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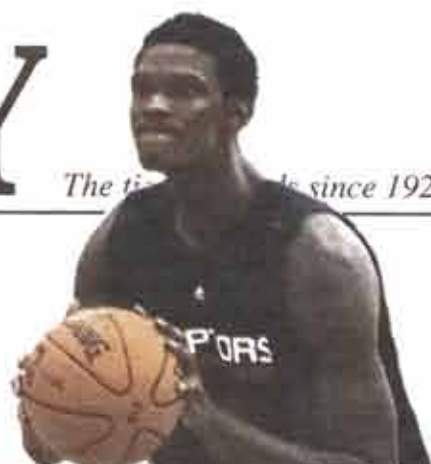
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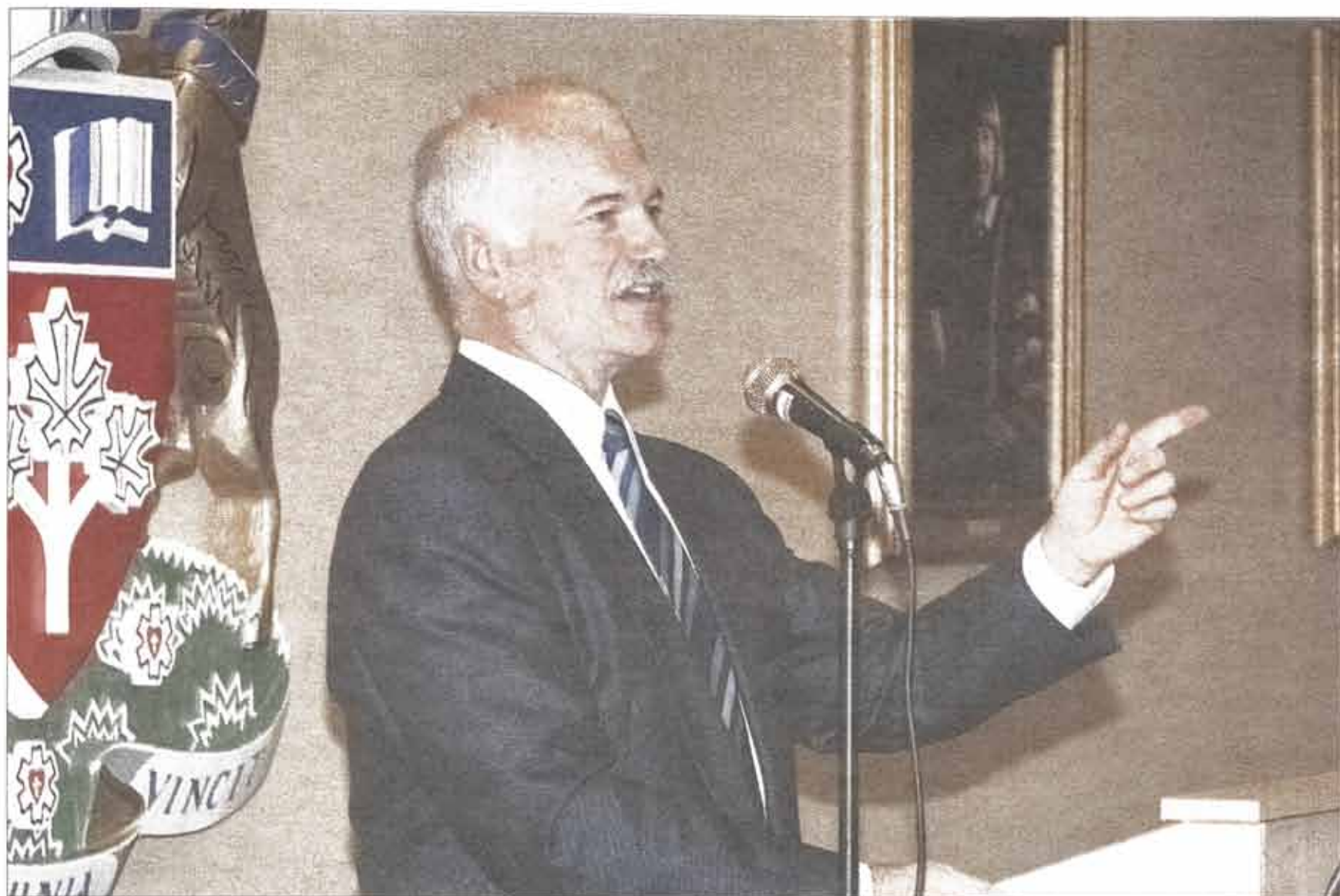
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**UNIVERSITY BLITZ** - Jack Layton, leader of the NDP, addressed a packed Paul Martin Centre of students Wednesday as part of his tour.

## Layton recognizes student exhaustion

NDP leader emphasizes global warming crisis,  
foreign policy and the need to invest in youth

**TONY FERGUSON**  
NEWS EDITOR

All eyes were on Jack Layton yesterday morning as the leader of the New Democratic Party addressed students and faculty in the overcrowded Paul Martin Centre at WLU.

Layton was hosted by the Laurier Active New Democrats (LAND).

"I've never spoken in a building

named after Paul Martin before," said Layton as he jumped up and down, jokingly assuring himself that the floor was sturdy.

Layton began his speech with education, an issue that pertained most to Laurier students.

"What I've witnessed is the progressive exhaustion of the student body," said Layton, who has 30 years experience as a university professor.

"Far too many students are

working far too many part-time hours in order to cover the cost of being a student and that's wrong," he said.

Layton points out that in Europe, funding education is seen as an investment, a philosophy that he believes Canadians don't always subscribe to. Layton relates success directly to development and growth, something that is comparable to the business world.

"I don't know very many businesses that succeed that don't make investments up front - except for YouTube," he said.

For Layton, investment in edu-

cation is not only important for a skilled and successful workforce of the future, but for Canada to stay afloat in the global economy.

"We'd better start thinking about this in this country ... there are other countries that ... are going to pass us by," he warned, pointing to China which boasted 325,000 graduate engineers this year. Such a number of scientifically inclined minds, Layton points out, can make short work of the problems in our society such as replacing polluting cars

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## Provost declines reinstatement

WLUSU in search of  
new coordinator

**MIKE BROWN**  
NEWS EDITOR

Matt Provost has declined an offer to reclaim his job after his questionable dismissal last week, leaving the WLUSU campus clubs

coordinator post vacant.

The upheaval of leadership in the department has affected several students involved in campus clubs at Laurier.

"I have people coming in, asking me questions - I don't know what to tell them," says Rachelle Lozon, a campus clubs executive. "It's just a big jumbled mess. There's no order, and there's

no organization, and there's no answers.

"Clubs are probably losing a lot of faith in us right now. I'm kind of embarrassed to be on campus clubs," she added.

After questions surfaced last week regarding the legitimacy of Provost's dismissal, he filed an appeal and WLUSU President Allan Cayenne issued an offer

of reinstatement. On the morning of Tuesday, October 10, both Cayenne and Matt Park, the chair of the WLUSU board of directors, received Provost's official refusal of that offer.

"There are obvious conflicts between me and the current vice president of finance," Provost

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## Our exes stay in our lives: Cord study

Students share lessons learned from break-ups

**MIKE BROWN**  
NEWS EDITOR

Every Thanksgiving, without fail, the Turkey Dump spells the end for some ill-fated lovers of the Frosh class. Whether you're brimming with hate for your now-defunct lover or still longing for their touch, figuring out where you stand with your newly-minted ex is an essential component to moving on with your Laurier love life.

To that end, *Cord Student Life* sat down with a number of predominately upper-year students to discuss the fallout from the relationships Cupid forgot about. So, whether you're lovesick in Little House or a seasoned veteran of the singles scene, pay attention and you just might learn something.

### Where Do We Go From Here?

There doesn't really seem to be a clear-cut answer. Those interviewed covered the spectrum when it came to their current ties with their various ex's, ranging from unabashed loathing and policies of zero contact to a few instances of the ambitious ex-turned-best friend phenomena. In general, though, the extremes - that is, a complete cessation of ties or a profound friendship - were rare.

The gender spread revealed that guys tended to be less concerned with keeping close ties, whereas women were more likely to speak of close friendships in the wake of a romantic relationship.

### Pros and Cons

For many, the transition to a close friendship after a relationship seems quite natural.

"These are people that once made you really happy," notes Shayna Walford, a fourth-year arts

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"That Hawk is eating a squirrel."  
- BC, PPM

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so shall conduct the affairs of our newspaper.



Sydney Holland

**OFFING JACK** - Not everyone agreed with Layton's message - especially in his call for mediation with Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

# We're in denial: Layton

FROM LAYTON, COVER

with zero-emission ones.

This example was used as a segue into the next topic which Layton described as "one of the greatest threats to human security we are facing." This threat isn't terrorism or war but the environment and the dramatic changes that are taking place.

Layton began with an anecdote of a recent trip to Dawson City in northwestern Canada where he spoke with Aboriginal elders about some of the climate changes that they were noticing.

"They typically go out over the ice and snow to do their hunting but now there's no snow in Octo-

ber, in November and what little there is in December is washed away by the rain," he explained. The elders are then finally able to start their hunt in January. "But what do you think that means for the species they are hunting?" asked Layton.

Changes in climate not only affect the people and species in northern Canada, but all over the world, Layton went on to explain. He pointed out that in Bangladesh, most people live no higher than two metres above sea level. As the air around the earth warms, so will the water which will then expand and rise anywhere from 2 to 25 metres. Layton explained that a two-metre rise in sea level

will mean the destruction of the crops of the Bangladeshis and other low-altitude dwellers. If the sea level rises any farther, warned Layton, these areas will not only be unable to support crops, they will be uninhabitable.

"We need to start taking climate change seriously and take responsibility for the long-term consequences and break out of the denial," he said.

Layton finished with another threat to human security: nuclear proliferation.

"I grew up in the era where nuclear weapons really grabbed you by the soul and terrified you," he said, recalling his teen years during which the Cuban Missile

Crisis took place. Now the world looks completely different with "far more missiles pointed at major cities than there were in 1962."

Not only this, but there doesn't seem to be any effort to cut down these numbers.

"Unfortunately, in the last decade, the will to head in the direction of disarmament has evaporated," he said.

Layton believes that the role of mediator, one which Canada takes on and has taken on many times before in the face of super-power nations is the first step to a more peaceful world.

See PAGE 20 for editorial reaction to this story.

# Leaving the hack behind

Program for quitting smoking comes to Laurier

MARK ADAMSON  
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Leave The Pack Behind, a multi-campus smoking awareness program, has arrived at Laurier. LTPB, based out of Brock University, was founded in 2000 and has spread to most university campuses in Ontario. This is the first year that the province-wide campus program will have an affiliation with Laurier.

The government-sponsored program receives its funding from Ontario's Ministry of Health. The program will work hand-in-hand with Laurier's Student Health and Development Services, and has five paid student staff members on their campus team for

this inaugural year.

LTPB tailors its message to post-secondary students and the approach offers an alternative to standard government-sponsored anti-smoking programs that aren't specifically aimed at a student demographic. "All the literature that we give out is all designed for ages 18-25, the university cohort," says Laurier campus program co-ordinator Jonathan Farkouh.

The program also favours a kinder, gentler approach to dealing with smokers. "We are not an anti-smoking group," explains Jillian Welk, LTPB's research co-ordinator. "We're an on-campus group here to support students who smoke and are at risk of



Sydney Holland

**NIPPING SMOKING IN THE BUTT** - A cornucopia of tobacco roaches lies within the nine-metre limit of a building entrance on campus.

starting to smoke."

"We do have resources to help students to quit, but we know that it's up to them to want to quit first," says Welk. "We don't force students to quit smoking; we engage in dialogue with them about smoking."

Laurier is one of the last campuses in Ontario to have their own LTPB team. Recently, in-

creased funding from the province has allowed the program to have the opportunity to expand to more campuses.

"We have been provided with the funding to expand to the entire province, and this is where our main push is coming from, and Laurier came into our pro-

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## &gt; VOCAL CORD

What is your favourite break-up song?



"'Perfect Disguise' by Modest Mouse."

- Alaric Dennis  
Second-Year Communications



"'Fireflies' by Faith Hill."

- Victoria May  
First-Year English



"'I Will Survive' by Gloria Gaynor."

- Graham Barber  
Second-Year Poli Sci/English



"'Lonely People' by Augustina."

- Meagan Sinclair  
First-Year Archeology



"I actually like 'Do You Really Want to Hurt Me' by Culture Club. It really makes you feel."

- Ben Gosselin  
First-Year Communications

Compiled by David Goldberg, photos by Laura Purchase.

# 30 years of WLU security

Laurier special constables celebrate thirty years of service

DAVID GOLDBERG  
CORD INTERN

Numerous exhibits and conversations occupied the front of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre last Thursday as students flocked there for a free BBQ to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WLU Campus Security. On hand were a number of alumni and security officials headed up by current director, Rod Curran.

"It's a celebration of 30 years of special constable service," said Curran of the event.

"What it does is it gives us a positive learning atmosphere if you don't have to worry about criminal activity," said Curran, when asked about the benefits of having an attentive crew of law enforcers.

Curran went on to tell the history of WLU Campus Security. Prior to 1976, which was the year Laurier received its own exclusive staff, the grounds were patrolled by a private security sector that had a total of three officers on campus.

Folklore says that administration came in one morning and found a security guard they had hired tied to a pole in Willison Field.

Curran's objective of the day was also to raise awareness of how students and officers alike should be working together to make campus the safest it can be.

"We also want the students to



Sydney Holland

**SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY** - Laurier security stand with members of the Waterloo Regional Police and the RCMP at their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Thursday.

be our partners in fighting crime on campus ... because we only have 12 people." He bursts with excitement when he talks about the positive feedback they receive: "We've gotten all kinds of e-mail from students telling us we're doing a good job."

But it's not always an easy job protecting people, as Curran knows. And he's not afraid to ask for outside help.

"I think it's very important for our members to see that we have support off-campus, especially with the incident that happened a couple of weeks ago when our officers were assaulted," he said.

So far, Curran has done a lot for Laurier. His current term sings praises of an enhanced dispatch centre which he feels makes communication much easier. He says better communication between officers translates into

better protection.

In addition, WLU security is bound with Crime Stoppers and is the first on-campus police unit in Canada to be associated with a Neighbourhood Watch program.

George Thom, who was on the Laurier force from 1949 through '87, recalled some interesting anecdotes from his days walking the beat.

"We walked the pubs every night and [there were] 600 kids all boozed up."

Thom remembers a conversation he had with a student whom he was arresting where the kid mentioned, "my father is a lawyer," to which Thom replied, "I don't care."

