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Laurier schooled by Ottawa

WLU's Golden Hawks concede first loss to University of Ottawa's Gee Gees in a 27-15 game, disappointing surprised fans at home



Ryan Stewart

PAIN TRAIN - The Golden Hawks couldn't stop the Gee Gees stampede from bursting through their defence, leading to their first loss of 2007-08's football season.

LAUREN MILLET
SPORTS EDITOR

A stampede of Gee Gees tore through Waterloo last Saturday and, when the dust cleared, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks football team was left bewildered with the first blemish on their win-loss record.

The nation's second-ranked University of Ottawa Gee Gees defeated the Hawks 27-15 on the chilly

October afternoon at Knight-Newbrough field.

"We're disappointed of course; it just wasn't our day," said Manager of Football Operations and Head Coach Gary Jeffries. "We didn't play as well as we would have liked."

The game began with a fairly even match-up of the two undefeated teams, with the Hawks able to get on the scoreboard first with two Chris Mamo field goals of 21 and 29 yards respectively.

What ensued in the second quarter, however, handed Ottawa the victory.

The Hawks offence was struggling to move the ball, and continuously turning the ball over with two fumbles and two interceptions, leaving their defense with a lot of work to do in bad field position. Quarterback Ian Noble was also sacked four times, equaling the amount accumulated from the previous six games combined.

The Gee Gees responded, hammering off 20 unanswered points that included a touchback, a safety, two touchdown passes from Gee Gees quarterback Josh Sacobie and a field goal in the dying seconds of the second quarter, leaving the Hawks down 20-6 heading into the dressing rooms and their fans stunned.

"They're a good football team," said Jeffries. "You give a good team like that some of the opportuni-

ties we did in the second quarter, they're going to take advantage of it."

"We weren't clicking," said third-year Noble of the offensive struggles. "We weren't all on the same page today. There were a lot of mental errors." Noble completed just 6 of 17 passes for 68 yards and two interceptions in his worst game of the year.

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Laurier founds international office in China

New opportunities available to WLU students interested in studying in Asia

MICHELLE CALDARONI
CORD NEWS

Wilfrid Laurier University officially opened the doors to a new office in Chongqing, China on Friday, making it the first Canadian university to establish a connection within the quickly-growing region.

The office will serve as liaison between Canadian and Chinese students, professors, researchers and other university staff. It will also be used for receiving incoming Canadians to the region and will forge new links between the two countries.

"We're helping to strengthen ties with the two big universities in Chongqing because we feel it's a very interesting opportunity to make links with China in an area where few other universities have existing links," said Dr. Susan Horton, VP: Academic at Wilfrid Lau-

rier University.

These links will provide many students with more opportunities for exchange in Chongqing. Currently, there is a desire from Chinese students to come to WLU due to the high demand for post-secondary education and the lack of space available in Chinese universities.

"For Chinese students, many of them have affluent families. They perceive [higher education] as a way of getting better careers, and yet they have not been able to get into the Chinese universities of their choice because the demand for universities there is so great, and the supply of places available is restricted," said Dr. Horton.

The exchange programs offer a variety of disciplines, including business, science, social work and the humanities, with many different partner universities in the region.

Other programs such as the 2+2 Program are available as well, which allows students to study for two years in China and two years at Laurier, in the end receiving a degree that is recognizable at both institutes.

Currently, Laurier's main partnerships are with two of the largest universities in Chongqing: South West University and the University of Chongqing.

As Paul Maxim, Associate Vice President of Research at WLU, explains, the University of Chongqing is known mainly for its science programs and is comparable to the University of Waterloo. On the other hand, South West University is more similar to Laurier, with its focus predominantly on the humanities, social sciences and a renowned music program.

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Courtesy of Paul Maxim

CHONGQUING - Paul Maxim signs an agreement for the China office.

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"In a third world country you should be starving in a refugee camp."

- Opinion Editor Jeremy Tremblay differentiating between the quality of life around the world.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Serendipitous - come upon or found by accident; fortuitous.

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The staff of The Cord shall uphold all commonly held ethical conventions of journalists. When an error of omission or of commission has occurred, that error shall be acknowledged promptly.

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Ethical journalism requires impartiality, and consequently conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest will be avoided by all staff.

The only limits of any newspaper are those of the world around it, and so The Cord will attempt to cover its world with a special focus on Wilfrid Laurier University, and the community of Kitchener-Waterloo, and with a special ear to the concerns of the students of Wilfrid Laurier University. Ultimately, The Cord will be bound by neither philosophy, nor geography in its mandate.

The Cord has an obligation to foster freedom of the press and freedom of speech. This obligation is best fulfilled when debate and dissent are encouraged, both in the internal workings of the paper, and through The Cord's contact with the student body.

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

Campus Clubs sees changes

All clubs now under 'financial umbrella' of Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union

LAURA CARLSON
NEWS EDITOR

Campus clubs are currently undergoing a transition in the way which their finances are managed. Though in the past, each club was in complete control of their money, this year the groups are each required to open an account through the Royal Bank of Canada under the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU).

Sanjay Ojjo, VP: Finance for WLUSU explained that though the union has no intention of monitoring club accounts, now WLUSU is able to obtain financial records if there is any sort of suspicious activity.

"We in no way will ever go in and try and stop them or control anything [the clubs] do," said Ojjo.

Although her club, Laurier Musical Theater, was exempt from switching over their account because of special circumstances, president Janice Lee noted that she would have preferred to be more informed from the beginning as to why this financial change was necessary.

"At first I was a little confused as to why they were doing this and everyone was apprehensive that it was WLUSU trying to take financial control, but they assured us that was not the case and that they wouldn't interfere with our accounts," said Lee.

Ojjo explained that previously there have been some situations in which club money has been used fraudulently and that now the union is taking the appropriate steps to ensure that they have the authority to gain access to the accounts if need be.

"There were a couple of instances in the past, including one this past summer, where it would have proven beneficial to be able do

such a thing," said Ojjo.

Since WLUSU does sponsor the various campus clubs, Ojjo feels it's important to take the appropriate measures to ensure that each club is being financially responsible with student money.

"We need to perform our own due diligence to ensure that the accounts are being taken care of and we do provide that responsibility to students because it is student money that's going into these accounts," said Ojjo.

Jacob Pries, president of the Global Studies Club, noted that he has no issue with switching over his club's bank account as he also feels that this new system will give everyone more "financial accountability."

"I think it's important. I understand that they had some problems and so I think it's a good mechanism to ensure that basically students aren't ripping off other students," said Pries.

"THE WHOLE SYSTEM TAKES SO MUCH TIME TO GET DONE BECAUSE IT IS WLUSU. I WOULDN'T SAY IT'S [SANJAY'S] FAULT; IT'S JUST THE WHOLE STUDENTS UNION AND THEIR INABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE PROPERLY."

- Chris Enns, president of the History Students Association

"Nothing really changes; it's just that now we are sort of under the umbrella of WLUSU."

According to Ojjo, after the clubs' old bank accounts have been closed, the process of transferring the funds to the new ones can take between two and three



Sydney Holland

WHERE MY MONEY AT? - A change in policy has WLUSU in charge of each campus club's finances.

weeks; however, for some clubs the transition process has been a real problem.

Although the History Students Association closed their old account and has one of the new accounts set up by WLUSU, they have not been able to access their reserve money since mid-September.

"We have no bank book, no real way of going to the bank and interacting with our account ... no taking money out or putting money in," said Chris Enns, president of the History Students Association.

"It's kind of ridiculous [that] it's

the middle of the semester and we still don't have access to our money," Enns added.

"The whole system takes so much time to get done because it is WLUSU. I wouldn't say it's [Sanjay's] fault; it's just the whole Student's Union and their inability to get things done properly."

Ojjo explained that most clubs, especially the larger ones, have already opened their new accounts, and that the overall transition process should be completed "shortly."

"I would probably say by the end of this month or the end of next month it should be complete, it's just that clubs are always trickling in," said Ojjo.

Despite several attempts to contact campus club coordinator Rachelle Lozon via phone, e-mail and in person she was not available for comment.

Panel discusses 'disappointing' election

Experts acknowledge that 'one-topic' discussion hurt calibre of debate as well as voter turnout

DAN POLISCHUK
NEWS EDITOR

With Dalton McGuinty and his Ontario Liberals winning a second straight majority in the province, they were able to accomplish something the party has not done since Mitch Hepburn won his sec-

ond majority in October 1937.

This, however, left a panel of election experts unimpressed at Monday's post-election discussion.

Organized by Laurier's political science department, the two-hour period allowed for some of the school's strongest speakers on the topic to give their thoughts on the

happenings of this past Tuesday.

David Docherty, dean of the Faculty of Arts at Laurier, summarized it as "the Seinfeld election - it was about nothing essentially."

With all parties involved focusing solely on the issue of John Tory's initial intent of expanding funding to faith-based schools,

Docherty called the election "disappointing" for "very quickly turning to a one-issue campaign."

"I think, generally, this may have been the most disappointing ... in terms of lost opportunity," he said.

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> VOCAL CORD

How has your experience been with fake IDs?



"I don't think I've ever had a fake ID, except this dorky driver's license I have."

- David Smith
Third-year History



"I scratched my health card and they didn't even believe it was me and took it away."

- Ally Dietrich
Third-year English



"I have one but I haven't got caught."

- Andy Thiravie
First-year Bachelor of Business Administration



"I used my sister's but not very often. It works because she looks like me."

- Naomi Rupke
Third-year Archeology



"I have one. I got it taken away but I got another one."

- Taylor Campel
First-year Archeology

Compiled by Kelly Moore,
photos by Riley Taylor

WLU expands to Far East

School moves to China in accordance with internationalization initiative outlined in Century Plan

- FROM CHINA, COVER

Maxim also explains that this region of China is a great place for students interested in the environment due to the unique conditions there, as well as for students looking to learn Chinese.

At Laurier's partner schools in China, a variety of programs are available for students interested in learning Chinese in one week, or even in one semester.

The region of Chongqing, which is relatively unknown in comparison to the larger regions of China such as Beijing, may seem like an odd choice to place a Canadian university liaison office but Horton explains that there was a reason for choosing this particular location for the WLU bureau.

"The timing was right, there were opportunities there and there was strong interest in the Chinese partnering with us. We're just a

small university in the world scale, but we have to put our energy in a place where we felt there would be opportunities for Laurier.

"Everyone is stampeding into Beijing and Hong Kong, but this was an area where we felt we could make a difference," explained Horton.

With over three million people in the city and 32 million in the municipality of Chongqing, this dynamic region is currently ex-

periencing a period of economic growth and, with that, a rise in demand for universities.

The China liaison office initiative was organized by the Laurier International office at Waterloo.

The internationalization is one step that Laurier had proposed in the Century Plan – an agenda created by Laurier to improve the university in a variety of ways by 2011.

See PAGE 18 for editorial reaction to this story



Courtesy of Paul Maxim

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY? - Laurier will be teaming up with the University of Chongqing and South West University in the Chinese region of Chongqing to offering a unique exchange program.

Fugitive arrested in Mountie killing

Manhunt for suspect ended Friday in Edmonton

DAN POLISCHUK
NEWS EDITOR

After enduring a police hunt, Emrah Bulatci, 23, has been arrested and formally charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Laurier graduate Chris Worden.

As an RCMP officer in the Northwest Territories, Worden was dispatched on a noise complaint in Hay River, a community of approximately 3,600, just over a week ago. Having lost contact with Worden, back-up officers were sent out soon after, eventually finding him in a nearby set of woods suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Worden was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Accessory in the shooting case was 21 year-old Jarred Dale Nagle, whose court appearance has been moved to October 29 so that he

can get a lawyer.

The news comes as Worden, who died at the age of 30, was remembered at a regimental funeral service in Ottawa this past Monday. According to the CBC, more than 2,500 uniformed police officers paid their respects. The 300-seat church was filled to the brim, with many more watching from a large screen set up across the street from Notre Dame Basilica.

Constable Mike Carter, a friend and colleague of Worden's, gave the eulogy on behalf of the RCMP.

While Worden's widow Jodie – holding eight-month old daughter Alexis dressed in a miniature RCMP uniform – watched, Carter was emotional in remembering his fallen comrade.

"The world is a lesser place without you," he said between tears.

- With files from cbc.ca



Contributed Photo

CAUGHT - Emrah Bulatci is charged in the murder of Chris Worden.

Moral Masquerades at WLU

Last Friday's annual Hunsburger lecture identifies self-deception as the primary motivation behind unethical behaviour

REBECCA VASLUIANU
CORD NEWS

The annual lecture, in memory of one of Laurier's most accomplished professors and researchers, Bruce Hunsburger, intrigued and fascinated Laurier students last Friday.

Taking place in Bricker Academic, the speech was delivered by guest speaker Dr. C. Daniel Batson, a professor at the University of Kansas.

"Although Bruce and I never collaborated on research, we learned a lot from each other," said Dr. Batson. "Over the years I came to admire Bruce's readiness to avoid preconceived ideas."

Entitled "Moral Masquerades" the lecture focused on the idea of moral hypocrisy, which is what Dr. Batson presents as the most prominent strain of moral thought in today's society.

Throughout the lecture, Dr. Batson explained that there are several distinctions that can be made between people and their different types of moral motivation: those who do something moral to gain a reward, those who act due to their moral principles and those who wish to appear to be committing moral acts, while not caring whether they are actually done. This last group, he explains, is today's moral

hypocrisy.

