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Welcome Frosh



The past, the present, and the future: Recent frosh (above) may be louder and more outgoing, but the frosh of 1948 (right) were just as keen.

A letter to frosh from your Head Icebreakers

What's up? We are going to be your Head Icebreakers for O-Week '97! We don't sleep, we love to cheer and we thrive on your energy!

We want to know if you have Laurier spirit? Well of course you do! You are Laurier Golden Hawks! You have been selected as one of the few and proud.

We were asked to write this letter in an attempt to prepare you for Orientation Week '97! However, there is no possible way that anyone can gear you up for one of the craziest, funkiest, gold-ist, blue-ist, red-ist and silver-ist weeks of your life.

As a group of energetic, responsible, crazies, our purpose is to work with the Orientation Committee to provide you with an action packed week of chaotic pandemonium. You can look forward to meeting tons of great people, cheering like never before, regatta games and the most overwhelming introduction to Laurier Spirit you could possibly imagine. We can hardly wait to meet you all!

Your Head Icebreakers,

Toilet (Genny), Maddog (Derek), Sugar Mags (Maggie), Barba (Tom), Rage (Julie), Stanimal (Stan), Potty (Ardelle), Denny (Don)



ANDREW MCCARTNEY

ORIENTATION WEEK COORDINATOR
CORD FROSH SPECIAL

It's that time of year, you have just decided that you will be attending our fine post-secondary institution of Wilfrid Laurier University.

Right now, you are buried under a gigantic pile of information from the university. In this pile lies all the answers you need to explain what will happen during the next 10 months of your life. You're excited as hell, but perhaps a little anxious as to what university life is all about. Did you make the right choice? You chose Laurier; you're damn right you have!

This is Andrew McCartney, the 1997 Orientation Week Coordinator, coming at 'ya live from the office of the Department of Student Activities in your almost-brand-spanking-new Students' Union Building. For those of you that are somewhat anxious, *relax*. I am working with the most exciting, dynamic committee that one could possibly imagine to ease your transition into university. For those of you that aren't the least bit anxious, and wish tomorrow was Labour Day, "you've got the right idea!"

The Orientation Committee is creating an incredible line-up for O-Week. Six crazy, fun-filled days will be spent competing in regatta game activities, building school spirit and having a blast at a local amusement park. The night's activities will include a chance to check out the local bar scene while being entertained by some of the hottest bands on tour.

Make sure you look out for your WLUSU O-Week registration package. The week will end with a bang on Saturday. First, we will be shining for toonies at Shinerama to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. Then you will be cheering at your first home football game at University Stadium when Laurier takes on our local arch-rivals, the University of Waterloo Warriors.

Getting chills down your spine? See you in September!

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Welcome to a Wilfrid Laurier tradition

KATHERINE HARDING

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, THE CORD

Right now you are reading Laurier's only student run newspaper.

Since 1926, The Cord has been "the tie that binds" Laurier students.

This issue is a special frosh edition that will help orient you to life at Laurier. Normally, The Cord is published every Wednesday throughout the school year.

The Cord is an essential weekly read, as it will keep you up to date on news, sports, and entertainment in the Laurier community. Our paper also offers International, Student Life, Classifieds, Arts, and Features sections, that we hope will entertain, educate, and inform our readers.

Except for the printing process, The Cord is produced completely on site in our offices on the 3rd Floor of the Nichols Campus Centre.

To fulfill this colossal task, we depend on a large volunteer base. If you are interested in journalism, photography, graphic design, or just getting involved, The Cord is a phenomenal place to gain invaluable experience.

The great part about our paper is that you don't necessarily need any previous experience to become a "Cordie". All we ask is that you are eager to learn and have fun.

If you don't want to become directly involved with The Cord, we always welcome your comments, criticism, and suggestions through our "Letters to the Editor", or by just dropping by our offices to say hello.

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Katherine Harding, Cord Editor-in-Chief 1997/98

Meet your elected student leaders

An interview with Stew Wong, Students' Union President

STERLING LYNCH

CORD NEWS

One of the particularities of university student politics is that its elected leaders are not elected by the largest group of student whom they will represent in the course of their mandate.

Typically, Frosh are left uninformed and consequently, uninterested in the political system on campus.

In light of this, I sat down with Stew Wong to get a sense of his vision for Laurier.

I asked Wong what he thinks are the three most important issues or promises upon which he was elected. He suggested that they were 1) to build relationships with the university administration, 2) to build a vision for the Student Union, and 3) to increase communication with the student population.

Emphasizing the huge turnover in university administrators this year, Wong said "This is our chance to build a good relationship with them. To develop ourselves—not just as a negotiating body, but as the voice of the undergraduate population. We can work together to solve the university's problems... rather than a confrontational relationship, I want a cordial relationship where we can move together."

Concerning the need for a long term vision of the Union, Wong suggested the Union needs "...to put this bundle of energy—put it into a direction. We have to create a road map, create a vision, create a strategic plan."

Increased communication with the student population is an integral plank in Wong's platform. Wong's plan for increased communication has at its centre the use of ad space in *The Cord* to notify students of issues or upcoming events.



Stew Wong, WLUSU President, and Meaghan Brown, VP: University Affairs

Wong expressed an intention to "bring down the walls" of the Union and make it more accessible to every student. "We want to keep it [the union and its offices] at the level where students are still comfortable coming in."

When asked what he considered the number one concern of Frosh entering university, Wong suggested it was the need for a sense of security. He hopes Orientation Week will create this sense of security.

Prompted by my question relating to possible Frosh worries concerning the escalating cost of a Laurier degree, Wong replied, "lobbying is the best thing I can do right now."

He emphasized the need to start early in his lobbying efforts. "Right now, we are sharing ideas on how to effectively lobby the administration."

Given the opportunity to give the Frosh one piece of advice on any subject, Wong said, "Get involved in student life, whether its volunteering, whether its in the union, whether its volunteering in the community or doing some extra work in class, enhance your academic life and that will make all the difference in your first year and it will continue through into your senior year and you will have one hell of a time."

An interview with Meaghan Brown, Vice-President: University Affairs

KATHERINE HARDING

CORD NEWS

Meaghan Brown is working for Laurier students, both on and off campus.

As Vice-President: University Affairs, her portfolio encompasses managing both internal and external student issues and committees.

Internally, Brown coordinates the Union's health plan and various awareness committees on campus including health and fitness, equality, and environmental awareness committees among many others.

This year, Brown is planning to hold a "University Affairs week" to promote her department and their awareness committees. Brown wants to, "let students know we are around and here for them."

Brown would also like to expand the human resources base at the Students' Union. Brown said, "by establishing a stronger volunteer base around the community in Waterloo... we could allow more people to get involved." Last year the Students' Union had approximately 700 volunteers.

Externally, Brown represents Laurier student's interests abroad. Laurier's Students' Union belongs to the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA). This is a provincial lobbying collective of six member universities.

Last year this organization was plagued by financial and internal restructuring problems. Brown is confident however that Laurier's membership in OUSA is important. Brown said, "belonging gives us one common voice... especially since education problems are a provincial issue."

Brown is concerned that the Students Union office may be intimidating to incoming students so she would also like to have an "open door" policy.

"Students should feel free to come in anytime... I want to be approachable." Brown said.

Brown's advice to Frosh is, "get involved, get to know the people who can help you, and stay informed." University Affairs is a department working for you, make sure you utilize its resources and help.

New Dean of Students

PATRICIA LANCIA

CORD NEWS

The summer of 1997 is witnessing a changing of the guard. After an extensive search someone has been found to continue the legacy of Laurier's most well known Dean.

David McMurray, Director of Services at the University of Windsor, will replace Dean Nichols, who is retiring after 35 years at Laurier, as the new Assistant Vice President: Student Services/Dean of Students.

McMurray brings over 20 years of administrative, management, service, and leadership experience to the position.

He plans to preserve and build on the tradition Dean Nichols has established at Laurier.

"Student centered education and decision-making is a priority to me - no matter what," said McMurray.

When asked what attracted him to Laurier he pointed to the school's reputation for academics and service, and its campus culture.

"Laurier is highly regarded across the country," said McMurray. "It's got so much going for it."

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New Dean of Students David McMurray.



FILE PHOTO

Job options for Laurier students

LIONELLA GILBERT
CORD NEWS

Part-time jobs are often a necessary evil during university. Work makes money, money pays for university.

For first year students new to Waterloo finding a job here can be a bit difficult. But there are a number of ways students can obtain part-time jobs either on or off campus.

Ms. Janice Basso, Director of Co-operative Education and Career Services, said that students are hired as Research and Teaching Assistants. These jobs are acquired by contacting department Chairpersons or the Dean's office.

While first year students are not typically given these jobs, they can be hired in administrative capacities in department offices.

"The majority of those jobs are hired through Human Resources," said Basso.

On campus, students are also hired by Physical Plant and Planning to help with snow removal in winter and grounds work in the summer.

To apply, students must submit an application, available from Career Services, to Human Resources. When department managers contact Human Resources, these applications are then pulled out.

Janet Brydges, Human Resources Assistant, said that there are early job postings in the first or second week in August. These are for departments that know what jobs they have available. These



FILE PHOTO

openings are usually posted at the Human Resources office, located at 202 Regina Street.

For students arriving later in the summer, jobs are also posted in the last week of August and the second week of September.

One positive step students can take in promoting themselves is contacting specific departments within the school.

"It would be to the student's advantage, if they were interested in working in any particular department, to approach the department and express an interest," Basso said.

By doing this the department becomes aware that somebody has a keen interest in working with them, she said.

Another option is the Ontario Work Study Plan. This offers approximately 50 on campus jobs annually.

To be eligible for the program a person must show they need financial assistance. Eligibility can be established through the Student Awards office.

On-campus venues such as A&W and Mr. Sub in the Food Court, Centre Spot, Wilf's and The

Turret also hire a limited number of students.

Off-campus, Career Services posts about 250 part-time jobs yearly. Interested students can check out the postings in the Career Services, located at 232 King Street across from the Athletic Complex.

Since these are off-campus positions, students should apply for them based on the application procedures outlines on the posting form.

Co-op is yet another option students should consider. This allows students to work under supervision in a field related to their area of study.

Admission begins in second year and application deadlines differ from program to program. However, students must apply before the end of their first year.

Arts and Sciences co-ops are mainly in the summer, while Business students alternate every four months during the regular school year.

For more information regarding deadlines and qualifications, students can stop by the Co-op offices at 232 King Street.

On-going search for new University President

PATRICIA LANCIA
CORD NEWS

A short list of candidates for the position of WLU President is "very, very close at hand" according to Betty Simms, Presidential Search Committee Chairperson.

Simms could not comment, however, on whether the Search Committee will have enough time to find a replacement for out-going president Lorna Marsden before her term ends July 31st.

Consultant Janet Wright was hired by the 14 member committee to assist with the search following Marsden's January announcement that she would not be returning.

