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Waves of destruction followed by waves of support

Efforts and emotions at Lakehead echo those of the global community

Amy Hadley

The death toll is approaching 150, 000 in the wake of the phenomenal tsunami that hit South Asia on December 26th, 2004 . A dozen countries suffered casualties. The worst damage spans Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. A staggering number of people are in need of aid: clean water and food, shelter and healthcare. Aid agencies face a geographical challenge in that they must deliver aid to people spread over so many areas, all at the same time. The United Nations has called for an unprecedented relief effort from the world community. The World Health Organization has warned that unless clean drinking water is delivered soon, the number of dead could double due to outbreaks of disease.

At an international conference in Jakarta last week, over $3 billion (U.S.) was pledged to the UN coordinated relief effort. The participants also decided to create a tsunami early warning system in the Indian Ocean. The global pledges show remarkable generosity, but there are concerns that in the long run countries will not deliver on their promises. Although the focus now is on immediate aid, South Asia will continue to need help as reconstruction efforts begin. Paul Martin says that Canada's pledge of $80 million will be increased this week.

While the massive outpouring of aid from governments is impressive, it is no more impressive than the generosity being displayed by smaller groups and individuals around the world. Here at Lakehead several aid campaigns are underway, and more are being planned. The Multicultural Center has set up a table, adorned with flowers and displaying information about the relief effort, where those passing by can make donations to the Red Cross.

Others have placed a collection box in the Outpost. LUSU will match the donations that are collected in the Outpost and this money will go to the Red Cross. The federal government will match donations made by Canadians to Canadian Non-Governmental Organizations responding to the disaster. LUSU Vice President Student Issues, Alex Stuart points out that there are students at Lakehead from the countries affected by the tsunami. The efforts are demonstrating support for them as well as those directly affected.



The Multicultural centre has set up a table with information regarding the relief effort following the tragic tsunami in Asia

The majority of the members of the Lakehead University Tamil Students Association are from Sri Lanka and many have relatives living there. It is one of the countries hardest hit by the tsunami. Nesan Thermalingam is LUTSA. He says that the disaster is emotionally draining for those with connections to the affected areas. It is hard to deal with because "it's your home." When asked about their reactions to the disaster, some members of the association respond that their relatives are safe, but the disaster has dealt a hard blow to a country already grappling with two decades of civil war. One student tries to express how he felt when he learned of the damage. Searching for the words he shakes his head and looks down. The effect of the news on Piratheepan Pooranampillai was such that he considered missing the first week of school.

Members of the Association worry that aid is being distributed unevenly in Sri Lanka. They are concerned that Tamil areas have not been receiving enough attention because the government is concentrating relief efforts in government-controlled areas. Some members have been involved in relief efforts in the greater Toronto area over the holidays, working with the Tamil Rehabilitation Organization. This organization takes funds directly to Tamil areas will be meeting to discuss ideas raising for the Sri Lankan victims of the tsunami. He emphasizes that the University community should work together to help all of the South Asian victims, and to raise awareness of the disaster, adding that people will continue to require long-term relief. He hopes to hold a prayer meeting in the Agora next week.

Helping Hungry Students

LUSU Food Bank holds successful raffle

Rob Rombouts/ Argus

On Tuesday, November 30th, just one day before students finished their classes and began to depart for home to enjoy their holiday break, the Lakehead University Alumni Bookstore was host to an amazing display of generosity. The bookstore was filled with hopeful people as the annual LUSU Food Bank draw was held. Over $5000 was raised which will go towards providing food for students in need through out the year.

Among those in attendance were the LUSU executive and University President Fred Gilbert. Grant Walsh, Executive Director of University Services and Zafer Dallalbashi, LUSU Food Bank Coordinator, presided over the event, and both individuals expressed their thanks to all those that attended and all those that purchased tickets.



Coordinator Zafer Dallalbashi accepts a cheque for $5000 to help the LUSU Food Bank

Prizes included Lakehead clothing, gift certificates from various businesses around town, an mp3 player, a digital camera and a television and DVD player.

Dallalbashi said that the Food Bank will be looking into buying gift certificates for groceries to give to students in need, allowing students to select their own food. The Food Bank will, of course, continue to provide, and accept, non-perishable food items for students.

Dallalbashi thanked all those that participated, either by donating the prizes, or by buying tickets. He saw the event as important saying "It is important to improve this love between all students. It shows how civilized we are, that we can care so much about each other and be so generous."

All those in attendance had to agree that this was definitely a great way to start the festive season.

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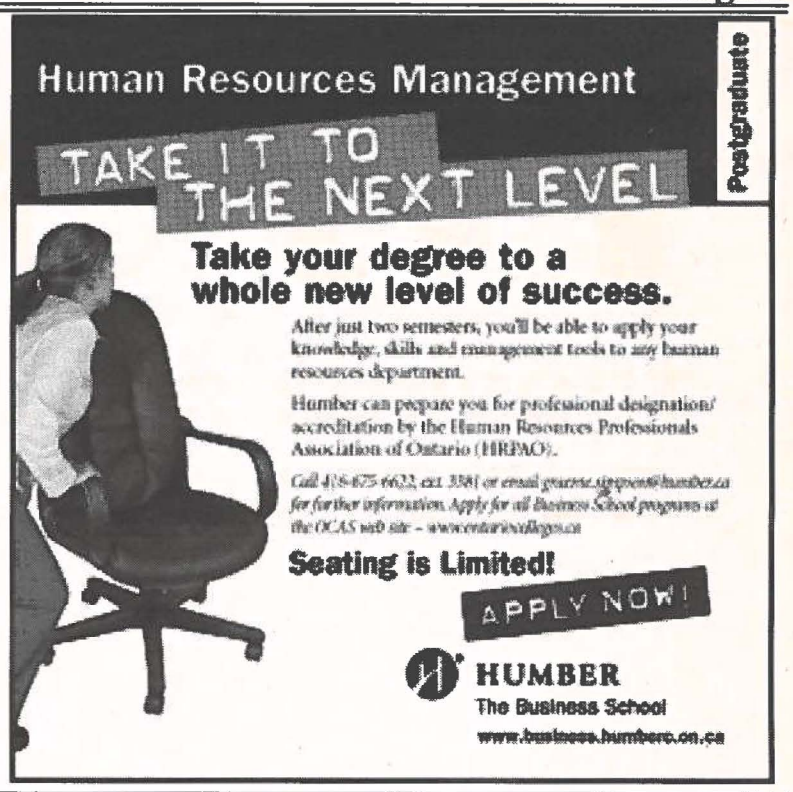
Heather Ives/ Alumni Relations

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Did you know that 2005 marks the 40th anniversary of Lakehead University? It was a beautiful summer day back in 1965 when the Lakehead University Act was given Royal Assent by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Lakehead University was established.

The Alumni Association, along with the campus community, invites you to join the celebratory festivities throughout the year. Make sure to take part in the 40th Anniversary Campus Kick-off on Wednesday, January 12th, 2005, at noon in the Agora. This awesome celebration will feature free cake and refreshments. And you just never know what else you might win by showing up! To find out more about the 40th Anniversary celebrations check out www.lakeheadualumni.ca/40years.

Lakehead University is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2005. Help kick off the festivities in the Agora on January 17th at noon

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ATAC building brazenly robbed

Tom Peotto/ Argus

At 4:45 pm on December 3, 2004, a plasma flatscreen television was stolen from the ATAC, validating the idle comments of many regarding the ease of thieving the building's many electronic endowments.

Security camera footage shows a tall Caucasian male in a black jacket circling and inspecting the television for several minutes on December 1st. A shorter Caucasian male in a blue jacket and wearing a red-and-white (or brown-and-white) trucker cap circles and inspects the television on December 2nd. The next day, December 3rd, video footage shows he returns, wearing the same clothes, dismantles the television from its attachments, wraps it in a black or green garbage bag, and leaves the room with it under his arm. Footage from another camera in the hallway shows him leaving the building with the television still under his arm.



Do you have any information regarding the theft of a $5000 plasma screen from the ATAC? Do you recognize these two men?

The theft was discovered the following Monday, and copies of the footage have been given to the Thunder Bay Police Department. When asked if the footage would be made more readily available, head of security Jerry Murray said, "That's been a recommendation, and I understand it's possible that it will be made available to everyone online." "In my opinion," he continued, "the video is sufficient that people who know those involved would be able to recognize them."

With that in mind, he adds that a $500 reward will be offered for information leading to the recovery and/or arrest/conviction of the culprits.

To the question of whether there are any case leads apart from the video, Mr. Murray replied, "No. Nothing has been provided to me by the police. It's their investigation because of the amount of the theft." The television was valued at around $5,000 and if caught, the suspects could be charged with grand theft. As to whether security would be making any changes, particularly regarding security in the ATAC building, he responded, "There are no changes we plan to make to security. That's up to someone higher than me."

Good news for amateur actors, though: Mr. Murray said the possibility existed of the case being put on *Crimestoppers*, a local news segment where crimes are re-enacted through dramatization.

Anybody with information regarding the theft can contact *Crimestoppers* at 623-8477, the Thunder Bay Police Department at 684-1200, or LU Security at 343-8569. Callers are under no obligation to identify themselves and will remain anonymous.

Construction site fire nothing serious

Tom Peotto/ Argus

At approximately 8:20 pm on Tuesday, January 4th, 2005, smoke was sighted from a trailer at the construction site for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Security responded rapidly and called the fire department, putting out the fire before major damage could occur to the site, said Security Services Manager Jerry Murray.

However, he added that the inside of the trailer, which was owned by Tom Jones Construction, had been "extensively damaged." Security was not considering the incident suspicious, but "we have yet to determine the exact cause."

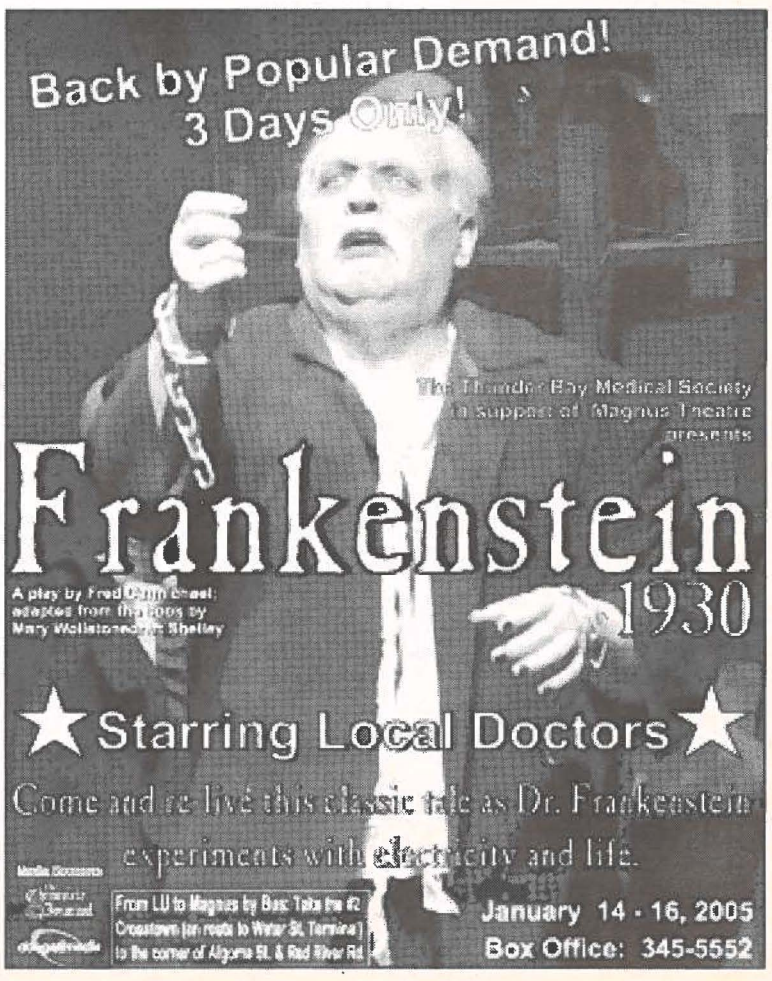
Dave Moulson, Tom Jones' Chief Estimator and Project Manager for the NOSM job, elaborated. "It's a lunch trailer," he said over the phone, "which had an office on one side - the Electrical Subcontractor's - which fortunately wasn't affected." In the fire at the trailer's other end, however, tools and hard hats ("nothing major") were lost in the flames. It was Mr. Moulson's suspicion that, while unattended, something fell on the heater and caught fire. "Unfortunately this time of year the heaters are running continuously. Luckily we were notified of it in time."



A recent fire on campus will not affect the completion date for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine

When asked if the brief blaze would pose any hindrance to the project, he replied, "It doesn't affect the job at all. The Superintendent was looking at [trailer] rental places this morning for a new one. This one was bought, but is salvageable. Hopefully it can be repaired."

Mr. Moulson's statements put an end to office speculations about the possible cause of the fire. Forestry student Matt Merkins was vindicated in his prediction, "It was a cold night, and I bet the heaters probably caught fire. That's my professional opinion." Fellow forestry student Dave Guise was left in the dust for his unsubstantiated suggestion of someone "smoking the reefer" causing the fire.



Volunteers needed: fundraising for Tsunami Aid Relief

Ashliegh Gehl

The Multicultural Centre, located in the tunnels between LUSU and the Gender Issues Centre, has set a goal of raising $5,000 for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that recently devastated thirteen countries. Lakehead has over 6,000 students; if everyone donated a dollar this goal could be reached. In order to make this a reality, the Multicultural Centre is looking for volunteers that will help fundraise; so your thoughts, your hands, and your passion are needed. If you would like to help with this project, please visit the center anytime between Monday and Thursday from 8:30am to 4pm.

If you do not have time to help fundraise, there will be donation boxes all over campus. These boxes can be found at LUSU, the Outpost, the Study, Tim Horton's, and in the secretary offices of your faculty. If you do not feel comfortable donating in the boxes, please visit the international Red Cross website (http://www.redcross.org/donate/donation-form.asp) to donate online. If you think that you cannot afford to donate at this take, take into consideration the words of Anne Frank, "No one has ever become poor from giving." However, if you cannot donate money, there are other goods that are greatly needed; such as clothing, shoes, and building materials.

On Wednesday, January 12th, there will be an open mic night starting at about 8pm in the Study. At this event, donations of any kind are welcome; every contribution, whether it is educating one another on the disaster, or donating time, money, and needed materials, makes a significant difference. Sometime during the day, perhaps during a break between classes, visit the friendly faces at the Multicultural Centre to lend a hand, share your ideas, or keep up to date on up coming events. On that final note, here are some words from Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what get, but we make a life by what we give."

Alpha Program coming to Lakehead

Tom Peotto/ Argus

The Alpha Program. What exactly is it? Is it alphabet-related? These and many other questions will be answered later this month, when Bachelor of Education student Anthony Pasqua begins the program here at Lakehead University. A brief discussion with him was both interesting and informative.

Mr. Pasqua has taken ministry classes, and plans to be a pastor, "but I don't have an actual certificate." He had planned to begin the course on January 4th, but cannot book a room until January 9th since teachers must book rooms for their winter classes before clubs. "It's already classed as a club for legality purposes; LUSU is just waiting for the teachers to book their rooms, and this way we'll have a room. Obviously I'll need equipment and stuff to show the videos."

The course is slated to run at night, preferably after the dinner hour, and will be around an hour and a half on Tuesday nights. "The Alpha course has a dinner, then discussion, but I wasn't sure if students could afford that. I'd see after the first night if students wanted to do a potluck."



