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# Hawks' massacre of Waterloo

In the much-hyped 'Battle of Waterloo', the purple and gold gave a record-setting Homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about

LAUREN MILLET  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Battle of Waterloo this year saw two unbeaten teams take to the field in front of a record homecoming crowd of 9347 fans. Once again, the #5 ranked Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks came out on top, trouncing their cross-town rivals, the #10 ranked Waterloo Warriors, 35-3.

Third-year quarterback Ian Noble and fourth-year running back Ryan Lynch led a very successful Hawks offence through their paces. Noble completed 15 of 19, throwing for 204 yards and three touchdowns, while Lynch dominated the rushing game with 228 yards in 36 carries with one touchdown. Lynch was voted Hawks player of the game, and currently sits atop the CIS standing for rushing yards with 698.

"I think we really sent a message to the league today," said Noble. "We knew we were better than them. We knew we could dominate them if we really put our minds to it. We were ready for them."

"In terms of our physical performance, I was very happy with how we played today," commented Manager of Football Operations and Head Coach Gary Jeffries.

The Hawks went to work immediately, as the kickoff was run all the way into the end zone, only to be called back for holding. This was a snippet of what was to come for the Hawks for the rest of the first half.

After a breakaway 64-yard run by second-year receiver Dustin Heap,



Ryan Stewart

**CHOKESLAM** - Hawks' Linebacker Luke Pinder stops Warrior Will Oud from breaking past their defence's wall as the team went on to win 35-3.

Lynch ran the last 22 yards into the end zone to put the Hawks up 7-0. While the Warriors struggled to get a hold on the game, dropping passes and fumbling punt returns, the Hawks were plagued with penalties, at one point pushing themselves so far back they were forced to try for second and 24.

The second quarter opened the same way the first had ended, with

penalties against the Hawks. Noble stepped up, however, and after a 41-yard pass to second-year receiver Jeff Emberly, he connected with fullback Peter Quinney in the end zone, giving the Hawks a 14-0 lead. After a pair of back-to-back interceptions by each team, Noble ended the half running the ball in for a 21-0 lead.

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## Record crowds at 79th Homecoming

LAURA CARLSON  
NEWS EDITOR

This past weekend, Laurier welcomed back its largest-ever group of alumni for the annual Homecoming celebration.

Though the school was expecting more than 10,000 alumni to attend at least one of the weekend's events, it is hard to gauge exactly how many were in attendance. Over the course of the weekend, the football game welcomed 9,347 current and former students, tickets to Wilf's and the Turret were sold out at 300 and 600 respectively, and over 400 individuals were present for either their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or founders (over 50 years) reunion.

Brian Breckles, director of Alumni Relations at Laurier, was "really happy" with how the weekend went, which he attributed to factors such as the summery weather and the newly created position of an alumni officer.

"Without a doubt, and I've been here for six years ... it was without a

doubt the best one we've had."

Breckles added that this year the new alumni officer, Teresa Smiley, was able to do a lot of research when they began planning the event to see how other universities operate their Homecoming weekends.

"[Teresa] went to Queen's and Western and Mac ... and we went and visited with them just to see what they do."

Breckles explained that the importance of hosting such a weekend is that Homecoming is one of those rare events when the university's past and present students are given a chance to connect.

"When you give the opportunity for students to interact and meet face-to-face with alumni they have an opportunity because alumni love to hear what students do today," said Breckles.

"My goal is to try and get more and more events that bring together students and alumni," he added.

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## Students' towing woes

LAURA CARLSON  
NEWS EDITOR

Students struggling to find parking spots near campus have been facing harsh repercussions when they choose to leave their car in the King Street Quizno's parking lot, adjacent to Alumni Field.

Jacob Watt, owner of Pilot Pita, explained that the property owner has been patrolling the area and calling the city to ticket and tow cars which are left in the lot by individuals who he then observes leaving the private property.

"What's happening is people are either parking here over lunch or parking here to go to class and they're getting ticketed and towed," said Watt.

"Our landlord is being super vigorous in the last few weeks. He wants to make a point. He wants people to realize they can't park here and go to class," he added.

Though Watt doesn't feel his business has been directly affected, because most of his customers are individuals walking over from Laurier, other companies in the area have been greatly inconvenienced by students using the lot.

"Customers have complained that they haven't been able to find parking and we've had people miss reservations and I'm sure a lot of the other businesses run into the same situation," noted Pamela Hurvid, a full-time staff member at Rain Tree Café.

Though she feels it's very "un-

fortunate" that this situation had to result in the towing and ticketing of cars, Hurvid doesn't think students should be parking on private property that is specifically designed for their clients.

"We just want parking for the customers. [Laurier] should really find somewhere for the students to park because I know students have nowhere to go and what are they supposed to do?"

Chris Petrie, who is the assistant to Dieter Turk, the property manager who has been reporting student cars to the city, also feels that it is the university's responsibility to accommodate all those who need to drive to school.

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"It feels like a hamburger outside. Go outside and you'll know what I mean."

- Print Production Manager Alex Hyster

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Insouciant - Carefree, unconcerned

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# Parking problems

Sydney Hilland

**PRIVATE PROPERTY** - Students leaving their cars in this lot while on campus are being ticketed and towed as a result of strict patrolling.

**- FROM TOWED, COVER**

"Laurier needs to have proper parking. That is Laurier's negligence," said Petrie.

Petrie added that all the money being collected from the parking and towing goes directly to the city, and thus they are not simply trying to turn a profit from students.

"We're not trying to make money... the owner is trying to get their

tenants' paying customers parked there."

Mary Basler, manager of Parking Services at Laurier, explained that Parking Services is doing all it can to meet the high demand for parking permits.

The university has leased additional parking facilities located near campus and is currently patrolling the lots on a regular basis in the hopes that they will be able

to sell more parking passes to the students.

"We have a waiting list [for student parking permits] ... we're no longer accepting applications ... At around the end of October we'll provide an update," said Basler.

In the meantime, Basler recommends either coming forward to her with suggestions of how to deal with this issue or simply opting to pay for daily parking in one

of the lots on campus.

"Go into pay and display. It's six bucks a day from seven in the morning till eleven at night ... Avoid [the meters and the streets] and go into pay and display," suggested Basler.

- With files from Dan Polischuk

See PAGE 20 for editorial reaction to this story

# Campus Centre evacuated

Gas leak scare emptied Wilf's and the Terrace for an hour last night; cause identified as a system error

**LAURA CARLSON**  
NEWS EDITOR

A malfunction of the refrigerating unit in the Terrace caused a complete evacuation of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre (FNCC) at approximately 9:45 pm last night.

"[Wilf's] was just starting to get

busy when the alarm went off and no one knew what was happening," explained Mandy Grimes, who was bartending when the incident occurred.

Though fire rescue originally thought that a hazardous and deadly toxin was released into the air, upon the arrival of Physical

Plant and Planning (PP&P) it was discovered that the alarm, which went off in the Campus Safety and Security office and the FNCC, only did so because of a system error.

"There was a malfunction in the system somewhere ... the alarm system for the refrigerant unit [malfunctioned]. Nothing went

into the air," explained Peter Jorg, a supervisor at Community Safety and Security.

Adrian Gibbons, who was working security at Wilf's when the alarm went off, explained that, for the most part, students were fairly cooperative, though most were initially hesitant to leave their drinks behind.

"They didn't want to leave but they were [cooperative] ... If I was sitting there with a full pitcher too, I'd be trying to finish it as fast as possible," he said.

James Nadeau, a fourth-year economics student, was in the bar at the time of the alarm, and right from the get-go he had no serious concerns.

"I just thought the fire alarm was pulled accidentally," he said.

Upon leaving the building, Nadeau expressed that he was very impressed with the how everything was dealt with by all involved parties.

"It was communicated fairly well what the issue was. I think the managers at Wilf's did a good job letting everyone know what the situation was and we were well informed," said Nadeau.

When staff discovered that re-entering the building was not a health hazard approximately one hour after the initial alarm went off, students were allowed back into the FNCC, and Wilf's and the Pita Shack reopened for business.



Paul Alvis

**TERRACE TERROR** - Students remained in the quad area after a malfunctioning alarm caused evacuation.



> VOCAL CORD

Are you planning on coming back for Homecoming after you graduate?



"Maybe. I'll have to see if my friends are going."

- Peter Ferreira  
First-year Kinesiology



"Yes. Especially after you graduate, you lose touch with people."

- Emily McCullough  
Third-year Global Studies



"No because I'm going back to my home town, Hong Kong."

- Dominic Cheng  
Second-year Music



"It really depends. I never made it to the one this year. I haven't made up my mind."

- Theresa Lochbihler  
First-year Archeology



"F- YEAH!"

- Puneet Arora  
Fourth-year Economics

# Laurier alumni reunite for Homecoming

The largest ever Homecoming at WLU welcomed former students back to campus last weekend

- FROM HOMECOMING, COVER

This year, such events included the first-ever pancake breakfast, the pre-football game tailgate party and an evening of comedy featuring comedians Mike Bullard, Debra DiGiovanni and Trevor Boris.

Breckles explained that alumni from diverse classes attended the event - including one of Laurier's oldest surviving alumni, who graduated from Waterloo Lutheran in 1937. There were also individuals who came back for the event from all across the globe, such as one alum who traveled to Waterloo from their current home in the United Kingdom.

"[Homecoming] is a chance to see former classmates because sometimes you haven't seen them in 20 years. Life takes you in all kinds of directions ... so unfortunately you don't get the chance to come back a lot of the time."

Breckles feels that part of the reason individuals are continuing to return to the place they called home for four years is to reconnect with the university and relive that positive experience, which he thinks the majority of students have had.

"That whole persona of what Laurier is about and that community ... our alumni take with them, it's a culture that we all have and share."



BIG HAWKS - Alumni looked upon an afternoon game of WLU football.

# NDP promises freeze

New Democrat Party Leader Howard Hampton visits the University of Waterloo and announces a promise for a tuition rollback and freeze

LAURA CARLSON  
NEWS EDITOR

In a press release at the University of Waterloo on Monday morning, New Democratic Party (NDP) Leader Howard Hampton announced his party's promise to make a serious commitment to fund post-secondary students in Ontario, if elected.

Upon making his media-savvy entrance over an hour late, for which Hampton cited traffic problems, the NDP leader finally arrived in a room of supporters and a handful of students.

After shaking hands with those selected from the crowd and listening to the personal testimony of a financially struggling student, Hampton shared his campaign promises with those gathered in the UW student lounge.

"We need to do more to make life affordable for students. That's why our commitment is to remove barriers for good education by lowering tuition fees to the pre-McGuinty [level] and then freeze those tuition fees," said Hampton.

According to Hampton, this initiative, which will cost approximately \$200 million annually, will reduce tuition for undergradu-

ate students by approximately \$460 each year.

Hampton expressed his strong desire to make post-secondary education an option for all students in the province, regardless of their current financial situation.

"You should never make the decision of pursuing or abandoning your studies because of your inability to pay," said Hampton.

Aside from the issues of post-secondary costs, Hampton also spoke of the other five NDP commitments, that the party has promised to follow through on - again, if they are elected.

That said, the latest polls place the NDPs in third place of the provincial race: 24 points behind the Liberals, and 21 points behind the Conservatives.

The other NDP promises include a health care rebate, establishing a "right to know" law (which will inform citizens of the toxins and hazards present in the air and water), expanding personal home care, fixing the school finance formula (so that all children have access to education) and increasing the minimum wage to \$10 per hour.

"The Democrats will raise the minimum wage to \$10 an hour immediately. You cannot survive on

\$8 an hour. I don't care how ingenious you are, how energetic you are, how resourceful you are, or even if you're working three jobs ... you can't make ends meet on \$8 an hour," said Hampton.

It is this combination of raising the minimum wage and rolling back and then freezing tuition costs that Hampton sees as key to the future, since it is ultimately society that will profit from reinvesting in education in the long term.

"Rather than passing more and more of the costs of education on the people who can't afford it, these are costs that we should cover as a society," said Hampton.

Accompanying Hampton at the announcement at UW was Catherine Fife, the NDP candidate for the Kitchener-Waterloo riding and project coordinator for Laurier's Faculty of Social Work.

Fife stressed the importance of having Hampton speak in her riding on Monday, and is confident in the moral stance the NDP party has taken in the upcoming election.

"It's a matter of economic development and prosperity for all people in the province of Ontario and our party clearly is taking a verbal stance on this because we have our priorities right."

## Election Watch

On October 10, Ontarians go to the polls to elect their provincial leadership and to vote in a referendum to decide whether to retain the current first past the post electoral system or adopt a mixed-member proportional (MMP) system.

But there's still time for student voters to familiarize themselves with the issues and platforms upon which they must base their decisions. Here's a rundown of some of the events in the area in the next week:

**What:** Child Care Debate - Kitchener-Waterloo Riding  
**When:** Sept. 26, 7 pm - 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Kitchener Public Library - Theatre Room, 85 Queen St. N.

**What:** Debate on Mixed Member Proportional Representation  
**When:** Sept. 26, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
**Where:** SLC Great Hall, University of Waterloo

**What:** All Candidates Debate, Kitchener-Waterloo Riding  
**When:** Sept. 27, 7 pm - 9 pm  
**Where:** Grey Silo Golf Course, RIM Park, Waterloo

**What:** All Candidates Debate, Kitchener-Waterloo Riding  
**When:** Oct. 3, 12 pm - 1 pm  
**Where:** The Turret  
\* Followed by referendum debate from 1 pm - 2 pm.



NDP PROMISES - While speaking at UW Howard Hampton explains why we need to reduce tuition costs for post-secondary students in Ontario.



# Pro sports 101

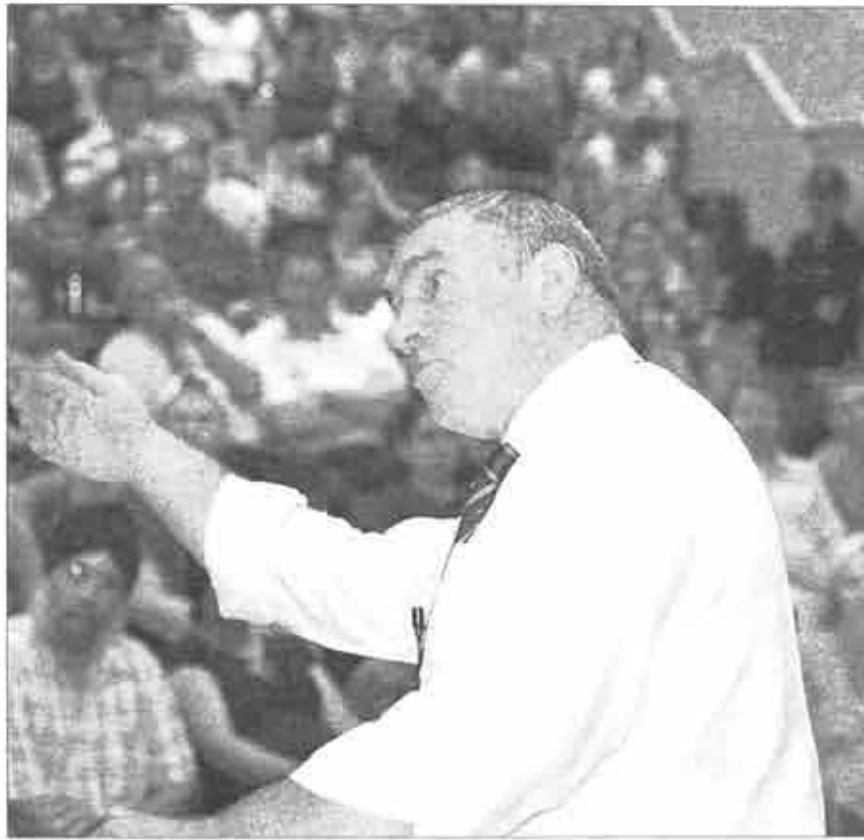
World-renowned sports psychologist, Dr. Dave Collins, gives a talk about how to become an elite athlete

DAN POLISCHUK  
NEWS EDITOR

It's not necessarily about how much stress you have, it's about how you cope with it.

This was essentially the message being hammered into a crowd composed of mainly kinesiology students at yesterday's lecture, given by British sports psychologist Dr. Dave Collins.

And apparently it was one that students found worth hearing, as the line-up for admission into the free event had students and mem-



BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE - Dr. Collins speaks at last night's lecture. Greg McKenzie

bers of the general public lined outside of both doorways of the Bricker Academic Building 101 lecture hall by the time the speech was scheduled to start.

First trying to lure students with the possibility of an additional talk following the opening one, it was finally decided to move to the main Science Building lecture hall N1001 to accommodate the masses — albeit kicking out some students who had already booked the facility.

All logistical problems aside, Collins was able to carry on with his message of how to gain mental

toughness in the face of high-pressure moments — specifically for athletes.

