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## Student home burgled

Cameras, laptop stolen in Noecker St. break-in

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NEWS EDITOR

A student house on Noecker Street was broken into sometime on Friday afternoon. The front door of the house was locked and four of the five female Laurier student residents were home for the weekend; the fifth was on campus all day.

The break-in was only discovered when one of the girls came home from a night at the bar early Saturday morning. After noticing that her bathroom window was open, she went to her bedroom and noticed that her digital camera was missing. The next day, she called her other roommates to tell them that something was wrong and that they'd better come home to see if they were missing anything.

Nathalie Schramm got the call and came home to check her things; they were all still there, but her other roommates were not so lucky. One had her laptop and iPod stolen. Another had her locked bedroom door kicked open and a digital camera taken from her room.

"We were all shocked ... especially because someone is always home so it could have happened when one of us was at home," said Schramm.

The girls were told that it wasn't all that uncommon for stolen possessions to be recovered, but not to get their hopes up.

"[Thieves] all know that students may not have a lot of money but they will have electronic equipment," said Rudy Smith, Sergeant with the Waterloo Regional Police. Student houses are a popular target because of this, and simply being close to an educational institution renders student houses all the more obvious, says Smith.

Schramm and her roommates can't help but feel nervous after the incident. "On Saturday when we came back to check our rooms we didn't feel safe staying there," she said, adding that none of the girls wanted to leave the others alone in the house.

Smith urges students to prevent theft by locking doors and windows, and treating your student house as if it were your own.

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Sydney Holland

**FRISBEE FUN** - Fourth-year kinesiology student Lindsay Cook was one of many students enjoying the spring sunshine at Alumni Field yesterday.

## Dr. Bob's new public post

Laurier's outgoing president will work as an economic facilitator for Northwestern Ontario

**APRIL ROBINSON**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an office filled with mementos from the past ten years of his presidency - Hawks footballs, Shinerrama plaques and a Bob the Builder lunchbox - Dr. Bob Rosehart, Laurier's outgoing president, discusses a career in education gone political.

"I'm a closet politician," says Rosehart with a grin.

Rosehart's appointment as Northwestern Ontario Economic Facilitator for the provincial Liberal government was announced March 22 with the unveiling of the new Ontario budget.

"Most people would say this is not much of a surprise," says Rosehart. "Nobody thinks I'm the retiring type."

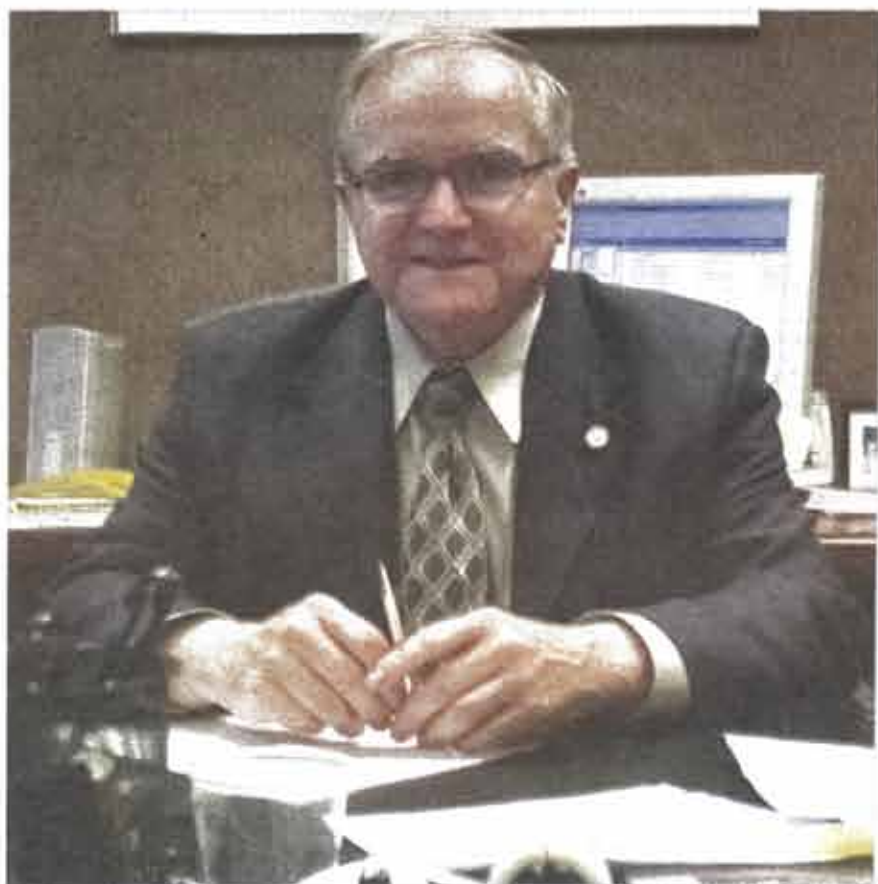
The 63-year-old has worked in a university setting since 1970. He started as a professor at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay and eventually became its president before coming to Laurier in 1997. His post at Laurier will officially conclude at the end of summer.

He has a passion for public policy and economic issues in Northern Ontario, so his transition from education to politics should be smooth.

In his new post, Rosehart will facilitate discussions with key groups in the region northwest of Wawa, Ontario.

"I'll basically come up with a short shopping list of things that the Ontario government would put

- SEE ROSEHART, PAGE 2



Sydney Holland

**ROSEHART'S FINALE** - Outgoing prez now works for the Ont. Liberals.



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"Hey, if we moon you, will you put us in the Bag o' Crime?"

A pair of inebriated Laurier students, genuinely inquiring as to the feasibility of getting themselves into the paper before their graduation

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## 24-hour bike for AIDS



Sydney Helland

**WHACK FOR AIDS** - Jenn Bryant (left), Nicky Pariser (centre) and Paul Sauder show off some of the pinatas they will be selling to bring awareness to the Bike for AIDS benefit that starts tomorrow at 8 pm.

## 120 volunteers to participate in 24-hour bike-a-thon to raise money for bicycle ambulances

ASHLEY JANG  
STAFF WRITER

This Thursday and Friday, approximately 120 volunteers will participate in Laurier's second annual 24-hour bike-a-thon. Organized by World University Services of Canada (WUSC), the bike for AIDS will raise money for bicycle ambulances in Malawi to help AIDS patients.

Bicycle ambulances are bicycles with stretchers attached to them that help transport AIDS patients to clinics to get help more quickly

and easily.

"In Malawi the roads are really terrible and normal cars can't handle the terrain, so a lot of the patients have difficulty getting to the facilities for treatment," said Nicky Pariser, a member of WUSC. The bicycle ambulances provide an easier method of getting around.

The event will begin on Thursday at 8 pm and go until Friday at 8 pm in the Concourse. "We have about 10 teams right now and they range from 12-24 people," said Bryant.

Team members will take turns on the bike for half-hour shifts or

hour-long shifts. "We require the bikes to be running for the full 24 hours," said Jenn Bryant, executive member of WUSC.

Each team is responsible for raising money for the event. "Our goal is that every team will raise \$500, which is about the price of one bicycle ambulance," said Pariser.

The event was originally supposed to take place in mid-February, but it had to be postponed. "We had some issues with bike availability and insurance problems with the AC and then we couldn't get the Concourse until a later date," said Bryant.

Since the bike-a-thon was postponed, the organizers hope to bring more attention to the event

by setting up piñatas in the concourse. "We wanted a way to keep everything really visible to people walking through the Concourse so we're filling piñatas with condoms, lube and candy," said Pariser.

There will be 24 piñatas, one for each hour of the event. They will be selling hits to students for donations towards their cause.

The Bike for AIDS event raised \$9,000 last year, and Bryant hopes that, despite the rescheduling, the event will do well again this year. "I would like to see us raise as much money as possible, but because of our constraints with time and confusion surrounding the event this year, we're very fortunate to have the people who still want to participate."

## Back to roots for Rosehart

Outgoing Laurier President Bob Rosehart is looking forward to working in northern Ontario

- FROM ROSEHART, COVER

their stamp on to assist the 'new economy,' he says, referring to an industry shift from resource-based economies to a focus on financial services, software, high technology and development.

He will use a report that is already underway, entitled "Forging the Future," as a basis for his work.

"The northwest is going through a lot of structural change with the downturn of the forestry sector," he says.

But he says the task isn't all that daunting. In 1986, Rosehart chaired a committee on the challenges of single-industry towns in

Northern Ontario. He says that out of about 80 recommendations, the province implemented about 70 of them.

"A lot of the very interesting stuff that's been done in the north in the last 25 years came from that report."

"It all comes down to job creation," he says.

Rosehart plans to lay low in the lead up to the October 10, 2007 election. His role as part-time commissioner is non-partisan, but there are no guarantees that a non-Liberal government would retain his job.

"Typically, they would need to assess whether they would sup-

port this activity," he says. "The media coverage in the north since the announcement has been very positive. So who knows?"

"It's really about northwestern Ontario and the people - it's not really about politics."

He says his new appointment won't affect his remaining tasks at Laurier. He'll have a few weekend meetings to attend, he says, but most of the "real facilitating" will occur in October and November, with the final report coming out in December.

Rosehart is happy to continue working in an area where he spent so much of his life. But he'll still be a resident of Waterloo and keep his finger on the pulse of Laurier. He plans on doing some fundraising through the university development department.

Although Rosehart says he

only found out about his new gig through a phone call he received a week before the release of the provincial budget, he's been considering a role in politics for some time.

"The only thing I had been considering in the last few months was running for political office. [I've received] a whole bunch of very interesting and attractive propositions from a couple parties - federally and provincially - to run. But at the end of the day, I had to decide whether I wanted to make that kind of commitment."

And when that sun sets, when Rosehart packs up his Laurier artifacts, clears out of his cozy corner office overlooking University Avenue and returns to his northern roots, he says everything will have come "full circle."



## &gt; VOCAL CORD

What was the biggest newsmaker of this year?



"The soldier killed in his tent in Afghanistan."

- Alyson Crotch  
Fourth-year Psychology



"The supposed 'Jesus Christ' tomb."

- Dan Lamont  
Second-year History



"Nick Vlasov going missing. I went to high school with him."

- Michelle Mendes  
Second-year Communications/  
Business



"Britney Spears shaving her head."

- Godwin Malabana  
Third-year English



"The launch of the Nintendo Wii."

- Steve Wylie  
Second-year Economics

# Satisfaction in small schools

Most recent issue of *Maclean's* reveals smaller schools make for happier students

**LAURA CARLSON**  
STAFF WRITER

*Maclean's* magazine recently released the results of three national student surveys in which nearly 70,000 students from universities across Canada answered a variety of questions regarding their university experience.

Overall, the results reflected that students who did their undergraduate degree at smaller universities were the most satisfied with their educational experience. Aside from a few exceptions, such as Guelph, Waterloo, Western and Queen's, the study found that students at the larger universities - which focus more on research - were less satisfied with their institutions.

David McMurray, Laurier's dean of students, feels that smaller universities can provide a better all-around experience for students.

"I definitely agree that [the smaller] climate setting really promotes that strong student spirit and quality of student life," he said.

Some of the areas of focus for the survey included evaluations of education, the quality of teaching, the overall university experience and whether one would recommend their university to other students.

Laurier fell in the top ten in each of the five categories, ranked third in recommending the university to others, and fourth for the university experience having exceeded one's expectations.

Dr. Rosehart, president of Wilfrid Laurier University, feels that the size of the Laurier campus is definitely a factor in the rankings.

"I think that one of the reasons we have this very dynamic student environment is partly the fact that our size helps us," commented Rosehart.

Of the lower-ranked institutions, those schools with urban campuses tended to have the least-satisfied students. Notably, the University of Toronto scored quite low

and York refused to make its information public.

While such schools may be in prime location, and appear to be prestigious on the surface, Rosehart feels this doesn't necessarily make them better schools.

"It just goes to prove [that] money, land and buildings don't necessarily give you the kind of chemistry you need for a good post-secondary institution," said Rosehart.

Laura Scott, a fourth-year English and communications student, transferred to WLU after completing her first year at U of T. Although she admits that academically and financially University of Toronto was perhaps superior to Laurier, she transferred because she wanted more from her university experience.

"My classes [at U of T] were phenomenal and I'm not going to deny that, but there's more to university than having phenomenal classes," said Scott.

She felt that a major hindrance of attending urban-centred campuses is that the majority of students are commuting, and it places limitations on the opportunities one has to meet people.

Christina Dente, another fourth-year transfer student, came to Laurier after spending two years at the University of Waterloo. Dente has noticed an immense difference in the two campuses and feels that it was much more difficult to meet people at a larger university.

"I found it really hard to integrate myself with everyone else on the [Waterloo] campus, just because it's so huge," said Dente.

It seems that the small size and community feel is one of the primary reasons why students choose to come to Laurier. Lawrence Maclin, a second-year political science and English student, expressed that size was a major factor in his decision.

"It was a smaller community and I liked the idea of getting to know more people and getting to see the same people on a more consistent basis."

Alex Levant, a communications professor who commutes between Laurier and York, is an example of how professors also tend to notice the differences between larger and smaller universities. Levant prefers smaller campuses for personal reasons and he notes a difference in Laurier's "atmosphere," which he feels is often the result of class size.

"Students are happier with [smaller classes] because there's a different relationship between the student and professor," said Levant.

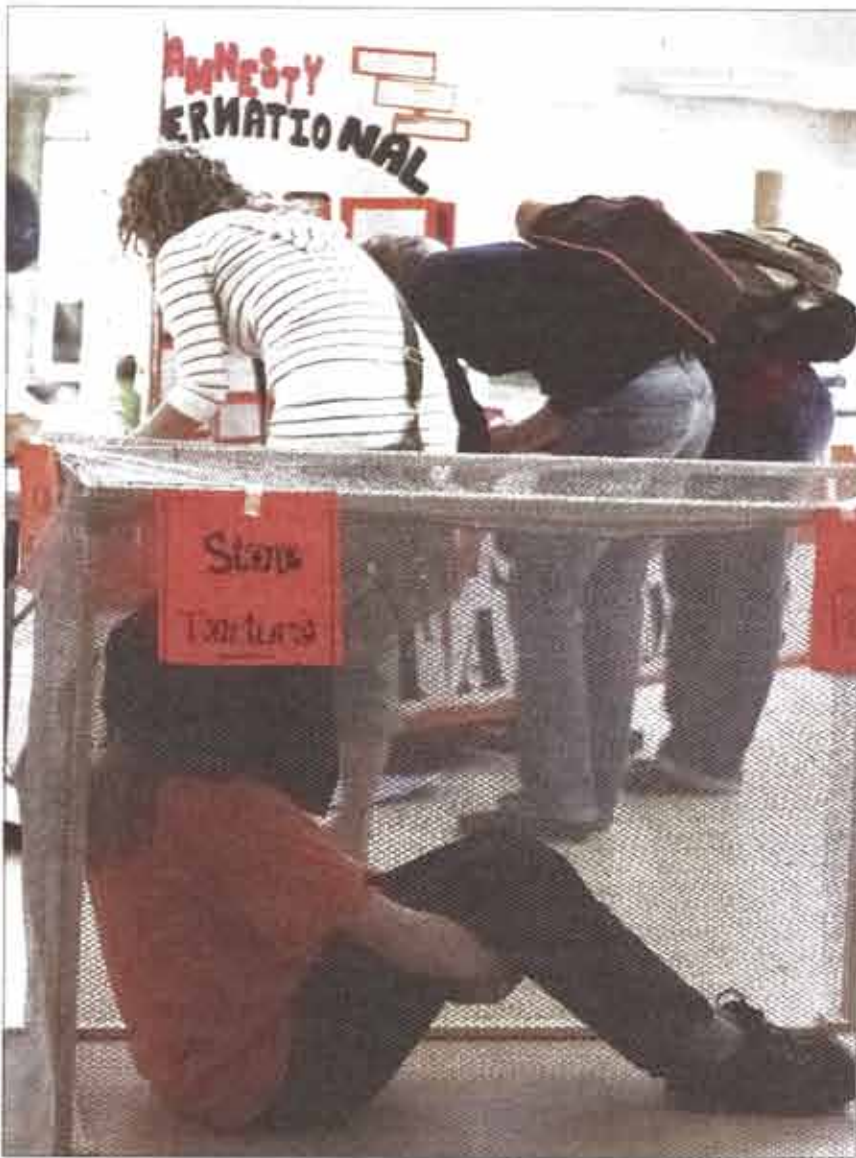
Despite the student survey results, which claim a smaller student-focused campus equals happier students, some feel that other factors are often overlooked.

Victoria Burke, a women's studies professor at Laurier, has been a staff member of several universi-

ties in Ontario, and while she feels that student rankings are important, she notes that institutions' research is also significant.

"You have to also look at the quality of research that the professors are putting out because the students don't always know what the timely research is," said Burke. But with the mandate of Laurier revolving around student satisfaction, McMurray feels that currently the school is doing a great job to keep its students happy.

"The trademark [of Laurier] is the holistic, all-around extra-curricular experience combined with academic experience," McMurray adds. "We know that we're here for academic programs and your degree, that's why we exist. But [Laurier is] much, much more beyond the classroom experience."



Sydney Heiland

**SOLITARY CONFINEMENT** - Rachel Metzger adopts the role of an inmate at Guantanamo Bay prison.

## Laurier Amnesty International runs protest against Guantanamo in the Concourse

**MIKE BROWN**  
NEWS EDITOR

Being imprisoned in a cage way too small to stand in, often without a charge brought against you and no access to legal recourse. In a matter of less than a few hours, your limbs ache excruciatingly and even one day of this torture will leave you sore for days.

Yesterday and last Friday, volunteers from the Laurier chapter of Amnesty International undertook a symbolic gesture in the Concourse to acknowledge the injustices being done to prisoners of Guantanamo Bay.

Taking a short reprieve from her masked solitude, President Rachel Metzger explains the positive response the club has received, though she admits that some stu-

dents reacted with surprise.

"Some students walked by, looking back, and I'm afraid they're going to walk into a post," says Metzger.