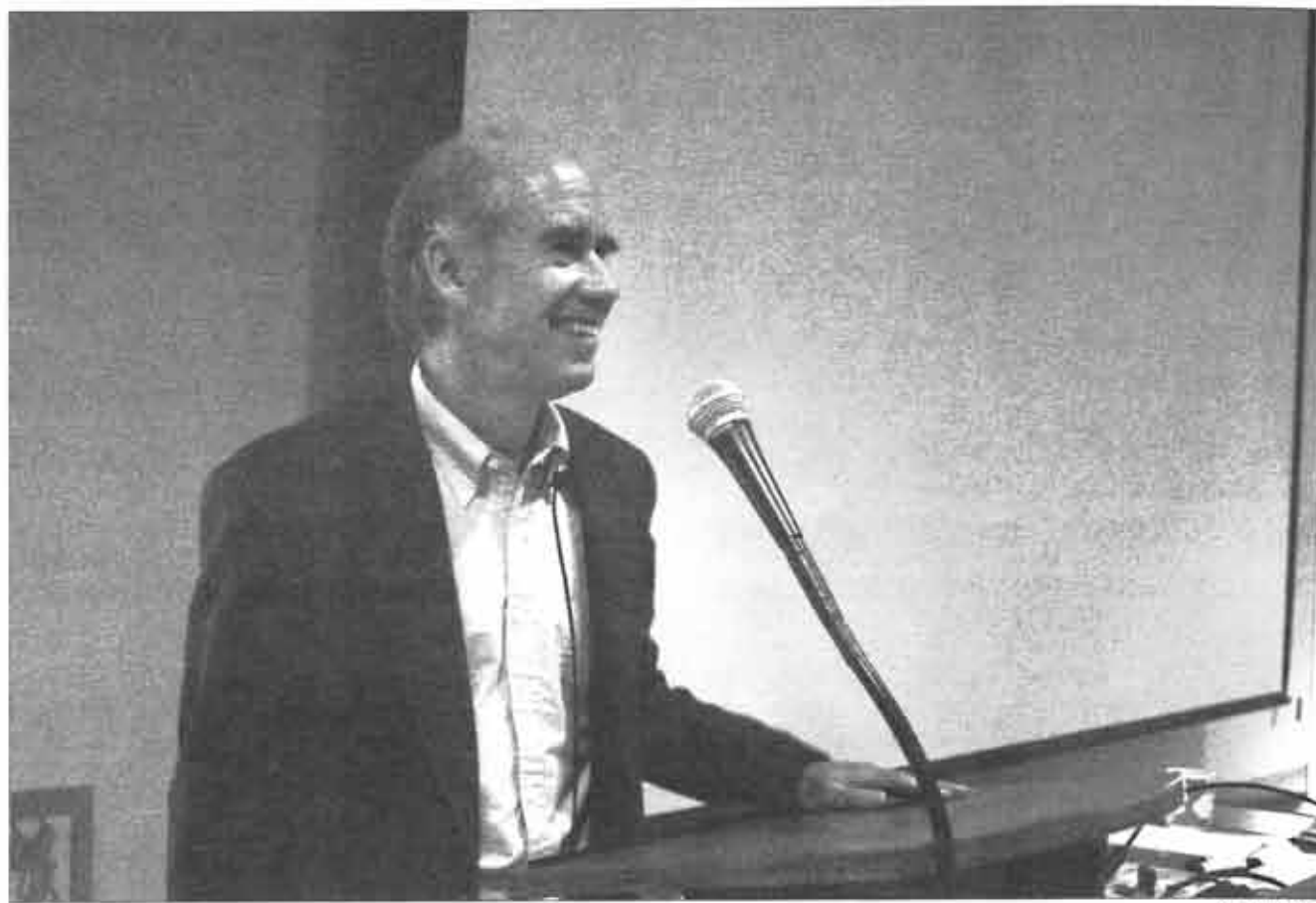
Dr. Batson spoke about a research experiment his team performed which had startling results regarding this widespread moral issue.

The experiment was carried out through a series of task assignments. Each subject was told he or she had to choose either one of two tasks, assigning the one left unchosen to another person. The participants were told that one task had a reward, which was a raffle ticket for a prize, and the other task had no reward; therefore, the basis on which the subjects decided was used to determine how they made moral decisions.

He then went on to explain the results of the experiment. While most people chose to assign themselves the reward, when they were offered the chance to flip a coin to decide most of them opted to do that. Strangely, however, approximately 90 percent of subjects still received the positive reward, indicating that they had, in one way or another, cheated in the coin-flip. What Dr. Batson believes is that this study illustrates the major theme of moral hypocrisy.

"The problem is that their behaviour is not in line with their standards," Dr. Batson explained.

This common trend, he explains,



MORAL DEBATE - Dr. C. Daniel Batson speaks about the ethical hypocrisy prevalent in modern society.

is surprisingly not necessarily related to the deceit of others. Dr. Batson explained that it was instead due to self-deception.

Proof of this is evident through another variable that was added to the experiment. Researchers tried placing a mirror in front of subjects as they performed the task assign-

ment, and subsequently, the results of the coin toss became even.

Dr. Batson believes that people need to start becoming self-aware when making moral decisions. Yet near the end of the lecture Batson left the audience with another interesting thought.

"The weakness in our moral mo-

tivation exists, perhaps, because of the way our moral principles are acquired," he stated.

"We tend to teach our children principles, not waiting for them to discover them for themselves. As a result, principles are internalized through introjection, not integration."

Laurier professor wins research award

Dr. Johnson is one of 17 Canadians to receive the Fulbright Scholar Award

ALARIC DENNIS
CORD NEWS

Laurier Professor Dr. David Johnson has received the prestigious Fulbright Scholar Award for his research into the economics of education. Dr. Johnson is one of 17 Canadians to receive the honour this year.

The Fulbright program was founded in 1945 by the United States government and is designed to promote scholarly exchange between countries.

Dr. Johnson's work on the economics of education has measured how policy interventions have affected standardized test results in Ontario elementary schools.

Working from data gathered between 1999 and 2006, Dr. Johnson's research analysed the relationship between class sizes and test scores.

"Class size ... is an enormously central issue in the economics of education because clearly teachers' salaries make up virtually all of the cost of education and every time you make a class smaller you hire more teachers for the same

number of students," explained Johnson.

Another area of interest for Dr. Johnson included the recent election in Ontario - which he feels became very much a one-issue election surrounding the topic of funding for faith-based schools.

He believes that "there is at least as much evidence, if not more, that competition between school sectors will do more to increase results than smaller class sizes."

Dr. Johnson also pointed out that provinces that have allowed for a system change tend to do better.

Some of Dr. Johnson's previous work on the economics of education looked at how students from different social and economic backgrounds have performed in elementary schools.

This data will frame his current research on class sizes, as it may be that students who have "fewer advantages" may benefit more from smaller class sizes than those who come from a more advantaged economic background.

Starting in January, Johnson will be continuing his work at the Uni-

versity of California - Santa Barbara as well as guest-lecturing at Stanford University.

"It's a wonderful prize to have won. It's a wonderful research opportunity. Santa Barbara has got all sorts of people doing interesting things in my area," he concluded.



Courtesy of Public Affairs

DR. DAVID JOHNSON

MMP didn't have "teeth"

- FROM **PANEL**, PAGE 2

Geoffrey Stevens, journalist, author and adjunct political science professor at WLU, echoed those sentiments.

"This was a very status quo, anti-change election," said Stevens.

The rest of the panel, which also included Professor Barry Kay and Political Science Chair Brian Tanguay, agreed wholeheartedly that more pertinent topics needed to be addressed - as well as the issue of electoral reform.

Asked what, specifically, should have been brought to the forefront, Docherty listed the economy, poverty and urban transit systems.

"Where was the environment in this election?" he also questioned.

Speaking on the abysmal failure that was the attempt to change the first-past-the-post electoral system to mixed-member proportional (MMP) representation, Tanguay admitted that the whole idea was "seriously flawed."

One of the issues with the idea not having any "teeth" behind it was the fact that the "major parties have no incentive to reform things."

"The window for reform in Canada has closed, sadly," he added.

Matthew Certosimo, a member

of the Ontario Citizens Assembly (OCA), the government-appointed commission that proposed MMP, was a little more optimistic.

"I don't think the discussion is over," he said, adding, "Maybe it was the beginning of this discussion rather than the end."

The fact that voter turnout was at an all-time low in Ontario (at 53%), left the group, again, attributing it to the fact that the one-topic debate "didn't really engage the public in the end," according to Tanguay.

As much as the province may have struggled to get people out to the polls, Docherty believed that three middle-aged candidates "didn't really represent ... Ontario."

He admitted, though, that he has yet to figure out a quick-fix answer.

"I don't know the solution [to the voting malaise]," said Docherty.

While Kay could not provide a suggestion either, he did admit that by somehow making it more entertaining in the future, so that the general public would take more interest, would be seriously foolish.

"It's prostituting if you lower politics to a level of popularity," concluded the professor.

> BAG O' CRIME

DRUGS

Reported: Oct. 12 @ 01:27 hrs

An incident of possible drug use in residence was reported to Community Safety and Security by one of the Duty Dons in the residence. The occupants of the room in question were warned of the consequences of drug use in residence.

CRIMINAL HARASSMENT

Reported: Oct. 11 @ 17:45 hrs

An unknown person has been making several unwanted phone calls over the past month. The case remains under investigation.

INJURED/SICK PERSON

Reported: Oct. 11 @ 18:38 hrs

A Wilfrid Laurier University male student was working out on the treadmill in the Athletic Complex when he experienced chest pains. Wilfrid Laurier University Emergency Response Team was at the scene and attended to the subject. Subject stated he was fine and refused any further assistance.

BY-LAW COMPLAINT

Reported: Oct. 13 @ 02:14 hrs

A Wilfrid Laurier University student was smoking inside the Nichols Campus Centre. The person did not think it was a big deal smoking inside a public building. She was advised she would be sent to the Judicial Affairs Committee in lieu of charges.

INTOXICATED PERSON

Reported: Oct. 13 @ 12:04 hrs

An intoxicated male was removed from the Turret after being approached for smoking in the building. Once the Special Constable established the identity of the male, the Laurier student was escorted home by Foot Patrol.

INTOXICATED PERSON

Reported: Oct. 13 @ 12:45 hrs

An intoxicated Wilfrid Laurier University female student was found in the women's washroom. She was attended to by Wilfrid Laurier Emergency Response Team after vomiting in the toilet in one of the washroom stalls. She was later escorted home by Foot patrol.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Reported: Oct. 13 @ 18:50 hrs

Four males walking through the Schlegel, Peters, and Arts building were observed on Video surveillance camera. One of the males was seen breaking an office door window on the second floor Arts C Wing.

ASSIST OTHER P.F.

Reported: Oct. 13 @ 19:36 hrs

Waterloo Regional Police arrested a Wilfrid Laurier student for drunk in public and cause disturbance by fighting. The student was lodged at Division #1 overnight. The student was very uncooperative and disrespectful. The officer requested the matter go before the Judicial Affairs Committee.

DRUGS

Reported: Oct. 13 @ 23:08 hrs

Four Wilfrid Laurier male students were loitering on the north side of 202 Regina St. When approached a strong odour of marijuana was detected. All were advised of the drug policy on campus and were turned over to the Residence Life Coordinator in their area.

BY-LAW COMPLAINT

Reported: Oct. 13 @ 23:08pm

One of the four Wilfrid Laurier students involved in the drug incident was cited for soiling property and will be going before JAC.

LIQUOR OFFENCE

Reported: Oct. 13 @ 23:08 hrs

Special Constables seized several containers of beer from four males that were loitering on the north side of 202 Regina Street. All were underage and resided at 200 King St Residence. This matter will be addressed by the Judicial Affairs Committee.

INJURED/SICK PERSON

Reported: Oct. 14 @ 00:00 hrs

Special Constables transported a male Laurier student to Grand River Hospital after he turned his ankle while walking down the stairs in King Street Residence.

INJURED/SICK PERSON

Reported: Oct. 14 @ 01:20 hrs

A Wilfrid Laurier female student was transported to Grand River Hospital for observation after hitting her head when she fell in the food court of the Dining Hall.

CANADA
IN BRIEF

Acadia faculty strike

Wolfville, NS

Talks in regards to a strike between the Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA) and the Acadia Board of Governors came to a halt Sunday after a long day of negotiation, with no further consultations currently scheduled.

The AUFA feels that the board's last offer was no different from their previous offers, and that it has left them with no choice but to take job action. They insist that they are willing to resume discussion at any time if the board is prepared to make considerable progress on their proposals.

This marks the second faculty strike in Acadia's history, the first having been in 2004.

Elsewhere in the country, part-time faculty at Trent University in Peterborough are facing similar wage concerns, but they plan to return to the bargaining table on Monday.

College enrolment up
six percent

Ontario

College enrolment in Ontario has increased more than six percent compared to last year's fall numbers. Over 194,000 first-year students were registered in September, nearly a 5,000-person increase.

The Ontario College Application Service maintains that this six percent rise demonstrates that students are realizing the importance of career-focused training provided in colleges.

Colleges Ontario dismissed the concern that access could be constricted due to the spike, citing various already existing programs operating at less than capacity, as reported in *The Charltonian* at Carleton University.

Their plan is now to focus on changing the image of a college education in the public's mind to something free of bias and misconception, while simultaneously increasing funding.

Tame Homecoming at
Queen's University

Kingston, ON

The homecoming celebrations that took place last weekend at Queen's University were deemed a success, according to Kingston police, with only 54 arrests in comparison to over 100 in 2005.

The annual event, well known for being one of Canada's wildest parties deteriorated into rioting two years ago when students overturned a police car, lighting it on fire and pelting it with beer bottles.

This year's 6,000 partygoers, covering two blocks of Aberdeen Street in Kingston seemed tame by comparison. Police officials were pleased that there were no severe injuries, and also with the reduced property damage compared to that of 2006.

Only 20 people were hospitalized for minor injuries, whereas a constant flow of 10 or 15 throughout the course of the night was experienced last year, according to *Macleans.ca*.

Proposed rebates for
Sask grads

Saskatchewan

A \$20,000 tuition rebate, in the form of an annual cheque from the Saskatchewan Party, is being proposed in the election promises to students if they remain in the province for seven years after graduation. It is intended to allow average undergrads to receive the entire cost of their tuition.

The program would cost taxpayers \$90 million over four years. It is intended to replace a tuition freeze that has been supported by the government for two years and the \$10,000 annual graduate tax credit that was introduced by the NDP.

- Compiled by Evan Millar

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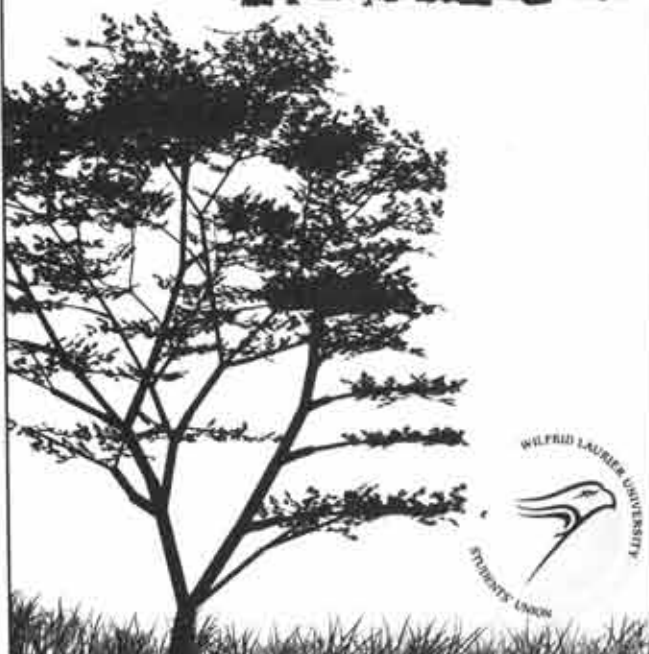
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Iran's role in the world

An anti-West president and questionable nuclear activity: is Iran becoming public enemy number one?

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Over the past several months, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's harsh words regarding western politics and initiatives, coupled with questionable policies and actions pertaining to the construction of nuclear facilities, have angered several world powers and provoked an international response.

Ahmadinejad has stepped on several international toes over the past several months, casting harsh words and opinions on several central issues. As reported by the Khaleej Times Online, he has questioned the historical validity of the Nazi Holocaust, called for Israel's Zionist regime to be "wiped from the map," attacked homosexuality and accused the United States of using the 9/11 terrorist attacks as an excuse to wage an ill-founded war.

