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AMANDA MARIE AUGUSTINE

Student passes away over weekend

Friends and family
mourn a tragic loss

DAN POLISCHUK
NEWS EDITOR

With how much Amanda Augustine gave of herself to others, it's no wonder that her passing has left a void in the lives of those who were close to her.

Having passed away in hospital this past Saturday night, the 19-year-old Global Studies student "never had a bad word to say about anybody," according to her mother, Janet Ogilvie.

"She had a smile that would make the whole room light up," said Ogilvie, adding, "She was an angel."

Leaving behind her father, Gerry Augustine, younger sister Rachel-Lynne and step-sisters Haley and Courtney, another key aspect of her life was her boyfriend Jarrod Gleadall.

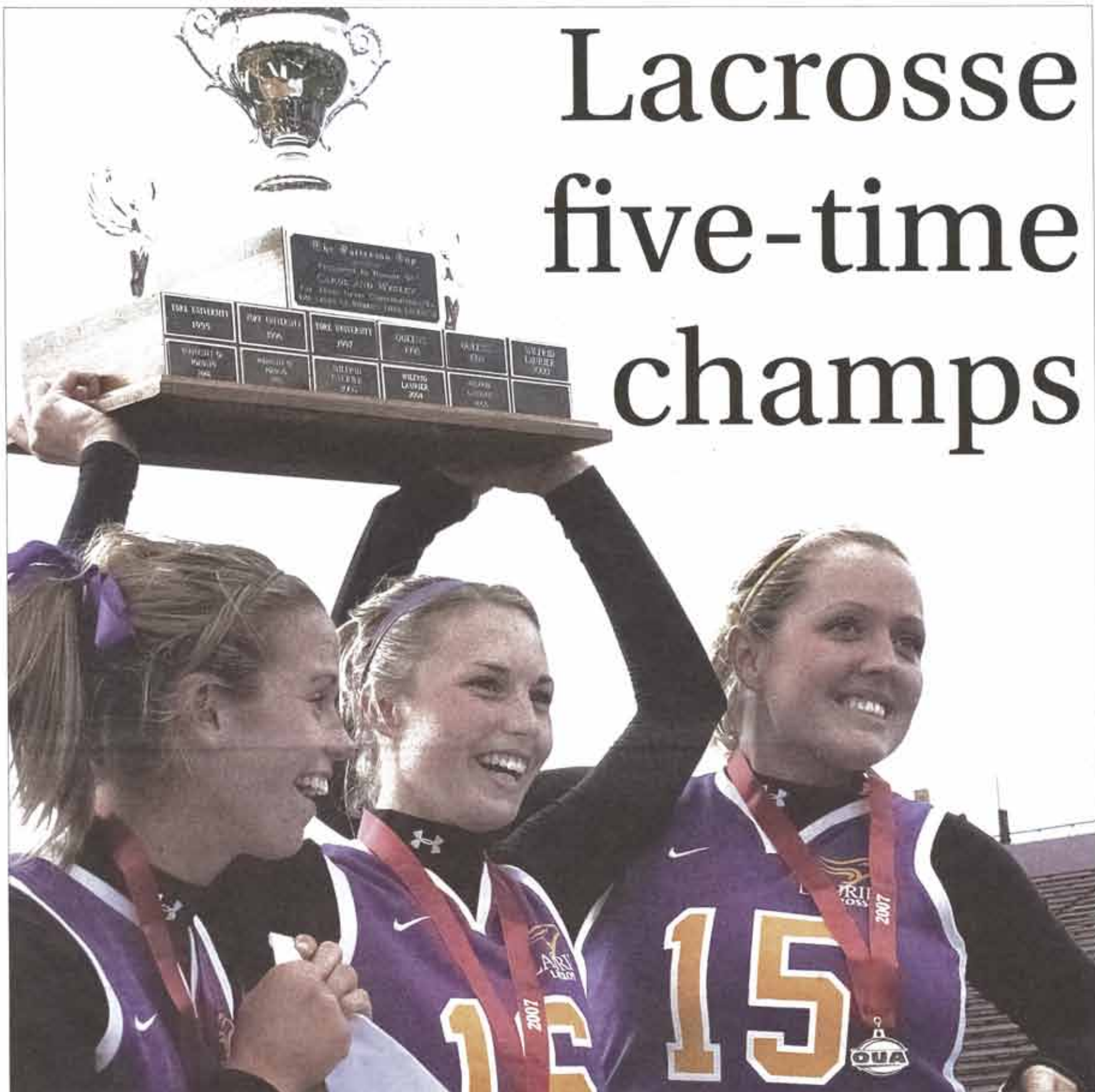
A second-year archaeology student at Laurier, Gleadall described how he essentially based his decision to come to WLU on Augustine's choice.

"We went everywhere together," said Gleadall, explaining that the two had dated since grade 12 but had known each other since the middle of elementary school.

"There was never a person that didn't fall in love with her," he said.

"She was always such a great help ... and always had a way of making me feel better about things."

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LAURA TOMKINS

WONDER WOMEN - (From left) The three team captains Brittney Boynton, Andrea Wylie and Heather McHardy celebrating with their trophy.

The women's lacrosse team further solidifies their dynasty, ending a perfect season with OUA crown

LAUREN MILLET
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a dismal weekend, as rain and wind pounded Waterloo region; however, in front of the few fans that were brave enough to tackle the chilly weather, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's lacrosse team continued to write OUA history as they walked away with their fifth straight championship title.

"It's amazing," said third-year attack Amy Fincham. "Everyone showed great leadership and we all came together when we needed to."

"One was great, and then you get the stress of whether you can repeat," said Head Coach Lynn Orth. "Suddenly you're at five and you're just like 'wow.'"

The Hawks entered the week-end sitting on an undefeated 6-0 record for the year.

Their first match-up came

against the Western Mustangs in semi-final action. The game began with the Mustangs controlling much of the play, keeping the Hawks away from the attack with persistence and good passing.

It didn't last long, however, as the Hawks picked it up, finding their stride as rookie midfielder Jayme Beard scored the first two goals in less than a minute. The Hawks executed skillful passing and defence, leading to a half-time score of 8-2.

"We played great," said Beard. "We came out a little bit shaky, but right away we started playing our game and scored three goals."

"We did a really good job of sticking to our game and not getting frantic," commented Orth.

The second half opened with a quick Mustangs goal, but their elation was short-lived as the Hawks came back with two more of their own. The Hawks continued to dominate the Mustangs, with only

the final whistle stopping what would end a 16-5 drubbing.

"We had a good spread at the half and we just came out and kept hammering away," said Beard. "We had a lot of confidence in our team."

"Our defence and our goalie came up big, and that really helped us as well," said Orth.

With an impending rematch of last year's final against the Queen's Golden Gaels, Beard stated that they were "betting on nothing but a victory." And what a victory they got.

While the cold continued to plague the grounds, the skies cleared just enough to stop the persistent rain from harassing the fans for the second day in a row. The ladies came out onto the field and began their domination right from the start.

- SEE LACROSSE, PAGE 15

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"Porn Star is a career, it's a serious career. I want to be a porn star, Joe."

Print Production Manager Alex Hayter discussing his not-so-secret career aspirations

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

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SYDNEY HELLAND

COME ON - Pilot Pita co-owner Jacob Watt questions why WLUSU is denying competition between his business and the on-campus Pita Shack.

OneCard denied

Students union blocks Pilot Pita from getting on the OneCard system for the fourth year in a row

MICHELLE CALDARONI
CORD NEWS

Co-owner of Pilot Pita, Jacob Watt, has been trying for four years now to be accepted by Laurier for the OneCard reader, and on Monday he was informed that once again his business is being rejected.

"Students come in, ask if we take OneCard, and before they even try the food, they leave. It's not the money, it's not the business, it's saying no to students. I hate turning people away," said Watt.

"We'll just keep on trying every year until we get it. The students want it, so we'll keep trying," he added.

The first year Pilot Pita applied, they were told upon rejection that only one of each type of restaurant is accepted, and for Pilot Pita, Pita Shack is the reason for being turned down.

This explanation is not valid for Watt.

"Laurier is a school with an excellent business program, and you would think that the student union would want their businesses to be in an open-market instead of a monopoly," he said.

Written letters, phone calls and constant visits to the OneCard office were ways Watt tried sway the committee that makes the decision.

In 2005, Watt collected 2,000 signatures for a petition to prove to WLUSU that Laurier students were serious about spending their meal plan money at Pilot Pita. However, this did not persuade the students' union, and, still, Pilot Pita goes without the OneCard reader.

Dan Allison, President of the Wilfrid Laurier Students' Union (WLUSU) believes that students deserve a variety of food options on and off campus, which is the very reason establishments like East Side Mario's and William's Coffee Pub have been added to the

OneCard list.

He continued by saying that having only one of each type of restaurant ensures a healthy income for the university, which goes directly back to the students of WLU.

Each year, between 6 and 12 external businesses apply to have OneCard readers installed in their establishments and two or three are generally accepted.

Many establishments are rejected on the basis that they sell the same type of food already sold on campus.

"The idea with on-campus food services was to create as much variety as possible. If WLUSU feels the need to not have any overlap on or off campus, that's okay," explained OneCard office manager Nick Tomljenovic.

"If it's okay with them, and they're elected to make these decisions, I have to think it's okay with the student body as well," he added.

And first-year students at Laurier feel strongly about their food options on and off campus.

Recently, a Discussing University at Laurier (DU@L) debate, held at King Street residence, discussed the need for more food options.

During deliberations on the winner of the debate, attending students weighed in on the issue, citing that they hoped to see a greater variety of healthy, non-franchised food options available to them on their OneCards.

Students felt that more options were better, and placed an emphasis on the need for healthy, fresh food.

The committee deciding which establishments get on the OneCard roster is made up of nine members, evenly divided by university officials, students chosen at random and WLUSU management.

See PAGE 18 for editorial reaction to this story

Suspicious papers found on campus

DAN POLISCHUK
NEW EDITOR

The discovery of some disturbing notes in a men's washroom this past week has left one Laurier student just a little bit suspicious.

Matt Lye, a fourth-year sociology and women's studies student, made the discovery this past Wednesday afternoon just as he was about to leave the facilities on the second floor of the Arts Geography Wing.

Sitting on top of the waste bin were approximately six "crum-

pled-up lined sheets of foolscap paper," said Lye.

Lye described the papers as being "quite detailed" descriptions of various females on campus - with some including names.

Upon further perusal, he described a common theme with each write-up.

"They included which classes they took but also religious preference, if they were sexually active, if they had a boyfriend and their 'insecurities,'" he explained.

After wrapping them up in a paper towel, Lye eventually took the

sheets to Laurier Safety and Security, after asking for advice on what to do from his co-workers at the Writing Centre.

Rod Curran, director of WLU Safety & Security, said a report has been written up about the notes but noted that the lack of leads in the situation makes further investigation difficult.

Looking at the notes, Curran described how not all them even contained the names of the females they described.

"Seventy-five percent of the student population is female. [The

writer] could be talking about anyone," he said.

While Lye agreed that the situation is "not easily traceable" and that it doesn't necessarily warrant a "public broadcast" on campus, he does believe some sort of investigation should be done - which could involve Security simply keeping their "eyes open."

"If something happens to come from this, at least you know some background to it, if it did develop into something further," said Lye.

VOCAL CORD

What are you doing for Halloween?



"I might go out with some people. I'll dress up if I can find a good costume."

- Justin Montini
First-year Business



"I'm having a party at my house then going to Caesar's."

- Britney Thompson
Second-year Communication Studies



"I'm going to some Halloween parties as a construction worker."

- Steven Thompson
Fifth-year History/Psychology



"I'm going to a rock show in Burlington as a flapper."

- Nicole Ricard
Second-year Sociology



"Studying. I have an economics midterm on Friday."

- Nimesh Patel
First-year Business

Anti-war protest

Controversy surrounding protest location encouraged organizers to move the event

SHANNON FARRELL
CORD NEWS

Leading up to Saturday's anti-war protest in opposition to the war in Afghanistan, disagreement surfaced between the student-run group Anti-War @ Laurier (AW@L) and the Veterans Association regarding the original location of the protest, the Canadian Veterans memorial "Veterans' Green."

The protest began with the anti-war protestors marching from the corner of Erb and Caroline streets and ending at Laurier's main entrance, which was the changed location of the rally and directly across from Veterans' Green. Police and Laurier security were on hand to ensure the event remained peaceful.

For Jim Ashton, president of Branch 530 of the Royal Canadian Legion and a speaker at the event, the veterans' memorial was not the right place to protest.

"If it wasn't for the veterans, we wouldn't have freedom of speech, and those who are involved in the protest today would not be able to voice their opinions," he said.

"If they would have stayed here at this location at the memorial, it would have been truly disrespectful. None of us condone or approve of war, but we all do support our troops," said Ashton.

Even though the location had been officially changed before the event began, veterans and other community members continued to stand on the memorial ground.

As the protestors marched towards the rally location, the group waiting at the memorial lined up to create a wall to ensure no one set foot on the memorial grounds. They later joined the anti-war protest in support of AW@L's message of peace.

The decision to move the location of the rally occurred late Friday night when AW@L member Alex Hundert signed a deal with Ashton in agreement that the protest would be moved away from the Veterans' memorial.

"I thank the anti-war protestors because they did acknowledge our opposition to their original plan of holding the rally at Veterans' Green, and they will move to university property," said Ashton.

Jacob Pries, who is a member of AW@L and an organizer of the event, explained his view on the decision to move the location.

"Our group is about dialogue and finding a compromise between groups," said Pries.

"They thought we were being disrespectful by holding our rally at the memorial, so we considered their perspective and then talked to the president of the Legion. We



LAURA TOMKINS

RALLY - Individuals gathered Saturday to protest war in Afghanistan.

decided it would actually be better for all parties to move the location," he added.

Evan Coole, a community member who attended the rally in protest of war, also believed that "[AW@L] made the right decision in moving the location. It was better that the location was moved as to avoid confusion."

However, not everyone agreed that the move was such a good idea.

"I can think of no better place to be protesting Canada's war-making in Afghanistan than right over there at Veterans' Green," said Laurier sociology professor Peter Eglin during his speech at the rally.

Additional speakers at the rally included Laurier professors, Legion president Jim Ashton, a member of the group Christian Peacemaker Teams and the Raging Grannies.

In the end Pries believed the protest was an overall success.

"I am really happy with the way things turned out. I think that we have accomplished what we set out to do today, which was to encourage students and other community members to get involved with this issue, and other important issues."

See PAGE 18 for editorial reaction to this story

AW@L affiliation still undecided

After being ejected from Laurier's Public Interest Research Group for a protest they organized in early October, members of the anti-war group appealed to LSPIRG's Board of Directors this past Sunday

ALARIC DENNIS
CORD NEWS

On Sunday, two members of Anti-War at Laurier (AW@L) attended a Laurier Students' Public Interest Resource Group (LSPIRG) board meeting in order to present a defence of their actions at the Colt Canada factory protest in Kitchener on October 5.

The two presenters, Lenna Titizian and Laird Herbert, read from an open letter to members of the board and the Laurier community, detailing their position on their ejection from LSPIRG in the hopes of "opening up dialogue with the board."

The AW@L presenters raised objections with their ejection from LSPIRG on the grounds that the decision was made the night before the action took place and

without the consent of the Board of Directors.

AW@L members also felt that their privacy rights had been violated because the e-mail regarding their ejection, sent by LSPIRG Executive Director Anthony Piscitelli, was distributed to the entire official LSPIRG mailing list.

The presenters also made clear that, after consultation with a lawyer, AW@L is prepared to "move forward legally" over the privacy issue if "the group is not wholly satisfied with the remedies LSPIRG chooses to take in regards to this matter."

The AW@L presentation also included suggestions for actions that LSPIRG could take to eliminate "liability issues" that arise when one of their groups participate in civil disobedience.

The suggestions made by

AW@L included having waivers for LSPIRG groups to sign voiding liability and distancing themselves by releasing an official statement detailing the LSPIRG position on activities that might be considered criminal.

The AW@L presenters said that they will continue to be involved in civil disobedience, in one way or another. They have recently become a part of the Rainforest Action Network, a group, founded in the United States, which promotes environmentally motivated civil disobedience, such as "banner drops."