Do you have questions about your faith? The Alpha Program may be able to help

The Alpha program began "in the late '70s or early '80s" in the Anglican Church with Nicky Gumbel, an atheist lawyer turned Anglican pastor. Each session in the ten-week period will begin by watching videos hosted by Gumbel to "provoke discussion, welcome each other's ideas, and talk things out." Since the content of the videos was tailored to be compatible with the differing stances of various denominations, other denominations have been picking up the Alpha course since it began. When asked if the discussions were 'interfaith', Mr. Pasqua replied, "Anyone's welcome. It's basically people sharing their ideas and opinions."

On the subject of his own denomination, Mr. Pasqua described himself as "a follower of Jesus. At home I go to a Roman Catholic and a Pentecostal church."

The ten-week course concludes with a "holy spirit weekend", an outing "which describes His aspect in our lives." Attending the course is free, a matter which LUCF was relieved to clear up. For any further questions, such as the start date of the course, those interested can contact Mr. Pasqua at apasqua@lakeheadu.ca. For any further information on the course, check out www.alphacanada.org.

Update from the GIC

Shannon Cruickshank/ GIC Coordinator

It feels great to be back - the new term brings with it a renewed sense of optimism and energy. Here are a few things in the works at the Gender Issues Centre.

Button Day

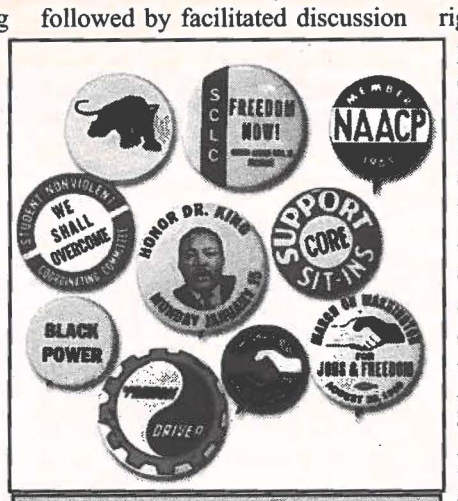
Last year's Coordinator of the Gender Issues Centre, Colleen Shaver, has left a button maker in her wake. Buttons are a cheap and easy way to make a message clear and visible. Bring your thoughts and expressions to the Gender Issues Centre on Friday, January 14th at noon, and create a button or six. The 14th also happens to be a Fearless Friday. Fearless Fridays offer desserts, chocolate and otherwise, in honour of Body Image month. Body Image month is a campaign that encourages everyone to celebrate their natural body sizes.

The Shirt on Your Back

Inspired by a committed activist wearing a rather provocative shirt on Buy Nothing Day, we have organized a DIY (Do It Yourself) t-shirt day. We will provide as many supplies as we can, including t-shirts and you bring your positive-living beliefs and creativity. Everyone is invited to create a t-shirt. The activities will begin at 12:00 noon on Friday, January 21st and continue all afternoon. Desserts will be provided.

About Your Body, and Your Image

January is Body Image month. Please attend any or all of the following activities: On Monday, January 17th at 7:00pm Dr. Pam Wakewich will be offering a discussion group in The Study on Media and Body Image. Master Seung will be providing a free Tae Kwon Do session in the Fieldhouse on Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00pm. Tae Kwon Do is an exhilarating art form that places an emphasis on respect, fitness, and discipline. Don't be shy, Master Seung always provides a welcoming atmosphere. On Monday, January 24th Turning Points, a film about eating disorders, will be screened in The Study at 7:00pm followed by facilitated discussion opportunities. Don't forget that every Friday there will be desserts in the Gender Issue Center. Self-defense, male discussion groups, dance, and yoga dates are soon to be announced.



Come down to the GIC on Friday, January 14th to make your own buttons

Sex Topic

Every month the GIC spotlights a healthy sex and sexuality topic. January's topic is contraception and reproductive rights. As you know, a little planning goes a long way when engaging in a sexually active lifestyle. The GIC will supply information, based on research and resources provided by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, about the many contraceptives available. Male and female condoms are the best performers when it comes to protecting yourself against most Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV (the exceptions are herpes and HPV). The Gender Issues Centre provides free condoms to students through the Flavour of the Week program. Each week we fill and refill a basket of flavoured condoms for your convenience. This week's flavour is Mango. Please remember that condoms and other barrier methods of contraception are not guaranteed methods of preventing unplanned pregnancy, but they can be used in combination to practice safer sex for double protection.

Women in Science and Engineering

On Saturday, January 15th at 7:00pm, women in mathematics, engineering and the sciences are invited to a stress busting evening of cosmic bowling. The games will take place at Mario's bowl, carpooling will be available. So far the Women in Math, Engineering and Sciences Gatherings have proven to be light-hearted and tones of fun. Newbies are always welcome. See you there.

Open Meeting

All are welcome to join an open meeting on Thursday, January 20th at 5:00pm. A game plan for the winter term will be presented for review as well as ideas for speakers, workshops, activities, events etc…

In the meantime, welcome back, stay warm, and have fun.

"Mayor" of Baghdad assassinated in the street

Tom Peotto/ Argus

Ali al-Haidari, governor of Baghdad province and nominal mayor of Baghdad, was assassinated while riding in a three-vehicle convoy in the streets of the capital on Tuesday, January 4th, 2005.

Mr. al-Haidari, father of three and a former air-conditioning repairman, had survived two previous attempts on his life. In July, he escaped a drive-by shooting and in September a roadside bombing took the lives of two of his bodyguards. In separate Internet postings the followers of Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, whom the CIA claims is linked to Al-Qaeda, claimed responsibility for the attacks.

While passing through Hurriyah, one of Baghdad's poorest neighbourhoods, al-Haidari's convoy was ambushed from several directions by gunmen who opened fire on their bulletproof cars. Six bodyguards were also killed. His chief bodyguard stated, "The governor was in his armoured BMW and we were in two other cars. Our convoy was moving in Hurriyah and they came from different directions and opened fire at us."

Hours before, in western Baghdad, a bomb-laden truck drove into a police checkpoint and was detonated in the Green Zone, the location of the U.S. Embassy and the interim government's headquarters. This explosion occurred right next to the Iraqi National Guards barracks, where the interim government's paramilitary forces are trained. The explosion killed six people and wounded 40.

Attacks have intensified in recent months as militants attempt to undermine the provisional government and the upcoming elections, slated for Sunday, January 30th. On Monday, January 3rd, insurgents caused an explosion outside Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's party headquarters, killing three and injuring 25. Like Allawi, al-Haidari was targeted for his cooperation with American forces. Since last summer's official transfer of power to interim government by the Americans, al-Haidari was the most senior official to be assassinated.

Government officials are finally admitting that the six central and northern provinces with a Sunni Muslim majority (the minority under Saddam Hussein) have near-daily outbreaks of violence. Speaking on conditions of anonymity, a senior U.S. Embassy official in Baghdad told the press, "The war's worse, the insurgency's worse… This is not going to be a short fight. Nobody should think it is." Conditions have deteriorated to the extent that Prime Minister Allawi, who told Washington three months ago that 15 of Iraq's 18 provinces were safe to visit, now refers to the situation as "our catastrophe."

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Opinions differ regarding accessibility to Ontario Universities

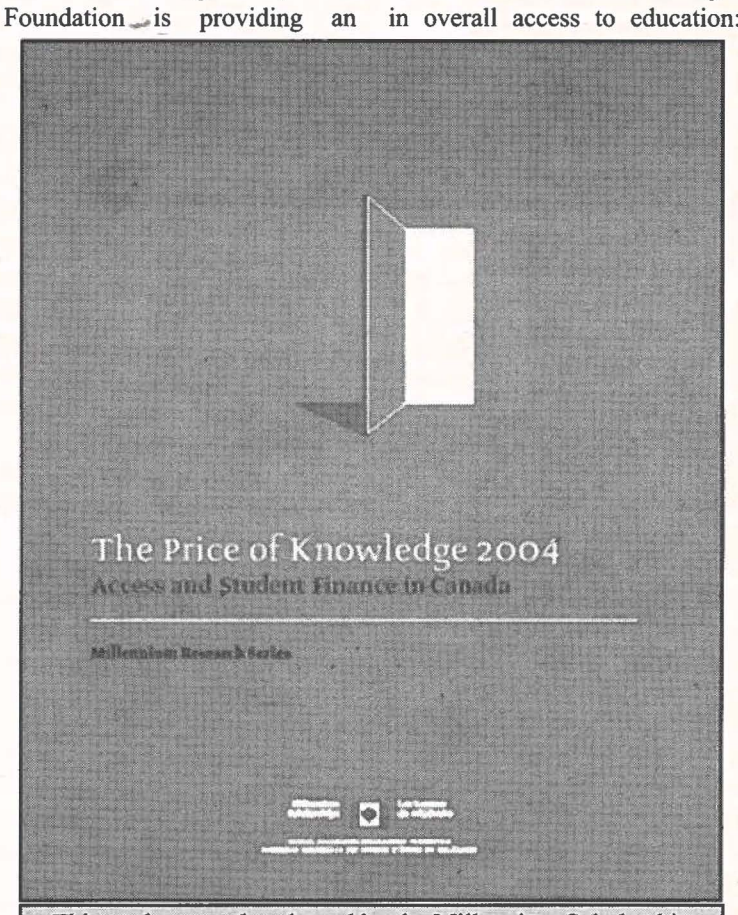
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A recent study on the cost of college and university education says that despite more than doubling of tuition fees and tripling of student debt in the last 10 years, access to post-secondary education has not been affected.

Released this past September, the study entitled *The Price of Knowledge: Access and Student Finance in Canada,* combines existing and original research to examine key issues surrounding student access to post-secondary studies.

Over the past 10 years, tuition has increased by 76 percent with an average student debt of $21,000. For Canadians from low-income backgrounds, fee increases make it progressively more difficult to overcome the existing obstacles to a post-secondary education. However, according to the report, these rapidly rising tuition fees and increased needs for student loans have not had a significant impact on students' accessibility to Canadian universities. The study reveals that university enrolment has increased by more than 20 percent in the last five years alone, while average annual tuition costs and debt load have climbed. Sean Junor, one of the study's authors, believes that barriers keeping students from pursuing post-secondary education are more than just rising tuition fees. He cited higher admission requirements, as well as social and cultural costs.

Several student leaders and student groups have criticized the report for minimizing the importance of tuition on accessibility. Joel Duff, former Ontario chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, is concerned about the accuracy of the study. "By denying the negative impact of increasing tuition fees and soaring student debt on students from middle and lower socio-economic backgrounds, the Foundation is providing an alibi for a further deterioration in access to higher education."



This study, recently released by the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, suggests that increased tuition costs does not affect post-secondary enrollment levels

Liam Arbuckle, the national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, agrees with Duff. His biggest concern is with the antiquated data, noting that many of the statistics used in the report date as far back as the 1980s, before most of the major tuition increases and the deregulation of many programs. A 2000 study, following up 1995 data, resulted in an increase from 23 to 36 percent of students who cited financial reasons for not attending university.

The authors used two factors to determine changes in overall access to education: the number of people who are attending school and the demographics of those people. Overall, the study found that greater numbers of young people are attending university, with the largest percentage increase occurring in families from the middle-income range.

Arbuckle states that there is a misunderstanding that "just because the number of students attending university is increasing does not mean there is no problem with students being able to afford university." Duff compares paying for education with paying for groceries. "People do not stop eating just because they have no money." He points out that more and more students are realizing that they must go to university, despite limited financial resources, in order to earn a middle-class income.

Recent Statistics Canada research points out that today, 85% of all families desire post-secondary education for their children; however, less than 20% of those from lower socio-economic backgrounds will attend university.

According to Provost Shirley Neuman, the report underscores what universities already know. "It is important to note that while 90 percent of families expect to qualify for government loans, in reality only half receive them."

Student leaders have argued that there is a much greater need for governments to take meaningful steps to reduce tuition fees, create a system of up-front needs-based grants, and restore education funding.

The study was conducted by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation, established in 1998 by Parliament with a ten-year mandate to improve access to post-secondary education. Most of the foundation's $2.5 billion endowment is directed towards providing approximately $289 million per year in grants to undergraduate students in Canada with financial need.

The full report can be accessed at www.millenniumscholarships.com.

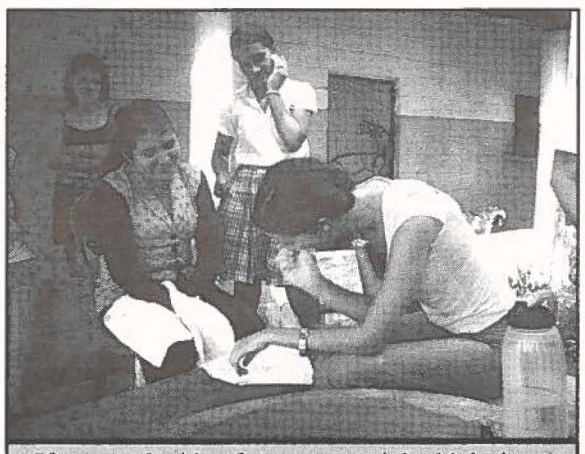
Work opportunities in International Development.

Laura Butler

"What are you going to do with your life boy?" The Graduate Dustin Hoffman smiles nervously, praying that he won't end up working in asphalt like the well intentioned but some what frightening buffoon demanding answers to that big question. Well, I am no Mrs Robinson but I do have a suggestion for those of you interested in gaining unique (and paid) work experience in International Development.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in partnership with a number of non-governmental development organizations provides graduates with the opportunity to spend 6 months working abroad as part of the Youth Internship Program (YIP). The program encompasses a broad spectrum of postings from HIV educators and youth workers through sports, to rural development project management, and an equally varied group of infield partner organisations; governmental, trans-governmental, private and non-governmental.

I have just returned from 6 months working as an Assistant Project Manager in El Salvador with a local non-governmental organization (NGO) CORDES. My internship was arranged by SalvAide; an Ottawa based NGO that works on issues of economic and social development in El Salvador.


If you are looking for a summer job, think about looking beyond national borders to assist with international development

During my posting in El Salvador I was given responsibility far beyond that which I had hoped for, learning by doing was definitely the name of the game. I was responsible for managing a diagnostic project for a rural women's cooperative, I wrote grant applications to CIDA, prepared development plans based on my own research and organized a international conference on community commercialisation to name but a few of the areas in which I have gained experience.

I was also provided with plenty of practical support from SalvAide and CORDES during my internship, be it language training or finding an apartment to rent, I was met with flexible and practical assistance wherever I turned.

As well as gaining specific work skills I benefited enormously from the actual experience of living in El Salvador, working with my colleagues in Spanish, living alongside my Salvadorian friends, being welcomed into the homes of those CORDES works with in the countryside, learning about El Salvador from those who live it.

The CIDA Youth Internship Programme is open to unemployed or under employed Canadian university graduates under 30 years of age. Though Interns come from a variety of backgrounds and academic disciplines, all have a demonstrated interest in development issues; applications for the next session will be posted on the SalvAide website www.salvaide.net

I enjoyed my work with SalvAide and CORDES and loved my busy Salvadorian style social life. Simply put, I had a great experience both professionally and personally, and with the work experience I have gained, hopefully that career in asphalt will remain just a suggestion.

Lakehead University welcomes politicians from all levels of government

Rob Rombouts/ Argus

While many students were studying away, or rushing to finish those papers before the dreadful deadlines, numerous Lakehead students welcomed federal New Democratic Party leader Jack Layton to The Study on Friday, December 3rd, 2004.



Federal NDP leader Jack Layton address a crowd of students in The Study

Layton was in Thunder Bay, and had just come from delivering an address at the Victoria Inn. As per the party's new push to gain youthful support, however, the party leader agreed to meet with Lakehead's own NDP club, the LUNDP, and make a presentation for interested students.