This event, organized in large part by Laurier's Amnesty International coordinator Patricia Veiga, was one of the club's biggest of the year. Beyond their symbolic gesture, the organization was collecting signatures of Laurier students on petitions and postcards to be sent to US President George W. Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

January 11 marked the five-year anniversary of the opening of the prison, which was one of the main reasons that the Laurier chapter pinpointed this as an appropriate event to hold.



April Robinson

**WORKIN' HARD FOR THE MONEY** - These Laurier students appeared at the Cord window in MacDonald House after harassing special constables for nearly an hour in an attempt to get into the Bag O' Crime. See Bag O' Crime for full story.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Still no strong leads in Vlasov case

It's now been over three weeks and there's still no word from 19-year-old student Nick Vlasov. The Laurier freshman was last seen leaving his Little House residence around 11:30 pm on Monday, March 5.

Posters of the missing Mississauga teen still hang throughout the Laurier campus, but no new awareness campaigns have cropped up in the last week, and family and friends are no longer talking to the media, in hopes that decreased attention will give Vlasov the courage to return home.

Waterloo Regional Police continue to actively investigate the issue, says Inspector Bryan Larkin. In addition, the Vlasov family has enlisted the aid of Internal Affairs, a Newmarket-based private investigation agency. According to Kevin Roberts, licensed investigator, "Internal Affairs have been working with Mr. Vlasov and the police on this. That's basically all I can tell you."

## BOD elects key roles

At a meeting of the incoming board of directors (BOD) last Thursday, the recently completed BOD decided on their secretary and treasurer, electing Lauren Civello and Jon Champagne respectively.

Civello sat in on most of this year's board meetings as a representative from first-year council, while Champagne is entering his second year as a director.

Both positions are new this year, as the board looks poised to transition to a policy governance model. The new board also received a brief update from the Policy Governance Implementation Committee and a decision regarding whether or not to proceed with this model will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, according to Matt Park, next year's chief governance officer.

## &gt; BAG O' CRIME

THEFT UNDER \$5000  
REPORTED: 2:17PM - MARCH 19/07

Bookstore staff reported the theft of two MP3 players from the store. Special constables reviewed the store security cameras and identified a male WLU student as the thief. The male had placed them in his coat pocket. The MP3 players were later recovered. The matter is being sent to the Judicial Affairs Council.

ALARM  
REPORTED: 4:30AM - MARCH 24/07

Special constables and the Waterloo Fire Department attended to Waterloo College Hall in response to a fire alarm. An unknown person had discharged a fire extinguisher, causing the alarm. No suspects.

INTOXICATED PERSON  
REPORTED: 12:40AM - MARCH 25/07

A male student was ejected from the Turret because of his intoxicated condition. He became belligerent and argumentative with Turret staff. On his way out the door, he made derogatory comments to both staff and the special constable in attendance as well as spitting on the wall. The matter is being sent to the Judicial Affairs Council.

DRUGS  
REPORTED: 2:15AM - MARCH 25/07

At the request of residence staff, special constables attended a university residence regarding suspected marijuana use. Upon arrival, the odour of marijuana could be detected. The resident voluntarily surrendered a number

of drug paraphernalia items.

THEFT UNDER \$5000  
REPORTED: 1:02PM - MARCH 25/07

A resident reported that sometime during the early morning hours of Sunday, March 25, her laptop computer and cell phone were stolen. The student reports that her roommate brought a guest back to their room and the items were discovered missing at some point after the guest left. Investigation continues.

INTOXICATED PERSONS  
REPORTED 2:15AM - MARCH 28/07

Intoxicated Laurier students Megan, Elenna and Jennifer harassed special constables for nearly one hour in order to try to persuade them to get into the Bag o' Crime.

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# Noecker St. break-in

- FROM ROBBERY, COVER

Students are constantly flowing in and out of their houses and this is how entranceways get left open. "Because there isn't that sense of ownership with the [student] home ... you might leave your home with windows unlocked and doors unlocked and that causes a problem all in itself."

Having neighbours keep an eye on your house is a good way of spotting suspicious activity. Smith encourages students to get to know their neighbours so that they know

who is supposed to be coming and going to the house.

"Try to make that connection with your neighbour," he said. "Have somebody watch ... make them aware of unusual people in the area. [If they see anything suspicious] they should call police as soon as possible."

Schramm and her roommates have learned from this incident and are trying to prevent any repeats. "Now we make sure the door is always locked and we're making sticks to put in the windows so they can't be opened."

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**A WATERBUFFALO "OOPS"** - Team "Jamaica" didn't realize how offensive their carnival costumes were.

## 1. Blackface Scandal

When several members of the Loyal Order of the Waterbuffaloes appeared at this year's winter carnival in blackface, only one formal complaint was lodged.

It all began when a student complained to WLUSU President Allan Cayenne about the incident after seeing fellow winter carnival

peers running around in blackface with novelty-sized joints and fried chicken buckets on their heads. The Waterbuffaloes were contacted by Vice-President: Student Activities Lindsay Fleming who made it clear that this would not be tolerated.

Once the story was published in the *Cord*, and the pictures made

their rounds on the Internet, this turned into one of the biggest campus controversies this year. It even made its way to the national newspapers with an article appearing in the Saturday, February 24 issue of the *Globe and Mail*.

- Tony Ferguson

## 2. Campus Insecurity

In a period of a month during the fall semester, Laurier was rocked by the news of two major assaults on the Waterloo campus.

First, shortly after 5 am on the morning of September 22, Clayton Vokey and Jennifer Laurie of Laurier security were brutally attacked by two men in their late 20s outside of 232 King Street. Vokey was choked unconscious from behind, sustaining injuries to his back and knees as

well as cuts to his arms. Meanwhile, Laurie was punched in the head at least 20 times and forced off of work for an entire month.

Then, exactly one month later, a 20-year-old student was beaten in a confrontation with 19-year-old Laurier student Brock Schultz. The assault followed a Saturday night at the Turret, and the victim was found by a couple of passersby. The incident brought to light the

inaccessibility of a security box that was fenced off by DAWB construction, and called attention to the need for more security coverage on campus.

Schultz was charged at the time of the incident and was released on a peace bond after an appearance before the Ontario Court of Justice on February 16.

- Mike Brown

## 3. Election Overload

In the realm of the annual WLUSU election, the chief returning officer never has an easy job. But this year brought that thankless task to a whole new level.

After being hired extremely late - over three months into the fall term - Josh Periard had precious little time to put together the WLUSU election. Marketing suffered. Awareness suffered. And ultimately, the election process in general took a hit, as only 12 students submitted nomination packages for 15 spots. Then, when Tom Wilson resigned and Mark Ciesluk dropped out of the race, WLUSU was forced to re-open nominations for a second election, a Special General Meeting (SGM).

But first there was the matter of the two positions where a race was actually set to occur: presi-

dent and vice-president: university affairs. The two races proved to be polar opposites. While mutual respect prevailed as Dan Allison defeated VP: Marketing Dan Hocking, the VP: UA race was a no-holds-barred mudslinging match. In the end, though, Lauren McNiven won with surprising ease, defeating two-time director Yusuf Faqiri.

The elections committee quickly shifted their focus back to the SGM, where 13 candidates submitted nomination packages to fill the five remaining spots. With voters suffering election overload, polls had to remain open for an extra hour, but eventually, by mid-March, the Laurier student body finally had a visioning body in place.

- Mike Brown



Sydney Helland

**FINALLY OVER** - WLUSU was happy to see the end of two elections.

## 4. Missing Student

There is little doubt what the top news story for the month of March is. When Nick Vlasov left his Little House residence on the night of March 5, it marked the beginning of a harrowing mystery that remains unsolved today.

From concerned family and friends to baffled police and even caring strangers, the Mississauga 19-year-old's 23-day absence has grabbed the attention of literally thousands throughout the WLU and greater KW communities. The story has not only made headlines in the *Cord* and the *Record*, but has also spread to the GTA and the *Toronto Star*.

The details surrounding Vlasov's disappearance remain frustratingly scant. He left Little House around 11:30 pm in seemingly jovial spirits after an intramural soccer game and a floor meeting, and no one has seen him since. When his backpack was found near the Grand River three days after he went missing, many feared the

worst, but canine searches and even a Niagara dive team have been unable to unearth any more clues to the teen's whereabouts.

- Mike Brown



NICK VLASOV



## 5. Unionization

In late October, campus workers faced the possibility of becoming unionized.

Students working part-time jobs outside of WLUSU, including the Laurier Bookstore, Information Technology Services and the athletics department, were assured that their wages under the new union would easily cover the dues that they would have to pay.

Major implications for students would be more job stability and security. This was met with skepticism from some students who felt that they had sufficient job security

as it was. Students were also frustrated because they didn't feel that there was enough opportunity for them to provide input on the issue.

After several meetings between WLU and the Staff Association (WLUSA), a motion to maintain the current status of jobs on campus was passed by the WLUSU Board of Directors (BOD) on January 11. Negotiations between WLUSA and the university on this issue are ongoing.

- Tony Ferguson

## 6. Privacy Act Changes

Effective June 10, 2006, Ontario universities were brought under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, which greatly changed the class environment for both students and professors.

The provincial legislation declared that all students have the right to keep their names private from others.

University staff and officials are now prohibited from displaying any documents with students' names on them, including attendance sheets, mark postings and OSAP lists.

As a result, the Laurier student

e-mail directory no longer exists, professors are no longer allowed to create piles for students to pick up assignments and it has been recommended that students be referred to on a first-name basis.

Although the act has been in place for almost a year now, and thus is no longer a highly debated topic in the media, it continues to affect the ways in which students and professors are able to interact and conduct themselves in universities across the province.

- Laura Carlson

## 7. Varsity Hockey

When hockey is still in action in March, you know it's been a good year.

And it was a particularly successful one for Laurier as both the men's and women's squads skated their ways into their OUA finals and national tournaments.

While the men came up short in capping off a record-setting season in terms of total points and victories, losing to UQTR in the provincial finals, they did end up finishing a strong third in the country with their showing in Moncton.

The women maintained their status of a perennial powerhouse, winning their fourth consecutive OUA crown, their fifth in six years. Facing stronger western Canadian squads in Ottawa, though, the Hawks came in an unexpected fourth place overall.

Regardless, the fact that both of the teams are experiencing success at once makes one believe that hockey is coming out of the ice age at Laurier.

- Dan Polischuk



Sydney Helland

**FULL HOUSE?** - Women's hockey won their fourth OUA championship.



Sydney Helland

**WHO'S UNDER THE PODIUM?** - The Cord covered Bill Clinton's visit to Kitchener-Waterloo.

## 8. Guest Speakers: Clinton, Lewis

Laurier was lucky enough to see a number of notable speakers cross its threshold this academic year. Garnering the largest lecture audience in recent memory, Stephen Lewis, former NDP leader and UN special envoy for HIV/AIDS, spoke to a full Athletic Complex on March 9 as the opening keynote for Laurier's first Global Governance Conference. The event was sponsored by LSPIRG. Lewis touched on the "indignities" being committed by our own government in relation to what he sees to be the top five

global issues of today, including injustices in Darfur, gender equality and the environment.

Another recent keynote was Peter Mansbridge, CBC anchor for the *National*, brought in by the Arts Students' Advancement Program. He spoke on March 14 about his experiences meeting extraordinary people in his global travels as a journalist.

The Cord had the privilege to cover Bill Clinton's November 8 visit to Kitchener.

The former US president dis-

cussed domestic violence, global equality, the war on terror and the Bush government.

Other significant visitors to Laurier included federal NDP leader Jack Layton, who came October 11 courtesy of the Laurier Active New Democrats.

Jian Ghomeshi, a CBC journalist, spoke on October 21 as part of a regional student press conference put on by WLU Student Publications.

- April Robinson



Shane Porter

**NOT SO SKY-HIGH** - The Hawks made it to Yates, but lost to the Ottawa Gee-Gees.

## 9. Varsity Hawks end win streak

Thirteen straight games without a loss - and it all came to an expected (but not welcomed) end this past year for Laurier's football team.

Having lost their star pivot, Hawk pigskin fans saw career back-up Jamie Partington step behind centre for their squad. While his performances were less than

spectacular, it was the effort of the OUA's second-best defence (the ninth in Canada) that kept WLU afloat. Led by All-Canadians Jesse Alexander and Yannick Carter, Laurier's stingy play permitted them a surprising Yates Cup appearance, although in the end, they succumbed to the Ottawa Gee-Gees.

If anything, the Hawks proved that the mantra provided by Head Coach Gary Jeffries throughout the season - that his squad was a "character team" - wasn't a word of a lie.

- Dan Polischuk

## 10. Goodbye Hawk, we hardly knew ya

One of the first stories to make headlines this year came with a major student outburst when the September return to campus left many students feeling shocked and betrayed to learn that their beloved Golden Hawk in the Hall of Fame had been unceremoniously ripped from the floor.

A round of summer renovations resulted in the Hawk's removal

and, with it, one of the only traditions this school could lay claim to over the last decade.

WLUSU President Allan Cayenne lamented its loss, but said the expense required to retain the logo just couldn't be justified.

Still, students responded with masking tape replicas, protest groups and petitions.

The issue was periodically raised

again throughout the year - from the WLUSU boardroom queries of directors Jon Champagne, Mike Tsuchiya and Freddy Enriquez to the campaign platform of Craig Stover - but no serious action was ever undertaken.

- Mike Brown



# A season to remember

Men's hockey team comes within a minute of finals appearance in National tourney; finish season third-best in nation

**JAMIE NEUGEBAUER**  
STAFF WRITER

MONCTON — Fifty-seven seconds. That's how far away the Golden Hawks were from pulling off the upset of the #1 ranked University of Moncton in their semi-final on Saturday night.

It was not to be, however, as the Hawks were downed 5-4 in a dramatic, double-overtime game.

It was a start that had even the most ardent Eagles Bleus fan stunned. Only 1:06 in, Laurier captain and former Kitchener Ranger Matt Grennier tallied via wrap-around putting the Hawks up.

Moncton responded at the 6:47 mark with a beauty; Eagles sniper Karl Fournier finishing off a pass with some ginger on it from Nicolas Laplante by deflecting it into the top corner.

From there, the first period belonged to the Hawks. Grennier scored again from a horrible angle at 16:08 with Matt MacCarone and Rob Dmytruk drawing assists. Mark Voakes furthered the lead on the power play a mere 1:39 later — firing a one-timer home courtesy of a perfect pass from Nick Vergeer.

The second period was completely different from the first. Jeff MacDougald was under fire from the start as the Hawk defence looked incapable of handling the speed and passing ability of the Moncton transition offence.

MacDougald held down the fort for five minutes but could not hold forever as Mathieu Bétournay scored on a shorthanded odd-man rush. Moncton carried the play in the second and it was only the heroics of MacDougald that kept the

Hawks ahead.

Although the momentum stayed with Moncton after their eventual tying goal from Yvan Busque, it was the Hawks that struck next. Tillsonburg, Ontario native Nathan Peacock put the Hawks ahead again, finishing off a great pass from Jeff Borrows on a 2-on-1 in the latter half of the frame.

With the clock ticking down on the Hawks just a minute away from the finals, a huge turnover coming

out of their zone saw Busque eventually get it past MacDougald after a flurry in the crease. Although the puck did not appear to clearly cross the goal line, the decision was not overruled. Overtime was on the bill for the purple and gold.

Having entered a second OT, the defining moment came when Nathan Peacock checked a Moncton player hard into the boards and was slapped with a penalty.

Hawk hearts were broken as

Moncton made no mistake converting on the power play. If there ever was any doubt, Busque solidified his hero status, firing home a rebound after a point shot from Eagles captain Scott Toner.

With the loss, the Hawks were eliminated from the tournament.

After the game, a bleary-eyed Coach Nobes felt his team "should be extremely proud of themselves."

"They played an absolutely outstanding game and had an out-

standing season," he said, adding, "They're tremendous athletes and ... people and they will be remembered as a great hockey team at Laurier for a long time."

With UQTR, the team that beat WLU in the Queen's Cup, losing to UNB in the other semi-final The Hawks finished third in the country, thus sealing their place as one of the best hockey teams Laurier has ever iced.



Mike Whitehouse - Laurier Athletics

**UP IN ARMS** - There was no stopping Yvan Busque from celebrating his goal in double-overtime, which clinched a spot in the finals for Moncton.

## For love of the game

Legendary coach gets a call to join the Hall

**LAUREN MILLET**  
INCOMING SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a few months since the announcement, but the memories remain the same for legendary head coach Dave "Tuffy" Knight, who was officially acknowledged for his efforts and will be inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame this coming September.

A former Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawk football coach, Tuffy — as he is affectionally known — is being recognized for his brilliant efforts during his 40 years in Canada — 19 of which were spent at Laurier.

"I'm very pleased. This is the highest honour in football," said Knight. "I was very surprised to be picked for this."

"I came to Canada at a young age with the intention of just staying

one year," he continued. Forty years later, Knight had made a bigger impact on the sport than any other coach in its history at WLU.

"When I first started, it was a school of just about 1500, and it grew to become a major football power in Ontario. That gave me a feeling of great success," said Knight about his years with the Hawks.

"It was very enjoyable."

Knight spent his first 19 years at Laurier, before moving to the Toronto Argonauts in 1983 as the director of player personnel. He then returned to Waterloo to coach the Hawks cross-town rivals the Waterloo Warriors from 1988-1997.

Knight came out of retirement after only three years to come back to Laurier in 2000 as assistant coach, where he worked for three years.

"Jeffries has done an excellent

job with the team. He played for me; I've seen him develop right from the beginning. They couldn't have found a better guy for the job," commented Knight.

Now spending his winter months in Florida, Knight returns to the home of his greatest successes each fall. This time, however, he is driving an entirely different force onto the football scene.

Coaching at Resurrection Catholic Secondary School is a completely different picture than his previous endeavors, yet his same motivation is still firing.

"I've already done a lot and it's a good way to keep you into the game," explained Knight.

"I really enjoy the young guys. They're a lot of fun. To see them progress from not being able to do something one week and then suddenly you see them do it is a great feeling."

When asked why he chose Resurrection, specifically, Knight replied, "Dr. Tony [Chris] was our team doctor for a while at Laurier. He was real good to me; kept my guys going on the field," he explained.