Additionally, Ahmadinejad has continued to pursue the construction of nuclear facilities, despite opposition and suspicion from the United Nations – specifically Britain, France, Russia and the United States.

In a recent Associated Press article, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has accused Iran of deceiving the United Nations about its intentions, saying that Iran's ambition is the capability to produce atomic weaponry. The United Nations is currently in discussion regarding the possibility of the instal-

lation of sanctions to ensure that Iran does not pursue a detrimental nuclear goal.

US President George W. Bush confronted the Iranian issues in a United Nations address condemning the Iranian President's offensive words. The majority of Bush's rhetoric centred on the upholding of human rights in the Middle East and maintaining stability in the area. United States congress is in support of Bush in this regard, and has also officially declared the Iranian Revolutionary Guard to be a foreign terrorist organization.

Iran is by no means unified under the ideologies and actions of President Ahmadinejad. Hasan Rowhani, member of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council, the Experts Assembly, the Expediency Council, and the former Chief Nuclear Negotiator, has said that Ahmadinejad's policies and actions are detrimental to Iran's economy and international status.

Rowhani has spoken at several Iranian venues, firmly stating, as cited by the Associated Press, that Iran "can't reach adequate national unity with so much short-sightedness." In addition, Iranian students have protested on more than one occasion against Ahmadinejad, calling him, in reports by *Al Jazeera*, a "dictator" and even burning an effigy while he gave a speech at an Iranian university on the pitfalls of Western ideals.

The United States are aware of the lack of unity in Iran and, regardless of Ahmadinejad's offensive com-

ments, has decided to send \$75 million in aid to the Iranian people – up from the originally proposed \$25 million.

Ahmadinejad continues to attack the United States and western ideals in word and opinion, at times demanding a public debate with President Bush, and at others refusing to deal with the US government unless D.C. changes its policies towards the Iranian capital of Tehran.

When challenged regarding his nuclear program, Ahmadinejad has in turn pointed fingers at the nuclear arsenal of the United States, questioning motives and conditions on a similar level while continuing to deny the pursuing of atomic weapons of his own.

One item of agreement between Bush and Ahmadinejad is the leadership of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. However, Ahmadinejad has stated that should the United States be forced to withdraw troops from Iraq prematurely, his troops will "fill the gap," as reported by the *Washington Post*.

Bush's response expressed fear of the sparking of a nuclear arms race in the area should such military manoeuvres occur. Tangible steps being taken to guard against such wide-scale possession of nuclear arms involves

the ongoing plans for the construction of a United States radar missile defence system across Eastern Europe with sites in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Several political figures, including Iraqi Shi'a Leader Ammar al-Hakim and US democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, are calling for peaceful dialogue between the United States and Iran in order to resolve the surface issues and focus on human rights needs in the area.



MEAN MAHMOUD - The President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has been accused of being a tyrant.

Ahmadinejad reinforces bad image

International Editor **Waleed Hafeez** rages against Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's puzzling stances on women and homosexuals



In a recent speech, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has once again said some things that have come back to bite him in the ass. Although he has a reputation of being rather controversial (a pretty mild word for his extremist views), this time he reinforced many of the views held about him and his government.

Iran has, for generations now, been an undoubtedly repressive government. I can say from personal experience that even the most restrictive Arab governments look at Iran as an example of how people shouldn't be treated. Unfortunately, Iran has a history of not giving a fuck what the international community thinks of it and its policies.

Although the previous Iranian regime was considerably more conservative, Ahmadinejad's Iran is no less repressive. Whether re-

garding the treatment of women in the country or the treatment of homosexuals, the government of Iran has shown the worst ways the human race can treat its own. Public beatings and executions are perhaps the most humane way some of the country's people have been treated in the past – and continue to be treated.

In the past, Iran's ruling power took great pride in its misconstrued form of *Shari'a* law. This warped view of the Islamic legal code has "allowed" them to commit thousands of crimes against humanity, only some of which have been remarked on by the world at large. Although the Ayatollah are no longer in power, Ahmadinejad's government is no improvement.

When asked at a talk with Columbia University students and faculty about Iran's (mis)treatment of women, Ahmadinejad reaffirmed that Iran loves its women more than any other country in the world. Judging from the scoffs his remark received, no one in that auditorium bought what he was saying.

Women in Iran are still forced by law to appear in public only if covered from head to toe in a *aba'aya*, and are not allowed to leave unless accompanied by a male member of the family. They cannot work, cannot drive, cannot speak and most certainly cannot speak their minds. Some sort of love, I say.

As for the torture of homosexuals, the world's media has seen how the Iranian government treats the people in its country who are suspected of homosexuality. The tightly controlled Internet access that blocks thousands of websites deemed inappropriate by the government also monitors chatroom discussions.

Government officials and members of Iran's extremist Revolutionary Guard often enter online chatrooms with the intention of catching people who show any interest. They then proceed to arrange times and places to meet, often discussing activities and promising sexual acts.

At this point, the person on the receiving end of the government's

wrath has little time left before they face the consequences of their "disgusting ways". By their own admission, Iran's Revolutionary Guard prefers to meet offenders in the aforementioned arranged encounters as it is probably easier for them to dole out justice, but if push comes to shove, they are more than willing to simply trace the computer used in the chatroom back to a person and deal with them as they see fit.

What follow next are brutal beatings, public humiliation and an eventual and inevitable death. The morbid irony of this is that many of the people caught for being homosexuals are raped by the police.

Recently, two males aged 16 and 18 were accused of having sexual relations and were hung in a public square. They had been beaten by the police and then handed over to the public for them to do as they saw fit.

Once the public was done enforcing their God-given right to punish the world's sinners, they were returned to the police and hung until death for

everyone to watch and cheer.

For hours the bodies hung off trees and were jabbed and prodded at with sticks and stones. Their bodies were left in the nooses until the boys' families braved the embarrassment and jeering and took them off. By then, there was little left of the two boys but bloody, stumpy masses that used to be people.

Of course, upon the question of Iran's treatment of homosexuals at the Columbia talk, Ahmadinejad replied, "We have no such people. This is a phenomenon that doesn't occur in our country." Once again, his response was met with boos and hisses.

What scares me most is if a country can do such things to its own people with its bare hands, what would it do to its enemies with a weapon capable of killing millions? And although Ahmadinejad has said repeatedly that Iran's nuclear development program is for the sole purpose of the creation of a renewable energy source, the world and I am not falling for yet another one of his blatant lies.

Iran's sinister nuclear plans

The nightmare of a nuclear holocaust could soon be a reality if nothing is done to stop Iran's apocalyptic armament schemes



ALEXANDRA
HOWARD
CORD INTERNATIONAL

In the midst of all the world's quandaries, a plan sinister enough to rival all other plots of destruction waits patiently in one of the most dangerous minds of the 21st century.

The scheme, concocted by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has made the threat of a nuclear holocaust a startling reality in calling for the destruction of Israel and the impairment of the United States.

To question the viability of Ahmadinejad's intent is a matter of pure ignorance, for the tyrant could not have made himself more clear when he declared, "Israel must be wiped off the map."

Emboldened by the American preoccupation with Afghanistan and Iraq, Iran is ever closer to becoming a force to be reckoned with. From funding foreign gangsters to financing Hezbollah, and subverting the Israeli peace process, Iran has exhibited a determination to induce volatility and violence outside its borders.

Evidently the aggressive stance taken by Iran has been taken to a new level under the leadership of

Ahmadinejad, who insists that Iran will acquire a nuclear capability whether the West approves or not. For the Iranian leader, "atomic energy is a blessing given by God," one that he vows to share with other Islamic countries.

Thus, after over 25 years of instigating calamity in the region, Iran's open proposal for nuclear weaponry will be its final over-stepping of the boundary; the possibility of a Middle Eastern arms race is terrifying enough.

Moreover, analysts have found that the extremist forces within the capital, Tehran, actively arm American enemies in Iraq who are devoted to ensuring failure in the region.

If their hopes are fulfilled, it is predicted that the instability will have a ripple effect, bringing in a flood of terrorists that will only widen the gap between the globalized world and the Middle East.

For quite some time, US officials have accused Iran of trying to develop nuclear weapons behind the façade of a civil atomic energy program; those who preached tolerance of Iran and insisted upon giving Iran the benefit of the doubt were caught in the web of deceit.

Although many continue to speculate regarding the actual existence of nuclear arms in Iran, the country's foreign minister recently revealed that Tehran, the nation's capital and hotbed of Islamic extremism, has generated a nuclear program so advanced that any prospect of abiding by the United Nations' demand to defer uranium enrichment is futile.

The prospect of this potentially cataclysmic plot has led to ideas of economic injunction, bombing strikes against Iran's nuclear facilities and invasion.

For now, the Bush administration has sanctioned a plan to build a missile defense system to protect against Iranian weapons in friendly countries in Europe. In doing so, the US has confronted sharp resistance from Russia, which thinks the system is a precursor to an attack

on its own missiles.

This issue between the US and Russia is further conflated by Russian refusal to lend its support for UN sanctions against Iran; given that Moscow has nuclear cooperation agreements with Tehran, President Putin has urged further inspection of Iranian facilities by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

With or without Russia, the US could potentially have to singularly destroy Iran's nuclear program since Israel alone could only eradicate 40-50 of the estimated thousand strategic aim points in Iran.

Yet retaliation is not as easy as one would hope; distracted by the commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States is recognized

by Iran as not being in a position to attack.

Hence, the option to exploit these advantages is undoubtedly attractive to Ahmadinejad; his blatant disregard and violation of NATO regulations bears witness to this fact.

As the largest state sponsor of terrorism for a number of years, and with a long-standing history of covert activities, Ahmadinejad's malicious intent should be met with the same iron fist that he himself exacted.

In this case, negotiations will certainly prove to be of little consequence; the point must be made that the world will not sit idle while a menace conspires to launch atomic arsenal.



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ARMS RACE - Apparently, "atomic energy is a blessing given by God."

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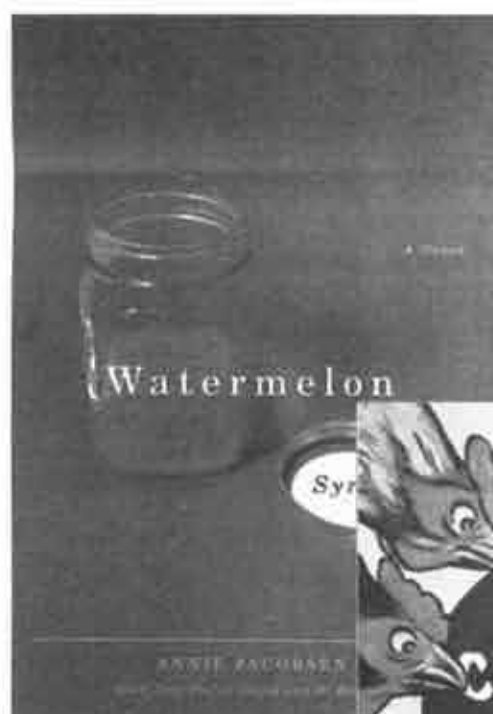
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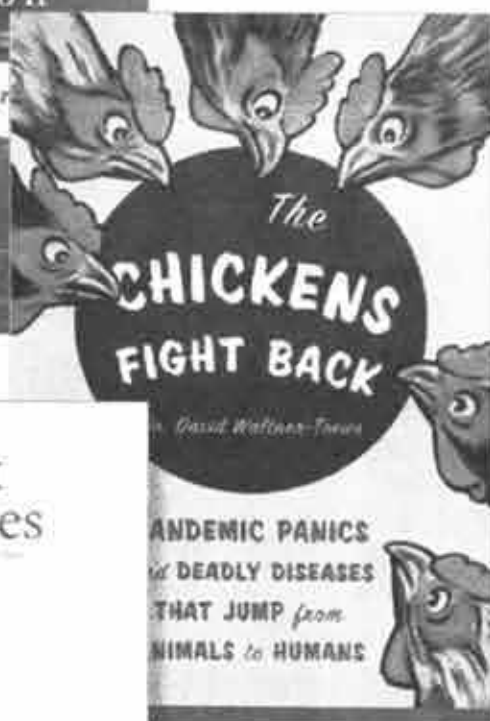


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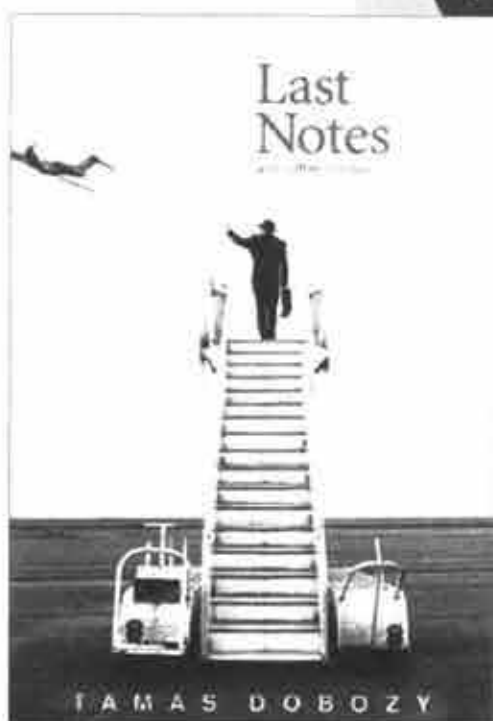
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Baseball Hawks fall in semifinals

The men's baseball team grabbed their first win in a
playoff game before falling to the top-ranked Mustangs

RAYMOND GIU
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Last weekend, The Wilfrid Laurier men's baseball team began playoff action for the third year in a row, opening up with a three-game semifinal series against the top-seeded Western Mustangs. With home field advantage, the Mustangs came out of Friday's game with a 7-2 win, forcing the Golden Hawks into a must-win game at

home on Saturday.

Veteran fourth-year pitcher Tim Lawrence was given the nod to begin the series against the Mustangs, pitching for five and one-third innings. He allowed nine hits, seven of which came home for points.

With their season on the line, the Hawks took to their home field, Bechtel Park, in hopes of bringing the series to a third and deciding game in London. On Saturday afternoon, the Hawks succeeded at getting players on base early and often, which ultimately led to a decisive 13-6 victory, and their first in a playoff game since the sport became OUA varsity in 2001.

"We executed early in terms of bunting and moving runners along and that gave us some confidence, and this game is all about confidence," said Head Coach Scott Ballantyne.

It did not take long for the Hawks to get some runs on the board. After starting pitcher Brad Binns got the Mustang hitters out in order with a mere ten pitches, the hitters quickly began to manufacture runs. Damien Eccleton and Brian MacDonald started it off by both getting on base and stealing successfully. With runners on second and third, Curtis Young got the first run on the board with a single. After a sacrifice fly by Chris Pittaway, Andrew Stevens capped off the inning with a two-run double to make it 4-0 for the Hawks.