Layton discussed many issues that were of interest to Canadians at large, and students in particular. The predominant themes of Layton's short presentation and the subsequent question and answer period were the relations between Canada and the United States, the state of the environment and the challenges facing Canadian students. "If enough of us make a little bit of a difference, a big change can happen." Layton touched on student debts, and the 'brain drain' phenomenon, citing both as proof that the Canadian government should invest more money into post-secondary education.

Layton ended his address with a message of strength for students trying to make their communities, their nation and their world a better place. "The solutions are there. They're exciting. You're the ones that are going to make them happen."

On January 7th, the Lakehead Young Liberals held their first fundraising dinner, with such guests as MP Ken Boschoff and MPP Michael Gravelle. While the event was not as well attended as Young Liberal President James Bowie had hoped, those present were enlightened with a number of speeches.

Nathan Hewitson, of the Lakehead Young Liberals, spoke of the importance of youth being involved in politics. Fadi Dawood, Vice President Finance of the Lakehead Young Liberals spoke of the glory of democracy, reflecting on his time growing up in Iraq, stating that one can really understand the importance of democracy when you live in a country without freedom.

MPP Gravelle stressed the importance of youth involvement in politics. Gravelle stated that through the youth associations, political parties can learn what the priorities of the party should be in the future and he thanked everyone for attending and specifically thanked all the members of the Young Liberals. Finally, Lakehead Young Liberals President James Bowie thanked everyone for attending the event and gave special thanks to those that spoke in support of the club.



On January 7th, the Lakehead Young Liberals' held their inaugural pasta dinner with guests Ken Boschoff and Michael Gravelle

In all, these two events gave students a chance to learn more about the democratic system of Canada and highlighted some options that students, as young voters, had. Further, they provided the chance for students to understand how they can become involved in the political system to change things for the better.

55-Year-Old puts wolf in headlock

Tom Peotto/ Argus

A uranium-mill worker owes his survival of a New Year's Eve wolf attack to knowledge of proper winter dress and application of wrestling techniques.

Fred Desjarlais, 55, had completed his shift at Cameco Corporation's Key Lake uranium mill, 640 km north of Saskatoon, and was eager to prepare for New Year's. At 7 pm, he had two options: either wait for the shuttle bus, or travel on foot to the camp three kilometers away. He chose to jog. Suddenly, he heard a noise behind him and saw a wolf "limping" towards him from a ditch.

Describing the wolf as having "a big mouth and a big head," he later said the wolf "was taunting me, (walking) in a circle around me. I looked around real quick and thought, 'I hope he's alone.'" His attempts to scare the beast away proved fruitless when it lunged at his head. He dodged that attack ("That's when I knew he meant business,"), and another one, but then the wolf bit his shoulder. As he was wearing several layers of clothing, he only suffered severe bruises. The wolf then bit him, as the Canadian Press put it, "twice in the pelvis."

Man and wolf both fell to the ground and got back up. Luckily, Desjarlais seized an opportunity, leaped on the wolf's back, and put it in a headlock. "I pulled him down the way you would take down cattle (for roping) and I dropped onto his head, pinning him there." Fortunately it didn't turn into a test of endurance—30 or 40 seconds later, the shuttle bus passed by, and several of his co-workers chased the wolf into the bush.



Fred Desjarlais shows off his wounds after wrestling a wolf on New Years' Eve

Cameco's Key Lake Security Officer, Kimm Barker, called Mr. Desjarlais "a remarkable man," and said the wolf "wasn't a very smart wolf because of all the people it could have picked, it chose one of the strongest."

Speaking to the press while recuperating at home in Saskatoon, Mr. Desjarlais summarized his dramatic ordeal: "I don't know what came over me or how I did it. All I know is I had his head and I wasn't letting go until someone came to help me." He felt no bitterness towards the wolf: "He wasn't a young, healthy one. If he was, he wouldn't have been there. He wouldn't have done what he did. It was just an older wolf that was doing what he had to do to survive and I just reacted, thank God, the way I did and survived it."

Unprovoked wolf attacks are extremely rare in North America, with only a handful of documented instances. In those cases, the assailant is usually rabid, starving, or a wolf-dog hybrid possessing the dog's blasé attitude towards humans.

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The Bowater of the Future?

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In 2004 Bowater employs 1,084 positions, uses about 180 megawatts of electricity, grinds Boreal trees to make paper, newsprint, cardboard and pulp mostly for export to our brothers and sisters in the United States of America.

At the moment Ontario and Canada are harvesting our forests faster than nature can re-grow them so we have an economy based on an unsustainable reality. With the Kyoto Protocol becoming effective in early 2005 the international community is signalling that our current energy systems are not working. I would agree. I would also suggest that our material systems are not working either. All material that surrounds us including paper from Bowater is designed for one use before going to the landfill. The city of Thunder Bay has room for about another 20 years of garbage. What happens after that? How do we grow a culture for our children based on 20 years?

Imagine the Bowater of the future. The actual factory itself resembles the shape of Mt. McKay with giant stepped terraces with plenty of windows. The plateau roof, like Mt. McKay, is a growing Boreal forest. The factory employs 3000 people in continual labour using the abundant energy from the sun. These employees are surrounded by clean and healthy material. This material that feeds the factory comes from the city and neighbouring villages in the form of paper, cardboard, building supplies, carpets and furniture. These materials, because their molecules are designed to infinitely come apart and go back together, flow from the city to the factory back to the city in a continuous cycle of materials for industrial production creating huge revenue. This is the technical nutrient Bowater factory of the future. What do you think?

Aaron Vallejo

Librarian circulation desk supervisor needs an attitude adjustment

I am under the impression that the staff members at Lakehead University are there to serve the students, but I guess I must be mistaken. I am a frequent user of the library and the services they have to offer and in all fairness their services have been pleasantly delivered in the past until I met the Supervisor of the Circulation Desk.

This particular fellow is rude, arrogant and indifferent. I had a particular complaint and was referred to him being that he is the supervisor. He happened to be standing right there and his response to my concern was "that's impossible, we are not going to do anything about it". I was taken aback by his rude response and let him know that I will go to his supervisor to report his attitude and his response was "go ahead, you won't be the first one anyway."

What a nerve, and especially coming from a *Supervisor*. Since he implied that I would not be the first one to have gone to his supervisor complaining about him, I am wondering if student complains just go unheard. Hello! Does anyone care?

He gives Lakehead University a really bad name and as an employee representing the school, something needs to be done about his pathetic attitude.

Lakehead University is proving to be a really disgraceful school after all. First it's Maxim on campus, and now its horrible service delivery.

Can Lakehead Administration start listening to students and quit silencing them?

W Magua M.

Dear Editor,

I would like to clarify why there were ESS executive and ESS members present at the past AGM. I don't think "...to state their opinion that to [sic] much political correctness may not be such a great idea" is accurate.

I called upon ESS members to come out and voice themselves in the form of voting on motions that were to be considered. I did indeed have a list of motions that would have affected us in one way or another. It was important that we brought as many people to the question as possible so that whatever happened would be in a fair manner, truly representative of all Lakehead University students.

There were a few times that people asked what our intentions were, and I can perhaps summarise them as being simply we did not want a small group of people deciding on issues that affect the entire campus. In fact, it seems that's why everyone was there. We also didn't want any further controls or processes that might inhibit the free operation of the ESS, or any other club, or the Outpost, or anything else for that matter. Given the nature of the AGM, where any student or group can bring fourth a motion, and in light of recent events, this was a real possibility, and as long as they brought enough people to back it up, it could pass and it's binding. As the executive of the ESS, a large group who would be affected by these decisions, we decided to get as many ESS members present as possible, so that they could decide if that's what they wanted for the ESS as a club, and themselves.

The ESS is far too large a group for us to have a 100% agreement on anything. I think it's important to acknowledge that within the Engineering student community, there are all races, all genders, all ages, and of course all manner of opinions.

Sincerely,
Casey McDonald
President
Engineering Student Society

F#*k 'Chuck-a-Puck'

After getting beamed in the head by a 'soft' puck at the Gardens on Friday, I've decided that I don't like Chuck-a-Puck. I've been to several Lakehead hockey games in my day and have never really been a fan of the whole Chuck-a-Puck concept. Literally hundreds of these pucks get hurled on to the ice all at once, being thrown from everywhere in the arena. Anyways, I've had a lot of 'close calls' when I comes to getting hit with one of these flying pucks. I've seen several people get hit with the pucks in the past and have avoided it myself, but apparently Friday was my lucky night. I got blessed with a puck in the face. Those pucks aren't that soft. Softer than regulation pucks, yes, but the word 'soft' doesn't do it justice. Maybe they're 'softER' but definitely not soft. Not my point. My point is, I went to a hockey game and got a bleeding nose. I didn't go to the hockey game to get a bleeding nose. I shouldn't have to worry about getting pelted with pucks during INTERMISSION. Neither should the little girl in the stands who got hit in the face too, knocking her glasses off her face. I should state that most people aren't ignorant and make a point to go down to the lower section to throw their puck at the vehicle. There are however, those people (mostly those punk pre-teen adolescents who have no respect for anything) who are careless asses and think it's funny to whip their puck in to the stands or just not give a crap and throw it from the top row. Picturing myself getting hit in the face with the puck makes me laugh. It definitely made my friends laugh...(find the rest of this letter at http://argus.lakeheadu.ca).

How 'bout no to the death penalty!!

To the writer of the "Bring back the death penalty" article (Nov. 22), I feel nothing but disgust for the way you think. There are an astonishing number of innocent people who have been killed for crimes they did not commit or have been sentenced to die only later to be discovered innocent. There is a reason why Canada abolished the death penalty, you know, it is because it's a disgrace to us. We are looked up to by other nations for our civil and humane way of living, unlike the U.S whose execution rate is higher than ever.

Saying that "all murderers should be eligible for the death penalty" and rehabilitation is "sissy" is not a good example of the values we share as a first world, civil country. Likewise, I'm not going to stop whining, you may have a right to your opinion, but I have a right to mine too, and I'm not going to shut up about it because you tell me too. The death penalty was abolished in Canada for a reason, and if you do not like it, I suggest you move to Texas. I'm sure you'll love it their. We Canadians have not built our reputation on showing our governments power over people or flexing our muscles, like the wonderful nation below us has. We help each other, not kill each other; because that is the kind of society we live in. People make mistakes; it doesn't mean they deserve to die for it. Sure, serial killers and dangerous offenders should never be released from prison, but killing them is not the answer. This is what makes us better than the United States. Re-instating the death penalty is not the answer to deter future crime...(find the rest of this letter at http://argus.lakeheadu.ca)

Chris S.

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In response to "The GIC are Hypocrites" (Nov 22)

I'm sorry that you feel discriminated against with regards to Take Back the Night. Had you read the poster more closely and found out the issues surrounding the event, you would know that men were encouraged to participate in Take Back the Night events, although not the walk, as it has its own reasons for not having men apart of it. I hope in the future you read more carefully and thus would know that men are not discriminated against at this particular event, nor did the GIC have any intention of doing so, I'm sure.

Richella Hyde

Lutsa 50-50 draw

Dear Sir/Madame:

Hello my name is Nesan Tharmalingam secretary of LUTSA (Lakehead University Tamil Student Association). On Nov 25/ 04 our club conducted a university wide 50/50 draw in order to raise funds for Sencholai Children Charity, based in Sri Lanka.

Sencholai Children Charity provides children who have lost their parents to the civil war with food, clothing, education and shelter. I am writing this email to request that the name of the winner of this 50/50 draw Ms. Dale Barnes (VP Administration) to be published in the next issue of the Argus paper and the Community Calendar. The total money raised by LUTSA on this day was $233.50, out of which Ms. Barnes is the lucky winner of $116.75.

LUTSA would like to extend congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Barnes. We would also like to thank all the Lakehead University staff, students, workers, and volunteers who participated and donated money for our fundraising endeavors.

We thank Lakehead University and the entire student body for their cooperation and interest.

Regards,
Nesan Tharmalingam
Secretary
LUTSA 04-05

Hey Readers!

Did you see something that upset you? Do you want to express your opinion on an issue? Let us know. Send your letters to argusletters@lakeheadu.ca. We are a student newspaper and as such we are a forum for you to voice your opinion.

Please send your letters by Wednesday at 5pm. Also, in order to allow as many students as possible an opportunity to have their voices heard, we ask that you limit your letters to three hundred words. Any letters over three hundred words will be continued on our website at http://argus.lakheadu.ca.

Outpost Food News

Well the 1st half of the year has come and gone and we made it! We had some great specials and a whole lot of awesome tasting food last term for all of our friends, guests and customers and this term will be no different. As a matter of fact, we are going to be testing out some new and exciting things this month and you all get to be the official taste testers for the pub.

The Management team were sitting around and talking about new stuff …..what should we do? Dave told us about these great Caesar burgers that the Elephant and Castle used to serve. We then took it a step farther and this is what we have come up with.

The Caesar Burger- The meat is spiced with Caesar goodness and parmesan cheese and topped with mozzarella cheese and bacon….mmmmmm

The Greek Burger- Spiced with the foods from the Gods, topped with tomato, red onion, romaine lettuce, greek dressing, tzatziki sauce and feta cheese… ..(I have had 3 in two days…I am going to get fat at this rate)

The Mexican Burger- Spiced with imported treats from the other south side…its like a burrito in a bun with cheddar, topped with salsa and sour cream. You can`t go wrong when you eat at the Outpost!

These awesome burgers are on sale now and don't forget that they transport well so you can take them home and eat it later when you are ready for a great treat.

This month Bonnie will be cooking up some hot soups and biscuits for you. This week it will be wild rice soup and cheese and garlic biscuits. (I picked the wrong time to quit smoking….too much good food around I will need to start going to the gym)

The winners of the $100.00 in free food goes to…(drum roll please)…Thomas Murray and Jason Tanner. We will have one more draw for $100.00 in free Outpost food and the date will be Tuesday Feb 1/05. To participate in the contest all you have to do is go for breakfast lunch or supper and spend $5.00 or over and put your name in the tub to win win win $100.00 in free free free Outpost food!

Well I am talking way too much and I have to go to work, but I will be back next week to tell you more great food news.
Next Week: BIG ASS SANWICHES!!!!!!
That's it for now
Cheers
Heidi

New things in the New Year @ the Outpost

Have you heard about some of the new stuff going on this term in the Post? Food, Fun and MONEY MONEY MONEY!!!!!

First off lets talk cold hard cash and how you can put some into your pocket. The Outpost Idol is starting on Monday January 10th/05 at 9pm-1am weekly until February 28th. Every Monday night 3 people will proceed to compete at the semi-finals that will be held on February 21st. Five people from the night of the 21st will go on to the finals that will be held on February 28th. Everyone is allowed to sing at this event, even if you do not want to compete and you are just out for fun and want to sing. Just let us know and we will take it from there.

Let me tell you how this is going to work. For the 5 weeks prior to the semi-finals the patrons and your friends will be the judges for the night. So this means you must bring a cheering squad to help you get to the next level. Each competitor will sing 2 songs each so choose wisely. You will have approximately 10,000 songs to choose from. Come and practice for a week or two before you enter if that makes you feel any better. At the end of each night all contestants will come on stage and the audience (by applause and noise that is monitored with a decimal meter) will be the judges.

On February 21st, 15 people will then be in front of a panel of real judges that will decide who will be the next 5 people to move on to the finals on the 28th of February.

There will be one 1st prize winner that will walk away with $500.00 and the second place winner will be walking away with $250.00. This is no small prize. Three people are picked weekly to move to the semi-finals and to get closer to that $500 prize. Not only are we giving big prizes to the winners but we are also giving smaller gifts to the three people who place weekly, nothing too big, maybe some food vouchers for here or there, maybe an eyebrow wax, maybe a cd from CD plus, it could be bowling at Superior…you never know. It's all about the fun and prizes on this night so come out to be entertained or come out to entertain. We don't care, just come out and have fun.