"When he approached me about starting a junior football program, I decided it was the least I could do."



Sydney Helland

**"TUFFY" LOVE** - Former football coach to be admitted into Hall of Fame.





MARK ADAMSON  
RECORD (44-16)

Some thrilling games in the second weekend of March Madness saw all of my picks advance to Atlanta, where this weekend's action will bring Madness fans four strong teams and a Final Four to remember.

Georgetown's spirited run to the final four will come to an end at the hands of Ohio State. OSU's star centre Greg Oden has had a mediocre tourney thus far, but his prowess in the paint will neutralize the talents of Georgetown big men Roy Hibbert and Jeff Green.

UCLA's high-pressure defence will clamp down on Florida's potent starting-five.

Along with scorer Aaron Afflalo, who has been getting hotter as the tourney goes on, by the time the Bruins hit the finals, he'll be ready to carry his team to a championship.



MARK D. HOPKINS  
RECORD (45-15)

And then there were four. It's too bad that they aren't my four. But I have already complained about Texas in my previous columns.

Having chosen three of the final four teams may be admirable in some years, but in the year-of-the-favourite, it simply is not.

In one game, there is the rematch of the 2006 championship with UCLA battling Florida.

Subsequently, we have Roy Hibbert and Greg Oden squaring off in the other semifinal boasting the two best centres in college basketball.

Instead of closing with my predictions, I'll state them now. Florida over UCLA, Georgetown over Ohio State, followed by Florida over Georgetown in the finals.



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# No more than four

*Cord Sport's panel predicts it will be a repeat for the Gators as NCAA basketball champions*

Consensus Picks: 43-16

#### Tournament summary

"The plethora of nail-biters and superb display of basketball [makes the NCAA] superior in terms of defence, team basketball and excitement to the NBA on any given night."

-Parry Sohi, panelist



PARRY SOHI  
RECORD (40-20)

I selected Roy Hibbert as my player to watch for the tournament and I will stick by that selection in predicting a Hoya victory over the Buckeyes.

In the Florida - UCLA contest, the Gators will absolutely dominate the Bruins. With the dominant inside presence of Horford and Noah, UCLA will not be able to man-up against the onslaught Florida will offer.

Simply put, Florida will repeat. Their consistency, accuracy, and ability to diversely attack opponents make them unstoppable from beyond the arc and in the post.

Whomever Florida faces in the national championship, they will exert their dominance en route to their second straight national title.



VIVEK SARMA  
RECORD (46-14)

So I got three of my four final four picks correct. I probably should have gone with UCLA over Kansas considering how hot UCLA went into the tourney. That coupled with the fact that I've always thought Kansas was the weakest #1 in this year's tourney.

So, we have two number one seeds and two other number twos.

Who am I going to go with?

I'm sticking with the team I've had all along. Look out for Florida to repeat as national champs. Whether or not Joakim Noah declares for this year's draft, he and his 2004 recruiting classmates have a lot to prove.

They can go down as one of history's greatest tournament teams with a win. They are just too strong, and have been playing with a supreme confidence since their improbable march to a title last year.



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# Women are 'on the map'

Award is statement  
about female athletes

DAN POLISCHUK  
SPORTS EDITOR

Try as hard as she might, Jillian Ritsma can't think what her life would be like without sports. But this much is for sure: she definitely wouldn't be the same person she is today - a recipient of the second annual Outstanding Woman of Laurier award.

Named to the honour at a luncheon held at the Waterloo Inn last Thursday, Ritsma spoke of being "nominated with two other great women" as a "huge honour."

"I'm glad I had [a speech] prepared because I don't think I'd have been able to have spoken from the top of my head," she said with a laugh as the ceremony wrapped up.

Having started her athletic endeavours as a four-year-old playing hockey, Ritsma moved through soccer, baseball, basketball and track and field up until her late high school years growing up in Stratford.

Currently, the third-year kinesiology/physical education student is a guard with the Laurier women's basketball team.

Aside from that, she offers a lot of her spare time to the Big Brothers/

Big Sisters program.

Commenting further on her award, Ritsma took it as more of an achievement for all females rather than just herself personally.

"It's great that [Laurier] takes the time to not only recognize a few women to almost motivate a whole [group]," she said, adding, "Women's participation in sporting activities, of all forms ... has come a long way."

Her sentiments were shared, albeit a little more enthusiastically, by WLU Hall of Fame athlete Kyrá Kristensen-Irvine - who took home and Alumni Founders Award.

Inducted into the Hall in 1988, the former women's basketballer (1971-72) commented how she almost had welled up in "tears because [women] have come a long way."

She also made it abundantly clear what she was really thinking before she left the stage.

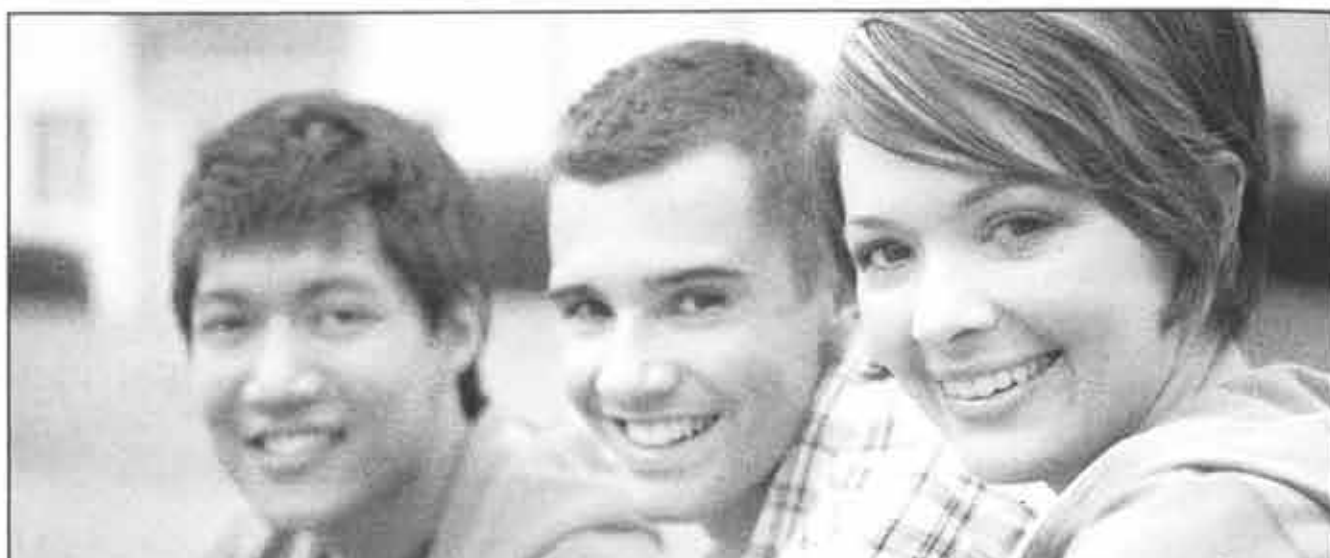
"Let's hold up that torch of sisterhood!" she said.



JILLIAN RITSMAN

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# Talking to the stars at WLU

Kahiigwa opened two-day workshop on post-conflict peacebuilding in Uganda on Thursday

MARY ERSKINE  
STAFF WRITER

"I'm standing before you, and you're shining—you can't be in a university like this without being a star."

A compliment began the keynote speech of Ambassador Joseph Kahiigwa, the Deputy High Commissioner of the country of Uganda, who spoke to a crowd of students, professors, and notable community members in the Senate and Board Chamber last Thursday. His talk was entitled "Building Peace and Justice: Lessons from Uganda."

Kahiigwa began by offering the disclaimer that it was far too hard to condense the history of Uganda, which is so crucial in understanding today's peacebuilding efforts, into such a short lecture. He continued by likening his talk to a tablet which may contain a little bit of many ingredients, but ultimately is only "scratching the surface."

Kahiigwa then outlined some of the history of his country, noting that as a country of 28 million people it almost matches the population of Canada, but lives within about one fortieth of the space. Uganda gained independence from British colonial rule in 1962, and although over forty years have passed, there are still many problems with their "roots in colonialism," according to Kahiigwa, including issues over land, federalism and ethnic clashes. While independent from direct colonial rule, this was "an independent Uganda full of strife," said Kahiigwa.

"Peacebuilding is not without conflict," Kahiigwa stressed, and throughout his presentation made note of many of the elements of progress as well as challenge seen in Uganda. He spoke of the rami-

fications of Idi Amin's brutal reign from 1971 to 1979, during which an estimated 500,000 Ugandans were murdered or disappeared—these were "systematic, brutal killings of [the Acholi and Lango] tribes ... he wanted them wiped from the face of the world."

Today, there are still over two million Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) within Uganda, many living in appalling conditions in IDP camps, according to Kahiigwa. Many of these people have spent over 20 years in these camps, meaning that many do not know life outside of these poor conditions. "The government is overwhelmed by the suffering of people," Kahiigwa noted.

Meanwhile, peace talks and "confidence-building missions" continue to rebuild the confidence of the Ugandan people. Kahiigwa made note of various programs which attempt to right past injustices, including settlement packages, operations of civilian courts, execution of brutal figures involved in Amin's regime and integrity surveys to expose corruption. Despite this progress, "peacebuilding and justice continues to be a very slow process."

In terms of political office, President Museveni has held power since 1986 and is now democratically elected. A people's constitution has been in effect since 1995. "Now we're beginning to see a leader working towards peacebuilding and justice," said Kahiigwa.

The Deputy High Commissioner's speech opened a two-day workshop which featured additional roundtable-style talks surrounding the related issues of peacebuilding in Uganda.

According to the ACUNS website, the roundtable format was in order



Sydney Heiland

**A STAR IN THE COSMOS** - Discussing decades of conflict in Uganda, Kahiigwa still optimistic.

to foster "exchange and dialogue in examining some of the individual, local, national, regional and international dimensions of post-conflict peace building in Uganda," and included such topics as peace negotiation, issues surrounding

governance in a post-conflict environment, disarmament and humanitarian considerations, among others.

In the end, Kahiigwa spoke to Canada's involvement in the peacebuilding process, including up to 60

NGOs active within the country.

In terms of the message he wanted to leave with Canadian students, Kahiigwa stated that he can see the future teachers in the students of today, and urged the audience to "keep on shining."

## Indonesia can't cope with growth

ARLA LATTO-HALL  
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

Australia has warned its citizens of travelling by plane to Indonesia, three weeks after an Indonesian jet crashed onto the runway and burst into flames, killing 21 people. Five were Australians.

The advisory said that "Australians are advised to take the following information into account and check with their travel agents when making travel plans in Indonesia."

According to their websites, neither Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade nor the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta have officially offered their condolences to Indonesians for the crashes.

One week before the March 7 crash, a jetliner broke its main body section in half after a hard landing. On January 1, a 17-year-old Adam

Air plane disappeared off the coast of Sulawesi, crashing into the sea and killing 102 people. Most of its wreckage was lying 17,000 feet below sea level one month later, since Indonesian authorities do not have equipment able to extract it from the depths. It has since appealed to the international community for help.

The Indonesian government has pointed to old aircraft as the main culprit, and planned on banning airlines from using aircraft over 10 years old. Setio Rahardjo, chairman of Indonesia's National Transportation Safety Commission, adds that proper maintenance, safety controls and adequate personnel training were also issues in the incidents.

"It's no use if a brand new aircraft is not maintained as required, or the skills needed to operate or fly it are lacking," he told *The Jakarta*

*Post* late February.

Indonesia, a dispersed collection of more than 17,000 islands, liberalized its airline industry in 2001. Subsequent price-war battles between airlines and lower ticket costs have increased the popularity of air travel in Indonesia, although questions have been raised as to whether staff can cope with the increase and whether safety will be compromised.

Thanks to this race to the bottom, "the level of safety is very low," a government sponsored fact-finding team revealed on March 13. Its report concluded in its preliminary assessment of 48 passenger airlines that none met international standards, including the national carrier Garuda Indonesia.

The pilots and aviation experts of Adam Air, an airline that started in 2004, had previously expressed concern over its safety practices,

reports the *International Herald-Tribune*. Most complaints filed to the company concerned instruments that measured whether the plane was going up or down, and whether the plane was on course. These concerns were not addressed by the rapidly growing company.

Earlier this March, the first cross-country travel and tourism comparison index was published by

the World Economic Forum, measuring the competitiveness of the tourism infrastructure of a country, rather than its attractiveness. Indonesia ranked 73 out of the 124 countries for air transport infrastructure, while Canada ranked 17 and the United States ranked 11. Based on 13 pillars – one of which is air transport infrastructure – the report concludes that the success of a tourism industry depends on investment, especially "vital infrastructure" investment.



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**LIBERALIZATION** - Wreckage from Garuda Indonesia's March crash.



# EU turns 50, now godless

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In a move strongly criticized by Pope Benedict XVI, the European Union took God out of the picture.

At the 50th anniversary celebration of the signing of the Treaty of Rome, representatives from the European Union failed to thank God for the unity and progress that Europe has made since the signing of the treaty on March 25, 1957. In a statement aimed at European bishops, the Pope said that Europe was committing a form of "apostasy of itself" and hence was doubting its own identity.

"If on the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, the governments of the union want to get closer to their citizens, how can they exclude an element as essential to the identity of Europe as Christianity, in which the vast majority of its people continue to identify," he asked.

Pope Benedict XVI, like Pope John Paul II, wishes to include the mention of God and Christianity in the European constitution. Such a move has been vocally rejected by EU leaders in the past but things may soon change. The current EU president, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the daughter of a pastor, has doubled efforts to accept the Vatican's demands and incorporate God and Christianity back into the European Constitution. She has encouraged religious leaders from all over Europe to intensify efforts to modify the constitution and to gain the support they would need to make such a significant change.

In the past, references to Christianity were removed in favour of a more flexible preamble to "the cultural, religious and humanist inheritance of Europe." The inclusion of Christianity was vociferously opposed by France and several NGOs who took a decidedly secular stance. The general consensus was that references to one particular religion unfairly represent the religious and spiritual diversity that Europe has to offer. Nevertheless, the historic significance of Christianity was realised. As a result of this, the above-mentioned addition was made.

But in yet another sign of disagreement among European leaders, the more conservative European People's Party's anniversary declaration did in fact include that "Europe's Judeo-Christian roots and common cultural heritage, as well as the classic and humanist history of Europe and the achievements of the period of enlightenment, are the foundation of our political family."

In the past, the role of the state has been looked at as separate from the role of the Church, leading to much conflict and disagreement between various leaders in the region. Some, like Merkel, want to incorporate certain Judeo-Christian elements into the constitution to ensure the

ensuing practice of these beliefs. Others, such as outgoing French President Jacques Chirac, see it as a force of restriction that can and will only lead to more divergence in theological ideology rather than a peaceful convergence.

The Pope warned that the bloc was headed up a slippery slope of indifference and that the EU cannot deny the "historical, cultural and moral identity" that Christianity has helped forge.

"A community that builds itself without respecting the true dignity of the human being, forgetting that each person is created in the image of God, ends up doing good for no one," he said.



**MIDLIFE CRISIS** - Chirac and Merkel clash on Christianity in the EU as the federation turns 50.

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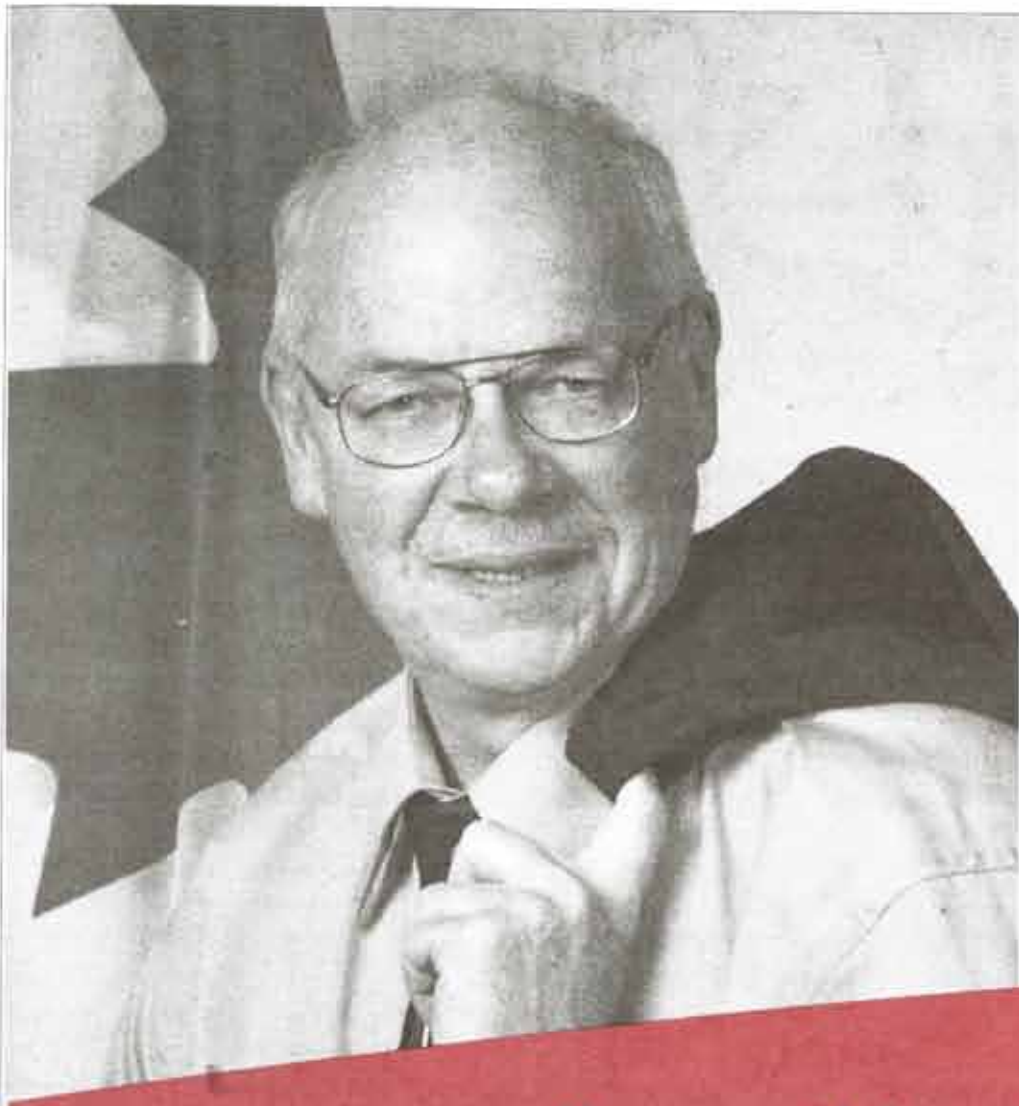
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## ... thoughts on the latest Conservative budget

**The recent Conservative budget offers nothing to help students pay their tuition in September or their rent in March.**

Living and education related costs are only going to increase and this means that fewer students from low income families will be able to afford post-secondary education and all students can expect to have higher debts on graduation.