The second inning was dominated by small ball, as the Hawks productively laid down bunts. After a pair of singles by Jeff Brunsek and Scott Mahn, a sacrifice bunt by Eccleton advanced runners to second and third, allowing Young to single in both runs.

With the score 6-0 in favour of the Hawks, Mustangs starting pitcher Jon Rubin was pulled after only one and two thirds innings pitched. This was only a sign of things to come, as the Western pitchers struggled with location all game long.

"They just kept throwing strikes," said outfielder Brunsek, who finished the game 4 for 5 with three runs batted in. "I'm a fastball hitter and everyone was throwing strikes." Brunsek showed his offensive ability by hitting three singles to different parts of the outfield, including

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M Baseball 2 - Western 7
M Basketball 85 - Laurentian 84

10.13.07

M Football 15 - Ottawa 27
W Lacrosse 11 - Queen's 7
M Baseball 13 - Western 6
W Basketball 65 - Seneca 45

10.14.07

M Hockey 0 - Western 5
M Soccer 4 - McMaster 0
W Soccer 2 - McMaster 2
W Lacrosse 18 - Guelph 6
W Lacrosse 17 - Western 5
M Baseball 0 - Western 5

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10.18.07

M Basketball vs Dalhousie
Athletic Complex, 7:00pm

10.19.07

M Rugby vs Western
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Lacrosse Hawks complete perfect season

The women's lacrosse team continues their romp of the OUA as they finish 6-0 and look for a fifth Championship title

ANDREA MILLET
STAFF WRITER

The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's lacrosse team took to the field for the last time in their regular season on Sunday, playing the Guelph Gryphons and Western Mustangs. They entered University Stadium ready to defend their unbeaten record, and did not disappoint.

The ladies dominated the field and walked away with an 18-6 victory over the Gryphons and a 17-5 win over the Mustangs, topping off their perfect season.

The Hawks had a shaky start to play in the first half against the Mustangs and while midfielder Andrea Wylie scored the first goal, they soon fell behind 2-1. First-year Braedyn O'Rahilly leveled out the score, only to see the Hawks fall back once more before finally taking control of the game. They ended the first half with a close 6-4 lead over the Mustangs.

"We started kind of slow, and were intimidated by their aggressive play, but I think we settled into our own game," said Head Coach Lynn Orth about the second half improvement of her team.

The Hawks definitely came out as a different team in the second half, putting ten unanswered goals past the Mustangs' goalie, and controlling the play, keeping possession in their opponents' end. The Mustangs were only able to come back with one goal of their own before the Hawks stole the last point of the game, bringing the final tally to 17-5.

The Mustangs showed their speed running the ball down the field, but it was no match for the Hawks' skill, precision and teamwork. After losing ten players from last year's championship team, the new squad came together and worked as a finely tuned unit.

"I'm really proud of the girls," commented Coach Orth. "It's pretty impressive that the younger players could step up."

Rookie midfielder Jayme Beard led the scoring with an impressive total of six goals, followed closely by teammate Amy Fincham with four of her own. Also getting on the score card were attacks Heather McHardy and Kristen Gerrie, as well as Vanessa Lublin and Amanda Marshall.

In their earlier game on Sunday, the Hawks pulled off a clear victory, finishing ahead of the Gryphons 18-6.

Strong efforts in the first half saw the Hawks with a 10-3 lead at the whistle, and an equally impressive second half topped off the win. Leading the scorers were attacks McHardy and Fincham with four goals each, followed by Gerrie, Jessica Iloft, Marshall, Laura Juha, Wylie and Megan Fox, who all got on the score sheet.

On Saturday, the Hawks traveled to London where they faced the Queen's Golden Gaels. In a close match the ladies pulled through victorious, defeating the Gaels by a score of 11-7.

Attack Gerrie led the scoring with four goals, followed by Fincham and Beard with two points each. Also beating the Gaels goalie were



Laura Tomkins

RACE TO IT - Hawks attack Heather McHardy chases down the ball during the game against the Mustangs.

McHardy, Fox and O'Rahilly with one goal apiece.

The Hawks have been OUA champions for four consecutive years, and now their perfect record has landed them in first place and home field advantage for the play-

offs, which will be hosted at University Stadium on October 26-28.

The Hawks will get a bye in the first round and will play the lowest remaining seed from the winner of either quarterfinal featuring Guelph versus Queen's and McGill versus

Western at 2:00 pm next Saturday. Toronto will play the highest remaining seed in the other semifinal at 12:00 pm. The finals will be played on Sunday the 28th at 2:00 pm.

Lady Hawks shut out Waterloo

Women's hockey team move to 2-1, denying the Warriors any access to the net en route to their 4-0 win



Mike Whitehouse - Laurier Athletics

CAN'T TOUCH ME - Hawks' centre Heather Fortuna emerges from two Warrior tackles with the puck.

JAMIE NEUGEBAUER
STAFF WRITER

The Women's Hockey team has, in past years, been one of Wilfrid Laurier's most consistent nationally competitive programs, winning the OUA the last four seasons in a row and the national championship in 2005. This year, the Golden Hawks are poised to contend once again with a younger team, but one of the quickest and biggest in recent memory.

"We're at our best when we're playing an energy game. We're taking away time, we're taking away space and everybody is going all the time," said Head Coach Rick Osborne of the team's identity.

The 2007-08 Hawks are nothing short of a complete team with offensive talent and defensive responsibility up and down the line-up. Here is a breakdown of the forward, defensive and goaltend-

ing positions for this year's WLU women's hockey team.

The Hawks in recent years have never had trouble putting the puck in the net and this year should be no different. Led by veterans, such as the slick stick-handling of Andrea Ironside and the more straight-forward style of goal-scoring dynamo Lauren Barch, the Hawks will fill the net more than their fair share. The forward recruits are led by Katherine Shirriff, whose powerful frame hides deceptively quick feet and exceptional puck-handling abilities.

On defense, the Hawks have the luxury of a solid brace of players who are tremendously gifted offensively and are outstandingly intelligent and responsible defensively.

Team Captain Lauren Meschino and last year's Player of the Year

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Gee Gees run over Hawks

In the battle for first place in the OUA, the Hawks were overmatched by Ottawa for the third time in two years



BIG REACHHHH - Ottawa Gee Gees running back Davie Mason stretches for a first down while Golden Hawks defensive lineman Alex Ellis tries to prevent the gain in the game on Saturday at Knight-Newbrough Field.

- FROM FOOTBALL, COVER

Fourth-year running back Ryan Lynch said the main problem was turnovers. "We handed our defense some really bad field positions in the first half," he explained. Lynch still managed to get 137 yards rushing in 17 carries for the game.

Returning to the field for the second half, the Hawks had lots of time to come back from the 14-point deficit, but the offense continued to struggle against the giant Gee Gees defense, which was breaking through the offensive line much more than in games past.

"WE DIDN'T PLAY AT OUR POTENTIAL ... IF WE DON'T COME OUT ALL CYLINDERS FIRING, RESULTS LIKE THIS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN."

- ANTHONY MAGGIACOMO, LINEBACKER

After the Hawks defense managed to hold off the Gee Gees offense and give their own offense a chance at decent field position, Ottawa conceded a safety, pushing the Hawks back deep into their own end.

With the hopes of sparking something in the faltering Hawks offense, rookie quarterback Luke Thompson replaced Noble for the fourth quarter. Not long after his introduction, he was able to connect with fourth-year receiver Dante Luciani in the end zone and close the gap to 15-20.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough, and the Hawks were unable to reach the scoreboard again. After a late 45-yard touchdown pass from Sacobie to prolific receiver David Crane, the game ended 27-15 in fa-

vour of the Gee Gees.

"We didn't play at our potential," said fifth-year linebacker Anthony Maggiacomo. "Especially against a team like that, if we don't come out all cylinders firing, results like this are going to happen." Maggiacomo led the Hawks defense with 12 tackles on the day, and sits second in the OUA with 49.5 for the season.

"They're experienced; they have very good players in key positions. A lot of their guys are back from the last couple years and I think that makes a difference," continued Maggiacomo.

"We turned the ball over too often, played too much in our own end," added Jeffries. "We played better in the second half, but we had dug too big of a hole."

Jeffries said of the quarterback switch in the fourth quarter, "It's nothing to read into. [Noble] was struggling, we needed a spark and Luke came out and gave us that."

Next week, the now 6-1 Hawks complete their regular season action traveling to Toronto to take on the 1-6 York Lions.

"We're not going to dwell on it, what's happened already happened," said Lynch. "We've just got to come back strong."

"The main thing is that we bounce back from it and have the opportunity to play them again," commented Jeffries.

The Hawks have now secured second place in the OUA and will host the highest remaining seed after the quarterfinals. That game will take place on November 3 at 1:00 pm at University Stadium.

Women down Waterloo

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Andrea Bevan are just typical examples of the fantastic depth the team possesses. Vanessa Ley is the team's lone defensive recruit and she has already asserted herself as a special teams threat as well as a strong, dependable defender.

In net, the Hawks are rich in talent and experience as both fourth-year Morgan Wielgosz and second-year Liz Knox logged over 685 minutes of work and had the top-ranked save percentages in the country at .950 and .930 respectively last season. In fact, in 24 games, both ladies gave up a combined total of a mere 28 goals.

The greatest adversity that the Hawks will have to face is the loss from last year of two of the best players the Hawks have ever had, in the form of former captain Laurissa Kenworthy and left-wing Fiona Ais-

ton, who contributed a total of 21 goals and 43 points together as well as a tremendous level of veteran leadership.

[THEY LEFT ME] BIG SHOES TO FILL ... IT'S HIGH STANDARDS TO LIVE UP TO SO IT PUSHES ME TO BE THAT CALIBRE AND TO BRING THAT TYPE OF LEADERSHIP TO THE TEAM."

- LAUREN MESCHINO, TEAM CAPTAIN

"[They left me] big shoes to fill ... it's high standards to live up to so it pushes me to be that calibre and to bring that type of leadership to the team," commented Meschino. "I take bits and pieces from what they had to offer and bring my own stuff to the table as well."

"There's no question that at prac-

tice and in real tough games we miss them and we're looking for players that are going to pick up that slack," added Osborne. "All five forwards

were brought in with replacing Aiston and Kenworthy in mind; we were trying to keep our speed and skill and perhaps add to our robustness at the same time."

The Hawks improved to 2-1 on Monday evening with a resound-

ing 4-0 victory over a very physical Waterloo Warriors team with all the goals coming from different players including even-strength goals from Shirriff and Meschino, as well as power play markers from second-year forward Daniela Di Felice and third-year forward Ashley McMillan on the power play.

Hawks lose three-game battle on diamond

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a clutch single in the third inning that increased their lead to 8-0.

The Hawks' pitcher Binns managed to keep the Mustang hitters quiet for the first four innings, only allowing two hits. It wasn't until the fifth inning that they finally got some runs on the board. The Mustangs started a rally, getting four quick runs on the board without managing an out.

With the Mustangs threatening for more, Binns was able to induce a ground ball that led to a well-executed double play. With two outs, Binns kept his composure and struck out Mustangs hitter Andrew Salmon to escape the fifth inning.

With a comfortable lead at 9-4, the Hawks were able to cruise

through the rest of the game by trading runs with Western, leading to an eventual 13-6 final and sending the teams back to London for the final game of the series.

Although the Hawks had momentum on their side, they failed to maintain it in the third game as they were unable to generate any offense, and committed five errors, which led to four unearned runs as they were shut out 5-0. Rookie pitcher David Canavan was given the start, throwing for six innings, allowing 7 hits and 4 runs. The loss signaled the end of the Hawks season.

The Mustangs now proceed to the OUA Championship against the Brock Badgers where the first game will take place in London on Friday.

Student privacy at Laurier

While most students at the school are unaware, every day we leave a giant trail of potentially dangerous personal information around campus

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SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

Luckily for the majority of Laurier students, issues relating to privacy and personal information are of little concern. Having never lived in a repressive police state or been victim to identity theft, most students walk around campus unaware that their personal information is being collected and stored.

While this information is not being used for malicious reasons, it may come as a surprise that the lives of students may not be as private as they believe they are.

Although many students are not overly concerned with their privacy, many members of the Laurier community are. Currently, Dr. Martin Dowding, an assistant professor in the communication studies department, is looking into privacy issues relating to students.

"[At Laurier] people don't seem all that excited about [privacy] or interested in it," Dowding says, talking about students in particular. "There's a kind of carelessness that we've had on campus. There's been a kind of trust. We've been isolated for so long but as the university becomes bigger here at Laurier we need to be more careful."

But while Dowding is concerned with how information is tracked, he points out that there's a delicate balance between privacy and security that must be maintained. "There's a real tension," says Dowding. "We want to feel free and yet at the same time we want to be secure."

With the majority of the Waterloo campus contained within one city block, many students feel secure in the knowledge that their campus is safe. Adding to this sense of security is the fact that campus security has over 130 digital security cameras at its disposal.

This coverage amounts to "about 80% of the exterior of campus" says director of Campus Safety & Security (CS&S) Rod Curran, and various interior places around campus including the Concourse, library, the Peters Building, the Bookstore and in and around the Dr. Alvin Woods Building.

But Curran is quick to point out that CS&S respects the privacy of the school's students. "We're not intruding on anybody's rights here, we're just doing the outside of campus," says Curran. "We're not in the residences."

For Curran, the cameras are merely a means for ensuring that the campus remains safe. "It's part of our se-

curity plan; we only have 12 special constables on campus," says Curran of the need for the camera coverage, "so the security cameras assist us in monitoring emergency situations and also if we see suspicious characters coming on campus."

With the irregular hours that many students keep, CS&S works to ensure that the campus remains under the watchful eye of the cameras long after most people have gone to sleep. "The [cameras] are monitored here 24/7 by our student dispatch," says Curran.

"The cameras assist us greatly," he continues, providing an example of how the cameras are utilized. "Earlier in the spring, it was really busy one Saturday night. Some people were stealing furniture out of a residence; they were followed on camera over to Albert Street. Two days later, the police were called and we got our furniture back."

However, while CS&S preach the virtues of cameras on-campus, Dr. Dowding is wary of the use of these sorts of surveillance techniques. "We could very well be in trouble if we watch each other too much," he says.

"MOST OF THE INFORMATION WE GATHER STARTS AT THE APPLICATION PROCESS. RIGHT AWAY YOU'VE GOT ALL OF YOUR WALLET INFORMATION ... YOU'VE GOT YOUR GRADES, THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU'VE APPLIED TO HERE, YOUR DATE OF BIRTH."

- Ray Darling, Registrar

"In the event that we have this entire surveillance infrastructure set up and we have a reasonable government, that's all well and fine," he continues and explains his hesitations regarding surveillance, "but what happens if things slip a little bit and we have a very different kind of government? That's what worries me."

The use of video cameras as a surveillance technique is not the only way that the personal information and privacy of students is monitored on campus. Information relating to the use of things as innocuous as our OneCards, Emails and computer use, and school records are maintained in extensive databases.