"I'm trying to work on what goes on in someone's head to make them mentally tough," explained Collins, adding that, when you get to the upper echelon of athletics, "there isn't much difference between those who get there."

And this is where the challenge lies; to bridge the gap between being "out of control" and in "total control" of a stressful situation.

- SEE PRO, PAGE 5

## Critical mass bike ride in KW

Participants look to have their 'voice heard' in spreading anti-war message

CASSANDRA MCKENNA  
CORD NEWS

Bikes took over local streets on Friday afternoon, making their way from Waterloo Park down to Kitchener's Victoria Park.

Riders did not avoid the main streets as they made their way through the city, with some carrying signs that read, "We're not blocking traffic, we are traffic."

This ride was not the first of its kind, but with over 200 people participating, it had much higher attendance than previous rides that have occurred in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Critical mass rides have been held in many other cities around the world to mark "Car Free Days" since 1994. They typically occur on the last Friday of the month and have been taking place in Waterloo for the past five years.

Although the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) has been an involved party in many of the rides in the area, typically these events do not have an organized planning team.

Alex Hundert of Anti-War @ Laurier (AW@L) is one of the participants in the critical mass ride. "The ride is organized and run in a decentralized way, so there is no official leadership," Hundert said.

AW@L's role for the day was to spread the message of "No War, No Warming."

"This ride is to provide students

with a way to take direct action and get your voice heard," said Hundert.

Laurier students were well-represented at the bike rally, some with homemade anti-war shirts and noisemakers.

Sean Gallagher, a second-year biology and chemistry student at Laurier, took part in the rally because she felt "We need to be heard."

"Too often we just lay back and complain; we need to take action," said Gallagher.

"Make it known that just because we're youth doesn't mean we're just going to lay back and let others dictate how things will be done. We're going to speak up," he added.

For fifth-year economics and psychology student Kate Manktelow, the event was about "the spirit of finding an alternative to using fossil fuels."

At the rally following the bike ride, speakers, including Hundert, addressed the crowd. Laurier's Chapter of Fair Vote Canada was also represented by Jacob Pries, who took a turn speaking on the topic of the upcoming referendum on electoral reform.

Provincial election candidates for the riding of Kitchener-Waterloo were also on hand to take part and share some words. New Democratic Party candidate Catherine Fife spoke first while the riders were still in Waterloo Park.

Later, when the group had fin-

ished their ride, Judy Greenwood-Spears, the Green Party candidate, also addressed the group.

Rachel Baker, a third-year global studies and women's studies student, expressed the feeling that many at the rally seemed to have for participating, which was "reducing my carbon footprint."

No matter their reasons for attending, each participant helped raise awareness of alternative transportation while getting a great workout at the same time.

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### Students' Unions cutting ties with CFS

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Five different Students' Unions across Canada, including undergraduate unions at Simon Fraser University Kwantlen University College (in BC) and Cape Breton University as well as graduate unions at the University of Victoria and Concordia University, have petitioned to end their respective memberships with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

The petitions are requesting a membership referendum for March 2008.

The CFS is Canada's largest student lobby group, with membership levels of over 500,000 students at more than 80 university and college campuses across the country.

The CFS acts as a research group and lobbyist for students at both federal and provincial levels, and is funded by levies collected by member Students' Unions.

*Macleans*' reports that the five Students' Unions are trying to get out of the CFS due to "organizational dysfunction."

Wilfrid Laurier University Students Union (WLUSU) is not a member of the CFS.

Laurier's Graduate Students Association (GSA) is a current member of CFS.

### Arrest made in York assaults

Toronto, ON

Metro Toronto Police have arrested Daniel Katsnelson, a 25-year-old Thornhill man, as one of the parties of the sexual assault that occurred on September 7 at York University's Vanier Residence.

The Canadian University Press has reported that Katsnelson is being charged with "five counts of breaking and entering, two counts of sexual assault, two counts of gang sexual assault, and two counts of forcible confinement."

No known connection has been announced between Katsnelson and the university. The *Toronto Star* reported on September 20 that Katsnelson turned himself in over the weekend after his identity became known to Toronto police. However, according to his lawyer, Katsnelson intends to plead not guilty on all charges.

Toronto police have yet to identify the second suspect in the sexual assaults, and the relationship between the two suspects is still unknown.

Meanwhile, Waterloo Regional Police confirm that no arrests have been made in the local sexual assault case, which took place during Laurier's Orientation Week at the on-campus quad party.

-Compiled by Melissa Dranfield

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NEWSIN BRIEF

Google expands company base in Waterloo region

September 19 marked the opening of web media giant Google Inc.'s expanded branch in Waterloo's Research and Technology Park.

The Canadian University Press has reported that Wendy Rozeluk, Google's Global Communications Manager, stated the expansion has been done in anticipation of Google's plans to increase operations in the Waterloo area.

The new office features many of the "Google-like" aspects of the Mountain View, California head office, and Rozeluk explained that it will create more openings for co-op students and graduates from the nearby universities.

While Google has had a Waterloo-based office since 2006 after having purchased Reqwireless (a mobile software company), the expansion is sure to make Google a more substantial presence in the Waterloo technology community, challenging local tech giant Research in Motion Inc.

WLU wireless solutions

Issues with access to the free wireless Internet on Laurier's campus are as good as solved, according to Information Technology Services.

John Kearney, Director of ITS, conveyed his satisfaction with the fact that now everything is "running great."

"If anything, the Internet [connection] is running faster than before," he said.

The department has had the wireless vendor on campus the last couple of days to do some "fine tuning" after bandwidth issues resulted from the introduction of a new, free wireless system in the first weeks of September. This involved adjusting some settings with the security filtering system, as well as fixing the conflict between old and new encryption systems.

"Everything has now been updated to the latest," said Kearney. "The growing pains seem to be behind us."

-Compiled by Melissa Dranfield and Dan Polischuk

Elite athletes achieve 'total control' over stress

- FROM PRO, PAGE 4

According to Collins, once that balance is found, an athlete can truly be considered "elite."

"I'M TRYING TO WORK ON WHAT GOES INSIDE SOMEONE'S HEAD TO MAKE THEM MENTALLY TOUGH."

-Dr. Dave Collins, sports psychologist

As a past chair of the Department of Physical Education and Sport Performance at the University of Edinburgh (in Scotland) as well as being an author of multiple books and articles, Collins has been highly involved with in the ranks of the British Olympic Committee's psychology steering group.

When asked at the conclusion of his talk as to whether sports psychologists should feel jaded by not being given as much press as head coaches for professional sports teams, in light of their apparent influence, Collins was not hesitant with his answer.

"No. It's nobody's business who I'm talking to but the athlete's," he said.

"It's not for me to say what I did for this athlete," he added.

The lecture, which was put on by the psychology department in conjunction with the kinesiology department, was made possible through the proceeds of the Dr. Fred Binding Memorial fund.

As the first professor to teach sports psychology at Laurier in the 1980s, Binding taught the subject for over 20 years.

After his death just a few years ago, Binding's family has donated money to help bring in world-renowned speakers to the school.

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**> BAG O' CRIME****BREAK AND ENTER****Reported: Sept. 18 @ 10:00 hrs**

Special Constables are investigating a reported break and enter into a university-owned residence.

**HARRASSMENT****Reported: Sept. 18 @ 10:30 hrs**

A female student reported that she was receiving threats and abuse on her Facebook page from a non-student male.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE****Reported: Sept. 20 @ 11:00 hrs**

A professor had her windshield smashed by a soccer ball while her car was parked near Alumni Field.

**ASSAULT****Reported: Sept. 20 @ 02:25 hrs**

Special Constables were called to the Terrace to break up a fight between two students. One of the students was hit in the head with a chair but was not injured. The investigation is continuing.

**ASSIST OTHER POLICE****Reported: Sept. 21 @ 02:25 hrs**

A student will be sent before JAC after dropping his pants and mooning a passing WRPS officer who was patrolling by bicycle. The student then tried to lie about his identity.

**DISTURBANCE****Reported: Sept. 22 @ 00:22 hrs**

Special Constables responded to a call from the quad concerning two students who were causing a disturbance. They were separated and sent to their residence.

**DRUGS****Reported: Sept. 22 @ 22:10 hrs**

Special Constables seized a small quantity of marijuana from non-university males who were found

unescorted within a university residence. The males were evicted for trespassing on WLU property. The matter is being handled internally by Residence Life.

**INJURY MVA PEDESTRIAN****Reported: Sept. 23 @ 01:55 hrs**

A Special Constable on patrol witnessed a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle on University Avenue. EMS and police were notified immediately and the matter is being investigated by police. The victim is a former Laurier football player.

**FIRE ALARM****Reported: Sept. 23 @ 02:06 hrs**

Special Constables responded to a fire alarm at a university building. Upon arrival it was discovered that an unknown person leaving the Aird building activated a pull station in the basement.

**UNWANTED PERSON****Reported: Sept. 23 @ 03:13 hrs**

Special Constables and WRPS officers responded to a residence on campus after receiving a complaint about two non-students who would not leave the building. Both non-university males were issued with provincial offence tickets by responding Special Constables.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE****Reported: Sept. 23 @ 10:00 hrs**

Special Constables are investigating a complaint from a parent who advises that unknown persons deflated the tires on the vehicle belonging to their daughter.

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# Democratization and free elections in Pakistan

The Laurier Students Public Interest Research Group held a public talk by Pakistani journalist, author and activist Muddassir Rizvi on Thursday

**WALEED HAFEEZ**  
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

As part of LSPiRG's new "LSPiRG Presents" series, WLU was host to Pakistani journalist, author and activist Muddassir Rizvi.

In his talk, entitled "Democracy and the Upcoming Elections in Pakistan", Rizvi touched on a number of subjects. He is currently involved with the Free and Fair Election Network (FFEN) based out of Islamabad in Pakistan. This will be the "first time the civil society will be involved with electoral practices and policies" in helping to ensure a politically just election, he explained.

In his talk, Rizvi was eager to mention that "President Musharraf is trying his best to retain power, often using extra-constitutional tactics." He says that Musharraf's actions are not new to the country and have been displayed by his predecessors for decades.

"Since the first war in 1948 against Kashmir, Pakistan has become a very centralized, security-obsessed state. All our resources have been consumed to strengthen the military to fend off any threats. Now, the military has become so used to having that power that they refuse to hand it back to the political powers," explains Rizvi.

Although the FFEN's involvement with the elections marks progress for Pakistan, Rizvi is quick to note that the initial findings are less than perfect. "We were only able to document 62.2 million voters in a population of 160 million where almost 88 million people are of voting age."

In addition to military influence, Rizvi noted the relatively

shallow pool of opponents to the mainstream candidates as another impediment.

In 2002, a graduation clause was added by the military government barring anyone without 14 years of education from the race for candidacy for the Parliament or presidency, thereby excluding more than 80 percent of the country's seasoned politicians.

But the biggest issue remains the military's insistence to stay in power. Ex-Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto wrote in his 1979 memoir, *If I Am Assassinated*, that "every country has an army; Pakistan's army has a country." This has never been more true, says Rizvi.

**"EVERY COUNTRY HAS AN ARMY, PAKISTAN'S ARMY HAS A COUNTRY."**

**- Assassinated Pakistani Prime Minister and President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in his 1979 book *If I Am Assassinated***

Since talk of elections began, the Pakistani political landscape has been abuzz with discussions between opposing parties – the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and the New Muslim League (NML) – regarding the formation of a power-sharing deal that would grant power to both, keep Musharraf (NML) as President and return exiled Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto (PPP) to her earlier position.

Recent events and their subsequent public reactions have proven that the public no longer supportive of the existing military rule in Pakistan. With mass protests and violence erupting in retaliation to

the President's dismissal of Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry, it is clear that – as per Rizvi – "they have realised the impact of military take-over after a while."

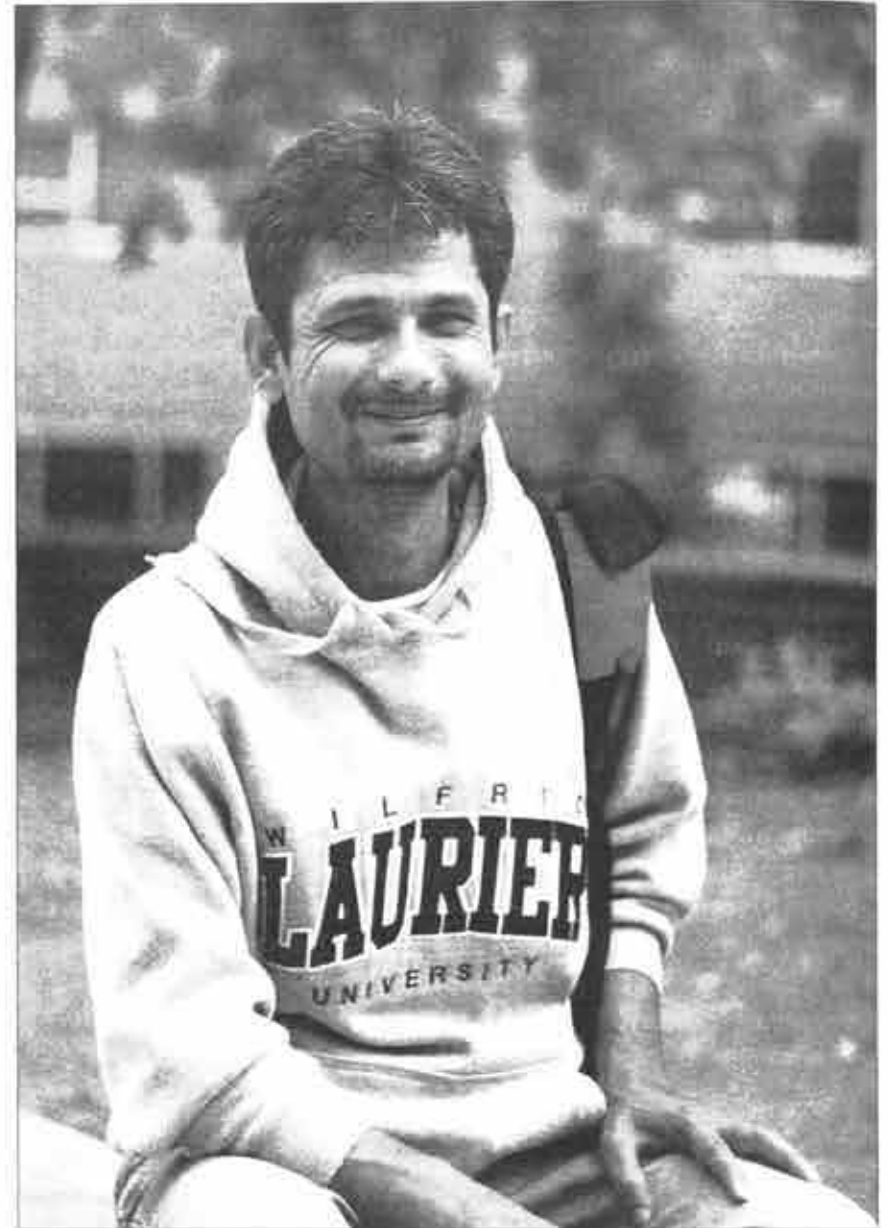
One of the major pressures being put on Pakistan is to leave its traditionally Islamic constitution aside for a more secular one. "This would require an entire cultural transformation which could take generations," said Rizvi. "There are very few countries, mainly European ones, which are truly secular. It also needs massive constitutional surgery to do that, and I don't think the Pakistani people are ready for that."

With regards to Osama Bin Laden's new audio message in which he calls for a holy war against the "infidel, Parvez Musharraf," Rizvi explains that he is not surprised.

"Bin Laden has been sort of a rescuer for Musharraf and Bush. His messages always emerge before elections, whether in the United States or in Pakistan. I would have to look at his message with a pinch of salt, especially with regard to its timing."

All in all, Rizvi believes greatly in the institution of democracy. Through the FFEN, Rizvi and his colleagues hope to monitor the upcoming elections and convince as many people as possible to vote. Surprisingly, Rizvi comes off unconcerned about election-day rigging.

"I am not seeing rigging on the election day. There may be rigging on the fringes, there may be isolat-



**BRINGING PAKISTAN TO LAURIER** - Journalist-activist Muddassir Rizvi was invited by LSPiRG to talk about the elections in Pakistan.

ed rigging but I don't think mainstream polling could be rigged," he says.

"I believe in the practice of democracy, and whether elections are rigged or manipulated and whether people are coming out in low numbers, elections are part of a democratic practice. Whatever the outcome would be, however it is manipulated, we will come out more democratically mature."

Rizvi feels that over the past decade, Pakistan's image around the world has changed drastically. "Elections always improve the im-

age of a country. An election is always a way for people to democratize themselves. With each election, we reinforce our desire to be a democratic country."

