

miscellany

You KNOW you're a music geek when...

- you analyse everything, even your doorbell.
- you bus hours for a tuning fork and a metronome.
- you try to make songs out of bus noises.
- your worst fears involve a music stand or a riser.
- you try to annoy people in the streets by singing in quarter-tones.
- you organize your ICQ or MSN list by instrument.
- your playlist includes Ear Training assignments.
- you wonder why people are looking at you strangely in the mall... until you realize you were singing out loud.
- you find your valve oil in your shower basket.
- your life ambitions include learning new instruments.



Even as a toddler, future opus editor Aaron Hodgson engaged in absurdities.

thanks

Special thanks go here to everyone who donated their valuable summer time to help put this timeless collectible together. And no, the comic is not supposed to make sense.

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the 2003 Soph team

welcome

Welcome to UWO! During the school year, opus is a newsletter consisting mainly of irreverent balderdash and clever haikus. During the summer, though, we set some time aside to put together this little bonus issue just for students new to the faculty. Inside this issue, some very nice folks try to explain what o-week is all about. Our usual cavalcade of whimsy, of course, seems unavoidable at times. Enjoy!

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# glossary



Soph Tank Tanks up

**ORIENTATION WEEK:** OK, so I'm sure you know what it is by now, but just to reiterate, it's the week before school where you're bombarded by people and places and events and parties and all this other stuff that's so

coolsuperamazing. Live it up. Take advantage of this week, because it is literally the best one in Canada.

**SOPHS:** these friendly, outgoing people are here to help you get around during O-Week. Not only that, but they'll be around all year to help you with whatever you need and to be your friends.

**HEAD SOPH:** Me. I'm "in charge" of the rest of the Music Team, although I use the term loosely.

**SOPH TEAMS:** there are many constituencies, all of which are represented by soph teams. There are faculty, residence, affiliate, info, and charity teams. But of course, Music's the coolest!

**SOPH NAMES:** The pseudonyms that all the sophs go by. They're generally very weird, so don't be alarmed if someone phones you and calls him or herself "The ARM" or "Trainbo".

**USC:** University Students' Council. These guys run the show up the hill. They have an **INFO TEAM**, and will provide you with your wet/dry card and other useful things!

tiger woods plays

with own balls



Music soph **Cap'n Funky Fresh** looves the Tiger



Our use of this photo is nothing less than shameless

Also, **Aaaooo!** and **Pratik Gandhi** host the Faculty of Music's own radio show, airing **Tuesday nights, 9-10pm**. We need a new name for our show! To suggest one, or for more info, visit:

<http://publish.uwo.ca/~pgandhi/>

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## we'll take you higher

Greetings all! I'm Quaster Biefly, your resident **HEAD SOPH!** With the rest of the Music **SOPH TEAM**, I will be leading you through **ORIENTATION WEEK** this year. All of the **SOPHS** will have **SOPH NAMES** to hide their true identities. No, it's not because we're criminals - it's because we like to have fun, weird names for a week, and we love tell the stories behind them. Yes, there's a story behind my name, **Quaster Biefly**, but you'll have to wait to find out what it is!

Music's theme for the week is, "Music's Kickline: We'll Take you Higher!", focusing on the **Burlesque** era of music/entertainment. The Music Team will be running around in **turquoise** shirts and neon green pants. Trust me, you won't be able to miss us. Look out for the music sophs on your move in day!

During O-Week, you're going to be bombarded by soph teams, acronyms like FOMSC, USC, VPSA and many more, but have no fear! Your job is to have fun, leave the thinking up to us! During the first few days of O-Week you will be chillin' with your residence sophs and then on Wednesday you're all mine **MWAHHHAHAHA!!!** But really, we're setting y'all up with some fantastic programming. I'll give you a short break down of

Music events later in this issue of **OPUS**.

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events

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the week

Sunday and Monday - after you move in and get all settled, come on over to the Music Building for a **FREE BBQ!** (11am-3pm)

Tuesday - This is mostly a residence day, but we do have games in the Lobby at night from 9pm-12am.

Wednesday - Faculty Day!

- 9am, free eats! Music sophs will show you the way
- 10am, meet the Dean, the sophs, Peer Guides, FOMSC, **meet everyone!**
- 11am, scavenger hunt and cheers
- 12pm, Shinerama BBQ!
- 1-3pm, small groups: a soph-led trip to get important items like bus passes, Western 1 cards and **OSAP**
- 3-5pm, **Ice Cream Social!** This event is sponsored by Bud Gowan, from whom you will probably buy a tux.
- 7-whenever, **Music's Main Event.** A Murder Mystery set in the 1920s, with door prizes, food and a virgin cocktail bar!