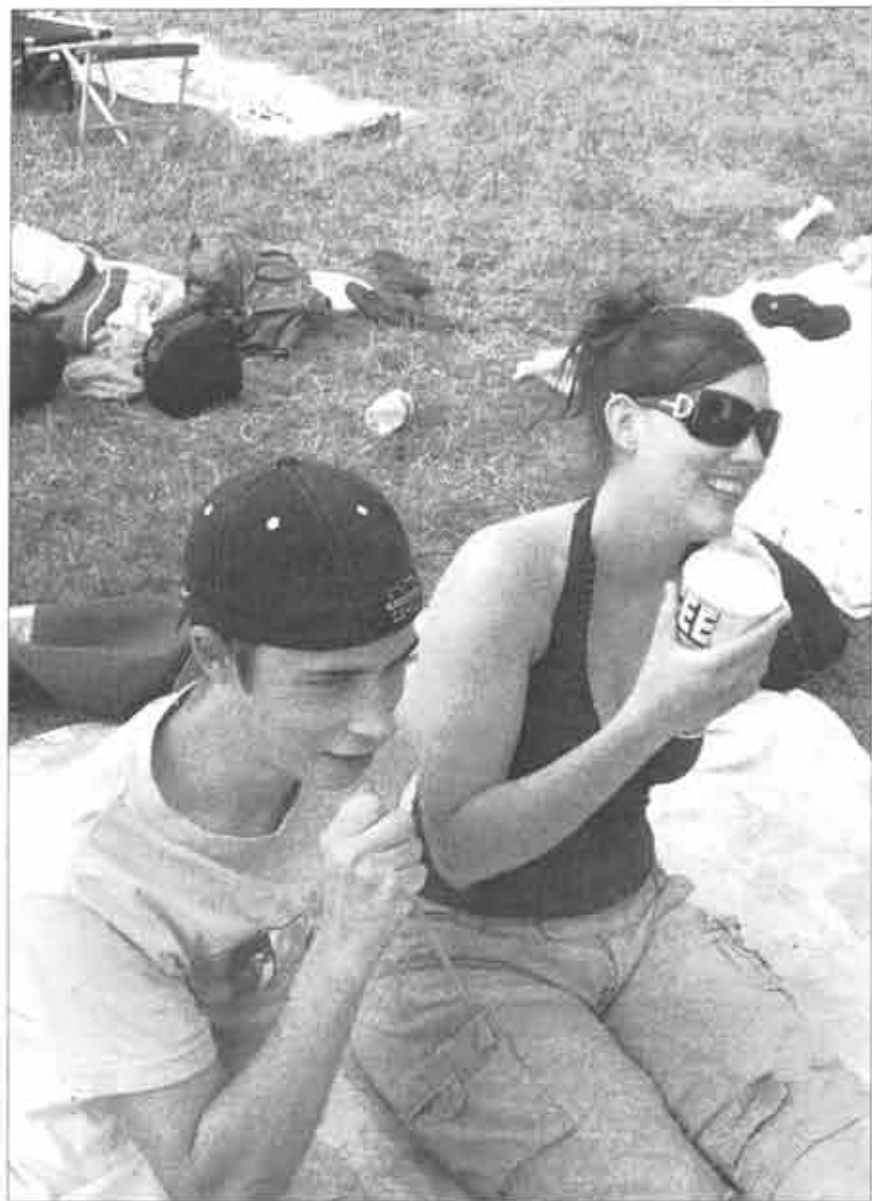
When asked how he felt about the current situation, AW@L presenter Laird Herbert, a third-year global studies student, commented that "[LSPIRG] is a pretty amazing organization ... [and it's] operating not as effectively as it could be."

Due to the possibility of legal action, the question of AW@L being part of LSPIRG in the future is still unresolved.

Regarding the presentation by AW@L, LSPIRG Executive Director Anthony Piscitelli said that he would "take their statements under consideration" and that LSPIRG would be "consulting with legal counsel."

In a later telephone conversation, Piscitelli clarified that the LSPIRG board had agreed that actions taken against AW@L were within the responsibilities of the executive director.

Piscitelli also noted that, as an organization, LSPIRG "does not condone breaking the law [as it] violates the [LSPIRG] agreement with the university."



SHARING A LAUGH - Jarrod Gleadall shares a moment with girlfriend Amanda Augustine, in happier times.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Augustine 'was all about the causes'

- FROM **AUGUSTINE**, COVER

Unfortunately, the roles had to be reversed on Gleadall on Friday night as he took care of a sick Augustine, who also had Type 2 Diabetes.

Describing the last time he spoke with her, he explained how he "put her into bed, kissed her on the forehead and locked the door."

The next day, he tried to resuscitate Augustine, who would not wake up - but to no avail. Despite the arrival of paramedics, she would pass away at the hospital later that night.

Stassi Kivelia, Augustine's roommate last year in Bouckaert residence, said she "just knew" something was wrong when she received a call early Sunday morning from a mutual friend.

While Augustine's passing was initially very tough, Kivelia is left re-

membering a truly special friend.

"If you would choose one word to describe her it would be 'lovely,'" said Kivelia. "She never got mad and never yelled and never told someone they were doing something wrong," she explained.

Kivelia also spoke of Augustine's love for animals, especially toward pug dogs.

"[Owning a pug] was like her goal in life," she said with a laugh.

"I think I may get one now ... I think that would be really cute."

Another floormate from Bouckaert, Kari Jansen, recalled how Augustine "just loved being around everyone."

"She hung out with her floor a lot and spent a lot of time with her boyfriend," she said.

The fact that Augustine was also an organ donor had current roommate, Amanda Prentice, describing how Augustine "was all about the

causes," even telling how she slept in Waterloo Park one evening in support of the homeless.

Reminiscing about happier times, she recalled how "in first term [last year] we took micro[economics] and she would always complain to me she hated it so much ... and we both failed it," she remembered with a chuckle.

This would lead to Augustine entering the philosophy program for the second term and eventually global studies for the start of September.

Left with only memories now, Prentice admitted that the loss has been difficult.

"A lot of people are doing worse than me but it's something you have to accept, I guess," she concluded.

Augustine's funeral will be held at Markey-Dermody Funeral Home, in her hometown of Hamilton, on Thursday at noon.

Campus smoking policy comes under fire

The current difficulty of enforcing Laurier's 10-metre rule has the school pondering a move to a 'smoke-free' campus

ALISON GRENKIE
CORD NEWS

Wilfrid Laurier's existing 10-metre smoking policy, which has been in effect since July of 2002, is being reviewed by the university's Audit and Compliance Committee — leaving its future up in the air.

While the 2006 Smoke-Free Ontario Act prohibits smoking in all enclosed workspaces and enclosed public places, Laurier's policy goes one step further.

Tobacco products may not be sold on campus and smoking may not occur within 10 metres of any building.

"There have been challenges with how we go about enforcing the policy," said Stephanie Kibbee, Manager of Environmental/Occupational Health and Safety at

Laurier.

These challenges, mainly with individuals simply ignoring the current policy, have stimulated much debate on the issue.

Some feel that it may be easier to enforce a campus-wide ban of smoking rather than continue with the current policy.

Wilfrid Laurier's Smoking Committee, composed of graduate and undergraduate students, management and senior administration, held a referendum in spring 2005 to address the issue of what exactly the Laurier community wants.

The referendum question asked, "Do you support a smoke-free campus?"

Of the 2,175 students who answered online, 73.5% responded affirmatively.

Despite majority support, the

legitimacy of the referendum has been brought into question, since it occurred during a time of year when many students and faculty were in the midst of final exams.

"SETTING THE POLICY IS THE EASY PART. MAKING IT WORK IS THE TOUGH PART,"

- Jim Butler, VP: Finance and Administration

VP: Finance and Administration Jim Butler posed this question: "If you can't ensure that people are respecting the 10-metre ban, what makes you think extending the boundary is going to be any easier?"

Laurier's difficulty enforcing the

current policy may put the university in a tough position.

"From a technical, legal standpoint, you're supposed to enforce your policy. If you can't, does this expose the university in some way?" Butler said, expressing another set of concerns surrounding the issue.

"Setting the policy is the easy part. Making it work is the tough part,"

said Butler.

Both Butler and Kibbee are enthusiastic about implementing creative ideas to promote compliance with the current policy.

In the past, one of the ideas discussed was the creation of designated smoking areas, which is cur-

rently what McMaster University, Brock University, and the University of Windsor encourage their smokers to use.

Western University and the University of Waterloo, on the other hand, enforce a ten-metre policy similar to Laurier's, whereas others, such as Guelph and Ryerson, insist that students comply with provincial law but do not enforce further restrictions.

"We think the emphasis should be on educating and persuading [the smokers]," said Butler.

Butler and Kibbee, along with a reinstated Smoking Committee, are expected to make a recommendation to the Board of Governors on this topic in the upcoming months.

The Audit and Compliance Committee will meet on January 10, 2008.



WORTHWHILE PHOTOS

This week the Wilfrid Laurier University's Yearbook is requesting that its student population send photos to Matt.Given@Wlusp.com of their Hallowe'en costumes. We are expecting amazing entries; don't be nervous, it is only a Yearbook!

Furthermore, We would like to receive photos from the recent Critical Mass Bicycle rally, the recent Anti-war rally and all of your photos where you stand in front of the Laurier sign and look great.

We currently have 1,076 photos!

Students back from Washington

A group of three WLU students and a recent graduate were held up in DC while their identification was trapped in their car

LAURA CARLSON
NEWS EDITOR

Three Laurier students and one recent graduate, who were stuck in Washington after their car was seized as part of a criminal investigation, were able to return to Ontario on Saturday after their travel documentation was released from the vehicle.

Lenna Titizian, Kendra Foord, Jamie Adams and Adam Lewis left Washington by Greyhound on Friday evening, nearly a week after their planned departure.

"We had lots of mixed feelings [about coming home]," said Kendra Foord, a second-year global studies and women's studies student.

"We were glad that we could return to Canada but we resented the fact that our property was still being held," she added.

Though the individuals were not being charged with any crimes, the reason they were unable to leave the States was because three members of the group did not have the proper identification to cross the border.

Two of the individuals had left their passports in the car and one didn't have her birth certificate or driver's license, which were her only means of ID.

Because she had never applied for a Canadian passport, the Embassy told first-year global studies student Jamie Adams that there was nothing they could do to help her return home, which she found "absolutely baffling."

"I couldn't believe that the Canadian Embassy wouldn't do anything," said Adams.

Adam Lewis, a second-year political science, philosophy and economics student, echoed Adams' thoughts regarding the role of the Canadian Embassy.

"I'm surprised they can't do more to even just get simple documentation to confirm that we are citizens," said Lewis.

"The fact that the Canadian Embassy can't even confirm identity is troubling to me," he added.

Mihelina Gauthier, the Consular



SYDNEY HELLAND

ALL FOR ONE - Lenna Titizian, Kendra Foord, Jamie Adams and Adam Lewis returned to Waterloo on Saturday after an extended stay in D.C.

Affairs Officer for the Canadian Embassy, noted that the role which the Embassy plays in aiding individuals who don't have federal government identification to cross the border is "very limited."

Gauthier went on to explain that since drivers licenses are from the provincial government, these do not count as a valid form of identification for Canadians wishing to enter the country.

"I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING."

- Adam Lewis, second-year student

The group's lawyer, Fritz Mulhauser, who is an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), has been on the case for

the past week and wrote several letters to the Washington police advocating the return of their identification from the car, which in the end allowed the group to return home.

"What's happened to the students raises serious questions of the accountability of Washington DC," noted Fritz.

Though the group still has no receipt for the belongings which they had in the car, and have been told that they will probably not be able to receive one, just yesterday they finally received a copy of the warrant under which their car was seized.

Ann Wilcox, a lawyer with the National Lawyers Guild who was on the site when the group's car was originally seized, explained that though the police need to present a

search warrant when they have reason to suspect suspicious activity in a house or residence, it can be a bit different with cars because they are transportable.

"If they have reason to believe a car is involved they do have the right to either seize it or search it right on the spot... so it's the exception to the warrant," said Wilcox.

"That's why we didn't feel there was too much we could do at the time [the car was seized]," she added.

Despite the legalities of the police's ability to search the car, Wilcox still feels that the rights of the group were violated.

"I think [this situation] did infringe on their rights and still does," said Wilcox.

"Everyday [the police] hold the car that's property they're essentially depriving of them of... and they can be sued for that if it was a wrongful seizure," she added.

For now, the group is content to be back in Canada, and they are currently focusing on obtaining their possessions and the vehicle.

"Get the stuff back, that's kind of the main goal. Everything else is kind of secondary at this point," said Lewis.

As of Tuesday night Lenna Titizian, the owner of the vehicle which currently remains in Washington, still has no indication as to when the case will be resolved, and noted that at the moment "we're basically stuck in legal process."

Michael Pavlik, a lieutenant with the DC police, said he was unable to comment on the current situation regarding Titizian's car since it is still an "ongoing investigation."

"Anytime there is an ongoing criminal investigation we don't talk about it at all until it's complete... and we don't put timelines on that either," said Pavlik.

WLU unveils new Master of Finance program

EVAN MILLAR
CORD INTERN

The Laurier School of Business and Economics (SBE) announced a new co-operative Master of Finance program on Friday – the first of its kind in Canada.

The program is intended to focus on the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exams, and is scheduled to begin in September 2008 at the Waterloo campus.

While other universities in Canada currently offer Master of Finance programs – such as Concordia, the University of British Columbia and, recently, the University of Toronto – none are full-time with the additional inclusion of a co-operative placement. Laurier also considered the models of a number of

American universities in the planning stages of the program.

The significance of this new program lies in its eight-month co-op term, according to Mitali De, Laurier's assistant dean of business: academic programs. She also noted that it would allow students to enter into the major banks, insurance companies, pension funds and consulting firms to get hands-on practical experience.

"[It] will lead students to industry placements that are highly specialized in financial research," said De. "It's a global designation that already very few universities in Canada offer. It takes a strong financial faculty to be able to teach, which we have."

Graduates will be proficient in the use of econometrics, a measurement skill, and will

use advanced software to conduct comprehensive empirical research in fixed incomes, corporate finance, portfolio management and derivative products.

"If you want to be in the financial profession, the CFA is what you need," explained De.

"The other universities in Canada offering this program aren't as practical," said Dr. Ben Amoako-Adu, area coordinator of finance at the university. "They either require background experience or are purely academic."

This is the second graduate program at Laurier currently offered with a co-op component, the other being the Master of Arts in Business Economics, according to Dr. Joan Norris, dean of graduate studies.

The program will be limited to a maximum

of 10 students. The master's will be targeting students with an honours degree in economics or a business degree with a finance concentration.

Admittance to the program will require students to have at least a B+ GPA in their previous two years of courses, as well as a Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) score of at least 650. International applicants will be required to complete a Test Of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

The program will consist of fall and winter academic terms followed by a work term from May to December. Students will then return for a final academic term from January through April.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Environment
conference in Waterloo

A conference was held on Friday and Saturday in Waterloo to discuss the environment and growing energy concerns.

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) hosted the conference, which included more than 200 participants from over 25 countries.

This was the third time the event has been held.

Participants discussed the ways in which international governance institutions can put forth positive changes towards conserving energy and sustaining the environment.

Former Prime Minister Paul Martin was in attendance along with other notable representatives from Canada and around the world.

Broadband as an
energy alternative

The city of Waterloo, which was recently named "2007 Intelligent Community of the Year," hosted a conference on Thursday to investigate the use of broadband technology to reduce energy consumption. The event was held at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

Participants in the conference were given a tour around Waterloo and were shown what made the city the "Most Intelligent" this past year. The tour included a trip to the Research and Technology Park of the University of Waterloo during the university's "Energy Week."

In addition to discussing broadband technologies and touring Waterloo, the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) announced the 21 finalists for the Intelligent

Community of the Year 2008. Three Canadian cities – Vancouver, Fredericton and Edmonton – were all listed as finalists. The list will be narrowed to seven finalists on January 14.

Death of a champion

Laurier alumnus and one-time Canadian wrestling champion Peter Hume passed away at his home in Mechanicville, New York this past Tuesday at the age of 54.

At a height of 6'6", Hume was the national university wrestling champion in the super heavyweight division for Laurier in the 1977-78 season. He was also a member of the football team from 1975-78.

