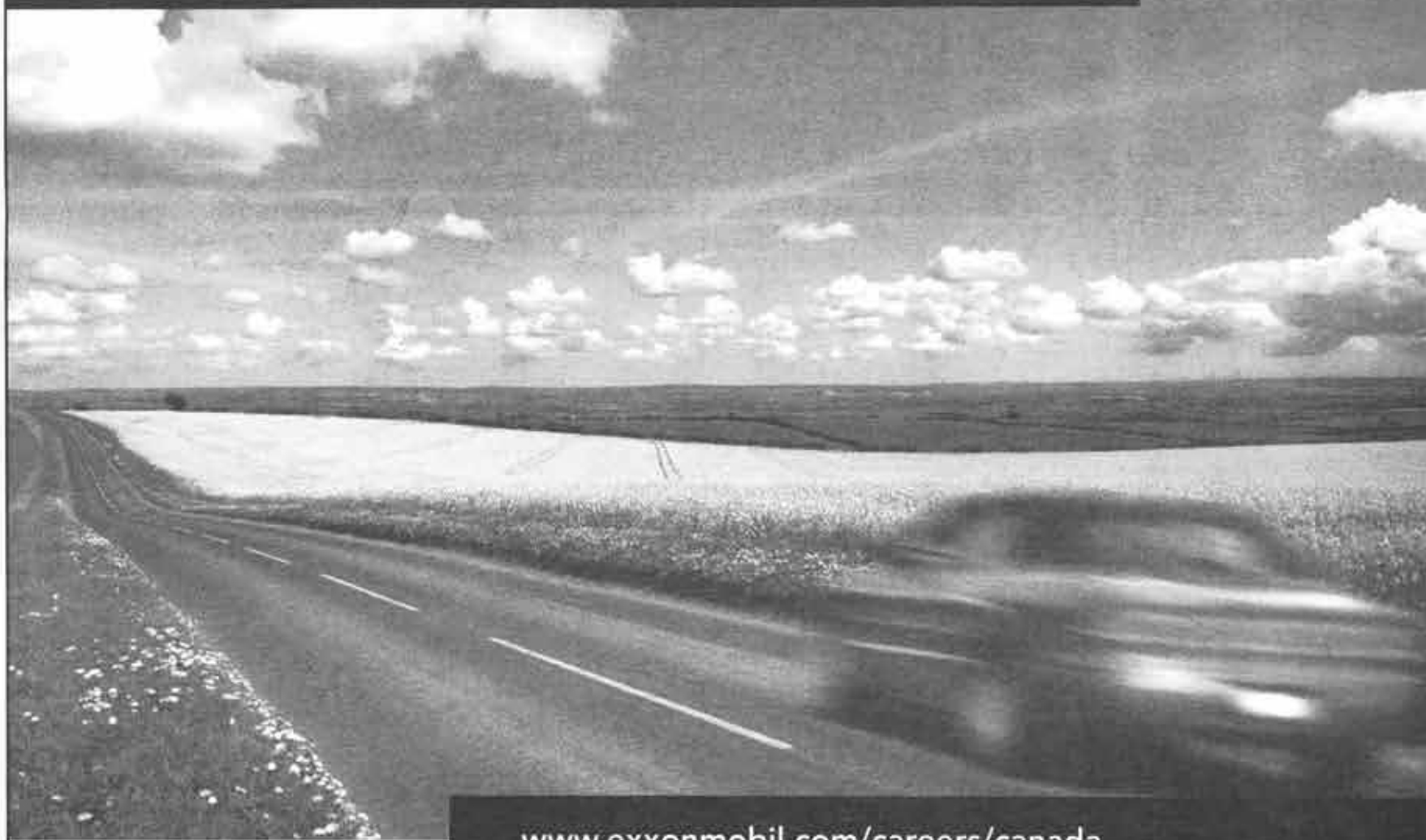
While highly addictive, extreme sports are also not popular solely for the adrenaline boosts they can jolt into your system while toying with the forces of nature. What makes them so appealing at such a massive level is their ability to provide even the most recreational enthusiast with activities offering such amazing opportunities and freedom.

When you continue to enjoy

something so passionately as many already do, no matter your level of expertise, progression just happens to the point where today we see skaters grinding fifty-foot rails, surfers riding tsunami-sized waves, and snowboarders dropping cliffs, triggering massive avalanches and riding away with big smiles on their faces.

Are extreme sports even that extreme anymore? Quite simply, they're more extreme than ever and it's something more and more people are discovering every day. Despite becoming slightly commercialized and used by a few for their social edge, these sports have reached such extreme limits through unfathomed progression that it might be wise to change the label "extreme" to "epic."

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Elite thinkers invade KW, open ivory tower's door

It's thanks to funding from Waterloo's interested tech sector that the intelligentsia seems to have invaded Waterloo. An online network of information-sharing between academics and the public will ensure CIGI's popularity and staying power

ARLA LATTO-HALL
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

CIGI's annual conference attracted world-class talent into its fold, last Friday, including diplomats, academics and the business elite from around the globe who are not only experienced, but also willing to share. Laurier students and the KW public can look to capitalize on their expertise, research and developments.

"CIGI has a vocation that is particularly relevant right now," said Louise Fréchette, former deputy secretary-general of the UN and distinguished fellow at CIGI, in reference to its focus on international governance.

"The world keeps changing," she continued, citing new countries with larger space in the world economy who don't have a voice in current international institutions, global warming, new infectious diseases, charity and "a phenomenon that we call international terrorism. [...] These are all issues that warrant stronger, better international governance."

Fréchette is no stranger to change. Her post at the UN was created in 1997 as a part of UN reform. Before this, Fréchette was deputy minister of national defence in Canada, and faced budget cuts of 25 percent, or \$2.8 billion over her four-year tenure.

"When you read about reform in the newspapers, it is always written in a way that you think that it hasn't started yet. It's not true," she says.

"There has been lots of change, lots of good change in the UN, but the world is also changing fast, and the job is not finished. It has to continue."

Fréchette is currently leader of a research team at CIGI tackling the issue of "nuclear energy and the implications of what I think is a revival of nuclear energy," she said, noting inevitable concerns about terrorism.

"What I want to see is whether we have in place the tools of international governance ... to make sure the increase in the number of plants doesn't lead to more risk for our personal safety."

High-calibre thinkers such as Fréchette, along with Paul Heinbecker, Laurier professor and CIGI colleague and John Curtis, director of CIGI's BRICSAM project, appear to be flocking to Waterloo.

"I've been here 14 or 15 years, and when I first got here [...] there was nothing outside of departments going on here, really," said Dr. Alastair Edgar, Laurier asso-



Joseph Paul Bergel

TALK FROM THOSE WHO ENACT CHANGE - Louise Fréchette was one of several notable participants, which included CIGI colleague John Curtis and Jim Balsillie, co-CEO of RIM. The former deputy secretary general of the UN chaired a session titled 'Perspectives on Multilateralism' at CIGI'06 this past weekend.

ciate professor and director of ACUNS, who attended this weekend's conference.

"Over the last 10 years we've gone from essentially very little [...] to being 'the place.'"

The growth of Laurier and UW aside, one wonders why Waterloo, also host to mathematical think-tank the Perimeter Institute of Theoretical Physics, seems to be such an intellectual hot-spot.

"A lot of it is money related," said Edgar. "After the success of the high-tech people you have the money that's been generated, and then you have people like Jim Balsillie [Chairman and co-CEO of RIM and founder of CIGI] who not only have the money, but have the interest in doing this with that money."

Generosity seems to have permeated many of Waterloo's institutions, who hold frequent public lectures free of charge. Financial and access limitations to information have also been removed.

CIGI has recently signed on to IGLOO, the International Governance Leaders and Organizations Online, a research and networking portal designed for academic contributions and information sharing through 'communities'.

CIGI joins the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), the Canadian Institute

of International Affairs (CIIA), PolicyNet, The Ploughshares Forum and CIGI-based research group BRICSAM on IGLOO, among others.

"The limitations are not technological, they're just people," said Edgar. "The challenge for us is actually to manage it and get the information out to our membership, given that we've got two types of members: those who've grown up on computers, and ones who have not [...] and keeping in touch with the ones who have, and not scaring the heck out of those who haven't."

The portal, however, is not exclusively for members of IGLOO's partners. Any member of the public, including Laurier staff and students, can access the over 10,000 documents posted online once a free membership is created.

The Canadian International Council, formed in partnership with CIGI, will also be digitizing the John Holmes Library, which will house the speeches of Kofi Annan, UN secretary-general, at the end of his term.

These speeches and documents would have otherwise been stored as hard-copy only in downtown Toronto, drastically limiting their accessibility. The physical library will soon be moved to CIGI for public use.

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WLU Documentary Marathon this Friday

Following its theme of Equity and Social Justice, the department of sociology will be hosting a documentary marathon on September 22 from 10:30 onwards. Along with the goals of increasing visibility for the department, the marathon's aims are to build community and challenge the "increasing conservatism" of Laurier students. Films include *This is What Democracy Looks Like*, on the topic of the 1999 WTO protests in Seattle and *Let Her Die*, a film exploring how cultural traditions and Western technology are responsible for millions of missing women in India. Admission is free and some snacks will be provided. Screenings will take place in the Grad Pub.

Women taking over Iran's universities

Women make up more than 70 percent of graduates in some subjects in Iran's universities, reported the BBC yesterday,

including the applied physics department of the Islamic Azad University. Although some attribute the shift from a predominantly male student population to changing family attitudes, others insist on positive discrimination for men in certain fields. Some commentators have attributed the change to a belief that rose in the Islamic Revolution of 1979 that education didn't bring success.

Indonesia to execute Christians

Christian militants accused of masterminding a series of attacks on Muslim communities in Indonesia that saw 70 killed now face execution, according to reports. The attacks were part of a wave initiated by gang violence between Christian and Muslim gangs in religiously-divided Sulawesi. Three Muslim militants are also on death row for their role in bombings in 2002. The Christian men's executions are expected to take place this Thursday, at the end of the reprieve granted on papal appeal.

Progress tossed in favour of media agenda



KEVIN ANDREW
CORD INTERNATIONAL

National news coverage of Canada's mission in Afghanistan has left the public wanting. Apart from being a tool used as a vote-grabbing tool by our political parties, it seems to be an issue on which our major news media have become partisan, and their goal of informing the public has been abandoned.