"[Wright] specializes in head-hunting for public sector firms," said Joel Lynn, self-appointed undergraduate representative to the committee. "She's a national figure on the scene."

Advertisements were also placed in University Affairs magazine and The Globe and Mail calling for applications and nominations to fill the position of President and Vice-Chancellor.

A list of "Qualities and Qualifications Sought in the President" was compiled in April from staff, student and faculty suggestions.

The list outlines the ideal candidate. It encompasses academic qualifications, external relations, internal management, student life, and personal qualities and skills.

Out-going Laurier President Dr. Lorna Marsden

"The committee recognizes no person is going to fill all of these," said Frank Millerd, University Secretariat.

"What we're looking for is the best qualified person to be present," said Simms. However, "applicants have to be good academics first and foremost."

According to Lynn, there was a fair amount of agreement as to what issues were most important. Protecting the university through a difficult financial time in the province was one area of concern.

With a new VP: Finance and Administration, VP: Advancement, Dean of Students, Dean of the School of Business and Economics, among others, managing the newness of Laurier's senior management team and handling development will be another considerable undertaking.

The Presidential Search Committee will be releasing a report to the Senate at a special meeting scheduled for Thursday June 26th.

While the content of the report could not be released, Lynn said, "it will be a turning point for the university."



McMurray hired as new Dean of Students

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McMurray officially takes over July 1. He said the first four to six months will be spent finalizing the role and mandate of the office and department, while September and October will probably be more important.

"I plan to do a lot of listening and learning," McMurray said. "I want to meet as many people as possible and find out what is important."

In addition, he stresses that he will be very visible and that students can expect to see him in and about campus, at lunch tables and in residences.

"I really believe in management by walking around."

McMurray said of his administrative style. "So much can be accomplished face to face."

McMurray wants students to know that he sees his role as that of an advocate and a helper whose door will be open "at all times - on and off campus."

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Coming to school with no cash?

Your guide to financial assistance while attending Wilfrid Laurier University

STERLING LYNCH
CORD NEWS

So, wee Frosh, you are about to cut your first tuition check to the dear old Alma Mater and the balance in your bank book does not quite match up to the sprawling digits in the debit column of your check book. Worse yet, you just realized that you received neither an Entrance Scholarship nor the new Laurier Entrance Bursary.

If you had received one of these financial aids, you would have been notified by mail already (letters went out June 11th).

Don't be too disheartened, only 200 out of 700 applicants received the new \$1000 bursary. Furthermore, to keep a renewable entrance scholarship from year to year you need to maintain a 10.5 GPA. Fear not, there are other financial options, even if they are not quite so pleasant.

The surest, and most common method, to finance your secondary education is through federal and provincial government loan programs. These days, the banks provide the cash and the governments pays the interest. Here in Ontario, the combined program is affection-

ately known as OSAP.

The key to OSAP is to apply as early as possible. This means if you have not done so, do so now. An early application will help ensure all appropriate red tape is hurdled come September.

Basically, OSAP is a program designed for those in financial need.

You provide information on your summer income, your expected yearly income, and your parent's annual income and the government decides how much you should get. The application is quite easy to fill out.

There have been some recent changes to the OSAP system which makes your older brother or sister's prophesying obsolete. As of this year, all assets belonging to a student, including automobiles and RRSPs, are worked into the equation which determines

how much or how little money you receive. If you have a lot of money locked up in assets it could mean less OSAP.

Furthermore, students used to receive 80% of their OSAP money at the beginning of the year, now they will receive only 50% so as to

encourage budgeting. Also, in order to qualify for OSAP as a part time student you have to take a 60% course load which was raised from a mere 20%. Plus, you are now required to pay the interest on Part-time loans.

The system has also made it more difficult to appeal for extra OSAP. You can no

Recent changes to the OSAP system make your older siblings prophesying obsolete

longer appeal based on a parental inability to pay. In the past, you could appeal for more funding if you could prove your parents could not afford their expected contributions. To compensate for this, the way parental income is originally assessed has been modified to hopefully make this sort of appeal obsolete.

Another financial option is the Ontario Work Study Program. Basically, you work for extra money through the school year. To participate in this program, you must be eligible for OSAP and demonstrate further financial need. This is accomplished by creating a detailed budget which demonstrates you

need to spend more money than you expect to receive.

Laurier now offers a similar in-house Work Study Program. You do need to receive OSAP to qualify, but you do have to sign a declaration of need. No budget is required.

If you are at the end of the rope, come January there is still one more option. Laurier offers a number of non-refundable bursaries up to \$1000 depending on financial need. To qualify, you must complete a detailed budget as above.

The bursary program has limited funds and operates on a first come first serve basis. Last year Student Awards issued 400 bursaries to the 550 students who applied.

There are a number of upper year scholarship to keep you eyes set on for future years. If you can get

a GPA of about 10.3 you stand a good chance of receiving a \$1000 incentive scholarship, but this number has gone as high as 10.4. Other scholarships usually require significantly higher GPAs as well as a resume of Laurier experiences which demonstrate leadership skills and community activity above and beyond beer chugging.

All the information outlined in this article comes directly from an interview with Pauline Delion, the director of Student Awards.

If you have questions or concerns, it is best to talk to one of the Student Awards staff. Based on personal experience, I can testify will do everything in their power to help a student in genuine need.

So don't hesitate to call Student Awards 519-884-1970 (ex4254) if you have questions.



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Principal Skinner, The Simpsons

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Cord Editorial

More than fun and games

Welcome to Laurier, Frosh

Perhaps, long ago, it was enough for the average Frosh students to come to university with their heads up their asses. Unfortunately, today's Frosh does not have it so easy.

All students, particularly Frosh, can no longer be content to let the bigger issues of university take care of themselves. I appreciate that it is important to make friends, have a good time, and study, but how important are these goals when it is quite possible you will be forced to drop out in two years because of escalating costs.

Somewhere along the line, Laurier's administrators, the folks who spend our tuition money, forgot just exactly to whom it is they are suppose to be providing a service. Our outgoing (thankfully) University President was already earning a salary well over \$200 000 before she accepted a pay increase this past year. This is the same President who, after overseeing a tuition increase of 14.6%, told students "... everybody at this university has made a sacrifice." Some more than others apparently.

You are about to come to a school which recently spent \$200,000 to hire more administrators, but now demand Ancillary Services, a previously non-profit department, to turn massive profits (\$526,000 to be exact for your first year vs. \$32,000 in 95/96). Ancillary Services is responsible for everything from books, to residences, to the cafeteria. If, this year, you wonder why you have to pay seven dollars for a chicken burger with fries on a meal plan which offers zero competition, look no further than you friendly neighborhood administrator.

The primary reason why University administrators can completely disregard the concerns of students is because our Students' Union representatives have lost sight of the purpose of a Students' Union. Over the past year, spearheaded by the out-going Union President, Joel Lynn, there has been a continual attempt to characterize the Student's Union first and foremost as a "corporation".

Why should such a subtle change in the Union's self-understanding cause you any alarm? Because it is just the sort of subtle ideological change which will ultimately affect Frosh the most. A corporation's primary concern is providing services and accumulating profit. A Union's primary purpose is to represent the concerns of its dues paying members. Which of these ideologies do you want to spend \$148 a year on?

In a recent conversation with Stew Wong, your Union President, I wanted to determine his priorities concerning the role of the Union, so I asked "If it came to a decision between running the Union as a Corporation or as a Union, where do you think you would put the priority?" Wong's response was, "I'd have to

see the circumstances."

Wrong. There are no circumstance where our elected officials should be more concerned about profit than protecting our concerns as students. Period. The Union provides great services, but what good are they if students are financially crippled and routinely ignored by the university's administrators the instant they enter university. I have seen the outcome of a university run by administrators for whom dollars and cents are the bottom line and I am sick of it.

Its funny. When you go to university you expect a more responsible form of student politics. You should be appalled to discover that Wilfrid Laurier student elections basically remain a popularity contest based upon

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poster painting ability. It is outrageous that the majority of your elected representatives were selected because they went with the neon red poster paper over the canary yellow.

We have a political system which provides no accountability. The Union President and Vice-President: University Affairs serve for one term and answer to no one once in office. The Board of Directors (a glorified student council) are suppose to represent the school at large but have no specific constituents to report to while in office. Basically, the Union and all its elected officials never have their records called into account.

When I criticize the Students' Union for not adequately defending student concerns, I necessarily point the finger at myself and every other student in this school. We elected these people. We are the people who should care enough to hold them accountable for their actions. But we don't. We get lost in books, bars, or school papers and allow things to progress on their merry way.

However, you, Frosh, still have a chance

to avoid becoming like us who walk around with brown goop on our heads from an extended sojourn into a particular orifice. You are entering the university at a time when there is unlimited potential to affect change. The school will be receiving a slew of new top administrators, including a new President. You have the opportunity to build relationships with these new administrators which demand absolute accountability.

Furthermore, Stew Wong has admirably made it an important part of his mandate, to increase the Union's accessibility. The Union has often been criticized for being responsive to only a small segregated group of students. In order to ensure all types of the Laurier community are accurately represented by the Union, Wong plans to implement an open door policy at the Union. In my mind, this is a rather passive and inadequate approach to the problem, but put him to the test immediately. Go up to his office and make your voice heard.

You could also start with Orientation Week. I predict a lot of you will spend most of the week wondering why you wasted your money on this juvenility. Unfortunately, most of you will do nothing about it. Why not demand activities you appreciate or boycott activities you find inappropriate. Let me warn you, Frosh week employs many of the same techniques military boot camps and cults employ. Your icebreakers will try to force you to all dress the same, act the same, and function on little sleep or food. The attitude always will be, "if you are not having fun it is your fault." They will tell you to have more spirit, yell louder, go with the flow. Tell them to go to hell. This is university, it is time create an individual identity more palatable than the average bovine.

I do think this is pretty good school. Good things do happen and there are good people to meet. However, my message to you is to demand accountability the second you decide to attend Laurier. Do more than just get involved, affect change in all aspects of student life from the start and make your voice heard.

Don't ever accept. Question. Fight for what you believe in. Demand accountability from your professors, your administrators, and your elected officials.

Trust me, you will still have time to get loaded and sleep around, maybe even learn, but in the end you will know you managed to do more than consume and expel waste here at university.

Life is too good to be wasted.

Editorial by Sterling Lynch, News Editor
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Frosh, you're not in Kansas anymore!

ROBIN WHITTAKER

CORD STUDENT LIFE

Something like a jittery twitch comes over you as your mind jumps from one unknown to the next. What will university be like? What will first year be like? What will the first week be like? The first day? This article is intended to be a security blanket of sorts, to guide, not direct you through the first week of the rest of your education.

The drive down the highway, down University Avenue or King Street is a thrilling, frightening, emotional experience. Isn't it nice to know all of your valued possessions fit inside and on top of the family vehicle?