So if you are bored on Mondays, have a cheering crowd, need $500, or just need a good time the Outpost is the place to be.

Good times
Great food
Great prizes and so much more on Mondays and everyday at the Outpost!
Cheers
Heidi McNally
GM Outpost

A reality check from immature first year residence students

This rant is in rebuttal to the letter written by Isabelle Poniatowski (Nov 22). She claims that she is in a serious field of study here at Lakehead University. Yet, her vast diction consists of such serious words as crap. I seriously question her seriousness towards school if her and her colleagues spend their time seriously discussing the state of a "man made" lake that is seriously abused by all students. I have been a witness to many hamburger patty "throwings" by upper year students during barbecues this year. I guess it is not just "loser" first years on a free ride from Mommy and Daddy who throw objects into Lake Tamblyn. As a first year student who is nineteen years old and who throws oranges onto Lake Tamblyn I do not fit any of the descriptions of Ms. Poniatowski's typical orange thrower. My friends and I throw oranges for the same reasons we roll them at ridiculous Maxim protestors. We throw oranges on the lake because it is fun. We pay a ridiculous sum of money for food that is far below reasonable standards and we become angered with our meals so we throw fruit. I dare any "mature" upper year student who lives off campus to move into a residence facility with a Residence Assistant watching over you and a House President who does not care about their job and who quit two days ago. You must also eat the food provided by Aramark day after day. This is our life. Carbohydrates, grease, pizza and gravy are the main staples of our diet. But not to fear Aramark, has placed a popcorn machine in the cafeteria for all students to collectively dig their dirty hands into…(find the rest of this letter at http://argus.lakeheadu.ca)

Toby Simpson and the Orange Bandits

Equality needs your help – Equal Marriage at risk

Welcome to 2005, a year that could help put Canada on the map to be leaders in Social Change and awareness.

Those of you who either were graced with a lack of exams last term, or read/listen to the news as a form of procrastinating from studying for your exams may have heard that the Supreme Court of Canada passed down their ruling on the four questions posed to them on Equal Marriage.

To summarize for you, they found that 1) It is under the Federal Government's jurisdiction to legislate marriage. 2) Religious institutions will not be required by any means to perform same-sex marriage ceremonies, if they do not believe in them. 3) That the marriages that have all ready taken place in BC, Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador are legal and binding. 4) They did not comment on whether denying marriage licenses to same-sex couples was a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

All this came out on December 9th after parliament had adjourned for the holidays, so this break has given our MPs an opportunity to really get to know where their constituents stand on this issue. Parliament reconvenes on January 31st, 2005 and they are set to address the issue at the opening of the New Year.

This is where I ask for your support. Equal Marriage is about affording the SAME Rights that any heterosexual couple has when they have lived together for a minimum of 3 years. That includes claiming benefits, spousal leave, pensions etc. I ask that all concerned students support their fellow Canadians by expressing their support for Equal Marriage Rights by contacting their local MP, Ken Boshcoff (623-6001 or boshcoff.k@parl.gc.ca) if you live in Fort William or Joe Comuzzi (807-345-4305 or Comuzzi.J@parl.gc.ca) if you live in Port Arthur or your MP in your home riding wherever that may be (your can find out at http: //www.equal-marriage.ca)and let them know where you stand on this issue as they are supposed to be our voice in Ottawa.

I have explained it in this cold bureaucratic fashion because that is how the government views marriage, not Marriage, a sacrament within a church. As I have already stated, the Supreme Court absolved all responsibility of any religious institution to perform marriage ceremonies they do not wish to. (This already exists; the Roman Catholic Church does not have to marry anyone who has been divorced.) I understand the religious argument that people do not support homosexuality based on their religious convictions but this is about law and rights not about religion. I understand that not everyone is in support of Equal Marriage but I ask that you look as it from an Equal Rights standpoint and put all else aside.

If you would like to show your support more visibly, all next week in the Agora you can either volunteer or find volunteers handing out buttons, literature and petitions in support of Equal Marriage. Please do not hesitate to come down to Pride Central to learn more about Equal Marriage and discuss any issue. ALL are welcome regardless of sexual orientation or opinion.

Thanks for your support and your commitment to Equal Rights,
Richella Hyde- Pride Central Coordinator

D A N G E R O U

George Lister/ Argus

It goes without saying that this is a dangerous world we live in. Sometimes it even seems like the planet itself is out to get us, a point reinforced by the deadly tsunami that struck Southeast Asia in late December. In fact, natural disasters have been greater mass-killers than any war yet waged or terrorist act committed. Consider the recent tsunami which left more than 150,000 dead so far and the number still rising. By comparison, that's more than eight times the number of people killed so far in the Iraq conflict, and forty-three times the number who died in 9/11.

Tsunamis aren't the only natural disasters out there with the potential to cause a massive loss of lives. Here are a few of the threats that come from our very own planet (and one from beyond).

Disease

Infectious diseases are the greatest naturally occurring threat to human life on this planet. This has always been the case historically as well. The threat of pandemics like the Black Plague (14th century, 75 million dead) or the influenza outbreak from 1918-1920 (21 million fatalities), have been mitigated somewhat by medical advances and access to treatment, but another mass viral pandemic is still all too possible.

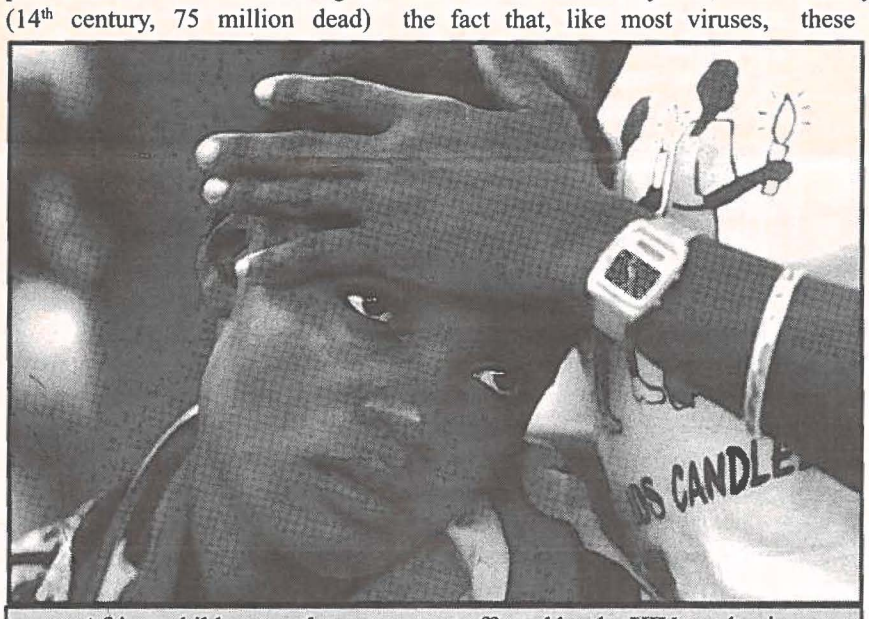
The 2003 SARS outbreak illustrates how our modern lives could actually contribute to the problem rather than making such an even less likely. In previous such events global travel was hardly common. Now business and pleasure travelers flit across the globe daily and each of them could carry an infectious disease to every nation they visit. For example, SARS was carried from China, to Hong Kong, to Taiwan, and to Canada primarily but cases were reported in a dozen other countries. The only thing that kept it from being a truly dangerous global outbreak was that SARS was relatively hard to transmit and had a low rate of fatality. If a new strain of influenza, or worse an easily transmitted variant of an Ebola-type virus, were to surface near a hub of global travel, it could precipitate the greatest health crisis ever seen.

Sadly it can be easily argued that virus, and crisis, is already here in the form of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

HIV/AIDS is present in the population of virtually every country on Earth. As of 2001, there were an estimated forty million reported cases, with possibly as many as another twenty million left unreported. Although in western nations the rate of infection has declined, the reverse is true for other areas, Africa in particular. Of the top ten nations with the largest reported numbers of HIV infected residents, nine of them are from Africa. Nigeria is particularly hard hit with more than six percent of the total population infected. HIV infection alone is expected to drop the average life expectancy in that country by more than twenty years. Compounding the problem for African nations is that most residents, or their governments, cannot afford the life-extending drug cocktails that have shown to be successful in delaying the onset of AIDS.

Efforts to find a vaccine are hampered due to the complexity of the virus, that it attacks the immune system, and the fact that, like most viruses, it is mutating (several strains are now known). Finding an outright cure is even harder since medical science has had little luck in combating viruses by any means other than vaccination.

The bright spot in all the gloom is that the research being done into HIV/AIDS has greatly increased our knowledge of the human immune system and viruses. The research into anti-viral drugs in particular offers the most hope for not just those infected with HIV/AIDS but for combating all forms of viruses.



African children are the group most affected by the HIV pandemic

Earthquakes

There have been countless movies, television shows, and novels written that use earthquakes as the central plot device. It's easy to understand why. Earthquakes are some of the most dangerous natural events on the planet and they aren't something that can be prevented or even predicted. They also have effects reaching far beyond the initial shock. After-shocks can last for weeks, with some being almost as strong as the initial quake. Also, as we saw in the Indian Ocean last month, they can spawn other horrific natural disasters like tsunamis.



The aftermath of the 1989 California earthquake

Possibly the most famous fault line in world is in California. The San Andreas Fault runs almost the length of the state and has been responsible for the worst North American earthquakes in recorded history. The most damaging of these was the 1906 quake that struck San Francisco. Between the initial shock and the fires caused by it almost the entire city was effectively destroyed. This fault line, in the worst case scenario, could effective cause much of the west coast of the United States to fall into the Pacific Ocean. An earthquake of enough magnitude to cause such an event would be felt as far north as Canada, likely causing massive devastation in British Columbia. A massive quake on this fault is almost certain to happen again, but when is anyone's guess.

There are other even deadlier and more active fault lines in the world. Ones in China, Turkey, and India have caused widespread destruction and cost hundreds of thousands of lives in recent memory. In fact most of the world's population lives within a thousand kilometers of an active fault line. Since that is the case the need to research this type of natural disaster is acute. However, despite years of study there remains no proven or reliable method for predicting earthquakes, let alone stopping them (Hollywood movie scripts aside).

The best way to limit the destructive power of earthquakes is to build structures that can withstand them. Earthquake resistant buildings are mandatory in California and incorporate features such as literally being able to sway with the quake (in the case of larger structures). Such an approach is unfortunately impractical for the tens of millions of people who live in poorer nations also prone to quakes, so their best hope lies in finding a workable means of predicting these disasters. As for the tsunamis spawned by underwater quakes, a new effort is underway to make early detection possible. Even a few minutes warning could have saved tens of thousands of lives in Asia last month.

Volcanos

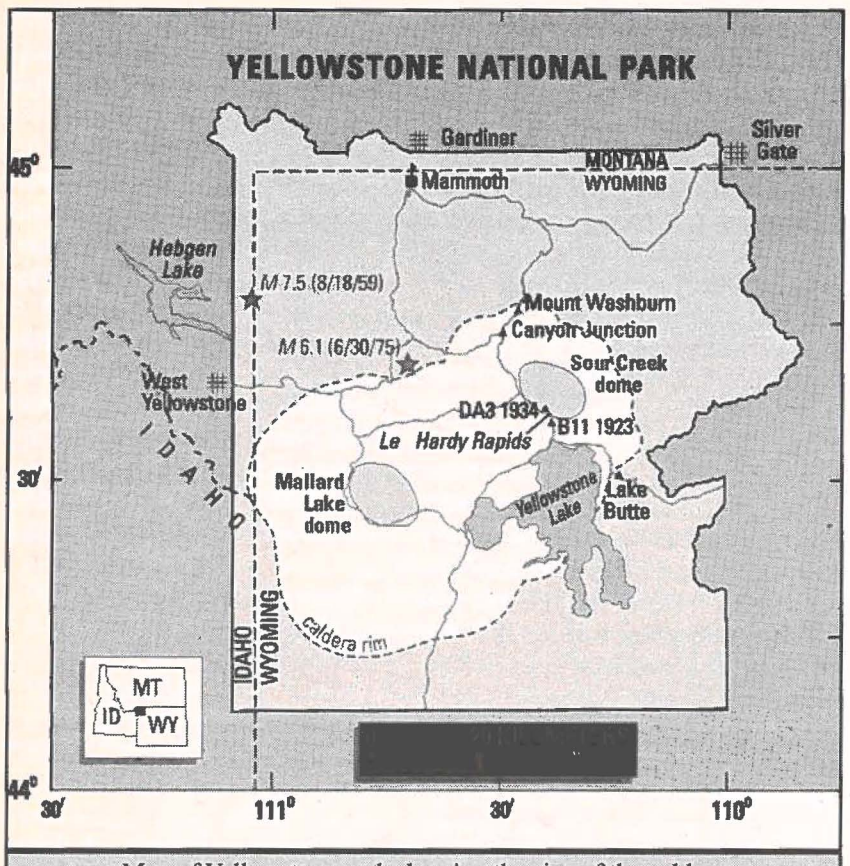
If earthquakes are one of the most destructive natural disasters then volcanoes run very close behind. Actually it's more like side by side. Spawned by the same kinds of seismic forces, earthquakes and volcanoes often come as one package. One key difference is that volcanoes can occasionally be predicted. Active volcanoes are also, well, more than a little noticeable. The Kilauea volcano in Hawaii is the most active in the world, having been more or less continually erupting since 1983, and providing not only a spectacular show but more than 200 hectares of new land to the southern shore of Kilauea island. The more dangerous volcanoes are the ones which appear dormant that erupt with little to no warning. Mount St. Helens in Washington State was just such a volcano. Although it had been showing signs of activity for several months, geologists were caught off guard by the speed and size of the 1980 eruption. Ultimately debris fell over 230 sq. miles, fifty-seven lives were lost, and one town completely buried by the 3.7 billion cubic yards of material either ejected from the volcano or picked up by the massive landslides that followed. The scary thing is this was a comparatively small eruption.

The most destructive volcano in recorded history erupted in 1815 on the Indonesian island of Tambora. In addition to the estimated 93,000 dead the eruption ejected enough ash into the atmosphere to lower the average temperature across Europe by more than two degrees. Two degrees might not sound like a lot, but it adversely affected crop growth and weather patterns for over a year. It could still have been worse however.



The Kilauea volcano lighting up the night sky

S P L A N E T



Map of Yellowstone park showing the size of the caldera

A super-volcano, slang for a volcano capable of an eight point eruption (the highest on the scale), could have disastrous effects on the world at large. The good news is that such volcanoes are thankfully rare as they can cause worldwide climate change as well as vast local devastation. The bad news is that there's one a lot closer to us than you might think.

Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming is well known for it's geysers of superheated water and pools of geo-thermally heated water. The phenomena let scientists know the area was volcanically active, but the scale of the Yellowstone caldera (or magma basin) wasn't fully known until the 1960's. The caldera is 70km long and more than 30km wide. This more than qualifies it for super-volcano status. Geological evidence suggests that this area experienced super-volcanos at regular intervals of approximately 600,000 years. The evidence also suggests that it has been over 650,000 years since the last eruption. While that in and of itself shouldn't be enough to make anyone nervous, there is evidence of increasing activity in the Yellowstone caldera. Geysers are erupting more frequently, the land itself is rising (by over a meter in some areas), and mild earthquakes are being felt in the park. Vulcanologists are split over what this means. Some believe this is an indication that the magma is rising and an eruption is relatively imminent (and by imminent they mean likely to occur in the next 1000 years). Others think that the changes are the result of the magma receding and being replaced by lighter gasses, which means the area is becoming dormant. If the Yellowstone super-volcano did erupt with the same force it had in the past it would likely render much of the United States and Canada uninhabitable and lower the average global temperature by as much as fifteen degrees for as long as a decade. More studies are being done to gauge the true level of threat, but no credible scientists believe there is any immediate cause for concern (apart from internet conspiracy theorists).

