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The Terry Fox Run celebrates the 25th Anniversary of Hope

"If you've given a dollar, you are part of the *Marathon of Hope* ." – Terry Fox

Diana Coletto/ Argus

This past Sunday, Canada saw hundreds of thousands of supporters come out to participate in the annual Terry Fox Run. Over twelve thousand people ran the 13 kilometre stretch over the Confederation Bridge that connects New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The event is non competitive and aims to raise money and awareness for cancer. Over $360 million has been raised for cancer research in Terry's name since 1980.

The money that has been raised has prompted many scientific discoveries: treatment's to save a child's eye, research on oncolytic viruses (now a main focus for the Terry Fox Foundation), and many other areas that may have not had the opportunity for research.

When Terry Fox, at the young age of 22, began his *Marathon of Hope* in 1980, he ran 42 kilometres daily for 143 days until his cancer consumed him and he was unable to go beyond Thunder Bay.

This year, Thunder Bay held the activities at local high school, St. Ignatius. The run was a successful event and participants enjoyed running, walking, rollerblading or bicycling along the 5km or 10km course.

Lakehead University's own Residence Life supported the event by having a shuttle bus to and from campus in hope of encouraging students to come out.

James Pilkington, a 3rd year outdoor rec/natural science student, believes the event is worth while: "It's an amazing cause and compared to what Terry did, it is the least we can do." Tracy Allie, a 2nd year con ed/ sociology student ran the 10km course stating, "It's a good way to get in shape and support cancer research."

The event was ran by the Lakehead Rotary Club, and Don Morrison (organizer), felt the event was successful in all aspects. Even within the first hours of the morning, 747 participants had raised over $2300 for cancer research. Morrison already states the numbers are "double then last year."

A great thank you goes to all who came out to participate and donate. As well, if you would like to make a donation to the Terry Fox foundation, please go to www.terryfoxrun.org for more information.

What a To-Do!

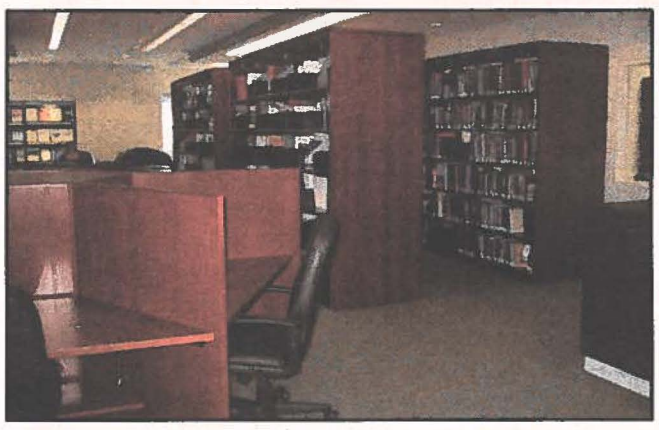
NOSM declared officially open by Premier McGuinty

Amy Hadley/Argus

They had balloons, they had big names and they had over 30 speakers, including Premier McGuinty. At the Grand Opening of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine they pulled out all the stops, and ran overtime for what is being called a historic event for Northern Ontario, and Lakehead University. Making extensive use of technology to integrate Northern communities, last Tuesday's big event was all about connections and community.

The ceremony linked participants at Laurentian and Lakehead Universities by videoconference. Guests at Laurentian included Premier McGuinty and His Excellency John Ralston Saul. Elijah Harper and Minister of State (Public Health) the Honourable Dr. Carolyn Bennett were among the guests at Lakehead. Minister of Health George Smitherman was also scheduled to attend but was unable to make it to the event. Ontario Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman and Canada's Commissioner of Official Languages Dr. Dyane Adam were not at either of the campuses but joined by videoconference. Also participating through videoconference were more than ten Northern communities that will be involved with the NOSM.

When asked to reflect on the significance of the event Vice Dean Dr. Dan Hunt referenced a comment made by Bartleman: "[Bartleman] captured what this was about - [in his speech] he acknowledged the tensions resulting from the majority of people being in the South and setting policies that might not be relevant to the North." Dr. Hunt says that the opening of the new school signals that there are valuable resources in the North.



The opening ceremony lasted about two hours and afterwards organizers and participants seemed exhausted, but proud of the achievement that the ceremony symbolized. "This is the kind of event that needs to be done," stated Dr. Hunt, "but as a teacher I just want to get down to business." He calls the 56 Charter students, who have begun their studies already, "amazing."

Tours of the school were open to the community in the afternoon, where classrooms already showed signs of use. The school is equipped with clinics for practical study, a library that will be open to the public, a room designed to accommodate Aboriginal smudging ceremonies and a student lounge. The third floor of the West (Lakehead) Campus is not completed yet, but it is not behind schedule. That floor is for offices and was not scheduled for completion until the end of the calendar year.

The East campus is not completed either, but at Laurentian they are a bit behind schedule. Dr. Hunt explained that while the Lakehead building was built from the bottom up, at Laurentian they did the opposite, so while the offices are completed, the classrooms are not.

There are still some technology problems that need to be worked out. Faculty are also learning to teach medical students, and in a new environment. After the Grand Opening, which a committee for major events had been planning for a year, Dr. Hunt says that he is looking forward to a breathing spell during which they can settle in.

The charter class began on September 6. There are 24 students in Thunder Bay and 32 in Sudbury. The NOSM is intended to aid the doctor shortage in Northern Ontario, based on the idea that doctors who are trained here will be likely to practice here. McGuinty touched on this in his speech: "the north needs you," he told the students, "I am urging you to consider a career right here in the North."

LUSU's Community Garden

Ashliegh Gehl / LUSU Community Garden Coordinator

For most students, the end of April means two things: tying the ends of loose strings in Thunder Bay and stepping out of the University bubble only to enjoy the comforts of a fruitful summer job. Consequently, very few students enjoy what Lakehead has to offer in the spring and summer months.

One of the wonderful programs that the Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU) offers is an organic community garden. This garden has been around for two years and has a number of accomplishments under its belt. As anyone knows, accomplishments are usually accompanied by set backs. One of the many accomplishments this year was the creation of a three bin composting system. This project was started in the garden's first year and was finally completed this year. The idea behind this system is to generate enough compost to maintain soil quality but also give students a place to compost. Another addition to the garden was the creation of a pumpkin patch. This project was not as successful as expected but there will be pumpkins ready to harvest when the time comes. Another delicious addition to the garden was the numerous tomato plants that were donated from Cattails community garden. Due to their kindness, volunteers have been enjoying the sensational taste of cherry tomatoes for the past couple of weeks. Aside from tomatoes, there are a number of carrots, radishes, squash, lettuce, and other leafy things sharing the garden space.

As mentioned above, the garden experienced a major set back. This year's set back was the invasion of our beloved, four legged mammal- the deer. These garden thieves pirated 70% of the garden's goodies. Various methods have been implemented in order to salvage what is left of the garden, but these deer seem to be one step ahead of the game.



MMMM . . . carrots from your own community garden

On Saturday, September 24th at 10am, there will be a building party for the garden. The coordinator will be there all day long, so feel free to come whenever you can, any kind of help is appreciated. One of the goals established in the garden's first year of existence was to expand the garden. At this building party we will be making new garden beds, creating educational signs and putting patches on whatever else needs to be mended. If you are interested in helping out, head down to LUSU to sign up or e-mail the coordinator at amgehl@lakeheadu.ca. Keep an eye out for posters regarding future garden fundraising projects. As the gardening season is coming to an end I would like to acknowledge those who have made this gardening project flourish. A big thank you goes out to the volunteers who helped get the garden started (Shar Hanson); those who donated the vegetables (Cattails, the Dilley's and JoAnne Henderson), the seeds and the organic gardening magazines.

I would like to applaud the team that helped deliver the new shed … in one piece. A big thank you to Jeff Moore for his teachings and patience, Dr. Dilley and his family for lending us supplies when we needed them, Dr. Zaniewski for testing our soils and last but not least, Robert Martins and Ms. Jodi for their continuous support, hard labour and passion for gardening.

I would also like to thank LUSU for having such a wonderful program that allows students to appreciate the finer things life provides. There is so much beauty in turning soil, sowing the smallest of seeds, watching with amazement all that blooms, and leaving the land with dirt stained hands. Thank you.

Pointing fingers

Bush takes some blame for delayed relief efforts after Katrina



Bush comforts victims of hurricane Katrina

Dale Edmunds

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, US citizens are looking for someone to blame. Drastic drops in support for President Bush show where much of the blame is being placed. This is largely due to the fact that he did not leave the vacation he was taking on his Texas ranch for several days, and did not visit the affected area for nearly a week, causing critics to ponder the reasons why a more decisive and effective approach was not taken with the relief effort.

To combat this negative image, President Bush has taken action. The director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was first moved out of the region, and then resigned. This after it was discovered that his only prior experience was overseeing horse shows, and that he had no actual experience or training with disaster relief. President Bush has assigned Dick Cheney to remove bureaucratic barriers to the relief effort, as well as to be a compassionate and human face for the people of New Orleans to identify with. Finally, the president stated that he accepts some of the responsibility; however most of the blame "rests on state and local authorities."

One criticism that has been strengthened, rather than addressed in the past days is that of President Bush's disconnect with the underprivileged and people of ethnic minorities. According to a survey conducted by CNN, 60 percent of ethnic minorities in the United States believe that the slow and ineffective response to the disaster was racially motivated compared to only 10 percent of Caucasians.

This gap has been exacerbated by both critics and supporters of the President. Michael Moore stated that the reason for the loss of human life was not due to nature at all, but human error caused by "cultural and social prejudice."

Barbara Bush, the President's mother, has been quoted as stating: "What I'm hearing which is sort of scary, is they all want to stay in Texas. And so many of the people in the area here, you know, were underprivileged." These comments have served to create a sense of unease and discontent among the US populous, which is being expressed through poll numbers as low as 45 percent, an all time low for the President.

No matter what rhetorical orators are exchanging, with over 160 000 homes damaged beyond repair, and thousands dead, the polls indicate that voters are unhappy, and that could be reflected at the ballot box.

Students set up website to sell your used books

Jake Satten

Books, it seems, are a hot commodity, especially when they are required for specific university courses. The price of books, when compounded with the escalating cost of tuition is enough to make any student consider stealing, or worse yet, taking out a loan. There are however, alternatives to purchasing full-price books for classes at Lakehead University. This year, an online used book trading store has been launched by three enterprising young students, two of whom are from York University and the other from Ryerson. The store can be found at www.booksforschool.ca. One of the creators, Lawson Hennick, from York, described the venture- "It's a free Canada-wide online resource for university and college students to use for the purposes of buying and selling their textbooks with one another. We have integrated social networking into the textbook transaction process which allows for students to not only save on textbooks, but to meet other students across Canada in similar academic programs and build a network of trust."

While the site does not charge any commission and is 100% free for students, there are advertisements on the site which presently account for marginal profit making.

The creators of the site also took into account the various other resources available for students to trade their used books. In regards to most used book stores that exist on campuses however, Hennick stated: "Many campus bookstores will buy-back penny pinching student's textbooks at prices far below what would be considered fair. These devalued buy-back offers tend to be less than 50% of the original price. Moreover, these same books would then be marked up by the bookstore and sold for even higher cost to buyers." Obviously Hennick feels booksforschool.ca is a much better alternative to used book stores.



Never mind gas pumps. Are you being gauged at the bookstore?

Lakehead, of course, has both its own bookstore – which, it should be noted, funnels profits back to students in the form of scholarships and burseries – and a used bookstore, the latter being very similar to Hennick's online option. LUSU president Adam Krupper noted that students set their own prices at the used bookstore and receive a large percentage of the sale back. Furthermore, the used bookstore is a "visible and viable service for students and run by students… It's great, it really helps students." Krupper also noted that the used bookstore is advantageous to the Lakehead community as it creates jobs at the school for students. When asked about the new online bookstore, Krupper communicated no qualms. He believes the online bookstore is yet another way for students to make their lives easier. "If something can't be sold through the used bookstore, it's good that there's something else out there for students."

Hennick also had praise for the type of used bookstore which LUSU employs, and even stated willingness to work together with LUSU and other university student unions across the country. "Now that we have proved to Canada that this system works, we'd like to approach local student unions about partnering up with booksforschool.ca to expand their markets. We hope to begin talking to them sometime next year. Although, if any student union is reading this, feel free to email us through the website. We support our student unions and their commitment to lowering tuition fees and textbook costs. We'll do whatever we can to help out."

LU Native Student Association

"Dignity, respect and equal opportunity"

Aaron Genereux



The Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA) is a student representation of the Aboriginal population in the University. Founded many moons ago, the organization has worked hard to bring sports nights, potlucks, dinners, socials, an annual powwow, and many other fun events to the students at Lakehead University for the last several years.

LUNSA will be made up of eight council positions which include:

- President,
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Finance Administrator
- Liaison Facilitator
- Special Events Coordinator
- Cultural Coordinator
- Athletics Coordinator
- Public Relations Coordinator

This year, LUNSA is calling upon all interested people within the student body to step forward and get involved. Last year was awesome, but with your help, this year is going to be phenomenal. If you are a student with Aboriginal interests, have great ideas and suggestions or even just the will to work for the better good of your fellow students, you should seriously consider joining this remarkable team.

LUNSA is always looking for new and fresh ideas. We have several new events and activities on the drawing board for the 05/06 school year, but if there's something that you would like to see happen at LU, there is no better method for turning that idea into an accomplishment than by joining either the LUNSA executive committee, or becoming a volunteer.

We are looking for students from all national and ethnic backgrounds, far and wide, to participate and put forth ideas for upcoming social and cultural events such as our Annual Pow Wow held in March. If you feel that you possess the leadership qualities that would be an asset to this team, formal nominations for positions within LUNSA will be available.

We will be hosting an open meeting to provide you, the students, with more information. This meeting will be held this Wednesday, September 21 at 4pm in the Aboriginal Student Lounge, Room SC0004B. Elections will be taking place in the coming weeks; this and other items will be discussed this Wednesday.

If you want to obtain regular updates about upcoming LUNSA events or elections, please email us at lunsa@lakeheadu.ca, and we will add you to our email list. You can also drop by our LUNSA office located at SC0004A, call 343-7713, or visit our website at http:llbolt.lakeheadu.ca/~lunsa /if you require more information.

Please feel free to stop by the meeting and meet your fellow peers and future committee members. Good luck with the studies.

Maybe the bear is interested in life-long learning!

Numerous bear sightings on campus

Jake Satten / Argus

There is a bear wreaking psychological terror around campus, and as of print-date, he remains at large.

According to Lakehead University's official Communication's report, released Monday, September 12th: "A black bear has been sighted frequently on campus over the past several days. This bear does not seem to be disturbed with people being around. It has been sighted around the Fieldhouse, Lake Tamblyn, Residence area, and by the Avila Centre."