Another time, Thom chased one kid who had a beer in his pocket down five flights of stairs before the suspect tossed a bad name his way. Thom shouted

at him, "You won't be laughing in the morning, buddy. I know you!"

Our protagonist followed up the next morning with a phone call to the offender's home. "Remember me?" Thom asked. "It's security; get over to the office right now."

When asked about all the years he spent on the job, a smile broke out across his face as he said, "It was the best job I ever had. I loved the students ... You're leaving home and you're coming into an area full of young people - except for the profs."

Thom finished up by saying, "[The students were] always up to something." And as long as students are up to something, there's no reason why campus security won't be around for another 30 years.

## Campus Clubs remains leaderless

- FROM PROVOST, COVER

noted. "Basically, going forward with the position would probably cause a little bit of trouble because of the situation."

"I probably wouldn't be able to serve the department as effectively and if I wasn't able to do that, the department wouldn't be able to serve the clubs as much," he added.

From a personal standpoint, Provost also felt taking a step back was necessary.

"I haven't exactly had the greatest two weeks out of this," he explained. "There's been a lot of stress out of it and I think it's time for me to sort of go forward with everything in my life."

Provost also revoked his appeal once he was assured that his concerns could be sorted through with Cayenne and Park. He claimed that his main concern was ensuring his HR record did not contain any of the allegations brought against him by Mossab Basir, VP of finance, and he said

he was assured that these would not be included, since they were not officially filed.

All parties involved spoke of a desire to move beyond the incident and ensure that nothing similar occurs in the future.

In particular, Cayenne emphasized his focus on "ensuring that training that is received by people is clearly understood and people are aware that when they're in doubt, they should consult the appropriate person and/or manual."

Cayenne said he was confident no such policy breaches would recur under his leadership and that this issue needed to be a focus of the transition to next year's student government.

Park, meanwhile, keyed in on the board's role in figuring out what exactly went wrong in the process of the termination.

"Clearly this issue was not handled properly," he said. "Why? Was it something the board didn't clearly establish guidelines on and if it didn't, what guidelines

can it create? And if it did establish those guidelines, why weren't they followed? It's just going to be an attempt to understand the situation so it can be prevented in the future."

He also noted that the board could investigate whether policy should include "immediate termination allowance," referring to Basir's reasoning for dismissing Provost without Nicole Barenthin, VP: Human Resources, present.

"The board will probably have a few questions for Nicole on what her level of involvement in the process was and how comfortable she is with the proceedings as well," said Park.

In the wake of the firing, Basir has taken over the campus clubs co-ordinator role in an interim capacity. Last week, he sent an e-mail to all campus club presidents apologizing for the department's recent disarray and offering to help with any outstanding issues. He also set up a mandatory meeting for Sunday to handle

budget and other issues.

In Cayenne's opinion, that's precisely what he needed to do.

Alex Hundert, whose extensive campus clubs experience includes the role of treasurer of the Aboriginal Student Awareness Club, agrees. He lauded Basir for his honesty, efficiency and accountability.

"He has dealt with me immediately, right up front and in ways that have made me very happy," said Hundert.

The Students' Union is now in a position where it can hire Provost's replacement to hopefully move forward, says Cayenne.

"Due to the fact that Mr. Provost does not want the position back, it is clear that WLUSU needs to move forward with filling the position of campus clubs co-ordinator."

Details regarding that hiring process will be available within the next few days.

See PAGE 20 for editorial reaction to this story



## Smoking program targets students

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gram under that push," says LTPB assistant manager Kimberly Brunelle. "They're part of our provincial push to get every university.... We want to get all the universities in by this year."

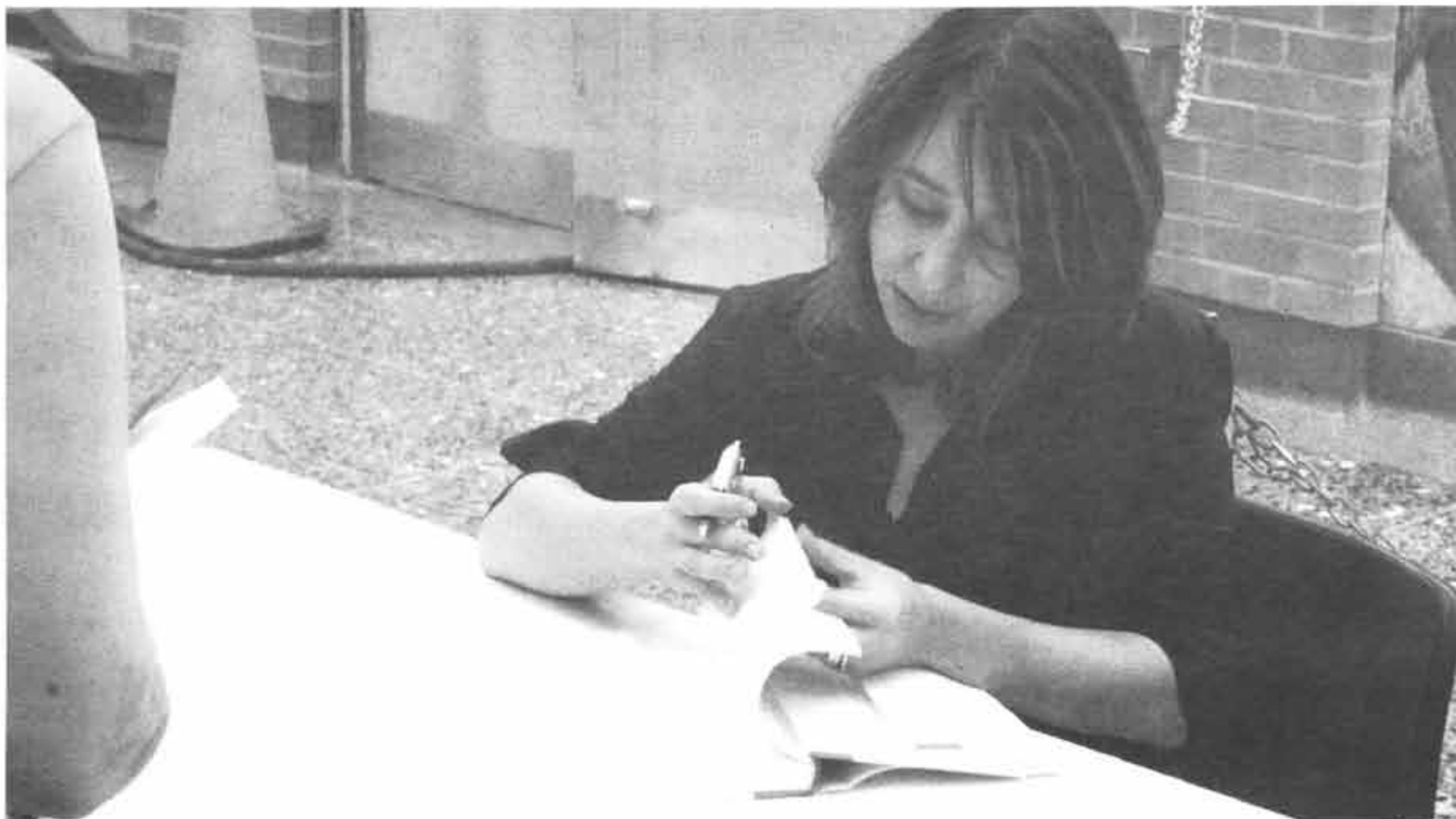
Our neighbours at the University of Waterloo have had the LTPB program on their campus for four years. "77 percent of Waterloo students have heard of us," says UW campus program co-ordinator Tanya Christidis. "Laurier's in an interesting situation right now because they're just getting people to know about their program, and here, we've established ourselves. We're known."

Welk adds, "It's a pretty well-received program on other campuses, and I'm sure we're going to see the same kind of feedback here at Laurier."

As the program gets underway at Laurier, the LTPB team will have increased visibility on campus. Some of the LTPB communication campaigns include campus walkabouts, booths in the concourse, and residence presentations. "A lot of dons are starting to request us going into their floors and talking about our program," says Farkouh.

Information packages are also available in Health Services, and soon the Laurier LTPB team will begin hosting office hours where students can speak with team members about smoking.

# Cosmologist comes down to earth



**SIGNED BY LEVIN** - Astrophysicist Janna Levin signs a copy of her new book after giving a lecture at Waterloo Collegiate Institute on October 4.

**MIKE BROWN**  
NEWS EDITOR

Janna Levin, who gave a lecture through the Perimeter Institute of Theoretical Physics last Wednesday, is not your everyday, run-of-the-mill astrophysicist-cosmologist.

This is not necessarily because she is a young mother of two at the forefront of a traditionally male-dominated field, nor because she radiates charisma, thereby blasting apart the stereotype of the dull, socially irrelevant scientist.

It's not even because she went on *The Colbert Report* in late August to assure Stephen Colbert that the world was not a giant donut, that theoretical physics is not akin to unicorn husbandry, and that he is, in essence, a Turing machine.

No, it is Levin's reputation in the scientific community of putting forth complex theories in accessible, layman's language that sets her apart, something which she set out to further in her most recent book, *A Madman Dreams of Turing Machines*. Rather than the standard scientific text, Levin decided to write a novel.

"It's supposed to be a visceral experience, not an academic one," she says. "You're not being taught something. You're supposed to really experience it, like with any other form of fiction."

That is not to say, however, that the book sprung straight from Levin's imagination. It is based on extensive research and Levin merely takes two "characters" from history – Kurt Gödel, who she labels the "most important logician since Aristotle," and Alan Turing, who broke the German

enigma code during WWII – and tries to recreate the experience of what it might have been like to study alongside them.

"It very much sits on the boundary of [fiction and non-fiction] – that sort of strange place between the two," says Levin.

Indeed, Levin's text gives descriptive passages beyond what could be objectively known about the lives of Gödel and Turing, but throughout she stays true to the essential details of these extremely important nineteenth-century mathematicians' lives. She concisely sums up her own view on the novel, saying simply, "This is a

**Levin went on *The Colbert Report* in late August to assure Stephen Colbert that the world was not a giant donut and that theoretical physics is not akin to unicorn husbandry.**

lie – but it's true."

What can be known objectively and the limits of truth and knowledge are very much entangled in the book, which Levin delivered to approximately 600 members of the public at Waterloo Collegiate Institute, just a few minutes walk from WLU on Hazel Street.

Gödel and Turing, she explains, though they never met, led parallel lives that resulted in the same conclusion of the incompleteness of mathematics, a notion that flew very much in the face of the prevailing thought of their time.

"They said something that kind of terrified me," Levin explains,

"They said that there could never be a mathematical theory of everything," meaning that math was not capable of evincing every pure truth of the universe.

Interestingly, though both scientists came to the same conclusion, it sent them down very different paths. Gödel committed himself to the notion of transmigration of the soul, the Platonic idea that we pass on to another realm of thought when we die. By contrast, Turing became an outright atheist, reducing humanity to simple biological machines and denying the soul's existence altogether.

Both historic characters provide endless fodder for an interesting narrative. Gödel was a severe hypochondriac, weighing only 65 pounds when he starved himself to death, convinced the government was trying to poison

him. Turing admitted to a homosexual affair and was sentenced to hormonal castration. He committed suicide by taking a cue from *Snow White* and eating a poisoned apple.

In spite of her book's title, though, Levin refutes the subjects' madness as an impetus for her novel.

"Turing's not mad. He's not insane, and neither was Einstein. They're interesting characters – that's all. That's really it. That's why I write about them."

For Levin, a professor of Physics and Astronomy at Columbia University who received her PhD

from MIT, there is nothing depressing about the conclusions of these two eccentric minds, nor of their increasingly-accepted view of the limits to objective truth.

She refers to Copernicus for an example, discussing his discovery that humans are not the centre of the universe as showing us to be "simultaneously limited even as we are doing the very things that make us great."

"We're confessing some limit within our own ability and I think that's a very profound thing," said Levin.

And while many in the audience last Wednesday possessed a limited grasp of concepts such as black holes, the big bang and a theory of everything, most left with some food for thought over the metaphysical question of what exactly truth is.

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

### ASSISTANCE MEDICAL

Special Constables, EMS and Waterloo Fire Department responded to the third floor of the FNCC because a female student was potentially having an allergic reaction. Upon arrival WLU ERT members were administering first aid to the victim. EMS arrived a short time later and transported the student to hospital.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Waterloo Regional Police informed Special Constables that they had just arrested two males for breaking windows at St. Michael's Campus. Both males are affiliated with the University of Waterloo.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Special Constables discovered that unknown suspects ripped two parking signs out of the ground behind St. Michael's Campus.

### ASSISTANCE MEDICAL - Brant-

### ford Campus

Special Constables and Brantford EMS attended to a male minor who injured his wrist attempting to do skateboarding tricks. The male was transported to hospital.

### THEFT

Special Constables took a report from a male student whose bicycle was stolen from outside Waterloo College Hall.

### SUSPICIOUS PERSON

Special Constables responded to the Dining Hall after receiving a report of a scruffy-looking male acting in an inappropriate manner. The male was located and identified by the responding Special Constables and spoken to about his behaviour.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Special Constables took a report from a staff member advising that unknown culprits had ripped down some Positive Space posters

from an office door.

### INTOXICATED PERSON

Special Constables responded to the front of King Street Residence in regards to a male that was passed out on the bench. The male was identified as a WLU student who had just come from a local bar. He was taken home by responding officers to sleep off the intoxication.

### DRUGS

Special Constables responded to a call from Bricker Residence regarding possible drug use in an apartment. Upon arrival three students and two non-students were spoken to about the drug use. Report forwarded to Residence Life.

### DRUGS

Special Constables responded to Willison Hall because of possible drug use within the building. Two WLU students were identified and spoken to about the allegations.

Report forwarded to Residence Life.

### FRAUD

Special Constables are investigating a fraud regarding a OneCard that had been lost/stolen and subsequently used at various profit centers within the FNCC without the student's approval.

### MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Special Constables responded to a minor motor vehicle accident in Lot #20. Both drivers were present and will handle this situation through the insurance company.

### DRUGS - Brantford Campus

A concerned citizen handed over a bag of suspected marijuana to Special Constables. The male had found the drug in an area near the library. The marijuana was handed over to the Brantford City Police for destruction.

### ALARM

Special Constables responded to an alarm at the Kitchener Campus. The building was checked and all exterior doors and windows were secure. No cause for the alarm could be found.

### BREAK & ENTER - Brantford Campus

Special Constables responded to a call from a WLU student reporting that a male had entered the apartment uninvited but was scared off when the student came out of a bedroom. A description of the male was obtained and Brantford City Police were asked to take over the investigation.