The previous Liberal government inherited nine consecutive years of deficits from the Conservatives, including the \$42 billion deficit in 1993 when they were defeated. This undermined international confidence in our government and economy and caused our international credit rating to decline. Something radical had to be done, so we took the bull by the horns and made the needed changes to put our financial house in order. Regrettably, this required some cutbacks in education funding.

However, since we balanced the books in the 1997-1998 budget Liberal Governments have made substantial increases to post-secondary and R&D funding a part of every budget and produced many new initiatives like expanding the Canada Student Loan Program and creating new granting sources like the Canada Foundation for Innovation. Our vision for the 21st Century recognizes the critical importance for Canada to be competitive in research technology and innovation on the international stage.

The recent Conservative budget has made some positive investments in funding for R & D and general support for post-secondary institutions. But these are far from what is needed if Canada is to catch-up to the leading countries in the world in these matters like Japan, Finland and Sweden. In fact, the level of support of these countries means we are falling behind and this is a recipe for disaster in the high-tech green economy of the future.

Lets look at this conservative budget in a little more detail.  
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- ✱ helped save Clemmer Daycare;
- ✱ secured the foundational funding for WPIRG;
- ✱ has been a member of the UW Senate and the WLU Board of Governors;
- ✱ chaired a Community Advisory Board for Conestoga College;
- ✱ was elected to Waterloo City and Regional Councils;
- ✱ as Councillor, facilitated new initiatives for affordable student housing;
- ✱ founded Youth in Conflict with the Law;
- ✱ co-founded the region's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Council;
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### Jeff Henry, vice-president, UW Federation of Students:

*"The student financial aid system is overly complex and far too much money is currently spent on tax credits instead of on grants that would actually provide access to post-secondary education. Unfortunately, the current government has continued to emphasize more tax breaks, such as the textbook tax credit last year and uncapping contributions to RESPs this year."*

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# Bye, Dr. Bob

After serving 10 years as the president of Wilfrid Laurier University, Dr. Robert Rosehart is stepping down and moving on. The *Cord* speaks to the man who took a high school sized university and transformed it into a fully comprehensive institution

ALEX HAYTER  
FEATURES EDITOR

## Growing pains

Laurier was a very different university 10 years ago when Dr. Robert Rosehart first became president. In 1997, enrollment was in decline and there were under 6,000 students attending the single campus; today, there are over 13,500 across three separate campuses.

In comparison, during his former presidency at Lakehead, he saw a campus with over 6,100 students and a wider range of programs than Laurier had.

At the helm of this university, Rosehart has had many storms to navigate in transforming WLU from the small institution of yesteryear to the growing network of blossoming campuses it is today.

"When you ask the university president what the biggest challenges are, far too quickly they'll talk about money so I think I'll try and avoid that," he says with a laugh.

Rosehart describes Laurier's situation in 1997 as bleak, but hopeful. "I felt that there was a lot of pride, but you couldn't cash the pride at the bank. The buildings were old and it was a tired looking campus. The funding was bad and we didn't really have enough students. We didn't pay anything close to competitive salaries. Quite honestly, [it] wasn't very viable."

For Rosehart, the fundamental solution to overcome Laurier's

problems was growth. "Unless we'd grown, we really wouldn't be in the enviable position [we are in now]."

The president feels extremely confident with the well-being of WLU now. "I think we're like a good sea-worthy boat that's in competitive trim. We're not going to get blown over by a strong wind."

"We've got a completely modernized campus, we've got some very first-rate facilities, and we've got a lot of new professors. Our research money has quadrupled in 10 years. There's a number of new graduate programs, and the new Faculty of Education."

Rosehart brushes worries aside that Laurier's growth might cause the small Waterloo campus to get too big for its own boots.

"We've basically been in a no-growth mode on this campus for a couple years. Enrollment has really peaked here. If anything, as we add more graduate programs we might take away some undergraduate students."

Laurier Brantford, possibly the most successful satellite campus in Canada, represents the biggest opportunity for growth now.

"If Laurier wants to grow, the logical place to grow is Brantford. Its ability to grow will depend on building new programs which will attract students. Brantford themselves would like to grow, from 1,800 to around 2,300 to 2,500. They've got a chance of getting there in the next few years."

## Bob the Builder

Proudly displaying his "Bob the Builder" lunch box, Rosehart spoke of why he would deserve such a nickname, but also how he never expected he would be given it in the first place.

"[Prior to coming to Laurier] I never had any great vision that I was going to be so entangled with building projects," he says.

His immediate concerns were boosting the research agenda and bolstering the degree programming. But growth in student numbers quickly led to the need for more real estate.

"My first few years here, I was buying everything that wasn't bolted down." Rosehart's first "acquisition" was a condo now known as University Place, followed by the residence Laurier Place. "I bought that," he adds again. When asked what he considered his crowning achievement, Rosehart expressed a satisfaction in King Street Residence's design: "a striking building."

Laurier Brantford was another project for Rosehart that has focused on expansion and has been centered on "building, buying and re-doing."

"We've restored [eight] really neat heritage buildings. The buildings there are really unique. Everything is sort of pseudo-modern on this campus. In Brantford we've got one building which is from 1854."

## Changes and challenges

The biggest change for Laurier in the last 10 years, from Rosehart's perspective, has been the university's maturation into a comprehensive level institution. Laurier is behaving in a similar way to Ryerson and Brock, he says, by bridging the gap between larger and smaller universities and garnering a "middle-of-the-pack" status.

"There used to be two groups of universities in Ontario: the big ones and the small ones," he says.

Despite its speedy growth, Rosehart assures that Laurier has remained squared on its core values. "We're still student-centred and we're still focusing on our undergraduates," he says. "In the future there will be a little more emphasis put on graduate studies and research."

He also adds that the other striking transformation to this institution is the campus itself. "It blows people away. If you look at an aerial photograph of the place back then and then you look at it now, it's quite a bit changed."

Rosehart feels that the most consistent strength of Laurier throughout the last 10 years has been the quality of education, the student-faculty interaction and the student/faculty ratio.

"As we've been growing, we've still got a 23-to-1 commitment. Basically we have to maintain the student faculty ratio. As long as we do that I think we're maintaining the classroom environment."

Outside of the classroom, Rosehart feels that students are given a "unique brand" by being from Laurier. He gives the example of Laurier popular athletic activities: "Athletics has always been a flagship around here; we've got 23 teams and over 500 student athletes ... they don't always win but they're competitive, and it goes a little ways in creating a sort of spirit."

Brantford has been one of the more ambitious projects that Laurier has undertaken as an institution, and the quality maintained on that campus is the product of thinking passed on from Waterloo. But it

wasn't an easy beginning, he says.

"When we started Laurier Brantford ... there was the assumption here that it would have a very student-centred, student-focused environment, but that wasn't necessarily true. We realized after a couple of years that we had to work at it there. So then we did some of the things that were very successful here."

Laurier as a whole may still face many challenges in the future. The potential hurdles lie in the ambitions of the Century Plan, which details the university's strategic direction from 2005 to 2011.

"The Century Plan is a complex and tangled document but basically it sees us going to be more research-intensive."

"The challenge is going to be for people not to be discouraged if that movement is a little slower than they think," he warns. "You're not just going to wave a magic wand and we're going to become a more research-intensive university."

Another challenge will be typical money trouble, "and that's why fundraising and advancement is so important," he says. "The current fundraising campaign is going smashingly well so far, so I think they'll be in good hands."

## Former-President

Rosehart will miss having regular interactions with students, but doesn't plan on getting too far away from Laurier.

"I'm going to try and stay involved," he says. "There's an overarching committee council that is running the Century campaign called the Patron's Council and I've been asked to be a volunteer member, so I'll still continue to do things there."

Besides remaining involved with Laurier after leaving office, the president will be busy with his new post as Northwestern Ontario Economic Facilitator, a posting announced last Thursday.

Why the sudden career change? "I've always been what I would call a 'closet politician'," says Rosehart.

"Over 35 years or so, I've always been involved in a variety of public service initiatives. I've done a lot of studies for government; I chaired a commission on single industry towns in Northern Ontario. I've always been involved with politicians on the federal, provincial, and municipal levels."

## Ask the Doc

Spending 10 years as the univer-

sity president has earned Rosehart more than a fair bit of wisdom to offer to those involved in academia.

His advice for prospective students is to try and experience everything Laurier has to offer, but not just academically. "If you're just going to come here and go to class, it's not the Laurier experience - you might as well go somewhere else."

He feels that students are getting more and more serious every year, and that they should wind down by getting involved in the Laurier community and finding a balance between academia and fun.

"If you don't do that Laurier community part, there's a lot about this experience that you wouldn't benefit from. It's a great place if you get involved. If you've got problems, you've got a lot of people that can help you but you've got to ask them."

If high-schoolers want more guidance, Rosehart personally recommends the *Globe and Mail* "report card" to prospective students because of its focus on student opinion rather than "input parameters" like *Maclean's* university guide is.

The president advises contented Laurier grads to continue to be involved with university affairs. "You had such a great time here, your friends for life are your Laurier friends, you've got a good job out of your experience here ... re-engage yourself, get involved again."

Rosehart feels that he's leaving his university business in the hands of a capable staff, but reminds them to maintain single-mindedness: "Regardless of the size of the institution, keep student-centred, student-focused. As long as the university does that, I think it will still continue to prosper."

Rosehart's final piece of advice is for his successor, Dr. Max Blouw, who will take his place this fall. He repeats his earlier message: "I don't think there should be any more growth here. If there's growth, it should be in Brantford."

Generally, the president feels confident in the abilities of Blouw. "I don't think my advice to him would be radically different from the direction he's already focused on," he says.

"The Century Plan gives the short-term direction. He's obviously interested in furthering the research agenda, furthering the graduate student growth, which is, I think, where the institution needs to go."



See PAGE 26 for editorial reaction to this story







# WiFi network a work in progress

Waterloo's wireless Internet not free for all

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For the second year in a row, Waterloo has been chosen as one of the top seven intelligent communities in the world as chosen by the Intelligent Communities Forum.

But you may not realize that Waterloo is also one of the few communities in the world to offer wireless Internet to almost the entire city.

Through a partnership with Atria Networks, wireless Internet access was made available to Uptown Waterloo in 2005. This network has expanded to be available "anywhere around WLU and UW campuses," as stated by wherever.ca, the promotional and informative website for the Atria Network connection in Waterloo.

However, WiFi is not always available through the Atria Network and is usually not free. The Atria Network charges \$5 an hour, \$10 a day, \$15 a week or \$25 a month.

Some locations in Waterloo do not use the Atria Network, like the Starbucks on the corner of King and University and the Starbucks in Uptown Waterloo, which use a con-

nection through various cell phone carriers, which is a little bit more costly than Atria WiFi.

The Starbucks in North Waterloo located in Chapters uses the Atria Network.

Some searching around will find WiFi for a little bit cheaper or even free in some places in Waterloo. The Huether Hotel in Uptown Waterloo has a café with free WiFi access. While WiFi is extensively available, it's up to the business to choose to provide free access at a cost to them.

Other places with free WiFi include the Waterloo Public Library and the Kitchener Public Library.

Wireless at WLU is another story. Anyone who has wireless Internet at Laurier has probably complained about it at some point, but hopefully soon it will be something to smile about.

Currently wireless set-up costs students \$20 plus tax at the bookstore, which gives access in the Concourse, the Solarium, the Dining Hall, the library, the Peter's Building, the Schlegel Centre, the 24 hour Lounge and the Science Building.

This set-up cost and the somewhat limited access areas (Bricker Academic and the Arts Building do not have wireless) has left some students unhappy with the service.

John Kearney, the Director of ITS

and Carl Langford the manager of network operations, explained the reason why.

WLU has "a whole new vision for wireless," said Kearney. "There are substantial costs involved in doing this, the commitment is there not just from IT but from senior administration as well, and we actually had half of the funding for this project secured last fall. I've met on several occasions with the student union and put in a request to the Student Life Levy for the other 50 percent of the funding."

The Student Union received this openly and enthusiastically and Kearney is optimistically awaiting their decision about the funding.

"If we get approval in the next three or four weeks, our objective is then to work on this project full out over the summer so that for September 2007 we'll have our next generation wireless available."

Kearney and Langford were enthusiastic, explaining that if this occurs, the new wireless system will be free to students, have three times the amount of coverage, not require a set up at the Laurier Bookstore and be accessible for Mac users.

Kearney explained that he "recognize[s] the system that we have is pretty old, and we haven't purposely in the last year been expanding that service knowing we're going to this new one."



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University graduation can be fraught with more  
anxiety than high school

**CHELSEA GASKO**  
STAFF WRITER

"As we go on, we remember / all the times we had together..." Four years later and somehow it's prom time again. Retro Prom at the Turret last Friday night got me into an extremely reflective mood, and the differences between a high school grad and a university grad suddenly became crystal clear. This time around, we had a sense of humour about things.

Our years at Laurier have sufficiently seasoned us and we've learned not to take ourselves too seriously. We've learned not to care if we have a date or a corsage and we've learned that the world will not end if we spill beer all over our dresses.

The world will, in all likelihood, be much more humorous if we do have a dress soaked with beer (and sweat - let's be honest here, the Turret is a freaking sauna and polyester really doesn't breathe).

Based on every drunkard I talked to, this prom was way better than their first attempt, and I really think the laid-back atmosphere and raucous dance floor had a lot to do with it.

Not to mention the fact that everyone was dressed in Value Village couture circa 1985: shoulder pads for her and parachute pants for him. Everyone looked perfectly ri-

diculous, and that's always conducive to a good time. The pressures of limos, underage drinking and after-prom drama are long behind us.

What were we so uptight about as high-schoolers?

We've come a long way; however, the thought of what's to come still scares the poo out of most of us. The unknown is always a daunting place to be heading. And for the first time in our lives, we've reached a crossroads where there's no clear-cut "next step."

Some are coming back for a victory lap or moving on to further education. Some are poised to enter the professional world, and others still have no plan and will end up crying as they move back in with their parents.

Nevertheless, as I promenade around the Turret to the rockin' tunes of Grease, I am a grinning, carefree mess of magenta bows and blue eye-shadow. Looking to the past makes it easier to realize that everything turns out in the end, and having a sense of humour about the whole "life" thing is the best way to keep your sanity.

But I did bring one thing back from my first prom experience: Smirnoff Ice. How retro is that?

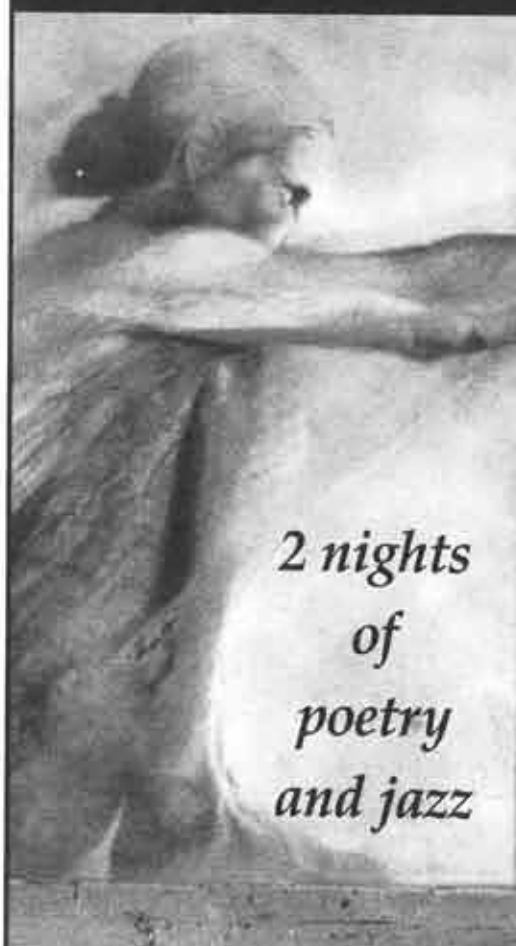
One sip of the stuff and I'd gone full circle: back in high school once again.

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# Find a last-minute summer job

It's not too late to look for summer employment

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As the school year comes to an end, many students have begun or are in the process of looking for a summer job. While many students have already secured their jobs, it's not too late for those who are still looking.

When looking for a job, the first step is to figure out what it is that you're looking for. "Think about your skills and from there, think about your employment opportunities," said Tara Orchard, career advising coordinator for Career Services.

According to Orchard, students should consider looking for jobs that relate to their career. "Certainly in your second and third year you want to think about what skills you want to be developing."

There are numerous programs available to students to help with summer job searches. Services Canada offers a summer jobs program to guide students to finding a suitable job. "It's legitimate, they get job postings, and have student officers that help you with resumes and job searches," said Orchard.

In addition, temp agencies can

help students find last-minute jobs. These agencies set up agreements with employers and provide students with temporary summer jobs.

Students can also find summer jobs at not-for-profit agencies. "There are lots of not-for-profits that get summer grants to hire students and a lot of them don't get advertised," said Orchard. These organizations can be found in The Blue Book, which is a directory of local community social service agencies.

When initiating contact with a new employer, the key is to know who you're dealing with. "Identify the organization that you're interested in and then do a bit of research on it," said Orchard.

Orchard suggests phoning the company ahead of time to inquire about any potential positions and ask any questions you may have about what they do. "The best way to do it is give yourself two or three weeks to make your initial contact with the people and a follow-up to show your professionalism."