"Your complete financial history is kept," explains OneCard Manager Nick Tomljenovic. "For a lot of locations, your complete access history is kept, just for example, for sensitive

doors in the science building."

"As soon as you swipe your card we have a record of where you've been," Tomljenovic continues.

This information is then stored in a mass database for an indefinite period of time and can be accessed by the individual student at any time. "It's like banking information," explains Tomljenovic. "It's kept indefinitely just in case you should ever need to pull it up, or if you should come back years later and decide you want to look at it."

While this information is readily available to the individual student, by accessing it online or at the OneCard office, it is not available to any other student or to faculty or staff.

And the information that is stored within the database is not used for targeted marketing purposes by campus businesses or the Student's Union.

"We use it for things like Food Services to see how they're doing in terms of sales. The Students' Union uses the OneCard system to see their sales breakdowns by units, but that's all sort of internal breakdowns done by themselves," he explains. "We don't really bother to see who's eating where."

Despite the fact that such targeted marketing or the tracing of particular students has not occurred, Tomljenovic admits that the use of the digital database makes such actions possible.

"The only people that could actually call on it would be security," he says. "If there's

an incident at a particular location and they wanted to know the last person to swipe in, then we could tell them who that is."

With the amount of information that is relayed by the OneCard and contained in the digital database, it becomes imperative that this information is protected from hackers or other breaches to the system.

While the firewalls that protect the OneCard servers are "state of the art" and "very secure," Tomljenovic admits that they are not perfect. "There's no such thing as a 10, but I would say we're as close to it as we could possibly be," he says.

Such imperfections are the sorts of things that worry Dr. Dowding and like-minded individuals. "Every time a new technology is developed, somebody's going to figure out how to do an end-run," says Dowding, which "all

has to do with who can break a firewall."

As the amount of spam that regularly fills the email inboxes of Laurier students' school accounts demonstrates, there is no shortage of people willing to try and circumvent the system and maliciously use personal information.

While this spam is a nuisance that is potentially dangerous, Carl Langford, manager of network operations for Information Technology Services, assures us that ITS is doing its best to keep Laurier Email account information secure.

Since the Ontario government implemented the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) last year, the ways in which students' Email account information has been distributed had to be changed.

Until that time Laurier had an on-line database where the Email addresses for students, faculty and staff could be accessed. "We were notified by the Privacy Officer that that was no longer acceptable, so within a few minutes that was turned off," explains John Kearney, director of Information Technology Services.

This move was done to ensure that students' account information could not easily be discovered on the school's website. Another aspect of the Email system that ITS seeks to keep

private are the actual Email accounts themselves.

As Langford explains, "We cannot see the actual message, and in fact we cannot see who it is from. Basically the message is a black box; we can tell it's there but we don't know who sent it, when they sent it, we just know that something's there."

The Email systems are not the only account information that falls underneath of the ITS umbrella. Each time a student logs into a computer on campus, that information is stored in a protected database for a short period of time.

"We keep limited logs so that we



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can tell the last couple of times that you may have logged in," says Langford, "It does not tell us where you have logged in, it tells us when."

This information that is collected through the use of the OneCard and ITS is protected by an elaborate system of firewalls. At the same time these firewalls also serve to protect the information that is held at the Registrar's Office.

"Most of the information we gather from students starts at the admissions stage," explains Ray Darling, Laurier's Registrar. "Right away you've got all of your wallet information, you've got all of the institutions that you've attended, you've got your grades, the programs that you've applied to here, your date of birth."

This information is then sorted

into individual files and stored in an extensive database for an indefinite period of time. "It's stored in Banner. You would know it as LORIS, that's kind of the front end of it. But the database underneath it is called Banner," explains Darling.

The information contained in Banner is used for administrative purposes and to determine whether or not students have met the progression requirements. "We have to have a good reason to ask for private information," Darling says.

Determining what is and is not a "good reason" comes down to what is laid out in the recently enacted Privacy Act. The job of dealing with the changes brought on by the act and how the school goes about maintaining the privacy of its students falls on Dr. John Metcalfe, director of the uni-

versity information and privacy office, and ombudsperson.

"Each piece of information has a different access class around it," explains Metcalfe. "For example, the names of people in courses would likely be highly accessible across the campus to employees of the university who need that for their work. But something like your grades would be much less accessible."

In terms of total access to university information, Metcalfe explains that only the school's president, Dr. Max Blouw, has the ability to see everything, as "he has the exclusive right, as the guy who runs the show."

By limiting who has the ability to view certain kinds of student information, Metcalfe hopes that he is

protecting the privacy of the school's students and upholding a moral responsibility to each student as an individual.

"Our moral and our legal responsibility is to restrict our asking for information to just that information that is necessary to run the university," says Metcalfe. "Because your freedom as a citizen in this country, and anywhere in the world, is based on your privacy. It's your ability to control what other people know about you that really gives you some sort of control over your liberty."

Although students themselves may take their privacy for granted, Metcalfe believes that "in ten years some students will kick themselves for what they did. Lots of it's very innocuous and benign, but there are three corner stones of identity theft:

name, date of birth and social insurance number."

With two of these three things being placed in electronic files by various institutions at the school, and oftentimes being willingly placed online on sites such as Facebook it makes it possible for, "you to compile lots of little bits of information on people and create a dossier," says Metcalfe.

With identity theft becoming increasingly prevalent in our society, and the possibility for credit fraud and other malicious actions being particularly damaging to a student's future, the need to better protect one's personal information should begin to be taken more seriously.

Metcalfe's advice on how and where you use your personal information is that "you just have to be cautious. Don't be crazy about it."

Accessible learning at Wilfrid Laurier

The ALC provides help for disadvantaged students to help them succeed

LINDA GIVETASH
CORD STUDENT LIFE

The Accessible Learning Centre (ALC) helps students with a wide range of disabilities. From learning disabilities to visual or hearing impairments, the ALC develops programs to accommodate each student's individual needs.

"WHAT WE'RE REALLY HERE TO DO IS TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD, NOT CREATE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE FOR STUDENTS."

- Gwen Page, manager of the Accessible Learning Centre at Laurier

762 students were registered with the ALC as of April 30, 2006. Their disabilities included Attention Deficit Disorder and other learning disabilities, medical problems, physical or mobility impairments, psychological disorders, acquired brain injuries and visual and hearing impairments.

To help these students, the ALC provides exam accommodations, learning strategies, tutoring, note-taking, assistive technology and

alternate format services. These accommodations make it possible for students to reach their full potential. That's not to say, however, that the students are getting advantages at a reduced academic standard.

"What we're really here to do," says Gwen Page, manager of the ALC, "is to level the playing field, not create an unfair advantage for the students." This means that students with note-takers still have to go to class, and students with exam accommodations still have to meet the same academic standards.

The difference the ALC makes in the lives of the students they help can be drastic. For many students, it makes education a reality that would otherwise seem impossible. "I couldn't think of coming to university if [the ALC] wasn't there," says Chris Riccomini, a visually impaired student graduating this fall.

To register with the ALC, you must bring formal documentation to verify your disability. From there, you'll be paired with a consultant who designs your program.

The program isn't set in stone. Your consultant can always make changes if it isn't working for you.

If you don't have a diagnosed disorder and suspect that you do, you can still contact the ALC and they will put you through a screening process. If they agree that there is a cause for concern, they will send you to a local psychologist so you can get diagnosed and get the proper assistance.

The program is not flawless. As Riccomini reflects on his university career, he recalls having to wait until mid-semester before getting his transcribed books. The ALC continues to adapt and change their services to be more efficient and accessible for the students. Riccomini admits that, "It's better now than [when] I first got here."

There is also the issue of money. The service itself is free, but if a student needs adaptive technology or psychological assessments, there are many costs and it can become expensive. The ALC tries to lessen these costs by helping students get access to bursaries and scholarships that are available.

Outside helping students with disabilities, the ALC also offers many volunteer opportunities. It recruits tutors, the always-in-demand note-takers, peer men-



Sydney Helland

HERE TO HELP - The ALC is always open to students who need help.

tors and support volunteers. The amount and the types of positions are always changing depending on the needs of the students.

If you are interested in registering or volunteering for the ALC,

you can reach its volunteers in person at their office in the Arts Building. More information about its included services can be found online at <http://www.mylaurier.ca/accessible/home.htm>.



Waterloo Nightlife: *Using fake IDs*

In the last article of our Waterloo nightlife series, we discuss the use of fake IDs at local bars and what the repercussions can be

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Most of us have tried to use one, or at least tried to find one, to get into a bar while still underage.

They come in many forms, whether they're a complete stranger's, a sibling's or a family member's, scratched or changed using a laser. For most underagers it's a ticket to freedom from the typical house parties and keggers they're used to attending.

In a city like Waterloo, where the bar crowd is primarily students, it doesn't come as a surprise that there's no shortage of people trying to use fake IDs. "The two men at the front door are specifically trained for IDs," said FUBAR owner Jerry Smith. "[We get] anywhere from 10 to 15 fake IDs per night."

Philthy's sees their fair share of



Irish Scott

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GOT A SECOND PIECE? - Fake IDs are common in the area, since both UW and Laurier have so many underage students.

A dummy's guide to student grocery shopping

SARAH TOPPLE
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Everybody eats, which means everybody needs to find food. Here are some easy tips to help even the most inept student shop for groceries.

Getting ready to go to the store

When it comes to buying food, not knowing exactly what you need or want can turn a quick trip to the grocery store into an entire afternoon of wandering the aisles aimlessly. Make a list. Try to make a list as you run out of food to save you some time.

Before you leave, make sure you have your list, coupons or fli-

ers, and re-usable shopping bags if you want to be environmentally conscious.

At the store

A good idea is to start at one end of the store and work your way to the other, and remember to pay particular attention to sales. Sobeys and Zehrs make this easy by having their sale tags in Day-Glo colours attached to the racks.

Always make sure the items are things you need or that you will use before they expire. Compliments, no name, or PC products will almost always be cheaper than brand name ones, so learn to love them. They usually taste the same anyway.

That costs how much?!

The final total at the checkout can be startling, so keep your eye on the price stickers. For produce, buy what's in season.

In the fall, these include potatoes, carrots, peas, onions and most other vegetables. Peppers and other imported produce will cost more, so try to buy them in bulk.

Fruit, with the exception of apples, won't be in season again any time soon, but a good tip is to buy fruit that is slightly under-ripe. This way, you will have time to eat them before they go bad.

Meat costs the most. You will pay more for meat that has been extensively treated (i.e. extra-lean beef) or naturally expensive. The weight

is printed right on the labels as well as the cost per kilogram or pound.

Grain and dairy products are generally pre-packaged and do not give you many opportunities to save money.

When you get home

When you get home, unpack your groceries right away. Put all perishables in the fridge or freezer.

If you bought a lot of meat, or more than you will eat before it expires, put it in the freezer using a freezer bag.

Put your fruits and veggies in the fridge and avoid peeling or chopping. This will keep them fresh for longer.

When to shop

You should plan to do two or three trips a month, one big one to get everything you need and one or two refill trips. For information on sales, flyers from all major grocery stores are available online. In Waterloo, Zehrs, Sobeys and the Wholesale Club (no membership needed) are all just a short bus ride from campus.

So grab your roommates and your favourite shopping bags and jump on the next bus to the closest grocery store. You'll save a lot of money and eat a lot healthier than you would if you were eating out all the time.

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fake IDs as well. Referring to the Monday of O-Week, owner Jeremy Farwell said "We got 26 fake IDs, [and that's] just the ones we caught."

As many of us know, if a bouncer suspects that your driver's license is not yours or has been tampered with, they will ask for a second piece of identification.

Since bar-goers here are primarily students, Laurier OneCards and Waterloo WatCards are usually acceptable. "Even though they don't work as ID, it's just something to say your name," said Chris Leggett, security personnel at Phil's Grandson's Place.

Since there are no formal guidelines for how to deal with a fake ID at a bar, each bar has their own policy.

Certain bars, like Philthy's and the Fox and Fiddle, will confiscate your ID if they believe it's fake or it's been tampered with. "If we know that it's not them and we've proved them wrong with one of the questions, we will take their ID and give them the option to let the owner of the ID know to pick it up the next day," said Farwell.

Constable Braiden of the Waterloo Regional Police assured *The Cord* that confiscating a fake driver's license is allowed. "It doesn't belong to the person to begin with a lot of the time."

Another way that bars deal with fakes is putting a crease in the card. According to Smith, FUBAR uses this method. "We take that ID, fold it in half, and give it back to them. It

puts a line down the card so [that] every other bar in town knows it's a fake."

If you're from outside Ontario, you've probably run into some problems at local bars, primarily because bouncers aren't sure of where to find the information on the card. "If we get an ID that's out-of-province we always ask for a second piece," said Dean Gibbons, owner of Molly Bloom's.

According to Farwell, being caught with a fake ID at a bar is way better than being caught by a police officer.

"We explain to them that it's a good thing we caught them and not an officer, we explain what could happen if a police officer caught them, and then if they continue to be rude and unruly to us, we tell them they are now trespassing and ask them to walk to the sidewalk."

Using a fake ID falls under false impersonation in the Criminal Code of Conduct. "The person could be charged with trying to impersonate somebody, which is the worst that could come out of that," said Constable Braiden.


According to Farwell, using a fake health card is a whole other issue. "We never, ever do this, but we could call the police and make a charge because a health card is a federal card."

Fake health cards and passports can often mean more trouble for those trying to use them. "With a driver's license, some of the charges can fall under the Highway Traffic Act, whereas if you're doing it with passports or health cards it is federal and criminal," said Constable

Braiden.

Even falsifying your identity without ID is a huge risk. "Even if they didn't give us an ID but they said a false statement of who they are, we can arrest them on that," said Constable Braiden. "They could be arrested and charged with impersonation."

Moral of the story: if you're going to get a fake ID, at least get one that will work well, and if you can get your hands on a second piece you will have much more luck.