The Afghan mission, five years into the post-9/11 world, is likely the most critical and divisive issue in the Canadian political landscape. One wonders how the media have covered this issue. Lately, with the NDP convention publicly declaring its platform of withdrawal, some major media outlets have given a lot of press to those opposing the war. Others, obviously on the opposing side of the ideological spectrum, support the Taliban-evicting mission. The actual progress of the mission is largely left uncovered. That is, until you take casualty coverage into account.

The rising number of Canadian casualties in Afghanistan has brought about many questions regarding the nature of Canada's mission in the southern provinces of the country whether reporting parties agree with it or not. Polls are beginning to show that an increasing number of Canadians either oppose the war or would like to know more about the nature of the conflict. In short, we feel uninformed.

The political agenda isn't getting us anywhere in this goal. Federal Conservatives and Liberals are in support of the war, while the NDP has recently opted to call for an immediate withdrawal of troops. The Bloc Quebecois is vying for a parliamentary debate on the issue, hoping to appease their base in the province of Quebec which has the highest opposition to the war.

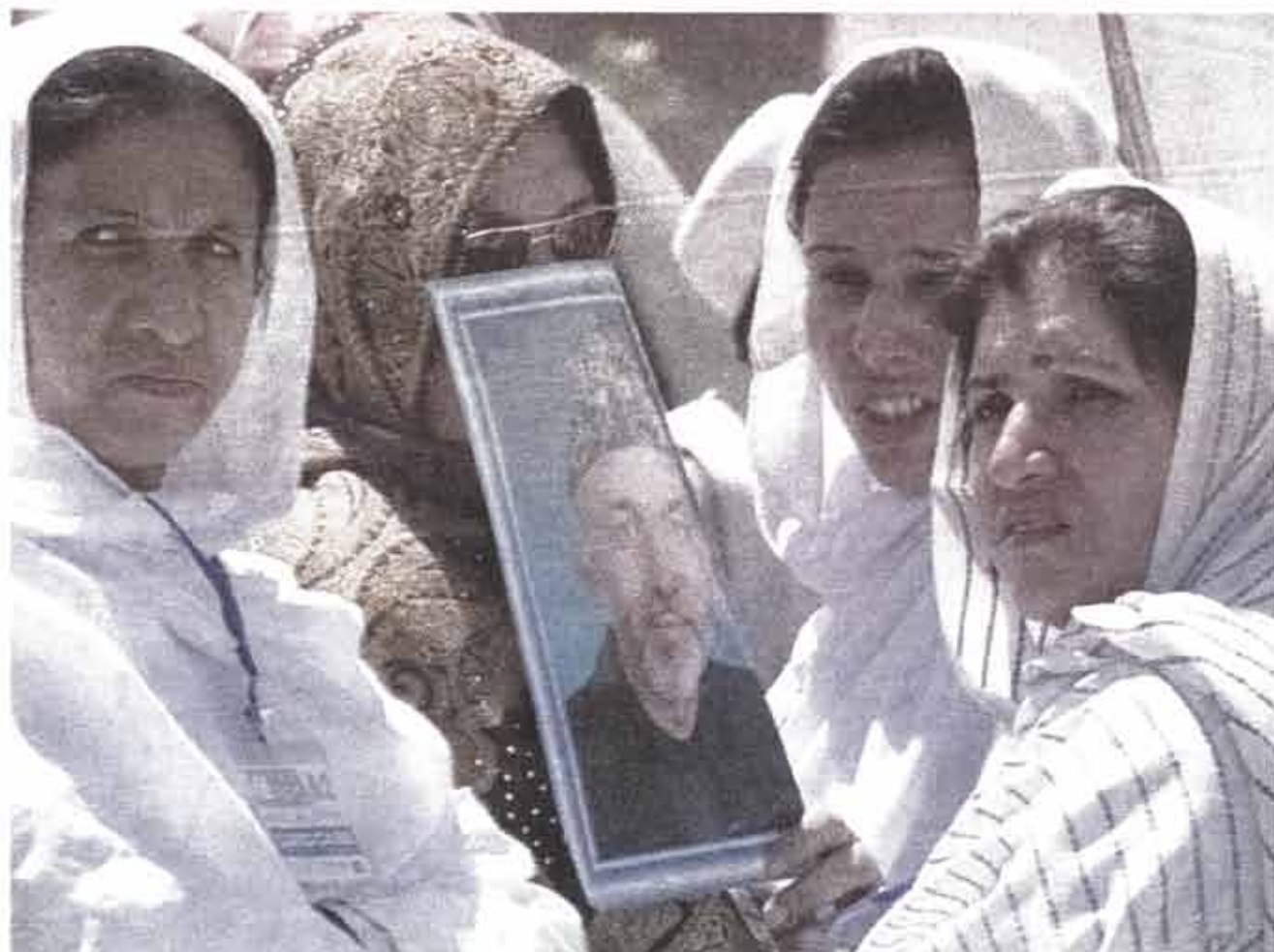
So far, the information available reports only its seemingly endless nature or the rising number of casualties. If this is in fact a war, then casualties are to be expected and the debate must shift to its actual progress. It is impossible to hold an intelligent debate about a mission that is in effect too young for anyone to know key timelines and casualty predictions. Any debate on the nature of the Afghan mission is incomplete without a genuine look at the actual progress of the mission.

Yet it doesn't seem that our media institutions allow for controversy. The CBC recently fired a correspondent for writing a letter supporting Canada's troops to

Montreal's *La Presse*. The "termination" was due to a part of the CBC's contract which does not allow its journalists to express opinions on controversial issues.

However, this makes one wonder if merely showing support for those troops in the line of fire is a controversial stance; surely it is not controversial to wish for the safety and well-being of fellow Canadians.

If it is impossible for journalists to outline strong opinions about what is likely the most important issue in Canadian politics, then it is impossible to have an intelligent public debate. We'll all lose.



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Tapping into

Some believe keggers in Waterloo are a dying breed but with Homecoming approaching, some residents fear the v

MICHELLE PINCHEV
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On a Saturday night in Waterloo, it's easy to see why some call our neighbourhoods "the student ghetto."

What is less obvious is that among the house parties, keggers and streams of young people staggering home from local bars are homes where families reside. Many of them are contemplating adding For Sale signs to their lawns, alongside the garbage, broken bottles and puddles of urine.

"The straw that has broken my back is that we had an incident last winter where drunk fraternity brothers set off large-scale fireworks at the end of their driveway two houses down from mine," says Christine Carmody, a University of Waterloo alum who has lived in her present home for eight years.

The fireworks, which Carmody says are the kind that are typically set off over a large lake, exploded onto their property that night.

"Large scale fireworks exploding on my property are not a minor inconvenience."

- Christine Carmody, permanent resident

"They landed two feet from our house. They could have set our house on fire."

The Carmody family originally thought maybe there were strange electrical problems in the neighbourhood.

When they later found out what had happened, they phoned the police immediately.

Carmody, who lives in a home on Albert Street with her husband and two year-old son, says common issues like broken glass at the end of her driveway or garbage sitting out on the lawn are "minor inconveniences."

"Large scale fireworks exploding on my property are not a minor inconvenience."

According to Carmody, the students, who were extremely intoxicated, broke into a cabinet in the fraternity house and stole the fireworks.

"The university said that they would deal with the situation and that they could punish the students much more severely than the police could." So Carmody agreed to let Laurier deal with the problem.

"I was told at first that they were kicked out of the fraternity - that was a satisfactory solution to the problem for me because I figured if

they were gone they wouldn't do it again."

However, as it turned out, the students were not removed from the fraternity, like Carmody was originally told.

"The punishment that was set out was to apologize for what they had done to the neighbours. They have not done that yet."

The students involved were also sentenced to pick up garbage in the neighbourhood, which according to the residents, has been fulfilled to some extent. The fraternity is also no longer allowed to house explosives on their property.

But Carmody points out that the important part of the punishment was the apology.

"I think both universities need to take some responsibility for the actions of the students. They should enforce the student code of conduct and I don't believe at this point Laurier is doing that," says Carmody.

"There have been several incidences in our neighbourhoods that have merited exercising the code and they just chose not to."

These kinds of incidents have driven many residents like the Carmody family out of the university community.

"I love our house.

I don't want to move. As much as I feel I need to leave, I don't want to."

A 'head-in-the-sand' problem?

According to Dan Dawson, WLU's general manager of student services, the permanent, non-student residents in our community also need to take responsibility and "take that initiative when there's a program in place available to them," referring to some of the programs coordinated by the city's community relations department.

"But many find it easier to sit back and stay in their house," noting that they might rather remain anonymous than voice their concerns.

"There's a little bit of a 'head-in-the-sand problem'," says Dawson.

Carmody admits that many residents would rather just ignore the problem or have already given up. But many continue to fight back with little improvement.

"We had a situation recently - there was a very rowdy party and the neighbour involved started to call at 8:30 [pm] to try to get it dealt with. It wasn't dealt with until a quarter to eleven when it was very, very out of control."

As some are asking "what hap-

pened?" that night, others are wondering "who cares?"

While keggers are illegal, the police and universities seem to have more pressing issues to deal with, with only a limited number of resources available.

"At the current time I'm not sure keggers are one of the highest problems the university would have on its radar screen," says Dawson.

"I would bet there are less keg parties than there used to be. There's definitely more enforcement now than ever," he says, attributing much of the improvement to programs like the city's Town & Gown Association's door-knocker and welcome bag projects.

Of course, it could just be the bad

weather.

"Some days we hope for rain," says Inspector Bryan Larkin of Waterloo Regional Police Services. "Weather has been on our side, probably hampering some of the particular outdoor activities that lead to problems. We've been fortunate ... we'll thank Mother Nature."

Is the city "cracking down" on keggers?

The word on the street is that local law enforcement in partnership with the school and the City of Waterloo are apparently "cracking down" on these illegal parties.

This is leaving some students with a handful of tickets and won-

dering what the big deal is.

"There isn't necessarily a crackdown," says Inspector Larkin. "It's simply enforcing legislation."