If you have any information regarding this or any other incident please call Community Safety & Security at 519-885-333 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. You can also report a crime electronically through the Campus Safety and Security website.

# WLU secretary passes

University administrator leaves behind rich legacy to school community

DAVID GOLDBERG  
CORD INTERN

The average person that walks past WLU probably wouldn't wonder why - or even notice that - the flags are at half-mast. But they are this week in respect to the death of 54-year-old university secretary Marilyn Jacobs, who passed away from pancreatic cancer last week.

It's an assumption that possibly every community within our nation has someone like Marilyn Jacobs. You know, the glue, the staple, the common ground and all those other clichéd, proverbial meanings.

But in so many ways, Jacobs was anything but a cliché. In fact, it's safe to say she was an original.

Laurier's Vice President: Academic Sue Horton noted that Jacobs, "would keep her cool" under all sorts of intense situations. Horton also remembered how Jacobs would take control and "never wanted to worry anyone."

After graduating from Laurier in the '70s, Jacobs would continue a more than 25-year-long affiliation with the university. She mostly associated herself with social welfare work, and spent her final seven years as a university secretary. Jacobs also held the role of university Harassment and Discrimination Co-ordinator until the time of her death.

Jacobs logged in a lot of hours of community service throughout her life. She served on many boards and committees including the board of directors for Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region, League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada and the Holocaust & Hope Advisory Committee.

As a devout Jew, Jacobs also

served as president of the Beth Isaiah Synagogue. "She would always host the Seders at her home," said fellow worker and friend Maebelle Koebel.

When the mother of two was not at the gym, she was involved with family, friends, work and her faith.

Jacobs leaves behind a son, Daniel, and a daughter, Sarah. Her death marked the end of a 33-year marriage to her husband Robert, which was described by friends as a relationship full of love and commitment.

Koebel said, "She was very dedicated to her job and family and she did so much... that was a part of her legacy."

In the opinions of many, you would find a picture of Jacobs in the dictionary beside the word "legacy" because that is what she was to so many people. She was a dedicated wife, a responsible mother, a woman who loved her job and faith. And if one looked back on her life, they may understand why she was loved by so many.

A funeral service was held last Monday at the Beth Isaiah Synagogue in Guelph. Shiva will take place at 73 Woodland Glen Drive in Guelph from October 15 to 20.



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Marilyn Jacobs, former university secretary, passed away last week.

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**I CAN GET CREDITS FOR THIS?** - Rena Dellosa gets the low-down on overseas opportunities.

# Getting out of the country 101

**MARY ERSKINE**  
STAFF WRITER

The Concourse booths had a certain international flair on Wednesday during the "World of Opportunity Fair."

Students could wander the diverse displays and explore the various types of international opportunities presented while engaging in conversation with representatives from around the globe. Over 30 international organizations were represented, spanning a wide range of interests such as teachers' college or other academic credits, English teaching programs, not-for-profit groups and language schools.

The event was organized by Laurier International and supported by Laurier Career Services. Allison Fleming, the primary organizer of the event, noted that "the most important part of the day is to raise awareness of international opportunities," that are accessible to the Laurier student body. Primarily dealing with in course exchanges, Laurier International has over 80 partner institutions itself, and is also linked with Career Services on campus.

Vanessa Pejovic, a representative of Career Services, was happy to support the initiative while promoting the additional resources, workshops, and ad-

vice given by Career Services. "With the world becoming more global," Pejovic noted, "it's important that students are aware of all their options."

Sasja Smit, a program coordinator from the Consulate General of Japan, was impressed by the interest in the fair and the centralized information it provided to students interested in going abroad. She commented

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- Anne Dunham, Laurier student

on the usefulness of the event for the student body, stating that she "didn't have this kind of opportunity when [she] was in school, but it would have been very useful," not only for students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program, but for those unsure of what to do after graduation.

Smit represented JET, a program funded by the Japanese government in order to encourage Canadian students to work in the public school system in

Japan. The program is designed to "bridge the cultural gap and promote internationalization," according to Smit.

Not only were Laurier students engaged with the prospects of going abroad, but they were also involved in the fair in order to share some of the positive experiences they had already encountered in other countries. Fourth-year political science student

Anne Dunham traveled to Vanuatu with Youth Challenge International, and was involved with the Opportunity Fair to inform other Laurier students about volunteering experiences. "This is the perfect opportunity for Laurier students because of the emphasis on volunteering at Laurier," Dunham said. "It's a great way to get involved internationally and show the rest of the world Laurier's volunteer spirit."

If you missed the fair but want to learn more about international study, work or travel options, drop by the Laurier International office, located on the fourth floor of the Aird building.



## Straight Talk about AIDS

**ALYKHAN ESMAIL**  
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Recently, I had the opportunity to embark on the journey of a lifetime to Kampala, Uganda, to volunteer for the AIDS organization Straight Talk Foundation (STF). STF is a non-governmental organization that works with young Ugandans and educates them about HIV/AIDS prevention, by covering topics such as family planning, abstaining from sex and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Through my involvement with STF, thanks to financial support from the WLU Students' Union Grant Fund, I gained a lot of insight into the reasons why many Ugandans contract HIV/AIDS. In Eastern Uganda, there is a ritual in which many boys are circumcised at the same time and usually with the same knife. As a result, the knife becomes contaminated and many of the boys become infected with HIV/AIDS.

Western Uganda is home to many "transient traders," who are individuals with temporary jobs. The inability to secure a steady job is a problem, especially for many women who are forced to choose prostitution as a profession in order to make a living. This helps spread HIV/AIDS, especially because there is a scarce supply of condoms in Uganda.

Northern Uganda is going through a civil war and, as a result, many civilians have been displaced from their homes and forced to live in camps for internally displaced people. There is a high population of individuals living in these camps, and to pass time some engage in promiscuous activity. Rape is not uncommon. Soldiers fighting in the north who are detached from their families turn to females for sex and sexual comfort.

Older Ugandan men, who are often married, take advantage of young girls by offering money for food or clothes in exchange for

sex. In matters of survival, these young girls often choose to sleep with the men and risk infection rather than to be without the things they need most.

There are also many myths that surround HIV/AIDS in Uganda. For instance, some Ugandans believe that they must engage in sexual activity at an early age or they may never be able to reproduce. Some even believe that sexual activity is vital to avoid getting cancer or contracting other deadly diseases.

As a Canadian, I asked Jailes Bahati, an educator at STF, what I could do in order to help the HIV/AIDS crisis in Uganda. Bahati believes that those living in the developed world should monitor the funds they donate to help alleviate the HIV/AIDS crisis. Many Ugandans cannot afford antiretroviral drugs, which can prolong the lives of those who are primarily infected with HIV; financially supporting the donation of antiretroviral drugs to Ugandans is a way in which Canadians can help to alleviate the crisis.

There are over two million orphans in Uganda as a result of the HIV/AIDS crisis. Unfortunately, some have contracted HIV/AIDS themselves or were even born with it.

With the high number of orphans, it has become a burden to society to take care of all of them, especially with the lack of resources. Financially supporting an orphan can make a significant impact.

Peter Okirra, who works in conjunction with STF, suggests that we should become more empathic towards the crisis in Africa.

Okirra feels that individuals living in the West should understand that AIDS is not only an African problem and should recognize that we are all one in the struggle to combat the disease.

To learn more about STF visit their website at [www.straight-talk.or.ug](http://www.straight-talk.or.ug).



**A HELPING HAND** - Efforts to educate Africans about HIV/AIDS are best received when we empathize with sufferers.



# World takes North Korean threats with a grain of salt

Four Laurier students are in the Asia-Pacific region; putting them in harm's way if diplomatic relations with North Korea go awry



**ALL EYES ON ME** - Recluse Kim Jong-il has drawn lots of attention.

**ARLA LATTO-HALL**  
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

A popular destination among those teaching English abroad, South Korea is neighbour to one of the most unpredictable regimes of our time, which now hangs nuclear threats over the region's head.

North Korea (DPRK) claims to have tested a nuclear bomb in Gilju on the eastern coast of the Sea of Japan early Sunday morning. If claims are true, they mark one of the few times North Korea has followed through with its threats, congruent to its reputation as one of the most unpredictable regimes of our age.

Doubts as to whether or not the test was carried out as claimed are

widespread among experts and major news media. The blast, registering on seismographs worldwide, seemed small by nuclear standards. This may mean that the test failed or was faulty, that the DPRK didn't intend to set off a large blast, or that the blast was muffled.

According to Laurier International, there are currently four Laurier students on academic exchange in the Asia-Pacific region: one in Seoul, one in Japan and two in Hong Kong, China.

At press time, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has not yet warned against visiting the region. Since Monday, Stephen Harper, Canada's minority prime minister, has issued only

one press release denouncing the alleged test, while Japan imposes heavy sanctions and South Korea prepares its troops for atomic warfare, according to reports by the *Globe and Mail* yesterday. Ever-hopeful Peter MacKay, Canada's foreign minister, urged the DPRK to return to six-party talks.

Predictably, Iranian press said that "international pressure on North Korea has pushed the country to carry out a nuclear test." The US, accused by the DPRK of aggression on the other side of the nuclear friendship spectrum, called the test a "provocative action" against the international community.

Even countries typically supportive of the isolated communist regime of Kim Jong-il have denounced its decision. China said the test "defied the universal opposition of international society," and later described the act with the word *hanran*, which translates into "brazen" or "flagrant". China has only used this word ten times in the past 20 years, according to US officials, making this a powerful statement. As the DPRK's greatest trade partner, which offers heavy discounts on its oil and other products, such words are not to be taken lightly.

Before Sunday's test, critics speculated that any nuclear tests would have to take place outside the DPRK's borders, noting that the country's seabed was too shallow to avoid water contamination. In a 1998 joint operation with Pakistan, it reportedly tested

a bomb within Pakistan's borders, confirmed by airborne plutonium residue collected shortly thereafter. According to a report by Satoshi Morimoto of Takushoku University in Japan, up to fifty or sixty kilometres square is required to conduct a test. "Unless you have the kind [of barren land] they have in India or Pakistan, you cannot do it."

The official DPRK test announcement, as reported by Reuters, said that "there was no such danger as radioactive emission in the course of the nuclear test as it was carried out under a scientific consideration and careful calculation."

**North Korea claims to have tested a nuclear bomb on its eastern coast. Four Laurier students are on exchange in the region, living close to one of the most unpredictable regimes of our age.**

The UN noted that North Korea has previously "timed its actions to coincide with specific dates." September 9 fell between the anniversary of Kim Jong-il's accession to secretary general of the National Workers' Party in 1997 and the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the creation of the party. Japan's new prime minister, who opposes conciliation towards the DPRK, was to visit Beijing and Seoul for the first

time on Monday.

Assuming the test was successful, it does not indicate that the country is capable of firing a nuclear bomb at a target. Earlier missile launch attempts demonstrated that North Korea cannot reach the US, and, according to the US, those aimed at Japan have a high margin of error. According to BBC reports, missiles could be fired over South Korea's border, although the bombs are likely not small enough to be attached to a long-range missile. Current nukes are considered part of the "first generation," too large and heavy to hit a distant target reliably.

Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, a UN nuclear watchdog, said the reported test "creates serious security challenges not only for the East Asian region but also for the international community."

Observers have noted that Kofi Annan's successor as UN Secretary-General may be more than coincidental. South Korean Ban Ki-moon, described as mild-mannered and conciliatory, may reign over a UN that takes a back seat to other world powers, instead of one that intervenes in crises while its administration deteriorates. Ban will take his new seat on January 1, 2007.

## Coffee and Justice

A free coffee house to discuss current events and social justice issues of the Middle East will be held on October 16. Dr. Gavin Brockett, history professor at Laurier specializing in Middle Eastern studies, will be speaking at the event. For details, see Laurier's events calendar online.

## Glass ceiling replaced

EUobserver.com reported yesterday that the European Court of Justice has ruled that male workers can be paid more than female workers. It argued that additional years of service allowed for greater experience on the job, leading to improved work performance. Unequal pay for similar jobs will therefore be accepted, where a woman has taken time off for what were called "natural childcare burdens."

# WAS up against some tough competition

**JACKIE MARTINZ**  
STAFF WRITER

More than fifty years after its creation, the United Nations remains one of the most influential organizations in the world. Top universities such as Harvard and McGill – known to some as the "Harvard of the North" – host annual conferences that simulate the intense debate and negotiation that are hallmarks of the UN.

Here, students interested in politics and world affairs meet and discuss issues concerning the well-being of refugees, the development of third-world nations and other major current issues. These model United Nations conferences help open doors for

participants, especially those pursuing careers in politics.

Laurier's model United Nations team, the World Affairs Society (WAS), competes in conferences such as the McGill Model United Nations (McMUN) and the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN), a group consisting of WAS alumni and their board of directors. They attended the National Collegiate Security Conference hosted by Georgetown University in Arlington, Virginia. Georgetown simulated only the security and crisis committees found in the UN.

Like at every other conference, however, students were assigned countries and chose committees they wanted to represent those

countries in. Each committee had a list of topics and students debated those topics as their country. Mark Ennis, vice president of finance for WAS, represented Honduras in Organization of American States. Ryan Jabukowski, President of WAS, represented the Minister of Health and Solidarity in the French Cabinet and earned an award for Outstanding Delegate.

New WAS members will be in attendance for McMUN and HNMUN much like last year, and have the option of competing in a third conference at either the University of Chicago, the UN Headquarters in New York City or the Government Conference Centre in Ottawa. Regardless of their choice, the delegates will enjoy the long list of events found at a typical model UN. These include opening ceremonies with a famous guest speaker and late night parties for each night of the conference.

However, passing resolutions in committee and accurate representation of their assigned country remain the primary focus for WAS

and the dozens of other schools that attend model UN conferences. Competition is stiff, but Alice Wan, this year's head delegate for WAS, says, "We have a very dedicated group. I'm confident that we'll do well this year."

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# So you've been turkey dumped...

Where to seek advice for handling a turkey-related breakup

**LAURA CARLSON**  
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to the infamous Turkey Dump, many Laurier students are coming back from the holidays with a new weight (aside from all those turkey pounds) to deal with. And that is moving on, after ending a relationship with someone you have spent a significant portion of your life with.

It doesn't matter if you ended it because of mutually agreed upon reasons, if you were the heart-breaker or if you were the one who had their heart smashed into a million pieces: breaking up with someone always requires that adjustments be made to your daily life.

And although it may be tempting to hit up the bar and get so drunk you don't even remember you were ever in a relationship, there are much more effective ways to deal with your loss. Making sure you have the support you need to cope with all the involved emotions is an important part of moving on.