Career services can be a great help in your job search. "We do our job postings and in addition students can come in here and learn practical resume writing," said Orchard.

Students can book appointments with student career leaders who can help them to figure out

what they want to do and give them tips on how to target their potential employers.

"If you're trying to figure out what you want to do in the future and get a little more professional

experience then you need to put in a little more effort into your job search," said Orchard.

According to Orchard, many students end up with jobs that they don't really want because they

don't put in the effort. "Have clarity in what you're looking for, think about the industry you want and the kind of job you want, and be proactive in identifying your employers."

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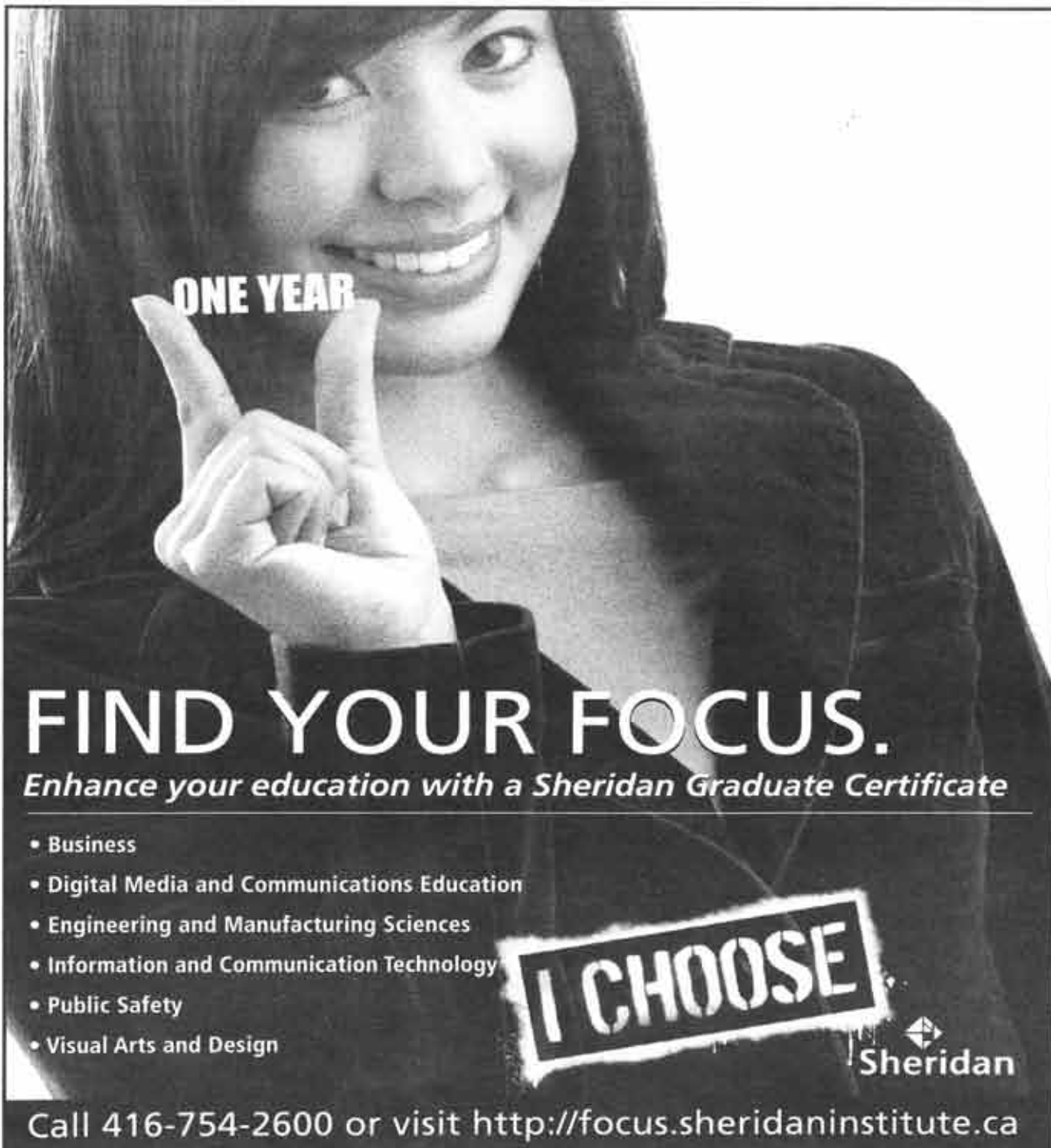
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# WLU's *Vagina* excites crowd

Laurier Women's Centre presents *The Vagina Monologues*

**LAURA CARLSON**  
STAFF WRITER

Hearing nearly 200 people chanting the word "cunt" in the most endearing of ways is not something you hear too often. And listening to an actress do impressions of female "moans" and watching her act out a triple orgasm is not too typical either.

But *The Vagina Monologues*, an international production, teaches women to embrace their vaginas and does so in the most entertaining of ways.

"I think it's just so important to give women a space to speak about a taboo subject that's never spoken about."

**- Laura Hartley, choreographer for the Vagina Monologues**

Originally performed in 1996, *The Vagina Monologues* is a compilation of various pieces, all revolving around stories of women and their experiences with their own vaginas.

The production was written and initially performed by Eve Ensler, who interviewed over 200 women regarding the suppressed subject. It is the stories of these women that make up the monologues in the performance.

Various celebrities have portrayed these women on stage including Winona Ryder, Whoopi Goldberg, Rachel McAdams, Alanis

Morissette and Dakota Fanning.

Since its debut in 1996, *The Vagina Monologues* has turned into an international success and has resulted in the creation of V Day.

This day, held sometime in the months of February or March, raises money through performances and other campaigns with the goal being to create awareness and end violence against women. Since 1998, over one thousand productions of the *Monologues* have been put on.

Wilfrid Laurier is one of the campuses that supports the project, and each year the WLU Women's Centre presents their own edition of *The Vagina Monologues*.

Although the on-campus performances are not until March 30 and 31, the cast performed a special preview of the show as part of

the Women's Sexual Health Matters night at the King Street Theatre Centre last Thursday.

Eighteen women from the Laurier community embraced the work of Ensler and performed seventeen different monologues about the emotions that result from being female in today's society.

"I think it's just so important to give women a space to speak about a taboo subject that's never spoken about," said Laura Hartley, choreographer of this year's production.

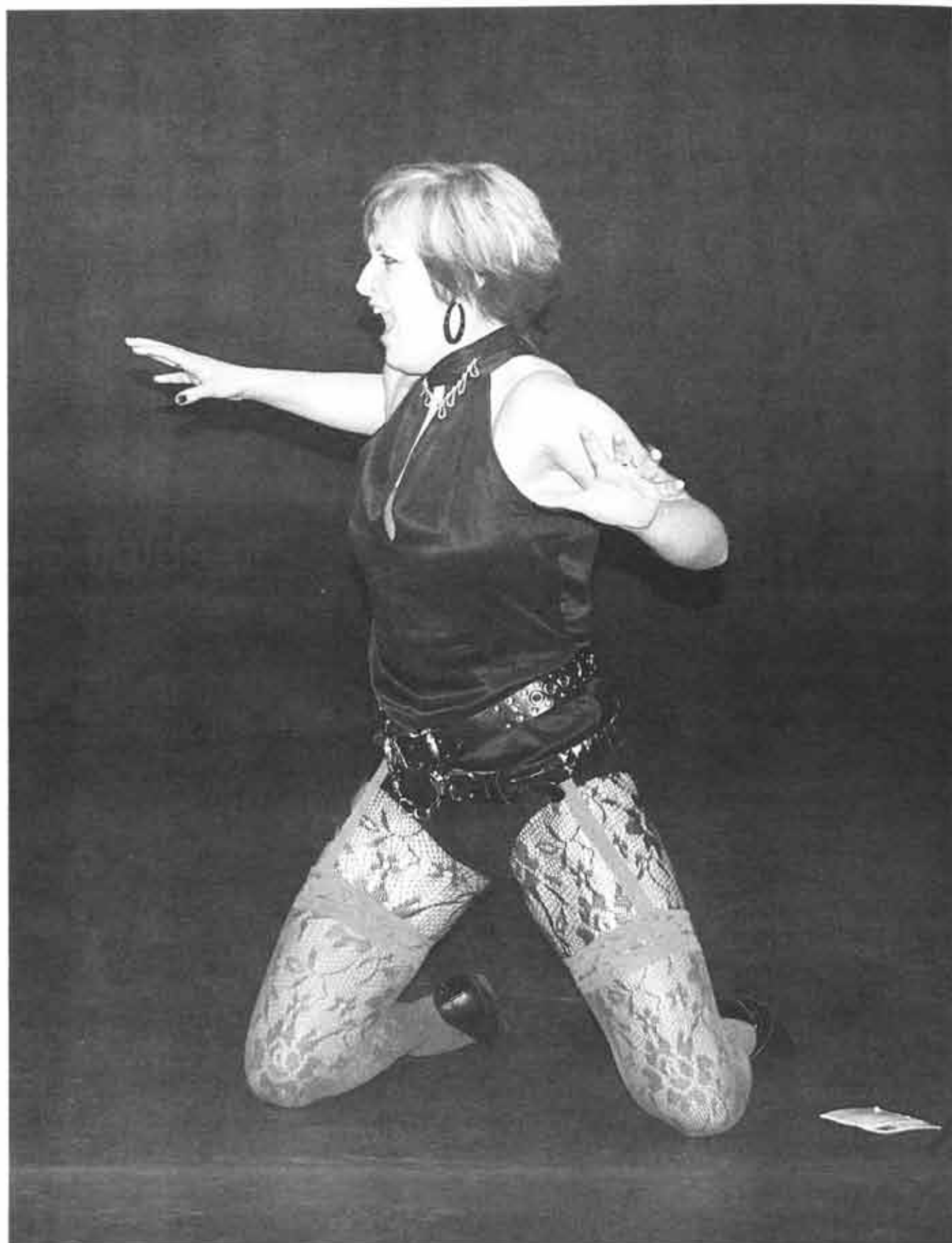
There are several comical numbers throughout the night such as Emily Browning's rendition of "My Angry Vagina," or "The Flood" in which an elderly woman talks about her experience of getting wet.

But there are also those performances that centre on the sexual

oppression that women across the world face, and the suffering that can result from one's anatomy.

The most moving of the pieces was "My Vagina Was My Village," which is a compilation of the testimonies of several Bosnian women who experienced the terrors of rape camps.

The tone shifts drastically throughout the night, which constantly reminds women of the con-



Laura Carlson

**THE BIG O** - The Vagina Monologues explores numerous issues relating to a woman's sexuality and being.

traditions and vulnerability surrounding their sexuality.

"You laugh [and] you cry," commented choreographer Nikki Edwards. "It's such a well-rounded showcase of the different things about vaginas."

Very pleased with how the preview show went, Edwards is optimistic about this weekend's upcoming shows.

"Now that the nerves are out of

the way, we're all super-excited and [we'll be] even more energetic next weekend," she said.

These performances will take place at The Button Factory on March 30 and 31 at 7 pm. Tickets can be purchased in the C Spot for \$10.

To date the V Day movement has risen over \$40 million, and this year all proceeds raised from the Laurier shows will be going to Planned Parenthood.

## Playing for a place to sleep

Bands4Beds concert raises money for bed-kits

**KARI PRITCHARD**  
CORD A&E

On Saturday, March 24, the crowd at Wilf's was drinking for charity at the second annual Bands4Beds. All proceeds from the event, including the cover that was paid and every drink that the bar sold, went to Sleeping Children Around the World.

Megan Bellamy, president of Laurier's Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), helped organize and put together the Bands4Beds event.

"Bands4Beds supports SCAW, which is a charity that gives bed-kits, packages containing beds, school supplies, clothing and other needed articles to children around the world," said Bellamy.

"Each bed-kit has about 50 items and 100 percent of every donation goes towards the bed-kits because all overhead costs are paid by a trust fund," she continued.

Bands4Beds began in 2005 and continues to grow each year. The first Bands4Beds of the school year was held last November 25 and was a great success, thus paving the way for Saturday's event. On top of having all proceeds go to SCAW, there were three live acts to draw in a crowd.

Emily McCulloch was the first person to hit the stage, where she seduced the audience with her impressive vocals accompanied by acoustic guitar.

McCulloch played various cover songs during her set like "Wonderwall" by Oasis and "Boule-

vard of Broken Dreams" by Green Day. Cover songs became a trend throughout the night, and after McCulloch mellowed the crowd with her soulful tunes, Street Pharmacy hit the stage.

**"Bands4Beds supports Sleeping Children Around the World, which is a charity that gives bed-kits and other needed articles to children around the world."**

**- Megan Bellamy, president of SCAW**

Street Pharmacy showcased their innovative blend of ska, rock and reggae music, kicking out some upbeat tracks and getting the crowd on their feet.

Sticking with the theme of covers while also incorporating a few

of their original tracks, Street Pharmacy did justice to the Sublime classic "Garden Grove," getting fans in the audience to sing along.

Ryan Guay, the lead singer and guitarist of Street Pharmacy, says the band enjoys doing shows for charity, saying "all of us play music as a release, and it's good to get together to play charity shows when somebody benefits other than us or the fans."

After Street Pharmacy wrapped up their set, there was a smooth transition into the sounds of Supermarine. The

boys of Supermarine took the stage with their alternative/classical rock groove and enjoyed catering to the audience.

The most memorable moment of their set was when the crowd rallied to hear a cowbell solo, and lead

singer Nathan Wettlaufer let them have it when they stopped in between songs to let loose a cowbell-inspired free style.

To keep with the trend of covers, Supermarine rocked out to Weezer's "Undone - The Sweater Song," and, at the end of their set, they were brought back by the crowd's demand of an encore, which they were pleased to play.

Like Guay, John Heil, the lead guitarist for Supermarine, was happy to get people to come out to charity shows and have a good time.

"I really appreciate the efforts of all Laurier groups working for charities," said Heil, while rhythm guitarist Scott Mitchell added, "charity shows always get a good crowd."

Laurier's second annual Bands4Beds was a success. At the end of the night, the crowd was pleased with the musical selection, their excessive alcohol intake and the bragging rights that it had all been done for a good cause.



# The great Spartan divide

The *Cord* weighs in on one of the most talked-about films of 2007



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**DRU JEFFRIES**  
STAFF WRITER

I'm going to start my review of *300* by doing something I've never done before: quote from another film critic. NPR's David Edelstein said that *300* "is about as bad as anything I've ever seen, but it's worth talking about."

I'm inclined to agree. Most bad movies are fairly benign, in that they have no delusions of artistic grandeur, and thus don't try to contribute to the cinematic discourse at all—they know they're bad, and they're OK with that. *300* is the other kind of bad movie, the kind that becomes so unbelievably, incomprehensibly popular that audiences could mistake it for an artistic evolution rather than a regression.

Let's get something else out of the way: I'm a comic book fan. A big one. And I like the *Sin City* film adaptation a lot. But since that movie came out, people seem to ignore something about its creator, Frank Miller: he's completely overrated. In fact, Miller is hit-or-miss at best, and for every *Dark Knight Returns* he writes, there's a *Dark Knight Strikes Back* to balance it out. So for every good movie based on his characters (*Sin City*), there's likely to be a bad one, and that's *300*.

*300* is every awful thing about Frank Miller distilled to 117 minutes of mind-numbing anti-history. The film's visual style is unique, perhaps (to the cinema at least—it looks exactly like Miller's book), but you'll be over that within minutes—I was over it before the trailer was over.

*Sin City* is a more interesting film

to look at, perhaps because the characters perform more than one action. When I say that the same thing happens over and over in *300*, I'm not exaggerating. This is one of the most painfully boring movies I've ever seen, and that might be its most egregious sin.

Of the (few) negative comments I've heard expressed about *300*, there's the film's negative portrayal of Persians and its historical inaccuracies. I won't complain about either of those, because they seem completely fair to me.

Miller or director Zack Snyder never claimed to be making something historically accurate, and as Americans, it seems only natural that they'd portray Iran's ancestors negatively. I won't agree with it, and I'm certainly offended by it, but I won't say that they don't have the artistic freedom to do that.

On the other hand, I have to take issue with the rest of the film's politics. I know that it seems redundant to accuse a war film of being pro-war, but *300* is so mindlessly jingoistic that many will read it as a pro-Iraq War allegory (and with a scene wherein Queen Gorgo begs the people of Sparta to send more troops, they're probably right).

As for the film's gender politics, Spartans use women only as sperm receptacles and the film certainly doesn't find any fault with that. And then there's the tension between the film's homoerotic visuals and its homophobic censorship of historical fact. I guess Clinton's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy has some historical precedent.

*300* is an early candidate for the worst movie of the year.

**NICK HINSPERGER**  
CORD A&E

I think everyone remembers where they were when they first heard it. From the frat boys to the stoners to those who, like myself, study ancient history, the words "This is Sparta" threatened to become one of those epic lines that defines a movie. And for *300*, that couldn't ring more true.

*300* does not try to reinvent the wheel or deliver the most intelligent and captivating story of all time. Instead, it executes what it promises, and does so with such grandiose style that when it's over you are left with the urge to join an ancient Greek army.

Because really, when you break down *300* and look inside, you realize that this is little more than a huge battle scene with a few scenes of Greeks talking about battle. But hell, what did you expect?

*300* is, of course, based on the cult hero Frank Miller's graphic novel *300*, which in turn was inspired by the 1962 film *The 300 Spartans*. The graphic novel, then, is responsible not only for the entire aesthetic of the film, but for the individual scenes as well.

For instance, the famous kicking-of-the-Persian-messenger-into-the-well occurs in the graphic novel just as it appears in the film. The visuals partnered with the action sequences give this film its wings. With every scene *300* constantly dazzles viewers with scenery rather than engaging them with an elaborate plot.

Basically, when you have a film with as limited a plot as *300*, you

need to make every other aspect of the film as strong as possible. To do this, director Zack Snyder made every scene incredibly epic. The movie is jammed with everything from epic battle scenes to epic death scenes, along with the most epic love scene I've ever seen.