Aside from his athletic endeavours, Hume also had a bit role in the 1979 movie *Meatballs* starring Bill Murray – which was shot in Canada.

The cause of his death was not

provided by the coroner but, according to the Canadian Press, Hume weighed more than 400 lbs at the time of his passing.

Hume leaves behind his wife Karzi and his son Sean, with whom he operated a piano refurbishing business.

Board policy proposed

Yesterday evening, at the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, Director Colin LeFevre put forward a notice of a motion to the board for a newly revamped environmental policy.

The policy outlines five goals WLUSU will strive towards in order to make the union an environmentally responsible corporation.

This includes initiatives to prevent the over-consumption of energy, to reduce the high production of waste, to create environmental

awareness on campus and to purchase environmentally friendly products whenever possible.

LeFevre noted that the policy was adopted very closely from the one currently in place at McGill University, and he sees the new policy as an important initiative which Laurier is lacking.

"If it actually goes through and passes it's such a huge step forward," said LeFevre.

"I hope the board recognizes like I have that this is a major issue that our school needs to take on," he added.

The issue will be put forward as a motion to either be passed or rejected by the board at the next meeting, which will occur at 3 pm on Tuesday, November 13.

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INBRIEF

Tuition fees on the rise

AB and PQ
As the number of students seeking a post-secondary education heightens, so do the prices of obtaining one – especially in Alberta and Quebec.
A recent Statistics Canada report stated that the national average for full-time undergraduate university tuition, in the 2007-2008 academic year, is \$4,524 – an increase of 3.2 percent from last year.
In Alberta alone, tuition is even

pricier. The rates are escalating at twice the rate of other Canadian universities at 4.6 percent per year.
An expensive post-secondary experience may have become customary in Alberta, but Quebec is renowned for having the lowest tuition fees in Canada. This, however, may be changing and concerned students are speaking out.
At McGill University, in particular, students launched a strike to send the message that they won't stand for unfreezing tuition.
McGill isn't the only university voicing its opinion. A collaboration of 20,000 Quebec university students from eight student associations has decided to hold a strike from November 14 to 16.

Students at Laval University were the first ones to deliver the message as they took to the picket lines on October 18, influencing other student associations to do the same.

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Intoxicated Person
Reported: Oct 25 @ 01:11 hrs
Special Constables and ERT personnel responded to an intoxicated male who was located by Foot Patrol passed out in the parking lot.
After he was medically cleared by ERT, officers attempted to take the WLU student home to his roommate. Several attempts were made, but eventually the male was returned to the office and his parents in Oakville were contacted for his local address. The student was then transported to his residence on Weber Street and left in the care of his sober roommate. Matter being sent before the JAC.

Unwanted Person
Reported: Oct 26 @ 03:10 hrs
A female don from Brantford called to report that a non-university male had gained access to the residence building and was on the fourth floor harassing students. As no Brantford Special Constables were on duty, the Brantford City Police were called and requested to attend.

Suspicious Person
Reported: Oct 26 @ 18:46 hrs
Special Constables are investigating a suspicious letter received by a faculty member from a student.

Liquor Offence
Reported: Oct 28 @ 02:10
A WRPS paid duty officer arrested a non university male for refusing to leave the Turret when directed to do so. The male was also lodged for the night at Division #1 for his own safety.

Alarm
Reported: Oct 28 @ 19:19 hrs
Special Constables and Waterloo Fire Department responded to 50 University Ave for a fire alarm. The cause of the alarm was burnt food in one of the suites. WFD ventilated the area and the alarm was reset without issue.

Unwanted Person
Reported: Oct 24 @ 14:38 hrs
A Brantford Campus Special Constable observed two males enter the building. When asked for identification, they started to berate the officer yelling profanities at her. The two eventually left the building. Brantford City Police were contacted and attempted to identify the two males.

Have Stolen Goods
Reported: Oct 28 @ 01:35 hrs
A dispatcher advised Special Constables on duty that two males had just stolen a spotlight from mid campus Drive.
The dispatcher was able to follow the suspects to their residence on Hazel Street by using the CCTV camera.
Special Constables arrived at the location and spoke to two WLU males who readily admitted to having taken the spotlight. The males then returned the light to the Turret and were advised that they would be sent before the JAC for their actions.

If you have any information regarding these or any other incidents please call Community Safety & Security at 519-885-3333 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. You can also report a crime electronically through the Community Safety & Security website.

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Israel plans to cripple Gaza Strip residents

In retaliation to recent Hamas-planned rocket attacks, Israel has decided to cut the strip's power and fuel supply

LUKE REIMER
STAFF WRITER

Israel, angered by Hamas-initiated rocket offensives, has threatened to punish the entire Gaza strip with cuts to power and fuel should attacks continue.

The cuts come in response to an estimated 1,000 Qassam rockets, which were fired on Israel from the Hamas-controlled Gaza strip.

According to the World Socialist Web Site, the Israeli losses from the crude, unguided rockets stand at 13 dead and 200 injured. Israel has named the Qassams "more a psychological than physical threat" according to Ynet News, Israel's leading English-language news site.

Israeli defence minister Ehud Barak approved the fuel and electricity cuts on Thursday after reviewing reports from military commanders and defence officials.

The aggressive tactics proposed by Israel follow the classification of Gaza as a "hostile entity" last month.

The earlier approved cuts have now been suspended due to the intervention of the Israeli Attorney-General Menachem Mazouz. Mazouz's decision came as a result of overwhelming international pressure by a number of human rights groups on Israel.

THESE SANCTIONS WILL HAVE VERY GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE LIFE OF THE LOCAL POPULATION AND SERVE TO BOLSTER HAMAS AND OTHER MILITANT GROUPS. THERE SHOULD NOT BE COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT.

- Benita Ferrero-Waldner,
EU Commissioner for External Relations

The threat was also met with heavy international opposition stemming from the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the UN Deputy Secretary-General Dr. Asha-Rose Migiros, as well as representatives of the European Union. Washington DC, however, has remained silent on the matter despite its powerful influence over Israeli matters.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has predicted that Israel's proposed actions will "deepen the humanitarian distress" in the area, as reported by BBC News, and is calling Israel to reconsider its actions in the face of international law.

The general consensus of those opposed to the action is that such measures amount to unacceptable collective punishment.

Additionally, several Israeli and Palestinian human rights organizations have filed official petitions with the Israeli Supreme Court in an effort to curb the hardship of the 1.5 million people of Gaza.

Israel's general response has been in defence of its actions, reminding the international community that Gaza has been classified as a hostile entity, that the supply cuts

are a non-violent method of pressure and that they are no longer responsible for the well being of the strip.

The Hamas response has been a rebuke of both the method and the attempted goal, pointing out that "international law requires that occupation forces take care of the needs of the occupied peoples," as reported by the BBC News.

A Hamas spokesperson has also stated that "exploiting human needs to blackmail our people will never weaken us." Should Israel follow through with its threats, the outcome remains in question.

Gaza's estimated power consumption is 200 megawatts, 120 of which flow directly from Israel and 65 of which are produced by an internal power plant.

However, this plant is also itself powered by Israel, leaving only 15 stable megawatts imported from Egypt to provide the Gaza infrastructure with a sustainable and consistent power resource.

Israel's released plan, however, involves a gradual disconnection of power so as to ensure the safety and sustainability of key Gaza entities such as hospitals.

Officials have said that power would be initially cut for 15 minutes after each rocket attack, increasing to a possible two hours should the launches continue.

Head of the Palestinian Authority's petrol agency Mojahed Salama's Sunday fuel import records already reveal a 40 to 50 percent reduction in both diesel and benzene supplies. In addition to this, Salama has indicated a 12 percent reduction in fuel supplies to the internal Gaza power plant.

The power plant, which Gaza needs now more than ever in order to continue operating effectively, has supplies for seven days of operation before initiating a wide-scale power failure.

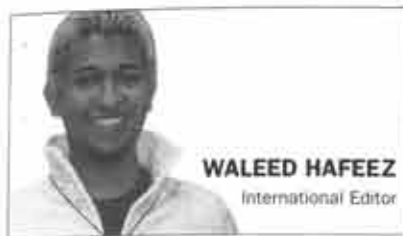
The Israeli threats come at an inopportune time for Gaza as it is still shaking off a Western freeze on direct aid after Hamas won elections in 2006 – an especially significant occurrence due to the fact that more than 80 percent of its population is reliant on foreign aid for survival.

In recent months, the number of humanitarian aid convoys entering the Gaza strip fell from 3,000 to 1,500. Power and fuel cuts aside, an impending food shortage and humanitarian crisis are reported to be imminent in the area.

The Israeli Ministry of Defence, along with the Supreme Court, will rule on the outcome of the proposed threats – both entities receiving internal pressure from the suffering Israeli border communities and external pressure from the United Nations and other countries.

Of additional significance is the silence of the United States on the matter, something that will either continue or be broken with political intervention.

Veterans make a mockery of war loss



WALEED HAFEEZ
International Editor

In one of the most disturbing news articles I have ever read, CBC News recently reported that young long-serving Canadian Forces personnel are "revelling at the chance of serving in Afghanistan."

From the get-go, the article focuses on young veterans who are bummed at the fact that they went most of their careers without ever shooting a bullet.

And although I immediately asked myself "isn't that a good thing?", apparently these soldiers disagree. "War may be hell but for some Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan, getting a chance to do some actual soldiering in a war zone is a dream come true," stated the article.

It continued, "it has been a bitter pill for many enlisted men to swallow, given Canada's storied military past as a fierce fighting force dating back to the First, Second and Korean Wars. Then came Afghanistan." It's nice to know that at least someone welcomed Afghanistan.

Over and over, the men the article speaks of are relishing the idea of perhaps going to Afghanistan and fighting alongside Canadian

forces stationed there. The blatant disregard of the thousands of lives lost there, on both sides, is shocking and saddening.

For the people interviewed by CBC News, Afghanistan is basically a playing ground for big men and their big guns.

What came next was the proverbial straw that broke my back. According to Sgt. Scott Schall, stationed in Medicine Hat, Alberta, the opportunity to use Canada's new and highly technologically advanced Leopard tank is extremely exciting.

The joy imbued in this man's words is reminiscent of a little boy whose thrill at playing with a new toy makes him giddy with anticipation.

And we're not dealing with low-ranking soldiers here. The men interviewed in this article would definitely be in the second row of Canada's war chessboard.

When discussing my opinion on this article with my friends, I was surprised to learn that although many people agreed with me, a few related to the veterans' excitement.

For them, like the people in the article, the chance to use these new weapons is a reaffirmation of their years of training. By going your entire career without once shooting a weapon, your training seems futile. Or so goes the logic.

What I really feel strongly about



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WARNING: NOT A TOY - Canada's new Leopard 2A6M tank, deployed to Afghanistan in September 2007.

is the apparent disregard for the soldiers who have lost their lives in this war due to these weapons.

If riding a tank is the best thing that can happen in your life, I can assure you I will have no sympathy if you were to get injured, or worse yet, lose your life in the process. Not only do you tarnish the real sacrifices made, but you also show a complete disrespect for the process of peace.

This article came at a crucial time, especially in light of the recent protest that occurred in our city. Clearly, from the actions of

the veterans present at a rally that took place on Saturday across from Veteran's Green, they're extremely concerned about the light that fellow veterans are shown in.

What do they have to say about this? In my opinion, a march on Veteran's Green is nowhere near as offensive as the actions and words of people like Sgt. Scott Schall and Master Warrant Officer Michel Carrier, whose unit is based in Valcartier, Quebec.

"Basically at first, probably everybody wants to try it [armed service], although some of them change

their minds after a few years. But after 18 years in the army, that was something important to me to do before I retire or go to an office job somewhere else," says Carrier.

So before any more veterans cry foul over anyone else's freedom to protest and assemble and voice their opinion, maybe it's time to look at the actions of their own.

Because, as my mother explained to me in my growing years, when you point a finger at someone, you still have three pointing back at yourself.

Sociology prof unveils prejudice

Carleton professor Sian Reid's social test shows how insidious prejudice can be

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OTTAWA (CUP) -- Everyone dreams of finding that one cool teacher — someone who is not afraid to sit outside the box and invite you to join. Sian Reid is one such teacher.

Reid, a sociology professor at Carleton University, says she enjoys using unorthodox methods to reach her classes because they stick better in students' minds.

Despite her current passion for sociology, it was not always in her plans. Her undergraduate degree is in English literature.

Relatively new to sociology, Reid says she still finds it fresh and interesting.

"I like to teach the big, first-year classes," she says. "If you want to get students excited about sociology, the time to do it is first year."

Reid is dedicated to finding new, innovative and engaging ways of teaching sociology.

She says her goal as a professor is to challenge students to think about things in ways they previously have not.

"That's what I consider my job," she says. "[To get] you to think critically about the world around you."

To achieve this, Reid says she plans social experiments aimed at starting dialogue on various subjects.

This September she wore a niqab — a head covering that allowed her students to only see her eyes — for three weeks.

"Thinking about interaction and thinking about the assumptions that people make, I wanted to cover my face," she says.

Covering her face meant that students were unable to see her age, race and facial expressions.

"I wanted to deprive them of the normal social cues that we use to situate people," says Reid.

In her quest for a reasonable way to cover her face, she says she acquired Saudi Arabian niqabs and completed the outfit with embroidered Egyptian kaftans she already owned.

Reid chose to wear the wardrobe for three weeks because by that time, students should have gotten over their initial shock and become used to it.

The experiment was carefully planned. As soon as students were comfortable, Reid took the niqab off.

To confuse her students further, when Reid came into class unveiled she deliberately said nothing about it.

"One of the things about social science is: if you don't ask, you don't get answers," she says.

When students did ask, Reid gave them the explanation. She says the reactions she received were ones of

shock.

According to Reid, these reactions are typical of the situation.

"Erwin Goffman, a famous sociologist, tells us that we expect, in our society, that people will present themselves as they really are.

So, when we believe that someone has presented themselves as other than who they are, we feel upset and betrayed."

Some people felt that Reid was pretending to be Muslim, which Reid denies. "I was not surprised that some of my students interpreted my appearance as indicating that I was Muslim," says Reid.

"[But] because I did not change my voice, my stories [or] my body language, I was not pretending to be Muslim. If I was pretending to be Muslim, I would have done a much better job, especially during Ramadan."

Not all students were upset. One of her female Muslim students said she was glad for Reid's experiment because it started a much-needed dialogue on the subject of the hijab, the niqab and how they shadow people's judgment of Muslim women.

"There are a lot of stereotypes surrounding Muslim women," says Reid. "To believe that nobody would ever wear the hijab as a choice is actually very damaging."

Reid says she learned a lot of valuable lessons while under the



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VEILED - Reid hid her face to test her students and their conditioning.

niqab.

"[The niqab] also has the potential to be liberating," she says. "For three weeks I didn't have to worry if my makeup was perfect. I didn't have to worry about having a bad hair day."

Reid says she would like to see a world where people are not judged by their appearance but, after seeing some of the reactions she received during her experiment, this world may be a far way off.

She says she experienced a lot of staring and pointing, and once, when she was driving, a woman yelled at her: "Why don't you go back to wherever you learned to drive?"

Despite some bad experiences,

Reid says she does believe we are getting somewhere.

One of her students wrote a card thanking Reid.

In the card the student described how she used to be convinced that she did not have any prejudices and was able to judge people objectively.

Reid's experiment, she wrote, "made [her] realize how insidious prejudice is and how it informs our thinking and understanding."

The student added that it was one of her "most valuable and important lessons."

Like any good teacher, Reid is shifting people's perception of the world, one student at a time.

Food Services works to meet students' needs

Laurier provides dietary alternatives but still has room for improvement



SYDNEY HELLAND

FRESH FOOD - Students can find substitute products for dietary restrictions at the dining hall.

LAURA ALONZO
CORD STUDENT LIFE

The Laurier community is home to a variety of dietary commitments. By recognizing students' eating habits, Laurier Food Services works hard to adjust to students' nutritional needs and aims to provide meals accordingly.

Students who have special dietary requirements due to allergies, health concerns, personal choice or religious reasons can be certain that Laurier Food Services strives to accommodate individual needs, assures Kelly Ough, Director of Food Services.

"We have four certified chefs on staff and they are very open to meeting with the students," she explains, adding that they've helped students with customized meals in the past. "If we know what people are looking for, we can help them a lot better."