Your parents are trying to comfort you, and you your parents.

"I'm sure it'll be just fine."

"I can't wait."

"Are you sure we didn't forget anything?"

"The hamster!"

"Not in residence!"

"All right, don't get all excited!"

"Oh dear, I'm so-o-o-o proud of you."

You arrive on campus and a barrage of Icebreakers in formation greet you and before you can kiss the cat good-bye (Fluffy's car-sickness got the better of her I'm afraid), you're in the Athletic Complex with a dizzying complex of your own. What have you gotten yourself into?

"Welcome to Laurier. Here's your keys, Frosh pack, shirt, condoms, and coupons."

You then unpack your valued possessions on one side of the spacious, yet stuffy, room you'll call home for the next eight months.

You meet your roommate.

"Hi."

"Hi."

You go on a tour of the city on a bus. You won't remember a thing about it in two days, except for the precocious tour-guide/Icebreaker at the front of the bus.

He doesn't seem to know anymore about the part of the city the bus driver has couriered you off to than you do. No matter. You likely won't leave the general campus area unless you're on a bus for a res-trip in the middle of the night.

The tour ends in 45 minutes and you're back in your room, set to unpack, when your don calls a floor meeting.

In your lounge, you meet your

floormates, little realizing that many of them could be your friends for at least the next three years.

You play a stupid get-to-know-you game, learn some rules about your res, and unpack a clean shirt and pants to go out at night.

You return around 4:00 a.m. and collapse exhausted on your



Look Mom! No clothes! Some proud new Laurier students celebrate a hard-won Frosh Week victory.

suitcase riddled mattress to sleep for three hours - and no more.

The following days are crammed with more exciting, exhilarating, sun-stroked hours than you have ever lived through.

From Shinerama car-washes to scream-offs to bar-hopping, you may never be so tired and so wired again.

Whether this kind of thing is normally your cup-o-tea or not, the point is that you'll literally meet over 700 people in those seven days, and at least 550 of them will say "hi" to you for the next month, and probably longer.

After Froshweek, University is indeed what you make of it. You can party till you need an organ removed, or you can study till you're an academic anomaly (and are qualified to remove said organ yourself).

Most will find a happy medium - something like organ donor with enough intelligence to know

that dry-heaves means avoid your roommate's special sauce for a few days.

One way or another, Frosh week will change your life and introduce you to the post-secondary institution we call WLU.

"Mom, dad, it's great. I've never studied so hard in my life!"

From Shinerama to scream-offs to bar-crawls, you may never be so tired and so wired again.

What not to forget

Don't leave these essential items at home

LORNA HISCOCK

CORD STUDENT LIFE

Before you realize, it's the end of summer and the beginning of a new and different experience - university.

Now, if you're anything like I was, you won't have started packing until the day before you leave, much to your parents' dismay. In the midst of all the boxes, confusion and last minute purchases, things tend to be forgotten. To help cut down on the inevitable "I wish I had brought..." here's a start to your list of must-brings.

First and foremost, Waterloo water is the most terrible stuff in the world. Bring a Brita-you'll acquire instant friends.

Next, quarters. Why? Picture your frosh t-shirt after the second day... after the seventh day. It'll have egg, orange juice and chocolate sauce stains, not to mention that unidentifiable stain right on the collar. You'll be glad you have quarters to do laundry.

Another useful must have is a fan. You will need it even in the dead of winter when your room feels like a desert. Which brings up the next item: a humidifier. This will save you from dry skin or a parched throat.

Posters will brighten up a room instantly. Bring your favourites.

The Athletic Complex is open to all Laurier students and you are paying for it. Therefore, bring along those track pants, basketballs, work-out clothes, road hockey equipment and swim wear to get your money's worth.

Your own bed sheets are optional. Although they are supplied, they are reminiscent of camp bed linen. A comforter or a favourite blanket will make those movie nights that much better. Also, if you want, a TV and VCR are useful when all your floormates decide to have a Freddy Kruger marathon and you'd rather see all the Rocky movies.

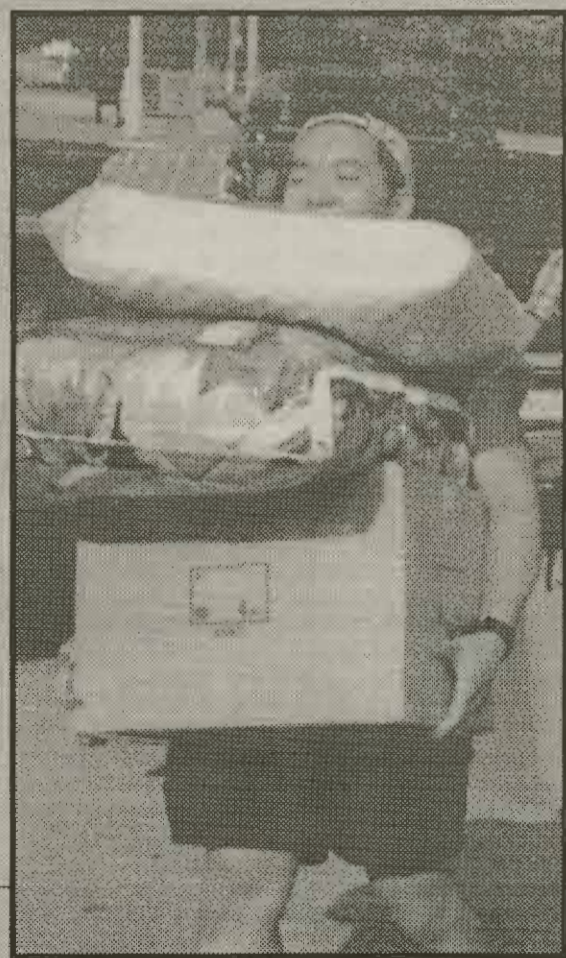
A camera or a video camera is essential. I guarantee priceless memories! Photos and old yearbooks are

Moving in: Bed linens are just one of the many things you should remember to bring.

a must too. It never hurts to remember old friends and to show your new friends those pictures you wish had never been printed.

There are a few semi-formal and formal events in residence, so bring up those gowns and suits.

Finally, too much is better than not enough. Stuff can always go back with your parents when they leave or on the first trip home. In general, bring things that will make Laurier your new home and your first year unforgettable.



Off the beaten path...

A look at some of Waterloo's lesser-known student attractions

GARETH CUNNINGHAM

CORD STUDENT LIFE

University... you've probably spent countless hours deliberating over which is the "right" school (good choice), and the right program. But now that you're on your way, have you given much thought to the setting you will be entering in this next chapter in your life?

Wilfrid Laurier University... a small school with a captured campus in the wonderful town of

Waterloo. With a population of about 90,000, two universities and a college, and a neighbouring city so close, it seems like the ideal location for a student to spend a few years.

Upon your arrival to campus you will be inundated with information and consumed by the activities and the high volume of new people. In fact, you'll probably be so wrapped up in your "new world" experience that you forget to even get around to experiencing your "new world".

And the pace doesn't slow down... classes start, and then there's Wilf's, oh yeah, and then the Turret. Before you know it the weather has turned on you and it's wet and cold... "What, I have to walk all the way to the Science building! That's going to take about five minutes of my time!" generally becomes the mentality of the Laurier breed of university students. You'll start weighing your options: actually getting out of bed and going

across the "vast" campus versus staying curled up in bed.

And after you graduate, degree glowing in hand, you'll discover the nice park across the street, and say to yourself, "Wow! Are we still in Waterloo? I guess I missed everything within a ten foot radius of our student inhabited city block."

Try not to let this happen to you. Get out and see what the culture of the city is like. Venture into the various neighbourhoods and talk to some of the locals. Find out their favourite things to do in Waterloo, and then give 'em a try. Essentially, you have to explore. You are investing some good money into this school and your education, but the school itself isn't the be all and end all of this investment... especially in terms of education.

Listing all the must see sites in Waterloo, or rambling on about the so-called "hot spots" of this city isn't serving the main purpose... it takes the adventure out of your exploration. It also makes for a pretty biased opinion of what is good and what isn't so good. Many of the must see areas would also demand a car (although there is always the bus, bike, or two feet and a heartbeat), a luxury from which few of us can reap the benefits from.

Instead, get out there and get

started. See Waterloo Park; hit up some of the cafes like the Moondance, Yukikos, Cafe Bon Choix, or Mozart; find what's left of some of the city's heritage, such as the Seagram's Museum before it transforms into a cineplex; check out Waterloo's City Centre... before or after the November municipal election.

Need a haircut? The White Star barber (Bruce) on King Street is like a step back in time... loads of entertainment!

There's also a lot of local artists well worth supporting. There are a bundle of interesting little art galleries; go see a play at the old Waterloo Theatre; or see what's happening at the Old Button Factory; catch a local gig at one of a number of small establishments; go for a walk around Columbia Lake. These are simply alternatives... some pit stops on your journey off campus.

All your student needs can be easily covered without stepping foot outside the perimeter of what is WLU. That's an absolutely wonderful benefit, so utilize your resources. However, don't forget that Laurier is within a city, and there's a lot more to life than the classroom and campus night life. You are here... so see what Waterloo has to offer you.

Where's the grub? A quick guide to your meal plan

LORNA HISCOCK

CORD STUDENT LIFE

Many first year students will be living on campus and must purchase a meal plan. Unfortunately, you are not told what this entitles you to consume throughout the year. So, for those of you who will be spending the weekends on campus, this article is essential.

The meal card works on a declining balance. That is, you are given a lump sum at the beginning and everything that you purchase is deducted off that amount. There is not a set fee for breakfast, lunch, and supper. You pay for what you get.

The dining hall is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday and serves the usual cafeteria meals. For breakfast, there is the typical breakfast fare. For lunch and supper, sandwiches, salads, soup, a hot meal, snacks and dessert are available.

The dining hall also sells some canned and boxed food, as well as bread and other snacking food. A very select few times during the year, the dining room is open for brunch on the weekends, serving breakfast items, sandwiches, salad, and soup.

Also available is the food court, located in the Fred Nichols Campus Center. This is considered part of your off-campus money. Off-campus money is a set amount, either \$300 for the light meal plan, or \$500 for the regular meal plan, deducted from your overall total meal plan funds.

The food court has Mr.Sub, A&W, Food For Thought, and Domino's. It is open from mid-morning to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and from mid-morning to 2 p.m. on Friday. On the weekend, A&W is open from 11 a.m. to mid-afternoon.

There are two Second Cup ven-

dors on campus (in the Concourse and Science Building) where you can use your off-campus funds as well. They are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The one located in the Science Building is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends.

Other locations to spend your off-campus meal plan money are Domino's and Swiss Chalet after 7 p.m. on weekdays, and all day on the weekends. Wilf's, Laurier's only campus restaurant/pub, is open for lunch, dinner and those late night snacks throughout the week. On weekends they are open for dinner and evening cravings.