He's probably not after picnic baskets . . .but you never know

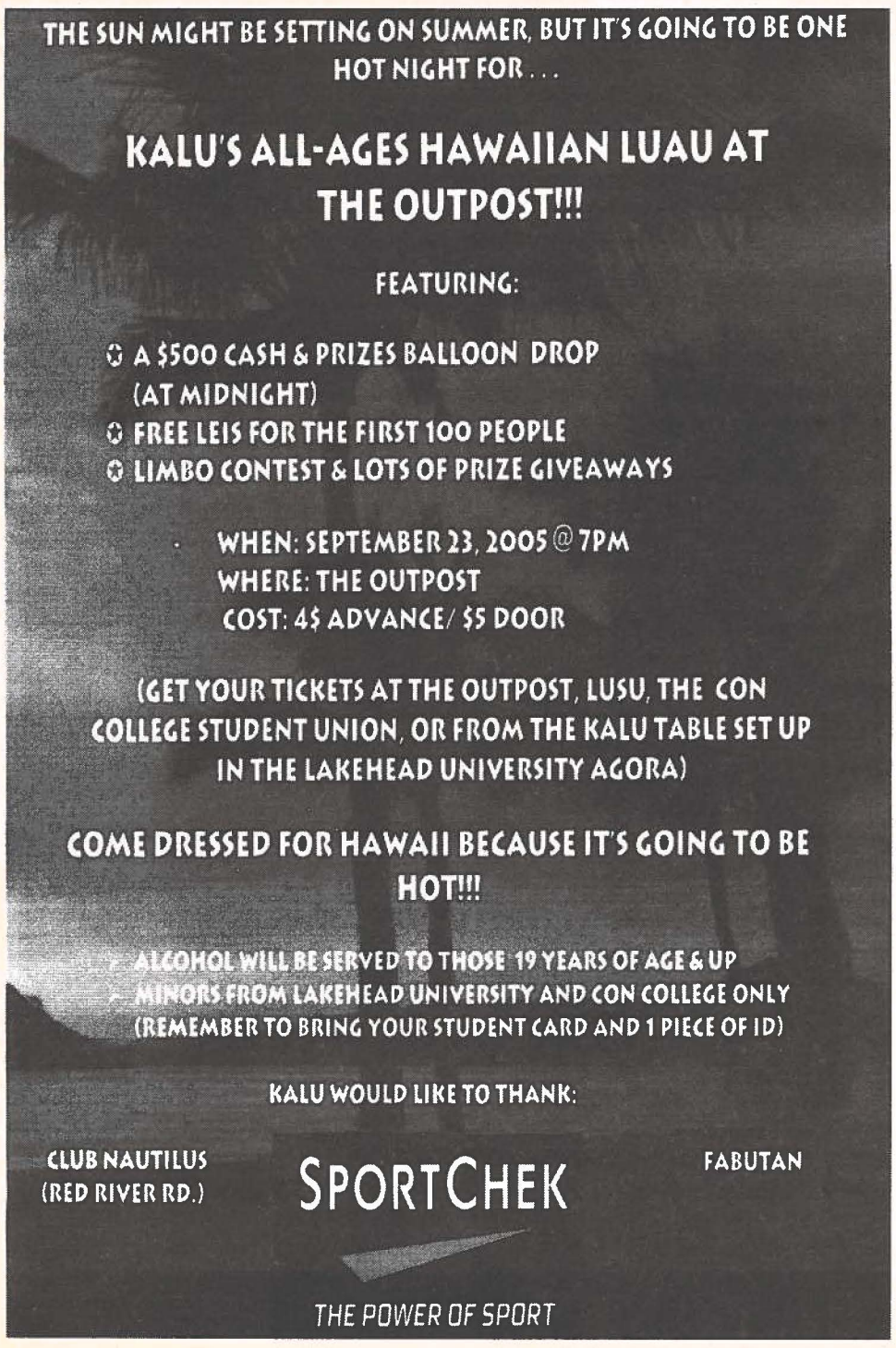
The bear seems at ease around people. Some students are wondering why the bear wandered onto campus in the first place. One third-year forestry student commented that, "bears are not hostile creatures. They don't go around eating people. I'm not saying that if I saw a bear, I would run up to it and ask for a bear-back ride or anything, but really, I'm not too worried about seeing one. It would be kind of cool, especially if I actually got a ride!"

Many students however, hope that the bear is promptly caught. One female student pointed out that last year women did not feel safe when walking alone around campus because of a different kind of predator. While she was pleased that no problems regarding sexual predators have arisen this year, she maintained that even now, "the university campus seems scary at night. It would be nice if this bear was removed from around campus."

One engineering student was far less terrified of the bear, and truly baffled at authorities' inability to trap it. Mike Satten stated, "give me a gun, and I'll go kill that bear."

Fortunately, for animal lovers, there are no plans to kill the bear. A bear trap was set up on Tuesday, September 13th, in an effort to catch the bear without hurting it.

It has been requested that all bear sightings be reported to Security at 343-8569, or call the sighting in by using the blue emergency telephones. Students are urged to be cautious while traveling on campus.

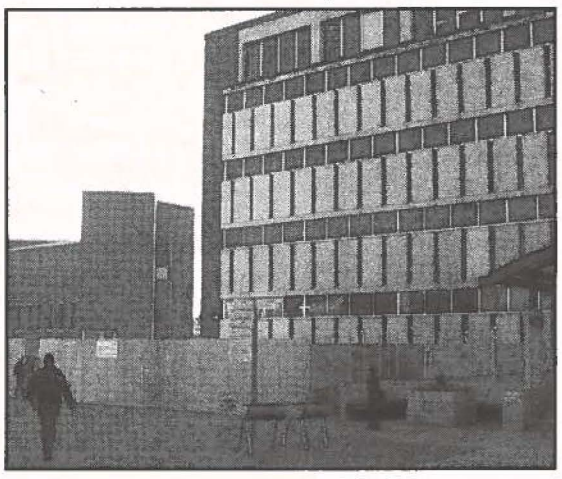


Raindrops keep falling on my head? Not for long.

University tunnels finally seeing repairs

Amy Hadley/ Argus

Granted, it is better than walking outside, but complaining about the state of the tunnel system is a Lakehead tradition. The pools of water that collect after a heavy rainfall remind campus travelers of the much lamented deferred maintenance on campus. But leaky tunnels could be a thing of the past following repairs that are currently underway.



It's not a toy, people: stairs between the Library and Ryan buildings are blocked off for tunnel repairs

An area between the library and the Ryan building has been blocked off so that the concrete slab of the tunnel can be replaced. New waterproofing and insulation will go below the slab. "Hopefully this will address some of the water issues," stated Kevin Schlyter, project coordinator within the university physical plant. He adds that while they know that the concrete overhanging is rotting due to water damage, "until we open it up we don't know what we're dealing with."

Leaky tunnels have been a Lakehead feature for years. When asked why the problem has been present for so long without being fixed, Schlyter simply stated: "There are a lot of demands on money for maintenance. Often other, more pressing issues, take priority."

Repairs should take between two and three weeks depending on the weather. For the duration of this period the outdoor stairs between the Library and the Ryan building will be closed. The tunnels will remain open, or students can access the main campus area from the parking lot by taking the path between the ATAC and the Ryan building.

In the mean time, the wooden structure blocking the area undergoing repairs is a conspicuous addition to the campus. If last Thursday is any indication, it will become a popular target for pub-night antics.

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Getting to know you

Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities comes to call

Amy Hadley and Jake Satten/ Argus

Meet the Administration:

It was a series of lightning fast visits, but the honourable Chris Bentley managed to cover quite a few bases while visiting the University last Monday. Included in his busy schedule were Dr. Fred Gilbert, Chairs and Presidents of Northern Colleges, LUSU executive, student leaders at Confederation College, the Aboriginal Support Center, and the Young Liberals of Lakehead University. The MPP from London West has not been on the job long; he was appointed to his ministerial position in June 2005. As a new minister, he came to Lakehead to listen to concerns about educational issues and funding and to learn about Lakehead and what the school has to offer.

Director of Institutional Analysis and Government Relations, Kerrie-Lee Clarke, states that the introduction of Bentley to LU was an opportunity to tell him a "good news story" about the successes and potential of LU. The visit was timely considering that Bentley was here just two days before the much anticipated Grand Opening of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine- a landmark event for Lakehead.

"Politicians don't get here very often," she says. "This was a chance to show that we're a strong university." She points to Lakehead's potential for research and graduate studies: "we want to continue to develop this way, but we need funding." Over the next few years the Ontario government will be distributing 6.2 billion dollars for Ontario colleges and universities.

Liberals at Lakehead hold Roundtable Discussion:

The Lakehead University Young Liberals (LUYL) participated in a brief roundtable discussion with Bentley, in which there was opportunity for dialogue pertaining to the ways the allocated money might be spent. One participant suggested that programs at Universities which are specifically relevant to their surrounding areas should receive special attention. For instance, the new Medical School at Lakehead will play a vital role in the stability of communities in Northern Ontario. "There's no doubt that colleges and universities are huge economic drivers," agreed Bentley, "therefore, in Northwestern Ontario we must ensure there are programs at Lakehead that are relevant to the area." Also discussed was the need for an increased and diversified Grad Program at Lakehead.



Minster Bentley poses with the Young Liberals of Lakehead during his visit last monday

The Talk in the Tunnel:

LUSU president Adam Krupper felt that the visit with the minister went well. Krupper approached the minister's assistant at a meeting of the Ontario division of the Canadian Federation of Students in August and requested that the minister speaki to LUSU should he be visiting Lakehead. Bentley met with Krupper and VP Finance Chad O'Halloran.

Krupper was disappointed in the minister's response to concerns that reduced funding for tuition fees will hurt Northern Ontario students more than Southern students because of lower wages in the North. The government is reluctant to continue its current funding of tuition fees. After, as Krupper put it, they, "beat that one to death." The meeting took a turn for the better when LUSU expressed their disapproval of Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plans. LUSU is concerned that students are unaware of good options for loan repayment. Krupper stated that when someone from the government comes to the school every year to explain how to apply for loans, they "help students get into debt, [but] at the end of the year [the government] is never there to help them out of debt." Krupper says that the minister expressed positive interest in LUSU's suggestions, which would be very easy to implement.

Next on the LUSU meeting agenda was the issue of legal rights for student unions. Krupper says that student unions are incorporated bodies that can be pushed around by administrations. He points to incidents at Ryerson and York where student space is being co-opted and he adds that here at LU the Outpost is constantly under threat of being shut down. Krupper argues that administration does not fully respect student union leaders as elected representatives. The minister called rights for student unions one of their top three priorities.

LUSU also raised concerns about northern funding and the Orillia campus with the minister. The discussion was cut short because of the minister's tight schedule. Krupper says that he will write a follow up report for the minister.

Aboriginal Issues Addressed:

Bentley also initiated a meeting with Spencer Rowe and several aboriginal students at The Aboriginal Cultural Support Services on campus. Rowe, the director of the centre, seemed both surprised and impressed that Bentley "wanted to talk with aboriginal students," noting, "it's not often politicians actually reach out to aboriginal centres."

Bentley asked how the 'new money' might be used to assist aboriginals at universities. One student suggested improving certain curriculums at Lakehead to increase aboriginal awareness of specific issues regarding native-Canadians.

Rowe felt that extra funding to the Native Access Program, which reaches out to aboriginals .attending school away from remote reserves for the first time, would be extremely beneficial. "The program focuses on not only academic aspects of school, but on Body, Mind, and Spirit… to which most students respond very well."

LU receives FedNor support

Over $400, 000 will go to research and technology initiatives

Amy Hadley/ Argus

Lakehead University will receive FedNor (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northwestern and rural Ontario) support to the tune of $ 429, 655 for projects that will enhance research and technology capabilities at the school.

FedNor provides funding for community projects with the aim of improving the social and economic conditions in the North. The funding that was announced by MP Joe Comuzzi last week will be divided between four projects. $150, 000 will fuel the planning and design of a new research building. $141, 000 will support research into development of electrodes used in the production of metals. Equipment to improve LU's toxicology testing services will be acquired using $111, 155 of the total. The remaining $27, 500 will fund the employment of a youth intern for a new Materials Science and Biotechnology research center.

President of Lakehead University Dr. Fred Gilbert stated that these initiatives hold potential not only to develop research capabilities, but to be "both useful to regional industry and likely to create new, commercially valuable products and processes as well as long-term employment." Hopes are that the new building will help to attract faculty. The research could be valuable for Ontario mining and smelting operations.

Registration deadline approaching for Celebration Weekend

Jennifer Cudmore

The weekend of September 29th through October 2nd will see the campus flooded with alumni and visitors from around Thunder Bay and North America to help celebrate Lakehead's 40th Anniversary. While there are many events occurring year round, this weekend will mark the main celebration. There are events ranging from Alumni Golf Day, Zanatta Games, Pub Night, Athletics Wall of Fame Induction, Kick-Off BBQ, Family Breakfast and much more. Many events are free and all students are encouraged to attend.

"We're very excited about this Celebration Weekend, and we hope to see everyone come out to the events," says Heather Ives, Alumni Officer and the 40th Anniversary coordinator. "There truly is something for everyone – whether it's taking part in some of our free events like the campfire, canoe rides, and campus tours, or joining in some of the larger main events like the 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner & Dance- World on a Plate. Everyone is welcome."

The registration deadline for all events has been extended to Friday, September 23rd. Registration is a must for all events, as Ives explains that it is important to register for all events, so that enough staff is on hand. A registration package is handed out to all those who sign-up.

Students are also welcomed to volunteer as there are many positions still open. "We are looking for people to be greeters, work at the registration table and to take digital photos of the weekend," says Ives.

Anyone wishing to attend any of the events or looking to volunteer are encouraged to call Heather Ives at 346-7784 or email 40years@lakeheadu.ca. Complete event listings and registration details can be found at www.lakeheadualumni.ca/40years/.

Thursday, September 29th
Alumni Golf Day
40 Years Dinner
Career Day/Virtual Fair
Campfire

Friday, September 30th
Opening Ceremonies
Kick-Off BBQ
Faculty, Department, Student Club & Research Displays
Pub Night (must be over 19)

Saturday, October 1st
Family Breakfast
Alumni Association Information Session
ATAC Open House
Athletics Wall of Fame Induction
Voyageur Canoe Rides
Geocaching
Zanatta Games
World on a Plate Dinner and Dance

Sunday, October 2nd
Ecumenical Service
Farewell Brunch

Don't book that ad

Publisher's attempts to place ads in university textbooks are squashed by parent company's corporate policy

Amanda-Marie Quintino
The Eyeopener (Ryerson University)

TORONTO (CUP) -- McGraw-Hill Ryerson quietly called off plans to place advertisements in university textbooks because of a "minor oversight" in its company policy.

According to Tom Stanton, director of communications for McGraw-Hill Education, the Ryerson team in charge of the ad initiative was unaware of the policy conflict.

"We don't permit advertising in textbooks," said Stanton. "When it was discovered that [Ryerson] was initiating this project, we immediately retracted it because it was in opposition to McGraw-Hill's corporate policy to include ads in our textbooks."

McGraw-Hill Ryerson is the Canadian subsidiary of McGraw-Hill Ltd. and is not related to Ryerson University. Although the companies publish separate material, they share administrative policies. Not all employees were aware of this when proposing the textbook ad initiative.

When the initiative was launched, the company released a brochure in an attempt to receive support from potential advertisers.

"Reach a hard-to-get target group where they spend all their parents' money," the brochure read. "Do you really think 18 to 24-year-olds see those on-campus magazine ads? Do you really think they could miss an ad that is placed in a well-respected textbook?" read the pamphlet. But before advertisers had the opportunity to show interest, McGraw-Hill Ryerson pulled out the rule book and cancelled the plans.

Patrick Ferrier, president of higher education for McGraw-Hill Ryerson, said the initiative retraction was made some time in mid-June, shortly after it had been made public. He was unable to provide an exact date.

"The reality is that the Ryerson team just didn't know they were doing anything wrong," said Ferrier. "It still wasn't a fully developed plan at that point, so there was no harm done."

But according to Gary Ruskin, executive director of Commercial Alert, the fact that McGraw-Hill Ryerson was even making considerations to impose advertisements in the classroom is shameful. "Some places should be off-limits," said Ruskin, who works to rid the nation's schools of corporate marketers.