"'Crackdown' and 'zero tolerance' is really not our terminology; we're simply providing a service," says Larkin.

"The only thing we've done, particularly during the month of September, is that we dedicate specific police officers - a team of five officers and one sergeant - to specifically deal with public order issues in the City of Waterloo."

Larkin believes it makes sense from a service standpoint to allocate some resources to deal specifically with those issues.

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residents fear the worst is yet to come. Find out why some are getting ready to give up the fight for their homes

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But some students see the "ser-
vice providers" in a different light.
"They're cracking down huge,"
says Janet Hand, a fourth-year po-
litical science student who works at
Laurier's security department.
"I've attended keg parties since
first year and never had one cracked
down. I've attended four this year
and each one was broken up."
"They're being a lot more anal
about it," says Mark Iskander, a
fourth-year WLU student who lives
on Ezra Street.
"We're trying to get to know our
neighbours, having a beer on the
porch, and the cops would drive by
and start talking to people on the
street, even giving out tickets. It's

kind of annoying."
Iskander feels "maybe they
should find something better to do,
like helping people."
The police feel they are helping
people.
"At the end of the day a lot of our
efforts are public service driven,"
explains Larkin.
"We want people to have a good
time but we also recognize there
has to be some sort of limitations or
mechanisms to control the safety of
those who chose to drink."
**Where have all the keggers
gone?**
According to Larkin and students

alike, this year's keg season has
been notably less rowdy than those
in past years. While the police are
quite "pleased" with the decrease
in keg parties this fall (and many
were shut down early on), many
residents have noticed that the real
problem parties usually occur later
in the year.
"The first weeks in September are
usually quiet," says local resident,
Christine Carmody, explaining that
most of the problems take place lat-
er in the year around Homecoming
and Halloween.
Many students are simply find-
ing more ways to throw keg parties
without getting caught.
Iskander learned his lesson last
Halloween when his keg party on
Ezra Street almost cost him and his

roommates \$1,300 in fines.
"The reason it got broken up was
mainly because we decided to have
a band on the roof," says Iskander,
who played a few songs with his
friends to entertain the crowd.
"People were saying they could
hear it from as far as Central Street.
So by the second song the cops, by-
law and Laurier security all came
over and gave us a \$300 fine for
noise right off the bat."
While the students would have
appreciated a warning, they admit
the penalty was to be expected.
Despite Iskander's efforts to quiet
the crowd, officers returned twice
later that night distributing more
tickets to the residents and some of
the guests.

particularly in the Albert Street
area, Homecoming is the very
worst time of year.
And so, despite recent improve-
ments, residents are still expect-
ing the unexpected.
In her eight years living on Al-
bert Street, Christine Carmody,
who also lives across from a fra-
ternity house, believes keg parties
are growing in size and volume.
"Keg parties are still a prob-
lem," says Carmody, reporting
parties with as many as 23 kegs
just houses down from her home.
Some fear that our school is
increasingly becoming a party
school with "a culture of alcohol."
"I think if that culture does exist,
that culture needs to be changed,"
says Carmody. "If the
student body would
change that culture,
a lot of things would
be better around
here."
Dan Dawson
feels that education
and awareness are
the keys, rather than
diverting parties
away from the neighbour-
hood onto campus.

**"The reason it got broken up was
mainly because we decided to
have a band on the roof."**

- Mark Iskander, student/kegger host

Iskander and his housemates all
fought the tickets in court and had
them reduced to \$50 each, nearly
breaking even for the party.
Later that year, Iskander and his
friends managed to successfully
throw a smaller keg party without
intervention.
"We basically covered all the win-
dows and just made it look like we
weren't having a party. Maybe it was
a little noisy because we had people
over, but we didn't make it known
to everyone that we were having
a huge keg party with everyone
invited."
It's easy to forget sometimes that
keg parties are indeed illegal. Most
students are aware of the around-
the-clock noise bylaw in this city
but many don't realize that urinat-
ing on someone's lawn, snapping
trees or branches, being drunk in
public or drinking in public are all
offences that the police can nab
you on. There are fire and safety is-
sues that they can enforce as well.
Larkin points out that noise,
garbage, fights and even sexual as-
saults are all problems that can be
traced back to illegal keg parties.
"It's not about limiting students'
fun or the natural student life," says
Larkin. "It becomes a safety issue."

A culture of alcohol?

Homecoming is just around the
corner and most people have al-
ready heard of at least two or three
keggers in the works.
According to local residents,

Others, like Carmody, think
more events on campus like the
end-of-year party would move
some of the problems away from
unsafe homes into a supervised
area.
According to local residents, the
end-of-year party last April held
on WLU campus was a major suc-
cess, generating little noise and
few disturbances.
"Should we be offering other
opportunities for students to
drink cheaply? I don't think that's
our responsibility," says Dawson.
However, to avoid another
"Queen's Homecoming" - where
wild parties and riots broke out
in Kingston last fall - the Laurier
Alumni Association and Students'
Union have put together a com-
edy night for Homecoming this
weekend, expected to entertain
a thousand Laurier students and
alumni. Tickets for the Turret
and Wilf's have also been selling
quickly, Dawson says.
The school hopes that these al-
ternative options will help reduce
problems for permanent residents
in the community.
"The school needs to have some
kind of open forum," says WLU
student Brianne Garde, "where a
cop or by-law officer comes in and
we can ask questions about what
it is we are and aren't allowed to
do... Just so people are aware of
the restrictions that they have on
their events."



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Going Greek at Laurier

Student Life writers collaborate to delve into the process of rushing, and what Greek life means at Laurier

CORD STUDENT LIFE

Greek societies at Laurier and across North America have garnered bad press over the years for everything from out of control parties to initiation practices.

These accusations have caused some members of the Greek community to be wary of outside criticism and the press for fear of being persecuted for either a large mishap or longstanding tradition.

At times, these accusations from the general public are warranted, but historically sororities and fraternities have been active in their university and local community.

The Laurier Greeks participate in volunteer activities throughout Kitchener-Waterloo as well as promote the values of being a well-rounded student and citizen. Getting involved around school and in leadership roles is highly respected among the Greek Community.

Personal opinions about Greek organizations aside, they have made a stake in universities across North America. Laurier currently has six chapters, all with active alumni and student bases.

Since 1967, when Phi Kappa Pi established a chapter in Waterloo, sororities and fraternities have been the way of life for many

Laurier students. Each September and January, rushing officially begins the week after classes start and lasts for 13 days.

It is a time for interested students to develop a deeper understanding about exactly what Greek life entails. It is also so that the group can decide if they want to offer you a bid, which is a formal invitation to join a particular chapter.

Dan Preston, recruitment chair for Laurier fraternity Sigma Chi, stresses that rushing is when sororities and fraternities look at what qualities a new member will bring to their chapter, and pick individuals who they feel will remain committed to the organization. "[Sigma Chi] is looking for a solid man."

Sororities and fraternities being sponsored by Laurier are bound by several bylaws regarding specific rules concerning how the rushing process is to be conducted. These bylaws also forbid hazing. Preston stresses Laurier Greeks do not promote hazing. "Why would we want to do horrible things to them?"

Hazing has historically been a hot issue, especially among American universities, as an unacceptable and illegal practice. Universities and the general public have condemned fraternities and sororities in the past for putting pledges through unrelated and dangerous tasks to prove their loyalty to their community. As much as hazing may not be an issue for Laurier, it can definitely affect the decision to join a group if the perception is that you will be physically and emotionally mistreated.

Another hot issue is the no-



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HEY, NICE TOGA – Greek members are students like everyone else.

Sororities and fraternities don't suit all students



VERONICA HUGHES
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

A few years ago a couple of friends and I attended a sorority party after being invited by a member. None of us were really sure what to expect or interested in rushing, but believing you should try anything once, we decided to see how the Greek side of campus lived.

I was genuinely surprised at how nice the girls were. They were welcoming, and interested in who we were. In talking to a few of them, they had gotten involved in the Laurier Greek scene to meet other students, make friends and become involved with a campus organization.

My friends and I had a good time but we weren't sold on the idea of rushing. We had a social network, full academic schedule and other volunteer commitments. They wanted us to join another group and pay substantial dues on top of our limited budget. It just didn't seem plausible.

As we were leaving we did feel pressured to return to other rush events, but we really only viewed it as a party, not an initiation into the sorority world.

As much as the sisters were kind and threw a good party, I really didn't see myself fitting in with the Greek world.

I did not want to pay the dues or give the time I thought would be required to the organization. I can attend parties, volunteer in the community and make friends without belonging to a sorority.

The people I have met who belong to a fraternity or sorority have joined for a plethora of reasons and are hardworking individuals.

I think it's a legitimate activity for many but I would rather put my energy and money into other interests.

Like anything else, Greek life is not for everyone. I knew coming into university I wanted to participate in the avenues of volunteerism that Laurier offered.

I've made some of my best friends and volunteered in some great organizations at Laurier, while not participating in a sorority.

Sorority life a comforting home away from home



HEATHER HAMILTON
CORD STUDENT LIFE

I admit it. Before I came to Laurier, I made fun of sorority girls and fraternity guys, thinking that they were exactly like what we see on TV. I didn't even know that we had them in Canada.

But, I stumbled across the Greek Life website, made connections with the former President of Delta Gamma Women's Fraternity and it didn't seem so bad.

After talking to her and attending the rush events I found out that it was nothing like what I had expected.

The ladies I met at the events welcomed me with open arms. They were nice, friendly and so caring. The bonds that I have developed with these women really are the bonds of sisterhood.

When I first came to Laurier, I missed my sister so much that it was really nice to find this home away from home. Having people

is a large annual cost incurred, which can deter interested students from even applying. Greeks do point out that the money goes towards formals, holiday dinners and event t-shirts, to name a few. Preston assures that if a member has a hard time paying dues, they

can make arrangements for payment plans, or arrange a member to work for an alumnus to earn money.

This leads to the next quandary: the networking opportunities as a Greek member.

Fraternities and sororities, as large social groups usually with strong alumni support, can effectively help members find jobs through other members and alumni. Preston wholeheartedly concurs, "Networking is one of the most tangible benefits [of Greek life]."

So effectively, Greek membership and the dues associated can garner networking and job opportunities that would not be available otherwise.