Equally exaggerated is the contrast between the Spartans and the Persians, and since the new *Harry Potter* flick isn't out yet, those who would be criticizing the use of witchcraft in a "children's film" have turned their attention to *300*, claiming that the Spartans were largely Americanized while the Persians were portrayed as barbaric monsters. Yet with the film lacking any attack on Persian culture, the critics are forced to attack how they are depicted as invaders, which, along with the Greeks, is historically accurate.

And while yes, it is true that the Spartans were far from the democracy that Snyder portrayed (its King Leonidas, remember) and that they lived in a highly repressive society, as they devoted an entire class of people (known as helots) to slave work, the Persians were ultimately not some virtuous ancient culture that the film tarnished.

Instead of being a battle of freedom versus slavery, the film is rather based on a battle of honour and respect.

As the film states, this is not a film with an intricate plot or deep characters. This is about a legendary battle shown through the eyes of a great imagination. This is not virtuous, or forgiving or nice. This is Sparta, and this is why we go to the movies.



**300**

Director: Zack Snyder

Starring: Gerard Butler, Lena Heady, Dominic West, David Wenham

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## Mind the hype

JOE TURCOTTE  
A&E EDITOR

After nearly 12 months as your A&E editor, almost four years at this school, and a little under 23 years on this planet, I've come to believe that sometimes a cliché is more than a few oft-repeated words.

After all of this experience I'm starting to understand, and believe in, what Chuck D meant when he said: "Don't believe the hype!"

Way back in 1988, Public Enemy released a song with those profound words as its title. Now, nearly 20 years later, I think that these words apply more than ever.

In our "buy now, think later" world, the commercial and celebrity hype machines are constantly running, as they try to position the new cellular-mp3-video phone or pseudo-nymphomaniac pop singer as the greatest contribution to mankind since fire.

But it's impossible that every new technological device or musical manipulator is really going to radically re-define how we think about and interact with the world.

Sure, sometimes this is possible. The Internet has dramatically changed the way that everyone interacts with the outside world. Even

those stubborn hold-outs who refuse to get hooked up must admit that the Internet has gone so far as to change the way that we buy groceries or toilet paper.

But the Internet has not served the deathblow that many pundits and academics claimed was only years away. In fact, some traditional media are making up new ground.

Television, radio and print remain resilient and try to incorporate the Internet into their businesses, rather than merely switching over. Because of the extensive infrastructural frameworks that have been developed over the past century, this desire to maintain and adapt traditional media should continue.

And while the Internet may have changed the way that we are able to acquire and consume music, nothing, not even the wondrous World Wide Web, can help to create the greatest band in the history of modern music – and believe me, people have tried.

The ways that publicists now position musicians is not the same as it once was. While there has always been a part of music marketing that has wanted to ensure that fans "connect" with the musician – just look at the Beatles, where each band member was fashioned to appeal to a different kind of person – this shift towards marketing people over music has increased.

Looking around the pop-culture



Joe Turcotte

**WORDS OF WISDOM** - Nearly 20 years old, Chuck D's line "don't believe the hype" remains pertinent today.

landscape, it's clear to see that Britney, Christina, Paris, Bono, Jay-Z and Kanye West have become ways of life and not means of entertainment. Putting aside the different ways that these celebrities present themselves, one thing is certain: the marketing of the individual has taken precedence over the marketing of the music.

These stars are now more likely to be described as crazy, sexy, trashy, generous, ingenious and outlandish than they are to be framed in terms of their musical accomplishments.

Even Bono and Jay-Z, who have long and esteemed careers, have now become the faces of causes or corporations; it has been a long time since these two men have been marketed solely as musical geniuses.

For the hype-machine, it is not enough that you have refined your talents, you must also look and play the part of someone exciting or important.

So the next time you're flipping through a magazine or the channels or surfing the 'net, just keep in

mind that things aren't exactly how they seem. That magical device won't really change your world and make it so much easier, and that new artist probably isn't as good as everyone keeps saying. It's all hype; it's a lot of empty noise that's only trying to make us buy something.

Try to look past the glossy, or dirty for all those counterculture fans, veneer that has been layered on top of all of our media products. Judge for yourself, think before you buy and most importantly: don't believe the hype.

## New Music offers dramatics

JRR Tolkien's "The Lay of Luthien" gets an interpretive treatment at last Wednesday's New Music Concert

ESTHER WHEATON  
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday's New Music concert featured a wide variety of music and ensembles. The music offered ranged from an a cappella vocal solo by Pam Patel to Tomas Bouda's jazz trio to pop-assimilable piano music and several woodwind ensembles.

The WLU Percussion Ensemble kicked off the evening with Colin Labadie's "Solar Forests". The first of many stellar efforts, it led the audience through many of the finer points of rhythmic technique and a variety of percussion sounds from wood and metal to snare drums to the low-pitched sound of a tympani.

The night featured many highlights, such as Margaret P. Fay's surround-sound composition "Distant Voices", which saw bassoons in the back corners of the hall, onstage and backstage.

Another highlight was Glenn James' "Reflection"; this piece used the thick sound of multiple double reeds to great effect.

An inspired performance came in the form of Dwight Lewis's duet for horn and trombone entitled "Beren and Luthien". For "Beren and Luthien", Dwight re-enacted JRR Tolkien's tale "The Lay of Luthien" beautifully, pointing to the story's many themes and identifiable motifs.

For example, there was the obvious representation of Beren and Luthien as trombone and horn respectively. The piece illustrated their meeting with a pair of solos and memorable themes, which merged into harmony and diverged again.

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The next theme suggested adventure, perhaps the couple's quest to steal the Silmaril from the Dark Lord, followed by a chase, followed by a minor theme which became menacing and mourning in turn, indicating the deaths of the two heroes.

Their return to life together, after Luthien's sacrifice of her immortality, allowed the piece to end with a restatement of the original "Beren and Luthien" theme.

While this was supposed to be a night that focused primarily upon music, several pieces involved

dramatics as well. Meghan Bunce wrote a piece called "My Nerves!!", which involved Bunce leading a business meeting and having some sort of schizophrenic second self (played by Lorrina Belluz) rear its head periodically, chant creepily and then go back into hiding.

Another example of the night's dramatic flair was "Pontification", by Clara Hilt. Hilt's piece was an illustration of what happens when violinists get too big for their own egos. A pair of violins and a violist appeared onstage in their pajamas, playing a trio.

At the beginning it was a fairly typical string trio, but near the middle, one of the violinists took a few too many liberties, shooting off into unrelated technical passages. The other two performers got fed up with her antics, and left her onstage on her own.

There are dozens of jokes about violinists being full of themselves (e.g. What's the difference between a violin and a viola? Nothing, but the violin looks smaller because the violinist's head is bigger), and these jokes were played out in music.

With the school year coming to an end, Laurier's musicians continued to demonstrate their skills. As they have done all year long, the New Music concerts continue to prove the high quality of composers in the music department.





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PERSONALS

**Goodbye Laurier!**  
Four years went by pretty fast. Good times in class and out of it. Had fun working at the Cord! The staff there are good people. Ally, it's been fun seeing you nearly every day of the week. Good luck with stats.  
- Janet L.

**Action News Team, over and out**  
Mad props to anyone and everyone who has helped us to pump out this year's News section, week in, week out, all the while retaining some semblance of our sanity. Especial thanks go out to the big four: our heir apparent, Laura Carlson; Ashley "Jangstarr" Jang; the king of concision, Mark Adamson; and jack-of-all-trades, Steve Niles. Lastly, to Riley Taylor and Kelly Moore, our eternal thanks for bringing a level of professionalism to the Vocal Cord unmatched in years gone by and unlikely to be topped anytime soon. You're all stars! Much love,  
- Tonezone and Browntown

Then there is nothing to say.  
Gnaw.

**Words of wisdom from the JFT**  
Well, looks like this year's over and it's time for a few thank yous. So, here we go: thanks to all of my writers. You kids made it easy for me; you filled the space and made my editing duties easy, well, for the most part. Thanks to: EW, CM, DJ, PA, NB, AK, LC and everyone else that did my job for me. Big-ups to my friends and other strangers who made 4 years at WLU worthwhile: you know who you are, I love you all, seriously, I do! And last but certainly not least, thanks to the Ed Board. This year has been a G-D blast and you're the reason that it was. So, all of you, from the LOUD (Blair, Pinch) to the COOL (Brown, Al, Tones, Syd, Dan, Vee) to the HOTT (Emm, Aria, 'Pril) the to the BITTER AND OLD (B-Rawk), you guys kicked ass in '06-'07. Je t'aime; I mean it.

**BAFSY's Last Words**  
Thanks to: my columnists, who've been so great and have done their ish well. To the people who got me here: Wil, Bryn, Mom and Dad. To the roomies, Dee, Cody, and Lynds. And Bre, Carly and Linds, and security for the many favours. But most of all, to the EdBoard, who've made it so much fun, so many nights, and have made my last four years, in some capacity and to varying degrees. Peace, love, and offensiveness, -B

**How'd I get here?**  
I had no plans of writing for the paper when I came to Laurier. I don't know how I ended up at the Cord for the past four years, surrounded by some of the most intelligent, creative, clever and entertaining people at our school... but I feel lucky that people here believed in me and let me be part of an amazing team. I had an amazing time AND I learned things. I love you guys... this is so sad...

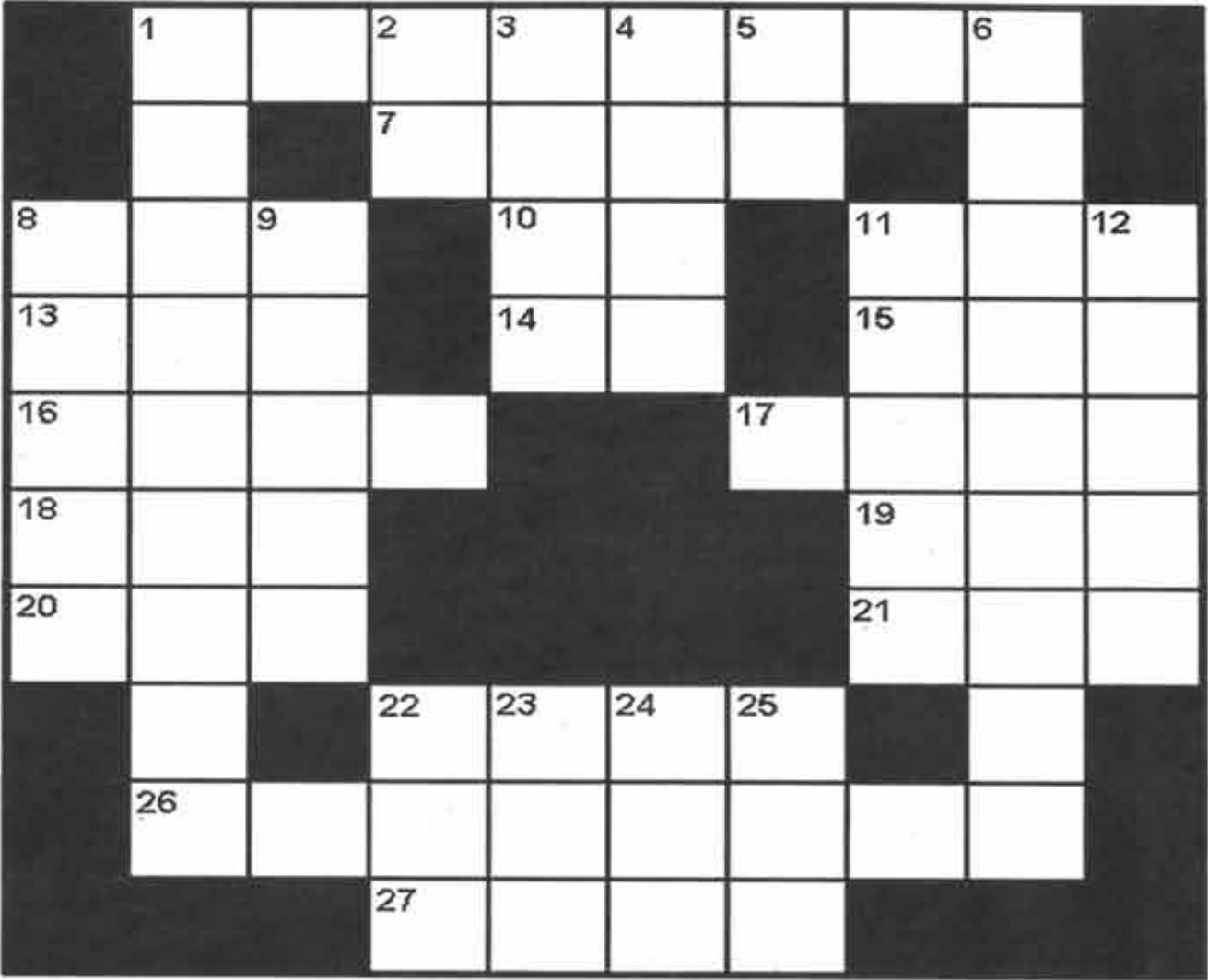
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~Pinchy

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Merv wants to say Hi!! to Fil, Laura, Ariel, Caitlin, Amber, Kaley, Sandy, Tanya, Heidi, and some sweet ass roommates! I'm drunk!

CROSSWORD By Adam Faber



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- 1. Appendages of trees
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  - 10. Abbv. of road
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  - 15. Lifeguard necessity
  - 16. Prayer end
  - 17. Homer's frustrated exclamations
  - 18. Googly-eyed aliens acronym
  - 19. Winnie's friend (who happens to be a Joey)
  - 20. Pig's home
  - 21. North-western University's report station
  - 22. Skunk who may one day be charged for harassment
  - 26. Overuse of exaggeration
  - 27. Before you owned a CD, you owned one of these
- Down
- 1. Instrument measuring atmospheric pressure
  - 2. A corporation's paid message
  - 3. Tech savvy non-socialite
  - 4. To yield
  - 5. Department often in charge of hiring
  - 6. Of a large band
  - 8. Inhabitants of Yemen., Oman, Qatar & Iraq, to name a few
  - 9. Foe
  - 11. Fruit of an oak tree
  - 12. Crime of fire setting
  - 22. Domesticated animal
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# Rosehart retires, leaves legacy of growth to Blouw

It's the end of an era. As the school year begins to wind down and students start fantasizing about their upcoming summer plans, a staple of last decade's Laurier community will be leaving the school for good. Dr. Bob Rosehart, WLU's president for the last decade, who has been an integral part in shaping the campus and community we know today, will, at the end of this school year, leave his post to tackle new initiatives.

During his time here, Dr. Bob has seen WLU grow in shape and in size. Some of the most notable acquisitions and building projects that Rosehart is responsible for are the purchase of University Place and Laurier Place and the construction of King Street Residence. The size of the undergrad community has also swelled during Rosehart's reign, currently topping in at over 13,500.

The growth of Laurier over the past few years has been part of Laurier's Century Plan, a project that details plans to become a more comprehensive and research-based school, and another initiative in which Rosehart played a part.

Laurier is in a transitional phase right now, similar to a youth who's no longer a child, but not quite a teenager – a "tween" if you will. As with a tween, while Laurier continues to change and mature, there will inevitably be difficulties and growing pains. Whether the changes are good or bad is for the students to debate, but through it all, Rosehart has been a loving parent, helping to ease the transitioning process wherever he could.

At the end of the day, or decade in this case, Rosehart has seen Laurier's rankings, funding and research dollars increase and the Laurier campus change drastically. And while he's had some hits and misses, it is not the president that makes the school what it is, but its academic community. And as a community, we've appreciated your leadership and drive, Dr. Bob, and you will be missed.

## University news worth repeating

Another year has come and gone, and something feels familiar. Actually, everything feels familiar. After recapping the biggest newsmakers of the year, one can't help but notice that we've seen many of the stories before. Student beatings? Been there, done that. Student tragedies? Wouldn't be a school year without them. Student ignorance? Done, done and done.

News tends to be very cyclical in nature, and having documented Laurier's news for the last 80 years, the *Cord* has been through many cycles. The names, places and details may change, but the stories remain the same. And so they should. As each new crop of students set foot on WLU's campus, they are embarking on their own

unique adventure, complete with recycled news. These events shape everyone's experience differently, and become part of their university memories. Going through the news cycle is just as much a rite of passage as funneling your first beer.

These recurring stories also affect the campus as a whole. A tragedy like a student being struck and killed by a car resulted in the name of a residence, Bouckaert Hall. While the events may be repeats, they still leave their mark.

So if you're a veteran student or just finishing first year, keep in mind that if you feel like you've read something before, it may not be déjà vu, but simply part of the university experience.

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Sow Joslin

# After four long years, what have I learned?

Residence, sobriety, bars and parents are all integral parts of the university learning experience, most of which takes place outside of the classroom



BLAIR FORSYTH-STARK  
OPINION EDITOR

After four years, upwards of \$30,000, countless parties, liver damage and a class here and there, what has it all been worth?

As I collect my degree (hopefully) in June, the piece of paper that says I've done something meaningful with my last four years, I find myself reflecting on what exactly I've learned in my pursuit of a higher education. And the truth is, I've learned a surprising amount, although, much to my parents' dismay, most of my education has taken place outside of the classroom.

Like in the halls of residence. That's where I first learned the difference between true friends and friends of convenience. In fact, my year in residence taught me some of the most valuable lessons about love and friendship that I've learned to date. Friends are not people with whom you happen to share something in common; they're people with whom you share a connection. And you won't connect with everyone.

Which leads me to the second life lesson I gained from my experience at Laurier. Do what you want to do; don't let the opinion of others affect your decision. There's no reason someone fortunate enough to be in university

should be unhappy, so do what you love and enjoy life – you only get one try. And it's when you're doing what you love, what you're passionate about, that you'll meet people that you connect with.

It was in second year that I learned about the importance of alcohol in social interactions. Second year was when I stopped drinking, which was significant, regardless of the fact that I was still underage. My sobriety in the presence of drunken friends taught me that, one: drunk people are not attractive, regardless of how hot they think they are, and two: drunk people will reveal their authentic personality. If your friends are normally cheerful, emotional or confrontational, and their drunk self is just an exaggerated take on that, you've got yourself a genuine personality. But if their inebriated self is Hyde to their sober Jekyll, they're concealing parts of their personality while sober and you'll definitely want to pay attention to their drunken rants. Seriously... it's a riot.