"Some things are too important to be for sale–that includes the classroom."

Lana Petros, a third-year business marketing student insists that there are specific places for advertising and the classroom is not one of them.

"I don't need to be exposed to commercialism in a place of learning," she said.

Business management professor Tarun Dewan is pleased with the initiative's cancellation.

"Putting ads in textbooks would cause a dilution of academic integrity," he said. "It's very important to keep commercial interests out of universities as much as possible. Textbooks should not contain propaganda."

According to Stanton, students and professors should not be concerned. McGraw-Hill Ryerson has no plans to change policy in order to accommodate textbook advertisements.

The MEH Report

Jake Satten and Tom Peotto

And the award for Least Favourite Canadian… Wait, this may give him one more thing to brag about.

Brian Mulroney has long been suspected of being the greatest asshole to ever become Prime Minister, and now a new book by former friend, Peter C. Newman is adding weight to this argument. *The Secret Mulroney Tapes* is a 400-page word-for-word account of Brian Mulroney's rants, raves, and political musings that Newman has held for decades.

Newman taped Mulroney in over 100 interviews over the span of many years. Some of these interviews took place while Mulroney was in office. To hear a P.M. speak like this is nothing less than astonishing - case in point, his advice to Kim Cambell, his successor as Prime Minister: "Keep Your Pecker up, Kim."

In the book, Mulroney also rags on Canadian political heavyweights, such as Pierre Elliot Trudeau, calling him a "coward and a weakling"; on Jean Chretien, who, according to Mulroney is a "mean, dirty, and stupid bastard;" and ironically (and unwittingly), on himself, noting that "you'd fail as a leader if you allowed vindictiveness to enter your judgement."

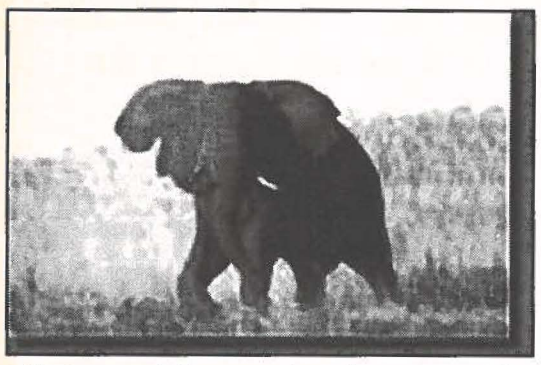
(JS)

How about that award going to Karla instead?

Karla Homolka, who by all accounts should be serving multiple life sentences, yet just finished an overly-merciful hot-tub and fling-filled 12 year sentence, is now seeking to reduce the restrictions placed on her parole. The restrictions, which Holmolka argues violate her constitutional rights, include reporting to police regularly, giving them notice if she is to leave Quebec, and avoiding contact with violent offenders.

Family members of Homolka's victims are expected to argue against the 'schoolgirl killer' in her upcoming court appearance. Likely, their argument will prevail.

(JS)



If she can't be roaming the savannah, apparently the next best thing is the latest in exercise equipment

Oh Maggie, how you've let your figure go! Treadmill shmeadmill, just eat Subway!

Idaho-based Conveyor Engineering has gone where no company has gone before… and created the first treadmill for elephants. Commissioned by the Alaska Zoo in Anchorage, AK for 4-tonne African elephant Maggie, whose last weigh-in showed her at over 400 kilograms overweight. The treadmill weighs 7,260 kg and is 6 metres long by 2.5 m wide.

Zoo director Tex Edwards is optimistic, stating that Maggie "seems to enjoy new challenges." Assistant director Pat Lampi points out that treadmills have been built for race horses and racing camels, "but never for an elephant."

At her August 2004 weigh-in, Maggie was about 455 kilograms overweight. Keepers have made changes to her diet and made her feeding more strenuous; to simulate the browsing and foraging which African elephants would do on the savannah, food is now hung from special structures in her paddock, which require her to reach and strain. Maggie has already lost about 410 kg thanks to these changes.

Says Mr. Edwards; "We think it is possible that a lot of elephants around the world will find more regular exercise a beneficial addition to their lives."

(TP)

If I die, you can have my face

Doctors at the Cleveland Clinic are planning to cross a medical frontier and perform the world's first face-transplant surgery.

Dr. Maria Siemienow, a 55-year-old surgeon trained at Polish medical schools and with thousands of surgeries under her belt over the past 30 years, has acquired the clinic's approval to attempt the procedure after successful experiments with animals. The procedure involves routine microsurgery: the donor tissue (ie. the face of a cadaver) would be connected to the transplantee with one or two pairs of veins and arteries on each side of the face, 20 nerve endings being stitched together to restore movement and feeling, and tiny sutures to the scalp, neck, eyes, nose, and mouth.

Critics point out that infections could turn the transplanted flesh charcoal-black and require replacement by skin grafts, or a second transplant. Drugs to prevent tissue-rejection by the transplantee would be necessary for the rest of their life, and raise the risk of kidney cancer. Yet the procedure would only be performed in cases of extreme disfigurement and to prevent painful and disfiguring skin grafts, says Dr. Siemienow. "I hope nobody will be frivolous or do things just for fame. We are almost over-cautious."

(TP)

Monthly Horoscopes - September

Meggi Chopra



Aries (Mar. 21--Apr. 19): Be careful of your words this month. You may offend someone close to you by making a sarcastic remark that upsets them deeply. If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Relationships in general are challenging for a brief period.



Taurus (Apr. 20--May 20): Like the Bull, you are stubborn in your ways. Learn to be open-minded. You may come across conflict but as long as you are willing to listen, you will resolve the issue in a quick and mature fashion.



Gemini (May 21--June 21): Your sex life will pick up during mid-month. Just be cautious over matters of the heart. If you know that you may get emotionally attached too soon, you might want to think twice before making any rash decisions.



Cancer (June 22--July 22): Watch your attitude. You may be in a bad mood for whatever reasons, but don't take them out on others. Doing so will create enemies lasting the entire school year.



Leo (July 23--Aug 22): You may bump into someone who has hurt you in the past. Be strong. Like the Lion, hold your pride and do not show them that they have affected you in any way. This will turn the tables and they will question their role in your life.



Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 23): Take some time to relax and rejuvenate. Curl up with a book, have a long bubble bath or cuddle on the couch with a special someone. You will find yourself refreshed and ready to face student life with ease.



Virgo (Aug. 23--Sep. 22): You and your partner have much to gain through communication this month. If you find that your relationship is on the downfall, try writing a letter or e-mailing your feelings and thoughts. You will find that your partner may feel the same way which will in turn, strengthen your relationship.



Scorpio (Oct. 24--Nov. 21): Your sex life is soaring. Enjoy it as it will not last long.



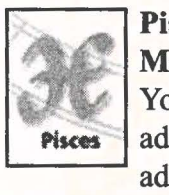
Sagittarius (Nov. 22--Dec. 21): You have reached an important turning point in your life. Do not be hasty in your decisions regarding finances and it will be smooth sailing for you.



Capricorn (Dec. 22--Jan. 19): You are a lot more influential than you give yourself credit for. People will listen to your ideas and perhaps follow them. Just be careful of what you wish for.



Aquarius (Jan. 20--Feb. 18): New romances are promising. You find that you connect with your new crush on many levels which strengthens your relationship. Just be yourself and enjoy this new companionship.



Pisces (Feb. 19--Mar. 20): You are admired and adored by those closest to you. Previous disappointments in romance are easier to accept and you are able to move on with dignity.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

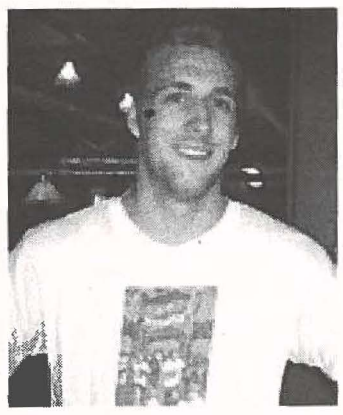
How many tankards does it take before you change your plans for tomorrow?



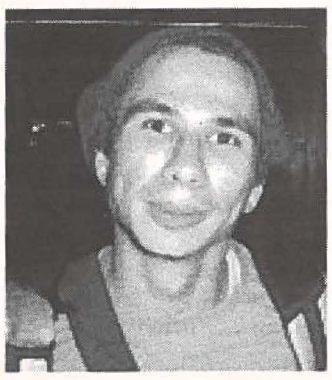
Remy, Elec. Eng: I'd say three. Three's a solid number.



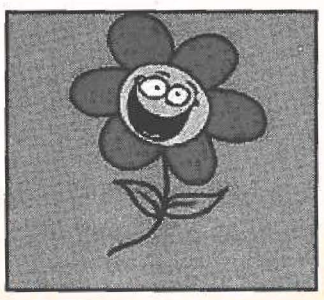
Monique, Education: It takes definitely three. If I get escorted out, I'm definitely not getting up by the late afternoon. Thank you, Tankard Tuesdays.



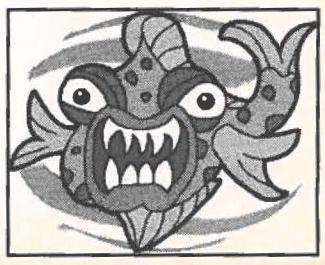
Devin, Mech. Eng: (Long pause) Two, if that. Find a girl... yeah, that sounds good.



Pete, Outdoor Rec: As a Rec'r I would say "a lot", because I'm aware of my obligations and have a 9:30 class that lets me sleep in until 8:30 or so. As a Rec student that is a very big sleep-in.



Flowers and Fishheads



Flowers to Pat for all her hard work at LUSU. Keep up the good work.

Fishheads to the girls who laughed.
--Mary

Flowers to the Bright Yellow Lines on the stairs in the Agora.
--Mary

Flowers to Sheri Skerget for coming in on her Friday to copy edit for the Argus.

Fishheads to the kids who, instead of walking around the construction, decided to climb the walls to get to the Outpost

Do you want to send a flower or a fishhead? E-mail them to argusfishheads@lakeheadu.ca



A word or two from the editor.



While most people don't realize it, the CBC, Canada's public broadcaster, is in the middle of a labour dispute, and by 'labour dispute' I mean that the management has locked the CBC workers out of their work environment, effectively making it look like they are on strike while also taking the power to end the labour dispute away from the workers.

As I said, most people probably don't realize that the CBC is on strike. I, however, do, as I am a geek and like listening to the CBC for all my information about the world. Most people probably don't realize what the labour dispute is about, or see how it connects to numerous other disputes that have occurred recently.

Basically, the CBC workers had been working without a contract for at least a year before they were locked out. While there were negotiations going on to try and establish a new contract, the sticking point was the management's attempts to threaten the survival of the union. Basically, the CBC management wanted to eliminate full-time positions and replace them with contractual workers. This would reduce the strength of the union and save money for the corporation. Sounds great from a management perspective, but look at that from the perspective of the workers. What does that mean? Basically, it means that workers would be paid less and would have less job security.

Does this all sound familiar? Because it should. Last spring, when the housekeeping staff went on strike, it wasn't over increased wages, it was because the university wanted to replace them with contract workers, albeit not all at once, but over time. This action would have reduced the effective strength of the union and caused the overall wages of workers to be drastically reduced. And in the end, the university won and any new worker can be hired on a contractual basis.

Now, say what you will about union corruption and lazy union workers, because I know people will; but in all the arguments about unions, there is the underlying fact that unions, if they are doing their job, play an important role in protecting workers (or whoever their members may be, because let's not forget that we are all part of a student union). When you are entering a contract, it is a lot easier to get a better deal if you have the entire weight of the workforce behind you, and it's not just one person negotiating with a major corporation. When full time workers are replaced by contract workers, wages are reduced and the amount of money available to the economy is also reduced.

When unions lose, all workers lose. And when workers lose, so does the vast majority of the population. Many people at the university probably come from a middle-class background, but this does not mean they are removed from union protection. We can't forget that unions protect the life-styles that we have come to take for granted.

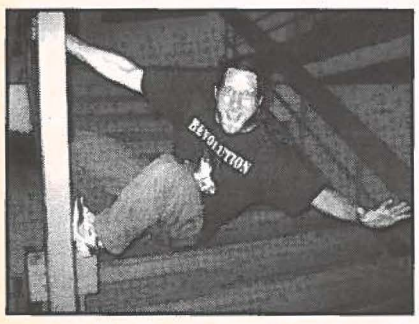
Thanks for your time,

Rob Rombouts

The LUSU President's Report

The Shrinking Sphere

Adam Krupper/ LUSU President



Where are we going? Good Lord! What a question.

Really though, where are we going as an institution? This is a fundamental question that needs to be asked. If you were to look at our campus development plan you'd see that as an institution, we are moving towards a lot more roads, privatized research, more and more parking lots, leasing part of our campus for a golf course, and a really big hockey rink.

This plan does not inspire me. It does not speak of a comprehensive plan to make this a better university. It does not speak to a vision of Lakehead as a learning institution; it does not build upon our past strengths as a student-centered institution; it does not create a better learning environment.

The focus of the university's development plan is utilitarian. It means giving up our campus to private for-profit interests. It means forever destroying our green spaces, those things (trees and alive stuff) that make this campus so remarkable and beautiful. It means moving the spotlight from northern community-based post-secondary educational programs to commercially-based directed-study programs and being a subsidized sports-centre.

It must be asked; what do we want in a campus and in a university?

Most people I talk to really realize that a campus is more than a collection of buildings; they realize that those buildings must address the question of living the campus experience. Buildings must serve the greater need of education, and its facilitation. That means making the buildings liveable, flexible, a place of experience and communication on many levels. They must foster warm interaction and a communication with what is beyond the walls.

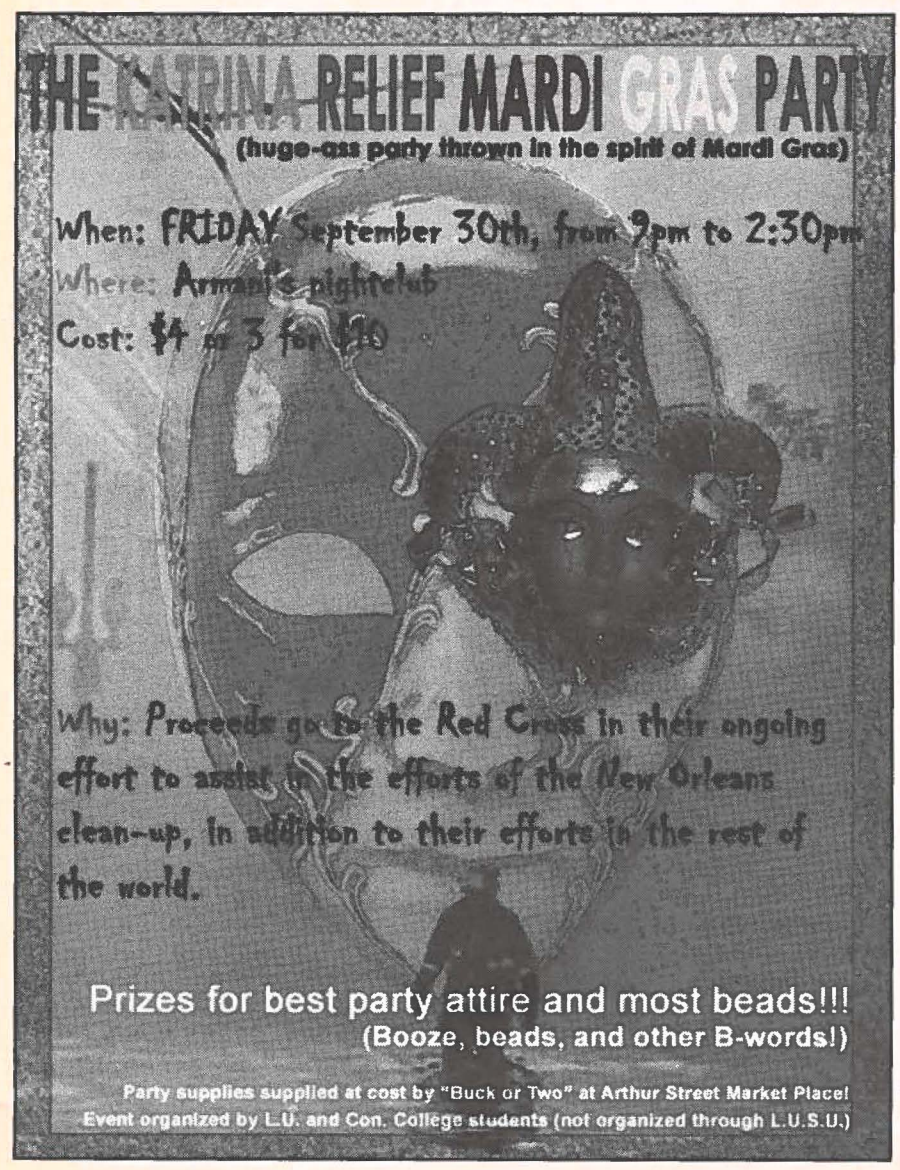
Green space is more than a few artificially planted trees and pesticide sprayed grass. Green space is open space; open is to be filled with possibility. Lake Tamblyn and everything that surrounds it is green space. Its uses are incredibly varied. It is a space of excitement, of chilin', congregation, studying, and canoeing! It is also a safe place. Our campus is remarkable because it has enclaves of green space.