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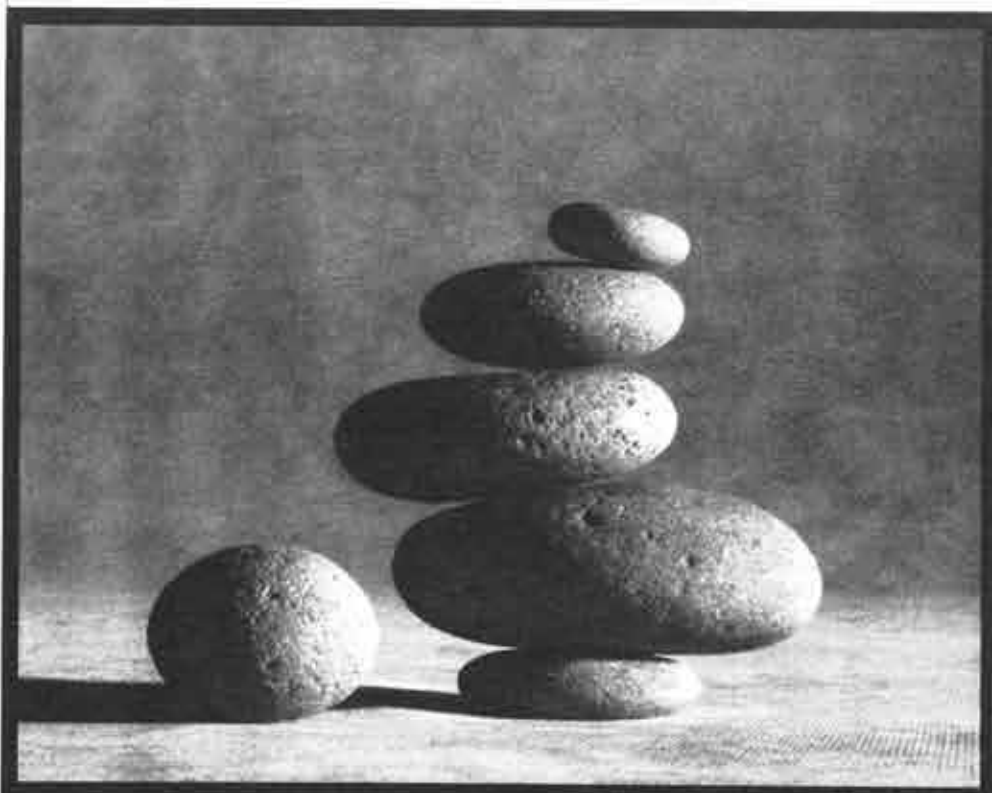
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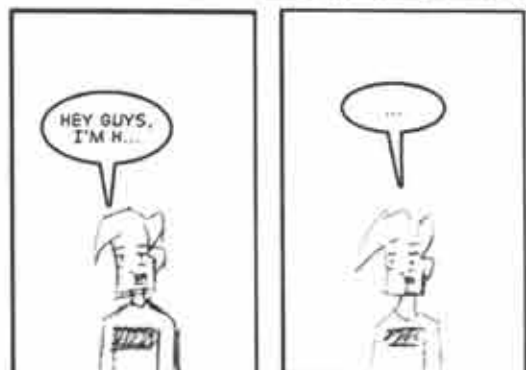
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Expansion lacks moral thought

In line with the Century Plan's international focus, Laurier opened its first international office in China last Friday. While this is great news for expanding WLU's presence around the globe, the fact that the office is located in China is some cause for concern.

The benefits of internationalization are numerous for the school, providing greater research opportunities and chances to study abroad for students and faculty both here at Laurier and those at international institutions; it could also mean a more diverse international student population on campus.

Forging these links brings WLU closer to its desired position as a successful mid-size school, and it is commendable that administration has successfully followed through with a plan that requires a great deal of planning and cooperation.

However, was China really the right place for Laurier to open an office? While it meets the requirements of the Century Plan and has the benefits of internationalization, partnerships with China are morally suspect.

Laurier should not be run strictly as a business. As a post-secondary institution, we should be setting an exemplary role by striving to uphold moral and ethical rights. China could not be further from meeting these moral standards.

China's long laundry list of human rights offenses includes repressing Tibet, supporting North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, assisting the facilitation of genocide in Darfur and aiding the Burmese junta, along with the upholding of social policy resulting in infanticide and repressing freedom of the press within its own borders. These occurrences should make us think twice about expanding our presence in China, yet it seems no one has brought forth such concerns.

While it's unfair to say that WLU supports the repression of human rights, the school should not ignore these offenses in its eagerness to gain a greater presence abroad. Even if it means not being the first Canadian university with a presence in a certain area, we need to be wary of what our connections implicitly say about our morals.

Privacy needs attention

Currently, the university has a great deal of personal information about each student attending classes here. And with the majority of it comprised of things like grades, contact information and registration information, we can't say that the school shouldn't have the information if we expect to get degrees.

The good news on the matter is that the university is currently handling our private info well and with care. While this is no cause for the university to stop working to continually update and check the measures in place to protect our information, current efforts indicate no cause for alarm.

The bigger concerns for students and privacy are Facebook and our own ignorance of what personal information should be withheld for security reasons.

Experts identify date of birth, full

name and social insurance number as the three cornerstones of identity theft; many students display two of these (birth date and full name) freely on their Facebook account. Facebook also allows all kinds of people to view photos and personal information unless privacy settings are changed. Most of us don't make these changes.

We students need to be far more concerned than we currently are about privacy. When the Privacy Act came into effect, we were quick to complain about how impractical and silly it was. Instead, we should gladly put up with the few small inconveniences that it has caused in exchange for the greater protection of our privacy it brings. We also need to make a greater effort of protecting our own privacy when regulations aren't forced upon us, as is the case with Facebook.

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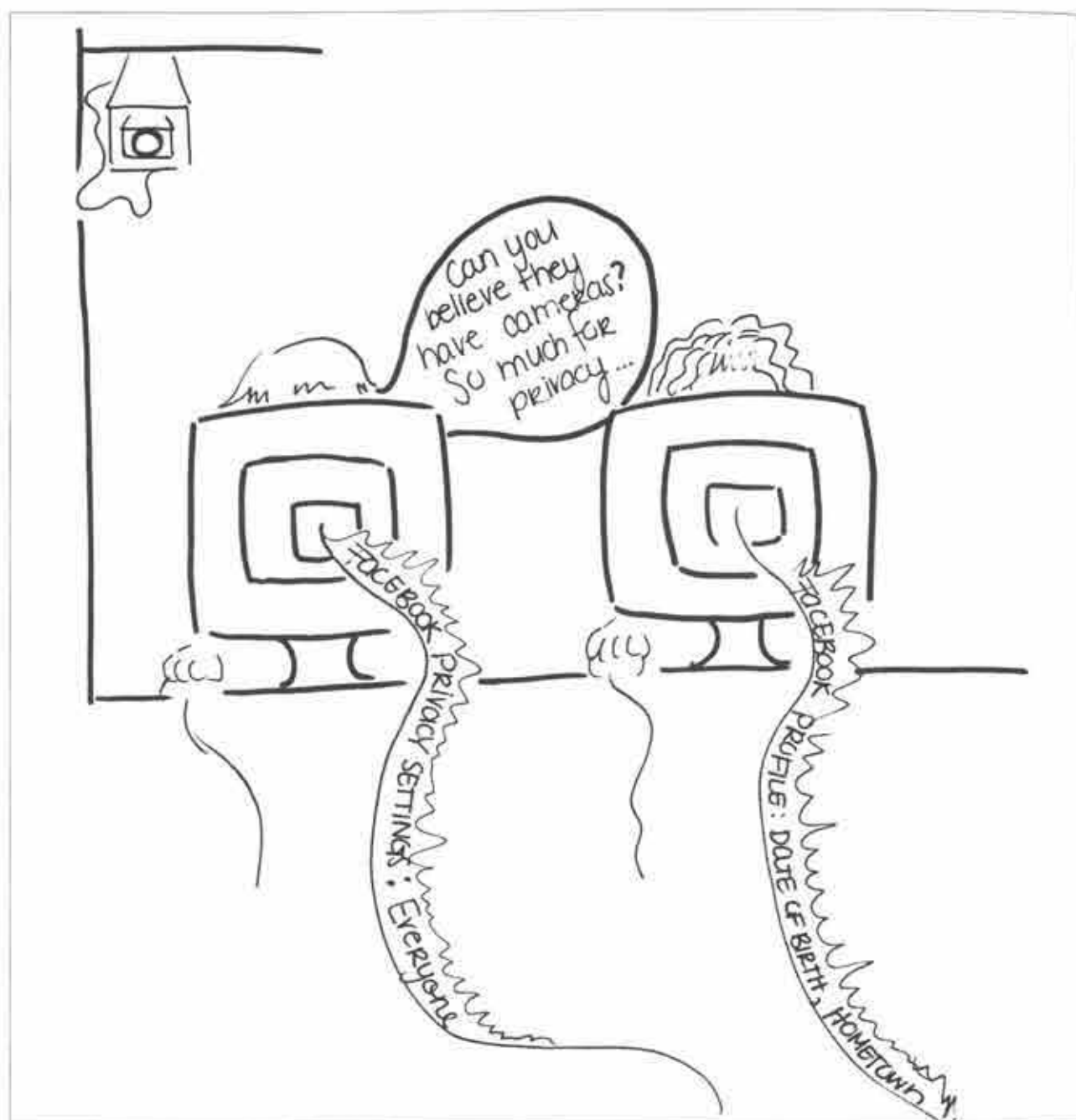
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Rail funding falls short



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Last Thursday, the federal government committed \$691.9 million in funding over the next five years to Via Rail, a crown corporation providing passenger rail service from Halifax to Vancouver. The money is to be used for capital projects and to subsidize operating costs.

According to a Ministry of Transport press release, the capital funding will allow for "fleet renewal, through refurbishment of the F40 locomotives and light, rapid and comfortable passenger cars; strategic infrastructure improvements to eliminate bottlenecks in the Quebec City to Windsor corridor; and station refurbishments [sic]."

This funding is certainly good news, but the government is far too self-congratulatory for funding that is overdue and far from innovative. Since its founding, Via Rail has suffered from the political whims of virtually every party that has been in government. And Stephen Harper has made no motions to act any differently than his predecessors.

The funding announcement closely parallels funding announced in October of 2003 by Jean Chrétien's Liberal government, which was cancelled in December of the same year when Paul Martin became prime minister. Despite this lack of funding, Via's passenger load increased from 3.8 million to 4.1 million in 2006.

Sadly, the current government's

proposal doesn't increase the level of funding despite knowledge of the increased number of passengers. David Jeanes, president of Transport 2000 Canada, told CTV Newsnet that "the specific programs that were identified [Thursday]... that's money that really had to be spent to keep those trains in good order."

Rather than a true improvement or extension of service, the government seems content with continuing to string passenger rail along. Countries in Europe and Asia have spent the past several decades installing and subsequently expanding high-speed trains, and yet here in Canada we have nothing of the sort.

The worst part is that high-speed trains make sense for Canada. Trains are more environmentally friendly than cars and buses and far more economical than air travel. Trains are also less likely to be affected (i.e. delayed) by adverse weather conditions – a big deal in our temperate climate.

An August 2007 report by André Gravelle of the firm UMA Engineering Ltd. for Via Rail, obtained by the Canadian Press under access to information laws, says that "the merits of high-speed passenger rail have been clearly established." Seven major studies of creating a high-speed rail link between Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa have taken place since 1984.

Although there is no standard definition for high-speed trains, in Europe they run upwards of 200 kilometres an hour. Modern technologies push the speed of the trains to 400 kilometres an hour and faster on new track while traveling at slower speeds on old track, usually located in cities.

So we're looking at a trip of about an hour and 20 minutes from Toronto to Montreal, a method of travel relatively good for the environment and a system that is more likely to be able to run in poor weather conditions. A win-win situation – one that is being held back by a lack of political support.

Gravelle's report goes on to say that "the question is not to ask whether [high-speed passenger rail] is worth government support, but rather where it stands with respect to competing mega-projects on the priority list of decision makers." Last week's almost \$700 million passenger rail funding announcement makes policy makers' priorities quite clear; there wasn't so much as a whisper of funding for high-speed rail.

Without this funding, it's certain that the project will not take place. It is estimated to cost as much as \$11.1 billion for the Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto route, and a proposed high-speed link between Calgary and Edmonton is estimated to cost \$3.4 billion. Government investment in high-speed rail links is standard worldwide. It is not a reason to say high-speed rail is impractical.

While last week's funding announcement is very welcome, it's barely a first step towards the government investing in needed transportation infrastructure. As our biggest cities continue to grow, the government needs to understand that highways and roads are less and less a practical solution to our transportation needs. The time has come for serious and innovative action.

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Language proves we no longer ask 'why'

Society's disregard for grammar has left meaning to fall by the wayside



ALLIE MAXTED
RESIDENT CYNIC

Recently, when I was at my local fall fair, I took a moment to browse the entries by schoolchildren in the exhibition hall. I looked at the winners in categories like posters, handwriting and miniature scarecrows, but it was when I reached the grade eight poetry section that I made a distressing discovery.

Despite being rather decent poems, the winners of this section were teeming with grammatical errors. I am not referring to small, nit-picky things, but glaring, obvious errors, such as the phrase "there is

lots of rides" in the second-place entry.

That particular error is one that I have been noticing a lot lately. The lack of a contraction for the phrase "there are" has resulted in the use of "there's" in its place. This has occurred so often that "there are" has, for many people, ceased to exist entirely.

Now, I've witnessed poorly spoken English before and no doubt committed the atrocity myself, but I was disturbed nonetheless to find we have reached the level where we are rewarding people for it. This is true, it seems, even in a school-related activity.

Bad grammar may not seem like a big issue for many people, and that is precisely the problem. Poor English makes communication

more difficult (and it causes the speaker to appear less intelligent). However, what we really must fear is not the consequence of poor English, but the cause.

The majority of these language issues are a result of people just plain not thinking about what they are saying and never questioning its meaning.

The common statement "I could care less" is a perfect example of this. While there is nothing wrong with the statement grammatically, it is nearly always used incorrectly, when the user really means to say, "I couldn't care less." If you could care less, then you're implicitly admitting that you do care to at least some degree, which is generally not the intended meaning.

This, like most grammar errors,

is just one of the many phrases that people say that has lost its original meaning.

In George Orwell's essay "Politics and the English Language," Orwell cites what he calls "dying metaphors" as a further example of this common problem in our language. Metaphors such as "toe the line" are used without knowledge of their meaning. Orwell believes this to be true because it is often erroneously spelt as "tow the line."

The overuse of words such as "like," "sketchy" and "random" hurls them into a world of meaninglessness as well.

While these words are abused primarily by youth, older folk cannot escape criticism either. Political catchphrases such as "accountability" and "freedom" are similarly problematic – everyone loves to use them, but no one is quite sure of their meaning.

While this deterioration of the English language has been blamed on a variety of things, from the failure to teach grammar in schools to technologies like text messaging, these explanations are oversimplified. In fact, that people make the kind of mistakes they do is demon-

strative of a lack of critical thought in society in general.

We absorb these phrases and spit them out again, aware of when it's socially acceptable to use them but otherwise unaware of their meanings.

It's not that individuals who speak English in this way are stupid or uneducated, for these mistakes are so common that they have developed new and contextually correct social meanings. The problem is that, when using language, our society as a whole has failed to ask the question "why?"

Since all meaning is essentially grounded in language, this lack of concern towards it is a dangerous thing. Whether it is attributed to laziness, apathy or even indoctrination, such an attitude is carried into everyday life.

If we fail to think about why we do things, it allows people to hold power over us and it limits our freedom. This is why it isn't something that grammar lessons can fix. It's up to individuals to take control of their own language use and, in so doing, take control of meaning.