Impact from Space

If you've ever seen the movies *Deep Impact* or *Armageddon* you know the basic idea here. Of course in real life we don't have Bruce Willis ready and waiting to save the day, but of all possible natural disasters this is one we might actually be able to prevent.

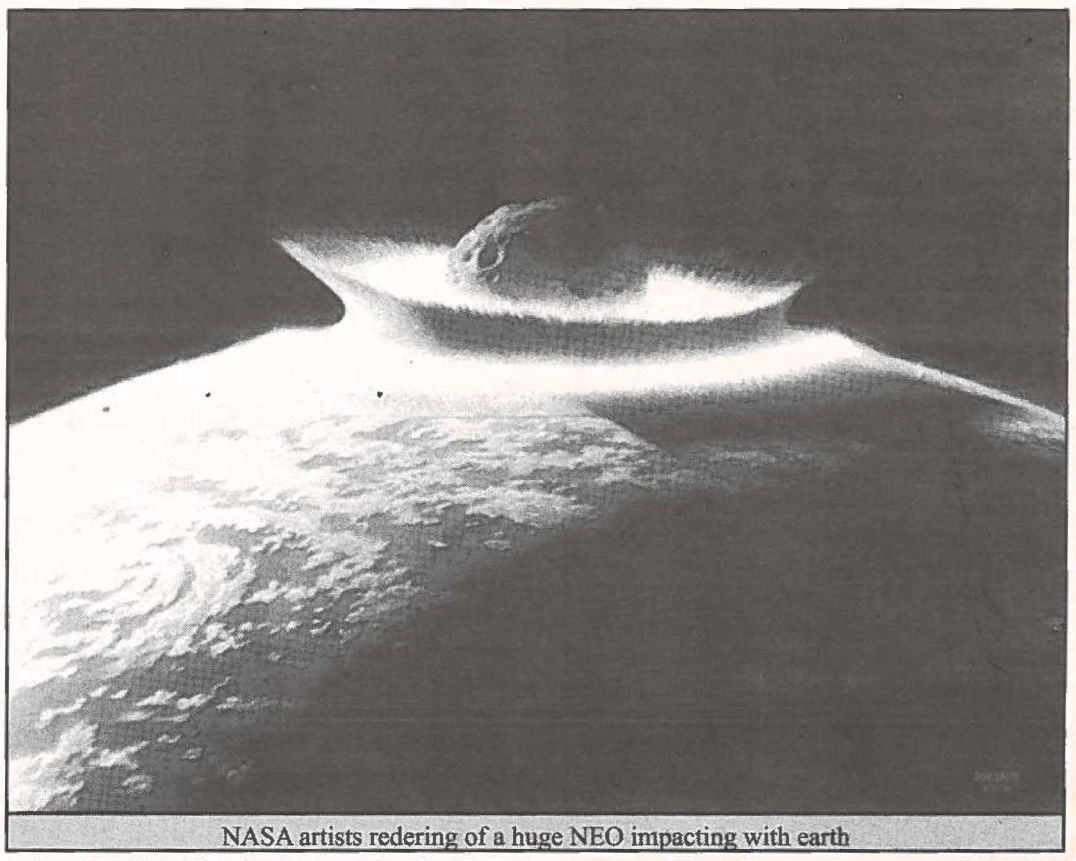
Essentially outer space is teeming with objects like asteroids and comets. Small ones impact the earth on a regular basis and, thanks to our atmosphere, either burn up before impact or are so reduced in size as to cause no damage. There are far larger objects out there however and if one of them heads our way we are in a lot of trouble. A near earth object, or NEO, the size of a garage could destroy a major city. One ten times that size would leave a crater 10 km across and change the global climate for years to come. One large enough to leave a 300 km crater (the largest found on earth to date) would likely result in the extinction of almost all life on the planet. Any sizable NEO striking one of Earth's oceans would generate tsunamis of unbelievable force and speed. A thousand foot high wall of water moving at the speed of sound is not an impossibility.

Astronomers have been actively scouting the skies for NEO's for decades and in recent years have organized and begun a systematic and constant search for potential threats of this nature. It is likely that we would have years, if not decades, of warning before a threatening NEO would strike Earth. That gives us a chance to actually prevent an impact from happening.

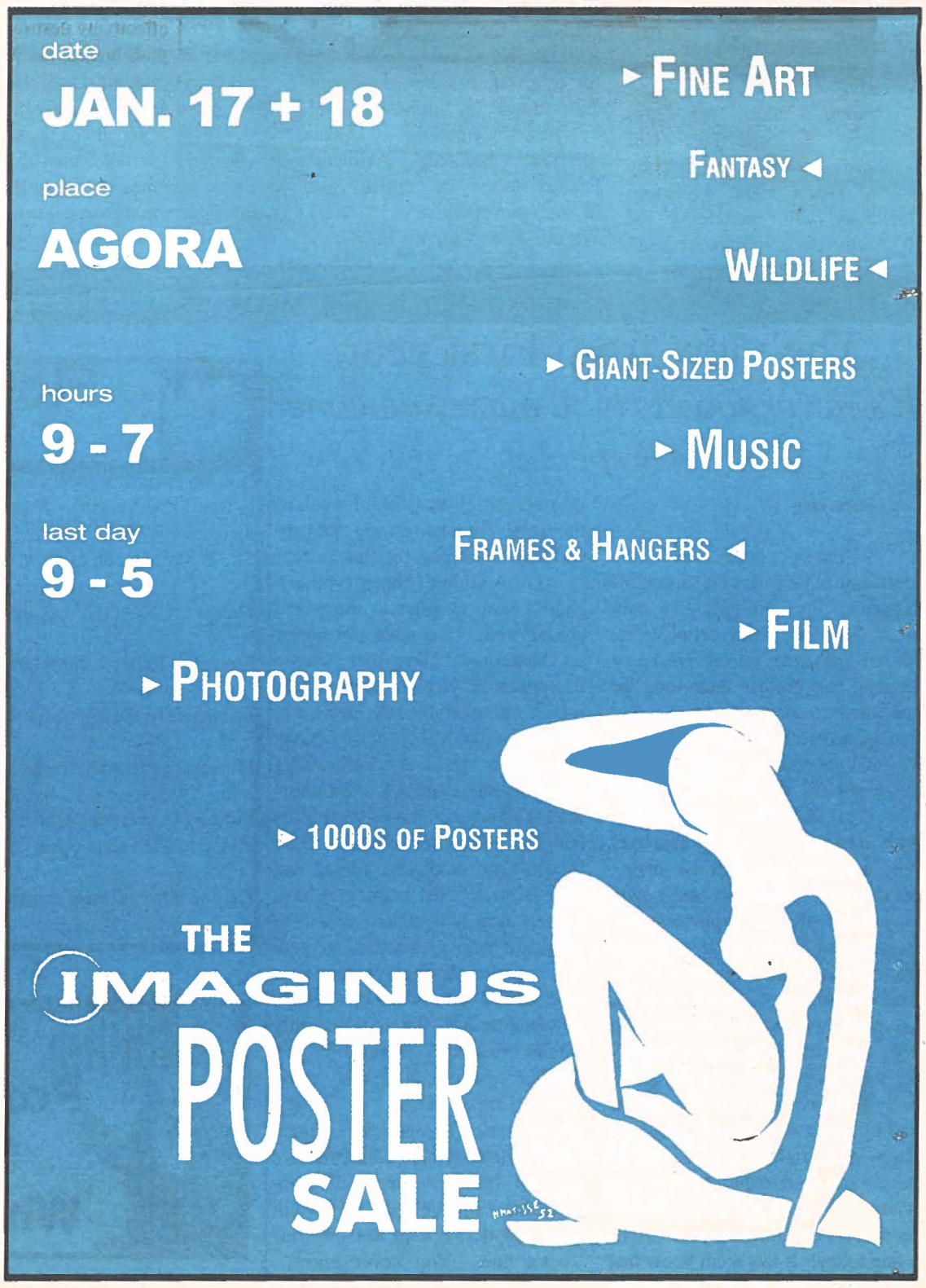
What we would actually do to prevent it is less clear. Simply lobbing nuclear weapons at the object would probably be ineffective, as would landing a craft to strategically place explosives (sorry Bruce). One of the more likely solutions actually sounds the most far out. That plan involves sending a spacecraft to dock with the object and plant a small ion rocket engine on it to make a minor change in course. If there was enough time this plan would work as a course change of just fractions of a degree would be enough to prevent the NEO from striking us.

Give a Helping Hand

With the exception of HIV/AIDS there's not a lot you can do to protect yourself from any of these potential disasters. None of them are likely to occur to you so there's no point worrying. Natural disasters do happen however, and there are people right now suffering as the result. If you would like to donate money to the relief effort in Southeast Asia please contact the local Red Cross or Salvation Army.



NASA artists redering of a huge NEO impacting with earth



A word or two from the Editor



Happy New Year All! So we are back to school and back into the swing of things. I hope everyone had a relaxing break.

I'm sure that for many people, upon seeing their friends for the first time after Christmas, one of the first questions asked was "What did you get?" A natural question I suppose.

Now, I personally asked for nothing for Christmas. I did this as a protest against the consumerism that Christmas has become entwined with. Failing people not spending money on my behalf at Christmas I asked that the money be donated to a worthy charity so that others could enjoy Christmas and so that the money could be used to make the world a better place. Sadly, both of these requests were ignored. Why? Because the people buying presents for me felt it would be unfair if people around me received gifts and I didn't…despite the fact that I requested no gifts. Now, I don't mean to sound ungrateful. I appreciate the sentiment with which the gifts were given but for me, the same sentiment could have been achieved with no money spent, or money spent on people that really need it.

Now, I want you to think back and recall how many people may have complained about a gift they received over the holidays. Just think about that for a second. How many people forgot that they were with family or friends and that someone cared enough to go get something for them? (Okay, I know I am getting into hypocrisy and contradictory statements, but hear me out). The entire season has become about getting stuff. It doesn't matter whether you want the stuff or need the stuff. We show we care by giving the people around us stuff. A good chunk of the stuff will probably never be used.

Now, think about the terrible event that occurred just days after Christmas. The tsunami in Asia killed over 100,000 people. Disease and the stress of rebuilding will inevitably lead to more pain and death. It has been suggested that part of the reason that so many people died, and will continue to die, is because these countries were very poor to begin with. They lacked infrastructure so there is nothing to rebuild upon. UNICEF is facing difficulties in its efforts to provide adequate nutrition to the regions children, because for the most part these children were living on inadequate food supplies even before the crisis.

And the tsunami is just the most recent of terrible catastrophes. The AIDS epidemic kills hundreds of thousands of people each month. Civil wars and political strife lead to needless causalities. The economic disparity of the vast majority of the world's population leads to staggering rates of death due to hunger and inadequate health supplies.

So while we in Canada are complaining that we didn't get the right C.D. or we didn't really like that particular model of digital camera, people around the world are struggling to survive. Twenty percent of the world's population consumes eight percent of the world's resources. We are part of that twenty percent.

We are not doing enough to help the victims of catastrophes around the world. Sure, we are sending money and supplies to Asia now, but what about in a few months when the vast majority of the population forgets about tsunamis? I encourage people to give their support to the relief efforts now but I also encourage people to continue supporting change in the world. Do your research and find out where people are suffering in the world. Then discover how you can help make a difference.

Thanks for your time,

Rob Rombouts

From the President's Desk



Graham Strickert/ LUSU President

Welcome Back! And a happy 2005 to all.

Over the Hill

Lordy, Lordy, Somebody is 40. That's right, Lakehead University will celebrating its' 40th Anniversary throughout 2005. The official celebration will be taking place September 20th to October 2nd, 2005. If you would like to help organize activities for the 40th Anniversary celebration you could become a member of the 40th Anniversary Student Liaison Planning Committee.

Computers Sale This Week!

As many of you may have noticed, BB 1055, LI 3004, CB 1004, RB 1030 computers labs have been upgraded. As a result we will be selling off the older computers for $50. The computers will not have software but $50 for a tower, monitor, keyboard, and mouse is quite a deal.

New Building Update

The Students' Athletics Facility is on the critical path to be open February 1st, 2005. We are also planning the Grand Opening Celebration the first week in March, exact date to be announced. If you would like to help organize the grand opening we are still accepting résumés for students interested in joining the planning team.

Freezin' for the Fees is Back

Do you think you are paying too much for your university education? Well here is you chance to voice your opinion through action. The freeze the fees campaign is back! That's right we want the government to hear our cries so we are freezing for the fees again. If you have never heard about freezing for the fees, I'll give you the low down. On January 24th – 28th, 2005, we will be sleeping outside on the tennis courts, freezing to keep our tuition fees frozen. We are in the first year of a government promise for a two-year "fully funded" tuition fee freezing. For more information please contact LUSU.

A Call to Action

This year for the Canadian Federation Students' February 3rd National Day of Action we will be taking a group for 20-30 students to Sudbury on February 2nd & 3rd, and then continuing on to Toronto for 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2005. The purpose of rallying in Sudbury is to unite a Northern Ontario voice that highlights the pandemic under funding of Northern Institutions. We will be having a planning meeting for the Day of Action on Thursday, January 13th at 10am in UC 2020.

What would you call it?

The time has come to select a name for our New Students' Multi-Sport Athletic Building. That's right, you could have a name you selected appear on the New Building. Simply submit a name, or visit LUSU.ca for your opportunity to name the new building. The top 50 names will be showcased in next week's issue of the Argus.

Volunteers Needed

- LUNSA is looking for volunteers to help with a "Pow-Wow March 11th – 13th, 2005. If you are interested e-mail lunsa@lakeheadu.ca
- The LUSU Board of Directors is still looking for a secretary. If you are interested please send your resume and a letter of intent to lusupres@lakeheadu.ca

Columns

The view from First year

It's never too early to make someone feel special

Lee Gastmeier

Every year on the fourteenth of February the same stuff happens. Guys and gals give each other flowers, candy, chocolates, special gifts...etc, go out for fancy dinners, and profess their love for one another...etcetera. I hope that you see where I am going with this. You all know that I am talking about the traditions of Valentine's Day.

I say this year break with tradition! Why let one day rule whether you will be happy or unhappy based on some guy or girl or all the happy couples surrounding you?! If there is someone special in your life, let them know today. Don't wait for a certain day on the calendar. Go out and celebrate your feelings for them this week! It's never too early to make someone feel special and by doing so you make yourself happy too, right?! There isn't a person out there reading this article whose day could not be brightened by flowers or chocolate or a card or a hug today! It lets them know that not only do you think they are the greatest during the second week of February but also during January and any other day for that matter.

And don't forget, you can choose how to react to the world around you. If you are not happy on Valentine's Day, then maybe it is because you are choosing to reflect on what you do not have, as oppose to what you do have. Valentine's Day is traditionally about couples and such and I know that. You can still have a great time hanging with your friends. Stay in and rent movies or go out and have a blast. Just laugh and have a great time with those people in your life who means lots to you.

Now how about that little cute naked boy with the wings, bow and arrow? We most certainly cannot discuss Valentine's Day without mentioning our good friend Cupid. Okay, so maybe Cupid isn't so popular among many. Mainly because his presence in your life may be, well, non-existent? Maybe his arrow of love and desire hath not hit you? That's fine. You never know…

Flowers and Fishheads

One Bouquet of Flowers to Tiffany Taylor for using some of the free time in your busy summer schedule in Banff to cross stitch 30 beautiful Christmas Tree Ornaments for my Christmas present. I will treasure them...and YOU....always!
The E-Mail Queen of 58 Main

Flowers to all you LU students out there; it is so great to be back and to see you all! Smiles, from Lee.