The interaction of buildings and green space, how they are put together, their design, their relation to each other, and everything in-between is what creates the physical atmosphere of the campus. A clear, thoughtful, and insightful vision of a campus creates a place that helps its students feel nurtured and empowered.

I wish I could say that the current campus plan has a healthy vision, but I can't. It is a vision of expansion, of opportunistic growth that is more founded in personal ambition than in academic merit.

It is a vision that destroys our green space, sells our campus to the highest bidder, and desperately latches onto the newest trends. It does not offer a vision of Lakehead as a place that fosters new possibility for new students to create new boundaries in the world; it is a vision of a university that compartmentalizes 're-creational' activity, learning, and down-time. It makes Lakehead a place of specific business and sells off anything that does not fit into that boxed mentality.

Why have you never seen the campus development plan? Why don't you know how this place is being changed? Why has student input been limited to one vote at a time, in meetings that refuse to ask a fundament question; is this really what you want? Will these changes make this campus the best learning environment for the future generations of students? Are we creating an environment of possibility, or decided activity? Is this institution looking to the future, following trends, or worse, following personal ambitions?



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Your Argus guide to alterna

Tom Peotto / Argus

In 1956, American geophysicist M. King Hubbert presented a paper in which he predicted that continental U.S. oil production would peak sometime between 1965 and 1970, with world production peaking in 1995. U.S. oil production peaked in 1971, and it has been calculated that global production of 'conventional oil' peaked in early 2004. As every schoolchild knows, fossil fuels are finite resources which take millions of years to develop. Are the Peak Freaks right? Are we facing the end of oil?

Regardless of whether or not you subscribe to the Peak Oil theory, one thing is certain—gasoline has suddenly become damned expensive. Let me rephrase that: insanely expensive. While millions of drivers offer up their wallets in a manner similar to Jacob's trussing up of Isaac, let us examine the possible alternatives to gasoline-powered automobiles.

Natural gas

Not really willing to give up fossil fuels? Consider a natural-gas-powered-vehicle (or NGV). Throughout North America, the vast network of natural gas pipes in urban areas make this fuel readily abundant, and its cost is already cheaper than gasoline in the United States. The cleaner burning of natural gas and the thickness of the storage tanks in NGVs result in less wear and tear on the engine (which means less tune-ups) and reduced chance of fuel tank rupture.

But to accommodate those thick, sturdy fuel tanks, cargo and trunk space is sacrificed. And their driving range is approximately half that of a conventional gasoline-powered vehicle. So imagine this: you're driving home from the Superstore, groceries stacked up to your eyeballs, when your car splutters and dies. Unless you want to pull it to a natural-gas pump which may or may not exist in that neighbourhood, the NGV driver is SOL.

Not to mention that natural gas, as well, is predicted to run out within the next century.

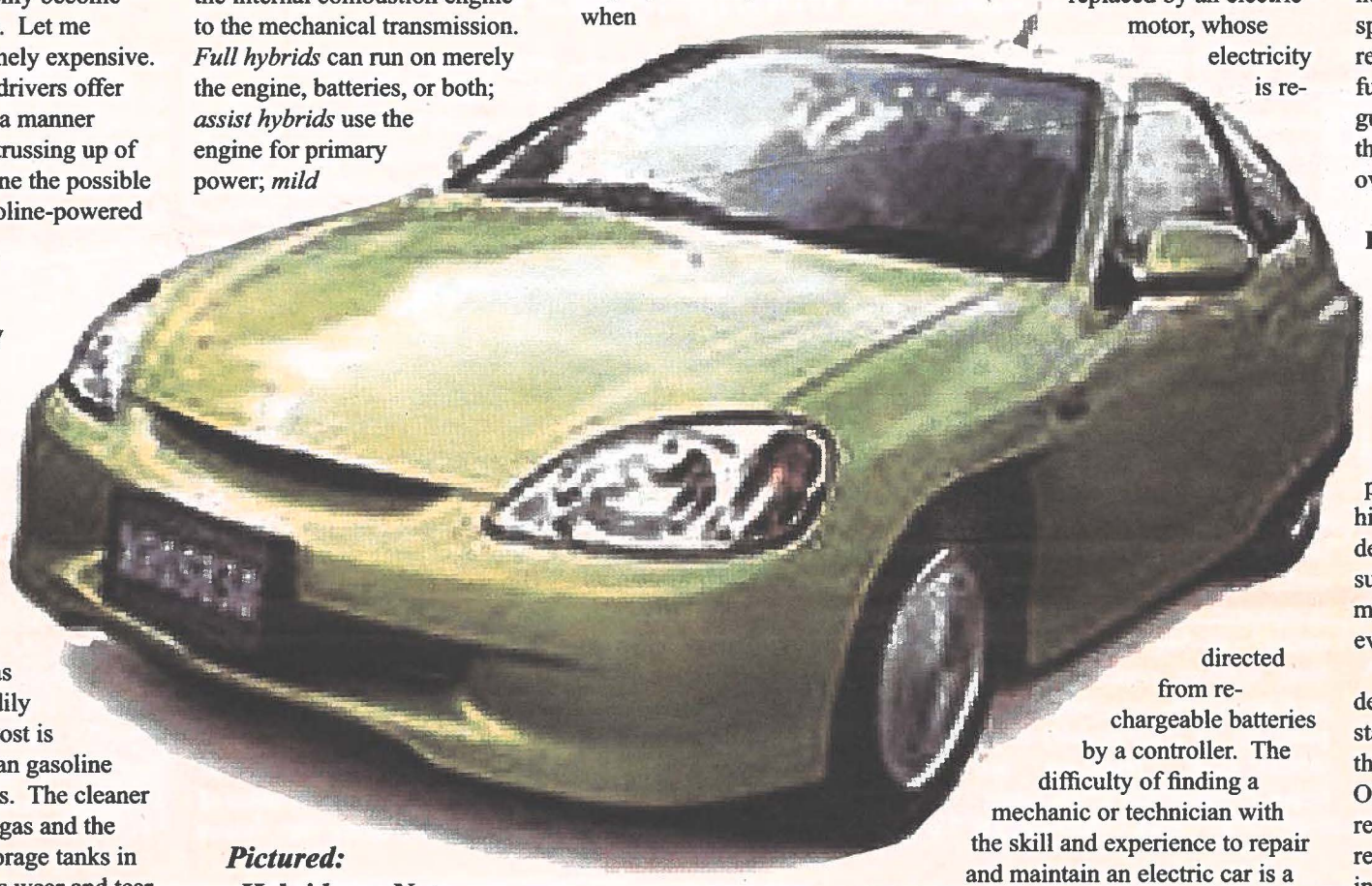
Hybrid cars

Calvin of *Calvin and Hobbes* once stated, "A good compromise leaves everybody mad." Does this pertain to the hybrid car? I don't know, and frankly I don't intend to do the research to find out. Seriously though, a hybrid car uses both electricity (often with batteries) and a conventional, gas-burning internal combustion engine. Several other machines use hybrid fuel, including trains, giant mining trucks, and buses with overhead wires (all diesel-electric vehicles). Many submarines were diesel-electric models, though more advanced subs are nuclear-powered. And let's not forget the lowly mo-ped.

As one of the older alterna-cars on the market, there are several models of hybrid car. A *Series* design uses its internal combustion engine to power an electrical generator, which powers the motor. A *parallel* design, the most common today, connects both the electrical generator and the internal combustion engine to the mechanical transmission. *Full hybrids* can run on merely the engine, batteries, or both; *assist hybrids* use the engine for primary power; *mild hybrids* are conventional cars with oversized starter motors; *plug-in hybrids* can run on merely electricity. Newer models in development incorporate *fuel cells* to store auxiliary energy.



The Smart car was voted "most likely to succeed" in its graduating class



Pictured: Hybrid car. Not pictured: Larry David

Of course, despite the many government incentives offered for hybrid cars in the United States and Canada, they are more complicated to maintain than conventional cars, and still slightly more expensive. But when their mileage and other factors are considered, these are one of the best alterna-cars out there… for now.

Electric cars

If hybrid gas-electric cars are all the rage, why not a purely-electric car? These are currently more popular in Europe than in North America, as technology limits their ability to perform the long commutes which our car culture is based around. Also, major American manufacturers claim the market for purely-electric cars is too small to justify mass marketing. However, this will probably change as the cost of gasoline becomes even more outrageous.

Electric cars operate in a vastly different manner from conventional ones. The engine is replaced by an electric motor, whose electricity is re-directed from re-chargeable batteries by a controller. The difficulty of finding a mechanic or technician with the skill and experience to repair and maintain an electric car is a major factor prohibiting their use at present.

The Smart Car

Is the name merely a British-Englishism for looking sharp and stylish ("My, what a smart-looking handkerchief") or a blatant appeal to the urban sophisticate who wants to appear as a member of an intellectual elite? Either way, the Smart Car is rapidly gaining in popularity.

The Smart Car is, yes, a conventional diesel-powered vehicle—but an incredibly efficient one. Weighing in at a mere 730 kilograms (as opposed to the 1,280 kg Toyota Echo) it also takes up a mere 2.5 metres of parking space, and has an advertised fuel rate of 4.2 litres per 100 km which owners confirm is fairly accurate. Currently, city councilors in Vancouver are considering parking-fee breaks to drivers of the Smart Car.

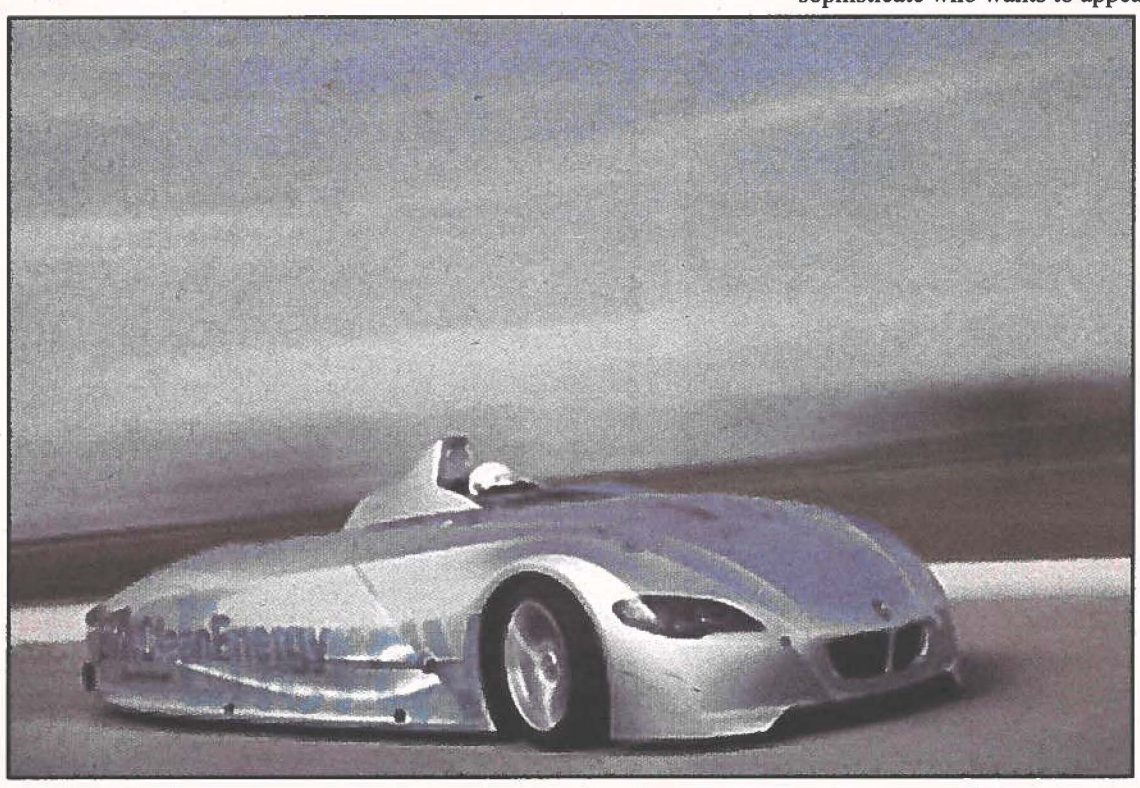
However, the Smart Car is not the be-all that ends all. With a mere 41 horsepower and two doors, it can't match the studly off-road power of a hulking pickup truck or the cargo space of a minivan. Furthermore, remember the guys who made fun of you in high school? Those guys all drive pickup trucks, and they'll all probably try to run you over.

Bio-fuel

Brilliant German inventor Rudolf Diesel (no relation to Vin), had predicted that his engine would run on vegetable oil, and at his demonstration at Paris' 1900 World Exhibition he used peanut oil. Henry Ford expected his Model-T to run on corn-derived ethanol. Nonetheless, supply, price and efficiency meant that diesel engines were eventually run on petroleum.

But within the past few decades bio-diesel has made a startling comeback. South of the border, events like the 1973 OPEC crisis and the Iranian revolution meant that serious research into bio-diesel began in the 1970s. Around the world, the environmentalism movement spurred the search for a clean, renewable resource. And what better source than agriculture?

Plant oils (such as rapeseed, canola, corn, soybeans, sunflower seeds, cotton seeds, palm, and peanuts) and animal fats can be transformed by chemical reactions into fuel. They can either be used directly, with slight modifications, or as an additive to petroleum-derived diesel. But it isn't all fun and games—bio-diesel can clog older diesel engines, produces more smog-forming nitrogen oxides, may decrease fuel economy and power, and has a hefty price tag.