By informing Laurier Food Services of special nutritional requirements, chefs are able to point out which foods to avoid, and to answer any questions regarding ingredients in specific foods or information on a particular menu item.

"We always have recipes available for students to read if they want to have a look at what is in something or are interested in the ingredients; we want people to be able to see what they're eating," says Ough.

In the dining hall, there are substitute meat products and other alternatives served every day to accommodate vegetarians, vegans and people with various other dietary restrictions.

The Mediterranean station offers soy chicken or beef replacements, the salad bar offers vegetarian or vegan bean and pasta dishes, and

Pan Asia provides a tofu option and uses vegetarian-based recipes for all of their meals.

Students also have the option of getting a veggie burger from the grill, a texturized vegetable protein patty from the deli or a vegetarian soup each day.

At the Terrace, most options for vegetarians, vegans or people with lactose intolerance reside in Union Market. Here they provide an array of alternatives including falafels, samosas, soups, salads and more.

Pita Shack and Cerealicious are flexible and offer a selection of foods suitable for the dietary needs of students, while Mr. Sub, Harvey's and Pizza Pizza only offer vegetarian choices.

"THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT AND EVERY YEAR WE HAVE PROVIDED A BIT MORE TO THE STUDENTS."

- Kelly Ough, Director of Food Services

Laurier Food Services is a business like any other and is continually operating on the premise of popular demand.

Although students with dietary needs are part of a school minority, they are seen as a growing market and an increasing niche for university food services.

Lynn Pauli, Food Court Operations Manager states, "We introduce things as we find things that are appropriate for our business, but we look for things that are more vegan and vegetarian right now to introduce because we have large contingent of everything else."

Laurier Food Services has had complaints in the past regarding

the menu or of foods not meeting the dietary needs of individuals. Michelle Attard, a Laurier student and vegetarian for three years, says the school offerings are minimal for students with dietary needs.

Attard says that although she "can deal with [the] choices available, the school could do a lot to improve. The options are still very unhealthy and I would like to see more creativity and less cheese and battery farmed eggs used."

Laurier Food Services works hard every year to add more items to its menus.

"There is always room for improvement and every year we have provided a bit more to the students," Ough states. "Our goal is to keep them happy."

For the future, Laurier Food Services is working towards getting vegan-only pans in order to follow more strict dietary guidelines. As for right now, "If people

inform us, we will work within the specifications of them for sure," says Ough. "If they want tofu for their salad then they can go over and get some; it's not a problem."

Ough adds that Laurier Food Services always take dietary needs very seriously and promotes communication between students and management to gain insight and suggestions. "We want to know what are you looking for as opposed to what are you not able to eat," said Ough.

Students can post any questions, concerns or ideas on the Laurier Student Portal by clicking "ask a question" under the food services link in the student life section.

HORROR-SCOPES

In light of Halloween, our Cord-o-Scopes expert takes a morbid look into the future to predict how you'll die

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Oct. 23 - Nov. 21



You will be taking a shower in your late 70s. Ever afraid of death, you will refuse to use soap in the shower out of fear of slipping on it. Instead, you will trip over your body wash container, ultimately leading to your death.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21



Your spouse of 50 years will die one cold winter morning. Four days later, you will die of a broken heart. Or from ingesting too many pills. It really depends on if you read your obituary or the coroner's report.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19



You will be crossing the street on the morning walk to your professional job, jaywalking because you will be in a rush to get there before the markets open. You will then be struck by a bus. The advertisement on the side of the bus will espouse the benefits of living a relaxing life and "stopping to smell the roses" every once in a while. You will not notice this irony, for you will be dead.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18



You will be traveling through the Costa Rican jungle on another one of your many adventures when you're attacked by a jaguar. As it is tearing you apart, you will think, "There is no better way to go." The jaguar will then leave before you are dead, and you spend the next two days dying from hunger, blood loss, malaria and dehydration. You will think many times, "This isn't how I envisioned it at all."

Pisces
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20



You will be at home eating dinner with your children and grandchildren in 2054. You will speak out against the totalitarian Micro-Google world government. Within minutes, armed guards will knock down your front door and drag you away, and no one will ever see you again.

Aries
Mar. 21 - Apr. 19



You will meet someone online. One day, you two will finally agree to meet each other in the real world. On the drive over to meet the person, you will accidentally drive off a bridge and die. Cops will link the murder to your cyber-lover, who will spend their life in jail. It's really too bad because, I hate to say it, they were going to be your soulmate.

Taurus
Apr. 20 - May 20



Heart attack. Straight up, nothing complicated about it. You really focused on eating and living healthy too. That's shit luck, dude.

Gemini
May 21 - June 20



You will have an argument with your spouse one morning. That day, you will die in a car accident. Your spouse will regret the nature of your last conversation. Let this be one of two lessons to you:

A) Treat every day like it's your last, or;

B) Don't marry someone who is going to be yelling at your ass from the moment you wake up.

Cancer
June 21 - July 22



You will have cosmetic surgery to correct that lump on your nose about which you've always been insecure. Will the surgery be botched? No, it will go fine. But then you'll die in a plane crash two weeks later. For the record, the coroner will remark that you have a "cute nose," so at least you have that going for you.

Leo
July 23 - Aug. 22



You will die peacefully in your 80s, surrounded by friends and family. Everyone will tell you how much they love you and you will leave this earth with a sense of calm and readiness. Yeah, that's it. Nothing too crazy. I'm sorry?

Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22



Your whole life, you've had a recurring nightmare of bookshelves falling on you while you peruse the books in a library. On your 50th birthday, you will be perusing the books in a library and a man will shoot you in the chest, killing you instantly. The dream wasn't entirely accurate, but still kind of close, I guess.

Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22



A bar-fight is going to end much worse than you could have ever envisioned. Your intoxication probably played a part in you saying, "You're a third-degree black belt, eh? Pfft, looks more like a third-degree loser belt."

DJ Demers has been fabricating Cord-o-scopes for longer than he cares to remember. While some "professional" horoscopes are based on the positioning of the planets, celestial influences and other junk, the Cord-o-scopes are based on something you can rely on: his intuition. Watch for them in the first issue of every month.

The evolution of Halloween

Halloween is different now than it was to us as kids, but that's no reason not to celebrate it in a more age-appropriate fashion



DJ DEMERS
STAFF WRITER

It is common knowledge that university students will use any event, legitimate or not, to get ridiculously inebriated.

You aced a big exam, you failed a big exam, your favourite team just won the championship, or you found a half-eaten Quarter-Pounder behind the couch. I have seen all of these events become catalysts for a night of bingeing. (And to answer your query, I do not regret eating the hamburger.)

THE COSTUMES MAY BE MORE ADULT-ORIENTED, AND THE PARTICIPANTS MAY BEHAVE MORE IRRESPONSIBLY THAN THEY USED TO, BUT HALLOWEEN IS STILL A HELL OF A LOT OF FUN.

And now you're reading this article on the day that one of the most illegitimate drinking events of the year consumes the campus.

Halloween is an interesting holiday because, even as kids, we had no idea why the hell we were allowed to dress up for one night and solicit random homes for candy. Of course, only a fool would question free candy for more than a second, so off we went to get our treats.

Some people inevitably cannot

let go of their youth and, as a result, you see 15-year olds still trick-or-treating, albeit with less effort put into their costume. They wear jeans, a hoodie and a *Scream* mask, and then pathetically go searching for candy. The whole scenario is similar to the 30-year old that still tries to pick up younger ladies at the bar. It's over, man. It's over.

But I digress. For those of us who ended our trick-or-treating at an appropriate age, it has been awhile since we were able to experience the magical feeling of stepping out into the cold October night disguised as someone else, excitement coursing through our veins.

So we re-live the magic once again in university. Of course, the excitement doesn't manufacture itself as easily as it used to, so we supplement it with alcohol.

And this time around, there are definitely far fewer Frankenstein's, Draculas and Spider-men. They have been replaced by pimps, giant penises and puns-as-costumes. (A horse's head in your crotch region to say you're hung like a horse!? You sly devil!) You'll also notice fewer angels, devils and pussycats. They've been supplanted by scandalous angels, lingerie dev-

ils and push-up bra pussycats.

While I may label Halloween as an illegitimate drinking holiday, I am in no way dismissing it as a bad night. Hell, most fun things in this lifetime are illegitimate (except for children; I think legitimate is

probably the way to go on that one). I am all for there-living-of your childhood. We're all going through a bit of a quarter-life crisis; we might as well embrace it.

The costumes may be more adult-oriented, and the participants may behave more irresponsibly than they

used to, but Halloween is still a hell of a lot of fun. Where else can you see Marilyn Monroe making out with a giant sperm? (Actually, probably on YouTube. God bless that site.)

This Halloween, I hope you party like it's 1994. I also hope you aren't the loser wearing a coat under your costume to fight the cold. That looks pretty silly, man. And don't even try to tell me that your mom made you.



JULIE MARION

Simple last-minute costume ideas for less

It's not too late to find a great costume around the house to celebrate in style

around the house. It will save you a ton of money and you'll still look great!

Funny Costumes

Boys, go as a chick magnet. Wear whatever you like and stick some Barbies on your clothes with tape or Velcro. Girls, be a stud finder. Wear all yellow and beep your way around all night as you bump into "studs."

Alternatively, you could be one of your roommates. Pick out those funny things that you only find out by living with someone and act them out all night. Remember to be nice, though: your roommates do know where you live.

Nerdy Costumes

You could be a Rubik's cube. Wear different items of clothing representing the different colours of the Rubik's Cube. Not your thing? Dress

up like a surfer dude and put some fake spider webs over your clothes and you're a web surfer.

You could also easily be a human white board. Dress in all white clothes and get people to write messages on you all night. Or you could show off your extensive vocabulary by sticking words on yourself to be a dictionary.

Classic Costumes

There is always the standby of wearing a white sheet with holes cut out for eyes. You can dress as the paper bag princess by making a bag dress from brown paper bags. Maybe wrap yourself up in white and be a mummy? Alternatively, get out all of your black clothes and make yourself a witch costume.

"I Don't Do Halloween" Halloween Costumes

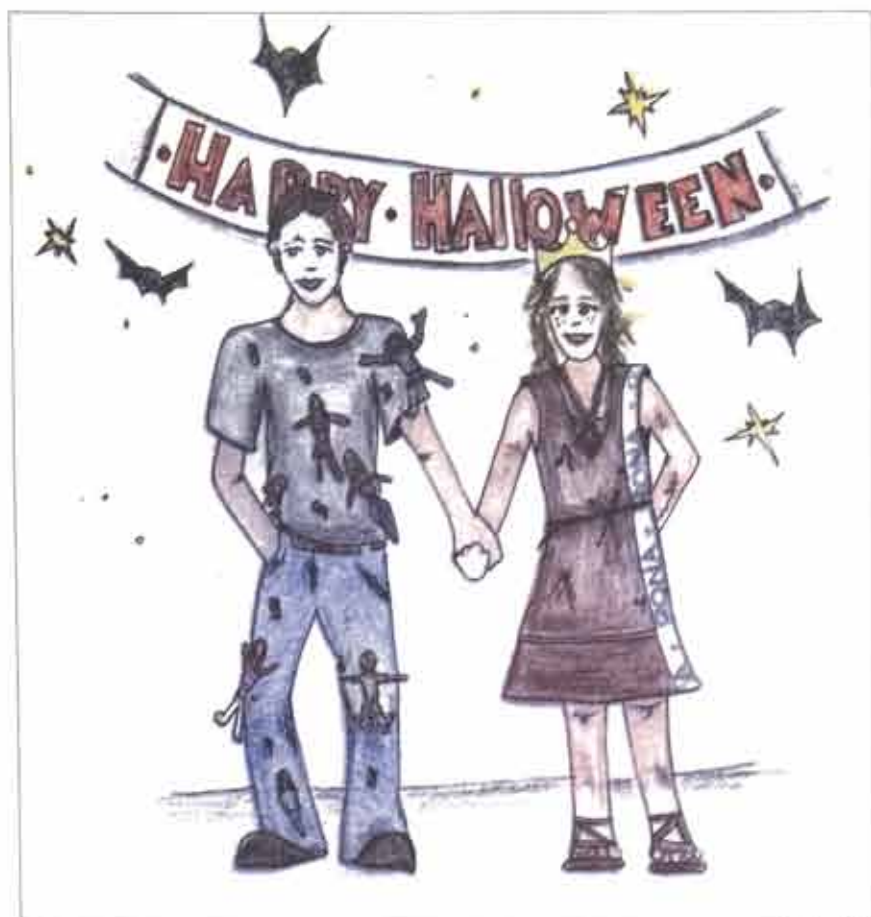
These are for the people who really

dislike Halloween. Maybe it's the fact that most people tend to confuse Halloween with the one last day to wear as little clothing as possible before winter arrives. Maybe you like yourself too much to possibly dress up as anyone else.

Either way, you may be forced to join the celebrations tonight and can do so by wearing a "Hello, My Name Is" nametag, inserting whoever you claim to be for the night.

Why not dress up as an emo kid? It's a costume and an expression of your feelings about the day. Thus, a perfect solution.

Ghosts and chick magnets don't have to worry about midterms and assignments, so tonight, neither should you. Be creative and you will be surprised with what costumes you can create from things around the house.



TRISH STOTT

GET CREATIVE - Use things lying around the house for a cool costume.

NICOLE WRAY
STAFF WRITER

While you are hopefully going party-to-party tonight and not door-to-door, there seems to be something about Halloween that makes dressing up a must. Unfortunately,

between midterms and papers, Halloween costumes are often not a priority, but there's still time to find a costume that doesn't hinge upon bunny ears or a football jersey.

Here are a few costume ideas that you can put together at the last minute with things you have

10 THINGS TO DO

1. GO TO THE TURRET

Want some fast-paced excitement for your Halloween bash? You need look no further than Laurie's very own nightclub, which will be throwing a costume dance tonight.

After all, nothing screams fun quite like getting dressed up in a large plastic costume and dancing in a smolderingly hot room on a dance floor packed with hundreds of people.

Once you've had your fill of dancing, you can still have a ball watching all the crazy costumes that come through the door. As an extra challenge, try counting how many girls you see dressed up as a Playboy bunny, if your feeble mind can handle it.

If you do decide the Turret is your Halloween destination of choice, make sure you show up early, because by the time the doors actually open, the line alone will be enough to scare you silly.

2. MAKE A HAUNTED HOUSE

Don't really feel like going out tonight? Why not bring the Halloween spirit home by turning your house or dorm into a haunted house and trying to scare your friends?

It's easy to do. If residence has taught us anything, it's that cutting up black garbage bags and taping them to the floor makes a room as scary as hell.

Also effective is throwing some Jello and cold spaghetti noodles into a bowl, making people close their eyes and put their hands inside, and telling them that they're touching

brains.

Just make sure you don't make your haunted house too creepy, or less you're prepared to take your friends to the hospital after they pass out from pure fright.

DAVID SHORE
FEATURES EDITOR

It has finally come! After another dreary and costume-less year, the day you have anxiously been waiting for has arrived at long last. It's the day where you get to eat copious amounts of candy, dress up in costumes and pretend that you're somebody else. It's Halloween!

By now you have your costume all put together and you're ready to go, but you can't stop thinking about one question: What do I do now?

Fear not, because *Cord* Features has your back. We've compiled 10 scintillatingly spooky ways to make your Halloween great. Just follow our guide to this horror-inducing holiday and you're sure to be inspired.

5. GO TRICK OR TREATING

We all know that walking to strangers' houses and begging them to give us candy is what Halloween is really about. For those of you dying to relive your pre-teen glory years, don't let your age get in the way of a hardcore Halloween haul.

"But I won't be able to get any candy," you're thinking. "Everybody will know that I'm too old." Maybe so, but with a little creativity, and some shameful, shameful deceit, anything is possible.

For example, try recruiting your

shortest friend to go as a ghost - white bed sheet with the eye-holes cut out style. Explain to people that you're bringing your foreign cousin out to experience the North American tradition, but that he/she doesn't speak any English. Afterwards, the two of you can split the sweet rewards.

The plan of attack is up to you, but whatever strategy you come up with, don't rule out trick-or-treating as a way to spend Halloween. Where there's a will, there's a way.