Lindsay Rennie, a counsellor at Counselling Services, says that about 30 to 40 percent of the cases they see are individuals who come in regarding relationship issues.

Rennie says that the effects a breakup can have on an individual range anywhere from "general havoc on all aspects of their life [to] re-integrating right back into the single world without much difficulty".

Rennie finds that one reason for such differences between individuals is the significance, or dependency, one places on the relationship.

"One reacts differently according to their relationship within the relationship," she says. And these new singles can feel anything from sadness and jealousy to relief and excitement. However, because most of the people who are seeking counselling are having problems coping, the majority of cases Rennie sees are those who are experiencing anger or resentment towards their ex. When this type of individual comes into Counselling Services, they work with where this person is in the breakup process.

"Here we allow you to explore what you are thinking and feeling. It isn't helpful to suggest that you just get over it. You need to en-



Sydney Holland

**LEAN ON ME** - Counselling Services can provide a shoulder to cry on.

courage them to voice what they feel, and stay with them through the process," says Rennie.

Marilyn Nieboer, from the Student Health and Development Centre, feels that friends can be another important resource, for those dealing with breakups.

"Always maintain your girlfriend relationships even when you have a boyfriend," suggests Nieboer. "You need to keep these relationships going for yourself,

and in case of a breakup you have somebody to fall back on".

Nieboer stresses the importance of dealing with a breakup because of the negative effects it may have on a person's health.

"You may be angry and feeling the physical effects of anger ... Or if you're experiencing sadness, you may be lonely and this can lead to depression."

With services around campus such as Peer Help Line, Counsel-

ing Services, The Student Health and Development Center, The Women's Center, The Chaplin's Office and Health Services, Laurier is dedicated to aiding those who are experiencing difficulty coping. Don't be afraid to take advantage of these resources, and work through your problems with someone, whose name doesn't happen to be Jack Daniels or Haagen Dazs.

## Enjoy the long term: it's worth the effort

Long distance is difficult, but has its rewards



**HEATHER HAMILTON**  
CORD STUDENT LIFE

Around Thanksgiving, people tend to worry about breaking up with their hunnies from home. Keeping a relationship together is a hard thing to do, especially over long distances.

"Turkey dump" break-ups often occur because of a lack of communication, and lack of communication leads to lack of trust. You have to ask yourself if your relationship is worth the hard times and worth the work to keep it going strong.

Personally, I have been with my boyfriend for just over three years, including a little over one year of living 72 kilometres apart.

Communication is definitely the key to keeping a relationship going. The tricky part is getting around the long-distance charges with phone companies. This is where MSN comes in. I know, it seems wrong to only have electronic conversations with your other half, but all you need is a microphone and a webcam and you're able to have a video conversation.

Even if you don't get the webcam, you can call his or her computer and talk like you're on the phone for as long as you want, but

without all those charges.

Short visits also help to pass the time. There are buses and trains that connect to every university or college town in Ontario, so if you're local you can always hop on a bus and go see your guy or gal for the weekend.

It is sometimes a sad visit, knowing that you got there on a Friday night and have to leave on a Sunday morning, but, like they say, absence makes the heart grow fonder. Being able to see your significant other in person, even for a short while, can make you feel so much better.

Once you leave you might miss them more, but that just makes those times together all the sweeter.

So don't give up on a relationship just because you're at different schools or one of you is still living at home. Keep the lines of communication open, and don't be afraid to fight.

Arguments help to get all those little things that have secretly bothered you come out, allowing you to be closer to your hunny than ever before and to gain a deeper understanding of your guy or girl.

The dating world can be difficult, so just remember that if it's worth it, go for it, and don't be afraid to hold on to something that so many people let go.

Even if a couple has diverging paths, it doesn't have to mean splitsville



**APRIL ROBINSON**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As university students, there's one word that seems to frighten us all: commitment. Say the "L" word to your significant other and be prepared for a flight. Even mention the sound of wedding bells and you've kissed your sweetheart goodbye.

This generation of youth has seemed to have lost the art of romance and no longer recognizes joy in staying together.

There seems to be a limit to relationships for students. We have no problems starting off new flings.

But long term partners are hard to come by.

It seems that people even have trouble categorizing their lovers as boyfriends and girlfriends nowadays. There is a genuine fear of locking it down, limiting alternatives and to stop playing the field.

But why? There is no doubt that students want love, seek it out and crave it.

It may be the fear of heart-break. There was that one, really, really hard break-up back in high school that scared the bejeezus out of your heart. And you told

yourself you'd never put it on the line like that again.

Or it may be the "grass is always greener" syndrome, where your other half suddenly breaks it to you that they can't imagine only being with one person for the rest of their life. They need to experience more people, Bologna.

But I think our problem with commitment is rooted in our education.

***There is a genuine fear of locking it down, limiting alternatives and to stop playing the field.***

We're taught to value our goals, desires and dreams. There are separate paths which mean different grad schools and different cities.

This creates enormous difficulty after the sparks have flown and the seeds of love have been planted.

"But what will we do after graduation?"

Why not stay together.

Seriously, why not?

If everything else is peachy – if you feel as though things are right, if you're happy, if you feel complete – there is absolutely no reason to mess with a good thing.

The tricky part is making it work, and this is where most people lose hope. So you're in different schools, or maybe you're planning on living in different cities in the future.

Perhaps you may consider – gasp – a little give-and-take. There is nothing wrong with changing plans. It doesn't mean you have to change your dreams. Yet for some reason, student culture looks down

on couples who make sacrifices to stay together.

As young adults, we are taught to believe that success is the path to happiness.

But if we listen to the Beatles and Jesus, they say, all we need is love.

Some relationships are just not meant to be.

But when a long-term high school love is killed just for the sake of change, just because it will be "too hard," why not put a little extra effort into it.

The best relationships don't just happen on their own. They take hard work, trust and an undying support for one another.

Please reconsider making the turkey dump this year.

After all, true love is hard to find.



## Left over turkey recipes

Creative ideas for what to do with leftovers from Thanksgiving dinner, by  
**Adria Cehovin**

### Turkey Rolls with Cranberry Sauce

You will need:

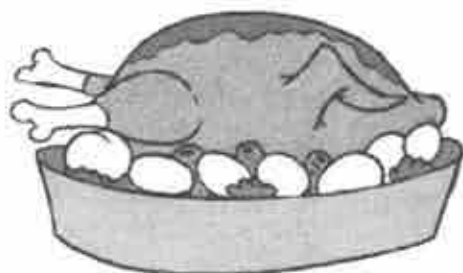
1 package of Pillsbury Crescent Rolls  
1/2 can of cranberry sauce  
x amount of pre-cooked turkey (if you have extra dough save it in the fridge, or put a spoonful of jam or a slice of apple and cinnamon and roll it up and bake it for dessert)

Pre-heat oven (as the package of rolls says)

Pull apart the dough along the pre-cut lines and place a teaspoon (the smaller spoon) of turkey at the widest end of the triangle of dough. Roll the largest end to the smallest end and bake as directed on the package of Pillsbury Crescent Rolls.

While this is baking, heat up 1/2 can of cranberry sauce in a sauce pan on simmer and do watch it, because the sauce is thick and it could burn easily.

When the rolls are cool enough to handle, dunk them into the cranberry sauce and enjoy!



### Turkey Shepherd's Pie

You will need:

1 microwavable container Mashed potatoes  
Gravy Turkey

Line the bottom of the container with half an inch of gravy, then fill half the container with diced turkey, top with another half inch of gravy and fill the rest of the container with mashed potatoes. Do not fill to the top! Microwave on a medium-low power level.

For better results, bake in a toaster/convection oven at 350 degrees for approximately 25 minutes.

You could also try turkey salad sandwiches or grilled cheese turkey sandwiches.

Turkey substitutions: chicken or other precooked meat

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# The turkey dump ex factor

Mike Brown sits down with Laurier students to discuss exes and the fun complications breaking up can bring

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double-major. "These are people that you could talk to, be close to, get their advice on things and whatnot ... and they often know you better than a lot of people." Why lose all that simply because a relationship didn't work out, many reasoned.

That said, the road to friendship can be fraught with frustrations, which some simply don't deem worthwhile.

Perception is foremost among them. Just ask Alex Pelley, a fourth-year English major who has retained a close friendship with her most serious ex. "People think it's weird when you keep in touch with your exes," she says. "I've definitely gotten a lot of flack for it."

"There's a reason why you break up," reasons fourth-year women's studies major, Julie Guthrie. "You don't just break up for nothing. Obviously, you got this feeling that something was wrong."

"Sex changes things. Once

you're with someone that way and you try to be friends with them, it's kind of hard to take your mind away from that association that you've made with them," she adds.

"My biggest problem with trying to stay friends is that I can't get rid of some of the expectations that still linger from being a couple," adds Rachael McKnight, fourth-year English major. "I get hurt if they don't make an extra effort to come talk to me or call me, because there is a level of attachment that you hope remains."

## Let's Talk About Sex, Baby

Sexual ties, like their emotional brethren, are not easily severed. Many participants admitted to dragging out relationships long past their natural end. In these cases, it often increased bitterness and made break-ups messier once they ended for good.

Many others seem to have trouble ending things at all. More than half of respondents admitted to falling back into a sexual relationship and even those that didn't acknowledged it as a legitimate concern. A strong majority also admitted to maintaining ties with an ex at least in part due to a hope of reconciliation.

"I think it's really easy for a night to forget that you guys broke up or why you guys broke up," says Pelley. "In the morning, you always

remember."

"I do have some great friends who get trapped in the 'let's have casual sex and hopefully it'll lead back into a relationship' mindset," adds fourth-year Jaclyn Rodenburg. "It never works and it doesn't matter if you say, 'You know what? I've done that before and it doesn't work.' They still have these visions that it will, and you want to slap them."

**"People think it's weird when you keep in touch with your exes. I've definitely gotten a lot of flack for it."**

— Alex Pelley, fourth year English

"We're young, we like sex," shrugs fourth-year business student Marc Ramalho. "It was just easy to do because you've done it before, so it was like, 'why not?'"

"It's a terrible reason [to maintain contact], but it happens, I think. The flesh is weak," laughs Jason Shim, a part-time sixth-year student of religion and culture.

## The (E)X-Factors

In determining whether or not a friendship can rise from the ashes of a romantic entanglement, there

are a number of considerations students weigh, including shared interests, how the relationship ended, whether the trust has been broken (in instances of cheating, for example), if both parties are willing to make an equal effort, whether they were friends prior to dating and whether feelings linger.

Length and seriousness of relationship were other key factors.

"Being in a longer relationship, you end up also becoming friends," reasons Miranda MacDonald, a recent communications grad. "You go from having someone that you tell every little detail of every single day and everything

about your life — it's too much just to cut them off completely."

But fourth-year English student Ani Artinian questions how you could go from something so intense to a mere friendship. "How do you just casually hang out with someone that you saw yourself marrying, you know? That would be pretty weird."

Most people with experience in long-term relationships agree that seeking a friendship is difficult, but in many cases, would find it more difficult to lose the ex from their lives completely. In shorter

relationships, it seems easier to pursue a friendship, but also much easier to cut ties completely.

For the women surveyed, one of the most crucial considerations was simply who the ex had become and how they treated them. For example, if someone broke up with them for genuine, well-intentioned reasons, women were more likely to retain amicable ties.

Interestingly, whereas the primary considerations for women centred upon the dynamics of the relationship and the ex himself, guys took people outside the couple into consideration in a much higher proportion. They placed added importance on whether their friends liked the ex, noting as well considerations such as family ties.

## To Break Or Not To Break?

Regardless of other factors, an overwhelming majority of participants agreed that a period of non-contact was very healthy following a break-up.

"You have to basically cut all ties for a certain amount of time," says third-year English student Amanda Fullerton. "Everyone told me that and I didn't believe them, but it's so true."

"For me, I need some isolation, collect my thoughts, get them [the ex] out of my system," agrees

— SEE JEALOUS, PAGE 11

## Traveling on exchange leaves memories of ex back home

Travelling develops a new found sense of self after a break-up



MARJOLEIN WUIJENGA  
CORD STUDENT LIFE

One way to get over a break-up is to go on an exchange or become an international student somewhere far, far away.

By packing up your suitcase and leaving the environment full of memories of your significant other, it is easier to get over the feelings that caused so much trouble for a long time.

At the same time, it is possible to start a new life in a different country. But for this approach to have success, make sure you pick a country that fits your personality.

Is it as easy as it sounds? Not really, because there are a lot of things that have to be done before you can leave.

Apply to the university of your choice, apply for a visa (if you need one), make sure you have a place to live and have enough money to survive. It might take a month or three, but in the worst

break-up-scenario, it will all be worth it in the end.

The new life might have originated from a negative point of view, but there are positive sides to the story.

Most people who lived abroad for a certain period of time have developed a new sense of independence, upgraded their self-esteem and have developed themselves faster than they ever could have in their home country.

**Most people who lived abroad for a certain period of time have developed a new sense of independence.**

They will always treasure their experience within the foreign culture, and in some cases, they find the love of their life far away from home.

Of course, there are less positive elements, like culture shock. It can get you in hilarious, but awkward and embarrassing situations.

By not knowing the country's rituals and habits, social system

or anything that culture entails, it can be hard to adapt during the first weeks.

It is hard to plan the rest of your life, especially as a university student busy with homework, midterms and keeping up with a social life.

Taking a year off to study somewhere else gives you the opportunity to get over the break-up and at the same time gives you an opportunity to set your goals straight for the next few years.

It organizes yourself, your thoughts and your life.

Obviously, you will miss your friends, family, pets and a lot of material things, but you will only appreciate them more when you return.

It becomes clear who your real friends are; you can leave some memories behind while creating new valuable friendships. A new love will come, even if it takes years.



## Never having a relationship baffles some individuals



CHRISTINE SUIZA  
CORD STUDENT LIFE

The concept of "I don't need a man" best described my philosophy on relationships back in high school. Don't get me wrong, it was not to say that I was ever against the male counterpart. It was that I didn't believe in having a relationship at the time.

I just felt that I was so busy meeting the demands of school, work, friends and family all at once. So how could I possibly have time for a boyfriend when I barely had time for myself, my friends and family? But it's a funny thing how old habits die hard.

Nearly four years later, I'm still finding myself in the same boat. Beating deadline after deadline, and with graduation soon approaching, it doesn't make sense to start now.

But I'll admit from time to time, it gets rather annoying at times, especially when I visit relatives and I'll have aunts and uncles hovering around with the same question, "So do you have boyfriend?"