And you thought hydrogen was a pipe dream. Well… you were right

Hydrogen power

Leading the way in hydrogen power, considered by many to be the 20th century's greatest pipe dream after "peace in our time," is none other than auto giant BMW. Their experimental racer H2R (Hydrogen Record Car) has already set nine speed records in its class. Instead of hydrogen fuel cells, the H2R is powered by liquid hydrogen fuel in an internal combustion engine. BMW also plans to produce the H7, a vehicle offering "world-class luxury

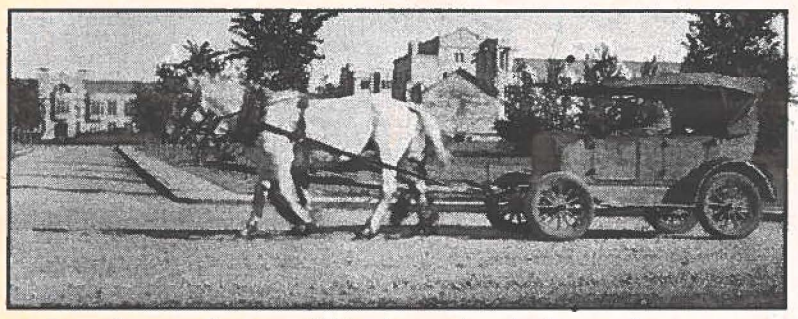
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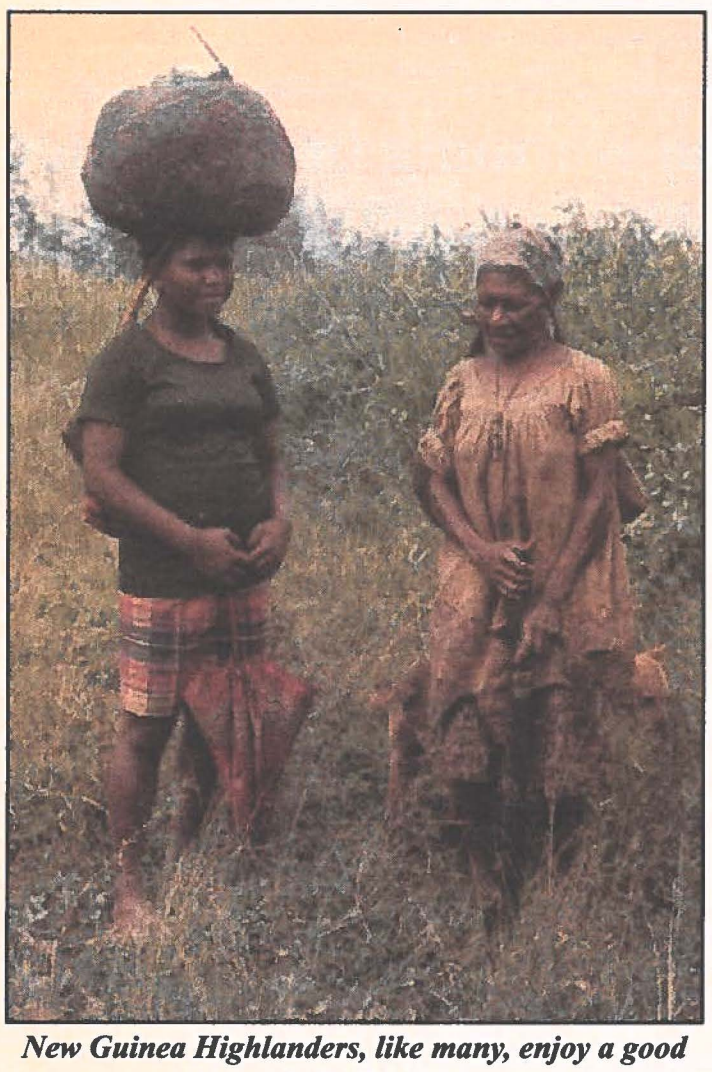
Fossil fuels don't really come from dinosaurs, but this was a nice picture



Fields of rapeseed, much like this one, create biodiesel



Laugh now, but you'll be investing in horseshoes soon enough



New Guinea Highlanders, like many, enjoy a good walk.

But how applicable is this to you, the driver? While liquid hydrogen is already used in rockets and spacecraft, and eyed (thanks to its lightness) for use in airplanes, the "hydrogen economy" has yet to prove it-self practicable. Since hydrogen does not occur naturally in its pure state, an initial input of energy is required to separate it from its surroundings. For further detail (since this stuff makes my eyes glaze over—which is why I never took chemistry in high school) check out en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hydrogen_economy.

and performance along with the clean-air benefits of hydrogen technology."

Public Transportation

So why bother with cars? You could always consider taking the bus, the subway, the monorail, the bullet train, or whatever other form of public transportation your city has to offer. Not only are they priced affordably, but (like carpools) they drastically reduce emissions of fossil fuels.

Of course, this hinges on the phrase "whatever your city has to offer." Not every city has a monorail or a subway. Indeed, many smallish cities' bus systems are infrequent to the point where walking saves more time (see Walking, below). In addition, public transportation has a stigma which, like most stereotypes, is based in truth. In the anonymous atmosphere of public transit, pick-pocketing, robbery, and assault are facilitated. In 1984, New Yorker Berhard "Bernie" Goetz, aka "the Subway Sentinel," made headlines around the world when he shot four youths attempting to rob him with sharpened screwdrivers. And carrying groceries on the bus? Fuggedaboutit!

Bicycling

What about cycling? It's much faster than walking, you don't have to worry about getting shanked, and it's good exercise. However, you run the risk of being clothes-lined by pedestrians if you bike on the sidewalk and being hit by cars if you bike on the road. Furthermore, a tethered bike, even one secured with a bike lock, is an invitation for theft, or merely the theft of your front wheel.

Walking

The walker gets to set his or her own pace, obtains the benefit of exercise (and a suntan), and… that's about it. If you really enjoy being outdoors and not having to wait for the bus, like I do, walking is a treat. Of course, not everybody enjoys being at the mercy of the elements or having to set aside hours of travel time a day.

Horses

Unless you live in the country, not a good idea. They're extremely expensive, need constant care, and get colicky at the drop of the hat. But as fuel prices skyrocket, the option of the Bennett Buggy—a car with its engine block removed and a horse attached to transform it into a wagon—becomes ever-more plausible to me (by the way, those of you who remember Grade 10 Canadian history will recall that the name was a jab at Prime Minister Bennett).

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The mind is beautiful

Fellow Students,
Do you ever take advice from your folks, guardian or relatives anymore? If they tell you to go left, you would of course go right and vice versa. The right path to maturity is based on that simple observation of establishing who you are and setting your own boundaries and uniqueness in this world. It is quite simple for a person to fight all advices off his soul and believe that he is self-sufficient in his own boundaries.

However, for a person to advance and go forward in his set of ideological beliefs and opinions, he certainly should act like the boundary of any successful country he can think of. Do they enclose themselves between their borderlines and decide to live alone or are they open to what is beneficial and assertive to what threatens their existence.

I would suggest you look around; you might limit this campus as a building filled with offices and their cubicles in addition to huge-sized classrooms. In reality, what is around you and me are people like you and I. Inside every person there is a soul, each soul wants a hello, a goodbye, a hug, a thank you, or just eye contact with a simple innocent smile. If we start with those basic things, then we have truly opened ourselves into the greatness of having a friend, a soul mate, a mentor, or being one. You must appreciate people to be appreciated, you have got to initiate and employ wonderfulness for wonderfulness to come back around to your being.

In conclusion, this institution is labelled as "value-added" for a reason. I will show you a trick into getting started on the roads of progress and beauty. Walk into any office and introduce yourself and chit-chat a little and then you have made a friend for years to come. This school stands out among universities in this province because of its superior faculty in delivering sound, bonded, assistance to its students. They strive to help us and answer all our questions, if we only give them the chance of the day. So live the Lakehead moments, be significant, be positive, be creative and above all, be you.

Response to Strike Article

When I was reading Jake Satten's article I had to remember if I was reading The Argus or an NDP newsletter. Judging by the content in that article, I really thought the latter. After acting like a bunch of whiney children and thugs, do you think these strikers deserve to have jobs at Lakehead? I sure don't. In fact each and every one of them should be fired just for their actions on the picket line.

One time when I was coming for a review class, I simply reminded one of the strikers that it was my right to go to school, and they decided to make me wait longer. I ended up being twenty minutes late for that review class. Did the strikers care? Not really. One thing about contracting out was not simply about saving money. I have heard stories where it took these workers five weeks to simply change a light bulb. They finally acted after the professor threatened to change it himself. Rooms in the ATAC building that have no working air conditioning. The men's washroom on the third floor of the library has a burned out bulb. I wonder how long it will be before they get that bulb changed. And the quality of work will decrease if contract workers are brought in? It actually looks like the opposite.

When the replacement workers came in, the bathrooms looked better than they ever have. Unions are a big reason that Thunder Bay has trouble attracting business, and the socialists in this city have no real problem with keeping business out. In a twist of irony, Canada's richest province (Alberta), is also the least unionized. If the strikers wanted support from the students all they had to do was simply stand at the side with their signs as oppose to blocking traffic. I probably would have had sympathy for the workers that way. But when I was coming to the university for exams, I almost thought I was dealing with the same thugs that are present on Simpson Street. And if you just drove through the picket line, the cops were waiting there to protect their union buddies. Correct me if I am wrong, but that is a conflict of interest. Let's not forget that one worker who yelled 'shame on you' to one person with children in the car. He was going to his granddaughters dance recital at the Bora Laskin building, and just stopped to say that he was supportive of the workers. After that action he quickly changed his mind.

I guess the last time the university was on strike one of the strikers got hit by a car and is now paralyzed. If that person was stupid enough to stand in front of a car like that, they got what they deserved. Let's not forget that this is the same union that was behind the Yellowknife mine blast in 1992. Isn't it ironic that Al-Qaeda has never committed a terrorist act on Canadian soil; the Canadian Auto Workers can't say the same for themselves.

Our University Doesn't Offer Basic French?

Kendra Ezack

This is the day we thought would never happen. Some of us prayed for it, while a large majority did not even realize we had two national languages. No matter though, because Canada is no longer a bilingual country. Well, this is the only logical (maybe not) conclusion I can make given that Lakehead is not offering Introductory French. Imagine my surprise when there was an introductory French course in the course calendar for my first year. And oh, the dismay, when proclaimed boldly in black (like a tombstone on the pauper's grave that is education), were the words COURSE NOT OFFERED THIS YEAR.

Whether it was their laissez-faire attitudes, the joie de vivre, the certain "je ne sais quoi" (the things people always associate with being French), something makes me want to be able to communicate in this language. It's the desire to communicate with those loveable scamps in the East of this country and nearer still. Imagine, being disappointed in not being able to take French! What a change from school days past...of the sitting in the dreaded French class, trying to learn as little as possible.

Oh, I can get by in French. I can get an idea across...I can swear, convincingly, as a Quebecois might. But where would that get me? I want to express myself more than merely discussing the weather. I want to express why! I want to hold a conversation.

All I absorbed from the inattentive days of high school French is, "Ou est la discotheque?" You know what? Thunder Bay doesn't even have an authentic discotheque, so even though I learned that phrase, I'll forever be lost, chasing the spirit of an era that doesn't even exist anymore-saved for the pages of outdated school texts. I'm sorry Ananas*... I'm sorry I didn't care then...

I wanted to take the Intermediate French course but deep down, I knew I wasn't really ready. I'd be lost in a haze of verb conjugations, made tense by tenses that made no sense. I'd be talking like an oaf, holding back the class. Why was the course I really needed/wanted not being offered? Have we stopped needing to know French? Is French going the way of Latin, the long forgotten language from my parent's high school days? Latin is at the root of English, peppered more often than I know it into my own bastard language. No, French can't even meet Latin's fate as even introductory Latin is being offered this year.

Oh French...will you be doomed to wasting space on cereal boxes? I'm past cereal boxes; I'm itching to move onto the large type children's books of the French world. I want to read an operator's manual (for anything) in French, confident that even though I understand its use in a different tongue, it is still mine.

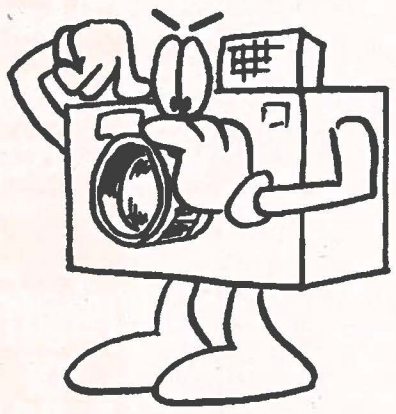
I want to sit down with someone who makes a decision like this and ask "why?" Do they hate the idea of using a set of phonetic symbols that is foreign for their communicative needs?

I'll learn French somehow. Watching the French Radio-Canada...it's not the "fin du monde" as I had feared. Maybe one day, paying thousands upon thousands more dollars, I can be allowed to learn what the French mean when they say that. Until then, I will just have that warm fuzzy feeling that is the confusing potion ofmoderatedisappointment, blended with complete apathy with a sprinkling of optimism. Et ca, mes amis, c'est la vie!

I'm in Philosophy now, so I'll just sit back and think of why I even wanted to know French in the first place...

* the loveable talking, dancing pineapple from "Telefrancais," a fairly standard fixture in many elementary French classes.

Come on Already! Give This Little Guy a Hand



Come out and take pictures for the Argus! We are currently seeking a photo and graphics editor for the year. If you have experience in photography or photo editing, come pick up a nomination package and bring it along with a resume, cover letter, and portfolio to the Argus office in Room 2014b or the LUSU office by September 16th.

Global warming or global ice age?

Many believe that global warming is inevitable and that climate change promises severe repercussions. However, some historians may reveal that we should not fear global warming as much as global cooling. As they know, history tends to repeat itself and words of wisdom predict an ice age is long overdue. So how is this possible?

Well to begin, let's consider the environmental fallout of global warming.

Extensive land conversions have altered the earth to be more receptive to infrared radiation (heat from the sun), while greenhouse gases have created an insular layer to contain the heat and temperatures. This environmental phenomenon caused the global climate to change, parching soil and melting continental ice sheets (among other things). These extreme weather processes continue to erode the earth and raise water levels at an unprecedented rate, eventually transforming the earth to marginal islands of land engulfed by a worldwide ocean. This 'waterworld' will be the catalyst for global cooling, changing our once incandescent earth into an iridescent water body.

Nevertheless, some may state the global oceans will moderate the earth's temperature. However, this statement is false on two pretences: the changes will be too drastic and rapid for the ocean lag to accommodate; and the insular blanket of greenhouse gases will long remain, sealing our fate in this cold casket. Fact or fiction, I dread the power of nature more than any weapon of mass destruction.

Feedback Welcomed,
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Magus Theatre season opening musical "Forever Plaid"--

A Fall highlight of Thunder Bay's flourishing culture

Suzanne Halet / Argus

With just under two weeks left to go before the opening night of Magnus Theatre's first production of the season—"Forever Plaid", I was given the chance to sit down and speak with some of the members of the upcoming musical. Mario Crudo-Artistic Director, Danny Johnson- Musical Director and Brent Thiessen were kind enough to give me their time to speak in depth about Magnus Theatre, the exciting and sure-to-be-a-hit musical Forever Plaid, and the life behind the curtains.

As Magnus Theatre brings forth a wide variety of productions throughout the season, one could imagine this is no small task. From auditioning to opening night, the team at Magnus has only 3 weeks to create their upcoming production, yet, while speaking with the members at Magus, there was an air of confidence and calm-professional-collectedness.

As Danny Johnson, musical director notes, "it has become very organic." The actors, directors and crew put in 8 hour days-6 days a week, every week before opening night to guarantee a perfect outcome. When speaking with Mario, it was made clear that there is a regimented timeline in creating the plays at Magnus.