"Ten years ago, the state of Pakistan would have explicitly been blamed for harbouring terrorism," reasons Rizvi. "Ten years later, there has been a separation of state and non-state actors. Now the Pakistani state is blamed for not doing much to eliminate terrorism, but it is not being blamed for directly supporting it."

## Vatican initiates airline for pilgrims

A new airline created in conjunction with Italian Mistral Air and the Catholic Church aims to give pilgrims a unique religious experience

**ASHLEY DOODNAUTH**  
STAFF WRITER

A truly religious experience is now only a plane ride away. In late August of this year, a new undertaking by the Vatican aimed at expanding religious experiences took flight – literally.

The Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi (ORP), which offers packages to travel to holy destinations, has teamed up with Mistral Air, an air-

line privately owned by the Italian postal service. Both have entered into a five-year agreement to deliver pilgrims to holy sites around Europe and Africa.

The Catholic Church says their objective is to immerse pilgrims in the experience of the journey they are about to take; religious experiences should not only take place at the site of worship, but also in the physical trip to get there. The ORP coordinates these pilgrimages out

of Italy and is mainly geared toward Catholic pilgrims.

Walking hundreds of miles to arrive at a sacred destination will no longer be an issue. "The way to make pilgrimages can change over time, but their deepest meaning remains the same: to look for a deeper contact with God," Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the vicar of Rome, told reporters before boarding the flight.

Now, flights leaving from seven different Italian airports are planned to accommodate modern pilgrims on their journey to a host of religious sites including: Santiago de Compostela in Spain, the Czestochowa sanctuary in Poland, the shrine to Fatima in Portugal,

Sinai in Egypt, Lourdes in France and Jerusalem. The ORP estimates that 150,000 pilgrims will use the service in the first year, according to BBC News.

The two Boeing 737s owned by Mistral Air are already painted in the Vatican colours of yellow and white, and in-flight movies will be replaced with religious videos and information about their destinations. Headrests carry a Psalm quotation, "I search for your face, Lord," which will also be the airline's motto, reports BBC News.

"We want to create the conditions to enable pilgrims to live their pilgrimage starting at their city's airport and even before they arrive at their destinations," said Rever-

end Cesare Atuire, director of the pilgrimage office.

He continued by saying that the Vatican wants to "make pilgrimage more affordable" and that this new undertaking will beat regular flight costs by 10 to 15 percent.

Ryanair, a Dublin-based airline that also provides flights to some holy sites, is not worried about the Vatican-approved venture.

In a statement to BBC News, Ryanair defended its position in the market.

"Ryanair already performs miracles that even the Pope's boss can't rival, by delivering pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela for a heavenly price of €10 (\$14)."



# Iraq better off now than before



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As the complexities of the situation in the Middle East continue to intertwine, the movement opposed to a strong American presence in Iraq is steadily gaining momentum.

While the case of nation versus president has put forth a plethora of anti-war sentiments to slander the overseas engagement, a recent progress report that favours the motives of the latter encourages the crusade for freedom to wage on.

The statement, compiled by General David Petraeus (commander of Multi-National Force – Iraq) and US Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker, satisfied the request for concrete answers regarding the current status of the war-torn nation.

Despite the report's both positive and negative findings, trends do indicate advancement in a proper direction.

Often used as tools for measuring success, the deluge of progress reports that have circulated in recent months are interpreted by both proponents and opponents of

US policy to complement certain standpoints. However, unlike others of its kind, this testimony has unifying capabilities; the facts have led President Bush to avow that conditions on the ground have improved sufficiently to start bringing troops home.

Although violence remains high, militias active, and it is unclear whether sectarian-fuelled attacks have decreased, three main goals crucial to the mission have been met: the establishment of joint security stations in Baghdad, ensuring minority rights in the Iraqi legislature and the creation of support committees for the Baghdad security plan.

In terms of political progress, 9 of the 18 political and military benchmarks set out by the US Congress have not been completed, thus leading Gen. Petraeus to assert that the likelihood of Iraq's security forces being able to assume control of the country in the next 12 to 18 months is "possible and prudent."

Yet to achieve such goals, Petraeus argues that the national police force is in need of disbandment due to infiltration by militia forces and a high level of corruption. At the same time, an adequate logistics system to support the Iraqi army is

at least two years away.

As both a political strategy and military campaign, the surge of 30,000 American troops deployed to Baghdad last January has been the beneficiary of much praise.

Interestingly, the approbation awarded to the surge campaign, which has helped to secure the capital and reduce sectarian killings by more than 50% nationwide and 80% in Baghdad, follows a harsh criticism of Bush's decision by Democrats, leftists, and wavering Republicans.

Words spoken too soon are nullified by developments that showcase what is possible when extremists are eradicated; for example, the once volatile Anbar province has seen drastically improved security after local tribal leaders joined U.S. forces in fighting Al Qaeda terrorists.

Though it is possible that the surge operation has forced violence outward to neighbouring areas, testaments by average Iraqis to a feeling of safety and desire for the surge to continue are in accordance with what the campaign's architects envisioned. Designed to allocate space for a congregation of compromise rather than violence, the surge faced the arduous task

of challenging the Shi'ite vocation – that is, to undo centuries of injustice against them by Sunnis.

Needless to say, this "holy duty," which not only resulted in failed negotiations for political stability but also attests to the complexity of the mission, forces even extreme Republicans to ask, "How long is the United States going to continue risking American blood and treasure?"

On this point, Petraeus remains dedicated to the need for resolution and protection, citing that Iraq is important to US security worldwide because it is "the central front of Al Qaeda's global war of terror" and therefore withdrawal may undermine efforts to reconcile Iraq's warring factions. The General's report goes on to state that force reductions will continue, but "projecting too far into the future can be misleading and hazardous."

In confluence with these facts, Bush announced the gradual withdrawal of approximately 21,500 troops in the next year, and advised Americans divided on the war to "come together" and remain cognizant of the fact that "the success of a free Iraq is critical to the security of the United States."

As for the future of the policy in

Iraq, Iraqi leaders are said to be aware that victory will require US political, economic and security engagement that will extend beyond the current presidency. In fact, the American political arena is largely the container for a m le centered on the war's trajectory.

Recently, Republican senators, who were again able to block a Democratic amendment aimed at setting definite timelines for bringing home U.S. forces, were accused of striving to protect their president instead of the troops.

This illogical assumption, yet another attempt to arouse the mob mentality that is the anti-Bush crowd, fails to recognize that the goals in Iraq are worth fighting for.

Certainly, a free Iraq has the potential to affect the entire political landscape of the Middle East. Democracy could transform the whole Arab world. In spite of the obstacles such a task encompasses, democratic nations should keep their eyes on the big picture.

Undoubtedly, this war is one that matters to every civilized nation, and while a great challenge lies ahead, we need to be reminded that freedom is not free.

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# Afghanistan under review

Delegates from various countries involved in the conflict in Afghanistan convene at a UN meeting to discuss peace and security in the region, reviewing possible solutions to the many problems faced in the mission

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As the tumultuous Middle-Eastern conflict continues, Afghanistan was on the agenda at a UN meeting in New York on September 16.

18 nations committed to involvement in Afghanistan, as well as neighbouring countries, were summoned by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to encourage increased co-operation to meet the peace and security needs, amongst other issues, facing the war-ravaged country.

**"WE NEED MORE TROOPS, WE NEED MORE MONEY AND WE NEED A SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT TO AFGHANISTAN."**

- UN Afghanistan Envoy Tom Koenings

Delegates from the involved nations reviewed the Afghanistan Compact, initiated in 2006, under which Afghanistan committed itself to improve in the areas of security, rule of law, governance and development.

The meeting comes on the heels of a reported Taliban resurgence,

especially in the southern and eastern regions of Afghanistan. In fact, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross, "armed conflict in Afghanistan has ... continued to intensify throughout 2007."

With this being the reality, it is no surprise that Hamid Karzai, Afghanistan's president, as well as UN Afghanistan Envoy Tom Koenings, made pleas for continued and increased support.

"We need more troops, we need more money and we need a sustainable commitment in Afghanistan," said Koenings to the officials present at the UN meeting.

At a recent press conference with Canadian journalists, President Karzai stressed that, "the presence of Canada is needed until Afghanistan is able to defend itself, and that day is not going to be in 2009."

For the Canadian context, this UN meeting comes at a time when the national debate on our NATO involvement in the war has been re-ignited. Several incidents display this reality, such as the direct protest Foreign Affairs Minister

Maxime Bernier faced at a Montreal luncheon, as well as Stephane Dion and the Liberal party's foreign policy. In turn, Defence Minister Peter MacKay, while visiting Washington, called out the Liberals for starting this mission with a terribly under-funded military.

Regardless of partisan squabbling, Canadians seem to support troop withdrawal at our current end date of February 2009, according to a recent Ipsos Reid poll. On top of this, many Canadians believe the Canadian Armed Forces are shouldering too much of the burden.

This public resentment can be traced back to a still-undefined military operation to which our troops are committed.

Although the opinion of the Afghanistan mission in some other NATO countries mirrors the Canadian landscape, what developed out of the recent UN meeting was a clearer picture of Afghanistan's needs.

The UN will undertake a bolstered role, supporting and advising in areas of human rights and justice, economic and political development and anti-drug programs, in conjunction with the NATO forces and a US military presence.



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**CONSENSUS GENTIUM** - Afghani President Hamid Karzai and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon at the UN Meeting.



# Hawks crush Waterloo

WLU make a laughing stock of the Battle of Waterloo in front of record crowd

**FROM COVER**

Penalties killed us a lot in the first half," Lynch said after the game. "We just need to get on the same page. Most of it was stuff that can be fixed."

"We have to take care of that," said Jeffries. "We're hurting ourselves badly. We're going to have to continue to address that and clean it up."

The Hawks seemed to have flipped to the right page during the half-time break, because they came out to play a much cleaner second half.

Noble connected with Emberly again, taking the Hawks to the 10-yard line early in the second half. Seeing Heap open in the end zone, Noble hooked up with him to cap off the drive putting the Hawks up 28-0.

The Hawks defence continued to shut down the Warriors, as a long pass attempt was intercepted by third-year defensive back Jordan Van Horn.

After another drive, seeing Lynch carry the team down the field, Noble's pass to fourth-year receiver Dante Luciani gave the Hawks the game with a 35-0 lead.

To further insult the Warriors' offence, second-year defensive back Giancarlo Rapanaro opened the fourth quarter with a solid sack on their quarterback.

After another interception by the unwavering Hawks defence, Noble took a seat on the bench and allowed rookie quarterback Luke Thompson to see some action. With the last two minutes of

the game on the clock, the Warriors were finally able to get on the scoreboard with a field goal.

"Our offensive line is great," said Lynch. "So far, we've come out and handled every team up front. I was expecting to come out and do exactly what we did."

The Hawks did, however, rack up 144 yards from penalties.

"We have to be more disciplined," commented Noble. "We can't retaliate to anything; we have to keep our heads."

Linebacker Anthony Maggiacomo, who led the solid defence with 9.5 tackles, agreed that penalties are a big problem. "Once we start going down the stretch, against the better teams, we can't be doing this anymore."

"We need to be more focused. It's all about being disciplined," he continued.

"It's such a fine line, because it's such a physical game and we play on the edge a little bit," said Jeffries. "But it was just unnecessary and we just can't take it."

The Hawks are now 4-0, along with only two other teams in the OUA, Queens and Ottawa, whom the Hawks have yet to play.

"We're pretty good. I think we have the potential to be very good," said Maggiacomo. "I don't think we're there yet, but we're definitely on the right track."

"I think we're going to surprise a lot of people," commented Noble. "If we keep going the way we're going, the sky is the limit."

The Hawks will travel to Kingston next weekend to take on the undefeated #7 ranked Queens



Ryan Stewart

**GOING NOWHERE** - Hawks' rookie linebacker John Borden tackles Ray Nattress of the Waterloo Warriors during Saturday's 35-3 victory.

Golden Gaels.

"It will be tough next week. Queens are a good football team," said Jeffries. "It will be a good challenge."

"We need to be prepared, and

come out with the same energy and fire," said Noble. "We need to eliminate the penalties."

See PAGE 20 for editorial reaction to this story

# Remarkable Hawks remembered

Laurier inducts athletes into Hall of Fame

**LAUREN MILLET**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Each year, during Homecoming weekend, the past is remembered as athletes are inducted into the Golden Hawk Hall of Fame. This year, during a celebration dinner in the Senate and Board Chambers on Friday, September 21, it was a combination of talent, leadership and legacy that represented Wilfrid Laurier's alumni athletes in the Hall of Fame.

Inductees included Bill Madden and Kojo Millington (football), Wojciech Cwik and Kenny Nutt (soccer), Paula Watson (volleyball), Dr. Bob Rosehart (builder) and the 1987 football team, who will be added to the 11 other teams who already hold a spot in the Hall of Fame.

"It's an honour and it's very exciting," said Madden. "The best part about it for me this year is I'm going in with the '87 team as well so I'm going in twice in one year.

What more can I ask for?"

Madden was a first-team All-Canadian defensive end and a member of the Yates Cup winning 1987 football team.

"Bill had good size and good quickness. He was very durable," said Madden's 1987 coach Rich Newbrough. "I don't think he ever missed a play due to injury."

Millington played for the purple and gold for five years, and left a large imprint on the football program. He was the first-ever Golden Hawk selected to play in the East-West Shrine bowl at Stanford University in 1999. The Shrine bowl brings together the best players in America, and Millington was one of three CIS players selected to play.

"He was a very quiet leader and a tremendous athlete," said Director of Athletics Peter Baxter. Millington finished his career with the Hawks as a captain of the team and was drafted by the Toronto Argonauts in 2000.

"It's very gratifying to play your career in university and then get an accolade for it," said Millington. "It's a great compliment and I'm very grateful for it."

Cwik and Nutt were integral

parts in the back-to-back national championship wins for the men's soccer team in 2000 and 2001.

"As soon as I found out I was be-

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## SPORTS BITES

**Lacrosse shows no signs of slowing**

The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's lacrosse team traveled to Guelph on Saturday, September 22 to battle both the McMaster Marauders and the McGill Martlets. The women took on the Marauders first, walking away with a 17-2 win.

They went with confidence into their second match and again scored 17 points, defeating the Martlets 17-5. The dominant weekend opened the 2007 campaign in similar fashion to their last four championship seasons.

On Sunday, September 30 the women take on the University of Toronto Varsity Blues at 12:00 pm.

**Women's rugby trounced**

The Hawks women's rugby team visited the neighbouring Waterloo Warriors on Saturday at Columbia Ice Fields. They were looking to improve their 1-1 record and recover from last week's loss to Western, but the ladies were left disappointed. They fell to the undefeated Warriors, limping away on the wrong side of a 58-3 score.

Friday, September 28 brings the ladies home where they will match up against the McMaster Marauders on Knight-Newbrough Field at 3:00 pm.

**Men's baseball take two in Guelph**

This past Sunday took the men's baseball team to Guelph where Hastings Stadium became host to a double-header between the Hawks and the Gryphons. The first game, played at 1:00 pm, was close, but the Hawks defeated the Gryphons 3-1.

At 3:30 pm the Gryphons came out in search of revenge, but the Hawks stepped up to the plate strong. They circled the diamond 14 times, defeating the Gryphons for the second time 14-3.

Today, the Hawks travel to Community Park in St. Catharines where they will play two games, at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm, against the Brock Badgers.

**Men's soccer moves into third**

The men's soccer team played in Guelph last Wednesday, lighting up Alumni Stadium with their match against the Gryphons. A win would put the Hawks in third place in their division, and they got exactly what they wanted.

Damir Hadziavdic displayed his skill and found the back of the net twice. He was joined on the score sheet by Sopenarin Yos who was also able to put one past the keeper. The men finished their game with a 3-2 victory over the Gryphons.

Next up for them is a home game against the McMaster, which will be held on Saturday at Alumni Field at 3:15 pm.

- Compiled by Andrea Millet



# Laurier lays a royal pounding on Paladins

Royal Military College succumbs to second-half offensive explosion as the Hawks triumph 45-14 and move to 2-1 on the season

DAN POLISCHUK  
NEWS EDITOR

A day before the Homecoming cakewalk that transpired Saturday, courtesy of the more well known stars of the Laurier football team, the men's rugby team produced a romp of their own - beating Royal Military College (RMC) 45-14 at University Stadium.

Playing in front of a small yet supportive home crowd, Laurier found itself in a scrappy affair early on; the first 25 minutes of the match lacked any consistent flow whatsoever with numerous fouls and dropped passes.

After WLU took an early 7-0 lead, RMC tied it up on a 20-yard dash through the defensive line of the Hawks for the try. The ensuing conversion knotted the score at seven.