I would suggest, however, that you bring a pot, pan and dishes if you are staying in residence on the weekends. The floor lounges are equipped with stove elements and refrigerators. You might feel tempted to cook up pasta, Kraft Dinner, or your own home-made specialties, just for old times' sake.



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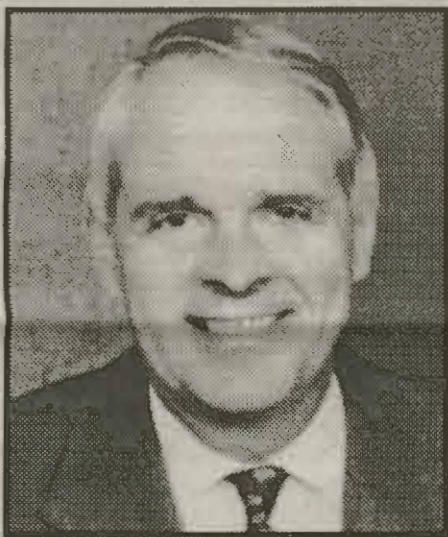
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Welcome to Laurier



People and services at WLU you should get to know

Rowland Smith V.P. Academic



To many of you, newly arrived, the idea of a welcome from the Academic Vice-President may seem an irrelevant formality. But the fact that the Editor of The Cord regularly invites me to write such a welcome to new students indicates just how closely we, at Laurier, believe that the social and academic sides of student life should be connected.

To most of you, the social pressures of the new environment will appear to be your overwhelming concern in the first few days on campus. And several of you will be away from home for the first time in an extended stay.

All these new experiences and pressures are an important part of the maturing process one enters at university, particularly a residential university, which, for the most part, Laurier is.

But the main reason you are here is to develop your minds, to sharpen your powers of reason and argument, to discover what intellectual, artistic, or scientific pursuits really excite you, and to try to use the learning experience here - both academic and social - to make sense of your lives.

It is for that reason that it is appropriate for an Academic Vice-President to welcome you even at a time of Icebreakers and school songs.

It is the academic raison d'être of the University that, alone, gives a point to the school/house/team/ spirit that may appear so bewildering a part of your first days here.

I hope that both your social and your intellectual development at Laurier will be significant. Probably - and we hope this is so - you will be a different person when you leave.

That's what education is about.

WLUSU Student Services

RENÉE PELLETIER

WLUSU VP: STUDENT SERVICES

Just in case you haven't been warned already, school spirit at Laurier is huge! Everyone wants to get involved, and one of the many ways you can do that is by volunteering for the Students Services Department of your Students' Union.

Within the department you can find Campus Clubs, Foot Patrol, Peer Help Line, Legal Resources and BACCHUS.

Legal Resources is a free, confidential service offering legal information and referrals to the WLU student population. Legal Resources volunteers are specially trained in areas of the law that are pertinent to students, such as the Landlord-Tenant Law. We are located on the 3rd Floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre, weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We are also open 24hrs. on the Internet at 00legal@mach1.wlu.ca and we welcome any legal questions you may have.

Patrollers are fully trained, equipped and first aid certified. They are also some of the most outgoing and involved students you'll find at Laurier.

Many Foot Patrollers are also Dons, Icebreakers, BACCHUS Boosters, and other leaders around campus. Foot Patrol also provides opportunities for first year students to volunteer, get involved, meet a lot of people and have a great time.

To find out more about Foot Patrol, just talk to any of the Foot Patrollers you see around campus.



BACCHUS

Coordinator: Harry Manson

Your time spent at university will be one of the memorable periods of your life. You'll learn a lot, and you'll probably party a lot. The volunteers of BACCHUS (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) are here to make sure that your years at Laurier are fun ones, but safe ones just the same.

Our job is to promote responsible drinking on campus. We'll be in attendance at numerous events throughout the year. We encourage you to come and talk to us and get involved. Help us make sure Laurier students remain safe and responsible party animals.



Legal Resources

Coordinator: Steve McPhee

Have a problem with your landlord and want to know the fastest way to get repairs done? Want to go to law school, but don't know where to get started?

WLUSU's Legal Resources department



Peer Help Line

Coordinator: Joanne Thomson

The Wilfrid Laurier University Peer Help Line is a listening and referral phone service provided for the students of WLU. The Peer Help Line (PHL) is staffed by student volunteers from Laurier who are trained in active listening, communication skills, and crisis and suicide intervention techniques. The trained volunteers assist their fellow students by offering information, discussion, alternatives, and referrals. All phone calls are completely anonymous and strictly confidential.

Please feel free to approach the PHL BOOSTERS during frosh week or call the PHL at 884-PEER.

During the school year this service is open seven days a week from 7 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.



Foot Patrol

Coordinator: Rob Chiasson

Foot Patrol is a volunteer service provided by the Students' Union. They provide a fun, safe alternative to walking alone at night. Foot



Campus Clubs

Coordinator: Jonelle James

Want to meet a lot of people? Want to start a new club? Come visit us on the 3rd floor of the Nichols Campus Centre.

The Campus Clubs Resource Centre houses over 60 clubs. It is a great way to get involved within the school.

If we don't have something you're interested in, let us know. We welcome new ideas and just maybe you can begin your own club! The Campus Clubs Council will be available to answer any of your questions or concerns.

A few of the Clubs that currently exist : Irish Students' Association, Laurier Christian Fellowship, Environmentalist Club, Skydive Laurier, and many, many more.

There will be several new and exciting things planned for the future.

So don't miss out. Come out and be a part of one of the largest growing activities on campus.

I encourage all of you to come out and apply to volunteer.

Whatever you choose to do, be sure to at least take full advantage of these services. They're here for you!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (519) 884 0710 ext.3441 or e-mail me at pell3810@mach1.wlu.ca

WLU Student Publications

KEVIN MacDONALD
WLUSP PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Laurier.

The Cord will become one of your friends throughout your time here at Laurier, and will always



strive to keep you informed of what is happening around Laurier and your new community.

We at Student Publications also produce a day-planner: the WLU'er, a Laurier phone directory: the Cord Guide to Laurier, and the University yearbook: the Keystone. There is also a photography and advertising department.

Student Publications is a completely Laurier student owned and operated corporation. You are now one of our shareholders.

Opportunities for involvement

in Student Publications are plenty. We are continuously looking for volunteers to take pictures, create advertisements, solicit advertising, work on our on-line Cord, and just about anything else you can think of.

Experience is not necessary as we will train you. All we require is a desire to learn and the courage to join us.

Stop by the Student Publications Offices on the third floor of the Nichols Campus Center and visit us.

We'd love to see you!



G•L•O•B•A•L

Gays, Lesbians or Bisexuals at Laurier



THOM RYAN

This is a place where all human rights are respected, and where gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons of Laurier and their friends and allies are welcomed and supported.

It is a club where homophobia, racism, and intolerance have no vice. GLOBAL is committed to the ethical and just treatment of all individuals discriminated against in terms of sexual orientation and formative action to the gay community of Laurier.

If you're interested in getting into contact with GLOBAL, the most discreet means to contact us is through e-mail: 00GLOBAL@mach1.wlu.ca. Simply leave a message for us, and we'll get back to you with information and/or just friendly banter, whichever you prefer.

GLOBAL is here for for you.

Health Services

KAREN OSTRANDER

Health Services is available to all full-time or part-time students. It is located on the top floor of the student services building (between the Fred Nichols building and the dining hall) behind counselling services. Our hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon; 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. and Monday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon; 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We offer a full range of services including laboratory services, chiropractor and massage therapy. Our physicians and registered nursing staff are caring professionals, and they are able to provide a full range of medical care including annual physicals, immunizations, allergy injections, first aid, healthy eating information, birth control, emergency contraception (morning after pill) to name a few.

Condoms and birth control pills can also be purchased here. Students with any health concern at all should feel free to make use of health services.

WLU Library

The library a place to meet your reaseaching, studying, and sometimes lack of sleep needs.

The Laurier library is a building that all Laurier students will visit at least once during their university years. There are the CD-ROMs and reference materials to quicken your reaseach for that last minute essay, and a helpful friendly staff for those who will only use the library once in their stay at Laurier.

The library, based on the library of congress organization is seven floors of books, magazines, periodicals, microfilm, mircofiche, government documents, newspapers, and archives.

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Home Sweet Home

Your choices for living at Laurier

Weighing your options On- vs. off-campus housing

PATRICIA LANCIA
CORD FEATURE

Where do you want to live while attending university?

Usually it's just a matter of picking a residence, but last year approximately 180 students were left out in the cold. They were unable to get into residence due to a shortage of beds, so many were forced to find apartments or rooms off-campus.

This year WLU has remedied the situation by securing 220 beds in a nearby apartment building. But a choice still remains: to live on- or off-campus.

Both residence and off-campus housing have their advantages and disadvantages, and each should be considered before filling out a residence application.

Cost

This is a major factor for all students, as housing constitutes one of the largest expenses while attending university.

Aside from the location bonus, residence life is considered to be an important component of first year. Fran Wdowczyk, Student Life Coordinator at Laurier, points out that the residence experience makes it easier to facilitate friendships and academic networks.

"It's about learning in and outside class," said Wdowczyk. She stresses that it's not the walls but the people that make first year.

Rent

The student life component has its price, however. A double room will cost \$2,972 for eight months. That works out to \$371.50/month. A single room is slightly more expensive at \$3,238 or \$404.75/month. Apartment style accommodation in Bricker costs a bit more, working out to \$511.25/month or \$4,090 for the year.

It should be noted that students in residence must leave within 24 hours of their last exam during the December and April exam periods. And with many students going home for Reading Week and other holidays the actual amount of time spent in residence is closer to seven months. This makes rent for those seven months \$424.57, \$462.57 and \$584.29 respectively.

Rooming at University Place, an alternative accommodation secured by the university, is another option that is less expensive in terms of rent. There are four single bedrooms in each of the regular apartments. Rent varies based on the size of the room, making it anywhere from \$355-\$410/month, or \$3,040-\$3,280 for eight months.

According to John Thompson, Laurier Director of Housing aver-

age rent in off-campus shared houses will run approximately \$275-\$400/month per room. While the best houses will already be gone, there are usually 100-200 rooms left in various homes by the end of August.

Utilities

Hydro, gas, cable, telephone and long-distance costs should also be considered though.

Not having to contend with monthly bills and extra fees above the cost of rent is a major advantage of university housing. Long-distance charges are the only cost not included.

Off-campus, utilities are usually paid for by the tenants, increasing the actual monthly amount being paid out. However, some houses may offer rent with utilities included.

Food

For students living in residence, with the exception of Bricker and University Place, purchasing a meal plan is mandatory. The large meal plan, suggested for students who eat a lot or stay on-campus most weekends, is \$2,594, or a monthly allowance of \$370.57. The smaller meal plan is \$2,260 or \$322.86/month.