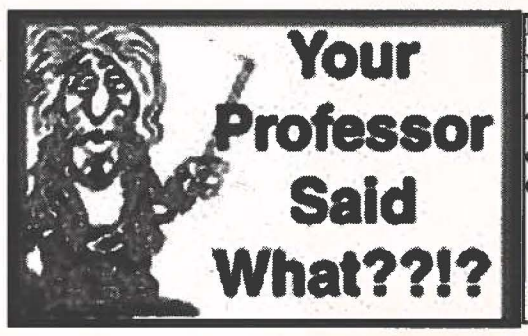
Flower to Rebecca for returning my purse. It's nice to know that there are nice people out there.

Fishheads to the icy walkways.

Flowers to my girls; it was a lonely week without you!

Flowers to everyone who helped out with the Argus Rocks concert back in November. Special flowers to all the bands and to Ryan Grant and the Events Committee for helping us pay for the event.

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



Professors Say the strangest things. Let us know what your Professor said at argus@lakeheadu.ca.

"You could be addicted to studying...wait, this is a kin class"
Glen Paterson, 2nd year Psych of Sport

Who says we never get any bands?

A re-cap of concerts from 2004

Angie Valente/ Argus

This past year, Thunder Bay had a selection of stellar talent pass through town to do more then gas up or hit a Tim Horton's for a double-double. There were some amazing bands that trekked far and wide, making their way here from all corners of the globe just to make us happy and play.

The fall was kicked off with a bang, as it usually is, with lots of rock action. We saw homegrown heroes The Golden Dogs come back for a visit at the Apollo, The Illuminati with C'mon made waves, Billy and the Lost Boys showed us that girls know how to rock, and Dayglow Abortions proved they're still punks at heart. Warp 9 was jumping in October, with Planet Smashers and Staggered Crossing both putting on amazing shows. Stag X demonstrated that they remained true to their art form by going the indie route and starting their own music label...but the biggest show Warp 9 has ever seen was yet to come.

Billy Talent rocked the sox off of every sweaty kid in the mosh pit, and you could feel the intensity from wherever you were standing. Working really hard and giving it your all night after night really does pay off. It's a Cinderella story really, but after paying their dues for nearly ten years in the underground Toronto scene, the breakout single 'Try Honesty' grabbed people's attention, and it hasn't let go since. Billy Talent were the winners of Best New Artist at the 2004 Juno Awards, forcing people to stand up and stare. The local show took place on Sunday, October 10th and unlike very few concerts by Canadian rock bands, was sold out a few weeks before the show. An amazing feat in itself, two other Canadian bands by the names of Metric and Death From Above 1979 were lucky enough to be the opening acts on this tour. They played in front of massive crowds across Canada, and were the perfect recipe to get the crowd riled up for the mayhem that was to follow.

Great Big Sea with Jimmy Rankin graced the Community Auditorium stage once again, but the price was $45 per ticket and enough to scare a fair amount of us students out of the water.

The Study was full of people on October 20th who gladly came out to watch a performance by the mesmerizing band Nine Mile. With them they brought along newcomer and bare foot performer Melissa Larkin who sang like a bird and stole the show.

Pride Central put on a fundraiser at the Outpost on November 1st and brought in sassy Ember Swift with her bold messages set to catchy melodies. Long standing musical members of the community Outside the Lines kicked off the show.

Vancouver's The Black Halos shocked a lot of people in attendance at the Apollo on November 6th with their sneers and tight musicianship all rolled up into a tight ball that bounced around the room. Stay tuned for an interview with Black Halos drummer Rob Zgaljic in a future issue. Zeke opened the show, but by the end of their set they were having a yelling and swearing match with a few hecklers in the crowd. On the plus side, it made for more entertainment than their set.

Canadian hard hitters The Tea Party played the Community Auditorium, but to their disgust, thought there should have been more people in attendance. Openers Out of Your Mouth and Todd Kerns were forces not to be reckoned with, and these smaller scale artists got a taste of what is yet to come in their own careers. They exposed the younger crowd to two different styles of music and had everyone talking in the lounge after the show.



In November, The Tragically Hip reminded Thunder Bay that they are one of Canada's best live bands.



REM played a benefit concert for AIDS Thunder Bay in November.



Billy Talent rocked the socks off of every sweaty kid in the mosh pit

One of the most famous bands in the music business who have been around since the 80s, mysteriously found their way to our city. R.E.M. played an AIDS fundraiser show at the Gardens for a steep $61.50 that had many university students sitting in their bedrooms listening to In Time: The Best of R.E.M. Newcomer Charlie Mars opened the show, and although the show was a memorable one, it was far from sold out, and the crowd had a vibe that can't really be described as anything but, weird. It seemed like it took lots to get this crowd riled up, unless of course you were standing in the first few rows. A definite concert low-light was not hearing the classic tune 'Everybody Hurts' but I'll forgive them since Michael Stipe and R.E.M. have shown the world what it really means to be a rock star.

Pilate and Boy played Warp 9 on November 20th, and on the same night the Apollo hosted Matt Mays and El Torpedo all the way from the East Coast. A magnificent show, the guys showcased their talents and showed the crowd what all the fuss has been about. These guys have been gaining national success, including the New Artist of the Year Award at last years East Coast Music Awards. The new album set for release this spring, was produced by legendary rock producer and Grammy Award winner Don Smith.

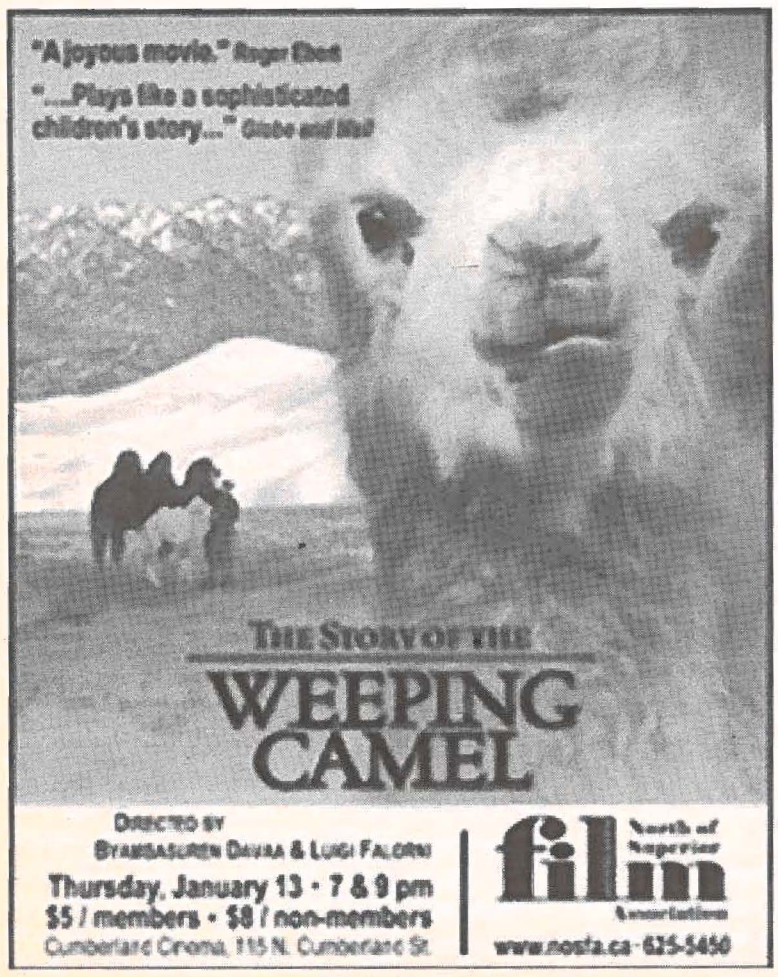
Next up for 2004 was our own Argus fundraiser at the Outpost, which took immense planning and organization. We thank everyone involved and who helped out. Thanks to Doug Gorrie, Freeground, Eryn Hull and Stillen Line, Shroud, AVS and Vaya for providing your talents.

The Tragically Hip returned to TBay, making this year a success for big shows. From the first song to the last, the Hip had the crowd on their feet and interacting with the music. Quite the opposite from the R.E.M. show, the vibe was one of electric energy and positivity. Many classic Hip songs were played, which appeased the crowd, yet new gems were also thrown in for good measure and variety. It was then I remembered why the Tragically Hip are one of Canada's best live bands. East Coast band the Joel Plaskett Emergency played a solid set, and had a line-up of eager fans patiently waiting after the set to buy his album and chat with the singer-songwriter/guitar player.

Detroit City native Royce Da 59 kicked off Bling Bling Thursdays at Armani's with his hip-hop edge. Having at one time worked with Eminem and Dr. Dre, Royce brought along MC's June Johnson and K Vishiss for a little help on the microphone. Even though it was a short set, the crowd was very supportive and interacted well with the rapper, who dropped a few free styles. And the crowd went wild.

Last but certainly not least, Gob played a free show at Warp 9 on November 26th. The show was part of an anti-smoking campaign put on by the Ministry of Health. We all got to hear the Gob songs we're familiar with and the kiddies loved it. I can't even remember the last time a known band played a free show. Hopefully, if there is a next time, the place will be packed to the brim. Kudos to Vancity natives Gob for being part of such a good cause and using their popularity to create awareness.

The past year of 2004 saw many other artists perform here in Thunder Bay, so here's a quick re-cap: Jann Arden with Emm Gryner, Nickelback with Three Days Grace and The Trews, Natalie MacMaster, Default, High Holy Days, Ryan Malcolm with Jacynthe, Tom Jones, The Beautiful Girls, Tricky Woo, Ten Foot Poll, Moneen, Rufus Wainwright, Constantines, GFK, Alexisonfire, April Wine, Bif Naked, the Salads, Social Code, Belvedere, BigWig, Stabilo, Crowned King, Matthew Good, Honeysuckle Serontina, Finger Eleven, The Waking Eyes, Cannibal Corpse, A is A, White Cowbell Oklahoma, Blue Oyster Cult, See Spot Run, Fefe Dobson, Fuscia, Ripcordz, Nazareth, Alice Cooper, By Divine Right, Staggered Crossing, Barney Bentall and more!



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A Midwinter Night's Dream tour to sparkle at Apollo

Angie Valente/ Argus

A five piece travelling band of singer-songwriters are preparing to tour Canada in support of their new solo releases. As these troopers make the trip across our great country during what is known as the Canadian winter, they are generous enough to make the Apollo a stop on Saturday, January 15th. Cover is only $4.

The tour will feature Sudbury's Kate Maki, Dartmouth's Dale Murray, Guelph's Nathan Lawr, Sudbury's Ryan Bishops and St. Margaret's Bay's Ruth Minnikin. After touring the country last year as a duo in support of their first solo records and playing a show at Warp 9, Kate Maki and Ruth Minnikin will return to the highway with new releases and three more singer-songwriters/ multi-instrumentalists, including Dale Murray, Nathan Lawr and Ryan Bishops with new material of their own.

The tour will last a month, playing twenty shows in total throughout Central and Western Canada. Do the math and you'll see that the artists will be taking very few days off, with just enough time to get to the next gig. The tour, called "A Midwinter Night's Dream" differs from ordinary songwriter revues because the performers will play together as a five piece band, backing each other up with drums, bass, acoustic and electric guitars, pedal steel, piano, organ, accordion, harmonica and harmonies. The quintet of musicians will play two sets, showcasing four or five songs each. The artists each have unique writing styles yet similar influences including The Band, The Beatles and The Byrds, making for an interesting and entertaining evening of roots, rock, country, folk, pop and blues.

While spending hundreds of hours on the highway and having nothing to do but think, Kate Maki started brainstorming the creative musical adventure that her friends would take, in the same fashion as Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Revue of 1975.



Five piece traveling band of singer-songwriters tour Canada in support of new solo releases

And now for some performer information. Kate Maki's new release is entitled *The Sun Will Find Us* and her other projects include being an ex-member of the John Henrys. Maki grew up in Northern Ontario, began her career singing around a campfire and then found herself performing at open mic nights while at university in Halifax. She followed her heart and left her job as a grade school teacher to pursue a full time career in music.

Nathan Lawr's other projects include Sea Snakes and being an ex-member of Royal City. His latest release is called *Nathan Lawr and the Minotaur Orchestra*. Lawr has given his time and drumming talent to countless well-known Toronto bands, and after ten years of touring and recording experience, has finally stepped out from behind the kit.

Ruth Minnikin is involved with the Heavy Blinkers who have just returned from an extensive tour in the UK. Minnikin was a founding member of the now defunct band The Guthries (a band which Matt Mays also used to part of.) Her album is entitled *Marooned and Blue* and she will be in charge of set design on this magical tour.

Ryan Bishops' new release is *Silver Spooned and Hammered* which is his first solo effort. His other projects include Ox, a band which saw Bishops on the road touring for the last year in Canada and the UK. He also plays in one of Northern Ontario's favourite bands called Junction Creek, as well as the Kate Maki Explosion.

Last but not least Dale Murray works with Nathan Wiley, Buck 65 and was also a founding member of the Guthries. Murray is also known as a staple in the Maritime music scene. His new release and first solo record is called *Brighter Lives, Darker Side*.

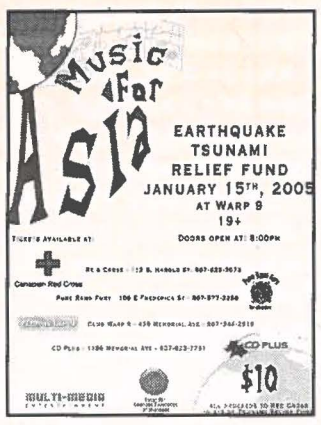
Check out www.katemaki.com, www.nathanlawr.com, www.ruthminnikin.ca, www.ryanbishops.ca, and www.theguthries.net for more info on these artists.

Music for Asia Concert: Earthquake Tsunami Relief Fundraiser

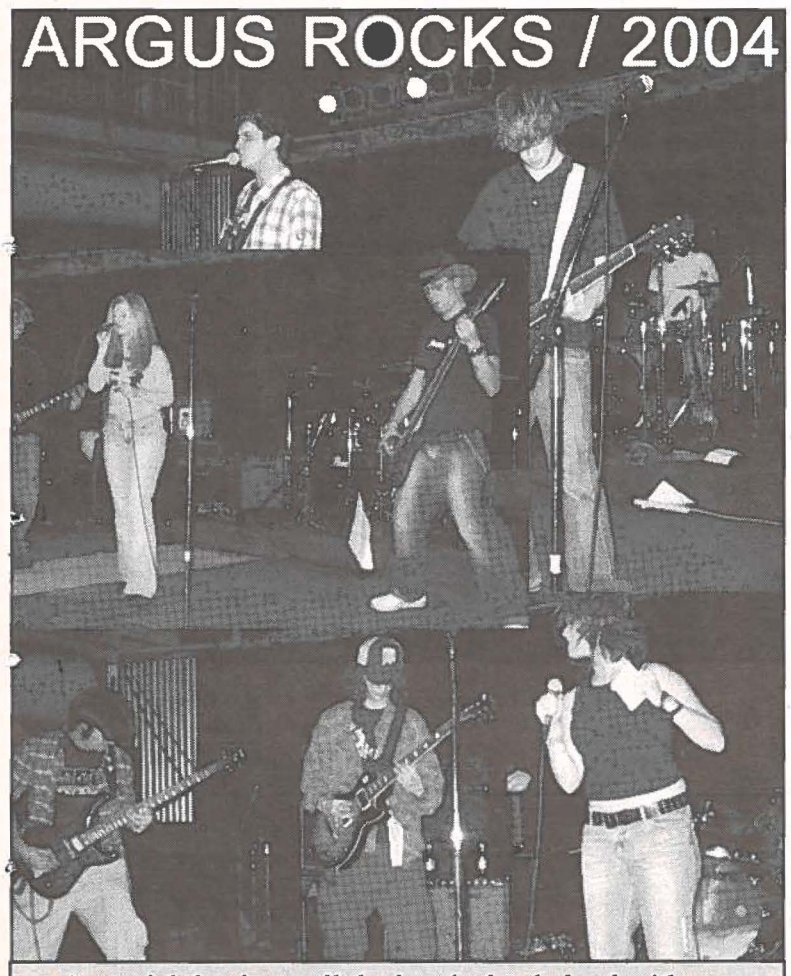
Two fundraiser concerts cater to both age groups

Angie Valente/Argus

Authorized by Red Cross, Warp 9 will be hosting a Tsunami Relief Fundraiser on Saturday, January 15th featuring L. Byno Ryno, Danny Johnson and others. This is a licensed 19+ show and tickets will be $10.00 advance and at the door. They will be available at Red Cross, Pure Rawk Fury, CD Plus and Warp 9. All of the funds will be donated to Red Cross, with the musicians, organizers, ticket printers, and graphic designers all donating their services to aid the fund. If additional information is required, call Cherie from the Red Cross at 623-3073.