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> Letters to the Editor

Why music's silent

I'm a fourth-year music student here at Laurier. I've also been an Icebreaker, a Bacchus volunteer, a member of the A-Team and my House Council, as well as a Student Ambassador. As a representative of both the music program and extracurricular student life on campus, I would like to offer my own insight as to why the music faculty seems to be so segregated in comparison to the rest of the school.

Firstly, we make up about three percent of Laurier's total population. There are simply less of us to go around. Secondly, the requirements for the music program are very strenuous. The students are studying under world-class performers (and pedagogues) and are held to extremely high performance standards on a daily basis. Not only that, but for all of us, our bodies are a part of our instrument. It's impossible to do well in a lesson or a master class if you're hung over from the night before. When a student from another faculty goes home at the end of class, they may need to do some readings or papers, but music students need to spend an hour or two practicing, then do our readings etc, all with enough time to get a good night's sleep for the next day's routine. It's extremely tough for music students to be able to balance all of the things we would like to do, and for most of us, our education wins. That is, after all, why we're all here.

The fact that we're such a well-known yet exclusive program means that we can choose to accept only the best and most dedicated students. But look at it this way – if you had the chance to study with some of the best in your field, wouldn't you take that opportunity seriously? There's a reason that our faculty has the reputation that it does – it's because our students

work hard to become professional, well-rounded musicians. Quite frankly, if there are some parts of the school can't be bothered to take the time to know about us, it's their loss.

- Laurel Tubman

Music must stay put

Thank you for publishing the article "The Silence of Laurier's Music." Laurier students need to know about the world-class music faculty located on the same block as most of their classes. However, I disagree with many of the comments said in the editorial "Music students isolated."

I agree that we do not place posters to promote concerts and events in and around campus as much as we should; however, our concerts are always listed under upcoming events on the Laurier website. As well, the faculty publishes pamphlets listing all of our upcoming concerts, and they can be found many places in the music building (and as an added bonus, this would give you a reason to visit the Aird building). Besides getting more exercise, the benefits of moving theory and history-based music classes to other buildings are few. The classes would still be comprised of all music students, so the only "integration" would happen in the rush hour between classes, which is not a great time for conversation. We also do not have time to be running all over campus for integration's sake. The convenience of having our next class or rehearsal down the hall from us means we can set up or pack away our instruments without worrying about being late. Most importantly, music theory and history courses are not all pen (or pencil) and paper. Pianos would just be one of the more

difficult-to-move teaching tools that our professors need.

I do have classes outside the music building, and I consider non-music majors amongst my closest friends. But should this really be an integration, or 'music majors verses non-music majors' issue? Maybe the real solution here is to take an interest in what your fellow students on campus are doing. Take pride in your university – home to one of the country's finest music schools.

- Julie Rochus

Che a disgrace

As routine with student publications and culture, Ernesto 'Che' Guevara is thought of highly by many who view him through the glasses of nostalgia as a heroic revolutionary fighting the imperialism and totalitarianism that faced Latin American.

The first thing that struck me about the article in the previous issue was the mention of Guevara as a physician. As a physician he had to adhere to an oath; there are many, but the common quote is that, 'I will do NO harm.' In this, Guevara disgraced himself and the profession he studied. Guevara did immense harm to the places he professed love for when he laid down his medical kit and picked up a gun to fight Batista and support the replacing of one totalitarian dictatorship for another. In doing so, Guevara committed many murders against those he fought and those he suspected of betraying himself and Fidel Castro. He was described by his peers as ruthless and brutal in his revolutionary quest and was willing to do unspeakable things to further what he believed was the right path. This makes him little different than other brutal Com-

munist Joseph Stalin or Josip Broz Tito. The legacy of Guevara is not as a revolutionary or martyr, but as someone that laid the groundwork for the destructive and brutal guerrilla warfare that has plagued Guatemala, Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, and that in some cases still continues today.

The path of violence that Guevara left for the Latin American countries he 'helped' has only served to make them more reliant on American support. He did no good, only harm, and it's disturbing that people view him in such a positive light. There is nothing positive about him.

- Josh Grigg

Part-time faculty members neglected

I wonder if many students realize that they are probably being taught by second class citizens, or rather, people who quite justifiably believe they are being treated as second class citizens. I am referring here to part-time faculty members. If you do not know whether or not your professor is full or part-time you can almost flip a coin to reasonably guess: forty-percent of Laurier's teaching is done by part-time employees. "Part-time" is something of a misnomer; many part-time faculty are teaching greater numbers of courses than their full time colleagues. Some are teaching at several different institutions simultaneously with all the extra travel time that that involves. "Part-time" certainly need not refer to "part of the work"; a better term for such employees would be "part-paid" faculty as they get paid in a per course fashion that works out to be a lot less money than their full-time colleagues.

But even 'part-paid' would not

capture the full reality. Perhaps they could be called 'part-paid, worse conditions' faculty. A good example is the newly renovated Woods building. Generally, full-time faculty are pleased with what is for them an improvement. It is not an improvement for part-time faculty members. They no longer have even shared office space to call their own. They must book rooms for particular times in order to meet with students. I do not have space here to begin to fully detail the manner in which Laurier exploits its part-time faculty; but students should be aware of two facts concerning it.

First, the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Association (WLUFA) is presently in contract negotiations with the university and trying hard to improve the pay and working conditions of part-time faculty. Secondly, students should know that the outcome of these negotiations is not merely an altruistic issue of social justice, but it is also something that will profoundly affect the quality of education they receive. In the coming weeks people supporting the part-timers will be wearing badges asserting that part-time faculty give full-time value. There is a great deal of important truth behind this simple slogan.

- Dr. Garry Potter
WLUFA Executive member

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GENDERED JERSEYS - In an attempt to cater to women, jerseys such as this one are available only in pink. Contributed photo

Gender stereotypes still exist for sports fans

Feminized merchandise targeting female spectators continues to spread the belief that women know nothing about the sports or teams they watch



AMELIA LOCKHART
LEFT TO WRITE

Now that the 2007-08 NHL season has officially begun, so has the emergence of students wearing jerseys and t-shirts supporting their favourite teams. I have officially put away my Jays shirts and brought out my Leafs ones.

As a true Leafs fan, I can never find enough memorabilia or clothing and, even though the Leafs have a large fan base (despite their not-so-perfect track record), it is more difficult than you would think.

With news of the new and improved Jays Shop at the Rogers Centre, I eagerly anticipated my first game of the season this year. However, I was less than impressed when I could not find anything I liked in such a big store.

I could not find anything in the "women's clothing" section of the store that wasn't pink or baby blue, or had sparkles or cutesy lettering.

Though the men's shirts actually looked like Jays jerseys and had actual players' names on them, the sizing didn't fit me; the small shirt would have been a dress on me. I finally found a shirt that I liked and that fit me - in the infants and toddlers section.

What I don't understand is why sports clothing has to be gendered. Why is it that gender boundaries are so deeply embedded in social

institutions?

I'd like to know when pink was one of the Jays' colours, or even worse, one of the Leafs' colours.

In the Air Canada Centre store, none of the pink jerseys have a player's name on the back. This implies that women don't know anything about the Leafs. Though I like the colour pink, there is a time and place for it.

I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHEN PINK WAS ONE OF THE JAYS' COLOURS, OR EVEN WORSE, ONE OF THE LEAFS' COLOURS.

I refuse to wear a pink jersey and am disgusted by girls and women who wear tight sports t-shirts that reveal cleavage, a miniskirt, heels and matching bling to games. It just reinforces gender stereotypes and says, "I'm only here to look good." Well then, get out of the way so the real fans can watch the game.

Now, I'm not saying you can't go to a game if you know nothing about the team. This summer I went to a Jays' game with a friend from work, mainly because she got us free seats from her dad. It proved to be an entertaining game because she knew nothing about the Jays or even baseball.

Still, I was impressed with her willingness to learn and her attentiveness to the entire game. You can never have too many fans. But don't say you are a fan of a team if you don't know what you are talking about; don't wear a Leafs jersey

if you don't know anything about the Leafs. If the only players you can name are Sundin and maybe Tucker or Kaberle, that doesn't make you a fan.

Though we live in an apparent time of equality and acceptance, gender stereotypes remain deeply rooted in our society. I learned everything I know about sports from watching my older brother, yet he still refuses to believe I know anything about hockey or baseball. In his mind, it just isn't right.

As long as I can remember, I've been going to his hockey games and have come to call our local arena home, so why isn't it a plausible conclusion that I'd be interested in the game? It's his fault; he refuses to take the blame.

Obviously, men and women aren't the same, and that's why they have separate hockey leagues. But what role does gender play in a fan base?

Does your genetic makeup really influence your interests and hobbies? It shouldn't.

There is no need for sports clothing to be gendered. We put pink hats on our newborn girls and blue hats on our newborn boys to reduce gender confusion. Why do we need to put pink Leafs jerseys on women and blue Leafs jerseys on men? The gender differences should be obvious by now.

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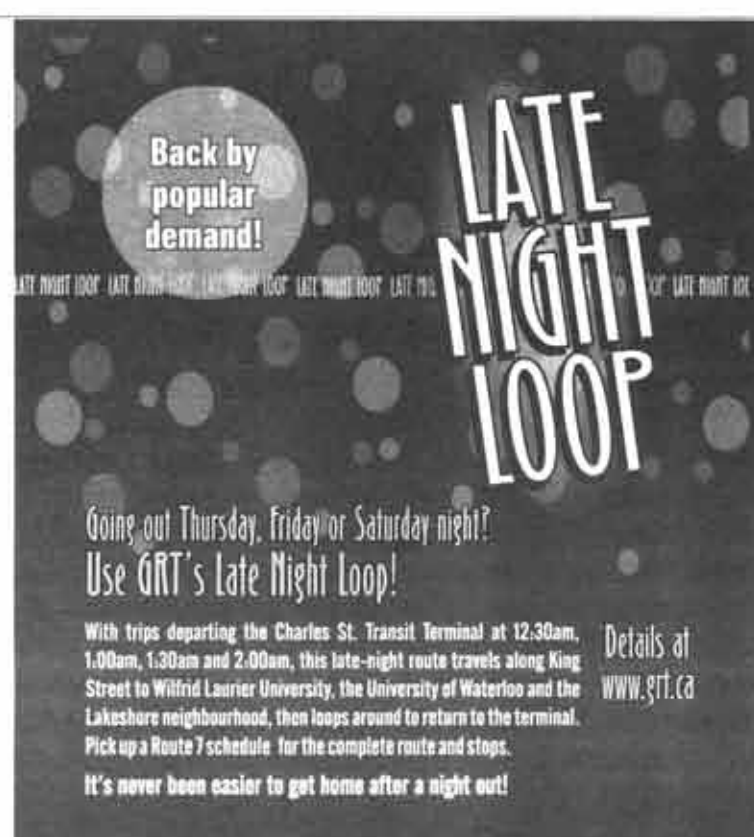


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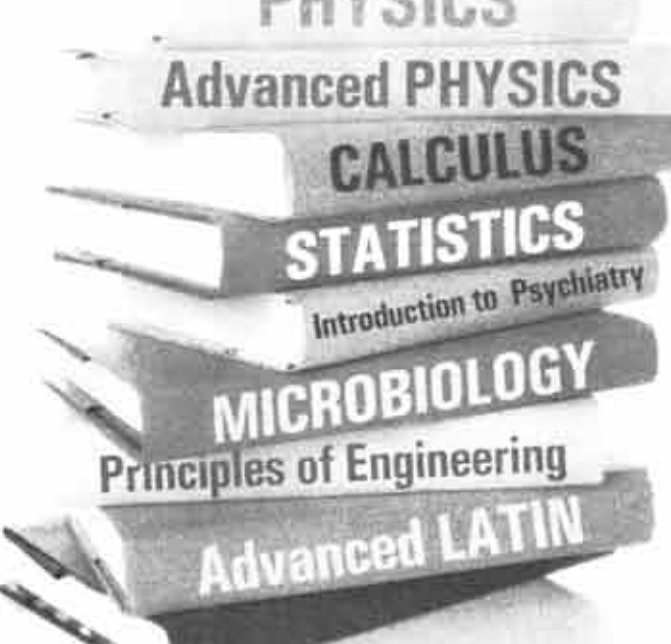
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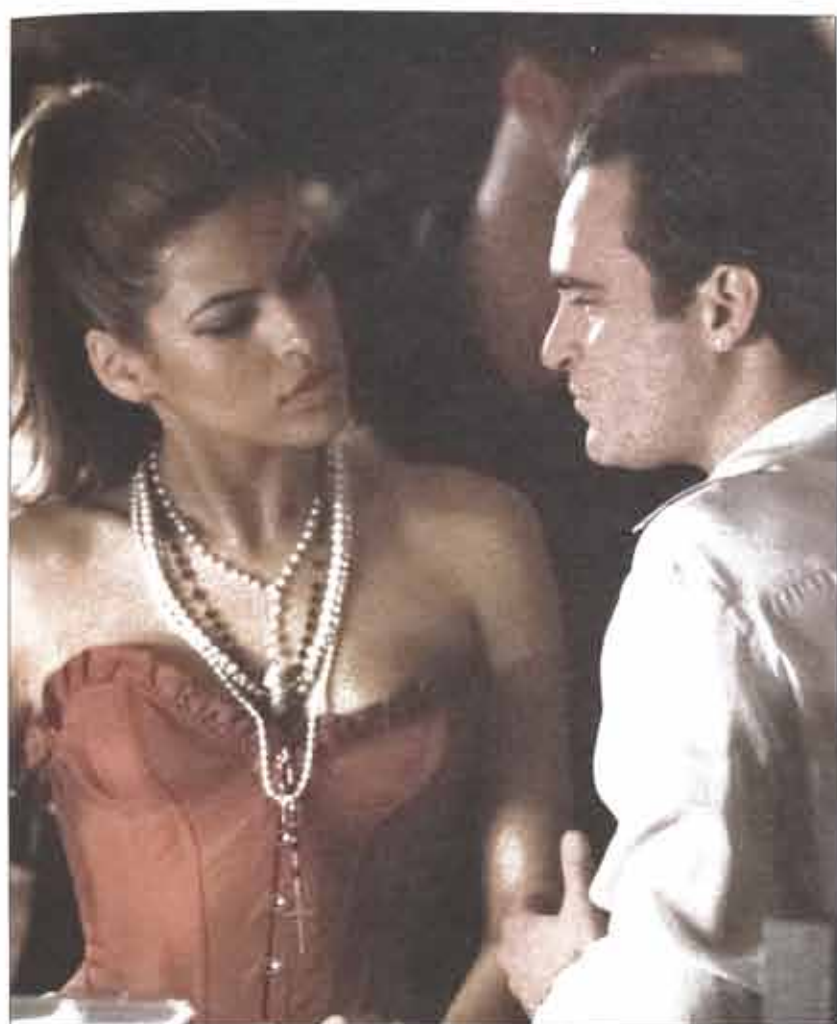
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Mark Wahlberg revives his ferocious cop role

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If you're looking for an entertaining action, drama and crime movie, *We Own the Night* is right up your alley. It's guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat with tension, but be warned: its intensely dramatic storyline can at times be a little heavy.