Preston confirms this fact: "Alumni will come to us first for job [postings]."

Some students feel it is unfair that group membership can guarantee jobs, but other groups on campus and in the community often offer similar networking opportunities.

The decision to join a fraternity or sorority is purely based on personal opinion.

As with any organization, there are positives and negatives associated with membership. Some find certain policies and practices outweigh the desire to join, while some think there are personal benefits connected with membership.

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Laura Carlson, Heather Hamilton, Veronica Hughes and Ashley Jang

Goodbye to a beloved Golden Hawk

Students protest the removal of the hawk in record numbers

LAURA CARLSON
CORD STUDENT LIFE

The tradition of not stepping on the Golden Hawk has been an important part of the daily lives of a decade of Wilfrid Laurier students.

Located near the entrance to the Fred Nichols Campus Centre (FNCC), many students chose to avoid stepping on the circular logo in a conscious effort to show respect for the school.

But with the recent renovations to the C Spot, the Students Union logo has disappeared from the ground, and a new one mounted on the wall, perhaps so that it will no longer cause hall congestion. However, some students say the walk down the Hall of Fame isn't the same.

Second year student Amanda Latourell remembers the Hawk being an important part of her Laurier orientation. "Two things I remember about O Week were to drink Red Bull, and to never, ever, step on the Hawk."

Fourth year student Michelle Gilbert also remembers her Frosh leaders explaining the importance of the Laurier tradition.

Now in her last year at WLU, Gilbert is disappointed that it won't be continued.

To Gilbert, "Although it [the tradition of not stepping on the Hawk] seems insignificant, to me it was always a symbol of the pride that Laurier students have for their school."

Student president Allan Cayenne admits that although he was sad to see the Hawk go, with the recent renovations it would have been very expensive to replace the logo with the new floor tiling.

Cayenne says that what makes him feel better is, "Knowing how much we saved on student money, and knowing that we can spend it on something better for students".

To keep the tradition alive on campus, Cayenne is exploring the possibility of creating a memorial to the Hawk. Although he admits that it will be much smaller, he hopes it will still provide Laurier students a chance to remember the pride they feel for their school every time they walk by the hall of fame.

According to Cayenne, Laurier students really don't need a logo on the ground to show off their immense school spirit. "At the end of the day, it [the Hawk] is still there regardless of whether or not it's on the ground or in your heart."

However, the Golden Hawk and the tradition that accompanied it is something that is dearly

missed by Laurier students. From masking tape replicas, to protest groups and petitions, students are responding to the disappearance of an important Laurier symbol.

Rob McIntosh, a fourth year communications student and co-creator of the petition to bring back the Hawk, has received overwhelming support from Laurier students and alumni. McIntosh explains that the petition branched off from the Facebook group he started called 'I still won't walk on the Hawk (no not even the masking tape one)'.

When he originally created the group, he invited only 15 people to join, but within days almost 1700 members had signed up. "I had no idea that people would be as passionate as they are and care so much."

McIntosh feels that students reacted so strongly because the tradition created such a strong sense of community in the university.

"Because we are a newer school, Laurier doesn't have a lot of traditions. But the Hawk was able to bring us together, and make us more than a bunch of random people in a building."

McIntosh's partner in creating the petition Dan Zinman, fourth year communications, also feels strongly about the Hawk and the tradition that accompanied it. Although currently spending a semester at University of Toronto, Zinman was still appalled when

he heard about the removal.

Zinman believes that traditions are what set schools apart from each other, and that these traditions are what make them unique. "There was no reason to take it away, and besides the Hawk, what else [other traditions] does Laurier have?" asks Zinman.

Zinman hopes that the petition he and McIntosh started will

materialize into something more official. He notes that, "We've received a lot of support, and we hope that it will be recognized by WLUSU".

Petitions and masking tape aside, one can only hope that the disappearance of the Hawk is unrelated to the disappearance of the football team's winning streak.

See PAGE 22 for editorial reaction to this story

History of a Hawk

- **February 2, 1996:** The official grand re-opening of the Students' Union building. The Wilfrid Laurier University Students Union (WLUSU) logo (more commonly referred to as the hawk) is laid in the floor as part of the Students' Union building renovations.
- **1996-2006:** Throughout the decade students avoid walking on the WLUSU logo, the hawk, to pay respect to their school. The tradition was created to show pride in Laurier and the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union. Those who are seen walking on the hawk are assumed to be visitors, first years, or very out of touch students.
- **Summer 2006:** Citing high cost and traffic flow problems, the hawk is tiled over during the Hall of Fame and C Spot renovations.
- **September 2006:** Discussion of placing a smaller hawk in the tiled floor are being discussed by the WLUSU President, Allan Cayenne, and Board of Directors.
- Students protest the current renovation design using several mediums.
- Two separate groups recreate the logo with masking tape on two separate occasions during the same week. Most students avoid walking on it.
- On the popular online student directory website, Facebook, over 1600 Laurier students join the group "i STILL won't walk on the hawk (no, not even the masking tape one)" in less than a week.
- An online petition is created by the same student creators of the Facebook group with signatures and growing.

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Lunch recipes for busy students

Alternative, nutritious ideas that are far from the lunches your mother packed

JENNIFER O'NEILL
STAFF WRITER

One of the easiest ways to maintain a healthy body weight is to regulate your metabolism. Firing up your metabolism will help your body burn those extra calories as energy.

As busy students, skipping meals becomes a norm. Despite the myths, skipping meals is not a healthy way to lose weight.

The best way to ensure your body is getting all the nutrients it wants and deserves is to plan ahead.

If you know you are going to be at school during the lunch hour, pack a lunch.

Bagged lunches can be creative and healthy, there are far more options than the peanut butter and jelly sandwich of your past lunches.

Try packing some of these lunch ideas for a week and feel the difference a nutritious, planned meal can have on your energy levels.

For the calorie-conscious

Bagged salad can be your best friend if you are a student. The lettuce in the bag is just as healthy and it's already cut-up!

What you'll need

Bag of bagged lettuce
½ red (green or yellow) pepper
½ tomato
¼ cup of feta cheese
Your favourite light salad dressing

The night before: Cut up all your vegetables and place in a seal tight container. You can cut up the veggies entirely, since cut veggies will stay crisp in the fridge for 4-5 days.

That morning: Place a handful (or three) of lettuce in container, take little handfuls of the peppers, tomato and cheese and place on top. Seal container. Then, in a separate small container, pour some salad dressing. Place in your school bag with a fork and enjoy!

Tip: Cut your veggies up as soon as you get them home from the grocery store that way it is done and you will always have access to fresh cut veggies for salad and snacks.

For the sandwich lovers

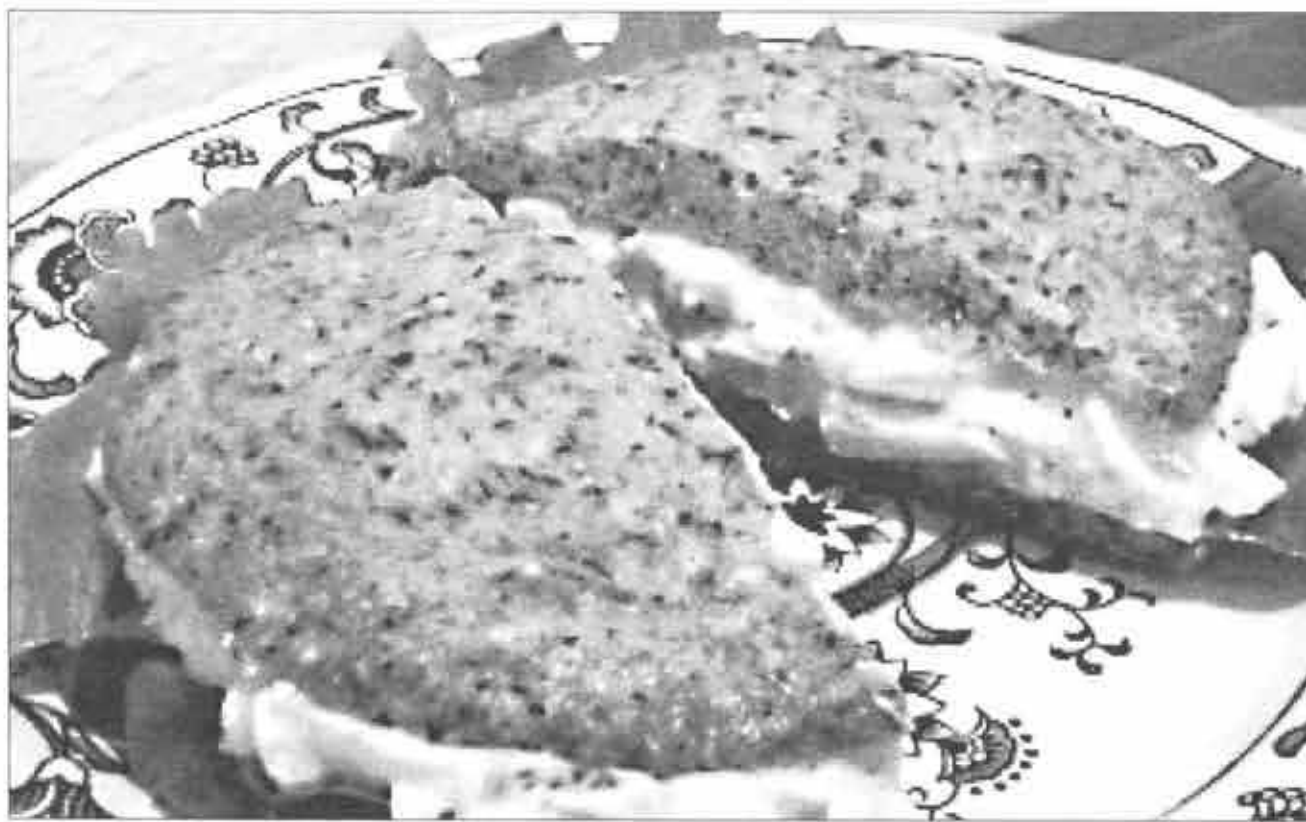
This recipe is for the good ol' egg salad sandwich, but canned tuna keeps extremely well in the fridge and peanut butter is a great source of protein as well (if you are really pushed for time).