When speaking about Magnus Theatre, as well as all of the other local cultural highlights, there was a general agreement about the success of Thunder Bay as a cultural hot-spot. We have Magnus, Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Definitely Superior Art Gallery, The Blues Fest, The Bay St. Film Festival and yet we're a city of merely 110,000 people -- Amazing. Mario added a very interesting statistic: "We're highly developed culturally, we have a population of 110,000 and last season Magnus Theatre pulled in 10% of that number."

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With amazing talent, hard-working precision, artistic dedication and venues like Magnus Theatre, the artistic community is able to thrive in a place as small as Thunder Bay. Of course, Magnus Theatre cannot survive without the people of Thunder Bay to come out and see the brilliant productions that the people at Magnus put on.

Magnus Theatre is beginning their season featuring Forever Plaid, one of the most "energetic" and popular musicals from the 1990's. It is a cult-classic musical that follows the career of the four young men: The Plaids, who in the 1950's aspire to singing careers like The Four Aces and The Four Lads. On February 9, 1964, the Plaids, a semi-professional harmony group, are on their way to pick-up their custom made tuxedos for their first major gig at an airport-cocktail bar. While driving, they get slammed broadside by a school bus full of eager Catholic teens that are on their way to see the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show. The teens escape uninjured, but the Plaids are killed instantly.

The story begins to roll here, as playwright Stuart Ross writes, "Through the powers of harmony and the expanding holes in the Ozone layer… [the Plaids] have been allowed to come back to perform the show they never got to in life." For one night only in present day, 2005, the boys get the chance to prove for all time that they really were as good as they imagined. The Plaids take the audience on a nostalgic ride through the 1950's with songs like Sam Cooke's "Chain Gar Perry Como's "Magic Momen Tony Bennett's "Rag to Rich and the Four Aces "Love is Many Splendoured Thin

As the play progress the audience sees the Pla transform from bumbling spi geeks to confident supersta All in all, Forever Plaid is inspiring play about drea coming true, reaching on potential, and filling one's desti

Impossible to mi Magnus Theatre is the beauti building on the corner of Algor and Red River Rd. Forev Plaid runs from September 30 October 15th. It plays Mond to Saturday at 8 p.m., as we as matinees on Wednesdays noon and Saturdays at 2 pr Tickets are only $12 for studen and range from 10$ to $32. Yo can contact the box office 345-5552. Check in soon fo my review of Forever Plaid

Blues fans attention! Lil' Ed is coming to Thunder Bay!

Suzanne Halet/ Argus

In the late 1980's, Lil' Ed Williams played his very first Canadian gigs in Winnipeg and Thunder Bay. But before he could, he had to ask his boss at the Red Carpet Car Wash if he could get the time off.

Could this be the famous nephew of West Side slide-guitarist and blues great, J. B. Hutto? Could this be the same Lil Ed who went on the Alligator Records 20th Anniversary Tour with the likes of Lonnie Brooks, Elvin Bishop and Koko Taylor? Is this the guy who's recorded four great albums and whose band was called "the world's number one house-rocking band" by the Boston Globe?

Lil Ed & The Blues Imperials are coming to Thunder Bay. Harbour Lights Productions



will present their intense brand of Chicago blues Saturday, September 24th at Jacks, 28 South Cumberland.

Devoted "Ed-Heads" should warn newcomers to be prepared for onstage antics as wild and crazy as the music, as Lil Ed does flying leaps, slides across the stage on his knees and duck-walks his way through the audience.

It may be a long way from the Red Carpet Car Wash to facing 100,000 screaming fans at the '99 Chicago Blues Festival; but along the way, Lil Ed and his Blues Imperials have learned how to rock any venue. So, whether you're an Ed-Head or just one in-the-making, you'll want to know that tickets go on sale this week ($20-advance and $25 at the door) at Jacks (683-1164), CDPLUS.COM (623-7551)

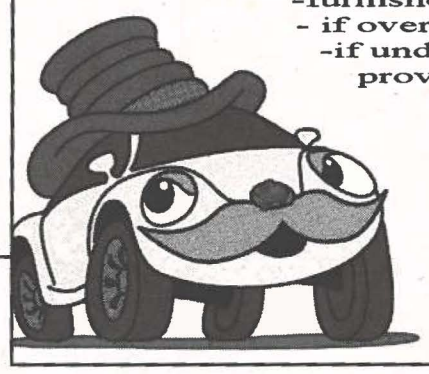
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CILU 102.7 Top 30

For the week ending Sept 13, 2005

RANK	ARTIST	*TITLE* (Label)
1	CORB LUND BAND*	*Hair In My Eyes Like A Highland Steer* (Stony Plain)
2	SILVERSTEIN*	*Discovering the Waterfront* (Victory)
3	GOGOL BORDELLO	*Gypsy Punks* (SideOneDummy)
4	ANTI-HERO*	*Unpretty* (HER)
5	HORRORPOPS	*Bring It On!* (Hellcat/Epitaph)
6	KOUFAX	*Hard Times Are In Fashion* (Doghouse America Inc.)
7	BOYS NIGHT OUT*	*Trainwreck* (Ferret)
8	MOBIUS BAND	*The Loving Sounds Of Static* (Ghostly International)
9	ACID HOUSE KINGS	*Sing Along With...* (Twenty-Seven)
10	THE FREE DESIGN*	*Now Sound Redesigned* (Light In The Attic)
11	PENNYWISE	*The Fuse* (Epitaph)
12	SIANSPHERIC*	*RGB* (Sonic Unyon)
13	A WILHELM SCREAM	*Ruiner* (Nitro)
14	THE DANDY WARHOLS	*Odditorium Or Warlords Of Mars* (Capitol)
15	CUFF THE DUKE*	*Cuff The Duke* (Hardwood)
16	GARAGE A TROIS	*Outre Mer* (Telarc)
17	GRAVY TRAIN!!!!	*Are You Wigglin?* (Kill Rock Stars)
18	OK GO	*Oh No* (Capitol)
19	RUFIO	*The Comfort Of Home* (Nitro)
20	IMMACULATE MACHINE*	*Ones And Zeroes* (Mint)
21	NEW PORNOGRAPHERS*	*Twin Cinema* (Mint)
22	AGAINST ME	*Searching For A Former Clarity* (Fat Wreck Chords)
23	THE MOST SERENE REPUBLIC*	*Underwater Cinematography* (Arts & Crafts)
24	COCO ROSIE	*Noah's Arc* (Touch & Go)
25	DUNGEN	*Ta Det Lungt* (Kemado)
26	SHELBY	*The Luxury Of Time* (Independent)
27	KITE OPERATIONS	*Dandelion Day* (K.O.A.)
28	NADA SURF	*The Weight Is A Gift* (Barsuk)
29	CURSIVE	*The Difference Between Houses & Homes* (Saddle Creek)
30	SILVERSUN PICKUPS	*Pikul* (Dangerbird)

* indicates Canadian artist. Chart ranking reflects airplay during the week ending 13-Sep-2005.

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Due to programming and label issues this summer, our charts are a little heavy with international artists. If you know of an artist, or if you ARE an artist not currently being played by CILU, feel free to contact us to have your music added to the station. Contact the music director, Jason Wellwood by phone at 807-343-8881 or by email at musicdirector@luradio.ca.

Sing Cool, Swing Hot

Daniel Klein

By billing themselves as Toronto's Andrew Sisters, Swing Rosie doesn't really tell us much – most of us weren't around during the Second World War and couldn't have known how big a phenomenon the Andrew Sisters were. So, to be less poetic, Swing Rosie is a female vocal jazz trio with tight harmonies and smooth melodies.

Their independent debut album, Sing Cool, Swing Hot is a sweet collection of traditional jazz, Dixie, and swing charts. Being a Dixieland clarinetist, I'm a sucker for the music of the era, and this stuff is a treat.

Back in 1938, the Andrew Sisters made it big with *Bei Mir Bist du Shöen;* Swing Rosie covers the song on their album in the traditional style – a spare arrangement that highlights their harmony. The piano, clarinet, and trumpet accompaniment lend a wonderful retro feel to the sound.



Toronto's answer to the Andrew's Sisters?

There seems to be a real interest in re-inventing the classics – Jeff Healey is doing it in his latest stuff, Michael Bublé is reviving the image of the male jazz crooner, and Rod Stewart has three albums of jazz standards – enough for a full evening of lounge.

In no way does this revival reduce the artistry of what Swing Rosie is doing – close (but not Barbershop) harmony is a difficult business, and the clean, strong accompaniment equally valuable.

With *No Moon at All* and *Makin' Whoopee*, they cover a couple of my favourite tracks from the Nat King Cole Trio days, and do a fine job of them, with the former taking a slower, laid back approach and the latter incorporating the verse (introduction) part of the song – something that's missing from many recordings.

Listening to *Just a Simple Melody*, I immediately think –start the bubble machine – but it's really not as schmaltzy as Lawrence Welk. We could view these tracks mostly as novelty tunes, and their act as novelty as well, but the treatments are serious and well-done – certainly a step back from modern, post-modern or New Age jazz into a space where a mirror ball rotates to the swing of the band and the crowd can romantically sweep around the floor.

Kill your idols

Jesse Turpin

"The Rolling Stones lasting twenty, thirty years -- what a stupid idea that would be." - Lester Bangs, Creem, 1973

If the Pearl Jam show at The Gardens showed me anything, it showed me that Pearl Jam are well on their way to becoming the next Rolling Stones. Can you imagine Pearl Jam twenty, thirty years from now? What a stupid idea that would be.

The last proper Pearl Jam album, *Riot Act*, was offensively bad. Since that time, they've released a double-live acoustic album, a double greatest hits album, and launched tours of Australia, Japan, the US, and recently Canada. Through three tour stints since Riot Act, they've played 119 tour dates and counting.

Pearl Jam fans have always been the most loyal fans around, and the band has tried to return the favour in whatever way they can. Touring places like Thunder Bay and Kitchener is proof that their primary concern is to please fans. But ask yourself, would you rather Pearl Jam play a show in Thunder Bay, in a hockey arena with brutal acoustics, playing a set that's clearly driven by a 'greatest hits' mentality; or would you rather hear the first good Pearl Jam album released in 5 years? Judging from the crowd response, the answer scares me.

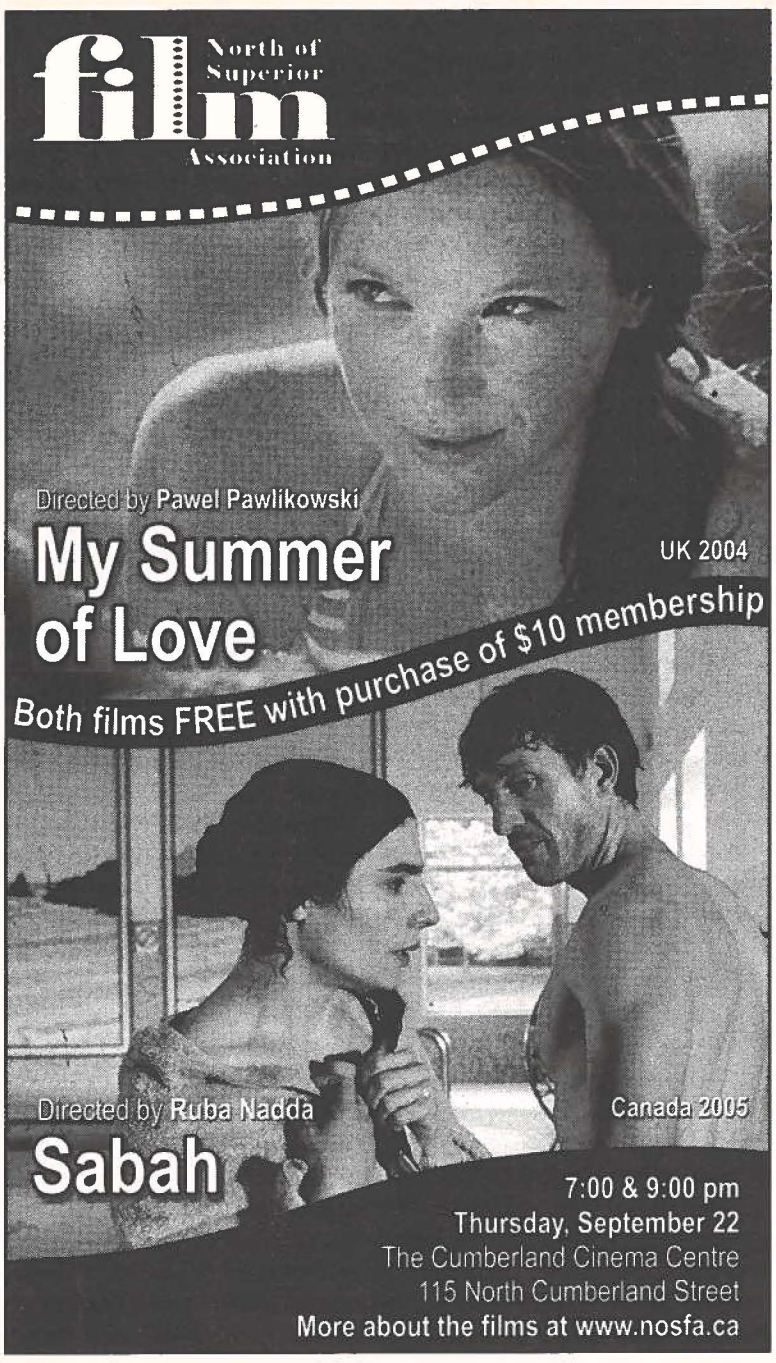
To give a bit of background, Pearl Jam was my favourite band from the age of 10 to 15. Including singles, bootlegs, and live sets, I still own about 20 Pearl Jam CD's. So this criticism isn't a blind attack. It's simply meant as a critical review of my childhood heroes, and to find out why I seem to be the only one that feels this way.

It almost hurts more that Pearl Jam came to Thunder Bay and played the set that they did. It's like an ex-girlfriend that you're still sort of seeing, telling you that she's met someone else. Pearl Jam used me like an ashtray heart. They crushed me while I was burning out.

I've come to the conclusion that the best thing to do when you're spurned by your idols, isn't to find new idols. It's to give up the idea of idols altogether. Why put so much effort into a band or artist that *you don't even know?!!* How can you trust this group of musicians to evolve with you through your own musical and spiritual evolution as a fan? Pointing out the obvious, you can't.

For those that were at the Gardens, it was too late for them. They were already wrapped around Eddie's little finger. But it's not too late for you. Get out while you still can. Burn the bandwagon. Cover up your ashtray heart. But whatever you do, when that ex-girlfriend/ex-hero tells you they want you back, think fondly of the good times, but put them down all the same.

Movie watch



Jennifer Cudmore

New to DVD last week:

Fever Pitch
Starring Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon
Directed by Bobby Farrelly and Peter Farrelly
Based on the novel by Nick Hornby

This movie was a pleasant surprise. It was based on the book by Nick Hornby (*High Fidelity, About a Boy),* and fans of his earlier work will not be disappointed. Though the storyline is the typical romantic comedy; Hornby, along with screenwriter partners Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel (*Where the Heart Is, City Slickers*) manage to infuse the boy-meets-girl formula with humour and insight about relationships and how far someone will go for the person they love. The dialogue is funny and Jimmy Fallon manages to pull off a fairly good performance for once as the Red Sox obsessed fan, Ben. Drew Barrymore stays true to form as the girl of his dreams. The two are funny together and play off one another well.