A bonus of campus meal plans is the tax exemption. PST and GST are not charged on food bought on your meal card.

It's not the walls, but the people that make first year

There is an optional \$300 plan for residents of Bricker, University Place or other off-campus housing. The tax exemption does not apply to this plan though.

Cooking

For people who enjoy cooking, off-campus is your best bet. Students typically share a kitchen with 20 other people in residence, making cooking difficult.

Variety

For those people in residence there are several places to spend your meal card, all of which are detailed in the registration package.

The variety of foods available can sometimes pose a problem. While the Dining Hall mixes up the menu it can be difficult to get food

when you're craving it. Also, after a couple of weeks A&W for breakfast just doesn't cut it anymore.

Living off-campus forces you to buy your own food. This allows you to eat what you want when you want it. The potential problem being that you must budget and not spend your food money on other things.

The good thing about residence is your food is already paid for and you can add more money or carry over up to \$300 if you have to.

Rules

Not doubt about it, off-campus rocks. No Dons imposing quiet hours, you can party until 5 a.m. if you want to, no mandatory educational seminars, and you can smoke in your living room if you want. Pretty much anything goes.

On the other hand, on-campus is also great. If you are serious about studying and/or have trouble dealing with conflicts, residence can be a definite help. Dons enforce quiet hours (generally) and can help resolve problems between roommates.

Roommates

According to Fran Wdowczyk, roommate incompatibility is the most common complaint about residence.

Off-campus housing doesn't necessarily give you the opportunity to choose who you live with, unless you get together with some friends and find a house. On-campus you do have the option of rooming with a friend if you both apply to live together.

Getting the roommate from hell can happen. In residence you can approach your Don to be switched to another room (provided your situation is irreconcilable). Off-campus you don't have an option (outside of breaking your lease and moving) - you must get along and accept the awkward tension.

Making friends

If you don't know anyone at Laurier residence is a great way to meet people. The pressure is taken off you to approach people. Ice breaking games and floor events bring everyone together and encourage people to get to know each other.

This can be awkward, however, since there's a preconception that floor mates will be friendly to each other. If you're not the type of person who wants to meet a lot of people quickly then residence may not be for you.

Living off-campus can be a different story. University Place has a large student population, many of whom are looking to make friends as well. Leaving your apartment



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door open and waiting for people to walk by is a good way to meet others.

Getting to know your roommate(s) is the most obvious option. Beware though - becoming best friends with your roommate(s) is not required. You'll be spending quite a bit of free time with him/her/them and there is such a thing as overkill when it comes to hanging out with friends.

Parking

There are approximately 145 spaces reserved for residence students. Permits run \$110.06 for the year. These spaces are also issued on a lottery basis so you will not be guaranteed to get a space if you drive home for weekends.

For overnight guests parking permits can be purchased for a few dollars.

Off-campus, landlords are required by law to provide parking spaces for their tenants.

If you are looking to live off-campus and drive to school for classes take note: there are a limited number of permits for commuting students and to qualify you must live outside a 2 km radius from the university. There is also a gated parking lot that costs \$4 to get out of, as well as metered parking.

Safety

Students with night classes should consider if they will be walking home from school. Foot Patrol is available as an escort, but they may not be available when you need them.

Cliff Bilyea, Director of Ancillary Services, points out that many

Bricker Residence: The life of luxury comes with a stiff price

females choose residence for security and convenience issues. Walking across the quad is quite different from walking a few blocks across town.

Residences also have buzz boards and strict rules regarding who can be let into the building. This is a great safety feature that can be found in most apartment buildings, but few houses. Keep this in mind if safety is an issue.

Convenience

There's no question that in terms of proximity to classes residence takes the cake. A central location means that you can roll out of bed and make it to class in a couple of minutes - a luxury few off-campus students enjoy.

Students living in residence also don't have to contend with skating rink sidewalks and winter treks. A five minute walk can easily turn into fifteen when you have to take baby steps and can't run across intersections on an orange light.

Motivating yourself to get to class when there's a blizzard outside can also be pretty hard. At least in residence you're not outside for too long.

All residences also have computers in the basement so you don't have to go outside to check your email. Next year Bricker will have internet access in each room (for a fee, of course).

In the end it is your choice. Think about the type of person you are and what you're looking for next year.

Palaces to Prisons

The risks and rewards of each residence

Conrad Hall

KATHERINE HARDING

CONRAD ALUMNUS 94/95

PROS: Huge 24 hr. lounge; mail service on site; memorable floor events; exercise room; close proximity to the AC.

CONS: Dry air; uncomfortable lounge furniture; useless kitchen appliances; insults like Conrad Kennel, Conrad Convent, etc.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- The building has been left behind in a 60s time warp (Marcia Brady might as well be your roommate).
- This residence has a warm, community-type atmosphere because of its size and building lay-out.

University Place

WILL HOLLAND

UNIVERSITY PLACE ALUMNUS 96/97

PROS: Your own room; save money by cooking for yourself; only sharing a fridge, TV, kitchen etc. with three other people; co-ed; no Dons to tell you what to do.

CONS: Bats, rats and other assorted wildlife; cooking for yourself can be a pain in the ass; the building is pretty dirty; the hallways are loud; having to pay for utilities.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Having your own bedroom is a

great advantage for quiet and privacy. Relationships are also much easier to handle when you don't have to worry about a roommate.

- You can have a party whenever you want; there are no rules.
- If your roommates skip out on their share of the cleaning and bill paying, there can be trouble.

Euler/Leupold Residences

PATRICIA LANCIA

EULER ALUMNUS 96/97

PROS: Small residence; co-ed; separate desks instead of one long counter top; it's reasonably quiet; residence staff to clean bathrooms, lounge, kitchens, etc.

CONS: Rooms that are 120% in the winter; dry air; cots instead of beds (the are very soft); quiet residences don't have great reputations; no 24 hr. lounge (you have to go to Leupold; washer and dryer break down a lot).

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Depending on the don, rules about quiet hours can be anywhere from lax to strict. Everyone in Euler-Leupold is supposed to vote on when quiet hours will start, but the dons tell you it's supposed to be 10 p.m. instead of 11 p.m.
- Being next to Little House and Bricker, there is usually a lot of

traffic in the area. If you go to sleep early on weekends (i.e., before 3 a.m.) be prepared for lots of noise after people leave the Turret.

Boukaert Residence

CHRISTINE GERGICH

BOUKAERT ALUMNUS 94/95

PROS: Newer all female residence; 24 hour lounge with pool table and snacking machines; 24 hour computer lab; close to the two all-male residences; laundry facilities on your floor.

CONS: Only double rooms; not as close to the DAWB and Concourse.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- "Boukaert Babes" get to live in one of the newer residences on campus so there is less wear and tear within the building, and generally there is better bathroom and laundry facilities.
- There is not much to complain about Boukaert except if you end up with the roommate from hell.

Macdonald House

BRIAN CAREY

MACDONALD ALUMNUS 95/96

PROS: Co-ed, middle of campus,

spacious rooms, large 24 hour lounge, close to campus pubs, computer lab.

CONS: Poor laundry facilities, no floor events, rooms can get very hot, expensive fines for misbehaviour.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- The Mac House Bulldogs have it all: girls, guys, and a typical university atmosphere.
- Keep the Bulldog tradition strong!

Little House

GREG ENGLISH

LITTLE HOUSE ALUMNUS 93/94

PROS: Middle of campus, huge 24hr lounge, large lounge on each floor

CONS: The beds were really uncomfortable, small kitchens, no foyer at entrance

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- They are upgrading the residence this summer.
- One of the rowdier residences.

Willison Hall

KEVIN MACDONALD

WILLISON ALUMNUS 93/94

PROS: Large floor lounges, quick access to Willison Field for pick-up football games.

CONS: Reputation as the 'projects',

one of the older residences and sometimes shows it.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Willison has received a great deal of attention and improvements for the last couple of years.
- There is a feeling of being removed from the other residences, even though you are only a few meters away, this carries good and bad points.

Bricker Residence

STERLING LYNCH

BRICKER ALUMNUS 94/95

PROS: Have own space in which to retreat, make own food and avoid knife-at-throat wallet gouging food plan, only two people per bath and shower; co-ed floors

CONS: You might not meet quite as many people, outrageously expensive rent, not as much floor-bonding.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

I can say unequivocally that if you intend to stay on campus, Bricker is the best choice.

Although I haven't lived in any of the other residences, I have lived in dormitory style accommodations in the past and Bricker wins out large.

Living at home?

Tips for survival

NATALIE VANDERBURG

CORD FEATURE

Frosh week. Roommates. The dining hall. These terms are all synonymous with the first year experience. Not all first year experiences though.

As a long-time resident of Waterloo, my first year at Laurier didn't include any of these frosh traditions. Do I regret my decision to stay in my hometown for my university years? Not one bit.

While many people might think that by choosing to live with my parents for another four years I've missed out on university life, I rest easy with my decision. University life is what you make it, not where you live.

When I first started school at Laurier I was a bit apprehensive, not uncommon for an incoming student.

Yet I did know fellow Laurier students who had attended my high school, lessening the common "I won't know anybody" anxiety we all encounter in unfamiliar situations.

I soon learned however that I would have to make a conscious effort to meet new people if my university years were to be any different from the time I spent in high school.

By this, I realized that I had to become involved in Laurier student life, which is the best advice I can give any first year student.

It was difficult at first to gather

up the nerve to approach the new people around me. But when I saw other "townies" fall into the trap that I tried so hard to avoid, I saw what had to be done.

While they still hung out with the same people and did the same things they had always done, I wanted my four years here to be a change from my previous experiences. And while I'm still devoted

Mom's meals and laundry can't be beat

to many of my friends from high school, I am closest to the people I have met at Laurier.

With their help, I am having the time of my life.

Even though

dealing with my parents on a daily basis can be tough, I admit that my mom's home-cooked meals and laundry services can't be beat. I never have to deal with bickering roommates and zero privacy.

When I need to study I have quiet and when I don't come home until the wee hours of the morning after a night at the Turret, I am never questioned. I think I have the best of both worlds.

First year is different for everyone. While my own exposure to university life has differed from most, I couldn't be happier with my decision to stay in Waterloo and invest four years of my life at Laurier.

I welcome all frosh and encourage them to make the most of their time here.

The years spent here will go by quickly, but the memories made will last a lifetime.

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Message from the President...

To the incoming students of this fine institution...

Get **HYPER** because you are going to the **BEST** school (forget what Maclean's says...) in the country!! Why is Laurier the best school in the country? Gee...let me think...

How about amazing sports teams, super volunteer opportunities, a true sense of community, high levels of school spirit and hey, we've also got great academic programs too!!