Their sudden offensive flurry seemed to awaken a sleeping monster though, as the Paladins would go on to give up 38 unanswered points to the Hawks, thanks to the efforts of flyhalf Jeff Copper and flanker Mike Talbot - with two

scores apiece.

Despite the team's domination the rest of the match, their defensive effort did not seem to be in good standing with Head Coach Josh Windsor after the game.

Having cleared his bench to allow his substitutes some playing time, the Hawks were left scrambling for approximately the last ten minutes, even conceding a late try to the visitors in the process.

**DESPITE THE TEAM'S DOMINATION THE REST OF THE MATCH, THEIR DEFENSIVE EFFORT DID NOT SEEM TO BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH HEAD COACH JOSH WINDSOR AFTER THE GAME . . . THE HAWKS WERE LEFT SCRAMBLING FOR APPROXIMATELY THE LAST TEN MINUTES.**

Commenting about the let-up by his team, Windsor was a little less harsh than during his speech in the post-game huddle.

"I think we're a good team, but

my expectation is perfection," he said, confirming that one of the problems was the flow of substitutes off the bench.

In the same breath, however, he did credit the effort of his youthful squad - which only has 10 players in fourth year or over.

"These guys are absolutely committed [to winning]," commented the coach of the now 2-1 squad.

Team captain, and eight man, Jacob McNamara agreed with the assessment.

"I'm concerned a little bit with our fitness [at the end of the game] ... but I'm very hopeful. We've got a young team with a lot of potential," he said.

Whether that potential leads to a solid conclusion to the season will have to be seen, as the team begins the second half of its six-game schedule on Saturday in Windsor.

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ing inducted, I was really happy. But when I found out Kenny was being inducted on the same night, it made it even more special," said Cwik.

"It's a great honour to be recognized with so many great athletes," added Nutt.

Watson came to Laurier just in time to drag the volleyball program out of its rut, and spur the growth of the program for years to come. She led the team to an unprecedented regular season record of 18-0 in 2001-02.

"It was the most shocking and exciting moment of my life," said Watson about the phone call from Baxter. "It was the best time of my life; I'm glad I chose to come here [to WLU] because it was a last-minute decision."

The 1987 football team will be remembered as the building blocks to the Hawks' Vanier Cup wins in both 1991 and 2005.

"The rookies of the '87 team became the leaders and the backbone of the 1991 national championship team," said Madden.

"The other part of it is that when the Hawks won the title in 2005, every player on that team had been coached, either at Laurier or prior to coming here, by a member of the '87 team. That's the impact of that team," he continued.

The team cruised to a Yates Cup victory in 1987, but lost a close game to the University of British Columbia and did not proceed to the Vanier Cup. To date, the team has had nine different players individually inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"We had more skilled players on

that team than on any team I've ever seen," said Newbrough. "They were a close-knit group. They had some good leaders."

Also inducted into the Hall of Fame was Rosehart, for his legendary contributions to Laurier Athletics. His vast achievements shine specifically on women's sports.

"The total budget for women's sport in 1998 was less than I spent on ice time for the women's hockey team this year," explained Baxter. "He developed the proper training facilities for high-performance sports."

"During his 10-year period, Laurier teams won 17 OUA Championships and 4 national championships," he continued.

The legacies left behind by all of these outstanding individuals can now be remembered in the Golden Hawk Hall of Fame.



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**REMEMBERING GREATNESS** - The 2007 Golden Hawk Hall of Fame inductees from left: Kojo Millington, Paula Watson, Dr. Bob Rosehart, Bill Madden, Kenny Nutt and Wojciech Cwik.

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# McNabb accusation falls on deaf ears

Eagles quarterback blames fan hatred on his race



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Of all of the issues that are commonly discussed in North America, perhaps nothing is as inflammatory as race.

With its history of institutional slavery, state-sponsored assimilation and widespread segregation, North American culture has been marred by troubling and often polarizing debates about race relations.

And, to a large extent, these race debates have made their way into the world of professional sports. So it should come as no surprise to hear that, only three weeks into the latest NFL season, discussions about race have moved to centre stage.

Last week, an interview with Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb was aired by *Real Sports with Bryant Gumble* in which the perennial pro-bowl player says that Black quarterbacks in the NFL face much more scrutiny than their White counterparts. With

his team languishing at the bottom of their division, it seems appropriate that McNabb would try and deflect attention away from the team's play on the field; however, using the topic of race to do so seems a tad excessive.

For the most part, I agree with McNabb that race is an issue in professional football - it's hard to argue otherwise. To be a Black person in America inevitably means that you will face greater pressure to perform than a White person, and by extension it only makes sense that this would translate to the world of sports as well. However, in the case of McNabb, the issue is not really about race so much as it is about the place where he plays.

As the quarterback of the Philadelphia Eagles, McNabb plays in one of the most ruthless sports towns in America, and does so at

the most prominent position in sports. We must remember, after all, that Philadelphia is the home of fans that have booed Santa Claus and nearly paralyzed Michael Irvin while helping to run Charles Barkley, Allen Iverson and Eric Lindros out of town.

So, considering that he has yet to deliver a Super Bowl championship, McNabb must expect that he's going to face a lot of criticism. Philly is a results-oriented town, and to not bring home a win in the biggest game of them all is just unacceptable to the majority of it's sports fans.

But the pressure that results from playing in Philadelphia should not, and cannot, be reduced simply to race. Of course, I would never argue that race plays no factor in what McNabb is currently dealing with, but to Eagles fans it wouldn't matter what colour McNabb's skin is if he were delivering championships.

If the quarterback could help his team get over the hump and finally win the big game, all would be forgotten by Philly fans and McNabb would be immortalized as a Philadelphia hero in the same way that Sylvester Stallone's Rocky is.

But until the day comes when McNabb is hoisting the Vince Lombardi trophy over his head, he has

to expect that his team's fans will harshly scrutinize every pass that he makes. And until then, the comments that will follow the quarterback's every move will have less to do with his skin colour than his team's performance on the field and in the playoffs.

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**RACIAL PROFILING** - McNabb attempts to explain restless fanbase.

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RECENT SCORES

09.19.07  
M Soccer 3 - Guelph 2  
W Soccer 1 - Guelph 1

09.20.07  
M Hockey 5 - Guelph 3

09.21.07  
M Rugby 45 - RMC 14  
M Hockey 2 - McGill 3

09.22.07  
M Football 35 - Waterloo 3  
W Rugby 3 - Waterloo 58  
W Lacrosse 17 - McMaster 2  
W Lacrosse 17 - McGill 5  
M Hockey 7 - UQTR 4

09.23.07  
M Baseball 3 - Guelph 1  
M Baseball 14 - Guelph 3

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

09.27.07  
W Hockey vs York  
RIM Park, 7:30pm

09.28.07  
W Rugby vs McMaster  
Knight-Neubrough Field, 3:00pm  
M Baseball vs Toronto  
Bechtel Park, 7:00 pm

09.29.07  
W Soccer vs McMaster  
Alumn Field, 1:00pm  
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Alumn Field, 3:15pm

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# Homecomers



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Last weekend, Laurier's campus had a very different atmosphere than usual. Instead of normal student sightings, Wilf's, the Turret, University Stadium and the campus in general were teeming with adults.

They were here, of course, for Homecoming weekend. Every year, Laurier alumni return in the last week of September to watch the Hawks play football and get a chance to relive their university careers.

This year, the university expected more than 10,000 alumni to return for Homecoming. Clearly, Homecoming weekend is a very significant event for many people.

*The Cord* attended last week's Homecoming events and spoke to some returning alumni in order to find out what exactly makes the event so special to so many people; and what attracts them to come back year after year.

Granted, those who return for Homecoming are bound to represent the alumni that still cherish this school, but given the large contingent fitting that mould, it seemed an attitude worth exploring.

The alumni featured here ranged from having graduated five years ago to nearly 60. Though their experiences of Laurier were vastly different, they all share one thing in common; for one reason or another, they all spent their past weekend remembering their time at Laurier.

## Reunited roomies

Grant Barber and Mike Miller lived together off campus while they studied at Laurier in the BBA program. 25 years later, the two former roommates were brought back together during the class of '82 reunion that took place last weekend during commencement.

It had been 15 years since the two business alumni last saw each other at the reunion celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> year since graduation.

The two men also reunited with friend and fellow class of '82 graduate Mary Newman.

"It's amazing if you walk through the campus, all the memories that start coming back, and you realize what an impact this place has had on your life," said Newman.

The educations these friends received at Laurier has led them all to success. Miller holds shares in a chainsaw company in Woodstock, and Newman owns a market research company.

Barber now lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife, whom he met at Laurier. They married just after graduation.

It was a long distance to travel for Barber to come back for Homecoming, but for him it was the distance that made it worthwhile. "We all went in different directions, so it's great to be back here to reacquaint with old friends," said Barber.

"When we went here, the Peters Building had just opened up," said Miller. The three alumni all agreed that the campus has changed substantially since their graduation.

"You could park on campus. You could actually park there!" Barber joked.

Newman, Barber and Miller were all very happy to reunite with their graduating class 25 years after attending Laurier.

"The funny thing is the more you talk to the people you graduated with, the more you find you actually do have a lot in common," said Newman



## Campus commitment

Renu Kanga stayed in close contact with her Laurier friends after graduation. Five years later, she and her friends from residence had returned to Homecoming for the class of '02 reunion.

Since receiving her BBA in 2002, Kanga has gone on to become the Coordinator of Student Life for University College at the University of Toronto.

"Traitor!" mocked one of her friends.

"I'm not a traitor, because really the awesome leadership experiences that I had while I was a student at Laurier are what made me decide that I wanted to keep working in student life," Kanga defended.

"My experience, more so outside the classroom, prepared me a lot for my career," said Kanga. "I was pretty involved as a student and I loved the experiences I had; I think Laurier was really great for that."

Her activities at Laurier included working at and managing the C-Spot,

being a don, working as a Laurier Ambassador and getting involved in Bacchus.

"They say it's the best time of your life, and it really, really is. And it's so nice to have that feeling again when you come back to campus," said Kanga.

For her, returning for Homecoming meant seeing her friends and revisiting the feelings she experienced as an undergrad, but it also meant getting a chance to think.

"I went to a couple classrooms in the Peters Building, where I had a lot of classes, and just sat in the classrooms and took time to reflect on how much I grew in the four years that I was here," Kanga recalled.

Homecoming was, for her, a very worthwhile experience, and one that she believes she will definitely return to in the future.

## All-star alum

Rob Hammond and Michael Schneider returned for Homecoming for a special occasion.

They were both players on the 1987 Laurier football team, which was inducted into the Golden Hawks Hall of Fame last Friday night.

Both Hammond and Schneider were in their first year at Laurier in '87. They both graduated in 1990. Hammond was a receiver on the team; Schneider played full back.

"This is my first time back in 10 years. I've been so busy with hockey and coaching that I've never been able to







*Cord Features* spoke to alumni that returned for Homecoming last weekend to find out where their Laurier degrees took them, and why they were compelled to come back for the weekend's events



**Pastor Howard**

Howard Brox graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1948, when it was still called Waterloo Lutheran University. Still, 59 years later, Brox returned to Homecoming weekend to remember his time spent at school.

He is an 'alumni founder', a group of people that graduated more than 50 years ago. After their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, founders are invited to Homecoming annually.

Since he became a founder, Brox and his wife have made the effort to come back for every Homecoming. "We aren't able to do it as much as we used to be, but we try," said Brox.

"Howard was a veteran [of the Second World War], came home in August from overseas, started

school in September," said Kathleen, Brox's wife.

"When I arrived here in the fall of 1945, the student body was less than 50," said Brox.

He graduated in '48 with a Bachelor of Arts, and then went on to graduate from a seminary school in Illinois. He has worked in parishes in Pembroke, Sebringville and Waterloo.

To him, Homecoming is a time to get together with the people he met at Laurier that have now become lifelong friends, including his old roommate in residence.

"Occasionally we see some of them, but this is basically the main time," said Brox, who is happy that he still is able to see his friends from many years ago.



**Three-sport sensation**

Stuart Ogg remembers his years at Waterloo Lutheran University very fondly. That's why he returned for Homecoming 55 years after he graduated in 1952, also making him an alumni founder.

Ogg was a very active athlete while attending WLU. "We started here a week before school for football, and I came over to talk to the dean, and he goes 'do you play football?' and I said 'yes'. He said 'you're in'; he never even looked at my marks," he recalled.

Other than football, Ogg also played hockey and began the Curling Club on campus.

After receiving a BA in geography and history, he taught for a number of years. He also worked at a marina in Kincardine, ON.

Ogg has been back for Home-

coming every year since becoming a founder. "[I came] to see all the guys I went to school with. They'll all be here - we'll fill this table," said Ogg.

"I couldn't miss this. I don't see these guys from one end of the year to the other. There's not many of them left, that's the worst of it," he lamented.

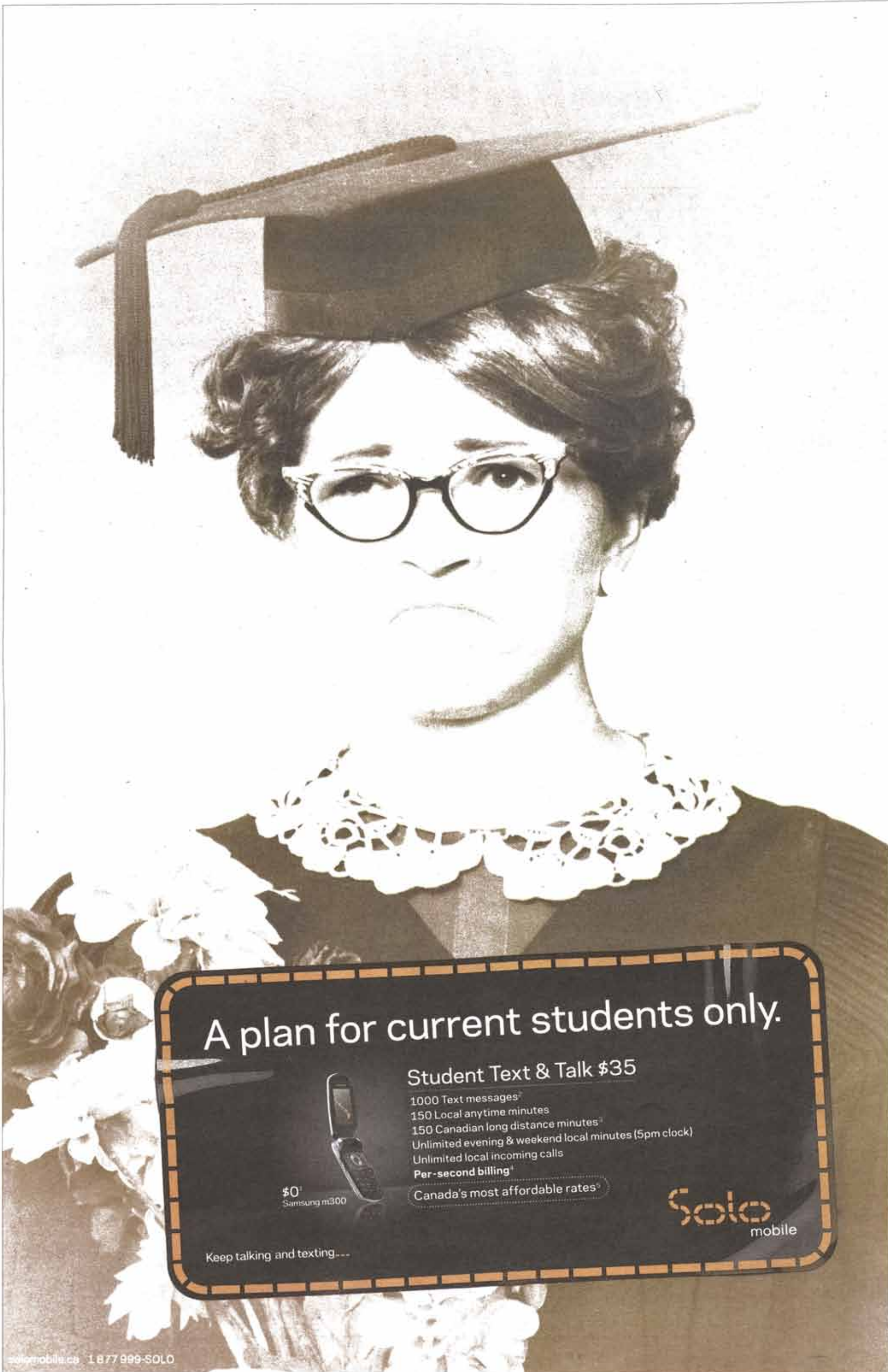
While his friends remain the same, he is staggered by how much the campus has changed.

"It's really built up, eh? I ate on the bottom floor, I went to school on the middle floor, and slept on the third floor. That was it back then," said Ogg.