Under the age of 19 but still want to take part? Don't fret. There will be a second all ages Music for Asia Concert on Monday, January 17th at Warp 9 featuring some of the finest up and coming local talent including: The Exiled, Profundis, Bailout Strategy, Faceless Hulk, and Rookie of the Year. Tickets for this show will be $5.00 in advance and at the door and are available at Red Cross, Pure Rawk Fury, CD Plus and Warp 9.



A special thanks to all the bands that helped with our fundraising efforts

Magneta Lane: spreading constant love across Canada

Debut TBay show at Apollo on January 13th, 2005

Angie Valente/ Argus

Most articles written about this three piece band stress the fact that they're girls, and that they're young. This article won't.

When chatting with Magneta Lane front woman Lexi Valentine, it seems as though the musical focus is lost, "We want people to look past that and just say we're a band. We want people to listen to our music, because we feel that focusing on our age and the fact that we're girls sets boundaries and limits us as musicians."

Having formed only a year ago, the band rounded out by drummer Nadia King and bassist French, has been working on familiarizing themselves with the downtown Toronto music scene. They now have well over fifty shows under their belts and the crowds seem to increase at every performance. No small feat for a bunch of twenty year olds, but don't let the number fool you. Magnets Lane's sound displayed on their debut EP *The Constant Lover* is definitely wise beyond their years. Singer/guitarist Valentine's sultry and mature vocals are reminiscent of a young Nancy Sinatra, who is cited as one of the bands musical influences. "We like to focus on the attitude of the musicians rather than their sound. What ever we take from these artists, we take it and make it our own. I have an obsession with jazz voices, and I don't want my voice to sound like anyone else, not like other music out there today."



Take a stroll down Magneta Lane on Jan. 13th at the Apollo

The video for the self-titled first single off the new EP will be at MuchMusic and MuchLoud this month. It was directed by Chris Grismer and shot in an abandoned Victorian style home called the Valhalla House on a zoo property. "The video has us playing in different rooms of the house, almost giving the feeling that we're haunting it."

If you're worried that the *Constant Lover* EP won't be enough to satisfy your urge for a stroll down Magneta Lane, fear not. Valentine confirmed that, "We'll be back in the studio in the summer to record the new album, which should be out by September." The new album will be produced by Death From Above 1979's Jesse Keeler, "We're looking forward to the experience. We hope it's a growth from where we are now. We want to make sure that everything we do is a growth."

Magneta Lane has been receiving air play from college radio, as well as from Toronto's Edge 102 during the Indie Hour. "It's nice to have that support" chimes Valentine. The band also encourages dancing at their shows, "Of course! I love dancing. I even dance on stage!" Catch Magneta Lane with the Mark Inside at the Apollo on Thursday, January 13th to hear music that tries to capture the balance between positive and negative and is, "vulnerable but confident and moody; not angry."

Also, Killswitch Engage with Unearth, The Exiled and Surface Rising will be playing an all ages show at Warp 9 on Monday, January 10th. Tickets are $20 in advance and available at CDplus, Big Ed's Pawn Shop and Pure Rawk Fury. Doors open at 7pm.

Magnus kicks off New Year

Angie Valente

The Magnus Theatre is ringing in the New Year with a bang. Back by popular demand, Frankenstein 1930 will be playing from January 14th through to the 16th. Come and re-live this classic tale as Dr. Frankenstein experiments with electricity and life. Call 345-5552 for tickets or email at info@magnus.on.ca

From the Offside Position: FIFA World Player Gala dominated by Brazilians. Again.

Conrad Koczorowski/ Argus

It was a night of opera and soccer at the 2004 World Player Galas in Italy. As the VIP crowd was overcome by the emphatic orchestra, some of the most inspirational players of the World Game walked across the stage, either as presenters of the awards, or as recipients. The most prestigious awards which were awarded on the night were the FIFA Footballer of the Year awards in both men's and women's categories. Brazil's Ronaldhino won the award for the men, beating out France's Thierry Henry and Ukraine's Andriy Shevchenko. He is the fourth Brazilian to be honoured with the prize, since its creation in the early 90s – for a total of 6 wins. In the women's category, Brigit Prinz of Germany won it for the second year in a row, beating out Brazil's Marta and USA's Mia Hamm. Some other notables of the night included the awarding of the Presidential Award to Haiti and the Fairplay Award to Brazil for the Match for Peace, held earlier this year. The Football Team of the Year was also Brazil. The top Futsol and Digital Football (video game) Footballer awards also went to Brazilians. So all in all, there was a lot of 'samba' in the air that night.

There are a few problems I have with the Gala. Perhaps my biggest problem is with the nomination of Ronaldihno to the top-prize, over Thierry Henry. Without going into an excessive



Brazilian 'Ronnie', accepts the Footballer of the Year award from the head of FIFA, Joseph S. Blatter

argument; Henry's domination at Arsenal has lead to Arsenal being one of the top teams in the Premiership for several years – his goal-scoring and playmaking skills are almost without match – he has been awarded the Player of the Year award in the Premiership for three years running. Ronaldihno has had an amazing season at Barcelona and Brazil, but he is still a young player and could be recognized in future seasons. I think the biggest issue here is what takes more precedence, club or international playing? Henry did not get to show off his skills for a lengthy period of time, since France got eliminated from Euro 2002, whereas Brazil won the Copa de l'America.

Another issue I have is a rather general one – what determines if a player IS the most valuable player? Why is it almost always a huge player from a huge club? In the last six years the winners have all come from Barcelona, Real Madrid, Juventus and Inter Milan. I found it preposterous that Fernando Morientes did not make the Top 30 of the nomination process – during his loan at Monaco (a tiny club) he helped them reach the Finals of the Champions' League, including knocking out his home-club Real Madrid in the semi-finals. He still would have technically been a Real Madrid player, too. And why is the Top 3 always made up of all-attacking players? I think the only non-attacker to have ever entered the Top 3 of recent is Germany's Oliver Kahn. If goal-scoring did not matter, then Paulo Ferreira should have been in the Top 3: he won the Champions' League and Portuguese first League with Porto FC and as a member of Chelsea FC, has one of the top defensive records in Europe. It's hard to lose a game when the other team cannot even



Germany's Brigit Prinz wins the top honours in the female category for the second consecutive year

take a shot at your goalkeeper!

The Match for Peace was truly an inspiring thing; the Brazilian national team played the Haitian national team and made the admission free. The match was an attempt to lift spirits of the Haitian people who have suffered through months of turbulence (it originally was going to be a manner in which to collect private arms from the populace). However, I believe that the most spectacular event which took place was the game between the all-Muslim team and the Chelsea Ladies, held in Dubai. The brain-child of Jordanian Princess Haya Bint Al-Hussein, the game was a giant leap for Muslim women and Arabian soccer, since until recently they were not allowed to play in public, due to constraints on women and the "revealing attire." I feel that this match was truly the display of a cultural revolution.

Which brings me to my final (controversial) point: why is it that Brazil dominates everything in soccer? I believe it's partially because people are so impressed with the idea of Brazilian 'Samba Futebol' that they automatically look for Brazilian recipients for awards – this even carries over onto the playing field. Often teams are so intimidated by the Brazilian national team that they play a restrained, defensive, sub-par game – even when they could probably win. I am by no means insulting Brazil, or Brazilians, a nation of soccer-players I love – I just wish that the awards could be passed around to other nations from time to time. Perhaps even a defender.

Canada wins first World Junior Hockey title since 1997

Conrad Koczorowski/ Argus

Fourth time's the charm! After four consecutive appearances in the World Junior Hockey final, Canada at last came home with the top prize – the gold medal. Canada beat out its historic rivals, Russia, in a deciding 6-1 victory in Grand Forks, North Dakota. During a time of NHL-hockey deprivation, the Canadian victory could not have come at a better time – providing the record-amount of viewers (3.2 million during the final; making it the second most viewed program in TSN's history) with dazzling hockey, raw exuberance and youthful talent, as well as a reminder of what hockey truly is about - the sport, not salary-caps and disgruntled owners.



The Junior World Hockey title is back where it belongs – in Canada!



Patrice Bergeron – the tournaments highest scorer; named MVP of the competition

The Final game opened with Canada starting the period with their guns drawn, scoring in the first minute of play through Ryan Getzlaf. The Canadian team led 2-1 at the end of the first period, following a goal from Danny Syvret. Canada would put the game beyond the reach of the Russians in the second, scoring four goals through the efforts of Jeff Carter, Patrice Bergeron, Anthony Stewart and Dion Phaneuf. The huge score was not out sync with the rest of the results achieved by the Canadian team in the tournament, who outscored their opponents for a total of 41-7; perhaps what was even more telling of their talent was that of the 7 goals in 6 games, only three were during even-strength scenarios. It is a measure of Canada's defensive strength that during the final game, starting goalie, Jess Glass, saw only 19 shots from the skilled Russians; he had only seen 11 shots against the Czech Republic.

"I think the Canadian people must be proud of their team," said Russian forward Alexander Ovechkin, who took hit after bone-shuddering hit from the very physical Canadian team and left the game in the second period with a shoulder injury.

The MVP of the tournament was awarded to a deserving Patrice Bergeron, who led the tournament in points, with 5 goals and 8 assists. Many NHL teams are probably kicking themselves for not taking him into their squads at the start of the 2003 draft. Along with this gold medal, he also contributed to Canada's win in the 2004 Men's World Championship. "It was the experience of my life, because it was with people my own age." Other notable Canadian players were Ryan Getzlaf with 3 goals and 9 assists and Dion Phaneuf, a workhorse on the short-staffed defense, also contributing towards constant offensive pressure.

The NHL lockout did leave its mark on the tournament, but it was, ironically, a positive one. The lockout gave the opportunity for some junior players who had been drafted into the NHL a chance to play. It also kept players who might have been in the junior ranks, such as forwards Carter, Gezlaf, Michael Richards and Stewart and defenseman Phaneuf. There was also an increased interest in the tournament, with record viewing and record attendance – interest that might continue onto next year's tournament in Vancouver, BC.

No Rest for Men's Basketball Team

Alan Wickware/ Argus

If not for the Christmas break, most students would not be students. The same cannot be said, however, about the Lakehead Men's basketball team, who, after finishing up the first half of the regular season with a series in Hamilton at McMaster, traveled to Winnipeg, MB to compete in the M.T.S Mobility Wesmen Classic played December 28-30th.

Going into the weekend series with the Marauders, Lakehead needed a strong effort before breaking for Christmas, in hopes of making a run for a playoff spot. The Thunderwolves started the weekend off with a hard fought 72-67 victory, and were led by Ottawa native Lee Reckman, who scored 18 points coming off the bench. Kiraan Posey posted a double-double, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. In what proved to be a close game, E.L. Adams perfect free-throwing was nothing less then stellar, as he went 8-8 from the line. After coming off an early season injury, Justin Dickens pulled down 8 rebounds in the win.

The Marauders would not let the Thunderwolves win another the next night, even though Lakehead was up 18 points. McMaster took advantage of a second quarter defensive breakdown by the Thunderwolves, only to win by a slim 67-66 margin. The Marauders were led by Adam Steiner, who scored a game-high 20 points and 8 rebounds. Both Posey and E.L. Adams had 18 points for the Thunderwolves. The loss dropped Lakehead regular season record to 3-5, good enough for 7th in the OUA west.

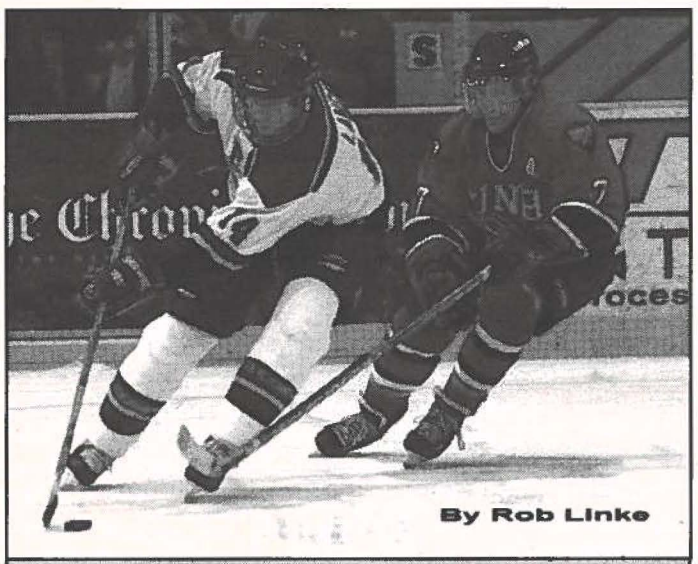
The Wolves' then traveled west, to Manitoba, where they challenged for the M.T.S Mobility Wesman Classic. The Thunderwolves would start the tournament off with a loss to an equally matched Winnipeg Wesman. The Wolves' would be led by Kiraan Posey who scored 26, only to be topped by Wesman guard Erfan Nasajpour, who scored 35 in the win. Lakehead would then play Manitoba in the consolation semi-final game. The Thunderwolves were down 38-30 at half, but with the help of Posey's 18 points, managed to fight their way to a 67-61 victory. Christopher Dyck led the Bisons with a game-high 25 points. The consolation final would prove to be nothing short of a thriller, with Lakehead coming up on the short end. Although the Wolves' shot 54% in the first half, their 41-35 lead and shooting percentage would fall drastically in the second, shooting only 29% from the floor and losing the game 76-74. Kiraan Posey led Lakehead scorers with 17 points, 11 rebounds and 6 assists. Scott Steely added 14 points and 5 rebounds in the loss.

Lakehead continues its second half of the season on a road trip visiting U of T and Ryerson. They return home to face York and Laurentian on January 14th and 15th.

Bell Varsity Cup Championship Game: UNB wins title for second year in a row

Mike Alyward/ LU Athletics

The Bell Varsity Cup Championship game saw the UNB Varsity Reds defend their title and win the tourney rematch over the No. 3 Lakehead Thunderwolves by a 5-3 score, before 2441 fans at the Fort William Gardens in Thunder Bay; UNB out-shot Lakehead 45-43. Kyle Werner, named Tournament MVP, led the V-Reds with two goals while Rob Hennigar, Craig Mahon, and Jeff Wilson rounded out the UNB scoring. Peter Cava, Chris Shaffer, and Sean Stefanski tallied for the Thunderwolves. Chris Whitley, Lakehead's goalie was added to the tournament All-Star Team, due to his outstanding achievements during the tournament.