Of course, my answer is always the same. I guess my relatives are thinking because it would have been awhile since I've last seen them, I'd finally break the cycle with a "yes."

Besides that minor disadvantage, I don't feel that I'm really missing out on too much. I'm sure being in a relationship has its benefits and I'll often wonder what it's like to have someone special in your life.

At the same time, I'm not sure that I'm ready for it all. I've always enjoyed living the single life. For me to all of sudden to be in a relationship would be going into a whole new territory and in some ways I find it to be slightly terrifying. Once I'm well-established, I'll know if I need a man or not.





Sarah Bradfield

**LOOK OUT BELOW, IT'S AN UNSUSPECTING TURKEY DUMP!** - This past weekend can leave some students reaching for their relationship chute.

- FROM **JEALOUS**, PAGE 10

J.D. Muir, a fifth-year biology and geography double major. "Otherwise, if you become friends and there's still that attraction, it's almost like a recipe for disaster."

## Jealousy Rears Its Ugly Head

Lastly, there's the consideration

of how ties to your ex will impact subsequent relationships. Often times, issues of nervousness, insecurity and jealousy can surface in your new partner. For the most part, though, those interviewed felt this would present only minor issues that could be ironed out through simple dialogue and reassurance that the ex is now only a friend.

Most people, especially wom-

en, would not be willing to cut an ex loose simply for the sake of an insecure new beau.

"If you're dating someone that's really against it, you're going to know that they don't really respect your values and what you want," reasons Brittany Howlett, a third-year languages student.

For Shim, there are a lot of people that need to work together to make the situation work. "It's an

entire interconnected web of people that are involved," he explains. "You sort of have to be getting input from your existing boyfriend if you have one, or girlfriend, and also, making very clear the boundaries with your ex."

"If being friends with your ex is more important than being in a relationship with your existing partner, then I think that one thing or the other really needs to

be reevaluated."

*With files from Veronica Hughes*

NB: *The Cord* does not purport to have conducted a comprehensive study. Rather, using a small but representative random sampling, we have sought to ask more in-depth questions to get at the motivations behind students' relationships with their exes.



# RAPTORS

With a new GM, a new focus and a revamped roster, the

**DAN POLISCHUK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**MARK D. HOPKINS**  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

While still a fairly young franchise in only its twelfth year, the Toronto Raptors were looking to get back to their roots this past week in Waterloo.

In fact, the last time the Raps got a sniff at success, their season was preceeded by a training camp at the very same courts they were playing recently at RIM Park.

Those days, almost five years ago now, belonged to the now-departed Vince Carter and Co.

Who knew that that, by sneaking into the post season as the seventh seed only to lose to the Detroit Pistons in the first round, the team would have to suffer through some unbearably frustrating times in the years ahead?

All but devoid of a star-studded lineup, Toronto would let go of two coaches and two general managers leading up to last year. As the 2005-2006 campaign came to another painful conclusion, it appeared as though the franchise would have a chance to rise from extinction with

the hiring of highly-respected executive Bryan Colangelo, formerly of the Phoenix Suns, as the team's new general manager.

And, unlike any post-season in recent memory, the faithful in Raptorland had something to look forward to.

## The European Invasion

Finally catching on to the fact that impressive talents laid in waiting overseas, the Raptors made a huge plunge by acquiring American Anthony Parker and Spaniard Jorge Garbajosa.

Also included in the lot were last year's draft pick Uros Slokar (from Slovenia) and Andrea Bargnani - the team's number one draft pick overall - from Italy.

Commenting on the wave of foreign talent looking to make an impact with the squad, Colangelo has no reason to believe why his pickups cannot succeed at the NBA level, explaining that roughly 20 percent of the league today is made of foreign-born players.

"All of them are here for different reasons. All of them come with different reasons to want to prove something," he said, eager to give

some input on his acquisitions.

"[Garbajosa] comes in with all sorts of experience and success at pretty much every level he's played at."

Bargnani, on the other hand, "is a young kid, but he's played a 75-game schedule, a World Championship, played against grown men every night, so his experience at least is one that I think is going to bode very well for him," he said.

Head Coach Sam Mitchell was much more blunt in his assessment, though, trying to dispel any misconceptions held about the European players stepping in.

"We've got basketball players. There is really no big difference between players today. They're basketball players."

## The 'Other Guys'

And "basketball players" are what the Raps GM continued to add throughout the summer months. The biggest — quite literally — came in the form of Rasha Nesterovic from San Antonio, who will finally give the squad a proven inside presence.

TJ Ford, coming via a trade with the Milwaukee Bucks for Charlie

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Senior Cord Sports Writer, Mark D. Hopkins, has a chat with Toronto's new point guard TJ Ford

**MDH:** How was it for you personally to come from the university setting at Texas directly into the NBA spotlight where you are so well paid and the public eye?

**Ford:** "You've just got to have the right people around you. You've just got to have a lot of veteran guys. The coaching staff is definitely going to be there to help you."

"It's not an easy task and you're going to go through some ups and downs. You're going to experience some things. You've just got to be able to have those mentor guys to help you."

**MDH:** You were traded for a fan favourite, Charlie Villanueva. What

will TJ Ford bring to the Raptors and what can fans expect from you?

**Ford:** "Just give it my all. Show my leadership skills. Make plays for others. Play a team sport and get everyone involved. Make a lot of other people's jobs easier."

**MDH:** The NBA changed their basketballs for the first time in over 30 years this season. How do you like the new basketballs that have been the subject of scrutiny?

**Ford:** "Not a big fan of them. That's what they're making us play with. We have no choice but to adjust to it. But I prefer the old balls."



# 5 REBIRTH

## oster, the Raps head to Waterloo to open training camp

ons. Villanueva, and Fred Jones from Indiana, are two sharp shooters that will no doubt improve an already proven scoring squad.

Understandably, though, it was what these players offer on defence that attracted the team to them — having completed the year second last in points against.

Chiming in on the focus of a more balanced game, Ford acknowledged that coaches are “telling the guys you have two responsibilities: keep the guy in front of you and contest shots.

“If we improve our defence, we’re going to be better. I’m not really worried about offence. We’ve got enough guys that can shoot the basketball,” he said.

Expanding on that strategy, Colangelo admitted “a couple things will help” with his new guys.

“First of all, there’s been somewhat of a point of emphasis on the defensive end in terms of the preparation and the strategy. We’re clearly a good offensive team. We’ve added offensive weapons but we’ve brought in an overall better team that understands how to play defence. I’m not gonna say we’ve got great man-on-ball defenders but we’ve got better team defenders on

the floor,” he commented.

With this balance, Mitchell believes the team can maintain “where we were in the past two seasons — top five in [NBA team] scoring.”

“I think we’re going to get easier shots. We may not get as many points out of the point guard position as we did in the past, but I think [with] Mo and Anthony Parker, Garbajosa, we may have more guys averaging eight, nine, ten points a game than we did in the past.”

### Leadership

One other intangible quality the team is blessed to have this year is that of a veteran presence, which, more often than not, comes from Morris Peterson.

The longtime defensive specialist for the Raps, is, in fact, relishing his role.

“I feel like it’s definitely a challenge something I enjoy doing,” said Peterson, who holds distinction as the league’s current leader in consecutively played games (aka “iron-man”).

“I think it gives me credibility ... that people know I’m coming to play,” he said about the streak, adding, “I want to show my teammates

that. That’s my biggest thing — I like to let my teammates know I’m gonna be there everyday, gonna work hard — whether slightly injured or not. I’ll give what I have.”

“With the iron-man streak I think that guys look at that and say, ‘Hey, if Morris can come play everyday, than I can do it too.’”

And it is exactly this type of effort that Peterson hopes to get out of his players this year as the franchise looks to make some noise in the upcoming season.

But before any championship celebrations are planned, Colangelo will simply remain eager to evaluate a team he thinks has a solid chance to compete in every game.

“Before we jump to any conclusions and say, ‘What’s next?’ we need to go out and play some games. Going out and playing a few games and getting a better understanding of what we have exactly [is important].”

Behind all the words spewed out from players and coaches alike, though, the only thing that really comes out as important is winning.



Cord Sports Editor, Dan Polischuk, gets a quick one-on-one with Raptor star Chris Bosh

**DP:** What can you say about the new additions helping in improving the overall balance of the team?

**Bosh:** “We always averaged a lot of points — defence was the key [thing to address]. We can always build on offence ... but defence has to be good. We had a lot of defensive breakdowns that cost us a lot of games last year.

“That’s our focal point. We want to contain our man and get our rebounds.”

**DP:** How much did the offseason moves make your decision easier

in signing the your three-year extension?

**Bosh:** “It made it a lot easier. At first, it was going to be a tough decision to make because, honestly, we weren’t headed in a good direction.

“We had all the pieces there, but I think that just what we were working with — the mentality of the people in charge — weren’t good.

“Then they brought Bryan in ... and he made the right changes. He’s really changed the aura and the personality of this team.”





# Hawks pull off upset

Victory gives WLU a shot for first in OUA



LAUREN MILLET  
CORD SPORTS

The 4-1 Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks arrived at Ivor Wynne Stadium Saturday afternoon with one thing on their mind: leaving their mark on the record of the unbeaten McMaster Marauders. Three hours later, the Marauders' perfect record had been erased as the Hawks had romped to a 31-12 victory.

Quarterback Jamie Partington had an exceptional game, com-

pleting 18 of 26 and throwing for 289 yards. Running back Ryan Lynch rushed for 154 yards in 22 carries.

"We were getting sick and tired of hearing people say 'the defence won this game and the defence won that game'. We took it as a personal cheap shot.

"We wanted to come out and prove that it's not only the 2004-05 Golden Hawks that can beat the Marauders but the 2006 Hawks offence can too," explained Laurier quarterback Jamie Partington after the game.

The game's scoring began on a penalty call that no doubt frustrated many coaches on Mac's staff. After a solid defensive stand - forcing the Hawks into a punting situation offence - a Marauder defender was called for unnecessary roughness on the kicker.

The Hawks were awarded an automatic first down that was followed by a 30-yard pass from Par-

tington to receiver Josh Bishop.

A 22-yard toss to Will Northcote in the endzone put the Hawks up 7-0. The Hawks hereafter, showed why they are a force to be reckoned with.

Early in the second quarter, the Hawks extended their lead to 14-0 with a rush by Lynch.

At 6:36 a Partington pass to Andy Baechler put the Hawks up 21-0.

Then, to further stamp their dominance before the half, Anthony Maggiacamo intercepted an Adam Archibald pass and returned it 50 yards for the first defensive touchdown of the season. This put the Hawks up 28-0 going into the dressing room at half-time.

Early into the third the Hawks recovered a fumble on a Marauder second-and-inches attempt. This found them in range to put another 3 points on the board with a 35-yard field goal by kicker Chris Mamo.

After a touchdown by the Marauders towards the end of the third, the fourth quarter would remain fairly subdued, apart from another late Mac TD.

With the win in hand the Hawks left Hamilton leaving their long-time rivals something to think about.

"A lot of things went right today," stated Laurier Head Coach Gary Jeffries. "We've got to take care of business in the next two weeks."

"We prepared all week. Our offence is starting to gel and we're starting to come together," said



Shane Porter

OUTTA MY WAY! - Running back Ryan Lynch eludes a Mac defender

Maggiacamo. "We're looking good for the playoffs."

This critical win at Ivor Wynne brought back memories of another important win here recently.

"We were talking about that," said receiver Dante Luciani.

"I think it's big games. We always seem to step up for the big ones. We have to take it one game at a time and treat every game like it's the Vanier Cup."

The Hawks have surely not seen the last of the Marauders

"They have a great football team, and they will bounce back from this," assured Jeffries.

"I'm sure we'll be seeing them again before this thing is over."

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# No dreaming on this ball field

After rough start to season, Laurier's baseball team goes on huge streak to get into postseason

MARK ADAMSON  
CORD SPORTS

After struggling early in the '06 baseball season, Laurier's Men's Baseball team has made a huge late-season push to qualify for post-season play.

The Hawks opened the season with a 3-8 record, and it looked doubtful that the team would be

able to qualify for the playoffs. But over the last two weeks of the regular season, the Hawks went 6-1, finishing up with a .500 record at 9-9.

The Hawks swept a double-header with McMaster in their final two games of the season on Saturday to lock up a post-season birth for the second consecutive year.

After starting the season winless through their first four games, the outlook for the remainder of the season looked bleak. "We were very, very inconsistent at the beginning," said Head Coach Paul Reidel.

"We had pretty good pitching

at the start, but we weren't hitting. It was just a matter of getting a clutch hit, or a timely hit, and we weren't getting that."

The team was stuck at the bottom end of the standings until season's end, when they went on a blistering tear to ensure that they won't be packing it in early this year.

"All of a sudden we started to hit, and we started to play good defence," said Reidel.

"Things started to fall into place," he explained, adding, "the fellas have confidence now. I kept saying to them, let's just take it one game at a time, and let's make the playoffs."

The Hawks' 9-9 record is good enough to earn them the fourth seed in the OUA, and it has them squaring off against the first seeded Brock Badgers (14-4) in the semi-finals.

Last season the Hawks came flying out of the gate but cooled as the playoffs approached and were swept by the eventual champs from Western.

Reidel believes this year's team can translate this season-ending hot streak into playoff success in their upcoming series. "I think we have a terrific chance," said Reidel.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

DAN POLISCHUK  
SPORTS EDITOR

With another win this past Friday over the Waterloo Warriors, Laurier's men's rugby team extended their unbeaten record to 6-0.

Not having beaten UW for 17 years, the Hawks came away with a 17-8 victory with scoring efforts from Jeff Danko, Spencer Houlihan and Jacob McNamara.

The men will look to complete the ultimate goal of an unbeaten season with two games remaining on the schedule – including this Saturday's home match up against the Western Mustangs at Fisher Hallman Field.

The Hawks will wrap up the regular season against the defending OUA champions from McMaster, a game which may very well determine who takes the first overall position heading into the playoffs.

## GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of  
Oct 11 - Oct 17, 2006

### RECENT SCORES

10.04.06

W Hockey 4 - Stoney Creek 0

10.05.06

W Volleyball 1 - Western 3

M Baseball 6 - Waterloo 5

10.06.06

W Volleyball 0 - McMaster 3

W Volleyball 0 - Ottawa 3

W Rugby 5 - Brock 15

M Rugby 17 - Waterloo 8

M Hockey 2 - Michigan State 11

10.07.06

M Baseball 5 - Brock 15

W Volleyball 3 - Ottawa 1

M Baseball 4 - McMaster 3

M Football 31 - McMaster 12

M Baseball 5 - McMaster 3

M Hockey 3 - Western Michigan 8

10.09.06

W Hockey 6 - Jr. Chiefs 0

### UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10.12.06

M Basketball vs Acadia

WLU Athletic Complex, 7:00pm

10.14.06

M Basketball vs Alumni

WLU Athletic Complex, 10:00am

W Rugby vs Western

Fischer Hallman Field, 1:00pm

M Football vs Toronto

University Stadium, 2:00pm

M Rugby vs Western

Fischer Hallman Field, 3:00pm

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## Owens meets his match in 'Big-D'



JOE TURCOTTE  
A & E EDITOR

So this is the American Dream in action. Sixty-five thousand drunken savages jeering at a man that they've never even met, a man that they'll probably never even know.