He believes that the friends he made at Waterloo Lutheran were the best friends of his life. That's why the chance to see them once again is what makes Homecoming special year after year for Ogg.







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# Waterloo Nightlife: *The lounge scene*

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After two weeks of pounding pints in the city's pubs and grinding to your groin's content at the local clubs, we offer up a platter of the area's best places to chill out and, in most cases, enjoy the sweet sound of live music.

## Ethel's Lounge

Located on King St. just minutes from the Laurier campus, Ethel's has been around for the past 13 years. Since replacing what was once one of Canada's first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants, it has come a long way.

Ethel's is open seven days a week from noon until 2:00 am. It functions as a restaurant during the day, with specials such as \$2 tacos on Tuesdays, and turns into a bar at night.

Due to their location and the noise bylaw, they aren't able to have music playing at any time.

"There's a real cross-section of people that do come in here at different times," said owner Glen Smith. During the day, the crowd is primarily local and older people, while more students pile in at night.

Ethel's is very health-conscious when it comes to food. "We don't do any deep fried food at all," said Smith. They compensate for this by adding menu choices like quesadillas and other healthy alternatives.

Smith insists that Ethel's is different from other bars or lounges in the area. "It's part restaurant, part corner bar, part hangout."

## The Boathouse

The Boathouse is located a bit further than most places, in Victoria Park in Kitchener. It's a restaurant and music house and has been there for just over three years.

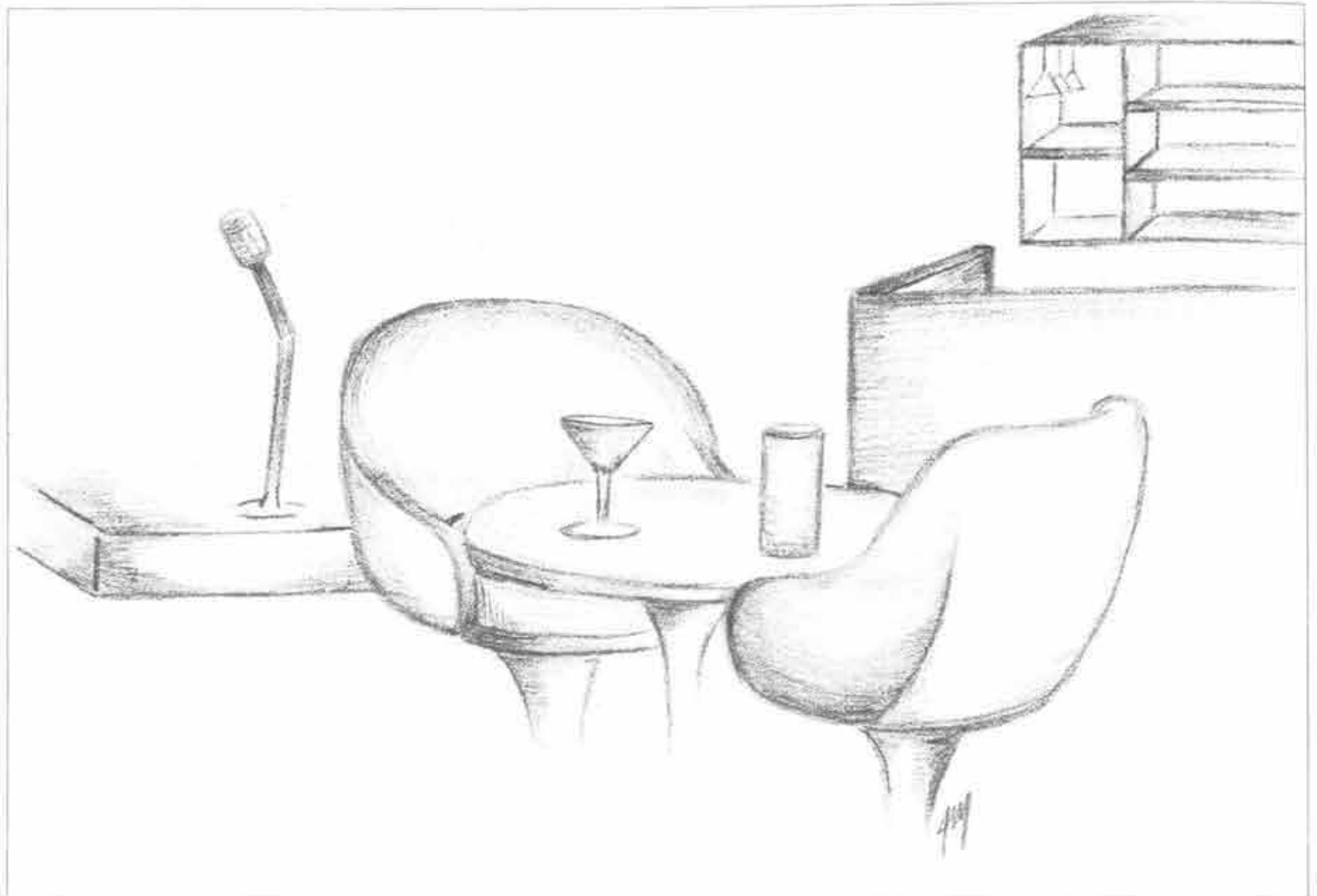
Tuesdays are probably their most popular night because it is known as "jam night." This is where "lots of young, aspiring artists come out and show us what they've got," said owner Kevin Doyle.

On other nights, the type of music ranges all the way from the blues to dance. They feature live bands six nights a week, with the exception of Monday when they're closed.

The wide range of music brings in different crowds each night. "It's a very mixed crowd everywhere from the 20-somethings right up to 60-somethings," said Doyle.

The Boathouse features all sorts of live bands. "We cater to a lot of local bands and now we're actually having bands who are touring across the country," said Doyle.

While the capacity of The Boathouse is pretty low (83 interior and 35 on the patio), Doyle hopes to ex-



Julie Marlon

**LOUNGIN' AROUND** - Waterloo has some great lounges for listening to some live music or just hanging out and having a few drinks.

pand his license soon to get more people inside for the live shows.

## The Starlight

Since opening about four years ago, the Starlight has become very popular, both with students and locals. It is located on King St. just south of Bridgeport and is therefore very accessible to us.

The Starlight is open every Friday and Saturday as a nightclub and is open other weeknights for concerts. "Throughout the week, not every day, we'll do touring acts; we're sort of a mid-level sized club with about a 300 [person] capacity," said co-owner Bernard Kearney.

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**- Caroline Wesley, Jane Bond bartender**

The lounge has started something called Global Warming on Saturday nights to try and get the younger university crowd out. "It's a collection of DJs that play sort of fun euro and dance," said Kearney. Fridays are oriented more towards all-age groups, playing soul, funk and disco music.

Concerts at The Starlight occur throughout the week and tickets can be purchased at Orange Monkey (located above Jane Bond), at Encore Records in Kitchener, or online at [www.maplemusic.com](http://www.maplemusic.com).

Tickets bought in advance are always cheaper than at the door so make sure you grab your tickets nice and early.

Most of their concerts are all-ages but licensed, meaning that you can still drink as long as you're of age. The staff uses wristbands to differentiate between underagers and the 19+ crowd. Upcoming concerts include Chad Van Gaalen and Caribou.

Kearney insists that The Starlight is unlike other local bars. "In terms of atmosphere and mood I think what we offer is a little different than most every other place."

## Jane Bond

Located at King and Princess St., Jane Bond was opened 13 years ago as a small café by the same owners

as The Starlight. "In the last two years, we've changed directions with the place," said Kearney.

Unlike The Starlight, Jane Bond functions as a nightclub from Tuesday through Saturday with live

DJs every night. Tuesdays are funk and jazz, Wednesdays are indie pop, Thursdays are upbeat dance, Fridays are all over the map, and on Saturdays the lounge usually offers either a live band or a themed night, which are always listed on their website.

"The night we're busiest here is Friday probably, and part of the reason for that is we have our best DJs on that night," said Caroline Wesley, a bartender at the lounge.

With a capacity of only 40 people, the atmosphere is definitely cozy. "I think you just have to go once or twice and know why you'd want to go there," said Kearney.

Jane Bond is best known for its

martinis and food menu, according to Kearney. The lounge is also constantly changing its atmosphere through methods like putting up

different artwork every month.

"There's a lot of personality, whether it's on the walls or the music or the staff," he said.

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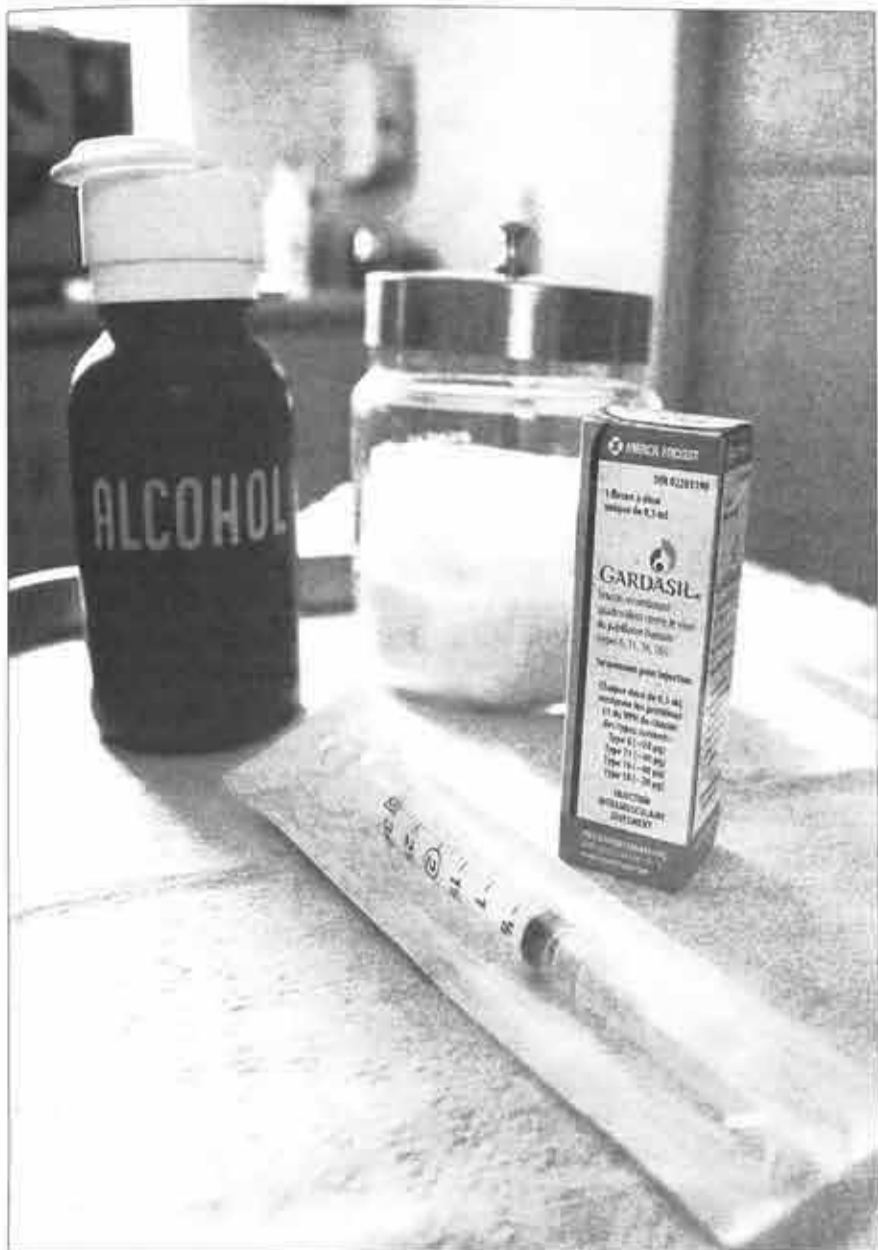
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**THE PREP TOOLS** - WLU Health Services provides Gardasil shots for female students to help prevent the dangerous HPV.

**SARAH TOPPLE**  
STAFF WRITER

Chances are, if you are a person with ears or eyes around Canada these days, you've heard about Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and the new vaccine for girls and women, Gardasil. You may have been following the controversy around having the vaccine available to girls in grade eight at no cost.

If you are especially keen, you may have even looked into the possible side effects, costs and science behind the HPV virus and Gardasil.

Let's begin with the facts. HPV

is a DNA-based virus that affects the mucous membranes and skin in humans, as well as animals. It is fairly common and may have as many as 200 separate strains. According to the Government of Canada's website, 75 percent of Canadians will have some form of HPV during their lifetime. This is no surprise considering the virus is transmitted by skin-to-skin contact, which is clearly difficult to avoid.

75 percent is a shocking statistic, but here's the thing: most people will contract the virus and have it schooled by their immune system without even knowing it. Keep in mind that HPV is a virus. It will stay,

# The Gardasil debate

With a nation-wide controversy surrounding a potential vaccine against the Human Papillomavirus, we talked to Health Services to sort facts from myths

dormant or active, in your system forever. Even if you've "beaten it," it can still infect others.

Before you run out to get vaccinated because that guy at Tim Horton's touched your hand while giving you your change, you should know that it's a little more complicated than that. HPV tends to thrive in warm, moist areas, such as the genitals, thighs, groin and anus.

It is possible to contract HPV while using a condom because it's pretty impossible to have sex without touching someone ... unless you're using some sort of radioactive hazardous waste protection suit, and really, where's the fun in that?

The current hoopla with HPV is revolving around four main strains: 6, 11, 16 and 18. These four are accountable for 70 percent of cervical cancer cases in North America, and 90 percent of genital warts cases.

A new vaccine approved by the Canadian Health Department, Gardasil is reported to protect women against these strains if administered between the ages of 9 and 26.

So you might be thinking, 'sign me up.' But Gardasil has had no easy time in the public eye. In a recent article, *Maclean's* magazine points out the various flaws inherent in Gardasil.

It can cause serious side effects in certain women, such as seizures and death. The article also speculated that pap smears will only be required once every three years instead of the current once-a-year check-up. This could potentially cause problems for women who could develop symptoms within those three years and not know

about it until their next check-up, which could be too late by then.

Played down was the fact that the cases of extreme reaction to the vaccine may have been impacted by existing health concerns and prescription medication causing the body's severe response.

Laurier's Health Services are none too fond of that article. "HPV is extremely prevalent and the vaccination is a good preventative measure to have," said Marilyn Nieboer, a registered nurse with Laurier Health and Safety. "Obviously, these people [at *Maclean's*] have never seen anyone die of cervical cancer," she added.

**"HPV IS EXTREMELY PREVALENT AND THE VACCINATION IS A GOOD PREVENTATIVE MEASURE TO HAVE."**

- Marilyn Nieboer, registered nurse

According to Nieboer, the Gardasil vaccine is an option that should be considered by women everywhere, but she stresses that a full physical is essential prior to injection, to rule out any conditions that could adversely affect the vaccine. Gardasil can only be administered to women with a doctor's order and can be given at Health Services.

The actual vaccine is delivered in three doses in two- and six-month intervals from the first injection. Laurier's Health Plan does not cover Gardasil, but the doses are available at cost from Health Services at around \$140.00 each.

The vaccine will be more expensive from a pharmacy, but other health plans may cover it. Check with your insurance provider.

Before you jump on the "it's an STI and those are disgraceful!" bandwagon like so many public figures, consider the statistics. 75 percent of us will have HPV and may not know it. That doesn't mean it won't affect someone else. And 75 percent of us are not wildly promiscuous.

In this day and age, having multiple sexual partners is more readily acceptable than it was for our parents' generation, which may be what is fuelling the controversy.

This vaccine is not promoting unprotected sex; it is promoting sexual health against a nearly invisible threat that can kill you.

If you are worried about HPV, consult a doctor

and get a pap test. HPV can be quickly detected through routine pap tests and can usually be taken care of.

If you're a guy, there is no flawless test to see if you have HPV. A vinegar solution may be used to surface any hidden warts, but this is not always accurate.

There is no treatment for HPV in men or women. If warts do surface, they can be surgically removed through freezing, but you will still have the virus.

Consult Health Services for more information on HPV, Gardasil and sexual health precautions.

## Making the change from dorm to house

Nicole Wray discusses the differences between living in residence and living in a house, and the potential roommate conflicts

**NICOLE WRAY**  
STAFF WRITER

Having entered my second year and moved into my new apartment with four other girls, I have been thinking about the pros and cons of living off-campus. When leaving residence, I was so ready to move into my own place and have my own space with no more rules.

Yet despite the pros of having my own room, a shower where I can leave my shampoo and a place where I can make food, I have had many moments of nostalgia for my old residence.

I did not realize how residence life made getting involved and being social so easy. I did not expect my new-found freedom to be this much of a living adjustment. During the first few weeks back at school, I found myself more homesick than I ever remember being in residence.