What you'll need:

Two slices of whole grain bread
Lettuce
Salt and pepper
Honey mustard
2 eggs
Mayonnaise

The night before: The key to making this high protein sandwich a part of your regular lunch is to plan ahead. Boil the eggs the night before. Remove shells and mix with mayo, salt and pepper. Cover and leave in fridge overnight.

That morning: Spread honey mustard on bread. Place lettuce on both pieces of bread (this will stop the bread from going soggy). Place egg mixture on lettuce and put slices together. Cut in triangles (option for the young at heart), cover in wrap and throw in school bag.



PROTEIN PACKED - Egg salad provides necessary energy and nutrients for the busy student.





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Holmes for Homecoming

Royal Canadian Air Farce member and award-winning comic set to headline Laurier Homecoming festivities

JOE TURCOTTE
A&E EDITOR

Typically, when one thinks of a comedian, a stereotypically male shadow is cast.

Legends like Richard Pryor, George Carlin, Jerry Seinfeld and John Candy contribute to the idea that comedy is a man's domain.

However, with a young and talented group of Canadian female comics beginning to emerge, it looks as though the days of a 'Comic Boys Club' may be coming to an end.

"If you look at Canadian television, women are really holding their own. Elvira Kurt has hosted a couple of TV shows, Carla Collins has done the same and of course there are the women of *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* and *SCTV*. So I feel like we've kind of got it figured out here in Canada," explains one of the freshest faces of female comedy, Jessica Holmes.

While Holmes (pictured at right) has no solid answer for the influx of female comedians, she does offer one possible explanation: "Maybe it's because [in America] they're a bit more numbers-driven."

And while her current boss, the CBC brass, is inevitably searching for large audiences and big numbers, Holmes is very excited by the network's commitment to quality programming.

"The producers care a lot about the mandate, which is political comedy... they do look at the numbers and pay attention to the numbers but more than that they just want a quality show that will make people think and laugh," the devoted CBC employee Holmes explains.

The track record of the Ottawa-born comic speaks for itself, demonstrating that smart, topical humour is one of Holmes' many strengths. As a member of the renowned *Royal Canadian Air Farce* Holmes often gets the opportunity to present light-hearted takes on the often-absurd Canadian political climate.

"We can get away with things that even newspapers can't get away with now... comedians are still allowed to say whatever is on their minds. It doesn't matter what party is in power or in favour or not," explains Holmes, who often does comical send-ups of Liberal

MP Belinda Stronach.

With that being said, Holmes does not see herself as a political watchdog. "I'm not trying to change the world, I'm not trying to do anything deeper then just show people a really good time. I guess I found the nobility in just trying to make people laugh," Holmes explains, side-stepping any ideas that her comedy is a sort of social commentary.

"The Stronach impressions are not the most important impressions in the world. It's not like she's some crazy villain and I'm showing society her true colours. It's more like 'Oh my gosh, where'd this beautiful Barbie politician come from?'"

Holmes' Stronach impression is not the only celebrity inside of her repertoire. On *Air Farce*, and in her live shows, Holmes creates parodies of well-known celebrities, including Liza Minelli, Celine Dion and Michael Jackson.

Oftentimes Holmes's portrayals are so strikingly accurate that the comedian finds herself totally enveloped in the role of the character.

"It's really weird. When I'm doing a good job I truly just feel like I'm that person. That's why I have so much fun when I'm doing Liza Minelli. Jessica Holmes is nowhere to be found when I'm doing that character. Even the smallest thing, even down to the hair on my arms, they feel like Liza," Holmes says of her prodigal gifts.

Holmes' knack for diving within the character of another human being has taken the Ryerson graduate to the heights of the comedic landscape.

Having opened for comic heavyweights like Leslie Nielsen and Jerry Seinfeld, Holmes has found herself within arm's reach of comedy's pinnacle and now is intent on reaching it.



Comedians set to invade Athletic Complex

Comics to add a boisterous element to the Homecoming festivities

JOE TURCOTTE
A&E EDITOR

In an attempt to bring together Laurier alumni and the Waterloo community at large, the WLU Alumni Association has added a new event to the traditional Homecoming proceedings. On Saturday, September 23, the WLU Athletic Complex will host the first ever Manulife Evening of Comedy.

Headlined by CBC regulars Shaun Majumder, from *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, and Jessica Holmes, of *The Royal Canadian Air Farce*, the Evening of Comedy is being presented as a night where the three prongs of the Laurier community can meet and laugh together.

"It's an opportunity to bring together students, alumni and the community. They'll come together for a football game, but the nights at the Turret usually only draw students and alumni.

But the opportunity to make this event go is exciting," says WLU's Director of Alumni Relations, Brian Breckles.

Along with Majumder and Holmes, the Alumni Association has also enlisted the service of a trio of Laurier graduates.

Comedians Alex Kojfman and James Gangl will serve as the opening acts for the more established CBC regulars, and MuchMusic VJ and Laurier grad Matte Babel will return to his old campus haunts to entertain the crowd as the evening's MC.

As a former Golden Hawk football player Babel is thrilled to return to the Homecoming festivities.

"[I'm] kind of like the appetizer before the main course. I don't know if I'm funny enough to be a comic, so I don't want to go up there and bomb it."

- Matte Babel, Laurier alum and Much VJ says of his role as Master of Ceremonies

"Homecoming is the best. The camaraderie, everyone coming together, everyone's always in good spirits. For me it was al-

ways football, and Homecoming was the game you always looked forward to because you knew the stands were going to be packed," the Much VJ says, reminiscing about his days at Laurier.

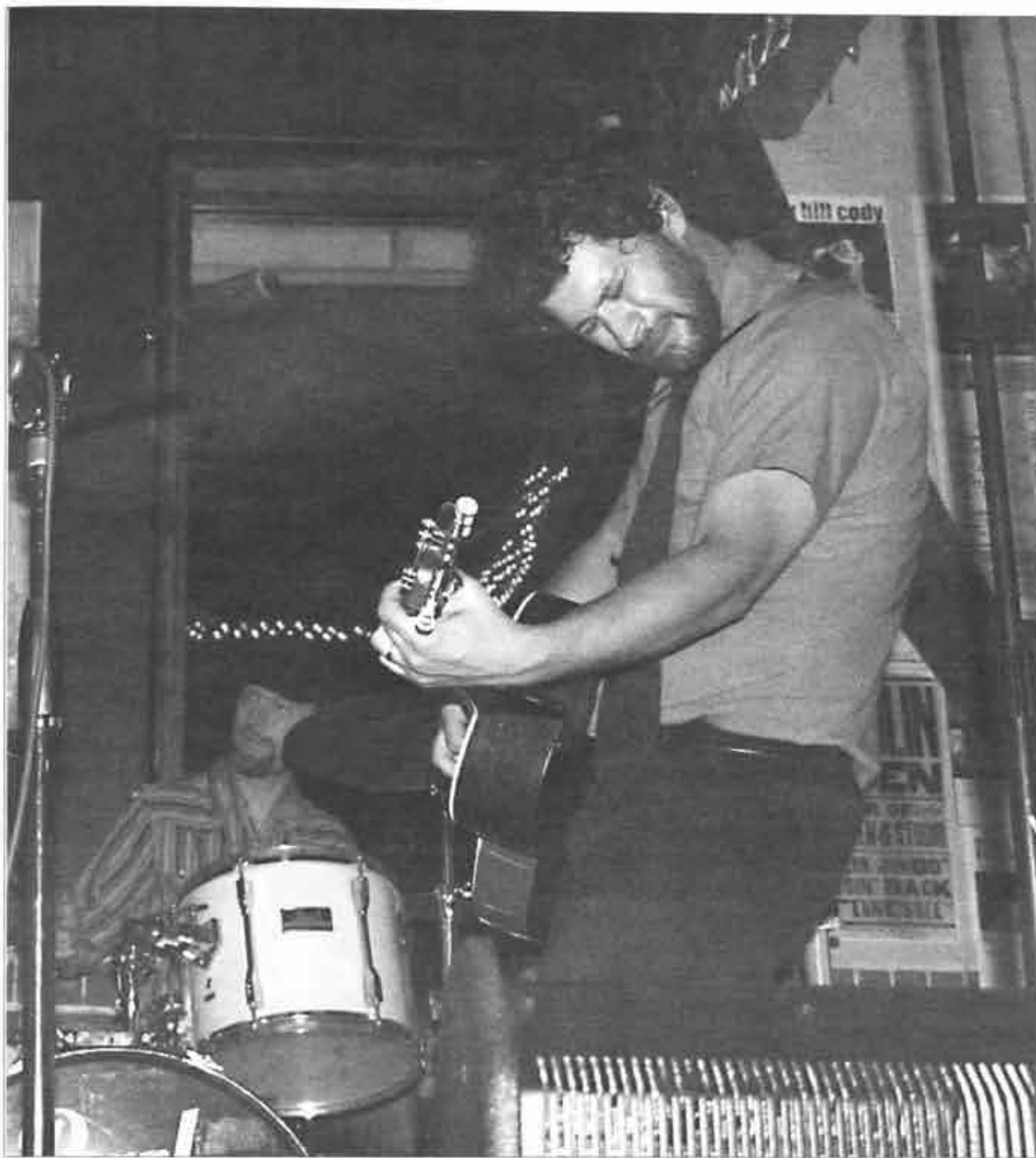
And while he may have moved from the field of play to centre stage, Babel is relishing his chance to host Homecoming's newest event. "It's going to be fun. I'm feeling a little pressure with all these comedians on stage. I'm asking myself 'do I need to be funny?'" Babel laughs as he thinks about his role as the night's MC.

When asked how his act will

compare to the talents of Majumder and Holmes, Babel shows that he understands the division between MC and comedian.

"Although it is a comedy show I see my role as what it should be. It's like, for example, a host of *The Grammys*, type thing. You know, the host does their little thing and does a little bit of comedy, but then the main act comes on. Kind of like the appetizer before the main course. I don't know if I'm funny enough to be a comic, so I don't want to go up there and bomb it," says Babel.

If the talent assembled for Saturday night's Evening of Comedy is enough to humble the often-boisterous Babel, it seems that the newest addition to Laurier's annual Homecoming tradition will be worth the trip to the Athletic Complex.