Drunkards to the left of me, insanity to my right, there I was stuck in the middle of it all.

And while there may be nobility on the field of play, there was none of it in the stands of Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field this past Sunday night. Just ask any soul who was brave - or masochistic - enough to don the colours of "America's team" and navigate the sea of green and black.

Fortunately, I was not privy to the deranged love of the Eagles faithful. Instead, as a condition of attending the evening's festivities, I was forced to leave my blue-and-silver gear at home. I was, therefore, exempt from the constant barrage of drunks yelling "asshole" any time a Cowboys fan was spotted.

I was free to enjoy the game and soak in the carnivalesque atmosphere of it all.

And a carnival it was. Thank God, though, for the foresight of stadium officials to limit beer sales to the first two quarters of play. If not, more than just a person's feelings - specifically those of ex-Eagle Terrell Owens - may have been hurt.

The Philly faithful had also resolved to "suspend brotherly love until after the game," as a stadium wide advertisement promoted, and were more than eager to silence any dissenting voices via a furious storm of heckling and hurling.

For their part, the gladiators made a valiant effort to match the intensity of the audience. The football was strong and tight as both teams took their shot at an NFC East Division lead. But in the end there must always be a winner. For a moment, it looked like the out-of-town underdogs would hold the day and send those in attendance angrily out into the streets.

By ending the game victorious though, the Eagles silenced the evening's villain, Terrell Owens, and had the former cancerous Eagle doing his now-patented

sideline rant.

As one of the NFL's premier ball-catchers, he was limited to a 3 catch night for a rather sparse 45 yards. While Owens can rant and rave like he did as a member of the Eagles, things don't seem as though they'll be the same in "Big D."

The Dallas Cowboys are not the Philadelphia Eagles. Terrell Owens is not bigger than the team, as he was in Philadelphia. The Dallas Cowboys are "America's Team." The Cowboys have lived - and thrived - through the antics of Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders. They have won the Super Bowl a record five times and are led into each contest by one of the league's toughest coaches, Bill Parcells.

On this night Owens fulfilled half of his commitment. The team played well, Owens did not. He dropped balls that he would normally catch. He looked a little rattled and afraid to stretch out across the middle and pull in a big catch.

Perhaps, for once, the Owens hysterics unnerved the receiver to the point of realizing that he is not, in fact, larger than the game.



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# Filling the margins

Laurier students ask musicians, activists, and artists about their favourite books — let the Internet tell you about it

**JOSIAH YOUNG**  
CORD A&E

There comes a point in every student's life when the mere thought of reading one more word can bring tears to the eyes.

It then becomes almost laughable to ask the question, "So, have you read any good books lately?" Since nearly 90 percent of the time the answer received will be along the lines of, "You mean that weren't for class? There isn't any time for that."

It is true that time is a precious commodity, and that for some, the reading of a book for pleasure just can't compete with the allure of a flip cup tournament or a raucous night at Phil's, but it certainly is an excellent way to spend a lazy Sunday. The question as to what to read then arises and there are many places for one to look for answers.

One website that provides an abundance of chances to find an interesting read is Found in the Margins.com. Launched in April 2006 by Laurier students Chris DePaul and Juanita Boone, *Found in the Margins* delves into the literary minds of those who inspire. Ranging from musicians to writers to activists, the site asks today's inspirational artists about what novels are currently stimulating their intellectual minds.

Launching a new website is never an easy task, and one that promotes both thought and discussion can often be a difficult selling point. But *Found in the Margins* was meticulously planned for approximately a year before its launch.

The time was spent "focused

on building the site [rather] than actually convincing these musicians, writers and activists that this new site was a good idea and that they should give us a few minutes of their time to answer our questions," says DePaul.

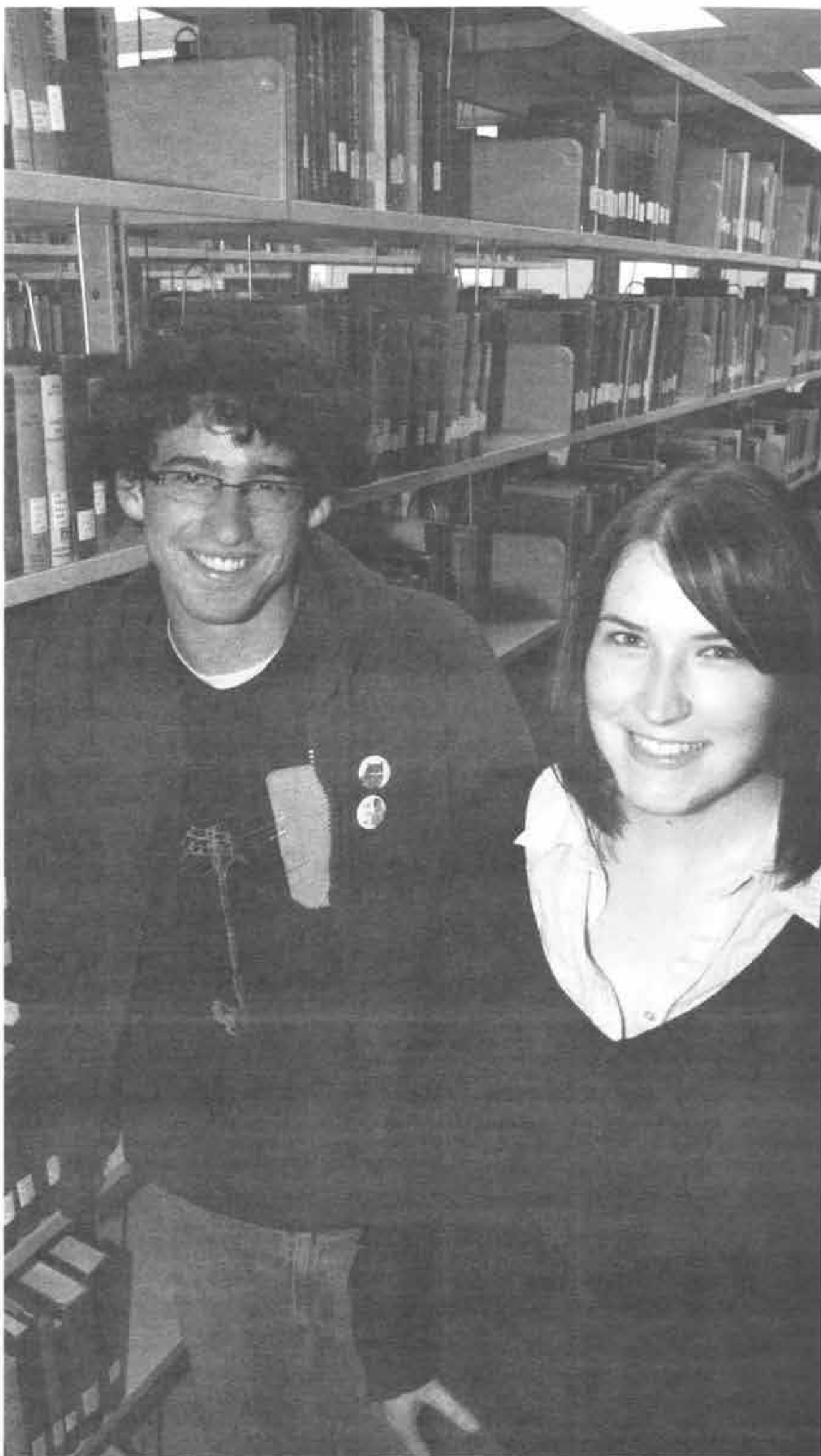
Once the catalogue was launched, readership has continued to grow and "the feedback we often get from most of the people we talk to is 'nobody ever asks me about my favourite books, I would be happy to answer your questions,'" continued DePaul.

In its young existence, the site has undergone a facelift and is looking as snappy as ever. The layout is excellent and easy to navigate and there are many articles to browse, as well as a community to join so that visitors can discuss any of the novels or artists featured.

Thus far, the site features interviews with the likes of musicians Sara (one half of Tegan and Sara), Ron Sexsmith, The Constantines, The Hidden Cameras, as well as writer/activists Amy Richards, Jennifer Baumgardner and Kalle Lasn. The response towards the site has been extremely positive and both DePaul and Boone would love to see its continued growth.

When asked who they would most like to see featured, DePaul responded with Bob Dylan while Boone hopes to interview Kurt Vonnegut.

So the next time you are looking to kill some time, instead of watching the newest *Deal or No Deal*, why not put on a pot of coffee or make some hot chocolate and sit down with a good book and then swing by *Found in the Margins* to discuss it.



**BOOK SMARTS** - WLU students Chris DePaul and Juanita Boone get wild for web sites and books.

Sydney Holland

# Online crafters' community

Crafters.org unites craft-lovers from across the globe, creating avenues of fun

**JESSICA PETER**  
CORD A&E

If all of those handspun, domestic handicrafts and folk art — the ones with kittens in bonnets, ducks carrying baskets, and "Bless this Mess" — are not really your cup of tea, there is an alternative. Craftster.org is a new breed of crafting message boards for a new breed of crafters.

The site has carefully organized sections for different crafts, with more being added all the time with member input. "Crafting hip-

sters" from all over the world (over 75,000 members at the time of this article, and many thousands more guests) exchange ideas, photos of completed projects, and plenty of tutorials.

It is a site for young people who also happen to share a love of crafting, and it is one of the forerunners in the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) movement, which has changed into something of a revolution.

The crafts and discussion threads on the site are innovative, and above all, unique. There are clothing and accessories for every subculture you can think of: from

preppy to punk, glam to gothic, normal to Japanese Lolita, and everything else in between.

The sort of talk that ends up on the site includes advice on how to hold your dream-themed wedding, (horror B-movie? *Alice in Wonderland*?) or what to make your boyfriend's friend's parents' neighbour for Christmas.

The crafts themselves are just as diverse. Some completed projects include a Ken doll remade into the Wolfman, sushi-shaped pillows, clay Super Mario-themed wine glass charms, the cast of *Dawn of the Dead* in knitted form,

and a party dress with matching clutch made entirely out of paper towels.

Another big focus of the site is reconstructing, revamping, recycling, and remaking anything.

This could include changing actual trash into treasure, or picking up goodies at the thrift store to make into something even more fantastic.

Craftster was launched in 2003 by Leah Kramer, a long-time crafter, who started it as a forum for those crafty people who just needed a different outlet from what was already out there — the site's motto is "no tea cozies without irony."

Besides maintaining Craftster, Kramer — who has pretty much achieved goddess status to its members — also fills her life with other craftiness in the forms of

her Boston shop, Magpie, and her newly released book, *The Craftster Guide to Nifty, Thrifty, and Kitschy Crafts*.

Although the site is US-based, it is almost like a lesson in globalization (the good kind). While there are sections of the site to find crafty people in your own area, and the site itself is quite multinational, although all in English. The diversity that the site offers is part of the community's appeal.

There is also the craft swaps board, where you can trade your hand-made goodies for other things from literally all over the world, often with a specific theme. The whole idea kind of has a cozy feel to it: uniting the world though a love of DIY and alternative crafting.

Now, a person can get used that kind of world domination.



# History rewritten

Writer-director Sophia Coppola follows the long tradition of portraying historical stories on film

DAVE RICCI  
STAFF WRITER

As a genre within the world of cinema, historically based films appeal to a diverse audience. For some, films dealing with past events are like a portal to a forgotten world. For others, stereotypically the male audience, history films provide a well formulated balance between violence and intrigue. Regardless, history will always be a topic that filmmakers and audiences will be compelled to explore and experience.

Since the dawn of cinema, history has been the subject of some of the strongest films made to date. Take for example, Eisenstein's unfinished trilogy *Ivan the Terrible*, which combines the timeless story of the Russian Tsar and stunning visuals.

Alongside Eisenstein, Abel Gance's *Napoleon* is also an example of early cinema's determination to bring to life people and events long past.

Fast forward to 2006.

Modern cinema as we know it

has digressed considerably. Instead of a focus of the technical, audiences are drawn to the aesthetic. This is considerably so in Sophia Coppola's forthcoming release *Marie Antoinette*. Based on the life of the French queen, the film traces her journey from Austria to France. The film focuses on the queen's role in the revolutionary uprisings which besieged France in 1789.

Although Coppola is known for directing rich films, it appears that her forthcoming release is bound to disappoint. After a debut viewing at the Cannes Film Festival, Coppola's costume-based drama was booed.

And rightfully so. If the preview is any indication, Coppola's newest release is set to rely heavily on visual elements as opposed to relevant historical facts. The film's alternative punk soundtrack and lavish costumes are sandwiched between Coppola's explorations of Marie Antoinette's famed sexual escapades. Once again, it seems that an intriguing piece of history will be back-seated to modern day



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**PLAYING ROYALTY** - Kirsten Dunst puts on her Sunday best to go back in time and portray Marie Antoinette.

sex appeal.

Films such as *Marie Antoinette* raise the question of whether or not it matters that history-based films are accurate. Most audiences would not be too concerned with such questions. Films such as *Gladiator* and *Kingdom of Heaven*, both directed by Ridley Scott, are somewhat feeble in their attention to historical fact. But, at the end of the day when the box offices are swelled with ticket income, history takes a back seat to

the almighty buck.

For all the bad history films there are many that please both the entertainment and history junkie. Take for example Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*, which combined a strong sense of realization with a great story of brotherhood.

Also, the German film *Downfall*, which chronicles the last twelve hours of Adolf Hitler's life, is another example of a well researched and pertinent history film.

With anything, there is bound to be good and bad. This is especially true in today's film industry. Regardless, all history films share the common goal of remembering something that has already happened.

Evidently, society has a desire to remember past and recent events. With cinema's ability to recreate events, history films both good and bad, resonate with viewers because they offer a chance to escape into a world lost to time.

## A new way to get the news

New Internet-based news channel allows you to watch news on demand

PAUL ALVIZ  
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A new way for people to watch TV that has been emerging over the past couple of years: the Internet. Thanks in part to more people having high-speed connections and to developers who are able to compress good-quality video clips into smaller and smaller sizes, almost anything can be put into a website as a streaming video broadcast.