6. GO SEE THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

For some, this annual tradition presents the most liberating of opportunities. For one night, no longer does dressing up in women's clothing and strutting around have to be confined to your bedroom.

Pull some nylons over those hairy legs, spruce up with some eye shadow and lipstick and go do the Time Warp with all the other drag lovers.

Seeing a musical masterpiece with a transsexual Tim Curry, a sexy Susan Sarandon and an outright weird Meat Loaf is the perfect excuse to explore wardrobes you never thought would see the light of day.

Getting involved in this cult tradition at the Princess Cinema is a sure-fire way to have a disturbingly good time.

7. RENT HORROR MOVIES

There's no better time to sit down and watch a few good horror movies than on Halloween. Why not head to the video store and rent your favourite frightful flicks?

Blockbuster or Rogers Video will have all the big hits, but you can also visit Gen-X videos if you're looking for some more obscure titles.

Creepy classics like *The Exorcist* and *The Omen* are always a good call, or you could go with some more modern greats like *The Ring*.

Whatever movies you choose, gather around the TV with some popcorn and a seasonal snack and be prepared to watch movies until you become delirious with fear.

FOR HALLOWEEN

3. GO TO BINGEMANS' SCREAM PARK

If your friends don't heed the previous advice and their attempts at freaking you out fall flat, you can always rely on the professionals. Hop on a bus down to Bingemans between 7 pm and midnight tonight to check out their high-scale haunted asylum.

For only 12 bucks, you can pretty much guarantee yourself a nightmare-ridden sleep tonight as you wander the halls of a shut-down insane asylum.

It's only to be expected that some actor will, at some point, lunge out from the dark to grab your ankle. Still, knowing this can't prepare you for the horror of it actually happening and your meek-minded self will break down and cry like a child.

It's always a great way to spend October 31.

4. HOLD A HALLOWEEN RITUAL

Did somebody say séance? If you're feeling dark, twisted, spiritual or just plain bored with your tiresome conventional religion, Halloween is the night of nights to explore your evil side.

You won't have much time to research any real black magic, but don't let that stop you from having a good time.

The opportunities are endless. Make a voodoo doll, sac-

rifice a small animal, try communicating with evil spirits, or just read some Edgar Allen Poe.

However you attempt to connect with the occult, traveling to the nearest graveyard is a must. With some black robes, candles and a pentagram drawn on the ground, you'll be feeling like an insane cultist in no time.



8. BREW UP SOME HALLOWEEN MISCHIEF

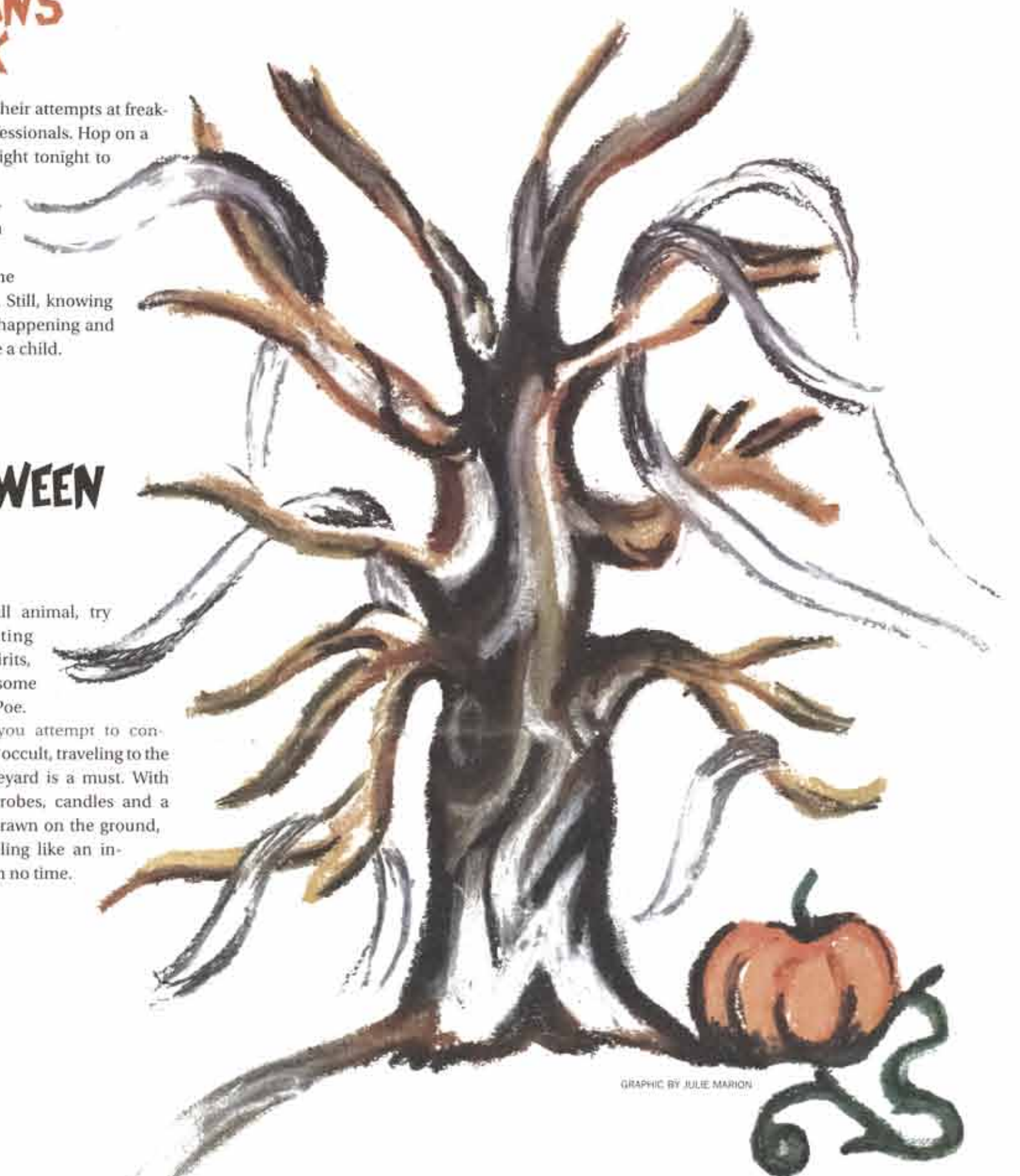
Whatever happened to the good old days when Halloween was all about senseless vandalism? If you're feeling daring, try taking a trip through memory lane by revisiting your rebellious teenage years.

Armed with some simple tools such as stink bombs, toilet paper and silly string, you can bring the

true Halloween spirit to the region.

A few harmless pranks never hurt anybody. Scare a few people by jumping out from behind bushes. TP some trees. Your imagination is the limit.

Just make sure that you don't do anything too illegal (if you're a wuss, that is).



GRAPHIC BY JULIE MARION

9. DON'T DRESS UP

Let's face it. Some people are just too cool for Halloween. If you're one of them, don't fret; you don't have to participate in this petty commercialist scam to have fun.

Why not go out anyway? Simply find a good bar or party that's packed with mindless masqueraders, pick a good corner and whisper

insults to your friends, like "That costume makes her look sooo fat," or "I could have made a better green crayon costume if I were blind."

No one may talk to you, or even know that you're there, but you'll know that you're by far the coolest person in the room.

10. GIVE CANDY TO KIDS

Ok, so you don't have to dress your friend up as a foreign ghost to celebrate the wonderful tradition of trick-or-treating. You can be on the other end, handing out candy to cute kids (or drunk students) as they ring your doorbell.

To let kids know you're giving out goodies, you can participate in another essential Halloween tradition - making a Jack o' Lantern.

Not only will you get to see some adorable three-foot Spider-mans and princesses, but you'll get a good night's sleep knowing that you weren't the one cruel person who gave every child a box of raisins.



SYDNEY HELLAND

CUT TO THE CHASE - The Hawks leave the McMaster Marauders in their dust as they fly to a 1-0 victory in the quarterfinal match on Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Lady Hawks fly over Mac to semi-finals

The women's soccer team continue to shut out their opponents as McMaster falls victim to their strong defense

RAYMOND GIU
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's soccer team continued their defensive dominance against the McMaster Marauders as they advanced to the semi-finals with a 1-0 shutout. The Marauders, who were the last team to score a goal against the Hawks, were stymied as they failed to penetrate the Hawks defense.

"Our defense was solid; we've

had trouble on the defensive side for three quarters of the season but we've been working on it and the past three games we've allowed no goals" said Head Coach Barry McLean.

While amidst a cold and rainy afternoon, the Hawks came out strong in the first half by maintaining the pressure on the Marauders' defense. Engineering the offensive attack, striker Ali McKee had a great chance to score the first goal but missed wide off a header. Not to be

denied, moments later McKee received a pass that was misread by Marauders goalkeeper Amy Holt, allowing McKee to easily slide in the first goal of the game.

Despite having the lead, the Hawks continued to apply pressure looking for a second goal. With the first half winding down, the Hawks were rewarded a free kick midway through the Marauders half. Midfielder Tania Pedron took the task of taking the free kick that was so close to going in that it fooled ev-

eryone on the sidelines of the potential two-goal lead. The great chance signaled the end of a successful first half for the Hawks.

With little breathing room, the second half was characterized by a stingy Laurier defense. With their season on the line, the Marauders were in desperation mode for the equalizing goal. As desperate as they were, the Hawks' defense did not allow them to succeed at getting shots on the net. With time running out, a Hawks defender committed a

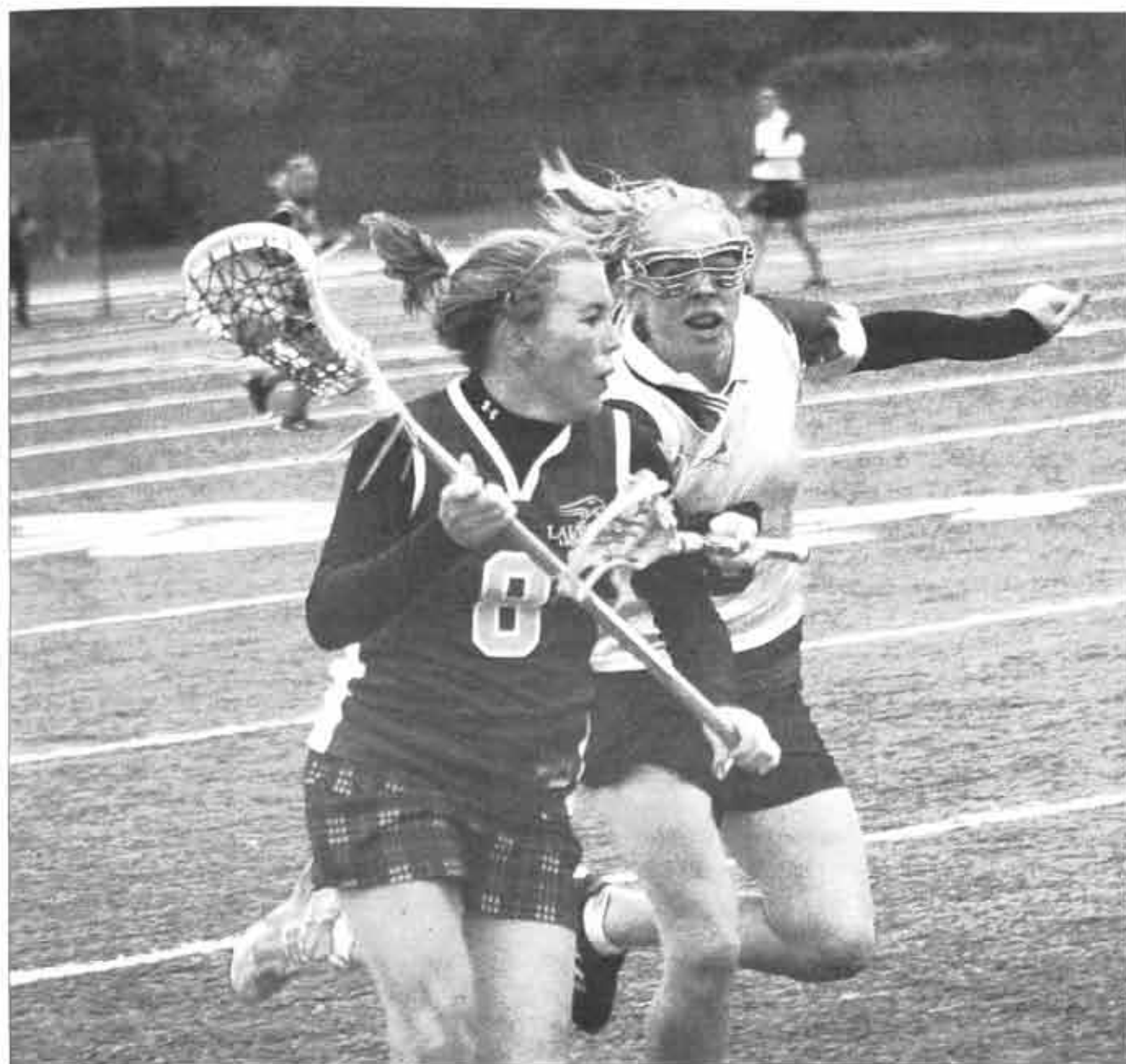
foul, allowing the Marauders to get a free kick just outside the penalty box. In what seemed like the last chance for the Marauders to tie the game up, Hawks Goalkeeper Mal Woeller was able to make a leaping save that maintained the clean sheet and all but sealed their spot in the semi-finals.

The Golden Hawks will travel to York University next Saturday to face the Ottawa Gee Gees with the hopes of advancing to the Ontario University Athletics Finals.



Lacrosse Hawks make it five in a row

The women's lacrosse team complete a perfect season, dominating the teams in the OUA and walking away with the top title



CAN'T TOUCH ME - Hawks midfielder Amy Fincham looks for a pass as she outruns a Mustang opponent.

- FROM LACROSSE, COVER

Third-year attack, and OUA offensive player of the year, Kirsten Gerrie was a nightmare for the Gaels defense, putting away two of the first three goals.

The Hawks were up four goals before the Gaels even found the back of the net, making it 4-1 at the half-time whistle.

The second half opened the same way as the first, with complete domination of the Hawks' offense over the Gaels. Gerrie continued to haunt the defenders with her speed and passing abilities.

With a final effort from the Gaels, they put three goals into the Hawks net in the last five minutes. But it wasn't enough, as the Hawks were too strong, and prevailed with a final score of 9-6.

"It's amazing, our team dynamic is amazing," said Gerrie. "Everyone is there to help each other out because we're so close."

"The girls are all friends on and off the field," said Orth about how well the team is able to work together. "It makes it that much easier to come out and play as a team."

"It's pretty amazing," said Orth of the team's fifth OUA championship. "It has nothing to do with me, it's the players that you have. I

am fortunate to have very talented players."

With the win, Laurier extends its championship streak to five years and claims its sixth title in the 10-year history of OUA women's lacrosse. During the last five years, they've only lost two games, including both playoffs and the regular season.

To conclude what was already a spectacular season for the Hawks, three players were given OUA major awards and four were given all-star nods.

In addition to Gerrie, Britt Boynton won defensive player of the year and Beard was awarded rookie of the year. All-star nods were given to all three, as well as Fincham.

"Last year, we all got shut out of awards," said Gerrie. "It kind of made us play even harder. This year it was awesome to be congratulated."

Looking into next season, Gerrie thinks the Hawks will be tough to beat yet again.

"We can still step it up some more. We will be good."

Men fall to Mustangs

The men's volleyball team continues the dismal start to their season, losing 3-0 to Western

ANDREA MILLET
STAFF WRITER

The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks men's volleyball team took to the court on Sunday, playing host to the Western Mustangs.

The men were looking to come back from a 3-0 loss to the Windsor Lancers the day before, but were left unsatisfied as they faced another 3-0 defeat by the Mustangs.

"It was a little disappointing," said Head Coach Shayne White about his team's performance. "We didn't play well yesterday, and I thought we would respond a bit better today."

The Hawks began their first set looking strong, taking an early lead and matching the Mustangs point for point. They passed the ball well and kept it in play with second-year Chad Hall making some key dives and stopping the Mustangs' point.

Unfortunately, the Hawks eased up their pressure near the end of the set and the Mustangs charged in and took advantage, putting the Hawks down 25-19.