Joe Turcotte

LEGENDARY BROOD - With only a guitar, Elliott Brood frontman Mark Sasso takes control of The Boathouse.

Death country live

Raucous alt-country trio Elliott Brood brought their show to The Boathouse

JOE TURCOTTE
A&E EDITOR

Elliott Brood is many things: a band, a legend, a myth, and, most importantly, a refreshing sound on the Canadian country music scene.

What Elliott Brood is not, however, is a person—at least not in the traditional sense.

"We're trying to find Elliott Brood, actually. He's an enigma," explains The Brood's approachable leader singer Mark Sasso as he and his other bandmates sit down with the *Cord* prior to a September 16 show at The Boathouse.

"For us, hopefully every record is kind of like where he is at some point," adds the energetic guitarist Casey Laforet.

While the members of Elliott Brood are not interested in creating a glitzy and marketable image for the band, they are deeply involved with cultivating their music and their art. Rather than having the traditional bio serve as the representation of the band, the image-conscious Brood instead looked to an old friend to create a legend that would better encapsulate the idea of the band as a whole.

"We wanted something that would have the idea of something before the band. Our band is drawing on that. A lot of our stuff, our art, kind of plays with

the past. The idea that somebody owned it before you, someone had it before you, and that there's a history there that you might not know but can go find out," Sasso says in between sips of a newly poured draught.

History definitely has a place on Elliott Brood's first full-length release, *Ambassador*. The album chronicles tales of death, murder, and lost love in a dark and somber way that is not at all similar to the glossy sounds of contemporary pop-country. Instead, the Brood is more of a throwback to the era of country pioneers like Johnny Cash; an era when country music still had a soul, one that was oft-injured and able to express genuine emotions.

"We play our songs and we play our tunes. It's not like we write to get played on the radio. I think if you do that, if you think that far ahead the music loses its soul You've got to live and die by the sword. It's kind of a selfish thing. You've got to create your art for yourself and then give it to other people," the passionate Sasso explains.

"There's a lot of crap on the radio, that's a given... we aspire to have fans that like music, who actually listen," continues drummer and newest member of Elliott Brood, Stephen Pitkin.

While the sounds of *Ambassador* are at times slow and driving,

the same cannot be said for the Brood's live show. Mixing their death-country sound with punk-rock sensibilities, Elliott Brood delivers a show that forces the audience out of their seats and onto the dance floor.

"The way we approach playing shows is we walk into the town, kill everyone and leave... our plan is to rip [your] chair out from underneath you, and give you a drink," an excited Laforet exclaims as he recites an unofficial Elliott Brood motto.

And judging by Saturday night's performance at The Boathouse, Elliott Brood is quite capable of delivering upon their aspirations. Playing songs from *Ambassador* and 2004's EP *Tin Type*, the Brood got fans both young and old up out of their seats and dancing, in spite of The Boathouse's limited space. Mixing banjos with distortion, Elliott Brood creates an unapologetic driving and rhythmic sound that is fuelled by the general enthusiasm that the Brood have for playing music.

Although the band defies the restrictive categories of both country and rock, and may never achieve the commercial success of other Canadian country acts, like Shania Twain or The Road Hammers, Elliott Brood seem content to soldier on as harbingers of an era that has become lost to commercialism and mass-marketability.

Barefoot and married in K-W

Theatre & Company performs Neil Simon play

CARRIE MCNABB
CORD A&E

When Robert Redford and Jane Fonda starred in the movie adaptation of *Barefoot in the Park* (1967), they charmed audiences. Neil Simon wrote this play based on his own marriage and the hostile, often irrational fights he and his young wife had starting out as newlyweds. But really, how relevant is a play written almost 30 years ago to today's standards of marriage?

Although there are many societal references in the play that are no longer relevant (\$120/month for an "expensive" New York apartment), the overall message of struggling to make love work will never tire.

The play begins with a couple of Dharma-and-Greg-esque newlyweds who are enjoying their first week of marriage. Conservative lawyer Paul (Adrian Marchuk) and free-spirited Corie (Anna Hardwick) are adjusting to living in their crummy, small apartment while coming to terms with an oddball group of neighbours. One such example is Victor Velasco, the tenant who lives above them, portrayed in a truly remarkable performance by Costin Manu. Victor is a flamboyant caricature of a man who Corie decides to set up with her rather unadventurous mother (Lynn Vogt).

Three of the four principle actors, Hardwick, Manu, Vogt, in *Barefoot in the Park* make their Theatre & Company debuts and all deliver strong performances

for the Kitchener-based theatre troupe.

Act Two follows the fiasco of the blind date in which Hardwick shows some skilled physical comedy. While Act Three goes on to deal with the near-absurd aftermath. Marchuk and Hardwick have the audience shrieking with laughter with fights that are so irrational only lovers could invent them.

Costume and sound design are successful in establishing the time-period. The director (Graham Cozzubbo) and set designer (Sean Mulcahy) use Theatre & Company's thrust stage effectively to give an intimate feel to the newlyweds' first apartment.

Barefoot in the Park is a great play to see either with your significant other or with roommates (who I am sure will emphasize with the "fink" landlord problems and the need for indoor parkas in February).

Overall, the performance proves that you don't need to leave town or break the bank to see good-quality theatre. Director Graham Cozzubbo, also in his Theatre & Company debut, brings to this play a wealth of experience from his time at the Soulpepper Theatre in Toronto, Theatre Passe Muraille and even locally here at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Barefoot in the Park runs until October 1 with 7:30 shows from Wednesday through Saturday, matinees beginning at 2:00 both Friday and Saturday and a Sunday twilight show beginning at 4:00 pm.

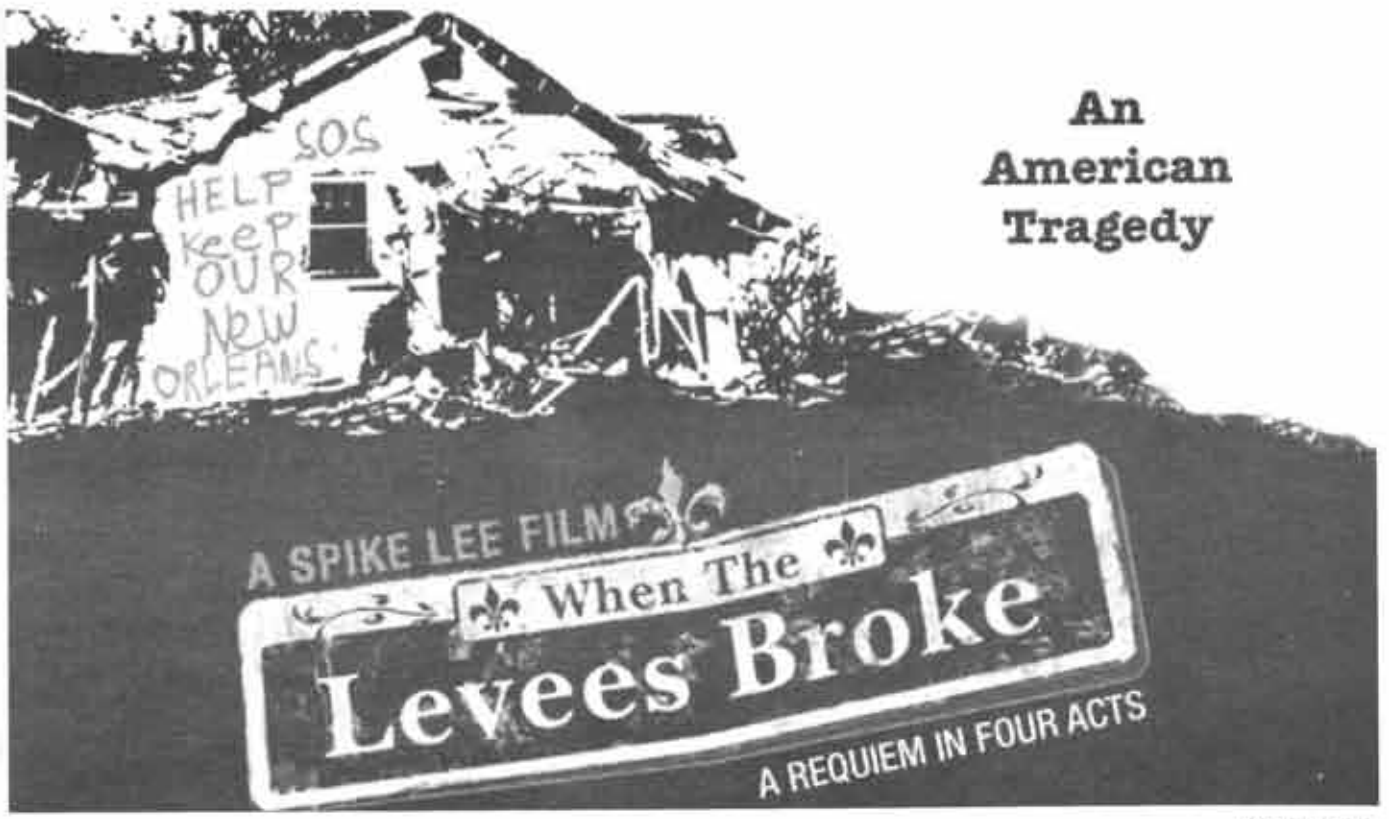


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SOMEWHERE TO LEAN - Anna Hardwick and Lynn Vogt bring strong performances to Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*.

Diary of a festival junkie

A&E writer **Dru Jeffries** attends the Toronto International Film Festival and tells us what films to watch for in the fall season



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SPIKING THE FESTIVAL - Legendary screenwriter appears at the 31st Toronto International Film Festival to screen his film *When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*.

DRU JEFFRIES STAFF WRITER

I am so completely smitten with the medium of film that I am amazed this was the first year that I'd taken the trek to Toronto for its 31st annual International Film Festival. Like many of us, I'd marvelled at the movie stars (but mostly the directors) that attend without fail each year, watched the press conferences on Rogers Cable (maybe I'm the only one that did that), and went gah-gah over the line-up of exciting film screenings.

The Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) is a festival unlike many others. Unlike Cannes, the number one film festival in the world, all screenings are open and accessible to the general public. Unlike Sundance, Toronto isn't a marketplace for distributors, so the festival doesn't suffer from the reek of commerce. TIFF is merely a celebration of great filmmaking from all around the world, which is exactly what a film festival should be. The people who go there, including myself, really love films (though, unlike me, they'll waltz right out of the theatre if the film is a stinker).

So I learned from a lovely woman that sat beside me at my first film of the festival, Thursday night's screening of Ken Loach's *The Wind That Shakes the Barley*. She told me that last year, at the festival's encore screening of Guy Richie's *Revolver*, the director pleaded with the crowd to "at least stay until the end of the movie," citing a "mixed reaction" at the previous night's screening.

Not surprising for a winner of the prestigious Palme D'or at Cannes, not one person walked out of *Barley* that night, though I'm guessing that more than a few members of the audience couldn't decipher the cast's thick Irish accents any better than I could. *Barley* star Cillian Murphy was kind

enough to not only introduce the film, but to answer questions from the sold-out and appreciative Ryerson Theatre audience afterwards. My festival experience was off to a terrific start.

On Sunday night, I was lucky enough to attend the gala world premiere of Christopher Guest's latest film, *For Your Consideration*, at Roy Thomson Hall. Fans of Guest's previous work will be familiar with the territory that this hilarious film treads. The film's subtle style shifts from Guest's trademark 'mockumentary' genre into a more direct dramatic style create a feeling similar to Robert Altman's terrific *A Prairie Home Companion*. This feeling is further buoyed by Guest's terrific use of one of the best ensemble casts in film. Among the actors present for the screening were: Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Parker Posey, Bob Balaban, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer.

After *Consideration*, the evening only got better as I took in a screening of *Everything's Gone Green* at the nearby Paramount.

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Screenwriter and Canadian icon Douglas Coupland infuses his trademark wit and Canadiana into his delightfully coincidence-driven debut screenplay. In doing so, Coupland creates a film that is greatly enhanced by the audience's experience with Canada without being completely dependent on it for a sense of purpose. If you're a fan of Coupland's novels (like *Generation X*, *All Families Are Psychotic* or *JPod*), check out *Everything's Gone Green* whenever you can. At the very least, pick up the soundtrack, which is full of terrific Canadian music.

And then the fall term began here at WLU. But, like a true film student, I wasn't about to let that stop me from making the most of the festival. After classes on Tuesday, I bolted up to Toronto to see a French film I knew very little about, called *Quelques jours en Septembre*. It turned out to be an engaging and cinematographically-bold spy film leading up to the events of September 11, 2001. As a bonus, star Juliette Binoche and first-time director Santiago Amigorena were present to introduce the film and answer questions

afterwards.

On Thursday, I skipped classes completely in order to get to the encore screening of Darren Aronofsky's *The Fountain*. I still don't quite know what to say about this film, but I have no reservations about recommending it wholeheartedly. Your enjoyment of this film will depend completely on your emotional sensitivity, your tolerance for grandeur and your appreciation of the epic. I completely loved and respected *The Fountain*, making it the finest film experience that I had at the festival.

Thursday night I saw what seemed like a minor entry in the canon of French new-wave director Alain Resnais. Perhaps this feeling was aroused because I had just watched such a cinematic marvel in *The Fountain*. Unlike a stereotypical American film, *Coeurs* weaves together several narratives about relationships of various kinds without feeling the need to connect them all together in a neat, explicit package. Instead, this film is content to be somewhat serious, occasionally hilarious and always as light as

the snow that is continually falling just outside the windows.

My final film of the 31st TIFF was Spike Lee's latest documentary, *When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*. This film consists mostly of talking head interviews, news clips and home video footage of New Orleans during last year's Hurricane Katrina, and is so consistently effective that I was on the verge of tears for most of the film's four-hour (yes, four hours) running time. Lee does a great job of balancing the destruction of New Orleans' spirit alongside its perseverance and its rejuvenation. This is a far more provocative, rewarding and alarming documentary than Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, and a worthy entry in Spike Lee's impressive canon.

And so, after approximately \$250 in movie tickets, 10 hours en-route to and from Toronto, twelve subway tokens and seven films, the Toronto International Film Festival drew to a close. If the films that I mentioned don't come to a theatre near you look for them on DVD in the next year or so. *The Fountain* opens wide on November 22.

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With the recent adherence of universities to a provincial privacy act, students are finding themselves struggling even harder to not be just another number. The Freedom of Information and Privacy Act has been in place in Ontario for over 18 years, but until recently Ontario universities haven't been forced to fully comply.

Now, in order to protect the privacy of students, no documents containing a student's name can be publicly displayed without permission and assignments like essays can't be put into a pile for students to pick up at their leisure.

At a school like Laurier, which prides itself on its smaller class sizes and close-knit community, the new rules could create a noticeable change in the student-professor dynamic.

Professors who used to rely on small tutorials, where students could have engaged discussions about course material, are no longer able to address students by name, eliminating the personal feeling and replacing it with a metaphorical barrier between prof and student. As students, we've always been encouraged to get to know our profs and foster personal relationships, but this new act makes it nearly impossible.

In addition, the logistics involved with implementing the new act create burdens in already chaotic processes. Students must show identification to pick up their assignments on specified dates, grades can no longer be posted or accessed via WebCT, and students are unable to search for classmates' e-mails.

With all of the apparent cons of the act, students must be wondering, what are the pros? Was there really a problem with professors knowing students' names or peers knowing one another's moniker? With all the problems associated with the implementation of the act and no clear reason why it's been done now, after 18 years, students and faculty are understandably frustrated.

This new act essentially forces schools to treat students like numbers without adding up.

Hawk protests irrelevant

When students returned from their summers, ready to pursue their academic goals, they returned to the hallowed Hall of Fame only to see that their beloved Hawk, the soaring symbol of school pride, had been removed from its perch on the floor outside the C Spot. Students will no longer divide in the hall in their attempts to "not walk on the Hawk." And students are pissed.

Over 1500 students joined the Facebook group "I still won't walk on the Hawk" and over 500 signed a petition to bring back the Hawk. Students are clearly impassioned about the matter.

And rightfully so. As Rob McIntosh, creator of the Facebook group, pointed out "because we are a newer school, Laurier doesn't have a lot of traditions. The Hawk was able to bring us together."

Students are understandably upset about the loss of their feathered friend given that Laurier has no other recognizable mascot, save for the yellow atrocity that appears at football games. With

no other symbol to revere, the loss of the Hawk is clearly noticeable.

It's no surprise that Laurier students congregated over the loss of the bird. As a school that prides itself on school spirit, it seems obvious that removing a symbol revered by students would cause some controversy. However, the collaboration and action taken by students could have been much better served taking a stand against a bigger issue.

Where were the petitions or protests when Harper pledged to stay in Afghanistan? Where was the Facebook group when the tuition freeze lifted? The Hawk incident has clearly shown just how effective technology can be in gathering the masses over an issue, but, in perspective, the issue seems rather lame.

As undergraduates, we have a responsibility to take a stand and make our voices heard, and we've done just that over our school mascot. But next time, let's try to take issue with something a little more significant than a fouled fowl.



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Students shouldn't turn to the bottle every time



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Cheers! Vivas! Salut! Ging jaut! Noroc! No matter what language you say it in, it's a sentiment almost always met with the sound of glasses clinking, jostling liquid and throats hungrily gulping the delicious libation.

Whether it was finishing a big project, accomplishing something spectacular, or simply making it through a hellish work week, students often reward themselves by imbibing alcohol rather generously. Finished an eight-page essay? Do a shot! Got an extension? Tap that keg! Got hammered and didn't get a hangover? Bust out the funnel!

What is it about university life that makes drinking morning, noon and night, multiple times a week, acceptable? In the "real world," that type of behaviour would be cause for concern and indicative of a person with an alcohol problem.

According to helpguide.org, signs individuals might be addicted to alcohol include "experiencing negative consequences associated with drinking but continuing [to drink regardless]" and "setting limits on how much they will drink but unexpectedly exceeding them." Anyone who has played a round of porcelain bowling (that is... revisiting your drinks) or has said they'll only have one drink but wound up bleary-eyed surrounded by empty pitchers is technically addicted to alcohol. Sounds like a lot of undergrads, doesn't it?

According to the 2004 Canadian Campus Survey, 32 percent of undergraduate students are participating in harmful drinking, with 43.9 percent of undergrads identifying with at least one of the signs of harmful drinking.

Not only can engaging in frequent boozin' sessions cause such health-related problems as cancer, heart disease and liver disease, the tendency to turn to alcohol for a celebratory purpose or to relieve some stress sets a

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bad precedent for the future.

If a week of stressful classes sends you reaching for the bottle, how will you cope in that dreaded, aforementioned "real world" when you'll be facing serious work-related stress? And every time something great happens to you, will corks be popped?

This inclination of students to use alcohol as a solution to whatever ails them is rampant. For instance, the annual tradition for business students to congregate in the Turret after a particularly arduous mid-term for their beloved "Biz Bash" seemingly demonstrates that to cope with the stress of hard studying, one must relieve their stress with hard drinking.

Students also partake in drinking to "celebrate" causes that don't necessarily need celebrat-

ing. Take, for example, this coming weekend: Homecoming. A weekend devoted to welcoming back alumni with open, beer-laden, arms. Pancake kegers, Eggs 'n' Kegs, and Coldshot parties are all common fare during Homecoming as is a packed beer tent at the football game. It would seem that the only appropriate way to acknowledge our alums is by facilitating a drunken stupor.

At what point does all this drinking stop being "harmless partying" and "blowing off some stress" and become a serious condition? When Bob Rae hands you your degree? As we work towards our ultimate goal of a degree after the long and strenuous

process of being an undergraduate student, it's natural that we'll let loose, have a few drinks, and yes, even get hammered from time to time.

What's frightening is what seems to be the large amount of students who seem to only have one way of coping or celebrating whatever life throws at them, and it's with a bottle.

The next time you have a stressful week, bypass the shots and go to a yoga class or hit the gym. When you finish an assignment, celebrate by going out to dinner with a friend or seeing a movie. There are many other ways to deal with life's obstacles that don't end with your head in a toilet.

Take Back the Night and take a stand

WLU undergrads should use their education to take action against injustices



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It's estimated that more than ten females are sexually assaulted in Waterloo Region each day. Young women between the ages of 16 to 24 (in other words, university-aged women) run a risk four times greater of being sexually assaulted than any other age group.