Think of it as the poor man's Rogers OnDemand, where instead of trying to record shows with your digital cable, you can just look it up with your nifty computer.

IBCtoday.com is one of those websites where you can browse, search and watch various video clips from around the world. Its biggest current competitor is YouTube.com.

IBC, however, is a news-only, broadcast-oriented website, meaning you won't find any video clips of robot dance-off competitions here, unless of course, it's breaking news.

The leading edge that IBC holds over other video-based websites is its credibility, as most of IBC's sources are giant news corporations like Reuters, CP (Canadian Press) or the AP (Associated Press).

The site does offer users the option of uploading their own video news stories, but these personal accounts of news don't make much of an appearance when browsing the video catalogue.

IBC boasts that it provides you with up-to-date news coverage from around the world, all in streaming video clips, updated every 20 minutes of every day. This means that you can access the stories you want, from wherever you want, when you want them.

**Think of it as a poor man's Rogers on Demand, where instead of trying to record shows with your digital cable, you can just look it up with your nifty computer.**

In terms of saving time and accessing global news, it's great, but it's still news from TV, just repackaged for the Internet in a highly organized and archived website.

You aren't going to find any underground breakthroughs like what really happens inside Stephen Harper's home, or what's happening in the Aboriginal Canadian communities of Northern Canada.

Another problem is the over-

whelmingly Anglicized point of view on a majority of the stories. Instead of getting news from around the world, you get the English version of world news. This is due to various signed agreements with the aforementioned news agencies, but the lack of agreements with news agencies from the rest of the world. For the most part, IBC's content is really just the glazed over, dumbed-down news we're all used to being spoon-fed.

When searching for news in Bosnia, Estonia or Yemen, what you get is the sensationalist news stories about violence and corruption we are so used to seeing here. In fact, the stories are from here, but they are about

"over there."

On their website, the Internet Broadcast Corp claims that they "aim to provide a global platform for every broadcaster and advertiser around the world," but currently they stand pretty far from reaching that goal.

That being said, it's entertaining to watch news clips from across Canada, such as one where an 81-year-old purse snatching victim in BC who "fought back" and refused to be a passive victim.



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# Returning to his roots

By casting an ensemble of acting greats, Martin Scorsese looks poised to end his Oscar drought

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From the director who brought *GoodFellas* to the screen in 1990, Martin Scorsese scores big with his new action flick, *The Departed*. A remake of the Hong Kong film *Internal Affairs*, Scorsese is able to take the original's basic plot structure and turn it into a classic of his own.

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson and Mark Wahlberg, this outstanding cast, combined with remarkable directing, makes for a spectacular cinema experience.

## *The Departed*

Director: Martin Scorsese

Starring: Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Mark Wahlberg, Alec Baldwin

Rating: 8.7 / 10

Original Release Date:

October 6, 2006

Recommendation:

**WATCH IT TWICE**

The gangster film follows the lives of Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon), two young cops serving in Boston. The two grew up in an Irish mob community, and both graduate from the Police Academy. Sullivan is placed in a high profile special investigations unit, and Costigan is chosen to go undercover and book the head of the organized crime scene in Boston, Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson).

However, Costello has a long-time relationship with Sullivan, and uses him to ensure that he remains out of the police's hands. Meanwhile, Costigan has become a member of Costello's gangster circle and is leaking all the information he obtains back to his bosses on the force. Both Sullivan and Costigan know that there is a mole and are working hard to expose him.

The film features outstanding performances by all actors, in both leading and supporting roles. Jack Nicholson delivers another first-class with a captivating portrayal of the charismatic and utterly vulgar villain. Matt Damon also continues to prove that he is a top-notch actor by showing us that aside from his character's good looks and charm, Sullivan is nothing but a greedy rat.

However, it's Leonardo DiCaprio who stands out and steals the screen. His acting skills, which are often overlooked, are demonstrated by his ability to portray his character's incredible depth and complexity surely make this DiCaprio's best performance.

Although in a supporting role, Mark Wahlberg (as Sergeant Dignam) flawlessly executes his role as the hot-headed, hard-assed cop. Completing the cast are Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, and Vera Farmiga, who all deliver noteworthy performances.

The movie's soundtrack also adds to the riveting action of the film. From music by the Rolling Stones to a Van Morrison cover of "Comfortably Numb" the music perfectly suits the tones of the most crucial moments.

From foul language to gut-wrenching scenes of violence this film has everything prototypical



**MASTERS AT WORK** - Alec Baldwin and Martin Scorsese relax while filming the acclaimed *The Departed*.

of the gangster genre. There is a hint of romance in the form of a love triangle but it's never made to feel sappy, nor does it demand too much attention. Instead, the film focuses on personal ties between characters and the theme of betrayal.

In this world of double agents and rats, one is left questioning where alliances lie, and what indi-

viduals will do to ensure that they come out on top. The characters' fates become sealed through the ethical — or the very unethical — decisions that each one ultimately makes for his or herself.

Though longer than most action movies (*The Departed* runs for about two and a half hours), this extra time allows Scorsese to explore the depth of the charac-

ters. The film becomes a story not only of violence and bloodshed, but a psychological tale of what happens when one is faced with living a double life.

With its cat and mouse game and scenes of shocking violence, you are left hanging from your seat from start to finish. It is truly a Scorsese masterpiece, and one of the best films of 2006.

## Killers' sophomore slump

The Killers tone down, grow up and opt for dirty Las Vegas for *Sam's Town*

**SARAH MACDONALD**  
CORD A&E

Is this the best album in the last twenty years? According to Brandon Flowers, lead singer of the Killers, it is — but maybe he's too boastful.

Is it any good? Sure it is, but the album has some of the same slips that have plagued many sophomore albums after wonderful debuts, like The Strokes' follow-up, *Room on Fire*.

"When You Were Young" has a very exaggerated, amphitheatric feel that isn't anything like the oft-made comparisons to Bruce Springsteen. Instead of the songs about budding young relationships, murders and obsession that appear on *Hot Fuss*, Flowers opts for more mature lyrics with a

moral subtext.

"When You Were Young" is catchy, pop-like, something a record deal exec would adore, but mentions of rivers and nature just don't cut it for the best commercial band to come out of the revival of new wave.

Do David Bowie and Morrissey have your approval now, Killers?

*Sam's Town* starts out optimistically with familiar synth tones, but Flowers' new warble doesn't feel as right as any of the songs on *Hot Fuss*. When Flowers sings "I see London / I see Sam's Town," it makes one crave for a time when the Killers would have seen London and wanted what London had to offer instead of gritty Las Vegas, Americanization, dirty facial hair and Peter Gabriel.

The forty-nine second long

"Enterlude" begins with Flowers singing "We hope you enjoy your stay / it's good to have you with us / even if it's just for the day."

It brings about the old Vegas feel these boys so eagerly want you to buy. He sings this as if you're in a hotel with the band.

The "Exitlude" reiterates the same vibe as the "Enterlude" but adds-back up vocals, an acoustic guitar and Flowers trying to prove that he's a grown man.

"Bones" starts out painfully with a choir singing "come with me" trying to recreate any Queen opening from some of their best pieces. He takes pieces from the finest musicians of the '80s and tries to shove them all onto one album, calling it creativity inspiration instead of copying.

The themes in the songs are

now, as previously mentioned, much more mature, with only one love song making the cut on this twelve song album.

In the song, "Uncle Jonny" it's hard to picture Flowers having an uncle who did cocaine, let alone being within twenty feet of someone doing cocaine. The more he sings, the more unbelievable each lyric is.

It seems like Flowers took his change musically and fashionably to his bandmates and pseudo-forced them to follow suit. Guitarist Dave Keuning needs to realize that he is not our generation's Jimmy Page, get a haircut and wear a shirt underneath his tight leather vest. Drummer Ronnie Vannucci obviously needs to trim his handlebar moustache.

Enough said.

It's a good album; it definitely shows the growth that a band needs in order to succeed. It's not a great album because they not only grew up, but they abandoned every ideal they once held

so tightly.

They matured. They grew moustaches. Inevitably they tried to be something they just couldn't.



The Killers

*Sam's Town*

Rating: 6.7 / 10

Original Release Date:

October 3, 2006

Label: Island Music Group

Recommendation:

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## Provost probs

Matt Provost's controversial dismissal as Campus Clubs co-ordinator has left Matt Park, chair of the WLUSU board of directors, asking, "Where did things break down?" Good question, Park.

Aside from the termination, which didn't follow WLUSU policy, the complete lack of communication, both to the board and to the campus clubs, has left the department in "a big jumbled mess," according to a campus clubs executive. At a time when campus clubs are really starting to pick up, recruiting new members and organizing events, the dismissal and subsequent upheaval couldn't have come at a worst time.

While no one seems to disagree that the dismissal process was wrong, the real issue is the lack of transparency and communication within WLUSU, which has only worsened the situation.

BOD members weren't informed of the situation and some campus clubs executives have stated that they didn't learn of Provost's dismissal until they read about it in the *Cord*. How can an organization run its departments effectively if no one knows what's going on? It seems the Hawk's running around with its head cut off.

With approximately 90 campus clubs, the Provost issue will undoubtedly affect a lot of students. So WLUSU needs to learn from this incident and implement measures to ensure it never happens again. The management committee and BOD members need to implement a strategy to guarantee policy is followed and that there is a clear chain of communication when a decision is made.

In order to best "provide for the needs of students," WLUSU needs to do some serious internal reorganization and make transparency within the organization a priority.

## Lose the apathy

Jack Layton's visit to campus yesterday got students talking politics, a seemingly rare occurrence these days. Layton, as leader of the NDP, came to Laurier to discuss what he believes are incredibly important issues in Canada that affect students, and it's about time someone did.

Layton is the first of the current federal party leaders to arrive on WLU soil, which isn't surprising given the party's focus on youth issues. However, the arrival of a political leader shouldn't be such a rare occurrence, especially with voter apathy running so high among youth.

In the 2004 federal elections, only 39 percent of Canadians aged 18 to 21.5 voted, while only 34 percent of individuals aged 21.5 to 24 cast their ballot, according to Elections Canada. Not even half of all eligible youth voters turned out to the polls, which is a sad statement about the political involvement we can expect in the future.

What's worse, these low numbers occurred during the political media blitz that takes place around elections, in addition to advertising campaigns specifi-

cally geared towards the 18 to 24 age bracket. Imagine the apathetic attitudes that exist today, when no one's telling students to care about politics.

The NDP have seen the opportunities available by addressing and engaging students, and, as such, is taking the time to visit a few university campuses including Western and McMaster. It's a move that was clearly well-received by the packed house in the Paul Martin Centre, regardless of political affiliations, and the Liberal and Conservative parties would be smart to follow suit.

But it shouldn't be up to the parties to encourage students to care. After all, they do have a country to run. Too many students shrug off politics saying they aren't relevant to them, and they'll care in the future.

If undergrads want to spend the rest of their lives living in a country with a stable economy, top-notch education and health care systems and a superior quality of life, they need to start caring about and getting engaged in politics. And they need to do it now.



Emilie Joslin

## Giving thanks to 'mature' students



Mature students. Amongst other things, Laurier's admissions calendar defines them as over 21, with two or more years of work experience and who are adequately prepared to undertake university courses.

I think the definition needs a little work. You see, there is an obvious line between undergrads, regardless of age, who act like adults, and their counterparts: students who progress through university without even an ounce of maturity to their names.

The former make university an exciting, engaging and wonderful experience for students around them. The latter, I'm afraid, constantly seem to do their worst to ruin the quality of university for their "mature" counterparts.

So it's time to show my gratefulness to the superior portion of the student body. You know who you are. You're friendly, intelligent, pleasant, interesting and thoughtful. You're just like me.

Thanks for talking in class and participating in discussions. You make the day go by so much faster. It's super. People who don't say anything make class really boring and pretty much destroy the point of being there.

But thanks for only talking when you've got something to say, because everybody hates a

teacher's bitch.

Thanks for working hard at school, but not taking things too far. You've recognized that you're in university to learn, but also to experience. It's good to have a life.

On that note, thanks for not dividing your student life purely between academics and getting wasted. There's so much more in between, and beyond; thank God you've figured that out: well done. People like you can offer much more to a conversation than just, "Did you go out last night?" People like you are actually fun to be around, not just when they're wasted.

So thanks for not getting drunk every single night of the week, and not letting the world know that you are plastered by shouting "Wooo!" at the top of your lungs whilst belching, screaming and vomiting simultaneously. Thanks for not spending every penny you have on alcohol and not dedicating every part of your fridge to 24-packs of beer.

Thanks for being in a long-term relationship and loving it. It's refreshing to see that you don't juggle between partners like lumps of meat. Juggling lumps of meat is disgusting; any person should know that.

Thanks for not wearing pyjamas to every lecture or class you go to. People who do that look like total fools and deserve to be panted and/or slapped in the eye. Oh, but I'm also grateful for the fact that you don't treat every appearance in public like a prance down

the catwalk.

I'm just happy you don't have to define yourself purely by your outward appearance. But keep trying not to look like a complete crap-rag.

Thanks for not being such a jerk. It's great the way you treat people with a fair amount of respect, regardless of gender, race or ugliness. If you're nice to people, they're generally nice to you. If people act like jerks, they are jerks, so avoid them.

But most of all, thanks for expressing your opinion. Maybe if more people behaved like you do, Laurier would be a better university to go to. It's too bad that what seems like a growing number of students here act like packs of inane, unintelligent, unfriendly idiots. But thanks at least for offering a shining example for those lost souls to look up to.

Students at Laurier need to be aware that this is a time in our lives when we should be maturing the most. It's a time for people to set a precedent for how they're going to live their lives. Are you going to do everything half-assed, undignified, superficially and unintelligently; or are you going to put that extra energy into your daily efforts in order to better yourself as a full-featured human being? Are you going to try to make university a better experience for everyone?

If you do, thanks for being a "mature" student.

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# Don't use stereotypes to pick your friends

By making assumptions about someone's personality based on their looks, you could miss out on some great friendships



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GREEK PHILOSOPHER

One day, my good friend and I got into a conversation about how girls who wear a lot of makeup are often misunderstood and judged in a negative way.

I mentioned to her that, in one of my classes, there had been a blonde girl who wore a lot of makeup. I felt that she was just another one of those girls who would flirt with the guys and not take the work seriously.

I also assumed that she was the type to look down on other girls and only accept girls who were just like her.

But as soon as she spoke, these perceptions began to dissipate. She turned out to be very articulate and intelligent. When the assignment was in full swing, she was committed, diligent and the sole motivator of the group. In the end, we became good friends.