For the Farrelly brothers, this is a departure from their usual comedies such as *Stuck on You, Shallow Hal* and *There's Something About Mary*. There's still plenty of humour, but it's slightly more intelligent and not so absurd.

Overall, an entertaining no-brainer that will appeal to most people.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Starring Martin Freeman, Mos Def, Bill Nighy, Alan Rickman
Directed by Garth Jennings
Based on the novel by Douglas Adams

Fans of the Douglas Adams series, *The Hitchhiker's Guide* were



giddy with glee when this movie came out. The book series was based on a BBC Radio 4 series which Adams turned into a book in 1979. Since the first book was published, the series has had a cult following, spawning further books, a TV miniseries, a computer game, stage adaptations, and bath towels. Adams was working on the screenplay when he died suddenly in 2001. Followers of the *Guide* will know how complex the books are, so the undertaking of a feature film is quite the task.

The director for the film is Garth Jennings and this is his film debut. Jennings is making the crossover from music videos and is very ambitious using this as his first project.

The cast is well chosen, using both British and American actors. The humour is very much like Monty Python – witty and intelligent (though sometimes absurd), as opposed to slapstick and fart jokes.

Overall not a bad adaptation of an incredibly complex book series.

Released Last Week:
Ill Fated (Canadian)
Empire Falls
Nobody Knows (foreign)
Rock School (documentary)
Winter Solstice
Madison

TV DVD New Releases:
Lost Season 1
Ali G Show Season 2
Smallville Season 4
Las Vegas Season 1 & 2
House M. D.
Charmed Season 2
Nip/Tuck Season 2
Curb Your Enthusiasm Season 4

Released this Week:

The Longest Yard starring Adam Sandler
Mindhunters starring LL Cool J and Christian Slater
Born into Brothels (documentary)
Silent Waters (foreign)
Ethan Mao (foreign)
Desperate Housewives Season 1
Battlestar Galactica Season 1
Family Business Season 2

Dawkins takes over Lakehead Wrestling

Clayton Steps aside to fulfill "Administrative" Role

Alan Wickware/Argus

Owen Dawkins, recently hired as assistant coach of Lakehead Wrestling, has taken over the technical duties as coach of the Thunderwolves wrestling program from longtime Lakehead and Northwestern Ontario wrestling coach, Francis Clayton.

The move comes on the heels of a successful summer for Lakehead wrestlers, which saw Tasha Eady take home a bronze medal in the 63kg weight class at the World Junior Wrestling Championships in Vilnius, Lithuania. Dave Rector and Chris Camarata also competed at the meet. Other notable wrestlers on the Lakehead roster include Kaya Yasin, who represented Canada at the 2005 Summer Universiade in Izmir, Turkey.

Dawkins, a former Canadian national team member, is quick to point out that Mr. Clayton is still the chief administrator of the team, and is simply trying to learn from Clayton's vast knowledge base: "Mr. Clayton takes care of the administration, and will still run some practices, but (in general) I will be the main guy on the mat, and he will be mentoring me."



Lakehead University wrestling coach Francis Clayton, takes a step back, but still assumes 'administrative role'

Dawkins describes his coaching style as 'intense', and says he is always trying to push his athletes to strive for bigger goals. He certainly doesn't baby his wrestlers. Even during an intense practice, he requires all the team members to keep a smile on their face to hide their possible fatigue.

Lakehead University is set to play host to the OUA Wrestling Championships in March, 2006.

Sports Shorts

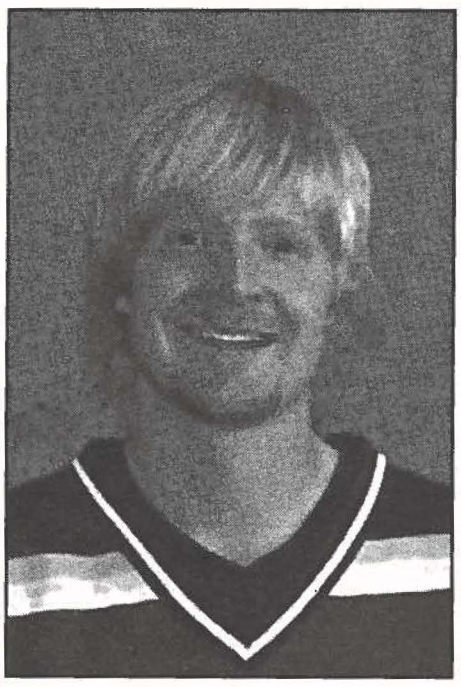
Alan Wickware/Mike Alyward

Men's Varsity Hockey Kuokkanen Signs Pro Contract in French First Division

Former Thunderwolves defenseman, Jounni Kuokkanen, has signed on to play this season with the Hockey Club Les Bisons de Neuilly Sur Marne of the French Elite Hockey League, first division. The smooth-skating Kuokkanen tallied 6 goals and 20 assists in 56 games for Lakehead from 2003-04 to 2004-05 playing forward and defense. Kuokkanen played his junior hockey for Medicine Hat and Seattle of the WHL and the Soo Greyhounds of the OHL, as well as playing for the Manitoba Bisons of the CIS. This will be the Thunder Bay native's second stint in Europe as he played in Holland for the Geleen Smoke Eaters after playing Canadian Major Junior and playing for Manitoba.

Kivell Invited to Stay for Leafs Camp

Lakehead Thunderwolves defenseman, Drew Kivell, was added on the roster for the Toronto Maple Leaf's training camp after being invited to their rookie camp earlier in the month. Kivell, a 6'2', 200 pound defenseman, from Lakeside, Ontario, played in 23 games for the Wolves' last season, recording 11 points (2g, 9a), along with 28 penalty minutes. He will presumably be back with Lakehead for the beginning of the season, which opens September 23rd vs. Manitoba Bison at the Fort William Gardens, unless he is designated to play in the Leafs farm system.



Former Thunderwolves defenseman Jouni Kuokkanen signed a pro contract with the French first division Club Les Bisons de Neuilly Sur Marne

Men's Basketball Thunderwolves Men's Basketball Stage Hurricane Katrina Charity Game

The Lakehead Thunderwolves Men's Basketball team will be staging the 'Hoops For Hunger' Blue and White Intra-Squad game in support of the Hurricane Katrina victims on Tuesday, September 20th, at 9:00 pm at the C J Sanders Fieldhouse in Thunder Bay. The team requests that all fans bring non-perishable food items and/or a cash donation as admission to the game. Katrina, which has devastated the Gulf Coast of the United States, has caused billions of dollars in damage, as well as the displacement of close to 1 million people.

Athletes of the Week Holmberg and Swan are Lakehead RBC Athletes of the Week

The first RBC Lakehead Thunderwolves Athletes of the Week are Jonas Holmberg and Sarah Swan of Lakehead University's Cross Country running teams. Both paced their teams to strong finishes at the 'Campus Quest II' meet hosted this past weekend at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Holmberg, Lakehead's Swedish import, placed fourth in the men's 8 km race. Swan, a third year Mechanical Engineering student from Nepean, Ontario, led her team to a third place finish with an impressive sixth place result in the women's 5 km race.

Cross Country kicks off season in Duluth

Holmberg leads Lakehead Runners to successful weekend

Tony Pucci and Jess Sheppard

Just as school is starting and many students are groaning as they get back into the hard work which is post secondary education, the student athletes on the Lakehead Cross Country team are throwing caution aside and jumping into another gruelling season. Thankfully the hard work which they have logged throughout the summer has seen its first major success: a strong performance at the University of Minnesota Duluth's "Campus Quest 2" cross country race.

The men, led by Jonas Holmberg, who came 4th overall, picked up a very big 2nd place team performance. His stellar run was followed by a similarly great performance from Thunder Bay's own wonder boy Jonathan Balabuck following in 5th position with a time of 27:16.

Jonas and John did well indeed, and their initial success was followed through by Nick Croker running a great race with a 14th place performance followed closely by Dave Cybulski who came in 18th. A gap of only 5 seconds separated freshman Mike Asmussen in 23rd, from gaining the scoring 5th position held by Antonio Redfern Pucci in 22nd.

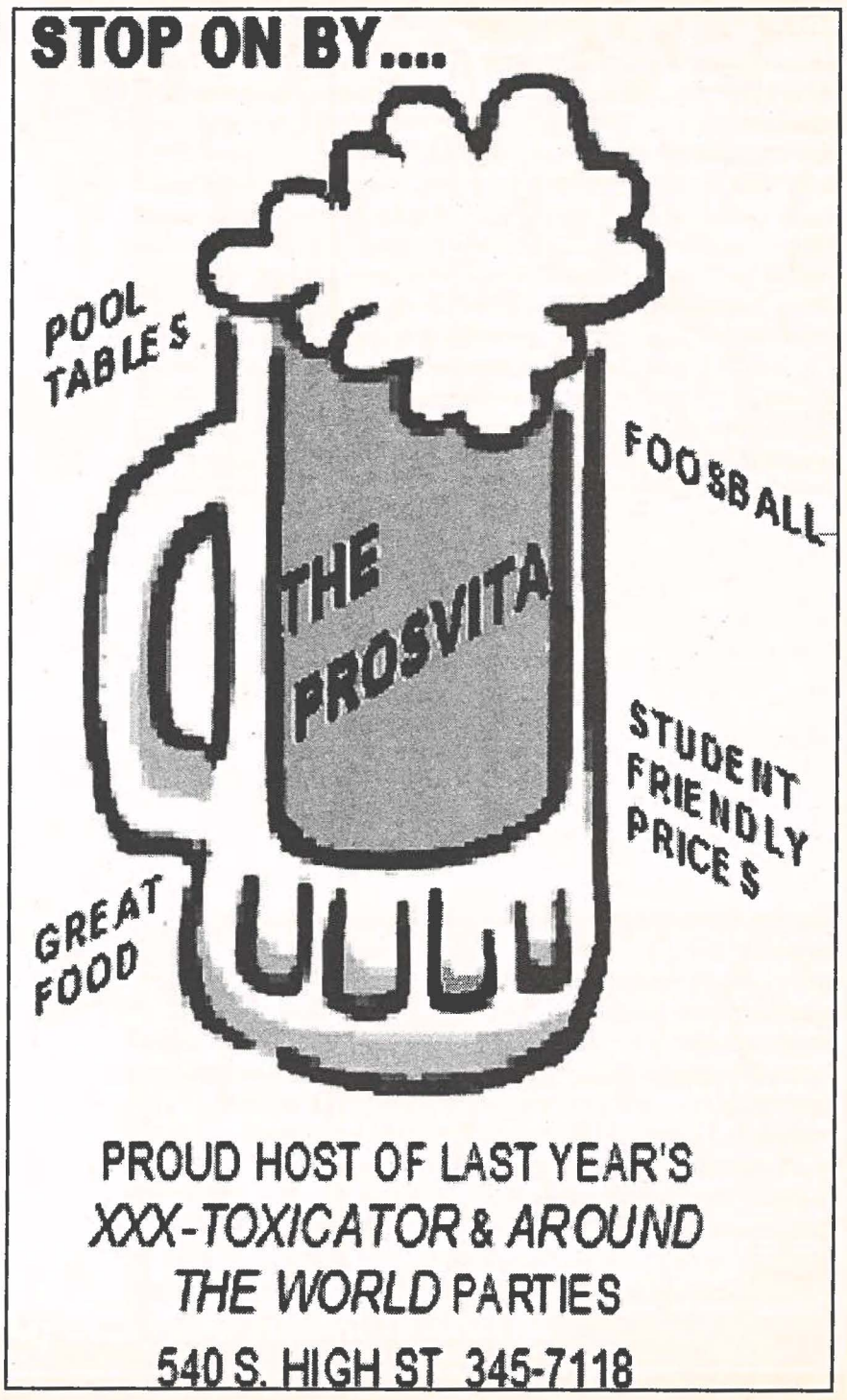
Ryan Redpath also had an amazing performance; in his first race, coming in just behind Amussen and Pucci for 24th place. Nathan Kamell kept the pace up for a great race closely behind Redpath, while Sean Sloan followed up in hot pursuit.

Chris Mableson showed true determination and worked through a painful hip injury. Neal Irvine finished despite an extremely rough and painful injury and showed great courage which will surely help him this year.

The women finished 3rd, led by Sarah Swan who finished in 6th place over the 5km course in a time of 20:38. Swan was in the lead pack for most of the race and finished less than 10 seconds behind the silver medalist. Brittany Hughes was the next Lakehead runner across the finish line, running a strong and steady race to place 14th, in a time of 21:25. Jess Sheppard also finished in the top 20, placing 18th in a time of 21:52.

The remaining team members all ran well in their debut race with the Thunderwolves squad. Loriana Costanzo crossed the line in 22:52 to place 33rd, closely followed by Sandra Albertson who placed 34th in 22:55. First-year students Jessica Ratterman and Jessica Coughlin finished 47th (24:06) and 52nd (25:38) respectively, while Francie Hannigan rounded out the women's team with her 60th place finish (34:55). These women's excellent initial showing is a testament to the team's current ability and to its potential in seasons to come.

First year coach Kip Sigsworth was impressed with the results: "This was a good starting point for the year. Many athletes really stepped up their training this summer and that showed in the results today. I look forward to seeing this team get better over the course of the year."



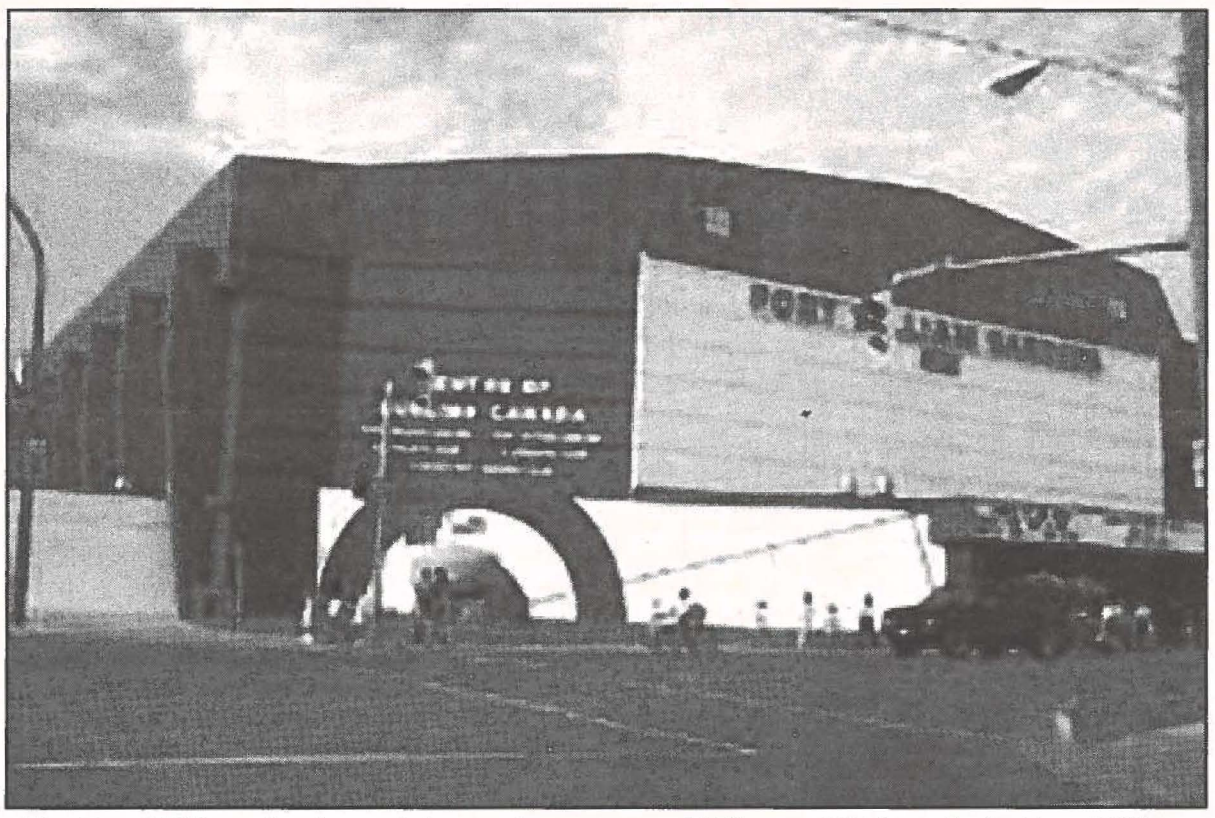
Classic arena in need of replacement

Fort William Gardens becoming outdated

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There are not many Canadian university hockey arenas like the Fort William Gardens. It is reminiscent of the old Boston Garden, Montreal Forum or Chicago Stadium (albeit not as large), in terms that the fans are so close to the ice surface, they can almost touch the players. It has that vintage feeling. Over the past 60 years the Gardens has played host to games from every level of hockey, seen championships won and lost, and has also hosted a countless array of concerts, most recently being Pearl Jam.