Sexual violence is incredibly pervasive. The slogan of many sexual assault centres is "You Are Not Alone."

It's an attempt to debunk the myth that sexual assault is an uncommon problem. Survivors don't have to experience the isolation

that has historically accompanied this form of violence.

When I graduated from Laurier six years ago, I didn't know how to turn these facts into action. I had yet to fully comprehend my own power as a university graduate.

I now realize that as post-secondary students and graduates, we are members of an influential group and it is within our ability to affect change.

Even for those of us who are marginalized in other ways, we must acknowledge the privilege granted to us by our involvement in academia.

Be it obtaining some financial security with a university degree or participating in the creation of knowledge through research, we are starting off in an influential position. University graduates be-

come tomorrow's leaders.

The beginning of a new school year is a time to reflect on who we are, who we want to be and what we want to contribute in this life.

What will you do with the power awarded to you in your privileged position?

Are you content to simply fight for a bigger piece of the proverbial pie or will you fight for something greater than yourself?

By using your education to make decisions and take a stand against injustices for which you feel strongly, you have the opportunity to make your alma mater and your community proud.

On September 21, there's an opportunity for all women in Waterloo Region to stand up and speak out against sexual violence. It's time once again to "Take Back the

Night." This annual march affirms the right of women and children to be safe from violence regardless of age, creed, location, numbers or attire.

The symbolic Take Back the Night march traces its roots back to the 1970s in England, where restrictions were placed upon women and children as a means of ending a series of violent sexual assaults.

Women and children could not be on city streets after 10:00 pm without being accompanied by a man. Outraged, women took a stance and marched to reclaim their right to walk the streets without fear.

Marches are now held annually around the world to bring awareness and empowerment to women, and to inspire action that will bring an end to violence, and specifically, the sexual violence that intrudes into our lives and

communities.

Take Back the Night offers women the opportunity to take what might otherwise be private experiences of injustice, and break the silence by publicly naming these wrongs.

As an alumnus, I challenge you to acknowledge your power and to stand up and take action to end the violence.

As undergraduates, Laurier students are in an ideal position to use their education and youthful passion to fight for causes in which they believe. Whatever the cause, you should stand up for your beliefs.

For more information on Take Back the Night or the Kitchener-Waterloo Sexual Assault Support Centre, visit www.kwsasc.org.

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Untangle Dawson web

- FROM DAWSON, COVER

school, making thorough rounds frequently, beyond just the visible public areas, and there were security cameras in all the hallways.

My point is that I really felt Dawson College was a safe place and it seemed to be doing everything reasonable to maintain safety.

Yet a terribly senseless act of violence happened there. And because I knew Dawson College I believe that if it happened there it can happen here.

Despite this recent event, Dawson remains a very safe school. It's in an upper-class neighborhood, and as Montreal Mayor Gerald Tremblay described it, "one of the most secure cities in the world."

I was seven years old when the École Polytechnique massacre happened at the Université de

Montreal resulting in the deaths of 14 women. I remember the moment of silence we held in my high school upon the tenth anniversary of this tragedy.

In 1989 the police responded to the incident by surrounding—but not entering—the school. I'm guessing because they assumed it was a hostage situation. Had they entered the École Polytechnique at that time they may have been able to prevent some deaths.

This experience taught the Montreal police to respond to the Dawson shooting by entering the school and "neutralizing" the shooter immediately, rather than risk any more injuries or deaths.

Once the dust has settled in Montreal, we have some important questions that must be asked. A CTV commentator raised the popular idea about the influence of the media in promoting

violence. He suggested that video games teach people how to kill, but not to kill.

What has made Kimveer Gill and people like him turn to killing? We have to untangle the web of contributing circumstances surrounding this violent act and others like it before these events become more familiar and common.

A complex problem like school shootings cannot be solved without large multi-faceted action on both a national and a cultural scale. Do we, as Canadians, demand serious and in-depth solutions of our elected assembly in Ottawa loudly enough?

A small part of a positive move forward may be a demand to Prime Minister Stephen Harper to retain and tighten Canada's gun laws.

A female student, 18-year-old

Anastasia De Sousa, is dead. Early reports suggested she was in her twenties. I'm in my twenties. I wondered if I had been acquainted with this student, if I took a class with her at one time, or if I'd passed her in the halls the way I do other students at Laurier.

The shooting at Dawson was senseless, but that doesn't mean we can't have a thoughtful response. As Canadians, we need to

respond to this as we would to any tangible crisis. The dead can't demand this themselves so we must do it in their names.

I don't want to go to school feeling like this could happen again.

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Letters to the Editor

Athletics accountable

The following letter to the editor is in response to David Jenkins' letter to the Editor: Where's the Accountability? (The Cord, September 13, 2006). Over the past eight years as Laurier has grown in student population, so too has demand for intramural and recreational opportunities and facilities.

Since the 98/99 school year, intramural teams grew from less than 190 teams to 687 teams in 2005/06 alone. Facilities such as University Stadium field and gym and the Athletic Complex gym and pool were programmed to 1:00 am to meet demand. University Stadium field is restricted by city by-law to close with lights off by 11:00 pm.

The expansion of recreational activity resulted in planning of the Fitness Centre (completed September 2005) as well as a re-development of Willison Field. From the very beginning, the vision for Alumni Field was to service the broadest cross-section of the Laurier students and meet growing demand.

That was the desire of the major partners in this project the WLU Alumni Association and WLU. The reality was that the design of the field size was limited by the City of Waterloo building and zoning regulations that required the project to maintain the existing number of parking spaces. No end zone space eliminated any possibility for OUA lacrosse or rugby games to be played on the field.

What is interesting is the move of the soccer teams to Alumni Field (whose soccer alumni met the challenge of raising \$100,000 which was matched by two football alumni) has benefited the women's lacrosse team as well as the men's lacrosse club team by them having more practice time available at University Stadium. The women's team has also gained a dedicated dressing room at the stadium. The stadium turf replacement will be required in the future and both rugby and lacrosse teams will then get their field of dreams.

Where's the accountability? The answer is best given if you take a walk by Alumni Field daytime or night. There

you will see a large cross-section of students playing frisbee, pick-up football or soccer at their leisure. This was the main vision of Alumni Field approved by its donors, university administration and Board of Governors.

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Masturbation isn't just for boys

Women shouldn't be ashamed of "buffing the beaver" since it's a great stress reliever and can help you have even better sex



ANDREA BATTISTA
DON'T GET ME STARTED

If there is one single truth to human sexuality regardless of age, gender, race or cultural background, it's that it feels good to touch ourselves. Any kind of touching can feel good or relaxing, and when it comes to touching our parts down there, there is no exception to the rule.

While walking down the street the other day, I couldn't help but become enthralled with a conversation taking place between three young men and one young lady.

The topic was masturbation.

The men announced loudly how often they jerk it, how good it can feel performing the task in water and the easiest way to clean up afterwards. It was educational to say the least. The young lady laughed along, but when asked about her own habits, she quickly replied, "that's gross! I don't masturbate."

I couldn't help but laugh and think to myself, "yeah right, you dirty, rotten liar." Granted, maybe I should have minded my own business and not have been listening to their conversation, but either way, it got me thinking about the topic of self-exploration, and more specifically, female masturbation and the negative associations with it.

While it is common for men to admit to "choking the chicken" and feel comfortable talking about it, women are a bit more hesitant. While females may be less likely to openly admit to their handheld habits, the ones who are comfortable enough to embrace it are in luck; the sex industry is actually catered towards females.

Marisa Emmanuel, as a Stag Shop employee, spends her days surrounded by dildos, butt plugs, lubes and all things erotic. She notices that on average, the clientele of the store is 70 percent female and 30 percent male. The age of women coming into the store to make purchases ranges from 18 to 80 and the majority of those women are middle-aged and often married. With a large variety of self-pleasurable devices to choose from, every woman could find something right for her.

Men have slightly less variety to choose from, but there are prosthetic vaginas available

for them to consider. Ironically enough, the fake coochies are seen as more taboo than any fake phallus. However, a prosthetic vagina, just like a prosthetic penis, is a safe and fun way to aid in pleasuring ourselves. And it's not strange, perverted people investing in these toys.

Emmanuel explains that it's "average men who want something on the side of their relationship: long-distance truck drivers, businessmen who travel and want something to help them avoid temptation when they are away, as well as people with communicable diseases that they don't want to pass on to others."

Whether male or female, hand to gland combat is always a safe alternative to sex and can actually help you work towards a better sex life in the future. When one is accustomed to their own body, they are aware of what feels good and what doesn't.

Almost everyone who has experienced an orgasm did so for the first time by making like Han Solo and stroking their own Wookiee. You can teach yourself where to touch and how fast or hard you like to be touched, and then transfer this information to your significant other. Everyone is different and what is pleasurable to each and every one of us is also different. Knowing your own body leaves you open to discuss your findings with a loved one and allows them to initiate the pleasure and share in your excitement.

When put on the spot, it might be a natural reaction to deny masturbation, simply because it is a personal topic that many may not want to disclose. There is still this stigma associated with rubbing one off and specifically with female masturbation.

While it is becoming more common for women to be sexually liberated, there is still this deep-rooted belief that women should be

reserved and innocent. Men are able to be more openly vile and speak about things that are more taboo for women to speak about.

However, it is human nature and we all have our sexual needs and urges. To deny them can lead to social deviation of the worst kind as a result of pent up sexual frustrations.

Let yourself enjoy sex with a partner – or alone – and most importantly, do not feel ashamed of it. In the end, whether people admit to it or not, as pleasure-seeking creatures it is human nature to touch ourselves. No one should be ashamed of this human impulse, though I don't recommend shouting off the rooftops how often you jack it or jill it.

Masturbation is a healthy pastime that can lead to a less stressful life.

So ladies of Laurier, I encourage you to get to

know yourselves a little better and spend a Friday night alone discovering your own body. It is a safe way to feel good and there is no risk of pregnancy or STDs.

Even better, with a fully charged vibrator, you can almost guarantee yourself

an orgasm, or several for that matter, without having to worry about making awkward conversation once the beer goggles have come off.

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