Coming out in the second set, the Hawks were looking to turn things around and draw level with their rivals, but never stepped up.

They passed the ball weakly around their own side, and could not stop the Mustangs from domi-

nating the point scoring, losing the second set 25-16.

The third set presented the Hawks with their last opportunity to turn the game around; a win would put them back in contention and force a fourth set, and a loss would hand the victory to the Mustangs.


Unfortunately, the Hawks stepped onto the court uninspired and failed to put the necessary pressure on their opponents.

Unable to take control of the game and rein in the Mustangs, they fell in the third set, finishing with a disappointing 25-14 loss.

The loss compounded the Hawks' dismal start to the season, putting their record at 1-3. Inaccurate passing and sub-par blocking left too many weak points in the Hawks line-up, and they were unable to assert themselves against the Mustangs in this game.

"Our veteran leadership has been average, but the positives that we got out of the rookies is good," said White, hoping that experience will build confidence and show improvement in his young squad.

The Hawks' next meeting is tonight in a tough match against their 3-1 local rivals, the Waterloo Warriors. The game will begin at 8:00 pm on Warriors turf in the Physical Activities Complex (PAC).



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RECENT SCORES

10.24.07

M Soccer 0 - Windsor 2

10.26.07

M Basketball 82 - UCB 85

10.27.07

M Hockey 3 - Lakehead 6

W Hockey 4 - Western 1

M Volleyball 0 - Windsor 3

W Volleyball 3 - Windsor 0

W Basketball 71 - Daeman College 75

W Lacrosse 16 - Western 5

W Soccer 1 - McMaster 0

10.28.07

W Hockey 3 - Windsor 0

M Hockey 4 - Lakehead 3

M Volleyball 0 - Western 3

W Volleyball 3 - Western 0

W Lacrosse 9 - Queen's 6

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10.31.07

W Basketball vs Brock

Athletic Complex, 6:00pm

11.02.07

W Volleyball vs McMaster

Athletic Complex, 6:00pm

M Volleyball vs McMaster

Athletic Complex, 8:00pm

11.03.07

M Football vs Guelph

Knight-Neighbourhood Field, 1:00pm

W Hockey vs Queen's

Waterloo Recreation Complex, 3:00pm

W Volleyball vs Guelph

Athletic Complex, 6:00pm

M Hockey vs Windsor

Waterloo Recreation Complex, 7:30pm

M Volleyball vs Guelph

Athletic Complex 8:00pm

11.04.07

W Hockey vs UOIT

Waterloo Recreation Complex 7:30pm

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Rested Hawks look ready for action

After a season plagued with injuries, the football team looks ahead to Saturday's game with the anticipation of many returning to the line-up

LAUREN MILLET
SPORTS EDITOR

Having rested up during their first round bye in the playoffs, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks football team is ready to take on the Guelph Gryphons in semi-final action on Saturday.

"They're a team we've had success against in the past, but this year there have been so many upsets that we know we're not safe," said fifth-year receiver Andy Baechler. "We have to come out and work hard this week."

"We're looking at a tremendously mobile quarterback who can make plays at any time outside the system," said Manager of Football Operations and Head Coach Gary Jeffries. "He along with [running back Nick] Fitzgibbon are two very big handfuls. We hope that we can limit their production."

An important factor in the Hawks' success will be the return of many injured starters. The second half of the season has seen the Hawks struggling to field a healthy line-up. With as many as 11 people out in the last game, injuries have forced the Hawks to sacrifice experience for physical ability; however, most of the players are expected to return to action come Saturday.

"The kids that went in and played for these guys did a great job, and they grew up a lot," said Jeffries. "But the experience factor in a playoff game is really key."

"It's affected the rhythm," said Baechler about the lack of consistency in the line-up. "It can be a challenge to get everyone on the same page; the more you play together, the more comfortable you are with each other."

According to Jeffries, players still in question were receiver Dustin Heap and linebacker John Borden, but everybody else was looking to be in the line-up.

One player that has been plagued by injury all season is Baechler. Injured in week three against Toronto, he has been seeing the bench quite often as a result.

"It was frustrating because I wasn't able to practice for much of the season," said Baechler. "Especially with some new bodies in the line-up, it would have been good for me to be in there with them practicing every day and getting comfortable with them."

"THEY HAVE CAUSED US A LOT OF PROBLEMS THIS YEAR. WE PLAYED ONE OF OUR WORST GAMES OFFENSIVELY AGAINST THEM. WE WERE LUCKY TO GET THE WIN."

- Andy Baechler, fifth-year receiver

Coming into this season, Baechler had hopes of a possible CFL draft on his horizon, but his injury has prevented him from seeing much action on the field.

"I'm trying not to think about it much," commented Baechler. "I haven't been able to play special teams as much this year, and that was something I was really looking forward to. It's what I did for the first three to four years of my career."

"If I'm fortunate enough to have a career in the CFL, the realistic part is that special teams will be a part of it," he continued. "I'm sure the teams would have liked to see

me in the role a little more, and that has been frustrating."

The secret for the Hawks will be to get back to their game and run the football. The last time these teams met, in Guelph, quarterback Ian Noble led the Hawks in rushing with only 52 yards, while running back Ryan Lynch was held to a mere 28 on the ground.

"We went over there [in] week six and didn't run [the football] at all," said Jeffries. "[Wet] conditions were no excuse, they just stopped us. We have to win up front."

"They have caused us a lot of problems this year," said Baechler. "We played one of our worst games

offensively against them. We were lucky to get the win."

Another key element for the Hawks will be winning field position on special teams and not turning the ball over.

"All of these things are magnified in a playoff game, and against a great team, we have to do all these things to be successful," said Jeffries.

Playing at home this time should help the Hawks. "The thirteenth man is so important for us, more important than most people think," commented Jeffries.

"The style of runner that Lynch is, because he is so quick and cutting is a big part of his game, it's better for him on a solid track," he continued. "We're quicker on this surface, but so is Guelph and so is [their quarterback], who we're going to be chasing all over the field."



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INJURY REPORT - Receiver Andy Baechler has seen only limited action this season as a result of the ankle injury he picked up in week three.

"We are coming in knowing we have our hands full. At this point in the season, everything is on the line," said Baechler. "The guys know this is what it all comes down to."

The Hawks and Gryphons will take to Knight-Newbrough field at University Stadium this Saturday. Kick-off is set for 1:00 pm.

Men's hockey bounces back with big win

With two strong periods to end the weekend, the Hawks managed to salvage a weekend split with Lakehead

CHRIS BALUSCHAK
CORD SPORTS

After suffering a 6-3 trouncing by the Lakehead University Thunderwolves on Saturday, October 27, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks avenged their loss with an exciting 4-3 nail-biter Sunday afternoon at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex.

The Hawks put forth great second and third periods to up-end the T-Wolves and even their record at 3-3.

Unlike the quick start they got off to on Saturday night, the Hawks came out rather slow. The Thunderwolves were able to get out to a quick lead thanks to a powerplay goal just 1:32 into the frame. Momentum was heavily in favour of Lakehead as the Hawks could not get much going at either end.

With less than four minutes remaining, the Thunderwolves scored their second power-

play goal of the period. The Hawks, unable to kill a penalty, headed to the locker rooms down by an early 2-0 deficit.

"I don't think we played with much intensity or emotion in the first period," commented Head Coach Kelly Nobes.

The Hawks returned to the ice with a very different attitude to begin the second period. All cylinders were firing as the Hawks threw hits left, right and centre.

After drawing a few penalties and providing the T-Wolves with a bit of their own powerplay medicine, Laurier had several opportunities to cut the Lakehead lead in half. However, Thunderwolves net-minder Kyle Moir made several key saves, 29 in total on the night, to preserve the lead.

The persistence of the Hawks' attack finally paid off as the forward from London, Jeff Borrows, potted a goal at 7:58. Not two minutes later, the Hawks found themselves a man

short and on the penalty kill again.

With momentum shifting, the Hawks handled the Lakehead powerplay with ease and responded with relentless pressure on the Thunderwolves' keeper.

Shots were flying in from all directions and on a juicy rebound, second-year forward Nathan Peacock buried a rebound past Laurier keeper Jeff MacDougald, tying the game at 2-2.

"WE WOKE UP IN BETWEEN PERIODS AND REALLY COMPETED HARD, PLAYED WITH BLOOD IN OUR MOUTH, AND THAT'S THE WAY WE NEED TO PLAY."

- Kelly Nobes, Head Coach

As expected, the third period saw more of the same pressure from the Hawks' attack. Fourth-year centre Mark Voakes, already with an assist on the Peacock goal, recorded a goal of his own on the powerplay two minutes into the third.

Unfortunately, the lead would not last long as a Hawks giveaway at the offensive blue-line saw the Thunderwolves tie the game on the ensuing surge.

Both Voakes and third-year forward Luke Girard played with all their hearts and were continually giving the Thunderwolves a hard time all over the ice. "We woke up in between periods and really competed hard, played with blood in our mouth, and that's the way we need to play," said Nobes.

With 4:35 remaining, Voakes carried the puck in and orchestrated a perfect give and go to bury his second goal of the night, giving the Hawks the 4-3 lead.

Third-year goalie Jeff MacDougald was solid in net, turning away 29 shots, and resisting a barrage of shots in the dying seconds to solidify the win. "We need to shape the level of play tonight into next weekend," said Nobes.

The purple-and-gold take their 3-3 record into a battle with the 0-5 Windsor Lancers next Saturday. The puck drops at 7:30 pm at the Waterloo Recreation Centre.

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Protest wrongly relocated

It should be expected that protesting war will be a controversial action. However, it would be difficult to predict the outrage that resulted from the decision of Anti-War @ Laurier (AW@L) to protest war at Veterans' Green this past weekend.

Much of the outrage felt by the community makes one wonder how much attention people paid to AW@L's announcement of the protest. The protest wasn't meant to be disrespectful, and the group never questioned the value of veterans' sacrifice.

The protest questioned Canada's involvement in Afghanistan and was a rally for peace: a value veterans fought for, just like the right to free speech that those opposed to the protest were expressing.

Before people immediately dismissed the group's plans, they should have heard what AW@L had to say. It is not enough to simply have the right to question and the right to protest; we must actually engage in these acts and question Canada's involvement in war.

Instead of questioning the nation's current involvement with war, people jumped to the conclusion that the protest was up to no good. They assumed that the protest was a radical and trouble-making event.

This assumption only serves to further develop the mainstream image that protests are violent, radical and out-of-touch with everyday people. As a result, people are discouraged from protesting, disagreeing and questioning beliefs and policies.

Ultimately, AW@L should be commended for agreeing to move its protest. Regardless of whether it was in good taste or not to hold it at Veterans' Green, as a public space, it was their right to gather there. Despite this, they listened to the community.

It's unfortunate that the protest was unable to go ahead in the location originally planned. Veterans' Green was a sensible location for the protest and it was not disrespectful. By moving the protest, at least AW@L was able to make sure that the protest remained about the issues being questioned rather than a fight over the appropriateness of the location.

Monopoly ridiculous

Pilot Pita found out this week that it will not be allowed to accept OneCard payments – for the fourth year in a row. The reason? Pilot Pita overlaps too much with the WLUSU-run Pita Shack.

Explains OneCard office manager Nick Tomljenovic, "If WLUSU feels the need to not have any overlap on or off-campus, that's okay." No, Nick. It's not.

WLUSU's espoused mission is to "provide for the needs of Students." And yet, even after Pilot Pita collected over 2,000 student signatures on a petition requesting it be added to the OneCard system, it has been ignored.

The students' union is in place to represent undergraduate students' needs, not to make a dime (or a great sum more) off of us.

It's interesting that WLUSU – the students' union at a school with

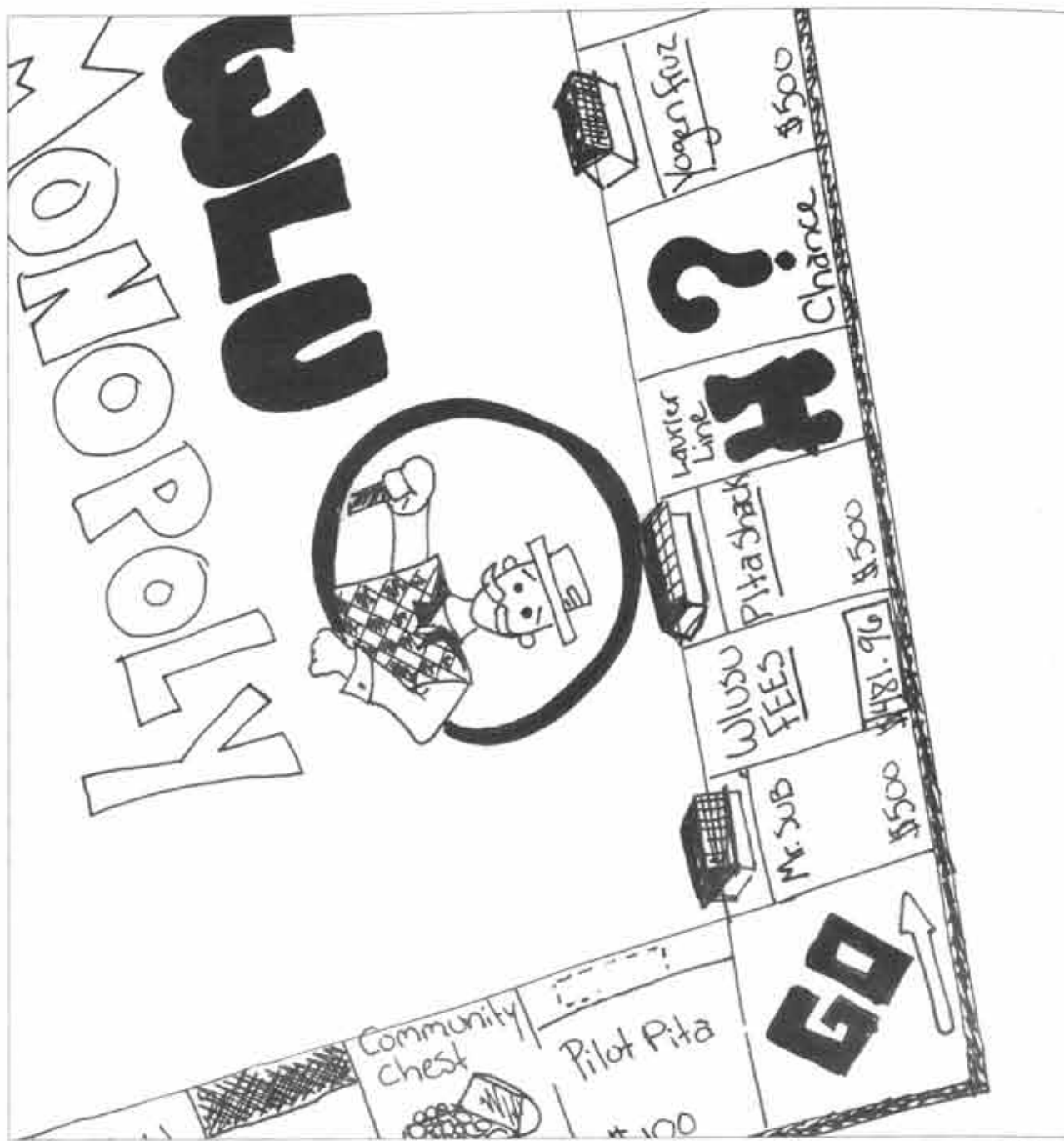
a high-profile business faculty – manages businesses whose success hinges on the fact that they are far more convenient than any of their competitors.

Apparently, the free market is one of those theories that never leaves the classroom.

Why improve the Pita Shack's abysmal level of service or quality to compete with Pilot Pita, which serves a much tastier pita, when the students' union can unilaterally retain the OneCard monopoly?

The fact that WLUSU is vetoing fast-food restaurants from being allowed to accept OneCard payments, particularly those that have been campaigned for continuously by students, is nothing short of disgraceful. Students are being pushed aside for a financial gain that is meaningless to the union's shareholders: the students.

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TRISH STOTT

Halloween unique

October's end brings a chance to take advantage of being anonymous

JOE TURCOTTE
SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

There are few times in the course of the year that we are able to disregard all of our inhibitions and allow ourselves to revel in the freedom that anonymity affords.