I probably don't have to sell you folks on this university since you are already coming here, so let me tell you a bit about YOUR Students' Union. Essentially the Union is your very own company! Wow, fresh out of high school and already you 'own' a company! A somewhat bizarre concept I realize but let me put it to you this way: when you pay your fees you become a 'shareholder' in the Students' Union and you enjoy all the benefits that come with it! What are these benefits you ask?? Let me tell you!!

- how about over **700 VOLUNTEER POSITIONS** such as Foot Patrol (our walk-home program), Laurier Students for Literacy (promoting literacy within the community), Icebreakers (those crazy folks you'll meet in September who will guide you for the first week), Graphic artists (design a funky poster or two) and soooo many more!!
- a free and funky TV lounge...watch the Price Is Right, Oprah, or even Beverly Hills 90210 all on **A HUGE TV SCREEN!!**
- access to the two hottest pubs/clubs and variety store in Waterloo: our very own **WILF'S, TURRET**, and **THE CENTRE SPOT** (you will become very familiar with these places during your first few days at Laurier...)
- **ACCESS TO SERVICES** such as Legal Resources (to help you contend with any landlord problems you may encounter), and Campus Clubs (over 80 to suit your fancy!!)

Pretty incredible, eh? All that and a bag of chips...

I also want you to know that if you have ANY problems, come visit me! I serve as the CEO for YOUR company as well as the chief negotiating officer on behalf of the undergraduate population, so use and abuse me! Even if you don't have a problem, see me anyway! Tell me a story...a joke...or even your lifelong dreams.

I'd love to hear it! I look forward to seeing your hyper faces in September (or in July for Discover Laurier), so until then...

Rock Hard Core!!
Stew Wong

A WORD FROM YOUR 1997-98 VICE PRESIDENTS...

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS



Welcome New Students!

Hello all! How are your lost two summer months going? Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Meaghan and I will be your 1997-98 Vice President: University Affairs. What do I do you may ask? I am an external representative and work closely with other schools on dealing with common issues such as tuition hikes, education cuts and relationship catastrophes. I also deal with awareness committees within my department consisting of **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, EQUALITY, LAURIER STUDENTS FOR LITERACY, LAURIER UNIVERSITY CHARITY COUNCIL, HUMAN RESOURCES, HEALTH & FITNESS AWARENESS AND S.E.L.F. SAFETY**. We try to make sure that every student is aware of at least something.

As a full time employee of the Union, I am available anytime to answer your questions, or be a punching bag if you are having a bad day. I am also here as a representative of the students, elected by the 1996-97 student body which means that my job is to make sure that all students are getting the best possible representation within and outside the school.

I am here to serve you anytime so feel free to call, stop by, drop money in my mailbox, buy me a drink...the possibilities are endless! See you on the other side!

Meaghan "Rollin' in my 5.0" Brown

FINANCE



Hi there. You will learn a lot of things at university... the most important being that you are true to yourself and don't allow for negative thinking which will get you lost in moments gone or yet to come. Focus on what you are left with... this moment!

My job, as Vice President: Finance is to make sure the numbers work, and to make sure that your investment is working for you. Words like "budget", and "reconciliation" are a major part of my life. While this article is, in theory, to introduce myself to you, it is really a distress signal... a desperate cry for help from the brutal slavery that has been instilled upon me. I wish you all the best. If there is anything you need, please seek me out, or at least provide rations of some sort. Help me incoming students, you're my only hope...

Gareth "One foot in the grave, one foot on the pedol, I was born a Rebel" Cunningham

STUDENT SERVICES



Planning on getting really drunk and don't want to get hurt? Need legal advice? Want someone to walk you home at night? Want to join a club or start one of your own? Need someone to talk to and don't know who to call?

Answering yes to any of the above questions means the Student Services Department has something for you.

My name is Renée Pelletier, and I have come to Laurier all the way from Halifax, Nova Scotia to run around like a monkey and make sure all of your service needs are being met. Armed with my five kick-ass Coordinators and their teams of assistants, executives, and volunteers, we bring to you programs such as **BACCHUS, LEGAL RESOURCES, FOOT PATROL, CAMPUS CLUBS, AND PEER HELP LINE**.

Take full advantage of these services, and come out and volunteer your time! It's a great experience. Be warned though, once you get involved you'll be hooked for life...there is no escape from Unionland!!!

A la prochaine,
Renée Pelletier

MARKETING



Hi...I'm Mike Keriakos - WLUSU's VP: Marketing for 1997-1998. The Marketing department has three very simple responsibilities:

- to understand what needs students have (beer fountains in the hall, etc.)
- to communicate to students what services/activities/business WLUSU offers to fulfill those needs

We rely on four basic tools to let you guys know what's going on: posters around campus, word of mouth, ads in the Cord, and our new Web Site. As we speak our Web Site is being completely revamped. Check it out at **WWW.WLUSU.COM** (well anytime after September 1st). Wow! Now you can hang out at Wilf's all day, all night but if you're still good to go (only Wilf's is closed) - you can log onto the Wilf's Den chat room.

So keep your eyes open and your ears perked because your on your way to WLUSU town and it's going to be a great ride - unless of course you get mono, fall out and get disowned by your family.

Mike Keriakos

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



This is a big BONJOUR from the Vice President of Student Activities in the Students' Union here at Laurier. Everyone calls me Jules and I am better know as the Fun-Girl!! My department is full of amazingly fun events and activities that are put on for YOU, the students of Laurier, ALL year long.

The line-up from my department starts off by bringing you **ORIENTATION WEEK 1997** and **SHINERAMA** and then booms ahead with spirit and energy into **HOMECOMING** weekend.

We then head onto the **BOAR'S HEAD DINNER AND DANCE**, a traditional formal Christmas feast that ends with a night of boogying away with your Laurier friends. As the new year hits, so does **WINTER CARNIVAL** ... five days packed FULL of games and activities where your team will compete against other Laurier student teams!! The **CHARITY BALL** is a spring formal that gives you the chance to get all dressed up - all of the proceeds going towards a local charity. Next is the **FASHION SHOW**, a high energy dance performance put on by over 70 Laurier models who do stepping and shaking to some amazingly choreographed scenes!! All of the above events keep Laurier students busy, but for that time in between events, we have the **BOARD OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES (B.S.A.)** to bring in year-round entertainment, such as live bands, comedians, hypnotists, and poster sales (just to name a few). Here is a glimpse of the bands that we have brought to Laurier in the past few years: Our Lady Peace, I Mother Earth, Spirit of the West, Ashley MacIsaac, Tea Party, The Odds, and Big Sugar ... HOLY S**T is right!!!

Okay now have I earned the nickname "Fun Girl"!!? All of these kick-ass activities have to run somehow, and that is where volunteers come in!! If you want to get involved and meet tonnes of new people while having the time of your life, come on up to the Students' Union and just ask how you can help! I guarantee that **GETTING INVOLVED** will make your years here at Laurier so much more fulfilling.

Julie "Jules" McCallum — The Fun Girl

HAWKSQUAD

(NEW FOR 1997-98)

What is the Hawksquad you may ask? Well it is a stupendous, outrageous, physical, bodacious, fanatical, loud, fun-loving, excitable group of Golden Hawks, whose sole purpose is to support activities and events involving other fellow Hawks.

COME TO O-WEEK FOR MORE DETAILS!!!

Varsity sports preview

Letting you know what to expect in your first year at Laurier

MIKE MCKENNA
CORD SPORTS

The long honoured tradition of athletics will become interesting and exciting aspect of your Laurier experience. It has been known that even though our university is relatively small we are a force to be reckoned with on the sports field. From football to volleyball to soccer "the Hawks are as good as the best and that's better than the rest". Not only are we successful on the provincial level where our teams compete in the OUAA and OWIAA but our teams have proven that we can compete on the National level as well. Here is a quick preview of what to expect and who to watch for in the upcoming school year as our athletes try to continue the tradition of an outstanding athletic program.

Football

This will be an interesting year for our usually powerful football program. It will be the first in many years that the Hawks will not begin the season ranked the CIAU top ten. Fresh from a disappointing season in which expectations were so high and results so disappointing coach Rick Zrnich will have to work some magic if the boys in purple and gold want to make the post-season. With the loss of basically their entire offensive line, starting quarterback Kevin McDonald and defensive standouts Jason Gundy, Dave Squinga, Rob Underhill, Kenji Konno, and Shawn Crisp, this will most likely be a re-building year for Laurier. With their playoff overtime loss still fresh in the minds of the returning players, one would hope that the boys will come out fighting as they open the season against local rival Waterloo on September 6th.

Who to Watch: Definitely WR Corey Grant who put many fans in awe during his rookie season with his dazzling catch and mystifying punt returns. After a tough season last year that ended on a personal high note in the play-offs Grant should be in fine form when the season rolls around

Others: Look for fifth year returnees OL Phil White, WR Brian McClure, and 1996 OUAA first team all-star DB Rob Symons to bolster the Hawk line-up. RB's Andy Bacon and a healthy Chad Kennedy will also benefit the Hawk attack. Defensively look for DB's Jason Warren and Alan Ruby to steady the defense that on some afternoons might look full of holes. On special teams OUAA all-stars Scott O'Hara and Harvey Stables look to pick up right where they ended last season.

Men's Soccer

The Men's soccer team is coming off a season in which they were one goal (in a shoot-out) away from a trip to the National Championship. This season the boys look to "take care of a little unfinished business" and earn themselves a trip to the CIAU championships. With basically their entire line-up returning, it looks as though they will have a shot at doing so. The team will be hurt by the loss of Mike Burton and a couple of others to graduation, but with strong play right from the net out, the Hawks will have a shot at the glory.

Who to Watch: Second year goal keeper, Mark Ignor, along with the fifth year mid fielder, Mike Johnston, and a return to health of the injured striker Joey Wey, will be some of the necessary ingredients for the Hawks to make a run in the playoffs.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer program has to be considered the toast of Laurier athletics over the past two years. After coming off back to back appearances at the national championships that included a national title in '95 and a bronze medal in '96 this team will once again be a force in the OWIAA West division. The loss of Celeste Burkett to graduation will hurt the Hawks' offensive attack, but for the most part their line-up will remain intact which should spell a third consecutive trip to the Nationals.

Men's Hockey

For the second year in a row, the men's hockey team finished last in the OUAA far west division and out

of the play-offs. This year though the story should be different, after nine of eleven losses coming by one goal, an offensive attack is needed and coach Wayne Gowing has done his best to enhance his line-up with some heavy off season recruiting. That coupled with the fact that only two members of last years squad will be lost to graduation, this could spell the end of the Hawks two year play-off drought

Who to Watch: Last year's team MVP goal tender, Geoff Schnare is one of the best in the OUAA, so look for him to be a strong contributor to the Hawks run for the post-season. Captain Martin Kearns, former OHL'er Boh McQuat, and last years team Rookie of the Year Bryce Kipfer will be looked upon to steady the defense and keep the Hawks close this season.