Lakehead's Jason Lange skates against UNB

The third annual Bell Varsity Cup opened with a rough and tough afternoon game between the No. 5 Manitoba Bisons and the UNB Varsity Reds as the V-Reds notched a 7-4 win at Fort William Gardens. UNB was led by Kyle Werner with 2 goals and an assist while Rob Hennigar, Jesse Ferguson, Colin Sinclair, and Troy Stonier had a goal and an assist each. Kevin Saurette paced Manitoba with two goals while singles came from David Cameron and Reagan Leslie. UNB out-shot Manitoba 37-31 in the game. Manitoba went 2-7 on the powerplay and UNB was 2-8. UNB's overall record goes to 11-9-0 overall while Manitoba's is now at 11-10-2.

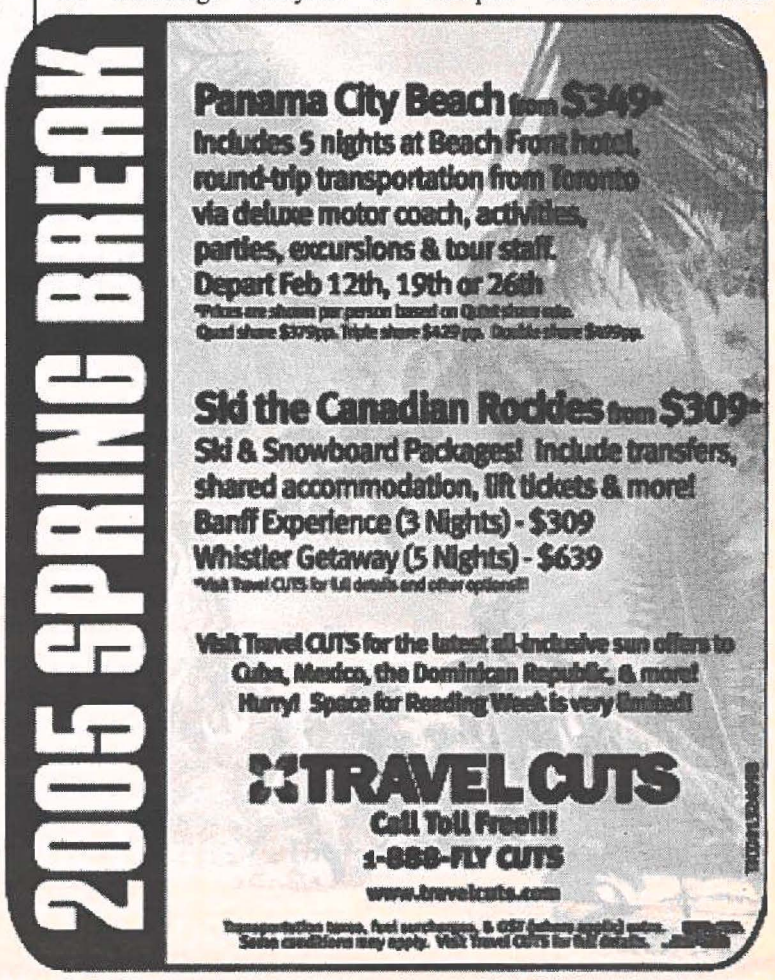
It took three regulation periods, 15 periods of mini-overtime, and 11 shooters in a shootout as Jouni Kuokkanen's goal gave the No. 3 Lakehead Thunderwolves a 5-4 win over the UNB Varsity Reds before 2480 very noisy fans in the night game of Day 2 of the Bell Varsity Cup at Fort William Gardens. The overtime format used at the Bell Varsity Cup is 4-on-4 for 90 seconds, then 3-on-3 for 90 seconds or until the next whistle; rotating mini-OT periods until somebody scores. After 15 mini-OT periods; it was decided to go to a shootout and Kuokkanen was Lakehead's 12th shooter in the shootout. Lakehead's other goals came from Peter Cava, Chris Shaffer, Sean Stefanski, and Murray Magill. UNB's scoring came from Jean Michel Boisvert, Craig Mahon, Ryan Mockler, and Colin Sinclair. UNB out-shot Lakehead 59-49 in the game.

The Bell Varsity Cup Day 3 night game saw the No. 3 Lakehead Thunderwolves skate past the No. 6 Manitoba Bisons by a 4-3 score before 2370 fans at Fort William Gardens. Lakehead's scoring came from Francis Walker, Brad Priestlay, Steve Rawski, and Tobias Whelan. Paul Deniset, Aaron Starr, and Warren McCutcheon replied for the Bisons. Manitoba out-shot Lakehead 46-30 on the night. Manitoba was 1-7 on the powerplay and Lakehead was 2-7.

Campus recreation update

The staff of your campus recreation programs would like to welcome all the students, faculty and staff back from the holidays. This term's winter activities begin in the next couple of weeks. The Campus Recreation office is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and is located in the CJ Sanders Fieldhouse (SB 1023). We encourage everyone to pick up a copy of the programs offered for the winter term. Activities differ from Indoor soccer leagues to aerobics, yoga and social dance (formerly "Latin dance") programs.

Campus recreation also has openings for convenors and referees for basketball and indoor soccer. Applications can be picked up at the Campus Recreation office.



We want YOU to name our new Athletic Center

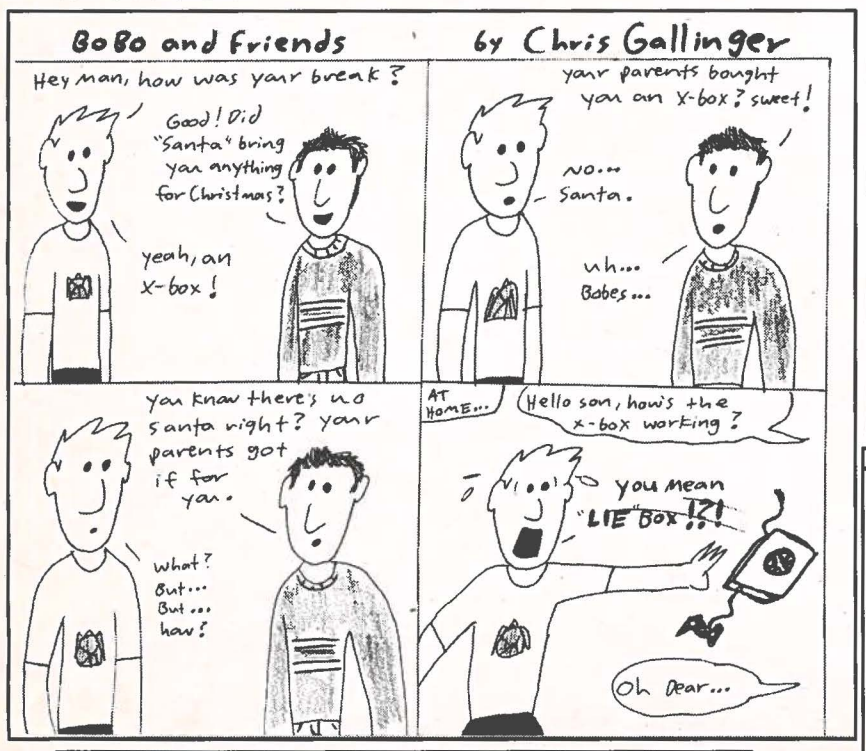


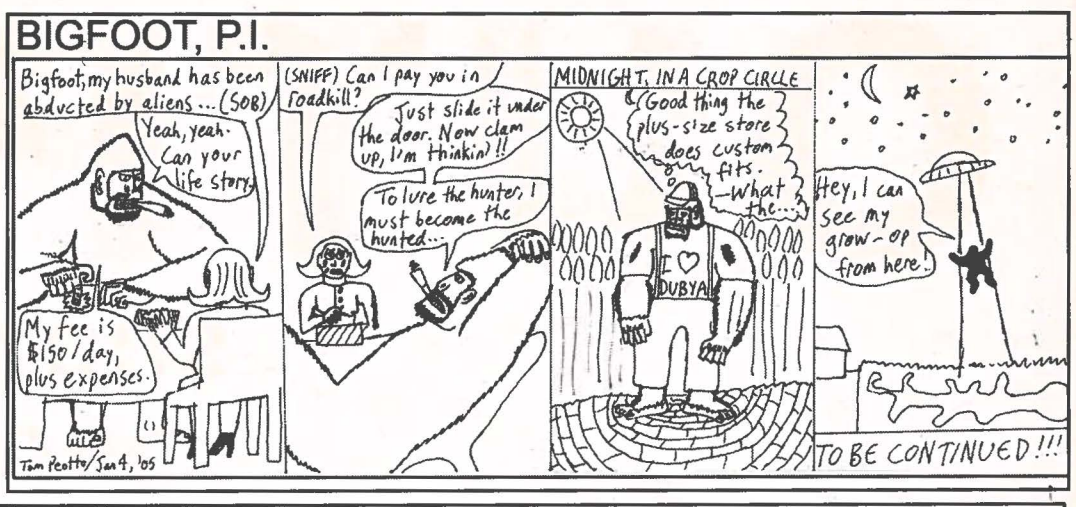
Submit your name on www.lusu.ca and stay tuned for the top 50 names

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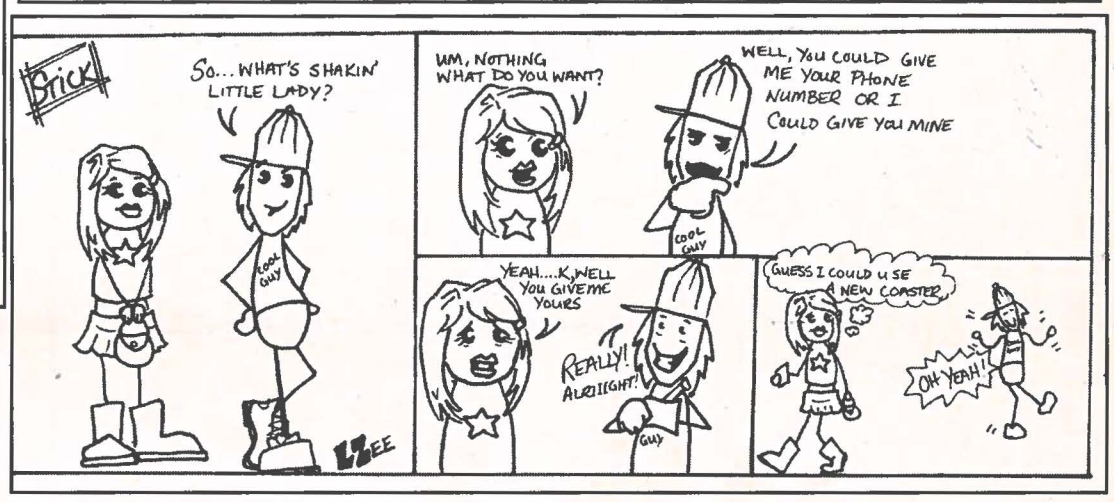
There has been an opening for a lovely room on Bay street. If you know anyone that is looking for a place to stay in Thunder Bay, this house is perfect!!

Rent is only $197.50/month. Share Cable/internet ($15/month), hydro (approx. $20/month), and phone (approx. $8/month). The house comes fully equipped with back and private front yard, apartment size washer and dryer, main rooms fully loaded, with a fully functioning sauna in our basement!! The house would be shared with two females and a male. The roommates are open minded and seek a roommate that will also be open minded. The room is an AWESOME ROOM!! (it is the master bedroom with door to bathroom!!), 2 large closets, built in bookshelves, and drawers. IT is a must see!! The room will be available for the taking in Mid- Jan. If you are interested in chatting about this opportunity, please don't hesitate to email me or call us. 807-344-1131.



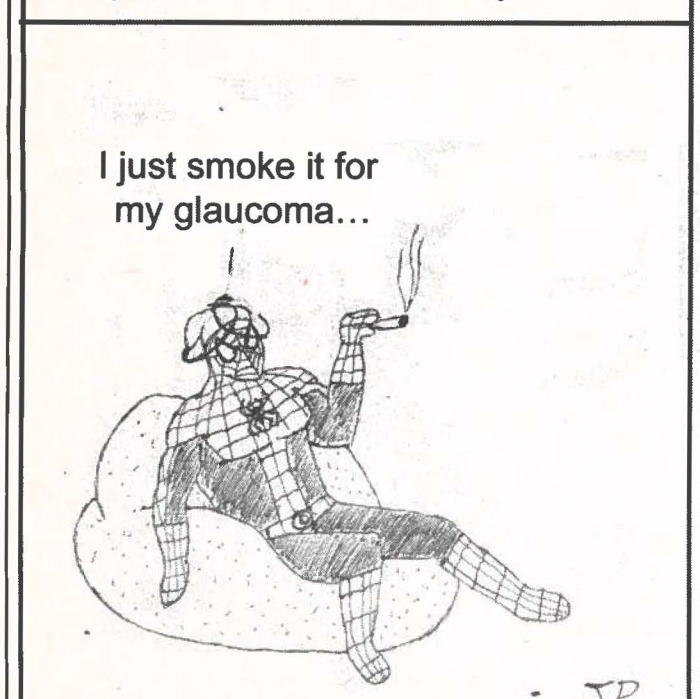


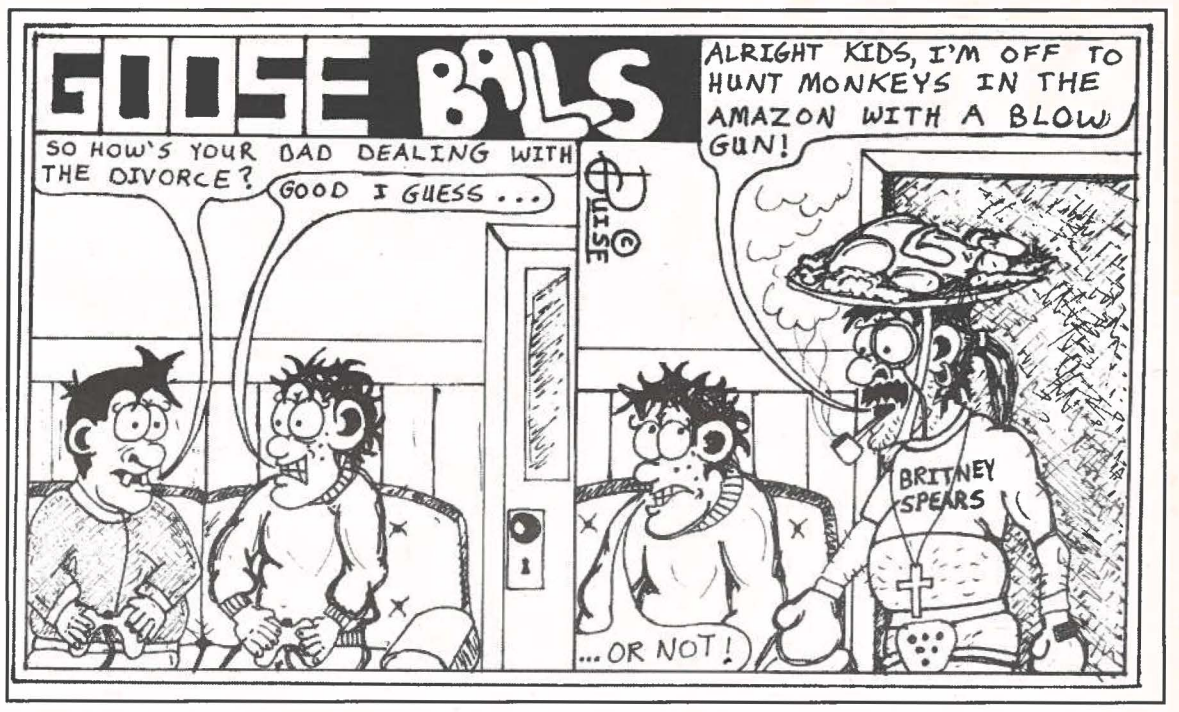




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