Despite living with so many girls, not having a hall full of people that

I could visit whenever I wanted left me feeling a little bit lonely.

Now that I have settled in to my new living arrangement somewhat, I have started to feel more at home. I have also started to remember everything that goes along with living with roommates, which essentially all comes down to something we've

**YES, THE FUN AND GOOD KIND OF CRAZY THAT GOES ON BY FAR OUTWEIGHS THE LITTLE CONFLICTS THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE HOUSE WHEN YOU'RE SHARING A SPACE.**

been learning to do since kindergarten: share.

Living in a space with a number of other people all used to different lifestyles is bound to create some level of commotion. Sharing a kitchen, shower, laundry machine, television and dishes with four

other girls can be very frustrating sometimes. Learning how to share these things is necessary in order to avoid complete chaos.

Up until this point in our lives, the experience we have had with sharing, although extensive, has not been enough practice to live in complete peace with other people.

As I have already learned in my first few weeks back at school, learning to share is an ongoing process. Yes, the fun and good kind of crazy that goes on by far outweighs the little conflicts that may occur in the house when you're sharing a space.

In kindergarten, the three C's of sharing might have been crayons, colouring books and candy. After overhearing a conversation in my house, a visitor told my roommates and me that the three C's of shar-

ing in a university house are condiments, clothes and condoms. If

only living with roommates were really that easy.

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# Tough road ahead for Hawks

Despite pre-season doubts about how competitive this year's football team would be, halfway through the season the Hawks find themselves ranked fourth in the nation with a sparkling 4-0 record – a position they haven't seen since the hangover from the Vanier Cup championship of 2005.

Outstanding performances from Ryan Lynch and Ian Noble in particular have carried the team to unexpected levels of success. Regardless of the fact that a large number of players have graduated over the past two years, the young team still maintains the skill to compete successfully.

Cool. At least on the surface. But before we get too carried away, let's look at the games to this point. Sure, a comeback win in his first-ever start against our heated rivals from McMaster was an impressive debut for third-year quarterback Noble. And the romp over Windsor looked impressive when they were projected as a top team – not the dismal 1-3 squad they've turned out to be.

Throw in wins over perennial losers Toronto and Waterloo (they can hype this weekend's battle all they want; no one this side of Albert Street ever expected a close game) and, while all this is well and good, there's a long way yet to travel.

The fact that the team is young and immature is clearly evident when looking at the statistics of penalties and yards lost to the opponent. For the team to continue to compete effectively for the remainder of the season, something must be done to control and clean up these unnecessary losses.

While preventable penalties against teams like Waterloo are less likely to have a negative impact on the outcome of the game, this might not be the case when facing a stronger side.

The next three weeks may just tell the tale. The Hawks have downed four teams with a combined record of 6-10. Now, they turn their focus to their undefeated Ontario brethren at Queen's and Ottawa, and a Guelph team whose only losses came against those two. Time has run out for foolish mistakes. If the Hawks want to remain undefeated, they're going to have to step up to yet another level.

## Towing justified

Parking in businesses' lots across King Street has long been a cheap answer to Laurier students' desire for convenient parking without a parking pass. Whether it be to drop off a paper or to avoid the walk before and after class, the lots have always ended up the target of those with cars.

Many of the businesses whose lots are affected complain about the fact that their customers are left with nowhere to park – so it's only fair that the building's owner has become vigilant in having cars towed. And with the money collected going to the city, we can't complain that the move is an anti-student cash-grab.

While the owner of the plaza suggests that Laurier should be more

proactive and provide more spaces to satisfy the students' demand for parking, matters aren't that simple. Space around the Laurier campus isn't widely available, and housing developers are as eager to purchase land as the university is.

Even if you have a car, there are countless reasons to walk or take the bus: it's better for your health, it's better for the environment, you've already paid for the bus pass so you might as well use it... the list goes on and on.

The real problem here is us: the students. If you don't have a parking pass, you need to be less lazy and actually walk or take the bus to campus. Parking your car in a business's lot across the street isn't the answer.

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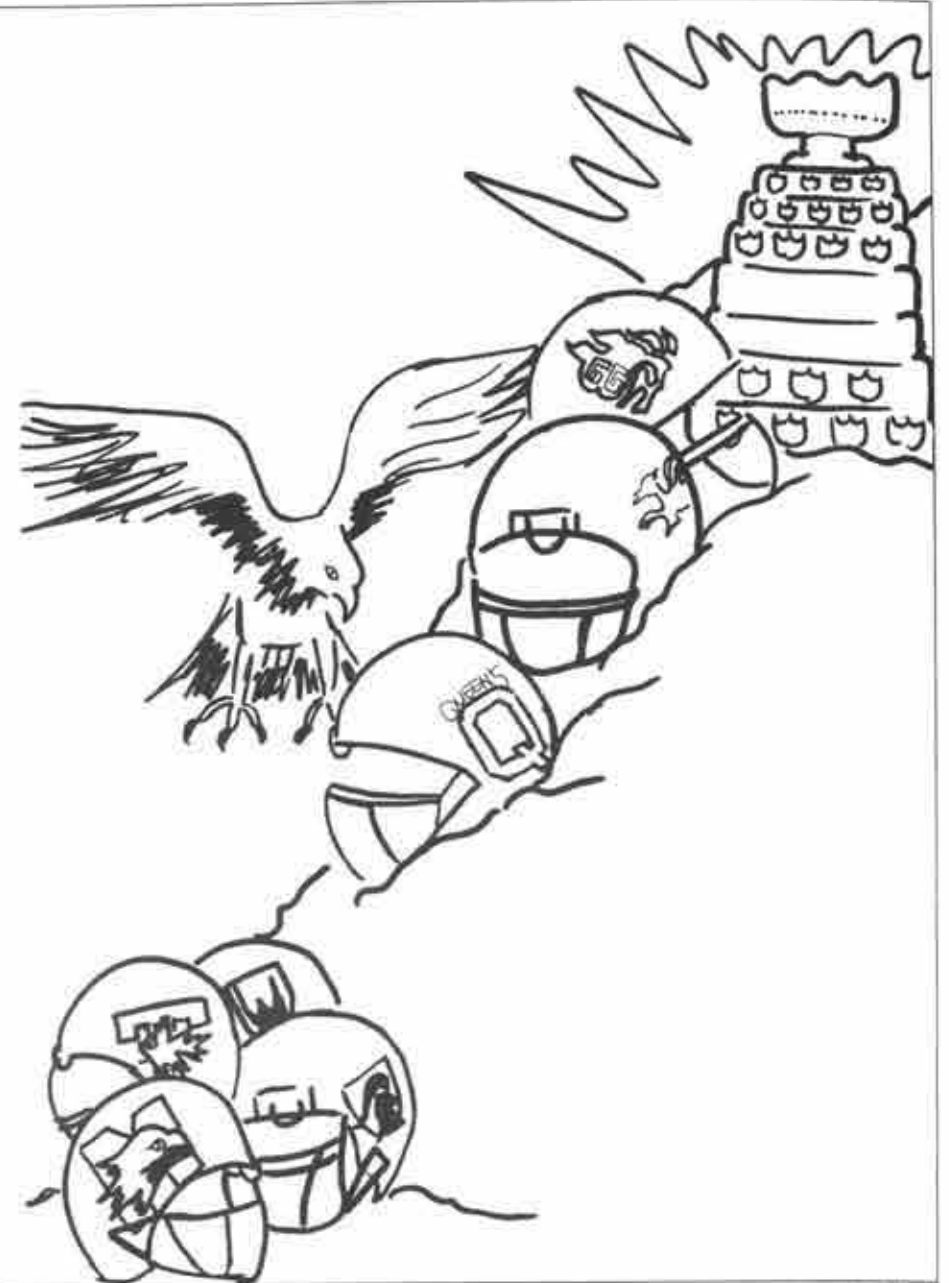
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# Enough talk about climate change

Politicians simply acknowledging that global warming exists is no longer acceptable; it's time to see propositions for meaningful action



LAUREN MILLET  
SPORTS EDITOR

As I was sitting in my Global Resource Management class, the professor said something that really made me stop and think. Now, you must understand that this class takes place at 8:30 in the morning, and therefore thinking at all is a great hardship. He said: "We know what the problem is. The guy in the next office has hundreds of reports on all sorts of crap telling us what the problem is. The real question needs to be, why aren't we doing anything about it?"

The problem is global warming. For many years, politicians have been telling the world that global warming is a growing problem, and that something needs to be done about it. However, they have failed to actually implement a plan that changes the way we use resources and lessens emissions.

Just last weekend, the CBC reported that the current government's own environmental advisory body has criticized Harper's climate change plan, saying that "it is vague, uses questionable accounting methods and exaggerates the greenhouse-gas cuts it would result in." The report also says that the plan contained insufficient information to reach any

solid conclusions about how effective it would actually be and what changes it would bring about.

Things that were originally predicted to occur 100 years from now are going to happen far sooner. The warmer climate is having a great effect on many aspects of the environmental system. While it is easy for us, as humans, to make necessary adjustments to the warming climates, it is not as simple for nature.

The Canadian arctic, a place once left completely alone in its ultimate serenity, is now coming under large amounts of stress as countries are beginning to see its potential for profit. For as long as records have been kept, the Northwest Passage has remained frozen for the entire year. On Friday, September 14, the CBC reported that the European Space Agency declared the most direct route of the Northwest Passage was completely clear of ice, allowing ships to pass through with relative ease.

And while humans can wear lighter clothing and turn up the air conditioning in their homes, it is not so easy for animals such as the polar bear. According to the Canadian Wildlife Service, the thinning ice is shortening their hunting season and causing a higher death rate, mostly among cubs. The United States Geographical Survey's 2007 report stated that the arctic ice caps will continue to shrink for the next 50 years, and therefore carry on wiping out

much of the bear's habitat.

China's rapid ascent onto the industrial stage has not come about without environmental sacrifice. The plastic industry's emissions have created a haze over the country that is spreading out to envelop surrounding countries – including Canada. The World Health Organization found that 750,000 people die prematurely each year in China due to respiratory-related illness. And this pollution is spreading and, since the whole world breathes the same air, will soon affect many more countries.

This is only a very small sample of the many effects climate change is having on our world. We need to stop procrastinating and finally do something about it. It may be too late to change the stubborn habits of elderly generations, but it is not too late for us.

We are the ones who can make the changes, and we must lead future generations to do the same. The world cannot continue to sustain life at the current rate of consumption, and therefore something must be done. And soon.

For any politicians out there, we know the problem and we know it has already begun to affect us. Get off your butts and create a plan that actually addresses what, in reality, is happening to the world and that deals with the issues causing so much damage. Enough is enough. The time is now.

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# Giving up the good life to make a living

Society today is so obsessed with lifestyle that the value of life is forgotten



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"For some strange reason people must plant fruit trees in a graveyard. We seem to find life only among the dead. We have our feet set forward and our faces turned back. We can make the future luxuriant and gigantic only as long as we are thinking about the past." So wrote G. K. Chesterton.

But how can this be so? We can all see that we are creatures born to look and move forward. Every morning we move forward – first into the shower, then to the coffee pot. We sit down to new, forward-looking, fortified and fiber-filled cereals. Our newspapers are filled with forward-looking features, our weather forecasts and news of pushing back medical frontiers.

A bright future lies ahead where each day more and more of us are connected to the World Wide Web. Promising studies flowing from the Human Genome Project will make it possible to diagnose various future birth defects through genetic testing as well as screen people for some end-of-life conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

However, as we set out each day into this bright and complex future, we can't forget that while we move forward at a faster and faster pace, at the end of the day we must go back in order to get home. That is, unless we have forgotten where we live. If so, we break all ties with the past and wander aimlessly forward into any house on the block, to sit down to dinner with a different family each and every night.

Exclusively forward-looking people are so busily immersed in and committed to the future that they may actually have lost their home

addresses and, essentially, lost their links to the past. So it must be remembered that while a person goes home, he/she must turn back and not go forward in order to get there.

**WE DO NOT SEE OR TEACH THE GOOD OF WORK, SO STUDENTS MAJOR IN PUNISHMENT UNDER THE ILLUSION OF MAKING A GOOD LIVING. BY SO DOING, THEY FORSAKE THE GOOD OF LIFE ITSELF.**

In forgetting the past, the very grounds of present life, we have also forgotten the virtues and humility necessary to be individuals in full.

We are simply full of ourselves. We will not find life among the living because living and life are two very different things. We cannot

make a life out of the daily business of living.

And more sadly, the current goal of education appears to be to create students who are life-long forgetters. Rarely do students today have an acute sense of the whole: why he/she must work, for example. They know only that they must go to school in order to find a good job and that the value of a job is often measured by how much money it'll make. We do not see or teach the good of work, so our students major in punishment under the illusion of making a good living and, by so doing, they forsake the good of life itself.

Jacques Derrida offered some advice during his final interview with *Le Monde* (August, 2004). He said: "If I could have learned how to live, I could also learn how to die." He went on to say that everything that he has written "proceeds from an unconditional af-

firmation of life." Yes, the "unconditional affirmation of life," not the unconditional affirmation of a living. We are so busy making a living, sorting out a living, that we no longer affirm, much less understand, the good life.

We have forsaken the many testimonials left by our ancestors: a vi-

sion of education as the attainment of wisdom necessary to recognize truth and beauty; we have forgotten that a taste for all things beautiful is a taste for all that is good.

At their best, universities are places where qualified students come to study the ideas their intellectual, spiritual and artistic ancestors have left them, a place in which to work their souls into the shape necessary to help create a world in which justice prevails.

At their worst, universities are places where the unqualified and qualified alike come to give up their ideals as their minds are bent to ideologies, the truths mandated by the power brokers either in government or in a coterie of elitists.

In some cases, the status of the university as a place of higher orders of the soul has been transformed to meet the lower, simpler desires of the mightiest. The soul of the university as well has bowed to the will of the political powers that now fund it.

We are living in an age in which we seem unable to come to terms with the truth – in order to go home, we must go back to the ideals of our forebears. Such ideals have not been tried and found wanting; rather they have been found too difficult and have thus been left untried.

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## > Letters to the Editor

### Terrace complaints mere whining

I have to say that I was very disturbed to read the article "Fast food slowing down" by Sydney Helland.

First of all, contemplating suicide is not an accusation to be made lightly. Suicide and clinical depression are very serious problems that require a little tact and empathy, something the author clearly needs to learn.

Secondly, as a former employee of the Terrace myself, I was surprised that Ms. Helland could not connect her comments about the lack of speed exhibited by the Terrace employees with her comments about the fact that "for many employees, working for the Terrace is a first job". As Laurier has only had two weeks of class, it is quite possible that many employees have worked less than 30 hours total in the food industry and in their business in particular. While some may be customer service and food preparation prodigies, we can not expect all newly hired employees to be able to maximize efficiency while providing exemplary customer service.

Lastly, I was surprised that considering Ms. Helland's level of concern about her experience, she did not investigate further into the causes of the delay nor did she present her concerns to the "Students Union and managers of the Terrace". Ms. Helland could have used her unique position as a former Terrace employee and a member of The Cord's writing staff to bridge the gap between Terrace employees

and Laurier students in general instead of simply whining about it in a public forum. Perhaps next time she could find a more constructive solution to her problems.

- Mary Nicholson

### Flaman arrogant

I'm not sure what to be most appalled about in Mr. Flaman's letter ("Honour thy parents", Sept. 19, 2007). Is it that students are so close to being slavering degenerates that a sign in front of an adult video store will push them over the edge? Is it that freedom of speech is so trivial an issue that the author dismissively refers to it surrounded with single quotes? Is it that he high-handedly appointed himself the guardian of morals and enforcer of proper signage at the corner of Columbia and King?

Perhaps I'm wrong. Perhaps we should follow the author's example. If I was a militant vegetarian, I should tear down those ubiquitous signs that say "14 Billion Served" because they make a mockery of the deaths of millions of innocent animals. If I was an employee of Ford, I should tear down the signs that encourage us to walk, bike or take the bus because it affects my livelihood. If I was an atheist, I should take down the signs that encourage us to attend church because that may lead my children into the clutching tentacles of organized religion. If I was a Taliban, I should blow up the texts and images that are abhorrent to me and my interpretation of the Koran. Wait a minute – that's exactly what

the Taliban do. I suppose it's a good thing that the Adult's Only Video sign was made with easily removed letters. I shudder to think what Mr. Flaman would have done if the sign had been carved in stone like a giant Buddha.

You don't like the sign? You think it is in bad taste? You find the sense of humour sophomoric? Fine – that's your right. Complain about it. Tell the owner your thoughts. Write letters to the editor. Mount a one-man picket. Don't, however, take away from other people the right to make their own minds up about it – to assign yourself the arbiter of what others should be exposed to or believe in is unbelievable arrogance.

Free speech you don't like is best fought with free speech, not a #1 Robertson screwdriver.