Sure, there are numerous nights when students go out and party themselves into oblivion, but on most of these nights their identities are clearly on display, and they are invariably acting as extensions of their personalities.

However, the ritual of dressing in a Halloween costume is liberating, as it allows us as individuals to express ourselves while wearing somebody else's shoes.

Perhaps this is why so many people love the annual holiday so much; it allows them to be something (anything) else – at least for one night. For the most part, our identities are tied to the recognizable aspects of our everyday lives: our areas of study, our interests, our hobbies, our personality traits and all of those other aspects of ourselves that we affirm as being integral to our conception of our self.

All of these characteristics, and those supplied by those around us in the real and imagined communities that we inhabit, combine to orient us in regards to our situations. For good or bad, these are the ideals that we draw upon when we look at ourselves and try to determine who we are, and whether

what we are doing fits within our conception of who we view ourselves to be.

While for the majority of the year these frameworks of identity guide our actions, on Halloween we are provided the opportunity to throw them away and step inside the skin of someone else. While our personal identity is never truly gone, as we ultimately rely upon the idea of the self to guide our actions, Halloween offers a chance to experiment and play with our identities in a safe and forgiving way.

WHY ELSE WOULD SOMEONE DRESS UP AS A "SLUTTY NURSE" OR A FAVOURITE SUPER-HERO, IF NOT TO ENJOY THE FREEDOM THAT THESE COSTUMES AFFORD?

Why else would someone dress up as a "slutty nurse" or a favourite super-hero, if not to enjoy the freedom that these costumes afford? Just because we dress risqué or in tight spandex (or both) doesn't necessarily represent an aspect of our selves; it might just be that October 31 offers us the chance to express something that we wished we had or imagine would be fun to have.

Ironical as it sounds, by dressing up as someone else we are able to come to terms with who we really are or what we would like to be. Of course, it's a lot easier to play it safe and avoid wearing a costume that no one else gets or thinks is funny, but how will you know who you are if you never push yourself

towards the ledge of insecurity and take a peek over?

Only then will you know what fits your personality and what doesn't. Without the moment of fear that accompanies letting yourself go for just one night, you will never have the chance to push yourself out of your mundane bubble of comfort and see what lies outside of it. And that is most certainly a shame.

Halloween is the perfect time for such identity-defining experiments to take place. After all, it is the one night of the year when

you are forgiven if you let your hair down and become a little unruly. No, that is all wrong. It is the one night of the year when you are encour-

aged to run amok and push the boundaries of good taste.

So don't be afraid of dressing up and acting a little out of character on Halloween. It's good for you. Not only is it cathartic, but it can also reinforce or reject the preconceived notions that you have about yourself.

This is not to say that Halloween is a chance to go out and act stupid and completely out of character; temperance is a virtue that should be maintained. But by stepping outside of yourself for a few hours once a year you might allow yourself the chance to affirm everything that you feel about who you are.

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PEDAL POWER - Bicycles provide a great opportunity for the average person to reduce their environmental impact. Unfortunately, pollution is a serious health concern for those biking.

Our car culture harms cyclists

Instead of being rude and aggressive, drivers should show respect to people who choose biking as their method of transportation



DAN KELLAR
BEING THE CHANGE

I spent most of my summer on the west coast of Canada, where I was conducting my thesis research in Victoria, Vancouver and Whistler. During that time, I received about 25 e-mails from Ontario's Ministry of the Environment notifying me of an impending smog day.

According to Waterloo Region's web page on air quality, "ground level ozone and inhalable particulate matter are the major components of smog."

The air is cleaner in Vancouver, Victoria and Whistler, and it's not just because they send all their pollution inland via the tradewind, but also due to the attitude of the residents in these cities.

Reports from the Community Foundations Canada Vital Signs project show that Kitchener-Waterloo's per-capita emissions from transport are among the highest in the country. In many categories,

only Toronto matched this region's consumption and creation levels.

While I was on the coast, I observed that the residents of these three western communities have embraced mass transit, higher population concentrations (building up instead of out to reduce sprawl and, therefore, to reduce emissions from travel) and using the bicycle as a mode of transportation instead of just a leisure activity.

Perfection it is not; populations are still rising and people are fighting for bridge construction to ease traffic congestion. But while I was in these cities, I observed high amounts of non-motorized traffic sharing the roads with their polluting counter-parts. The level of outdoor activity was truly encouraging.

Just like here in Waterloo, there are Critical Mass bike rides where the cyclists remind motorists that cycle-commuting is a viable option. During the annual "Naked Bike Ride" in Victoria, it is easy to keep motorists from becoming enraged that they have to drive slower than usual on their race to and from work.

When I returned to Ontario and went for my first ride, I hopped out onto Erb St. and immediately found myself surrounded by automobile traffic that was not only inhospitable but, at times, fully hostile, with drivers honking, saluting and yelling at me. I also had a wave of nausea flow through my nose, mouth, throat and body from the exhaust fumes I had been blanketed in. I almost passed out. I nearly puked.

Days after this re-awakening to the truly choking effects of heavy smog and vehicular emissions, I watched a BBC documentary called "Global Dimming." The documentary used scientific studies to argue that particulate matter, industrial emissions and jetliner contrails were reflecting mass amounts of solar radiation back into space.

For example, during the three days when air traffic was virtually banned in America following the attacks of September 11, average temperature ranges across the country increased more than one degree Celsius, which experts consider remarkable.

Other research conducted through two methodologically dif-

ferent and completely independent sets of tests concluded that there has been a significant reduction in solar radiation hitting the ground in the past century – up to 22 percent less.

The question was why the planet was not cooling from this decrease in solar radiation. The greenhouse effect could still answer that.

Particulate matter, water and gas vapour, and other combusive emissions were staying in the atmosphere and counteracting the warming effects of climate change by actually blocking out the sun before it could reach the biosphere. This was an idea that America considered to fight climate change in their response to the February 2007 IPCC report: pollute to combat warming.

The documentary continued with a review of European efforts to clean up emissions through "clean coal," chimney scrubbers and tougher standards on fuel. The results have been remarkably cleaner air, but they have not significantly reduced the greenhouse gas emissions and they are now feeling the full effects of climate change: no

snow in the winter and deadly heat waves in the summer.

The documentary's message is that we not only require tougher restrictions on what we emit, but we also need tougher restrictions on how much we emit.

At this point, I realized the harmful effects of the particulate matter that surrounds me as I bike through traffic: if it can block out the sun, then surely it can block my lungs. I adopted wearing a facemask that filters the air I am deeply breathing in as I bike.

Bike lanes, mass transit, and more compact communities will allow us to reduce our impact on the world and will help lead us to a sustainable future. Proper planning and development initiatives must reflect this.

And to all the drivers out there: respect cyclists' rights to be on the road. Not only is biking a great way to stay active, it is a way of reducing one's impact on the Earth. Instead of waving your middle finger, wave your full hand and smile; bring some humanity back to the roads.

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Letters to the Editor

Shopping guide a waste of space

As a copy editor at *The Cord Weekly*, I have the privilege of reading some really great articles before they are officially published. The same goes, unfortunately, for articles that are not so great. I sometimes question why they are being published in the first place but I never say anything because it is not my decision on what gets published.

This time I would like to voice my discontent at an article that was published in a recent issue because I really feel that it undermines the integrity of *The Cord*. The article titled, "A dummy's guide to student grocery shopping" (October 17) is insulting, not on account of any remarks made within it, but because

the article itself is merely an attempt to fill an empty space. With the amount of talent writing for *The Cord* it should be easy to come up with an article that enlightens and challenges our readers, not something that instructs students on the how-tos of cutting out coupons and pushing shopping carts down grocery store aisles.

I understand that sometimes we run out of material for an issue, however I don't think that is an excuse for publishing something as inane as this article, when I know that there are more important topics relating to the student experience that could be published. Come on guys, I know we can do better than this.

- Laura Henderson

Support part-timers

I'm generally a reserved and stoic individual, but upon reading the "Part-Timers' Predicament" article in the October 24 *Cord*, I couldn't help but feel for the plight of many of my professors and what they are trying to accomplish. So the next day when I picked up a "Support WLUFA" pin and wore it proudly on my coat, I was unnerved by the relative apathy and ignorance of my fellow students toward WLUFA and toward the plight of many part-time profs who are responsible for so much of our education.

I ask a simple question – who hasn't been taught by a part-time prof? More so, who hasn't come out of that class with a colourful story or two about some strange but ex-

citing encounter? Every class I've had with a part-time prof turned out to be fruitful and enlightening; from every class, there is a story to tell – be it a prof throwing a rubber chicken across the room or a story about a prof being shot at by inebriated Italian hunters. Part-timers put in more than their dollar's worth.

But it even goes beyond that. As an individual who visited most of my profs during their office hours and now works for one, a part-timer, as a TA, I perfectly understand that these people we call "profs" are as human as the rest of us. In fact, many times they are more than just our purveyors of information; they are also our mentors, our guides, our tutors, our friends and sometimes our future selves. And no matter how much you try to deny the issue, the campus and even our

lives simply will not be the same without them and the high quality of education they provide.

So, I urge all of my fellow students to stand up and speak out and show the university administration that we fully understand that "part-timers give full value."

- Anatolijs Venovcevs

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UGG - People are often quick to adopt fashion trends like tights.

Fashion suppresses individualism



AMELIA LOCKHART
LEFT TO WRITE

I laugh every time I look at my parents' wedding pictures; I just can't help it. Between my mom's '80s glasses and her dress with the see-through, poofy sleeves and overly conservative neckline and my father's beige suit with black-accented lapels, they look like quite the pair.

It's not just their wedding pictures that make me laugh; it is any picture of them before I was around. My mom's famous rebuttal is always: "It was what was in fashion at the time."

I often wonder if she knew she looked ridiculous while she teased her hair, loaded on the pale make-up, and slipped into the shoulder-padded ensembles.

I'll admit it. Sometimes when I do my hair in the morning and

put the oh-so-common poof in the front, I laugh at myself and picture the future: my daughter, looking at the pictures, saying, "Mom, why in the world did you put your hair like that?"

So why do we do it? Why do we wear the "trends" and what is "in fashion?"

It is not by choice at all. Whether you are a fashion connoisseur or just someone who simply buys things that appeal to you in the mall, someone else is picking out those clothes for you.

It is because fashion is just like Communism. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels outlined Communism as a distinct socio-political philosophy that is willing to use violent means to attain its goal of a society free of class divisions.

Though we feel like we have abundant options and resources in fashion, this is not the case. Each store in the mall seems to carry the same product, in a different form.

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Intelligence no longer valued

Universities no longer encourage critical thinking or provide a challenging learning experience; instead, they are becoming glorified high schools



ALLIE MAXTED
RESIDENT CYNIC

Throughout high school, I dreamt of what university would be like. I pictured a group of passionate critical thinkers, ready to learn and to be led by some of the most intelligent people in the country.

What has happened to these university students? Did they ever exist to begin with?

I went through elementary and secondary school with the feeling that my intelligence was being suppressed in favour of the lowest common denominator.

This was acceptable to me for the time being (knowing that it was the only way a public school system could really function), but I dreamt of the day when I could make full use of my smarts and passion for knowledge.

I applied to university, signed up for classes and paid my tuition fees, all with the expectation that such a time was ahead of me. Upon attending these classes, I began to feel my hopes fade into fantasy.

I have been here a little over a year now, and in that time I have observed the poor attitudes of most students, and their misguided expectations of what university is meant to be.

These barriers to my learning have manifested themselves in the complaints I've heard from students directed at their professors, who generally lack the respect they deserve.

Pressured to get a good job by their families and society, many students enter university solely for that end. The result is the belief that they will be spoon-fed course materials, and that if they

do all the work they undoubtedly deserve an A.

Most of these professors have PhDs; they are not our servants, whose sole purpose in life is to provide us with a job in the future. More should be expected of us on that end, not them. But nonetheless, this kind of attitude has rendered the most ideal professors anomalous, due to the constant attacks that break down their spirit and desire to teach.

The complaint pattern looks like this.

MOST OF THESE PROFESSORS HAVE PHDs; THEY ARE NOT OUR SERVANTS, WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO PROVIDE US WITH A JOB IN THE FUTURE. MORE SHOULD BE EXPECTED OF US ON THAT END, NOT THEM.

The ideal professor is one that asks more of you than a basic understanding of the course material and requires you to think critically. This kind of professor is attacked by the students for testing them on "irrelevant" material, and garners low attendance for their "useless" lectures.

The ideal professor is one whose passion is so strong it becomes infectious. This kind of professor is called "disorganized" and is criticized for "going on too many tangents that have little to do with the course material."

The ideal professor is one whose intelligence and knowledge is something for which to strive. This kind of professor is called "confusing," "arrogant," and sometimes even "too intelligent."

That anyone in a university atmosphere should be called too intelligent is appalling. If universities cannot handle their intelli-

gence, where else are they to go? Was fostering collective intelligence not the point of a university in the first place?

If it once was, this is not the case anymore. Because of the sheer number of students who share this attitude, their expectations have come to be what university really is.

What was originally the function of colleges - to provide students with job-specific skills training - has been taken over by universities as the main end. Unfortunately,

no one is teaching critical thinking anymore, though most employers say this is just as important, if not more, than tangible skills and knowledge.

Though there still exist some

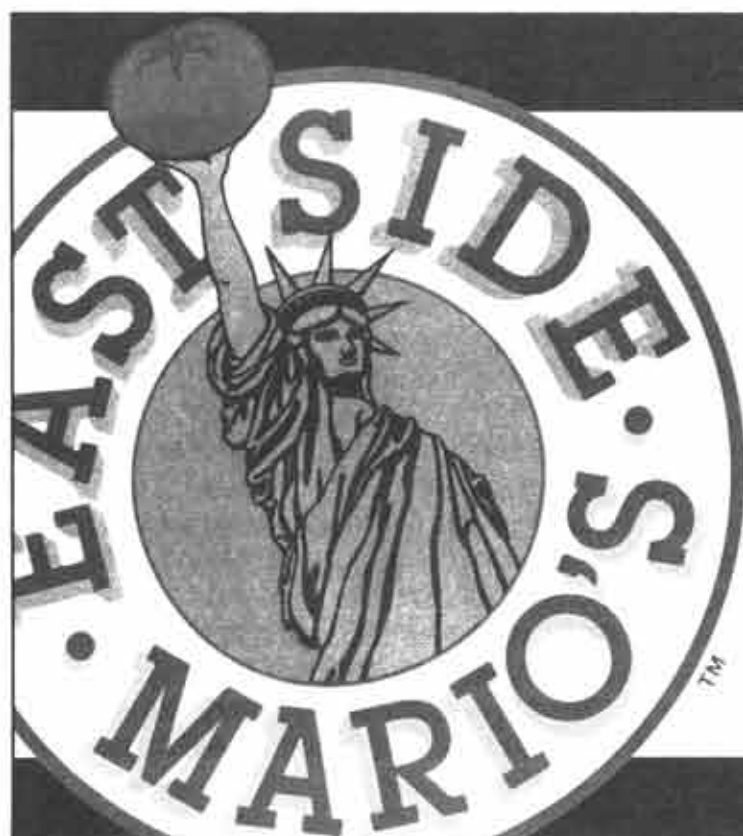
professors who have maintained their integrity in the world of the modern student, most have fallen victim to the pattern of thoughtless assignments, PowerPoint slides and test review outlines.

The minority of students who wish to experience university as it once was are being robbed by their peers of the opportunity. It is a shame that some of the world's best researchers are unable to share their intelligence with their students.

Both the professors and the universities must take a stand against the students.

If universities continue in the direction they are currently headed, the integrity of a university degree will be lost. This would be bad not only for the universities, but for all students and employers as well.

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China unworthy of Olympics

WINSTON HIND
MY TRUTH

If you go to google.cn (Google China) and type in "Falun Gong," "Tiananmen Square," or even "free press," you get this message: "In accordance with local laws, regulations and policies, part of the search result is not shown."

In 2002, Google was completely blocked out of the country by the Chinese government. It lasted for two weeks and ended as mysteriously as it had begun. The great firewall set in place by the Chinese government immensely slows down all traffic coming from outside of the country.

If it continued to run its websites from outside of China, Google would face slowdowns from the firewall and the threat of more arbitrary blockades by the Chinese government. To provide service to the Chinese public, Google chose

to open an office in the People's Republic of China, and is now subject to Internet censorship laws.