Women's Hockey

After coming off back to back OUAA bronze metals, these Hawks program will be hard pressed to remain in the top three this season. With the loss of top scorer and three time OWIAA all-star Amy Turek and linemate Steph Kay graduating, the Hawks will have a few holes to fill up front if they hope to contend with the always powerful York and Toronto teams.

Who to Watch: This year's team will be lead by one time National team member, Cheryl Pounder who will return to her spot on the Hawk's defense. Up front, look for third year player, Jenn Krog to step into the top line and put up some points.

Men's Basketball

In what could be considered one of the biggest surprises of last season, the mens' basketball program went from being a team that not one game all season to being able to compete with every team in the OUAA West division. This year should be no different, as the boys can shoot the three with anyone in Canada should be bolstered by a big man in the middle that will put them right in the thick of things in the race for a place in the top three in the OUAA West.

Who to Watch: The Hawk back court is one of the most entertaining duos in the entire OUAA. OUAA all-star Greg Sandstom and OUAA West Rookie of the Year Jeff Zdrahal, can and will shoot the three from anywhere. These two will lead the Hawks through what should be an interesting season.

Women's Basketball

This season does not look good for these Hawks as there will only be three returning players to this years squad. With the loss of team leaders Audrey Kaersenhout, Jenn Martins, and Sarah Collins, it will be a long year in the gym at the corner of King and University for this team. *Who to Watch:* The only returnee who logged any minutes last season is Sherry Faber who will have to do her best to lead the Hawks this season.

Men's Volleyball

Definitely the Cinderella story of not only Laurier athletics but of the entire CIAU last season. After fin-



Women's soccer is just one of the many Golden Hawk varsity sports.

ishing last in the OUAA for two years running, coach Brett Thomas lead his squad all the way to the CIAU championships in Calgary. This season with the entire line-up eligible to return, the Hawks should be a powerhouse and will look to play for the OUAA title in our own gym.

Who to Watch: OUAA all-stars Kevin Shonk and Ryan Brown will be the strong points of the Laurier attack this season. Shonk who has lead the nation in scoring two years in a row, will look to do so again in his final year as a Golden Hawk.

Women's Volleyball

In what continues year after year to be a "re-building" program, this year should be no different. Coach Cookie Leach's squad will likely need a miracle to make the play-offs this season but who knows

stranger things have happened.

Men's Rugby

After winning the OUAA tier two championship last season, the rugby squad will be competing with the big boys this season when they make the jump to division one. It should be an interesting challenge as the boys look to avoid finishing in last place and falling back into division two.

Swimming

The Laurier swim team is lead by coach Dean Bowles and is very strong for a university with such a small population. The Cord's own assistant sports editor Tom Fuke is the core of this team after having competed in the National during both of his two years at Laurier. Look for Laurier's swim team to have another successful year in the pool.

Making yourself proud to be purple and gold

MIKE MCKENNA
CORD SPORTS

From the minute you step onto Laurier campus and realize that you are now a Laurier student you will realize the pride and tradition that comes with it.

It is this Laurier spirit that makes us a cut above the rest. Our spirit is displayed nowhere better than during athletic contests. Whether it's at University Stadium for a football game or at the Athletic Complex for a basketball game, your Laurier spirit will shine through.

Getting involved with the Hawk spirit is easy! Simply get off your

butt and go watch the games, it's not hard. If you are really daring you might even head over to Purple&Gold to get yourself some Laurier paraphernalia to improve your looks.

You could also volunteer to be part of the new **HawkSquad**. This organization has been created by the Students' Union and will give all of you a chance to get involved and make your stay at Laurier that much better.

Either way, get out and get involved by cheering for our Golden Hawks.

It will make you proud to be purple and gold.

Varsity Athletics

A way to feel at home

TOM FUKE
CORD SPORTS

One of Laurier's positive attributes is its size: the small campus enables you to meet practically everyone who goes here if you make the effort to do so. This close-knit atmosphere extends into the varsity sports scene more than anywhere else, and because of that my two year experience here has been fantastic.

I'm currently captain of the Mens' swim team, and I'm glad I chose Laurier over other universities because of this involvement.

During the Provincial Mens' Championships in February, our team earned many compliments for its attitude. The highest praise coming from the coach of one of Ontario's most powerful teams who was heard telling his swimmers that they "need to be more like Laurier, more like a TEAM!" These words epitomize what I see Laurier sports as being: a total team effort. Even in an individual-oriented sport such as swimming, the team mentality prevails. Encouraging everyone to feel that they belong is foremost. I came from a club atmosphere which was highly individualized, and the

difference in attitude that I experienced after coming to Laurier was incredible.

The highlight of my own two years on the team came this spring at the Provincial Championships when I won the gold medal in the 200 metre breaststroke event. I could have not done this however without the loud cheers of my 14 teammates that came from the pool side.

Furthermore, this was only a part of the team's overall success. Together, we qualified four swimmers for the national (CIAU) championships - an unprecedented number for Laurier - and we had a terrific time doing it. None of the other teams matched our enthusiasm and our vocal support for each other pushed us to new heights. We felt that we were the class of the meet.

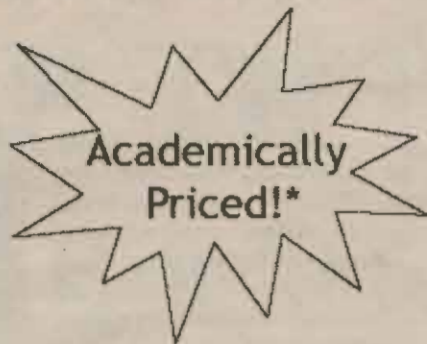
Being part of a team likes this makes individuals realize that no matter what their ability might be, they can make an important contribution to a total team effort.

I encourage all of you to try out for varsity athletics. You'll meet people, you'll have fun and most importantly, you'll quickly find somewhere that you belong.

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Away from the everyday

Where to go when the usual just won't do

TIM DURKIN AND
ANDREW WHITE
CORD ENTERTAINMENT

Set apart from the mainstream entertainment scene lies the wonderful world of indie Waterloo. These are the independently owned and operated stores and pubs that offer an alternative to the crazy club scene. This is not a comprehensive list by any means. Most of the places here feature new and used material which is great for the student budget.

Enchanted Forest

Don't be put off by the dark interior: the Enchanted Forest has a lot to offer that many other cafés don't. The coffee is good and cheap, and there is a wide selection of teas.. Beyond that, however, the Enchanted Forest is the best to hear top-notch local DJs, either through the mix tapes the café plays, or through their Love Lounge nights, where DJs mix anything from house to jungle to jazz. Remember to peruse the flyers by the cash register while you are there.

Ramona Records

A record company with many fine acoustic acts Focusing on young, fresh local musicians and with plans to branch out in the new year, they are one of the best places to get into the local music scene. They do great work with a small staff and are always looking for volunteers who are into music.

The Jane Bond

Nothing could be further from a traditional night out drinking. They have live DJ's Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with a mix of acid jazz, and lounge. There is a vegetarian menu, micro-brewery beer and a patio. On top of all that they feature a different local



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artist every month on their walls.

The Korova Cafe

This is the best venue for seeing live acts in K-W. They feature local bands and some bigger acts in an intimate atmosphere created by being only feet away from your favorite indie artists. Its a non-alcoholic venue but have a great snack menu (try the nachos!). Most

impressive is the fact that its run by a volunteer staff.

Club Renaissance

The only gay/lesbian and alt-lifestyle bar in K-W. Straights are of course welcome (with the right attitude!). Primarily a dance club featuring techno and alternative there are great beer and liquor deals. The new menu is heavily promoted.

Moondance

They play a fine mix of music ranging from Celtic and folk to rock. This small venue provides an excellent opportunity for young musicians to gain experience in a kind environment. The menu has something for every budget.

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How to get involved in the local music scene

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So, you just finished high-school. You have tucked away that old clarinet in your basement after your last band concert...You would really like to keep playing, but...Now what?

When new students come to Laurier, they often wonder how they can continue their involvement in musical activities.

For some it is because they have just completed years of intense musical training, while for others it is because they have cultured an enjoyment for the arts.

Don't worry, there is a multitude of ways to become involved in the music community at Laurier. If you are interested in auditioning for one of the faculty of music ensembles, you can.

All placements are done during frosh week on the basis of playing

ability. Another way to keep playing is to check out the other musical groups on campus:

The Musicians' Network is a student run group that encourages band musicians by hosting jam nights, forming contact lists, and they even produce a CD each year.

Minor Infractions is a vocal jazz choir that has a reputation for great musicality and talent. They hold auditions every fall, so watch for openings.

The Music Association is a group of students that strive to keep musicians and non-musicians involved in the music scene at Laurier. They host many events around school each year such as the Jazz Cabarets, talent shows, the benefit auction, the pie auction, and clinics.

Another way to still enjoy music is to attend the multitude of concerts that Laurier hosts.

In the Recital Hall faculty concerts are held every Tuesday at noon, plus there are many ensemble concerts throughout the year.

One awesome benefit of these concerts is that they are free for Laurier students.

The first music concert is Sunday September 7th at 2:30 in the Recital Hall.

This concert will feature many of the professional musicians that teach at Laurier.

There will be music for piano, strings, voice...a real mosaic of sounds.

This is the time for these musicians to strut their stuff and have fun, so this is a concert not to be missed.

If you would like more information about these different groups and events come visit The Music Association at The Campus Club



Fair during frosh week.

For information on how to audition for an ensemble contact the Faculty of Music on the second floor of the Aird Building.

Musicians' Network: A great way for local bands to gain exposure at Laurier and in the K-W community

A night out

Local watering holes

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Discovering that they have not one, but two universities located in their midst, entrepreneurs have set up watering holes geared towards the forever parched students. Even the most discriminating patrons can find something to suit their tastes. This is a brief guide to some of the area's more well known spots. Of course the best way to determine what is right for you is through experimentation.

Loose Change Louie's

One of Laurier's closest off campus bars is packed to the gills on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Drink prices are reasonable including a draft beer that has been likened to a super-gulp. The bar is divided into two sections and although the front is often considered a glorified waiting room for the lottery to get into the back, it's petite dance floor offers good times none the less. The music is mixed and provides a medley of Spirit of the West and Chemical Brothers.

Revolution/Flying Dog

Picture Wal-Mart on some sort of hallucinogen and you are halfway to explaining the Rev. This former roller rink combines both an intense sonic blast of dance music and a visually stunning light show that would put George Luas to shame. Unfortunately there is a four dollar cover charge levied for the opportunity to experience this wonder. Located at the center of the building is the colossal dance floor surrounded by a spectators area, pool tables, bars and even a snack shack. If the energy level gets too intense for you in the main area you can relax in the purple room. Drink prices are a little steep, but with the big-city-bar set up you get what you pay for in the surroundings. A final bit of advice: don't get separated from your pack unless you've brought a map and some food rations.