I was finally of age by third year and able to legally enter licensed establishments. As such, I learned many valuable lessons in front of a bar. Chief among them was that the \$1.75 drinks at Phil's are a wonderful gift to all students and that going to the club three or four times a week is not at all excessive. I also learned that you can regularly go out three nights a week and somehow still manage to maintain a decent average.

But it was in fourth year that I really expanded my knowledge. I learned that the abundance of partying I did in third year was indeed excessive and that with a full course load, a part-time job, volunteer commitments and more, it is just not possible to party that much without causing yourself undue stress.

Another valuable lesson was that parents aren't actually the enemy, a thought I held on to dearly in high school. They are the only people who will always be in your cheering section and won't shy away from telling you the truth, as much as it may hurt.

Fourth year also taught me that natural intelligence can only take you so far, namely to fourth year... it turns out you may need to study at some point once you make it that far.

Through all my years here at Laurier, I've had so many diverse experiences and learned so much about myself and about the world. And while I've taken things away from my classes, my real education has taken place outside of Laurier's walls. Mark Twain never let his schooling interfere with his education and, given my experiences, I think that's rather wise.

At the end of it all, I can say with certainty that my university experience has changed me as a person for the better and expanded my horizons.

Was it worth the stress, sleepless nights, deadlines, \$30,000? Hell yeah.



> Letters to the Editor

Few veg choices

This letter relates to the idea of our dining hall, Terrace and other food facilities on Wilfrid Laurier University's Campus. I am a vegetarian and I have many issues with the way that these different facilities are run, and how poorly they provide for vegetarians and their rights.

First, when looking at the Terrace there are many issues with contamination. For example, Pizza Pizza uses the same tongs to pick up all the different types of pizza slices; and there are never enough vegetarian options on the rack. Also, Pita Shack asks if they could wash their hands for our convenience and change their gloves, but the vegetables are already contaminated, so it is senseless. And there is the similar problem with Mr. Sub in terms of contamination with the other food.

Second, in concerns to the dining hall, it seems to be worse. There is the sandwich station where they do not use gloves at all, never wash their hands, and touch the meat, etc, and then reach over and touch the vegetables, so even a vegetarian has to worry about the cross-contamination there. There are days when there is not even a vegetarian soup or chili. If looking at the Pan-Asia the vegetarian dishes are cooked in the same pans that the meat-eaters' are cooked in. The same applies for the Pasta station.

There are not enough options either in this school for a vegetarian. And in terms of everything being contaminated, there seems to be nothing at all. McMaster, a school I have recently visited actually has a vegan/vegetarian restaurant on campus for the students there. There is not enough concern for those who are vegetarian at Wilfrid Laurier, it is that simple.

The work done to provide for the vegetarian students, TAs, professors, and staff at WLU is pathetic, and something needs to be done! We need more options on the menus! We need safer and non-contaminated food! We need respect! We need more attention!!!

- Laura Catalano

Cervical cancer awareness

Cervical cancer is now the number two cancer killer in women behind breast cancer. Cervical cancer is caused by HPV which is a virus that is very common in most women and is spread through sexual intercourse. A vaccine, Gardasil, has now come out which works to prevent most cases of HPV. In order for the vaccine to be successful females must receive the vaccine between the ages of 9 and 26.

This age range coincides with the average age of university students, so this is the perfect place to raise awareness on both this issue and the vaccine.

I suggest that as a campus we work together to help put an end to this cancer that can now be prevented. If the only person I educate is you, the reader of this letter, then

that is one more person that is educated about the disease and the option that we are now being given to help prevent it.

**F'nM editorial BS**

The article about F'nM on page 20 of this week's *Cord* is possibly the most ignorant article I have ever read. The anonymous writer should seriously go and inform themselves properly on F'nM's hiring technique.

He/she states that "female dancers were required to have previous dancing experience in order to audition for a spot in the show." This is absolute b-s. As a choreographer this year I know for certain I had girls in my scene with no dancing experience, and certainly no one is rejected from the audition day if they have no dance experience. This question isn't even asked to the students as it would most likely violate the WLUSU hiring process.

And it is said that this alleged "rule" of needing a dance background is only for women and not men. Once again, b-s. The lack of men who apply definitely affects their chances but many of the men do indeed have a dance background. I'm sure this was more than evident in the amazing all-guys scene this year.

The process goes like this: apply online, get contacted for an interview, do the interview, go to the audition day, get hired or don't. It is exactly like any other WLUSU hiring practice. Of course there are going to be those who don't make it due to the fact that they can't dance, but you are forgetting the main purpose of F'nM? It's a dance show! And most people who can't dance don't bother applying. It's as simple as that.

And for needing dance training? That's crap too. There are so many people who are in F'nM because they have natural dance skills or they just excelled at audition day, even some choreographers have no training.

Lastly the analogy of "what F'nM is," being "a few fun nights of fashion and dancing." Seriously?? F'nM is a dedication which takes up every single Sunday from September on. It is not a few nights, it's a weekly dedication throughout the whole year and all the hard work that is put into F'nM is highly undermined with this statement.

- Kat Comer

**Editorial wrong**

The information provided in the editorial reaction titled "F'nM should give a chance to everyone" needs clarification to ensure that all Laurier students *do* get a fair chance for a position on Fashion 'N Motion. This blurb states that "female dancers were required to have previous dance experience in order to audition for a spot in the popular fashion show." As Assistant Producer of the show, and a big part of the hiring process, I was bothered by this because, well, it's wrong.

No where did we state that fe-

male performers needed any dance background to audition, and based on the group of girls at auditions, and on the group of girls that we hired, not everyone had dance background. I auditioned for a spot on Fashion 'N Motion as a performer last year for the first time. My parents put zero dollars into any dance training for me. In high school I was a complete jock and spent all my time on a court, on a field or at a track, and my dance experience consists of drunken bar dancing with my girlfriends.

It's important for girls of any experience to know this, and understand that they too can be a part of this show. F'nM is a dance show, therefore some sort of dance experience does help, however without that, stage presence and charisma work just as well. I hope that the *Cord's* article does not deter non-dancers from auditioning for F'nM because many of our amazing cast members have no dance background at all. If someone is interested in being a part of this production but does not feel comfortable on a stage, positions on stage crew and design team are available.

"What if women were unable to afford proper dance training, or simply chose to focus on their academic studies?" the article asked.

My answer: "Great! See you at auditions in September."

-Jessica Mise

**Emergency only**

This letter is in response to the article written by Ryan Bolton regarding cell phone use in the classroom. I agree with him 100 percent, except when he said "cell phones are extremely important, especially in times of emergency."

Cell phones are important only in times of emergency, and messages along the lines of "OMG he added me 2 facebook lol" do not count as emergencies. It is not vital to be constantly being plugged in to telephones, cameras, mp3 players, video games, or to call or text your friends every five minutes to say "yup, still in class."

When a student – or professor, for that matter – enters a classroom, the phone should be turned off. Not silent – off. But if you want to download a new song, find a new ring tone, check messages, play Tetris, look at pictures, see if a crush emailed you, or heck, if you really are expecting an important phone call, stay at home. That's it.

-Julia Burns

**Organ law good**

Ignoring Ms. Suiza's confusion about how Canada's laws, democracy, federal, and provincials governments work; ignoring her suggestion the governments fund an advertising campaign for organ donation (costly, inefficient, unproven, and unnecessary) and the fact that the "donate blood" ad blitz never brings enough donors, you, a relative, or a friend will need an organ transplant at some point!.

If you or someone you cared about needed an organ what system would you want our government to have in place? Currently, to be an organ donor one must "opt in" by signing an organ donation card (how many people reading this have signed one?). Mandatory organ donation would simply make it so someone would have to "opt out" if they did not wish to donate their organs. No one would be forced against their will to donate their organs. There also would be "criteria set in place that would state specific requirements for a person's eligibility for donating their organs." Diseased blood is currently rejected. No one is suggesting using organs from people with AIDS or from people with bad organs.

Mandatory organ donation exists in many European countries where the chances of getting some organs are in the 90 percent range versus the 30 percent range in Canada. It seems to me to be the best of four options. We could stick with the system which kills thousands of Canadians every year (Ms. Suiza's choice and the worst option). We could set up an organ market where people are paid for the organs they donate (private market). Lastly we could set up "organ pools" whereby those who are members of the pool are first in line for organs when another member of the pool dies (second-best option).

As we are young, this issue is probably not at the forefront of our concerns although it should be. Democracy does not mean that every individual has absolute freedom. In Canada, because we have universal health care every Canadian owes the system something.

-Neil McKay

**Oath actions speak loudly**

I am a firm believer of "actions speak louder than words." "Mockery" and "disrespectful" are not the words that came to mind when I heard about the Oath of Silence Day. Instead, words like "empowerment," "education" and "awareness" filled my mind. While speech is important, silence forces people to listen harder and listen more. I participated in the Oath of Silence Day and found that silence spread the word more efficiently.

That white bandana with the simple black "x" was our speech. We recognized the true struggle of the voiceless, and for a fraction of our lives we were connected to them as their sole ally. That is empowerment. I have spoken passionately about women's rights in the Middle East and the horrors of such to friends, family and colleagues, but got nowhere. But my silence did. Without words I was able to educate and bring awareness of issues they never knew about. I cannot even remember the amount of people who came up to me, be it students, faculty members or members of the community.

We are all curious by human nature, and the Oath of Silence proves

that. With speech, people have to constantly reach out to grab the attention of others to spread awareness. However, with silence it is the people who come to you for you have sparked their interest. You get a chance to work with raw curiosity and are in control to shape it into emotion and support. Instead of talking until you're blue in the face, silence and the actions that replace speech, compel people to listen.

In our silence and support, we stood side by side to great people like Trudeau or Nellie McClung, and did our part to bring awareness to the Laurier and KW community. Evil prevails even when those speak loudly, but the intelligent people are silently tempting the curiosity of humanity. Silence and actions were around long before speech was, so we are merely going back to the beginning to fight, for we listen harder to those who are silent.

-Daliah Hijazi

**WLU students want to go green**

I'd like to thank the *Cord* for two articles in the last issue on environmentalism. The first article highlighted a number of events on campus that continue to draw out a substantial number of students from all disciplines. While running my own booth in the concourse during the Eco Fair, my expectations were blown away as students consistently approached the booth to sign up to the newest political club on campus, the Laurier Campus Greens. The environmental consciousness of Laurier students should not be underestimated. However, as the *Cord* articulated, there appears to be a disconnect between student sentiments and campus changes. Anyone who frequently passes through the concourse or elsewhere on campus may notice a pile up of recyclables beside trash receptacles. Students want to do their part but are struggling on a fairly stagnant campus. This of course does not have to be the case. I strongly feel that Laurier presents a great opportunity for an environmental campus. Our student population is small and has a community vibe. Our campus is compact and well-connected. Our disciplines provide a level headed and practical approach to all ideas. We are a school of leaders so let's start applying this potential to the environmental movement.

-Griffin Carpenter  
President, Laurier Campus Greens

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# Grades fail to evaluate students

A new marking method should be developed that focuses not on the competitive aspect of grading, but on the thought process



**DON MORGENSON**  
ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE

When students receive a grade report, it usually consists of a piece of paper received for a year of shuffling papers resulting in a single number/letter with manifold meanings. For example, a B could mean that a student's work was "best" or "bad" or "bologna." It could also mean that the teacher has failed to teach the student how to achieve excellence, or an A. But in the real world of academic grades, where grades mean very different things to different teachers teaching very different disciplines, the possibility exists that the B means absolutely nothing at all.

Theory dictates that a grade represents a shorthand method for a teacher to describe the quality of students' work in the course. The practice of grading, however, is much more complex than we deceive ourselves into thinking it is. On an essay, for example, my colleagues in psychology might be judging students on the choice of

topic, the quality of research and analysis, the originality of the argument, the organization of ideas, the clarity of expression and the punctuation — an analysis of form as opposed to content.

In some cases, my colleagues may also evaluate the students' attitude as revealed in the arguments, the students' work habits, deference, deportment, punctuality and penmanship.

But because most of my colleagues do not have the time nor the inclination to judge the quality of these dimensions singly, most evaluate them in one large lump, to wit — a somewhat undifferentiated B.

Some teachers also give grades to encourage students. But honestly, who knows? Students often tell me that they have not the "foggiest notion" of what academic/intellectual qualities are included in the single letter, the grade they received on an essay.

I suppose that in the best of all possible worlds, a B means something above the average or very good as opposed to good. But for some students to be "above average" or "very good," there must be students who are "average" or

merely "good."

Such is what has always bothered me most about such competition, whether it be for grades, Kiwanis music festival evaluations, athletic competition — first place, second place, etc. The price of one student's success is another student's failure, particularly among my colleagues who continue to grade "on the curve" or "bell the marks."

I do wonder occasionally why some of my colleagues don't simply write comments and omit the grade (maybe some do).

The reason, of course, is hierarchical rank. Students are graded or ranked so that consumers can make intelligent (?) market decisions. Our provincial ministry provides the continua/scales and teachers serve as inspectors to make sure that the students do, indeed, make the grade. Then the schools across the province compare themselves and each other regarding the standardized test performance, a most odious ranking.

But then consider the complexities when students receive several grades for a variety of courses. Each teacher reports a grade for each student.

Then, because one abstraction

deserves another, letters are converted to numbers, added up, and divided by the number of courses, and voila: a grade point average, to two decimals, that may even define a student for life. Indeed, when we speak of a B or a C student we are reifying an abstraction. A student is literally defined by a number when the letter grades have been transformed into numbers — an A+ equals a 12!

What is deeply troubling is: how can the grade in one course be meaningfully added to a grade given in another course?

The GPA is the average of grades assigned by particular teachers in particular course contexts for particular reasons (often totally mysterious, or so students tell me); such a number cannot really mean much because such a GPA is not trans-contextual.

Nonetheless, it is the one number that students, parents and university officials as well as graduate schools and potential employers care about most dearly.

But while grades alone may not reveal much about a student's overall accomplishments, they do teach very important lessons to our students and at all levels:

1. That what students do is infinitely more important than who students are;

2. That the teacher's evaluation is the only one that really ultimately counts;

3. That all academic performances can be objectively evaluated;

4. That competition for grades is more important than cooperation or a sense of community;

5. That that which is on the test is more important than that which is not on the test.

Grades are the tails that wag the dogs of education, often converting the inquisitive kindergartner to a questing high school student and on to the imaginative university student and into the academic who asks only: "Will this be on the test?" and after the test asks all classmates: "What'd you get?"

Now that I have been critical of grades and the grading system, it is time for someone infinitely wiser than I to suggest something new and different in the way of evaluations.

I sincerely wish them the best of luck!

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# Electoral reform deserves consideration



**KATHRYN FLYNN**  
GOOD GIRL REVOLUTION

I hear the word "reform" and I think of Don Ferguson's impression of Preston Manning on *Air Farce*. Ferguson was also one of 65 prominent Canadians to sign with Fair Vote Canada (FVC) on a demand during the 2006 federal election for the next government to address electoral reform. FVC's "Statement of Purpose" is to pursue proportional representation in parliament so that "all political parties should be fairly represented in proportion to the votes they cast." Despite these winds of electoral change, Ottawa's efforts are a window-dressing approach to the issue.

The think tank hired by Stephen Harper to look at reform at the federal level is the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, a right-wing group that favours the first-past-the-post system. Last week, John Ibbotson referred to this token effort as "political subterfuge calculated to disguise inaction." So citizens' money, and time, if they're one of the 80 the group is using in the study, is wasted in what amounts to political placation.

British Columbia nearly saw their electoral reform dream met in the last election when 57 percent of the population voted for a Single Transferable Vote (STV) system, which failed to meet the 60 percent consensus necessary. (I think if you get 57 percent of a province to agree on, what can be a complex issue,

you ought to crack the champagne and move on.) Premier Campbell promised another referendum in 2008, and Ontario will have one in this fall's election following the deliberation of Ontario's Citizens Assembly for Electoral Reform created from 103 randomly selected citizens who toured the province getting advice on the pros and cons of elections in Ontario.

The move towards proportional representation has two versions: Single Transferable Vote and Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system. Breakdowns of specifics are readily available on any electoral reform website, but what's important about these systems is that they would offer representation to smaller parties, like the Green Party, who would receive seats based on their received percentage of the vote. They would also dispel the myth that political parties have strict geographic support. Contrary to popular belief, the Liberals do receive votes in Alberta — they just can't win seats with the current system.

Reform has gone well in countries like Germany, where the lower house (Bundestag) adopted an MMP system. Some critics of electoral reform argue that there will be factionalism and short-lived governments that create unstable parliament. Italy is typically the example trotted out by critics of PR systems because of their tenuous election results. Italy has bigger electoral problems — over three million of their registered voters are expatriates.

It is not in the interests of either the federal Liberals or Conserva-

tives to tinker with the Single Member Plurality system that we have. Its benefits for these parties are that it touts an MP-constituency link, it's fairly simplistic and it can offer majority governments without a majority of the votes.

The current first-past-the-post system typically hands these large parties power, but at what cost? The Conservative budget forces fiscal conservatives to wonder whether the party is still representative of them. Governing from a broad centre is typically the way to earn votes in Canada.

Stability is certainly far more efficient, but even with so little to assert real difference over, political parties will never stop House of Commons brouhaha or minority government tipping in hopes of

claiming a majority.

So if it's all about winning that much lauded majority government at the end of the day, how is your MP serving you? Proponents of SMPS systems argue that PR will erode the connection between MPs and their geographical ridings, but the MMP system offers that and the political tradition of party discipline hampers that now as it is. Joe Comuzzi, the Thunder Bay MP, was kicked out of the Liberal caucus for supporting the Tory budget after Stéphane Dion insisted all party MPs vote against it. Mr. Comuzzi was trying to vote in favour of a budget that would provide support to Thunder Bay's Molecular Medicine Research Centre and create 400 jobs in his riding. The man was trying to do what his constituents

had elected him to do — represent their best interests in parliament — and will now have to do so as an Independent.