With this experience in mind, I began to think of other existing female stereotypes. I realized that there are many stereotypes of different groups of women within

Laurier.

Everyone has undoubtedly heard of the dumb or easy blonde stereotype. These stereotypes associated with blondes often creep up whenever a girl has made a mistake around guys.

"Just because I'm blonde, any little slip or any little thing they don't understand [is considered] a blonde move," explains Emily Shaw, a fourth-year psychology student. "It's something that I've dealt with on a pretty consistent basis."

Another stereotype that exists within the Laurier community is that all Southeast Asian girls are in business or in the sciences.

"When I tell people I go to Laurier for my university, their automatic response is 'Oh, so you're in business, eh? Or science?' I'm like no, no, I'm not. I'm in arts.... You know, Asians are a lot more diverse than [people] think and they seem to clump us all together," Sandra Ng, a fifth-year sociology major strongly suggested.

As well, there appears to be another misconception that all [Southeast] Asians within K-W all know each other. Ng explained that she is often asked whether or not she knows so-and-so from Laurier or UW. "No! I don't know

every single [Southeast] Asian person."

South Asian women are also subjected to stereotyped views. "I think one of the biggest [stereotypes] is if I can cook. And if I can cook Indian food, especially curry," was what Bhavna Verma, a fourth-year psychology and anthropology student recalled.

Her reasoning was simply that it's assumed that within the South Asian community, "girls are supposed to know how to do certain

**"Just because I'm blonde, any little slip or any little thing they don't understand [is considered] a blonde move."**

- Emily Shaw, fourth-year psychology

things once you hit a good age like 16 or 17," she says. "And you should know how to make roti and curry and how to do all these things, and do it well, because by 22 to 23, you're supposed to be married."

Shayna Walford has experienced racial stereotyping first

hand. "As a young black woman, how I dress definitely affects how people will view me [especially for those] people who don't know me," she said.

"For example, I remember going into a Shopper's Drug Mart in the university area. I was wearing a black sweatshirt, and the hood was up because it was cold, and black track pants," said Walford.

"I noticed that one of the employees kind of followed me when I was in the store. I could sense that she was watching from time to time, so that threw me off," explained Walford, noting that her skin colour may have been a factor.

Looking back at my in-class experience and drawing from my interviewees' experiences, I realized that stereotypes can sometimes hinder a person's judgment of others.

It's understandable that we have these preconceived notions whenever we are meeting people for the first time, and they are often hard to dispel. But it's important to keep an open mind since

stereotypes obviously don't apply to everyone. Each person, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or religious beliefs, is different.

So take the chance to really get to know people and don't be too quick to judge. Remember, the way you perceive a person on the basis of a certain stereotype affects how you will treat them. If I had not been open-minded about my friend, not only would our friendship not have developed, but our assignment would have also suffered and the group dynamics would not have been as strong.

Unfortunately, the same stereotypes that have been encountered by Laurier students also exist outside the campus and within most societies. It is important to be aware of the repercussions of judging a person on the basis of stereotypes.

As well, think on how quick judgements would affect you. Would you really want someone to judge you based on stereotypes of the cultural or community group you are a part of? Think about that and keep it in mind the next time you meet someone for the first time.



## Letters to the Editor

**Look beyond the bottle**

In response to David Shore's article entitled, "Drinking Part of Student Experience", I would just like to say that if first-years are coming into university thinking that alcohol is the only common bond they share with other students, then they have been gravely misinformed. Laurier provides ample opportunities to get to know one's peers, whether it be through its numerous volunteer positions, a great variety of job openings, intramural/varsity sports, and many other extra-curricular activities.

Before first-years turn nineteen and the rest of their university careers are spent perpetually recovering from the night before, they should try and look beyond the bottle while they still can.

- Ali Mohamed

**Shunned Esoterics**

Dealing with Campus Clubs has always been a battle. Provost's dismissal makes things even worse for us. Our club has a long list of grievances with Campus Clubs, but we decided not to make any formal complaints in the interest of fostering good relations with our new coordinator.

With Provost gone there is literally no one in charge, and clubs have nowhere to turn for any support or procedural affairs. We first heard of

Provost's dismissal through a Campus Clubs liaison, who promised a full report about the situation by email. None came. We learned of the full situation through the *Cord*.

As to our past grievances, Basir's reign last year as Campus Clubs Coordinator was a failure. Despite filling out the contact information form several times the new contact information was never published, so this year's Campus Clubs Coordinator could not contact us about Campus Clubs day, or any other business including our budget, the new requirement for a Club Constitution, or anything else. Most importantly, neither could interested students. The forms for the co-curricular record were never processed, and \$100 promised to us by WLUSU never came. Jason Shim, our liaison, hired by Campus Clubs to facilitate our budgets, forms and update our info was (as we learned later) on a co-op the entire year, which explained why he literally never did anything for us. We repeatedly went by the Campus Clubs office to talk to him personally and never found him there.

Those in the office, including Mossab Basir, claimed he had just left, but would be back soon. We were told bold-face lies by multiple members of Campus Clubs and by the coordinator at the time. Why couldn't they have found someone

else for the job, or given Shim's responsibilities to someone else?

Now to find Basir again in charge of Campus Clubs is an outrage, and his ignorance of procedure on such a matter as a dismissal is typical. This is but one more travesty in a string of failures that all demonstrate one thing: Campus Clubs has no accountability. A restructuring of the entire hierarchy is necessary. While this is probably never going to happen, we and every other club on campus continue on as best we can.

Like we always do.

- Melanie Huizingh  
Vice-President  
Society for Esoteric Exploration  
- William Hart, President  
Society for Esoteric Exploration

**Honderich not pro-terror**

I would like to address a gross injustice committed by *Cord* writer David Shore in a summary of Ted Honderich's lecture at Wilfrid Laurier University last Tuesday. Honderich is a professor from Great Britain who is well respected within the intellectual community. To combat the blunt style of Shore's article I will respond in an alternative fashion to the impressive amount of incorrect conclusions he offers in such a small space.

Shore's article immediately introduces the reader to an incorrect and irresponsible title, "Terrorism justified by guest speaker." Nowhere in the two-hour presentation did Honderich ever justify terrorism. As a professor and intellectual it would be academically disastrous for him to do so. Shore used the title because he knew that readers would be swayed against anyone labeled as a promoter of terrorism. From the onset an alternative agenda from Shore starts to become clear.

If you observe Shore's article you will notice there are a handful of quotes strung between condemning sentences yet no follow up interview from Professor Honderich.

Maybe David Shore was on a time crunch, considering this article was written just hours before the paper hit the printer, but I think he refrained from conducting a post-interview so that Honderich's statements wouldn't contradict the direction he wanted to take the article.

It's obvious that Shore was uncomfortable with the condemnation of Israeli terrorism and the introduction of historical Middle Eastern facts that Honderich introduced in his lecture. You can see this as he forces the reader to remember that Palestinians bomb

places too and offers the idea that Honderich just might be an anti-Semite. Even the headline that accompanied a photo of the professor was used out of context and manipulates the reader's opinion of Honderich.

I am thoroughly unimpressed by the article in its entirety and would position the *Cord* to invite Honderich to respond to Shore's article. I think he'd feel quite at home writing for a paper in this region, after all Shore got one thing right, Honderich did work as a reporter for the K-W Record.

- Matt Given

**Just the Tip of the Iceberg**

This letter is in response to the October 4, 2006 article entitled, "Coordinator Canned."

Before I get to the body of this letter, however, I want to issue a disclaimer. By writing this, I am in no way supporting or condoning the actions on the part of Provost that apparently were so egregiously inappropriate that required his immediate termination.

That being said, the point of this letter is the seemingly incapability of the WLUSU management to attend to its internal affairs. How

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# Cell phones hinder human interaction

By putting your cell phone on vibrate, you can avoid awkward social situations and even save yourself some extra minutes



JEREMY TREMBLAY  
ON THE VERGE

Have you ever been in the middle of a conversation when, out of the blue, you were interrupted by the ring of a cell phone?

Nowadays, everyone seems to have one. Seeing as we're often out of the house, we move annually and we need to keep tabs on where the happening parties are, it makes sense to own a cell phone.

However, we seem to act like any time our cell phones ring, the world will pause around us so we can take the call. Not only is this untrue, but cell phone users also

need to start thinking more about the message they're sending to the people around them while speaking on the phone.

One of the most frustrating problems is when a cell phone interrupts a conversation.

You'll be sitting with an old friend, maybe having dinner, and you'll be catching up. All of a sudden, you might as well have fallen off the face of the earth: his cell phone rings.

For some reason, when a cell phone rings, normal ideas of respect and manners fly out the window.

How often do you say, "sorry, I have to take this," or tell the person calling you'll call back later?

You'll talk away, leaving the person you were talking with just standing in front of you, probably

thinking something along the lines of, "because this isn't awkward at all."

So you say you're sure your friends aren't bothered when you get interrupted by calls? Even the avid cell phone addict will agree that there is at least one time when a ringing phone becomes terribly awkward: in a lecture.

A room full of students and a professor staring at you when your phone starts to blast "SexyBack" probably isn't how you hoped your Monday morning would go.

Of course, the person you hung up on without an explanation probably isn't too thrilled either. Had you turned your phone off (yes, it does have a power button) before going into the lecture, the caller would have been able to leave you a message and you

could have avoided being glared at by countless people you don't know.

Applying this knowledge to other situations can potentially pay off as well.

During the summer I was watching a movie in the cinema, and perhaps fifteen minutes into the showing a cell phone went off.

I was absolutely shocked at how unifying the situation was. Instantly, an unbelievable amount of popcorn flew at the man – who actually answered the call – from every direction.

I don't know: perhaps the call was truly important to the man. What I do know is that switching the phone to vibrate and taking the call into the hall would have saved the man from smelling like

butter for the rest of the night, and saved a good number of people some popcorn.

I, however, would have lost the chance to witness an event considerably funnier than the movie it interrupted.

So who knows, maybe paying a little more attention to how you use your phone will pay off.

Maybe you can even save enough minutes to move to a cheaper plan; I'm sure you can easily find something to do with the five bucks you'll save.

And hey, even if you don't save money, at least no one will remember you as "the girl whose phone always goes off in lecture," nor will you spend a night smelling of popcorn.

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can these individuals, the president and vice presidents, run an \$11 million corporation when they cannot even deal with a simple human resources issue?

I wish to raise two points regarding this fiasco. Firstly, since this was a human resources issue, why did the responsibility to terminate Provost fall onto Mossab Basir, the VP of Finance? Surely that seems like something that falls within the realm of the VP of Human Resources. What was the reason for this "passing of the buck?" Secondly, what good does it do to for Basir to acknowledge his mistake after the fact?

Surely, if he was given the necessary authority, he should have followed the proper protocol when firing Provost instead of acting so impetuously in the first place. What did Provost do that was so bad to warrant such a quick termination? I'm trying to bring to light the way in which the Students' Union is being run by its current management.

Students need to know the answers to, among others, the following questions: How are the VPs hired? Who are they accountable to? In my opinion, this whole fiasco is probably reflective of deeper and more widespread problems within WLUSU. To say it bluntly: if WLUSU management cannot deal with a simple HR issue, how can they be capable of running a corporation that involves so much money and affects all students?

- David Jenkins

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# Image is the new sound in music industry

Artists don't have to be talented these days, they just need killer abs, a sexy outfit and a great producer argues **JC McLaren**



**JC MCLAREN**  
LIFE AS A SOUNDTRACK

Sadly, they just don't make music like they used to; but at least Paris Hilton's new single is doing well.

These days any one of us could pick up a guitar, grab a pair of sticks or even flow to some beats, but the real talent, my friends, is looking good.

I couldn't tell you who instigated this school of thought, but the majority of us most certainly jumped on that crazy train; just look at popular music.

To me, the definition of a musician must include at least one of the following: the ability to write music or the ability to perform it.

Today it seems – based on most musicians in the spotlight – you don't need to be a musician, to be a musician.

Celebrities are no longer praised based solely on talent; they can be celebrated just by being born in to

the right family. Paris Hilton, set to inherit \$27.5 million of the billion-dollar Hilton Hotel's legacy, was born into the public eye – celebrated from a young age. On top of her heritage, she grew to be an attractive woman.

Good looks and money. Why wouldn't we idolize her?

Not only did we celebrate her for the mere fact of being born, but we gave her a TV show (*The Simple Life*), showing her inability to operate at the basic motor function level, and now a record contract.

Personally, I think it is an insult to all musicians, good or bad, but with innovations in technology, skill is no longer an issue.

"We can change everything," boasts Lake Curry, an audio engineering student at Metal Works Studio. "If a person sings flat we can make it sharper, we can pitch shift anything. We can change the key of an entire song, smooth it out, add rasp, make it more mellow and everything in between. We could have a goat make a Britney Spears song."

Being at one of the largest stu-

dios in Canada, which has recorded acts from "one-take-Prince" to D12, Lake has had to learn to be unbiased in his opinions of certain types of music. His quick rebuttal is evidence: "Actually Britney Spears has a very good voice. That's a true story."

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- Lake Curry, Metal Works Studio

Being true or not doesn't matter in the studio as much as it doesn't matter in live scenarios. "We can change just as many aspects of a live recording, if not more, than you can in a studio because the sound is converted to digital before it's transformed back to ana-

log and sent through the speakers," explains Lake. He went on to describe some of the more prominent tricks in live sound including auto-tuning the guitars and vocals to the key of the band.

As well, there is a program that can pre-record lyrics so that as soon as you start to articulate it live, say the beginning of the word, the program will recognize the foundation of the word and regurgitate the recorded version through the speakers in time with the music. "It's the next step in lip synching," Lake explains.

With the various tools of manipulation, it's safe to say that almost anyone could be a musician.

So how, then, do we separate the boys from the men? Easy: image.

It is how easily you can sell the music. The innovation, the validity and the art cease to matter. There

are many musicians in all types of genres who are producing groundbreaking music and not getting any credit for it because it doesn't have that popular image – that liquidity.

We've turned "Stairway to Heaven" into a Big Mac.

It's gotten to the point where someone else writes, produces, and fiddles with the knobs, and we are paying these stars millions of dollars to keep their six packs and look good for the cover of *Rolling Stone*.

Paris was reported in UK's *Sunday Times* saying, "There's nobody in the world like me. I think every decade has an iconic blonde including Marilyn Monroe or Princess Diana and right now I'm that icon."

Well Paris, we're all glad to have you and all your wondrous talents – whatever they may be.

I guess at the end of the day they may not be the most talented musicians, but who cares – they're the best looking.