But The Gardens is beginning to show its age, and the issue of a new 'large capacity seating' arena is going to have to be addressed in the near future. If one were to observe the outside of the structure, they would notice a decaying exterior, underlined by the chipping cement of the outside beams, and the need for much more than just cleaning and paint job. The inside of the building is also dated. Lack of space on the concourse for movement and a lack of a press box and luxury boxes are just some of the required upgrades, making the whole project much too expensive and complicated to even bother to begin to renovate. Thus, a new arena must be built. But where?



The Fort William Gardens, sitting at the corners of Miles and Vickers St. in Fort William, is home of the Thunderwolves men's hockey team, but for how much longer?

Lakehead Athletic Director, Tom Warden, says he wants the arena to come here, but not if the school is going to bear the brunt of the construction: "The university has always been interested in discussing plans to build a rink on campus, but in the sense of owning or operating it, that would have to be done by the city of Thunder Bay. We think of it as a good idea, but it couldn't require the universities (financial) resources."

Although there has been no official complaint from the school or team, the reality is becoming clear that the arena situation needs to be addressed. There would be no better location in the city than the university campus. It would represent a happy medium to those living in both Fort William and Port Arthur. It is now up to both university officials and city officials to work out the details.

Lakehead Basketball welcomes new transfers

Morrison confident his team has improved

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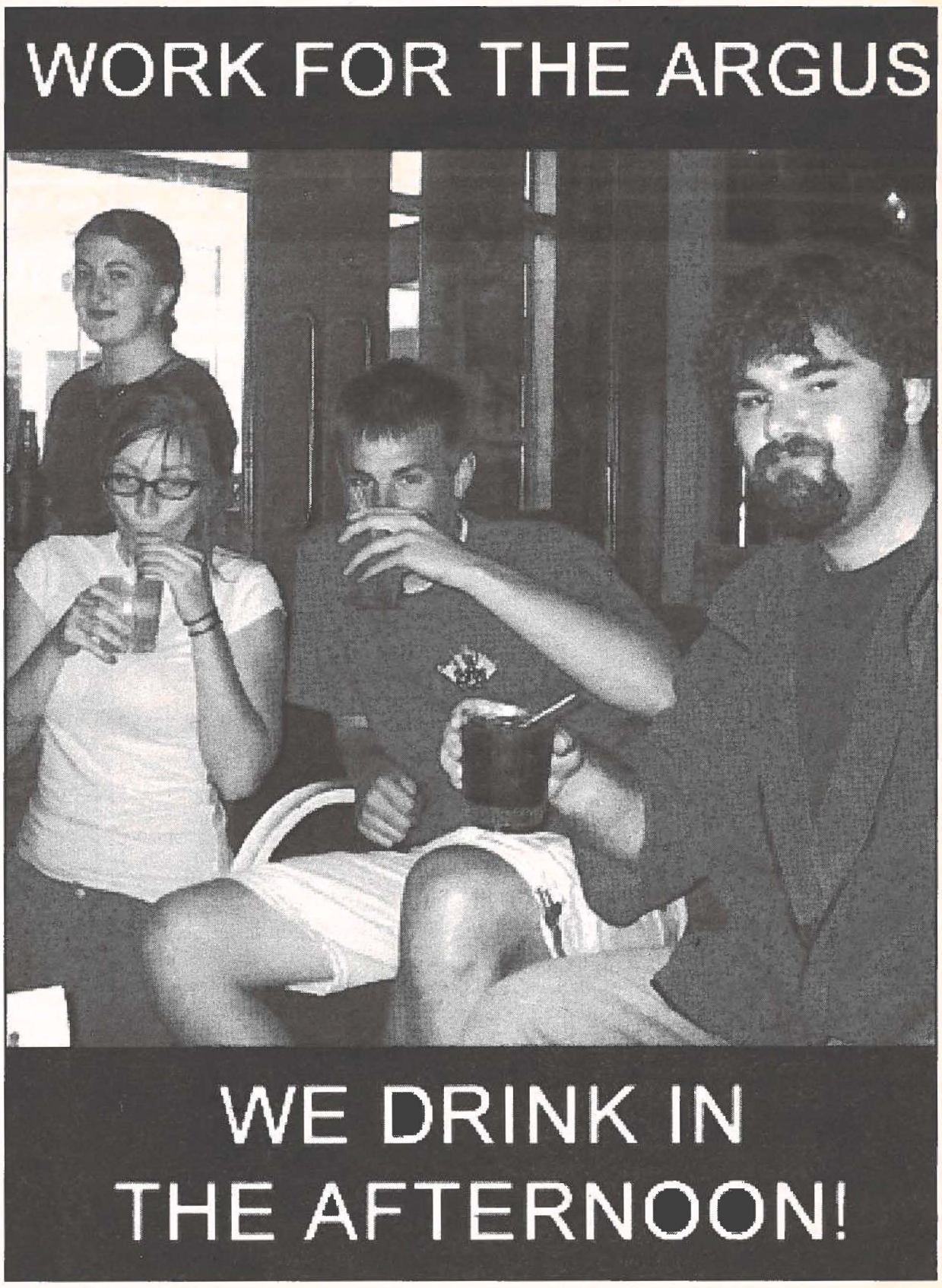
When Coach Scott Morrison opened training camp for the Lakehead Thunderwolves men's basketball team earlier this month, he was reassured that his team had not taken a step backward. He knows this because of the new faces that will dot the lineup. Most notable among these is the arrival of three top-rate transfers arriving from various schools around the continent.

After spending the better portion of his university career playing at NCAA junior colleges, the latest being Vincennes University in Indiana, Vaughn Daley is coming home to Canada to finish off his post secondary career. The 6'4 combo guard is expected to crack the starting lineup for the Thunderwolves, adding to an already impressive back court that will see him team up with the other speedy guard, Scott Seeley. Vaughn's main attribute is his exceptional work ethic, something that fits in well with this Lakehead squad. Daley is also excited to get a chance to play with Kiraan Posey, an elite CIS basketball player who won the OUA scoring title last season, something that Vaughn has been looking forward to since arriving at Lakehead. "Watching him practice, I can see that he's (Posey) naturally a great scorer, so hopefully we can bring the best out of each other this season."

Along with Daley, the Thunderwolves received a boost up front, welcoming 5th year forward Ryan Marrast, a 6'5' native of Toronto, and, Warren Gilchrist, a 6'6' transfer from Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland. Marrast spent four years playing for a strong basketball program at Acadia University in Wolfville, NS, and his offensive skills will be well used. Gilchrist's sheer size will most definitely intimidate opposing players, not to mention his uncanny ability to knock down mid-range jump shots; something that is often rare in bigger forwards.

Coach Morrison is excited about the new prospects he has on his roster, hopefully ensuring that last seasons' playoff run was no fluke. "From a basketball perspective, we have added size, athleticism, and depth to compete with the best in the country on paper. It will now be up to our team to put forth the required effort and dedication to do so each week starting in October."

The Thunderwolves pre-season schedule begins October 1st with the annual John Zanatta Alumni game, and finishes November 3-5 with an East Coast swing to the US to play NCAA Division 1 Loyola in Baltimore, Division II Virginia State University,



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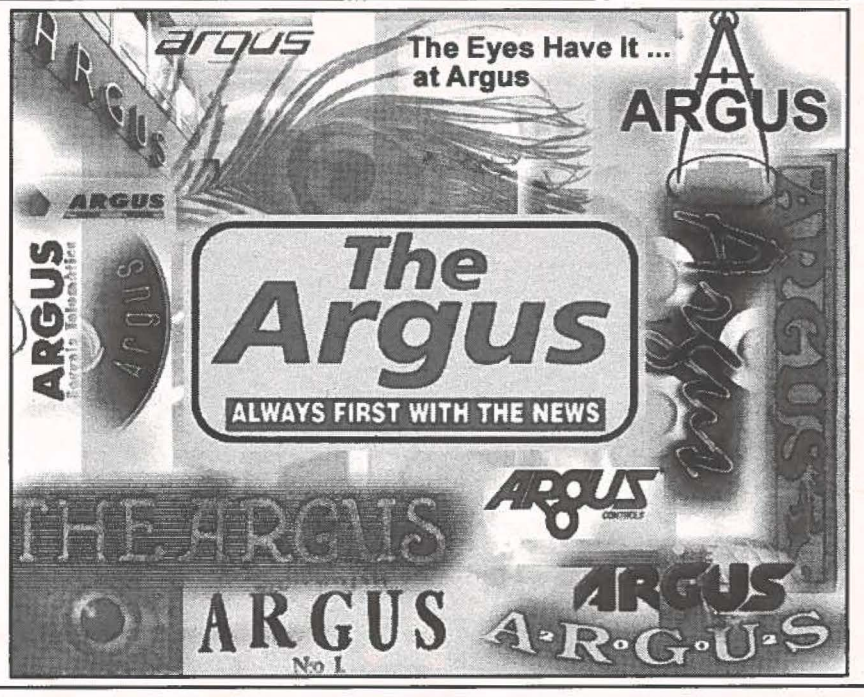
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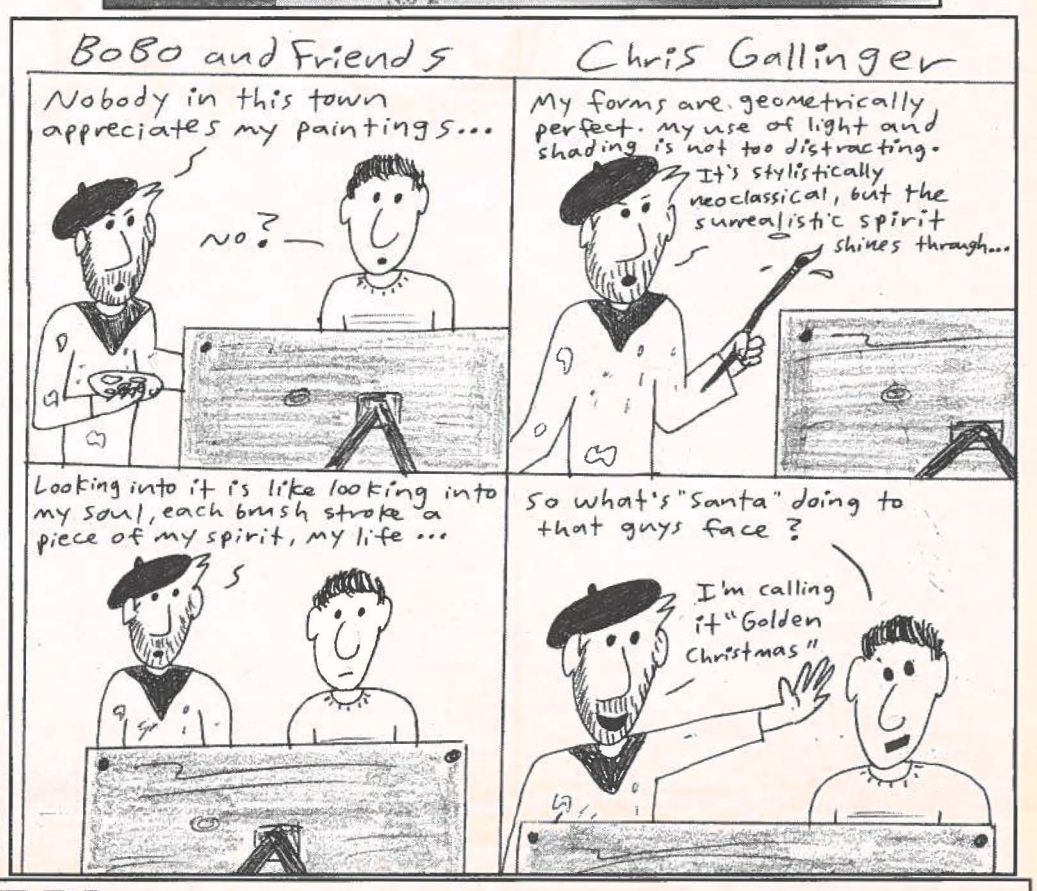
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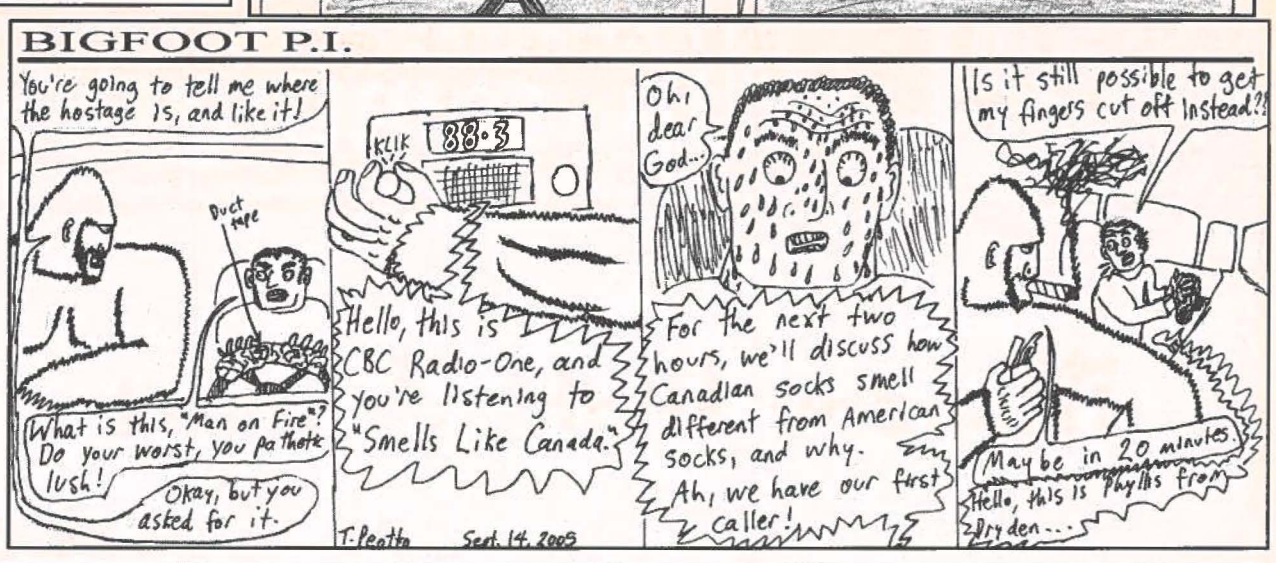


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