Toeing the party line didn't help the Liberals anyway since the Conservatives had the Bloc's support. That kind of coalitional governance is exactly what we'd see in a reformed system. Since it gets the job done in a minority government, it's time that we admitted that the pros to the SMPS system do not always live up to its proponents' claims.

Electoral reform deserves an unbiased adjudication at the federal level — we're already governed by coalitions in government — right now we just call them partisan interests.

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**THE DECIDER JR.** - Stephen Harper follows his leader, George W. Bush, and makes claims he doesn't uphold, like changing outdated legislation.

# Media ban will influence voters

Outdated voting legislature that was upheld by the Supreme Court prevents citizens from having equal say in the election process



**JEREMY TREMBLAY**  
ON THE VERGE

As spring begins, our country is buzzing with rumors that a spring election will be held. Numerous opinion polls have brought the usual topics — education, health-care and the current cause célèbre, the environment, to everyone's attention.

The issue of the media's coverage of election results, though, has largely slipped by quietly.

That said, Canadians will once again be faced with the election

cation technologies made the ban obsolete.

The media, of course, is against the ban. As it is, the media loves to make election night appear as a giant horse race, working to declare winners first and announcing things like "it's a tight race" in various ridings.

If the ban were lifted, they could begin the race earlier and the coverage may actually influence the outcome.

Right now, of course, for all the fuss that they make, the election is already decided when coverage begins.

As much as the media hypes the coverage, all we can really do is wait until the ballots are finally counted. Nothing anyone says or does can make a difference.

The point that seems to be missing, however, is that there is good reason to make sure election results from other regions aren't known where polls

To make each vote equal, the government should get rid of the coverage ban and replace it with a law forbidding ballot boxes to be opened and counted until polls are closed all across the country.

night blackout law that the Supreme Court has recently upheld.

This means that election results from other regions cannot be released until local polls are closed, but can be released before all polls are closed. As a result, where you live and who you know will affect your vote.

Currently, polls in British Columbia close three hours after Newfoundland and Labrador, two and a half hours later than the Maritimes and half an hour after the rest of the country.

The law is meant to prevent voters in the West from being influenced by results from polls that have already closed. It probably was effective, when it was written in 1938.

The two arguments against the ban are that it violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, interfering with both freedom of expression and the right to political association, and that modern communi-

age filler: shots of people voting, election parties and interviews with people on anything and everything related to voting, roughly equivalent to the bullshit we, as students, are so used to filling the space in our papers with.

So, the final question is: will Stephen Harper change the law?

Ten years ago, Harper publicly opposed the blackout as a Reform

MP. According to the CBC, as a private citizen a few years later he called Elections Canada officials "jackasses" and the Chief Electoral Officer a "dangerous man" because of his support for the election night ban.

However, if election rumors are true, Harper's government will be busy trying to sway voters with various promises and movements

on hot-button topics, like global warming.

As for making changes to outdated legislature that deals with people's views on the fairness of elections and ensuring that voters have equal opportunity regardless of location, I won't hold my breath.

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# Ethanol not fuel solution

Conservatives claim that the answer to energy problems lies in crops of corn, but there are other options that exist, like better public transportation



VERONICA HUGHES  
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

Recent commercials commissioned by the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) make Canadians think that ethanol, an energy derivative of corn, is the answer to rising greenhouse gas emissions, global warming and lowering oil reserves.

In the commercial they boast that Canada has the ability to grow our own energy.

Last I checked, we produce oil. Corn is not the beacon of a bright energy future for Canada, or, for that matter, the world.

The CRFA is also a government-run organization, not an NGO. Their motives are therefore largely in line with current Conservative administration policy.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper,

There is also the concern among Canadian cattle farmers that the sale of corn as fuel will undoubtedly increase the cost of corn feed (a staple in raising cattle) which in turn will increase the cost for farmers and consumers.

in preparation for an election, is trying to bolster public opinion regarding his stance on environmental issues, childcare and education.

This is greatly in an effort to secure the urban ballot, since most urban areas voted NDP and Liberal during the last election.

However, Harper is failing to recognize that ethanol fuel is not, in fact, a strong environmental platform.

First, gasoline currently has approximately 10 percent ethanol content in an effort to decrease harmful emissions.

Oil companies can argue they have done their part and are not about to be sidelined by corn.

Also, getting a wide variety of gas providers (Petro Canada, Shell Oil, etc.) to provide ethanol is still years in the making.

Electric refuel stations are still being developed for hybrid and electric model cars, and that has taken years.

A few environmentally pioneering cities like Portland have refuel stations, but it has not reached a universal level.

Presently, hybrid model cars are the most effective way of reducing smog and air pollutants caused by our growing dependence on cars.

There has also been research that states that ethanol actually increases certain types of greenhouse gases.

So ethanol cannot actually eliminate greenhouse gases altogether.

On a completely economical level, Canada is a net exporter of oil.

The tar sands of Alberta and oil off the coast of Newfoundland will more than provide for Canada's oil needs.

Our neighbours to the south, as one of the largest oil consumers in the world and our largest export partner, would love nothing more than for us to export all our oil to them, but we have more than enough to sustain our national needs.

There is also a concern among Canadian cattle farmers that the sale of corn as fuel will undoubtedly increase the cost of corn feed (a staple in raising cattle), which in turn will increase the cost for farmers and consumers.

Canadian farmers have long been undervalued and underpaid.

To make corn feed essentially too expensive for them means more bankrupt farms, and less Canadian product.

One suggestion that is not being presented is the opportunity to put more resources into our public transit system.

North America is notorious for having below-par public transit options compared to Asia and Europe, increasing the reliance on cars.

If more money were put into public transit instead of ethanol, the transit opportunities would be open to all classes of society and would decrease the number of cars on the road.

In the golden age of consumerism, having more choices is always a welcome opportunity for any customer.

With the rising price of gas and increasing dependency on cars, having other fuel options is not an unreasonable request.

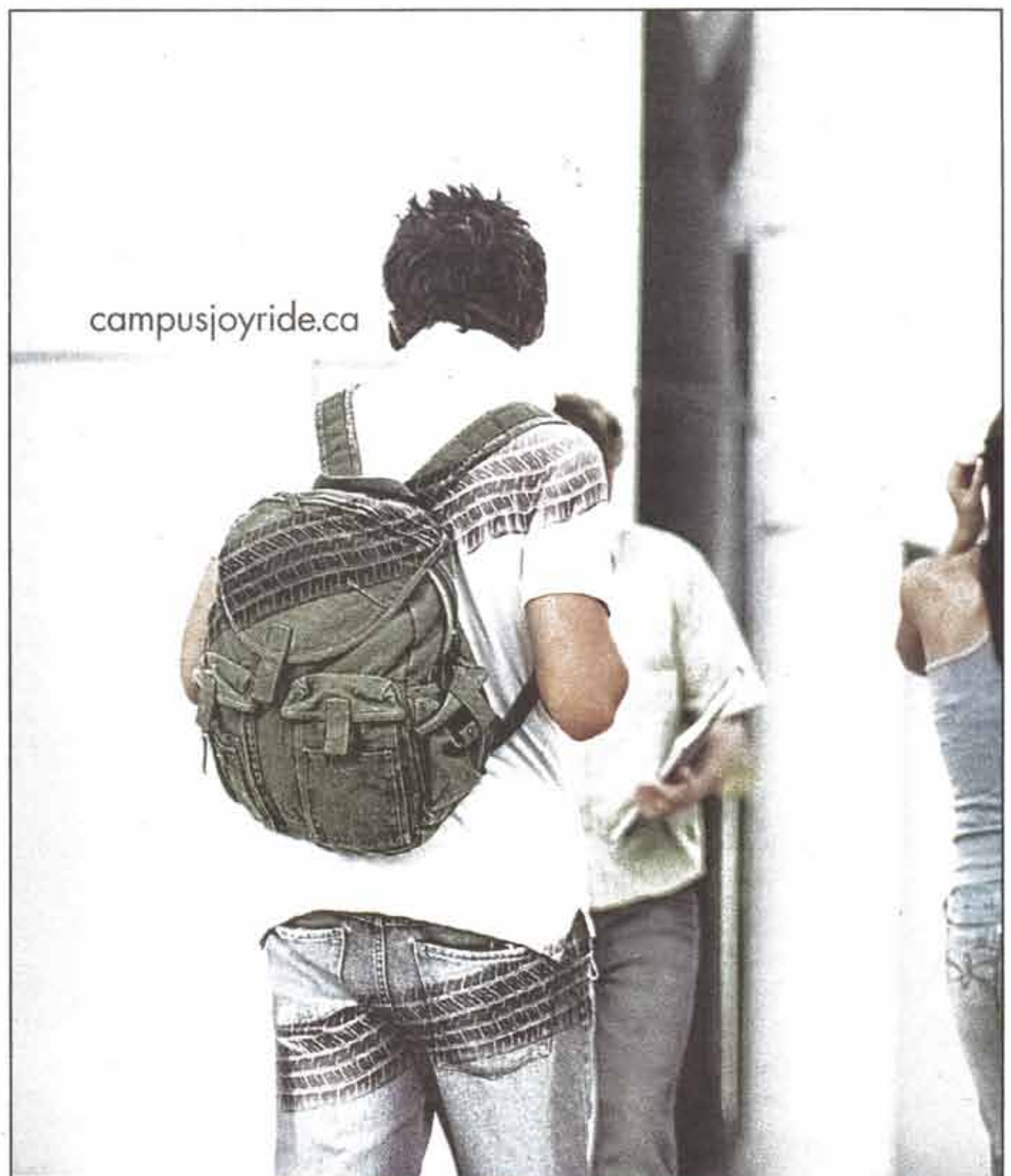
Canadians just need to realize that ethanol is not the saviour to our environmental and fuel problems that the Conservatives want us to believe.

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FIELD OF DREAMS - Ethanol is not the miracle fuel source that the Conservatives claim it to be.



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I know I speak for our staff and volunteers when I say that we look forward to continuing to challenge and engage the Laurier community through the implementation of our mission, vision and values.

Kind Regards,

Fraser McCracken  
President & CEO

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### **Vision**

To be the premier student media organization in Canada.

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We challenge and engage the Laurier community through continuous innovation, producing high quality publications and providing meaningful student opportunities.

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**Volunteerism** - We value a student-driven volunteer experience, that relies on the contributions of students and other community stakeholders.

**Diversity** - We value diversity expressed through our organization, its publications, and its members in every way possible.

**Fun** - We value an environment that promotes fun and friendship amongst our staff and volunteers.



**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
HEAVY WEIGHT KINGS SHAPED  
THEIR FUTURE WITH THE CORD

**Roberts rules**  
The student body president's first year in office has been a whirlwind of activity. From the first day of school, Roberts has been busy with his duties. He has been a vocal advocate for student rights and has been instrumental in the formation of the Student Union. Roberts has also been a strong supporter of the arts and has been instrumental in the formation of the Student Union. Roberts has also been a strong supporter of the arts and has been instrumental in the formation of the Student Union.

**No UPASS for summer**  
The Student Union has announced that it will not be purchasing UPASS for the summer months. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The Student Union has expressed its concerns about the cost of the UPASS and has decided to forgo the purchase for the summer months.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
HAWKES KINGS  
TAKE IT UP  
HAWKES KINGS

**Alumni Field too small for lacrosse**  
The Alumni Field at the University of Waterloo has been found to be too small for lacrosse. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The Alumni Field has been found to be too small for lacrosse and has been deemed unsuitable for the sport.

**Stadium cuts city deal**  
The University of Waterloo has announced that it will be cutting its deal with the City of Waterloo for the use of the stadium. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the City of Waterloo. The University of Waterloo has expressed its concerns about the cost of the stadium and has decided to cut its deal with the City of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
TUNNEY HEATS UP  
YOUNG AND DOG-OWN  
TUNNEY HEATS UP

**Hawks fall off perch**  
The Hawks have fallen off their perch and have been defeated by the Golden Hawks. This was a significant loss for the Hawks and has put them in a difficult position. The Hawks have been struggling in recent games and have been unable to maintain their lead.

**UW arrests raise WLJ concerns**  
The University of Waterloo has announced that it will be raising its concerns about the arrests of students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The University of Waterloo has expressed its concerns about the cost of the arrests and has decided to raise its concerns.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
LAUGHING IT UP  
BETH BODICE AND KIMBERLY  
LAUGHING IT UP

**Privacy Act big inconvenience**  
The Privacy Act has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The Privacy Act has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Dawson College a lot like Laurier**  
Dawson College has been found to be a lot like Laurier. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Dawson College has been found to be a lot like Laurier and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
TRAILER FOR DAWSON  
TRAILER FOR DAWSON

**Laurier security assaulted**  
The Laurier security has been assaulted by a group of students. This was a significant incident and has put the security in a difficult position. The security has been struggling in recent games and has been unable to maintain their lead.

**Golden Hawks get Noble effort in win**  
The Golden Hawks have won a game against the Laurier security. This was a significant win for the Golden Hawks and has put them in a difficult position. The Golden Hawks have been struggling in recent games and have been unable to maintain their lead.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
BUILD THREE CALDER  
WINDY DREAM  
BUILD THREE CALDER

**ER crisis hits Kitchener**  
The ER crisis has hit Kitchener. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The ER crisis has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**UW Warriors 'hang around' for near upset**  
The UW Warriors have 'hang around' for a near upset. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The UW Warriors have been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION APPROACHES  
GROWING CONCERN  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION APPROACHES

**Laurier music helps KWS**  
The Laurier music has helped KWS. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The Laurier music has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Rugby sees first defeat**  
The Rugby team has seen its first defeat. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The Rugby team has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
BARRY DOLAN  
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**Campus beating**  
The campus has been beaten by the students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The campus has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Canada's political 'bad boy'**  
Canada's political 'bad boy' has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Canada's political 'bad boy' has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
IT'S A BEEP BEEP  
COUNTRY FRENCH KINGS  
IT'S A BEEP BEEP

**Staff try to unionize student jobs**  
The staff have tried to unionize student jobs. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The staff have been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**The 'sweetest' win of them all**  
The 'sweetest' win of them all has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The 'sweetest' win of them all has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
FOCUS ON HAWKS  
ON THE BENCHES OF HAWKS  
FOCUS ON HAWKS

**Memorial unveiled**  
The memorial has been unveiled. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The memorial has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**BOD member resigns**  
The BOD member has resigned. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The BOD member has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
TRAILER FOR DAWSON  
TRAILER FOR DAWSON  
TRAILER FOR DAWSON

**Laurier student loses in regional race**  
The Laurier student has lost in a regional race. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The Laurier student has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Capital punishment**  
Capital punishment has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Capital punishment has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
THE YEAR ON REVIEW  
LAWYER'S OPEN TOOL  
THE YEAR ON REVIEW

**Homophobia causes concern**  
Homophobia has caused concern. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Homophobia has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**BOD debates Wilf's wages**  
The BOD has debated Wilf's wages. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The BOD has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
IT BURNS IN THE FAMILY  
I AM THE ENTIRE OPEN  
IT BURNS IN THE FAMILY

**SBE to innovate and integrate**  
The SBE has decided to innovate and integrate. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The SBE has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Feels like home to me**  
Feels like home to me has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Feels like home to me has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
EVALUATING STUDENT POLITICAL  
Laurier grieves loss of former Hawk  
EVALUATING STUDENT POLITICAL

**The new face of WLJ**  
The new face of WLJ has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The new face of WLJ has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Laurier grieves loss of former Hawk**  
Laurier grieves the loss of a former Hawk. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Laurier grieves the loss of a former Hawk and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
ENTRANCING JAM  
HAWK TEAM MEETS THE TWO  
ENTRANCING JAM

**WLU on ice**  
WLU has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. WLU has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Laurier gets bad Hedley**  
Laurier has gotten a bad Hedley. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Laurier has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
PICKING FOUR BOYS  
NEW WITH BOYS  
PICKING FOUR BOYS

**First-year applications on the rise**  
First-year applications have been on the rise. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. First-year applications have been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Later election to follow Feb 1**  
A later election will follow Feb 1. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. A later election will follow Feb 1 and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
A tale of two Dams  
A tale of two Dams  
A tale of two Dams

**Open forum turns ugly**  
The open forum has turned ugly. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The open forum has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Breast art for cancer**  
Breast art has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Breast art has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
A CREEK CAMPUS  
DAY OF INACTION  
A CREEK CAMPUS

**Allison victorious**  
Allison has been victorious. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Allison has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Shades of grey**  
Shades of grey has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Shades of grey has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
YOU, DEB, DEB  
DIE SHAMBLE AT LUM  
YOU, DEB, DEB

**Stadium to cost \$5M**  
The stadium will cost \$5M. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The stadium will cost \$5M and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Rise Against rocks**  
Rise Against has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Rise Against has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
GAMING DELIGHT  
A LEGACY OF FUTURE  
GAMING DELIGHT

**Daniel's opera**  
Daniel's opera has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Daniel's opera has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Hawks face Waterloo in OUA semis**  
The Hawks have faced Waterloo in the OUA semis. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The Hawks have been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
GLOBAL GIRL POWER  
STUDENT'S FIRST PARLIAMENTARY  
GLOBAL GIRL POWER

**Second time's a charm**  
The second time has been a charm. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The second time has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Trudeaumania at UW**  
Trudeaumania has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Trudeaumania has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
GLOBAL GOOD DEEDS  
SMALL BREAKTHROU  
GLOBAL GOOD DEEDS

**Student vanishes**  
The student has vanished. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The student has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Women crowned with OUA gold**  
The women have been crowned with OUA gold. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The women have been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
A CREEK CAMPUS  
FLAMING HENCKSITY  
A CREEK CAMPUS

**Mansbridge finds awe in Canadians**  
Mansbridge has found awe in Canadians. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Mansbridge has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**No capital gain**  
No capital gain has been found to be a big inconvenience for students. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. No capital gain has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**THE CORD WEEKLY**  
NEWSPAPER!  
SIX GOOD YEAR  
NEWSPAPER!

**Student home burgled**  
The student's home has been burgled. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. The student's home has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.

**Dr. Bob's new public post**  
Dr. Bob has a new public post. This decision was made after a lengthy discussion with the University of Waterloo. Dr. Bob has been found to be a big inconvenience for students and has been deemed unsuitable for the University of Waterloo.