- David Brown  
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### Lamenting the loss of *The Star*

I was very disappointed to find out last week that the Toronto Star has cut its distribution to university and college campuses outside the GTA, and will no longer be available for students to read.

For my entire undergraduate career as a Laurier student, I would grab a Toronto Star between classes, taking the time to read it, as I feel it is really important to know what's happening in the world around me. The reason given for the newspaper not being available to students any-

more was a lack of funding. I don't think this is right, as we are men and women at a place of higher education, and it is essential that we are able to keep up with what is happening in the world around.

I realize that at the click of a mouse button, anyone can find out the news on the Toronto Star's website, but having the newspaper on our campus at several locations was a tangible source of information that I feel was essential to student life. The distribution was cut as if the only students that were reading this newspaper were students in the Toronto area. I can't understand why this lack of funding has occurred, as at any time after 1 pm on campus, it was almost impossible to even find a copy of the Toronto Star, as they had been snatched up quickly by the students. It is good to see that the National Post will still be available in the meantime, but the campus needs a diversity of information, even if it is one other newspaper as another source.

I sincerely hope that the Toronto Star realizes the importance of having its newspaper on campuses outside of the GTA, as the students take advantage of having it so accessible.

- Victoria Bégin

### Act irresponsible

Michael Flaman's recent action regarding the sign at Adults Only Video (He removed their 'Your Parents will never know!!!' sign when management wouldn't) was immature and irresponsible, and I doubt he seriously thought about the conse-

quences of his action.

Not only has he desensitized the store to complaints regarding more offensive signs (I'm certain we'd agree that 'Dumb Sluts and Monster Cocks Vol. 14' being advertised on the street is much worse), but he has sent the message that it is perfectly acceptable to vandalize private property in the service of 'higher morals'. By his reasoning, I would be justified in removing church signs I disagreed with. If I did that, then other people would start removing any legally posted signs they found offensive or inappropriate (I'm certain the Rainbow Centre signs around campus wouldn't last for too long). 'Freedom' of belief and actions comes from speech being mostly unrestricted, and the show of tolerance for most viewpoints.

It would be good for Mr. Flaman to remember this. By all means, it's good to honour your parents, but don't let their attitudes control your lifestyle. Honour yourself too (but please be smart about it).

- Joel Hobson

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# Strategic voting is wasteful



**VOTER'S GREEN** - Even with the current first past the post voting system, a vote for a less popular party – like the New Democrats – should never be considered a waste.

Brent Rotner



**BLAIR FORSYTH-STARK**  
EX-OPINION EDITOR

I don't think I've ever anticipated a birthday as highly as my 18th. It was May 2004 and not only would the year mark my ascent into adulthood, but also – as an extra special birthday treat – the Liberals had declared an election on June 28, 2004. A mere month and a half after my special day, this election served as the perfect celebration of my newly acquired adult decision-making skills.

And what a decision it was. Although I was fairly certain which party would be getting my vote, I still made sure to research all the parties' policies and I excitedly watched the debate, just to see if any of the other parties might win my favour. My research did not sway my decision, which was to cast a ballot for my favourite moustachioed man, Jack Layton, leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP). As sure as I was that the NDP was the party for me, polls started to surface indicating that amidst the Liberal sponsorship scandals, the Grits were poised to lose their long-held majority, and the Conservatives were winning public favour. While I could bear a Liberal government, the socialist in me would die a little if the Tories gained power with their budget-cutting ways.

When the polls started to indicate that a storm of change was a-brewin', the strategic voting talk started. A vote for the Green Party or NDP is a vote for the Conservatives, people would say, shifting the blame much like the Americans who blamed Ralph Nader for Bush's win in 2000. What were voters to do? Vote for what they believed in and what they wanted their country to be? Or vote for the choice that would be most likely to squash the undesirable opposition?

Being young and naïve, I was confused about what I should do, so I consulted a former high school teacher – someone whose opinion I often debated, yet nonetheless respected. He advised me that you should always vote for what you believe in, because when the results

are in, you'll know that you can stand behind your vote, regardless of the outcome.

And he was right, but for many more reasons. Strategic voting counters the very ideals of democracy in that it places the emphasis on one party winning, rather than on citizens advocating their beliefs. Instead of advancing the notion that all parties can work together for the common good, strategic voting advocates one party gaining all the power and creating a political stronghold.

In addition to giving more power to a party you don't fully support, strategic voting also financially hurts the party you do believe in. Each political party receives a certain amount of funding dependent on the amount of the popular vote they receive and, by denying the party a vote, you're denying them resources they could use to gain in the polls, hindering the future possibility of a win.

Strategic voting tends to be more prevalent in first past the post voting systems, which we currently use in Ontario, as this system places less emphasis on individual votes. However, this election, there will be a referendum on whether to introduce a mixed-member proportional system, which allocates the number of seats a party receives based on the percentage of the popular vote they gained. If the referendum were to pass, it would truly benefit the power of the individual vote in addition to the structure of the government and make strategic voting futile – but that's another point entirely.

What it ultimately comes down to is that the whole point of voting is to cast a ballot advocating your opinion and the beliefs you champion. By strategically voting, you're essentially saying that you dislike something more than you believe in anything. If your strategic vote wins power for the lesser of two evils, you have to live with the consequences and you essentially forfeit any right to complain.

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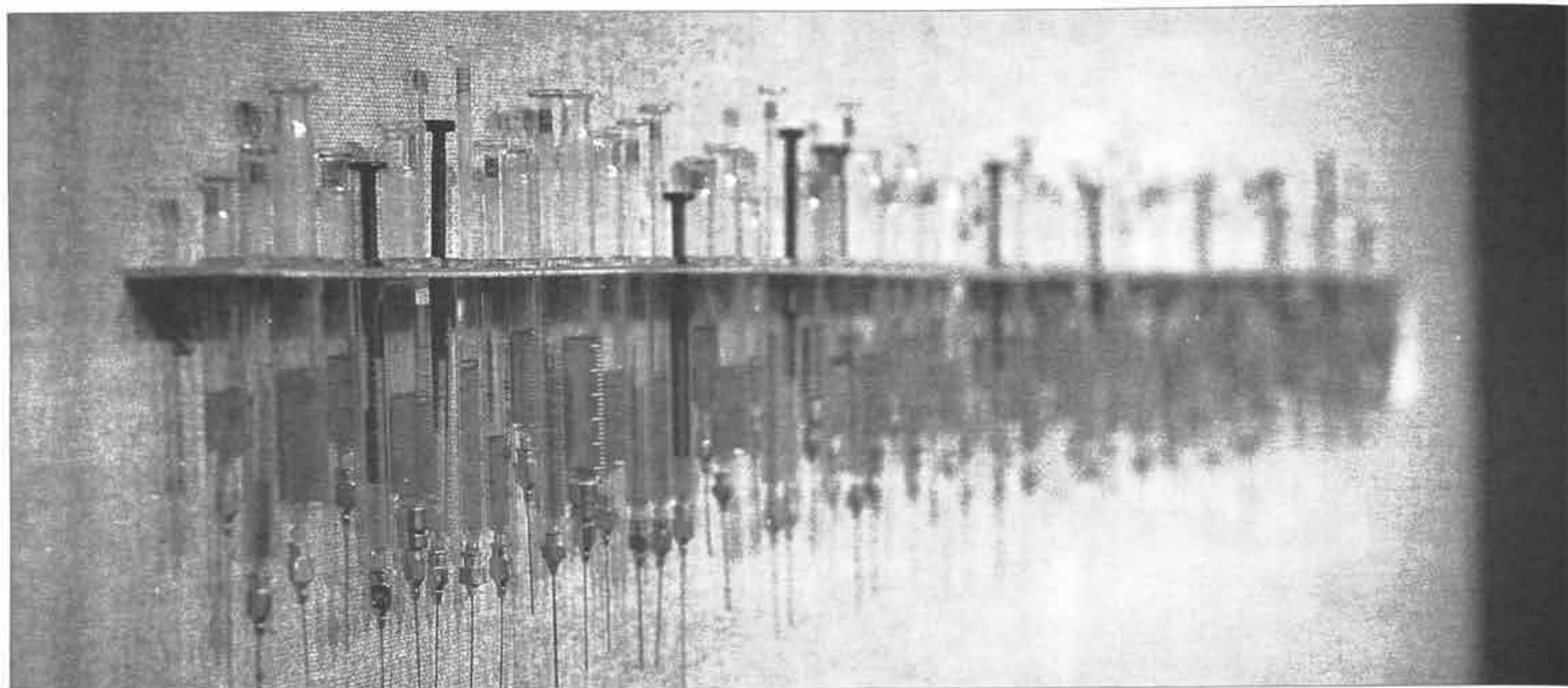
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# Artist explores religion

Kitchener's 2007 Artist-in-Residence Paul Roorda displays his religious assertions in *A Dose of Uncertainty for Times of Truth*



Sydney Heiland

**RELIGION'S A HELL OF A DRUG** - The red liquid inside these antique syringes is a holy concoction of wine fermented out of dye extracted from Gideon Bibles.

**PAUL ALVIZ**  
A&E EDITOR

As you walk into the quiet, softly lit room, antique syringes line the wall to your left side, filled with what appears to be a menacingly recognizable red liquid. Across the room is a table, on top of which stand dozens of spherical objects that look as if they washed up on the shore of some deserted beach.

These are the first impressions one might receive as they step inside the Robert Langen Art Gallery, the on-campus art gallery known to display the works of local artisans and students, as well as works from around the country.

The featured mixed-media works currently in the gallery, titled *A Dose of Uncertainty for Times of Truth*, were created by Kitchener's 2007 Artist-in-Residence, Paul Roorda.

The artist-in-residence program selects one artist each year to promote the discourse of arts with local citizens. They are given a working studio within Kitchener's City

Hall, and are commissioned for a piece of artwork that is added to the city's collection.

And if Roorda's works in the Robert Langen Gallery are any indication, the city chose wisely this year. The syringes that appear lined up on the wall are part of a piece called *Truth Serum*. As for the red liquid that fills the inside, it's actually dye extracted from the covers of Gideon Bibles, which was fermented into a wine and placed into the syringes. The word of God in liquid form, although something tells me the text might be harder to decipher once it's floating inside my veins.

The spherical objects on the table? They're actually 70 Bibles, laid out with their spines down and covers open, each with completely wrinkled pages spanning the covers and resembling half a wheel. This piece is titled *Congregation of the Ambivalent*. Roorda offers this explanation of the piece on his website, [www.paulroorda.com](http://www.paulroorda.com):

"The pages of each book have been individually wrinkled then

smoothed flat by volunteers with varying degrees of devotion and ambivalence towards the Christian church," writes Roorda. "In this exploration of religious ritual each page is damaged, instead of read, to create a Bible in which the pages force the cover open and yet, at the same time, press against each other so that the text cannot be read."

**THIS SPEAKS HEAVILY ON HOW ROORDA FELT AS A CHILD GROWING UP WITH CHRISTIANITY AS A SOURCE OF GUIDANCE, ANSWERS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, TRUTH. IN HIS MATURITY, IT SEEMS IT BECAME EVER INCREASINGLY HARD TO SWALLOW.**

"Each Bible is transformed into a new object, one of beauty and contradiction. The sacred is challenged by the profane, and embraced by it. The Bibles have become art, yet are still sacred texts. Tradition persists, but only wrapped in ambivalence,"

furtheres Roorda.

As you progress through the gallery, the prominence of a theme inspired by Christianity, survival and tradition becomes more apparent. Another piece, titled *Survival Kit for Uncertain Times* is a Bible with the pages carved out to make room for matches, a candle, a pocket knife, a compass and other wildlife

essentials along with a guide titled *How to Stay Alive in the Woods*.

Is the artist insinuating that the history and traditions of Christianity contain a vast epoch of dogma that must be waded through carefully

and strategically, as one would go through the wild?

*Once Daily - New Testament* is an antique bottle filled with pills and stopped with a cork at the top. Upon closer inspection, the pills are actually clear capsules, each

one filled with a page of scripture that has been removed from a Bible, folded and rolled to fit inside.

This speaks heavily on how Roorda felt as a child growing up with Christianity as a source of guidance, answers and, most importantly, truth. In his maturity, it seems the pills became ever-increasingly hard to swallow.

Roorda expands on the overarching theme behind the mixed media works. "This body of work is a deconstruction and transformation of the Bible. By combining and distilling childhood experiences of church, new examinations of Biblical text, religious art, and observations of the influence of religion on contemporary society, I explore a personal and societal ambivalence towards the Christian tradition."

Roorda's comprehensively insightful and no doubt controversial *A Dose of Uncertainty for Times of Truth* can be seen in the Robert Langen Art Gallery, Wednesdays to Saturdays from 12-5 pm, on display until October 13.

## Little Princess wins in big Galaxy

In Part One in a series on local alternative media outlets, **Wendy Nind** analyzes the merits of the area's two biggest movie locales and finds that independent cinemas add new spice to your night

**WENDY NIND**  
STAFF WRITER

Are you looking to be more adventurous? Well, perhaps the first step is right here in town at the Princess Cinemas.

Located at Princess in the uptown, the Princess shows everything from blockbusters like *Harry Potter* to small, independent and foreign films like *2 Days in Paris*.

The cinema also has a location at 46 King St North, the Princess Twin.

Manager and owner John Tutt explains, "Taking a risk in seeing different films is an adventure ... a part of going to the Princess is taking a risk - it's adventurous movie-going."

That risk is more evident when compared with the "safe" movie-going at Galaxy Cinemas where the blockbusters and high-budget films

are playing. When going to Galaxy, the moviegoer knows what they're getting into, what with the 15-foot poster showing Amanda Bynes with a few mean-looking girls and a group of dorky-looking guys at college, which reads "Sydney White."

Now, who am I to say that this remake of a classic is going to be as bad *She's the Man*, her remake of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*? But the point is that you already know

what you're getting into, simply by looking at a poster or even leaving the TV on while *e-Talk* plays in the background.

"Seeing a foreign language film or a smaller independent film leaves more chances that you'll be surprised," says Tutt. Part of that is due to the ability of independent filmmakers ability to take on any subject they like because they're not in it for the money.

It is especially important for students to take advantage of the Princess because it's a part of the post-secondary experience: "Starting university is about new experiences, trying new things, getting away from your parents. You're carrying that a step forward with attending a documentary," says Tutt.

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# Rocket Science blasts into universe of indie stars

An independent film takes a strike at the classic high school alienation theme, with succesful results

**DANIEL JOSEPH**  
STAFF WRITER

Rocket Science follows the life of a boy named Hal Hefner, played skillfully by Reece Thompson. Hal is in the wake of his parent's recent divorce, dealing with a stuttering problem and life at a suburban high school.

He joins the school debate team in an attempt to get a girl, and on the sideline maybe prove something to everybody at school too. Hal's mild mannered personality coupled with his speech impediment makes for pathos inducing comedic interludes. While this could have easily led to *Rocket Science* to be a stereotypical high school drama or comedy, it instead elects to go down a less condescending path towards its audience.

It artfully provides a story told

with compassion and understanding for what it's really like to be a high school kid, and the fact that that the answers to life's big questions aren't found with just any one simple action or goal. This becomes especially true for Hal as he struggles to fit in.

Reece is one of the few actors playing a high school student who actually looks the age and plays the part convincingly. This might have something to do with the fact that he's only 19 years old, which is about 10 years younger than most actors who play high schoolers. He truly is in tune with the mindset of an adolescent at the same stage of life. Reece's ability to make Hal's stutter sound authentic and not over exaggerated also contributes to Hal appearing more genuine.

When Hal stutters uncontrollably, there is a palpable tension be-

tween him and those he interacts with. Here you see what torment he really must be going through. With a mind full of language and speech, barely being able to articulate one sentence clearly must be a special level of hell.

At the end of the day, we know that Hal will become a great debater and a legend at his school (due to the fact that it was revealed in the first five minutes), but as mentioned earlier the film isn't about some cheesy outcome or moral but the journey. Instead what's shown are the first steps on Hal's long road, with some pretty funny, yet totally plausible adolescent predicaments thrown in for good measure.

The moments of subtle humour (there are plenty) were of actual laugh-out-loud calibre, and I was genuinely amused. A memorable sequence finds Hal stealing his

older brother's booze and getting drunk in a typical attempt to mend a broken heart, culminating with a cello getting thrown through a window. The film is full of sad, funny and heartwarming components that we can all relate to as young adults. I'm sure we have all wanted to throw a cello through a window at some point in our lives.

The pacing of the film moves along steadily, and unlike some high school romances I never found myself fidgeting or glancing at my watch to see how long it was dragging on. The soundtrack, featuring a slew of songs by the Violent Femmes as well as original pieces, fits superbly and communicates the mood beautifully.