Written and directed by James Gray, *We Own the Night* is set in New York in the 1980s, a time wrought with conflict between the NYPD and the Russian mafia. Caught in the middle of the war is Bobby Green (Joaquin Phoenix), the manager of one of Brooklyn's most popular clubs. Owned by a Russian mobster, Bobby's club is regularly frequented by wanted criminals in the drug syndicate, who he treats as regular customers.

Yet the plot thickens when Bobby's family ties are revealed: both

his brother Joseph (Mark Wahlberg) and father Burt Grusinsky (Robert Duvall) are high-ranking officers in the NYPD. Needless to say, Bobby and his family don't share a particularly close relationship, neither party approving of what the other does.

But this all changes when Bobby's brother Joseph is shot by a mobster well known to Bobby. Out of loyalty to his family, Bobby is forced to join the law enforcement side of the war to seek vengeance, and the heat rises as Bobby and his family are considered wanted men by the Russian Mafia's most threatening criminals.

This crime drama holds both entertainment and gravity for anyone who appreciates a good old-fashioned film about the struggle between law and crime. Slightly reminiscent of *The Departed*, directed by Martin Scorsese – although packing much less punch and intrigue – *We Own the Night* is a quality film made better by its acting.

Always a master of his craft, Joaquin Phoenix delivered an amazing performance as a troubled man caught between the grips of two worlds. Also notable was Mark Wahlberg's performance as a bitter cop traumatized by the events of his past.

Moments to look forward to in this film are the unpredictable action scenes, such as the high-energy car chase in the rain and the ending scene, a manhunt filmed in a field of tall wheat.

At times, though, this movie may prove to be too melodramatic, such as the fights between Joaquin Phoenix and his girlfriend Amanda (Eva Mendes), and the somewhat sappy ending.

All in all, *We Own the Night* lacks any of the depth and plot creativity to deserve major praise, but for sheer entertainment value, it should not disappoint.



We Own the Night
Director: James Gray
Starring: Joaquin Phoenix,
Mark Wahlberg
Release Date: 10/19/2007
Rating: 7.6/10.0

Shake Hands with the Devil again

A Canadian-made film version of the atrocities that took place in Rwanda



Brent Rohrer

PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE - Actor James Gallanders portrays Major Brent Beardsly in this adaptation.

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Shake Hands with the Devil is based on the best-selling book by the same title, which documents the experience of French-Canadian Lieutenant General Romeo Dallaire (played by Roy Dupuis) in Rwanda as part of the UN's attempt at a peacekeeping mission in the early 1990s.

The story of the Rwandan genocide has been told before, most famously in *Hotel Rwanda*, which was a high-budget Hollywood film jam-packed with special effects and celebrity actors.

Speaking with James Gallanders (who plays the supporting character of Major Brent Beardsly) at the Princess Twin for the opening Gala for *Shake Hands with the Devil*, his response to *Hotel Rwanda* was that "it brought great awareness to what happened during the genocide but a lot of it was just made up to make an interesting story ... This [*Shake Hands with the Devil*] is an actual account of what happened in Rwanda."

Rather than sugarcoating a story for an attention-lacking audience, this movie brings forth a

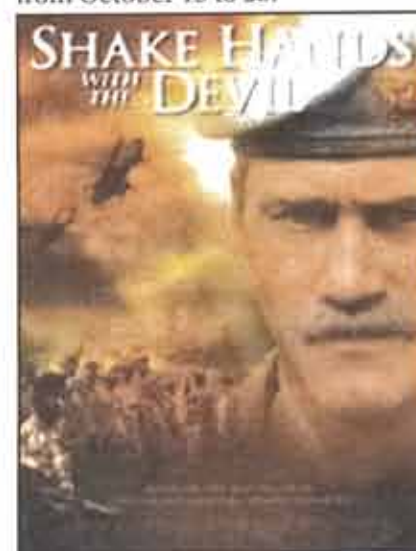
proud Canadian feature film that conveys accuracy to a story that has been tainted by our American friends. Canada's place in Rwanda was overlooked in *Hotel Rwanda*, and that is why *Shake Hands with the Devil* is such a necessary film. It bravely puts to shame the UN's lack of interest in protecting the civilians of the small African country.

Lt. General Romeo Dallaire is not the incompetent fool that was portrayed by Nick Nolte in *Hotel Rwanda*. Rather, he is a strong Canadian lieutenant who was determined to bring an end to the genocide even if it meant sacrificing his life.

Unfortunately, I did find that the budget for the movie was perhaps a little lacking, but that's almost always expected with our Canadian film industry. But with that being said, this movie didn't need to adhere to the costly action scenes of a typical American film, since it was able to find solitude in a powerful script rather than having to supplement with special effects.

This movie is possibly the most accurate depiction of the Rwandan genocide and will undoubtedly make any Canadian proud. It was screened before the Rwandan government to ensure that their story

was being told in the most truthful manner, representing the 937,000 civilians that lost their lives in the massacre. It will be playing at the Princess Twin Cinemas every day from October 19 to 25.



Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda
Director: Roger Spottiswoode
Starring: Roy Dupuis, James Gallanders
Release Date: 10/19/2007
Rating: 6.9/10.0

Book launch at Jane Bond

Coach House Books returns to the Waterloo lounge for the second year in a row to promote budding Canadian authors

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When's the last time you read something by a Canadian author, other than one of your textbooks? Just like our music and television, the literature enveloping our educational and leisurely curriculum is often pervasively American.

Not to say the likes of Kerouac or H.S. Thompson should be avoided, but it's easy to skip over works by Canadians who might not have had the media blitz of something like Oprah's Book Club.

Coming up this Monday, October 22 at 8 pm, the Jane Bond will be hosting the Coach House Books' Waterloo book launch for the second year in a row. The launch will feature live readings from authors Cara Hedley (*Twenty Miles*), Sarah Lang (*The Work of Days*) and Jessica Westhead (*Pulpy and Midge*).

In a telephone interview, first-time novelist and long-time writer Jessica Westhead sounds excited to be promoting her comedic and somewhat cathartic book, *Pulpy and Midge*.

She explains having aspired to be a writer for quite some time. "Back when I was really little, instead of selling lemonade on my front lawn I'd make little books and sell

those. Only my dad and my babysitter ended up buying them," she adds with a laugh. "There was one I made about a scary dream I had called *The Zombie Cats*."

Although *Pulpy and Midge* may be lacking zombie cats, it does have the appeal of a modern office mockumentary. It's a tale of the relationships between lovers, friends and coworkers, based around an office and detailed in minute, often hilarious observations.

Many of these observations come from the personal experiences of Westhead during her years as a temp in various office settings.

"Before I started freelance editing I did a lot of temp work, pretty much only in offices. Over the years I got interested in office politics and office gossip, and the whole office environment," Westhead says of her not-too-distant past.

She explains her sleuth-like research skills that inspired much of the book. "As a temp I was always neutral and on the outside, and able to observe these goings-on."

The tone of *Pulpy and Midge* is generally lighthearted, centring around the leads Pulpy, a bit of a bumbling office underdog, and Midge, his eccentric and supportive wife. They have a pet goldfish and they go skating on weekends,

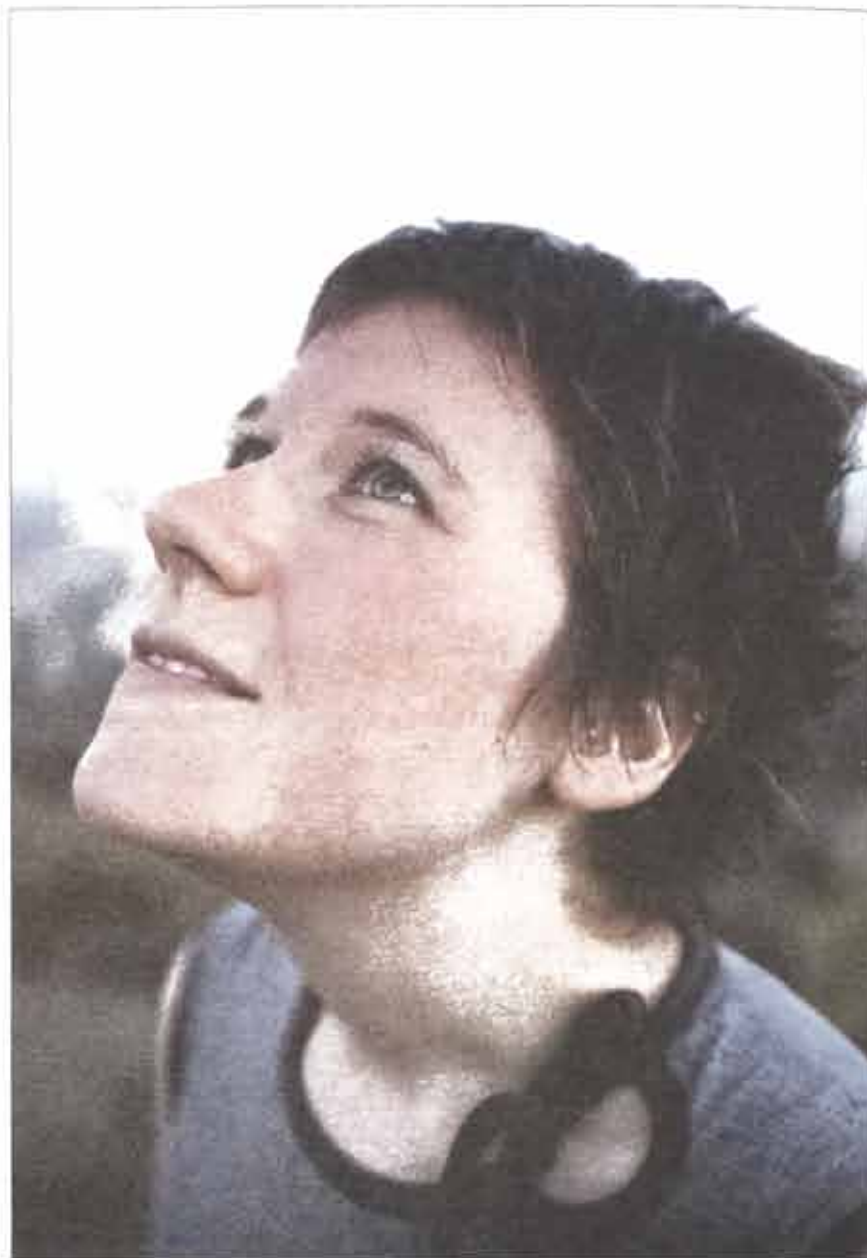
Westhead expands on the book and what she'd like readers to take out of *Pulpy and Midge*. "I guess this sounds kind of corny, but just a sense of hope. *Pulpy and Midge* is just kind of about two ordinary people living ordinary lives. But we all in our ordinary lives have interesting things that happen to us every day, and those things are meaningful," explains Westhead.

"And I didn't write a novel that's sort of Indiana-Jones-esque ... I mean, I love Harrison Ford, but that's not the type of story this is... I want it to be inviting; I hope people take away a sense that every life has exciting things happen in it."

For the aspiring Canadian writers out there, Westhead commented that a resourceful website, www.placesforwriters.com, might be a good base to jump up from. She also recommends getting involved with your local literary scene by attending readings, meeting other writers and getting your works read by different people.

Westhead adds more generally, "If people have something they love to do, or want to start doing, then they need to make time for that thing, no matter what."

Catch her along with Cara Hedley and Sarah Lang at the Jane Bond this Monday.



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THINGS ARE LOOKING UP - Jessica Westhead unveils light new novel.

The Last Five Years opens at T&C

The first show of the season centers around a journey through the lives of two ex-lovers that uses a non-chronological form

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One can often tell a lot about a play by the way it starts. If it starts as a happy utopia, this is a tragedy and it will most certainly end in depression and probably a few deaths. If the beginning of the play is overshadowed with angst, it is a comedy or musical and will end in happiness.

Although *The Last Five Years* fits neither of these classifications, you still know how the play will end, because the ending of the story runs parallel to the beginning.

The Last Five Years is about Jamie

and Cathy's failed relationship. The audience sees every moment from their first date to their last goodbye from each character's perspective. Jamie (Andrew Kushnir) tells his story from beginning to end, while Cathy (Julie Martell) starts at the break-up and goes back in time until the start.

Their memories meet only once in a pivotal shared moment in the middle of their relationship. This moment is the only one in which they are both happy at the same time. This unconventional format works for the story, as it ensures no moment is too gloomy by always following a light-hearted memory from another time in the relationship. This is perhaps to remind the audience that no matter how miserable a relationship may be at the end, it wasn't always bad.

The Last Five Years is co-produced by the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, which is a great fit for this show since both Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony and Theatre and Company are going through some re-building and are hoping to get their new message out to their respective audiences.

As the first true musical Theatre and Company has ever produced, Cloran hopes the atypical format and contemporary style will reso-

nate with younger audiences.

Cloran also acknowledges the financial stress on many young people and has introduced Wednesday "Pay What You Can" nights at Theatre and Company. He hopes that *The Last Five Years* will not be the last musical that Theatre and Company produces, since it has already seen great success with the public in only its first week of shows.

Great performances were given by the leads, which in this type of musical is a testament to both their talent and flexibility. There is very little dialogue as most scenes are dominated by soliloquized songs. Since all but one scene involves solo performances, their dedication to the scene is of the utmost importance.

Even still, there are clear competencies from each actor: Kushnir was much better towards the beginning of the play when his character Jamie was happy, in love and still the "good guy."

Similarly, Martell was also at her best in the first few scenes where she played Cathy as the hurt victim with dedicated emotion. The stage lighting was proficient in portraying the sentiment of each scene by helping the audience who may otherwise be confused by the "time traveling."



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LOVER'S TOUCH - One of the brief moments featuring both leads.

Towards the end of the play, however, both actors reverted to one-dimensional versions of their characters, which is understandable when actors have no one else to play off during solo scenes.

Jamie suddenly became a philandering husband who was unable to "keep it in his pants" and lost all layers of emotion his character once had. Martell, meanwhile, kept the depth to her character up until her final scene when Cathy became a caricature of the typical young girl in love.

Regardless, the last moment is nothing short of perfect, as both characters say goodbye.

Cathy's is the sort of giddy goodbye that is inevitable after every perfect first date and Jamie's permanent goodbye is the kind that every relationship dreads.

A great beginning to Theatre and Company's 2007-08 season, *The Last Five Years* plays until October 28 at the Theatre and Company stage at 36 King St. W. in Kitchener, every Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 pm with an additional 2:00 pm matinee on Saturday and a 4:00 pm twilight on Sunday.

Tickets can be ordered online at theatreandcompany.org or through the box office at 519-571-0928.

The Last Five Years

Director: Julie Taymor

Writer: Jason Robert Brown

Producer: Theatre and Company

Starring: Julie Martell, Andrew Kushnir

Running: Oct 10-28, 2007

Rating: A must see for music and theatre lovers

Price: Student \$10-\$21