Google now has to block the most politically sensitive web sites - religious groups, democracy groups, memorials of the Tiananmen Square massacre, pornography and many other terms associated with free knowledge. China is ranked 163rd on the World Press Freedom Index.

In this day and age, this is simply not right.

The Chinese authorities promised the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the international community concrete improvements in human rights in order to win the 2008 Olympics for Beijing.

But they changed their tone after getting what they wanted.

As part of trying to tidy up China's act after winning the bid, police and judicial authorities were given orders to pursue the "Hit Hard" campaign against crime.

Every year, several thousand Chinese are executed in public, of-

ten in stadiums, by means of a bullet in the back of the neck or lethal injection.

They also decided to crack down on followers of Falun Gong and other religious and democratic movements. Many of those who are held in police custody, sent to labour camps without trial or sentenced to prison terms under criminal law are being held arbitrarily for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights.

Amnesty International recognizes that "while it is difficult to estimate accurately the number of Falun Gong practitioners currently detained or imprisoned - notably due to the continuous succession of arrests and releases - the information available indicates that the number is likely to be in the thousands."

Then there is Tibet. As if ridding a country of a religious movement wasn't bad enough, they still run the entire place. Tibet, the home of the Dalai Lama, is being repressed by China because of its citizens' beliefs.

During the 2008 Olympic bids (in 2001), there were many protests against Beijing making the bid due to their current occupation of Tibet. There was also a bipartisan coalition in the US House of Representatives that wished to put forward a resolution asking the IOC to reject China's bid for the 2008 Olympics. It didn't pass.

After winning the bid, Vice-President Hu Jintao (now president) argued it was "crucial to fight without equivocation against the separatist forces orchestrated by the Dalai Lama and the world's anti-China forces."

Advocates of the bid said having the games in Beijing would encourage China to liberalize because of the intense attention the Olympics would bring to the country. You and I both know this is bull.

Since China won bid for the 2008 Olympics, the amount of protesting has not decreased.

Despite the absence of any significant progress in free speech and human rights in China, the IOC's members continue to turn a deaf

ear to the entire situation.

China always has been and will continue to be the world's biggest prison for journalists.

Reporters Without Borders outlines a list of things that should be done before China runs the Olympics: release all detained journalists, remove restrictive laws towards the media's freedom of movement and work, demolish the Publicity Department (China's propaganda department), end the jamming of radio stations, stop blacklisting human rights activists, end the censorship of Google and legalize independent organizations of journalists and human rights activists.

China's actions towards Falun Gong followers, along with their occupation of Tibet, including repression of protest and discrimination against ethnic Tibetans, should have disqualified Beijing's bid for the 2008 Olympics. There must be freedom in China before the games are held.

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Trends are touted as individualism

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If you thought a piece of clothing was absurd before, you won't after you see it in every store. Your mind will slowly tell you that maybe it is, in fact, fashionable. Go to the mall and try to find a store that isn't selling a faux-fur lined sweater.

Magazines are a huge influence of the trends; they hit stands a season previous to tell us what is to come in the means of fashion. It is these trends we read up on, consider and slowly integrate into our "personal style."

In order to reach the goals of Communism by means of a classless society, fashion trends from the upper class (like Hollywood and celebrities) are recreated for

the middle and lower classes, the everyday person.

Another force contributing to this violent push towards a classless society is peer pressure. There is a need for acceptance deeply rooted in each of us. We do what is necessary to fit in, and one way is by dressing in the socially accepted manners.

The result of this is a society of clones. The fact is that Communism in fashion is so effective that it goes unnoticed and unidentified. We, the puppets who are merely strung along, feel we are wearing what we like and what flatters our figures - which causes me to wonder when spandex was ever considered a flattering material.

I used to rock the coloured span-

dex with the matching-coloured Northern Getaway sweater when I was little. I also used to wear spandex when I took dance lessons at a young age.

That is the extent of my relationship with spandex.

It is utterly ridiculous how girls wear spandex and t-shirts that end at the waist. How in the world is camel-toe figure-flattering?

I will admit that, for a moment, after seeing so many girls wearing this trend, I considered wearing it myself.

I thought, "I've got good looking legs, I could pull that off." I can't believe that I actually had that moment, where I almost justified that ridiculousness.

Trends are so powerful that they

sometimes even defy the weather, something you'd think would be a strong factor in what we choose to clothe our bodies with on a daily basis.

The beginning of the school year may mentally be fall, but the weather tends to still be summer-like. Yet you'll see many people wearing their new fall clothing, including the new trend of scarves. I was surprised this year to see an abundance of girls wearing scarves with tank tops and - you guessed it - spandex.

What has this world come to? Do you know you look ridiculous? Probably not. Thank Communism for that.

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Waterloo's hidden talent



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Danny Michel has a sit-down with *The Cord* to discuss life, music and his return to the artsy scene in Waterloo

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For anyone who made it to Danny Michel's show on Saturday night at The Jane Bond, the night was full of light-hearted fun, drinks and artsy music. Playing a variety of songs from albums like *In the Belly of a Whale*, *Tales from the Invisible Man* and *Valhalla*, Michel captivated the audience with his eclectic songs and engaging personality.

Michel joked constantly with members of the audience and explained that he had not played a show like that in a while, and was happy to get back to just playing some guitar and having a good time.

For most of you, the name Danny Michel probably doesn't ring a bell,

although you may have heard songs like *Midnight Train* and *Running* on the radio and thought "damn, that's a good song" and then forgot to look up the artist. But Michel has been in the music scene for over 20 years, producing seven critically acclaimed albums of his own and many more for other musicians, gathering a loyal following of genuine music lovers along the way.

"By this point, singer/songwriter Danny Michel must be a bit weary of being ranked as one of this country's undiscovered musical treasures. But it's true," says Vit Wagner of the *Toronto Star*, and this seems to be the perfect description of the Canadian-born artist.

Yet he doesn't seem to mind. "People like to ask 'what type of music is that, what genre is that?'

and when you have no answer, it tends to scare them away. But I have no care about being rich and famous. I just like playing music," explains Michel.

A Waterloo native, Michel has been teaching himself to play a variety of instruments including the drums, piano, guitar and bass guitar from a young age, and his understanding of music becomes clear when you witness the creative liberty he takes in his performances.

Starting early, his first musical success was with the band The Rhinos, which he describes as a silly party ska band. "It was pretty weird, but we were fresh out of high school and kind of just wanted to party," laughs Michel.

For the past 12 years, Michel has lived in both Ottawa and outside of

Guelph, playing with a variety of bands, yet he makes it clear that he is happy to be back in Waterloo.

"There was a great music scene here when I was growing up. It was amazing, and I'm back now and it seems to be the same sort of thing. It's a great artsy scene," says Michel.

And artsy is just the kind of word someone would use to describe Michel after listening to any one of his songs. He seems to draw influences from a variety of musical sources, fitting into the same category as artists like Beck.

Attributing his eclectic style to the amount of music he listens to, Michel explains that he likes to experiment and try out things that other people wouldn't necessarily think of.

"That's what art should be – it should be experimental. I can't even imagine being one of those bands playing one style of music forever like Nickelshit or something. That would be so boring to me," says Michel passionately.

Currently, Michel is in the process of creating his next album, which will come out in the New Year, possibly in February. What he's going to do with it, not even he knows. And drawing influences from so many different types of music, all we can do is sit back and wait to see what he cooks up. In the meantime, go check out his new website (www.dannymichel.com), listen to some of his music and find out why all the critics rave about this Waterloo-bred talent.

Zombies take to the streets, no one eaten

With inspiration from larger Zombie Walks such as the one in Toronto, Waterloo's undead come alive for a friendly scare

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Are zombies allowed to carry umbrellas? Perhaps not customarily. But considering the rain and wind on Saturday afternoon, umbrellas, not to mention warm sweaters, were definitely in order. The 20-or-so zombies that gathered at Waterloo Park were supposed to be deceased, yet apparently they still felt the cold.

Nevertheless, these dedicated enthusiasts of the living dead managed to brave the harsh weather in order to participate in the region's second annual Zombie Walk, doing their part to thoroughly frighten as many unsuspecting passersby as possible.

The event was hosted by Generation X Alternative Video & Media, and was inspired by others of its kind that have been held in cities across North America.

The basic premise of the Zombie Walk involved locals informally banding together to lurch around

the streets of downtown, clad in costumes of various kinds and sporting plenty of face paint, each with a fair amount of fake blood dripping



littlest zombie being Otis, 19 months. The zombies staggered through Waterloo

Park, then wandered their way towards Whole Lot-A Gelata, Gen X and eventually Ethel's Lounge.

"I heard about the event through Facebook, and from friends. Plus, I heard that Gen X was hosting it, and I love that video store because

I'm in film studies," explained Shannon Dickens, a fourth-year Laurier student who came as a corpse bride. "I just thought it was something totally different. I had never heard of events like this before."

She was accompanied by her friends Erik Feltmate, who dressed as a dead Peter Griffin, and Meaghan King, who drew inspiration for her costume from the film *28 Days Later*.

The walk even proved to serve an educational purpose, as described by Dave Emerich and Aaron Cole-Doerr.

"We're doing a project for our media class on zombie movies, so we thought, why not? We're doing homework right now!"

Though the boys were already planning attire for next year, envisioning fake bullet holes and a lot more blood, they were quick to note that they are only zombies on occasion, and that they don't normally feast on human flesh. "I have a three-course meal every day," says Emerich.

As the group progressed toward the downtown core, searching for new victims, the reactions of witnesses intensified.

The zombies clawed at storefront windows and snarled at all who neared them, prompting drivers to slow and stare, honking their horns. Several pedestrians even stopped to snap pictures – evidently, it can be quite a shock when the person standing next to you at the crosswalk is, in fact, a zombie.

All in all, the event was quite a success. The owner of Gen X, Michael Greaves, (a.k.a. Zombie Master Mike) seemed pleased with the turnout and the response. And he managed to sum up the whole experience with one simple word: "Brains!"

Bands Battle

Supermarine advances in Last Band Standing's showcase of mediocrity

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The first round in this year's Last Band Standing was once again a showcase in mediocrity. However, the bands did prove that they were at least able to move forward and refine their musical talents.

Three groups, The Sunday Post, Moglee and Supermarine, competed in front of a surprisingly crowded (at certain times) Wilf's last Thursday. The tone of the evening was jovial, and all bands were able to find that sweet spot of enjoying the performance for performance's sake.

When The Sunday Post took the stage, the room was relatively quiet and most of the patrons sat at tables and clapped politely. Their set was comprised of a confused mix of pop-rock, pop-punk and garage.

While the vocals were lacking in coherency and direction, redemption was found in a demeanour that showed a band comfortable with itself. It took most of the The Sunday Post's set to fall into this groove, but I was surprised to find a few songs (namely the last two) that showed a direction that could lead to more coherent musical fare.

The judges seemed to appreciate the sound to some degree, at least politely bobbing their heads to the melodies. For the most part, however, The Sunday Post still confused

me too much to take them too seriously. Their missed notes and loose musicality are telltale signs of a rookie band new to performing.

After a lengthy wait, Moglee performed and won over the crowd with an unremarkable set of reggae-funk. I'm of the mind that reggae is a genre that was tapped out creatively before the first song was ever finished being sung, but regardless of what I think, people still love it (suburban white kids must be founding a new reggae band every five minutes).

Despite my personal feelings about the genre, Moglee showed that they have been playing gigs for a while now, and furthermore know how to take a stage and have fun. They played a tight set and pointed out to the judges that yes, there was a key change in that song they just played, and yes, it's somewhat complicated.

The crowd for Moglee was smaller than that assembled for The Sunday Post (which shows you if you want a crowd at these events, bring your own), but clearly those who enjoyed the tunes were fine with dancing and enjoying themselves in the dim light. While in no way fascinating or original, Moglee showed both experience and cohesion.

The favourite of the night was evident in part by the crowd assembled at the stage when Supermarine entered. Clearly enjoying the

final slot of the night, Supermarine also had the added bonus of playing a crowd that had been drinking for most of the night.

Supermarine radiated with that special confidence that a band gains from having been around the block a few times. It's rather obvious that they are heavily influenced by the big southern rock acts of the 70s and 80s and, furthermore, that this genre fits perfectly for a bar.

When they started jumping in unison, I even cracked a smile feeling the energy of a band just enjoying the moment. In hindsight it seems hilariously tacky, but I guess it fit the moment. I believe that any band can basically win over a crowd with two things: stage presence and a tight set. Supermarine had both, and it paid off.

Supermarine was a shoo-in for the win they finally pulled off. They had the markings of a real band, not a spur-of-the-moment pastime or last-minute musical adventure. Is Supermarine original? No, but they at least have taken something musically and made it theirs.

Were they the deserving winner of the evening? I feel that they were, and now they will have the chance to compete for even greater rewards in March when they go to the finals. Upon taking the stage for an encore, Supermarine finished off another fun, but still underwhelming Last Band Standing.



RILEY TAYLOR

SUPERMARINE - Capturing first place with good stage presence.

Horror films: please try to frighten me

Kari Pritchard wouldn't mind a genuine scare amidst the gory clutter



KARI PRITCHARD
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I'll be the first to admit it: I'm a sucker for horror films. Who doesn't get a thrill out of being scared? But as time progresses, I find myself becoming dissatisfied with the scare factor of the horror genre.

With new technology and impressive special effects, I'm now turning away in disgust instead of fright. New age "gore-or" films are

all about pushing the boundaries and seeing how much blood and guts can be crammed into a two-hour timeframe. This can easily be seen when comparing John Carpenter's original *Halloween* to the recent Rob Zombie remake.

The movies follow the same plot, but Zombie's film goes into more detail – and by more detail, I mean taking the opportunity to add in multiple gruesome murder scenes.

Although I did enjoy the film, I can't seem to see the connection between excessive gore and being scary. Seeing somebody hacked to pieces doesn't make me jump out

my seat, it makes me want to toss my cookies.

The *Saw* series, directed by James Wan and Darren Lynn Bousman, are much of the same, although these films feature the ever-popular torture angle more than anything – except repetition and weakening plots. With the release of *Saw IV* this past Saturday (no, I'm not joking), the idea is getting old: person sins, is tortured brutally, rinse and repeat. The scare factor gets lost in the special effects and fantastic murder plots.

Another disappointing yet re-occurring crucial plot element in

these gore-or films is the need to show at least some female nudity. Somehow, the plot always involves at least one sex scene with female nudity unnecessary to the evolution of the plot and I'm tired of the repetition. In no way do breasts make me scared, and the constant exploitation of the female body and obvious lack of male exploitation (save maybe Danny Boyle's *28 Days Later*) again makes me turn away in disgust.

A better choice than the typical gore-or/slasher porn film is one based on true events like Scott Derrickson's *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*. It's a successful horror film that has no sex scenes (the only remotely sexual scene was cut),

hardly any gore and was still terrifying. *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* is solid evidence that blood and guts are not required to make a movie scary.

Now I know I'm not a master-mind filmmaker, but I think some more original ideas need to be thought up when it comes to horror films, and not just new and innovative ways to murder people. I'm not saying I want to go back to the 80s cheese and I'm not saying I'm going to stop seeing new horror films; I'd just like to see some effort.

I don't think it's too demanding to ask for a decent horror film to give me nightmares before the genre is ruined completely. Isn't that what every horror fan wants?

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A wild one


Sean Penn takes us back to nature in his film based on Jon Krakauer's novel, *Into the Wild*. And as **Esther Wheaton** explains, we're glad he does.

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8:30 am - 4 pm
Concourse




SKETCH SCOUT
The Second City
TROJAN
TEAM A
Turret @ 9 pm

Know Your Rights
5:30pm in N1001



Dance-T-Trade
Friday 11:00pm

21 Charity Auction



Winter Carnival 5-8
Promotions

5-9
BACHHUS
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Campaign




13 & 15
Chicken Eating
Contest
Concourse



19-22
Winter Carnival
Promotions

22
Know Your Rights
5:30pm at Bricker



7 Student Academic Issues Committee
Gaugus Meeting
8pm in
WUSU Conference Room 2

10 LSFL
Laurier Students
for Learning
Walk For Literacy

14 TEAM A
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A BLACK AND WHITE AFFAIR
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Awareness Week



15 Know Your Rights
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