If you are a fan of the likes of *Little Miss Sunshine*, I would highly recommend *Rocket Science* as a film of similar spirit.



*Rocket Science*  
Director: Jeffrey Blitz  
Starring: Reece Thompson, Anna Kendrick  
Original Release Date: August 10, 2007  
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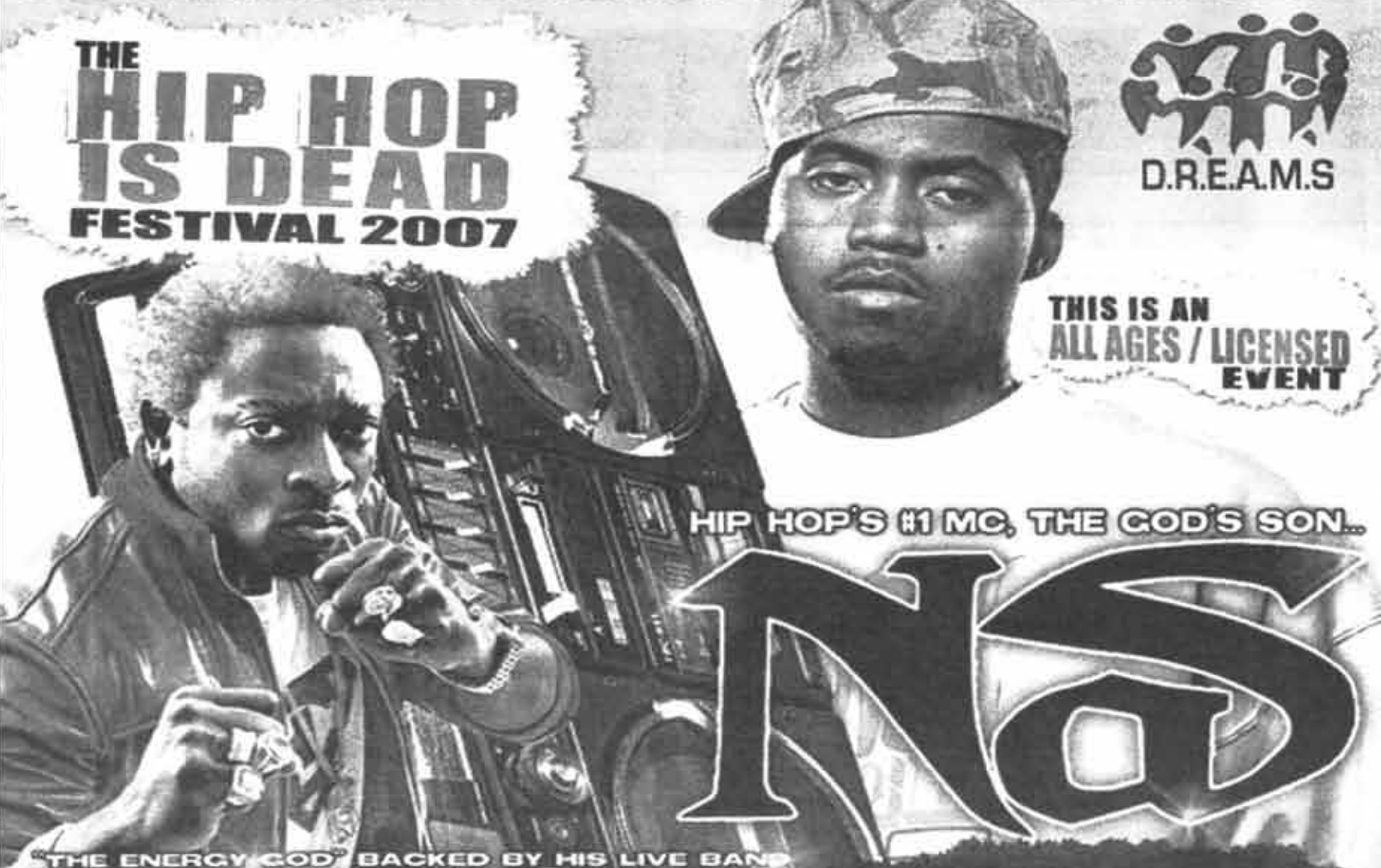
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# Foo Fighters miss mark

Latest offering from the Foos fails to deliver, despite Dave Grohl's creative control and solo spotlights

**JEREMY WOODCOCK**  
STAFF WRITER

Why do I suddenly want the Foo Fighters to be dreamy, acoustic soft-rockers?

I think it's because half of what they're doing is working well, while half isn't working at all, and the half that works features soft solo performances by Dave Grohl, and dreamy, catchy passages in certain songs.

The parts that don't are the endless repetition of choruses in songs that run a minute and a half too long and anytime they mindlessly (rather than passionately) "rock out." I realize that the Foo Fighters are by now quite established and comfortable, and Dave Grohl has spoken about trying all kinds of different things on this album, but for some reason this type of comfort rarely leads to great music.

Let's deal with the good first. The most satisfying song is "Stranger Things Have Happened." The music is sparse and unplugged to leave more room for Grohl's voice, and his singing is great. It's a simple song with good lyrics and an excellent performance, and I'm sure you'll be hearing it in the closing credits of a movie soon.

"Stranger Things" has a lot of the same effect as his famed solo acoustic renditions of songs like "Everlong." Maybe it's time for a Dave Grohl solo album, which is virtually what their vibrant debut album was.

No matter how much control he may have over the band (and it's always been *his* band), I don't think this is what a new Grohl solo album would sound like. It's the full-band jams in aimless closing sections that bore me on *Echoes*.

The things that don't bore me, to my surprise, are the mid-tempo, pleasant rockers: songs that feel like they're blasting out of a mid-90s radio. Grohl seems to be able to write these with his eyes closed, but they are quite good.

"Cheer Up, Boys (Your Make Up Is Running)" - a shot at certain omnipresent hipsters, perhaps? - in particular stands out in this group. It starts out with a rush of rolling drums, before Grohl starts singing in a breezy, "Big Me" style, featuring endearing "bop-bop-bop-bop" backing vocals. The song then closes with Grohl repeatedly, passionately, shouting "Don't you deny me!"; a trick he has used to great effect before ("I don't owe you anything!").

In fact, virtually all great Foo Fighters songs that I can remember have this shift between soft dreamy passages and raging shouts, tunes like "Monkey Wrench" "Everlong" and the classic "This Is a Call." Where this technique fails on this album is when there seems to be no purpose or feeling behind the loud parts, which is only emphasized by the feeling put into "Cheer Up, Boys."

Unfortunately, half of the songs,

like "Let It Die," make almost no impression on me. In fact, this is the case for most of the first half until "Stranger Things" arrives. The main interesting thing about "Let It Die" is a repeated riff that seems borrowed from Jeff Buckley's "Dream Brother", and the most annoying thing is the sudden shifts from quiet to loud, which in this case are far more harmful to the song than beneficial.

Grohl's ability to write retro-mid-90s songs is also less fun when it's applied to the strange Soundgarden-with-piano-singing-about-

ordinary-people vibe of "Statues", which recalls a bunch of songs you've heard but don't really care to remember.

Finally, there are novelties like the instrumental "Ballad of the Beaconsfield Miners", which is hard to discuss at all. It's a cool little folk-bluegrass piece that is so jarring in the middle of the album that you have no idea what to make of it. Good guitar playing though, by guest Kaki King.

People rarely feel the need to mention Nirvana anymore when reviewing the Foo Fighters (though

I just did). Grohl has a body of work that has made him known for his new band as much as his old, and he has made quite a bit of good music, but it often feels less transcendent than... professional. They are one of those bands whose future never seems to depend on the quality of their new album.

The band has reached great peaks on individual songs in the past, and maybe that will happen again sometime. But for now, here's another album that has its moments but won't knock you out.



Foo Fighters  
*Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace*

Released Date: 09/25/2007

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# Indie theatre offers alternative

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Be it a documentary, a Canadian film or simply a mainstream film that didn't quite make it into the larger cinemas, like *In the Valley of Elah*, taking the cinematic journey a step further into the realm of the unknown can prove to be rewarding. You might learn something you hadn't known before, or become acquainted with an amazing director or film style.

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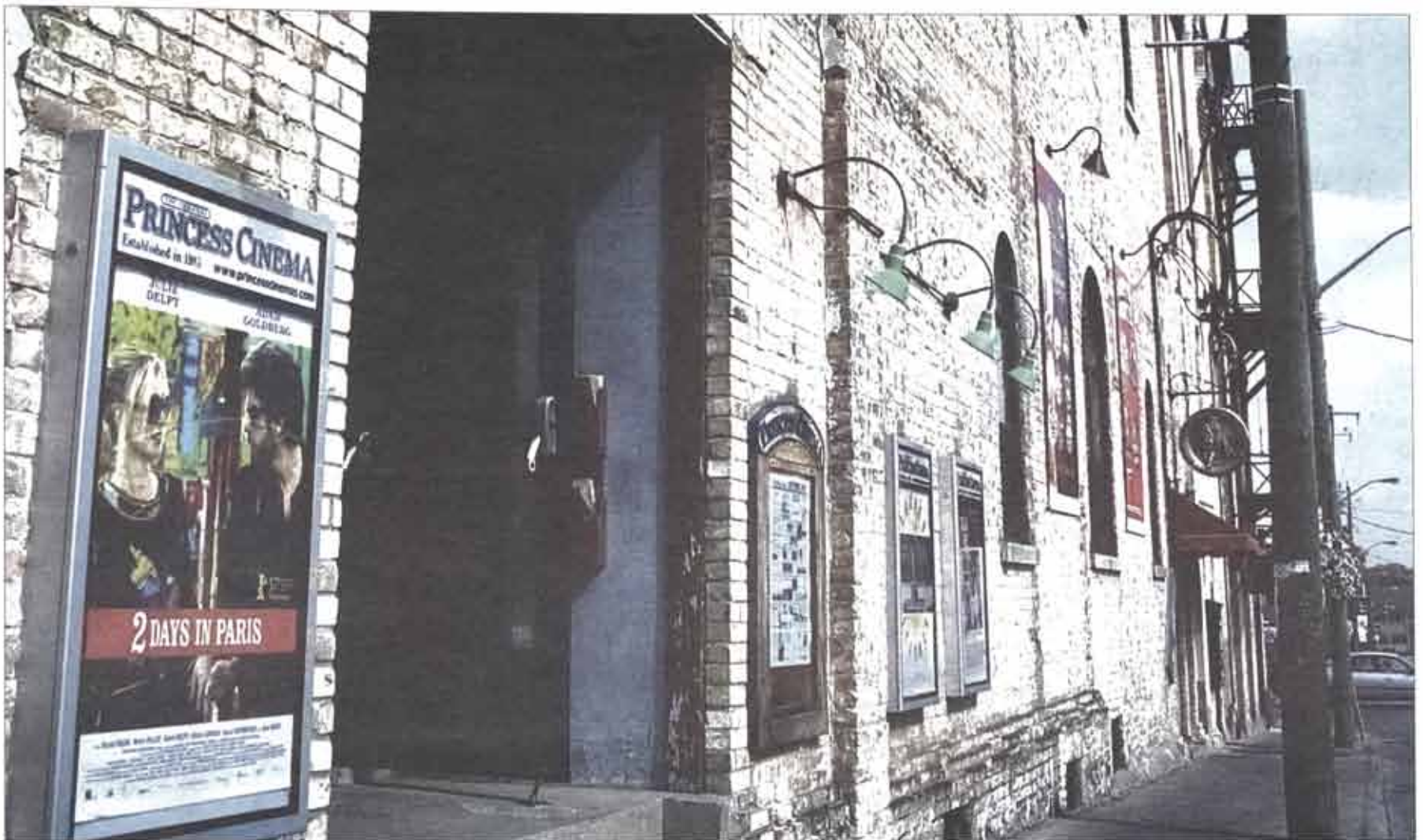
The Princess itself is an example of this. When it opened its doors on September 18, 1985, John Tutt had just graduated from Wilfrid Laurier and wanted a job that would allow him a creative outlet and open up the world of cinema in the area. So he turned an old brewery into Kitchener-Waterloo's first independent theatre, playing *Casablanca* as the first film.

Just a couple of years ago, with the success of the first Princess, the Princess Twin was born to accommodate a growing viewing audience in the university region.

The story of Cineplex Entertainment is a little less charming. After taking ownership of Cineplex Odeon, Galaxy, Famous Players (including Coliseum, Colossus and Silver City), Cinema City and Scotiabank Theatres, Cineplex Entertainment became the largest distributor of films in Canada with 132 theatres, 1,329 screens and about 60 million visitors every year.

There is no doubt that Galaxy Cinemas rules the movie-going public here in Kitchener-Waterloo. There were at least five times this year when I ventured to see the newest movie (be it *Superbad* or *300*), only to be turned away from the oft posted "sold out" sign on the front door.

The Princess, however, not only offers a casual feeling with its uniform-less staff (whose favourite films aren't profiled on a name tag) and convenient location, but the ability to allow its audience to venture into the unmapped world of independent, art house and foreign cinema. Just remember to bring some cash - no credit or debit accepted.



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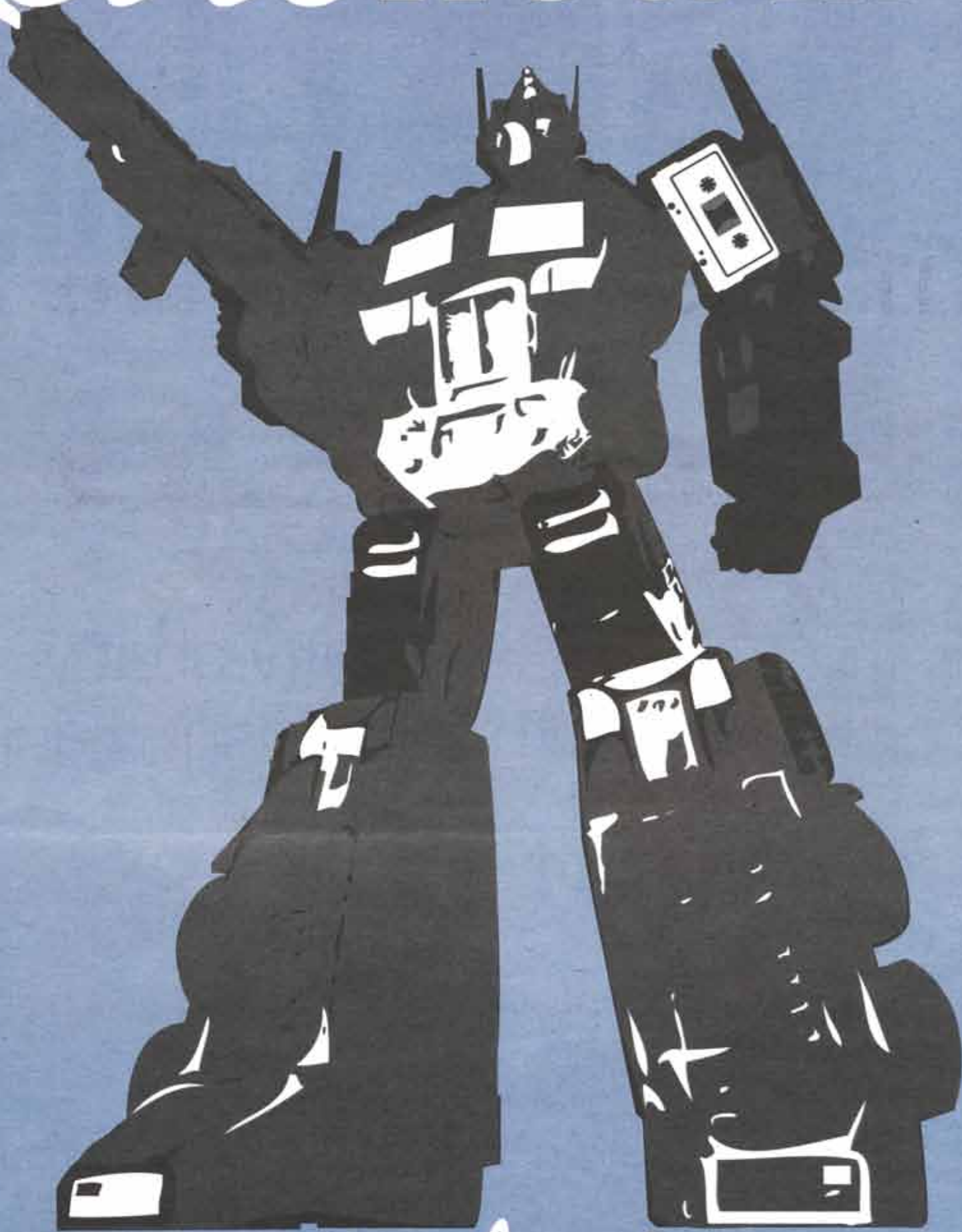
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