Flying Dog is attached to the Rev. but there is definitely a world of difference. Geared towards the older members of the student population, word is it's a good place if you want to chill out and have a couple of pints with friends. You can relax at the liquor or cappuccino bars, the pool tables or out on the patio.

The Lyric

Much like the Rev. this bar offers an intense audio and visual experience. Located in downtown Kitchener, the Lyric's cavernous interior is sure to impress the most hard core clubber. The space that was once dominated by movie theatre seating has now been overtaken by an undulating mass of scantily clad dance machines. Peering down from above the stage remains one of the Lyric's most obvious hints of its former self: a movie screen. In an inebriated state, it's not advisable to stare at its hypnotic images for too long for it may result in brain hemorrhaging. There is a cover charge and the drink prices can get a little crazy so those with a tight budget might not decide to make this a regular haunt, however, it is something to be experienced at least once as it is also an opportunity to hear Chris Sheppard work his magic on "the wheels of steel".

Phil's

Take everything the Revolution/Flying Dog isn't and you have Phil's. The subterranean dance bar is the best value in town. You can't go wrong with a place that offers buck fifty beers. Although the surroundings may be confined, the tunes are awesome if you are into alternative and electronica styles. For those that opt not to mosh, there are pool tables located in the back along with sparse seating. By scrimping on the decor, Phil's is able to offer students something that is truly valued: cheap alcohol.

Turret/Wilfs

The Students' Union, not wanting to be left out of the lucrative market of student bars, has thrown their hat into the ring with two venues. The Turret offers an expansive dance floor, a good variance of tunes, relatively cheap drinks, and has a prime location. On a cold night it is a short jaunt from any residence. It is open three nights a week, and tends to play dance on Thursday, alternative on Fridays, and retro on Saturdays. If dancing isn't your bag, step next door to the Hawks nest. Its open daily and offers pool, air hockey, video games and a menu.

If you prefer to sit down and shoot the shit with your friends, then Wilf's is the place. They offer an assortment of beers on tap, and have a full menu, including some knock-out nachos. On the odd occasion live bands and other assorted acts are brought in to entertain.

This has been a very brief and selective look at the bars in Waterloo. There are tons more out there and it is up to you to hunt them down. The scene does provide enough selection of atmospheres to impress both the big city and the small town mouse. Even if there is no "Frankie's".

Theatre in Waterloo

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The plaintive cry of the aspiring apathetic actor is, and I'm quoting, "It's too difficult to break into the field of acting." They are, of course, referring to the super-actor, mega-movie sensations that stuff the new release section of your local Block Buster Video. No, you can't break into that very easily; not without a plastic surgeon and a deal with the devil. But if you're interested in acting, or any other facet of the theater, then there's more than enough to occupy you right here in Dodge City.

Unbeknownst to many of its students, Laurier does in fact have a theatre program. Far different from the monolithic program down the road at U of W, Laurier's theatre department is sparsely populated, featuring students with a yen for the theatre only after dissatisfaction with their initial major.

The program does not thrust students into an intensive voice, movement and acting experience, but rather works to encourage and nurture an individual's interest in the art form. While not the school for the professional actor, Laurier nonetheless offers a sound beginning.

There are two theatre companies on campus. The Laurier Theatre Collective is for, of, and by students exclusively. Last year the Collective



PHOTO: ADRIENNE STEIN

dealt only with student written plays, producing two evenings of one act plays. One performance garnered the award for best production at the inter-collegiate drama festival in Toronto.

The second drama organization is the University Players. Based on the corner of King and Lodge Streets, the University Players puts on three to five shows per year, along with a selection of short act play evenings and other theatrical fare. It is open to the community at large.

Ambling down King St., one is bound to stumble upon the Waterloo Stage Theatre. Located "just a heart-beat from downtown Waterloo," the Stage Theatre is Waterloo's first major musical production company. Before Steve Roth and Dale Hobbs invested in this venture four months ago, the building housed a movie cinema.

Now it offers a compromise between the mega-musical grandeur of Toronto and the intimacy of community theatre: patrons can enjoy quality musical entertainment without sitting in the nose bleed section. Most actors are locals, and all are paid, it helps if you have

New on the theatrical scene: Waterloo Stage Theatre

some voice training, but the majority of the performers are real people; just like you and me. Reduced student prices for the next show "Side by Side" by Sondheim will begin in September.

If musicals aren't your thing then you might want to check out K-W Little Theatre located on Princess Street. For the past 10 years K-W Little Theatre has put on five or six major productions a year, along with short play festivals, improv. nights, and children's summer camps. It is a non-profit organization: all involved are volunteers and moneys raised go towards the next production. Now playing is Tennessee Williams "Cat on A Hot Tin Roof," directed by U of W student Roberto Machado. The only requirements to get involved are a \$10 membership and a hankering to act. It's just that easy.

Keep your eyes on the walls for audition posters as you roam through WLU. If you have an interest and want to get involved there's more than enough opportunity.

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
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Steel yourself. The alarming fact is: not everyone is into alternative music. And for many of us, the Macarena and Emjay doesn't quite cut it either.

So for those marginalized few, we donned our Adidas, hooked the chain from our wallets to our belt loops, and set off in search of some great club nights in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Club Abstract

Alien Airwaves (Thursday nights)
667 King St. West

It didn't take us too long to realize that techno is the dj's second lan-

guage. There was very little beat-matching, and no scratching in the sets. When the dj did try to get wild with the crossfader, it didn't quite work out. The sets were eclectic, ranging from Robert Miles to Skinny Puppy and the Chemical Brothers. If you are looking to hear cutting edge deep house or solid dance floor jungle, you will be disappointed.

Not to be completely down on Abstract, however.

In a recent renovation, they expanded their lounge, and stuck in about \$1000 worth of lava lamps, and other psychedelia.

A massive screen by the dance floor plays animation supplied by

Generation X.

Metropolis

Expression Thursdays (Thursday nights) 125 King St West

Metropolis has all the standard fixin's: pool tables, couches (granted they are pretty ratty) and arcade games. But what makes this club stand out is Resident dj Yonnex. He has teamed up with locals such as Mike Shannon for parties held at Metropolis and other clubs. While the play list doesn't vary too much, Yonnex makes up for it by scratching it up, tweaking his mixer, and mixing a coherent, logical set. Yonnex has been joined by ex-rezzie Iron Mike, Stickman Record's Terry

Kelly and Dedy Hedley.

Sets are great, covering the club-bier house, to the deep stuff, and reaching back to the early '90's on occasion. After last call (the lights rarely go on before 3:30 a.m.), the music gets harder, moving from house to techno and trance.

The regulars at Metropolis are there because they really love the music, and it shows in a wicked synergy between dj and dancers. People are friendly, just try to get away from the bar or out of the wash-room without being brought into a conversation. Metropolis gets a high score on all counts.

The Beat

(Friday nights)
44 Queen Street South

The tendency at the Beat is

towards private parties rather than club nights. However, if you are really into this sort of thing, you won't have trouble finding out what is going on.

The last time we were at the Beat, the Enchanted Forest was throwing a party. Cover was \$3 for those with ID, and \$5 for those without. Plastic sheeting had been taped up between the dance floor and the tables, and again as a separator between the pool tables and the rest of the bar. As a result it was steamy and sweltering, but none of us complained.

The dj was spinning techno when we arrived, and the set slowly progressed into harder trance and hardcore.

When the jungle dj came on around 1:30 a.m., the dance floor was packed, and energy levels went through the roof. All of the djs we

heard were great, but the guy spinning jungle had playing the crowd down to a science.

The set started with a mix of "No Diggity," and included popular tracks like "Six Million Ways" and that "I'm a Junglist" track. He finished off with a different mix of "No Diggity" that had the dancers stomping for all they were worth.

The Beat lacks the polish of Abstract (or even Metropolis), but

like Metropolis, that slight deficiency is overcome by the great vibe (best in town) and great music. Topped off by water for \$1.50, and cover under \$5, this was the best, cheapest night on the town we'd had since March.

With three party promoters, dozens of venues happy to put up partiers, and great clubs, Kitchener and Waterloo are pretty happenin' towns. Headz new to the area will be happy to put that \$16 bus fare to Toronto back in their wallets, and join us in the after hours not an hours' walk from campus.

We donned our Adidas, hooked the chain from our wallets to our belt loops, and set off in search of some great club nights



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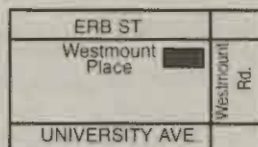
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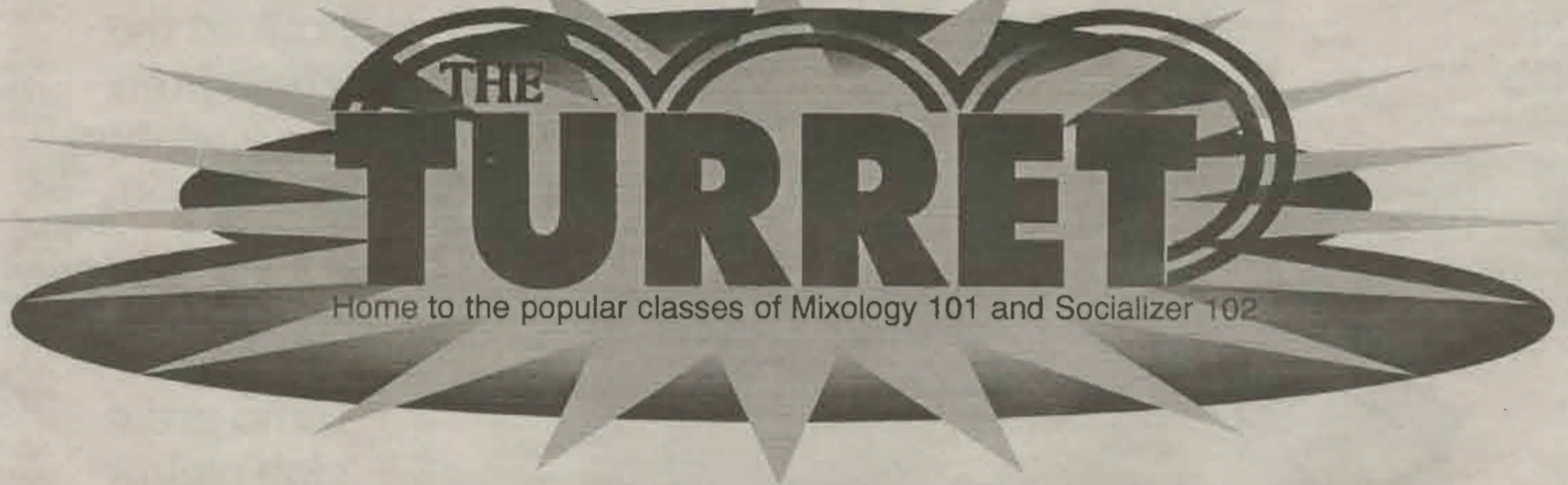
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