Thursday - **GO TO CLASSES!!** Later on you can look forward to a trivia extravaganza in residence with faculty sophs and then the **Profs Unplugged Concert**

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... like a fox!

"I've got a fever, and the only prescription is..." **the Terry Fox Run/Walk!** Western raises more money for the Terry Fox Foundation than any other university in the **whole world!** But despite everyone's efforts, cancer research still has a long way to go! So what can **we** do?

During O-Week, there will be **tonnes** of fundraising for both Terry Fox and Shinerama. There will be lots and lots of stuff to buy, like lanyards, candy, Nalgene bottles, and **FOX EARS** (a Music exclusive!). Terry Fox and Shinerama teams organize many more events during o-week, such as the Shinerama BBQ, the Spaghetti Lunch, the Western Edge concert and of course, the **Terry Fox Run/Walk.**

Here's what you can do to help us:

Collect pledges with the pledge sheets included in your USC mailout

Join the Don Wright Faculty of Music **marching band** as they complete the T-Fox course on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>. All you need to bring is a good attitude, your instrument and any money you've collected.

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## the peer guides

Hearty salutations, "Music Frosh"!

I (Heather Brandon) am the 2003-2004 "Head Peer Guide" for the Don Wright Faculty of Music.

**WHO** are the Peer Guides? - a group of 20 upper-year music students who wish to share with **you** their knowledge and wisdom about excelling at Western.

**WHAT** are the Peer Guides? - we seek to help all students in the Faculty of Music. We tutor (in any music core subject), proofread, and we give workshops, seminars, advice, and charity opportunities.

**WHY** are there Peer Guides? - we love music. And we care about you (Awww...)

**WHERE** are the Peer Guides? - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Music Building, in the Peer Guides Office next to the Peer Guides Bulletin Board.

**WHEN** do the Peer Guides help? - We have Office hours from 11-2 every weekday.

**HOW** does this affect you? - collectively, our peer guide team has been through most of the academic and emotional hurdles that you will encounter in your university career, and we're prepared to provide avenues for the support you need.

Watch out for our all-new "2003-4 Peer Guide Manifesto"!

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Quaster Biefly and Ichabod share a "moment"

Friday - GO TO CLASSES!! Academic café in the evening followed by the **COFFEE HOUSE!** This is one of my favourite events because it's basically open mic night.

Saturday - Shinerama day! Go out and raise money for charity! Then it's time for the **CLOSING CEREMONIES**, where you will be performing a fantastic creation of our soph **AAA000!** (yeah, that's his name), then the secret of our names!

Don't forget to check out the silent auction in the lobby, where you can bid on the dubious honour of shaving Assistant Head Soph "Monkey Claw's" legs or personally cutting my hair!

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And now, a comic/  
written by an acquaintance of mine,  
who has absolutely no knowledge of  
classical music

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The arms of The Arm

But what's a Council without **Communication**? ...  
... That's right, nothing! But with **Bonnie** keeping us cool, things couldn't be sweller. That's right, I said sweller. Singer extraordinaire, she'll keep you rockin' in the free world, with plenty of time for chit-chat and cheerios. But not the kind from the box. No, never the box!

Even still, we have the

lovable **Laura** on **Promotions**, our crazy **Quaster Biefly** as **Head Soph**, Ms. **Boonie Moonie** as our sizzlin' **Secretary**, the genial **Geronimo** as our **Speaker**, the applaudable laudable **Lucky** as Ms. **USC Councillor**, and the legendary **\*Shake\***, **Clay**, and **Bryna** bringing their skills to the fun, finances, and general Martha Stewart-ing!

So watch out for signs about Year-Rep elections, and how you, yes **you**, can get involved with Students' Council. You could very well be our next President. Then **you** could write these crazy things to crazy Frosh and scare them all for weeks! "Are ALL the people at Western as nuts as you?" They certainly are. Or are they? Is he kidding? Is he crazy? What? Huh?

And you thought Council was boring.

# more council means more iron

Whether it's for charities or to keep FOMSC going, **Scoter's** out and about, **Fundraising** like gangbusters.

Ever been on the radio? **Pratik** and **Aaoooo!!!** have!!! Yes, it's the Music Hour on CHRW, Western's very own radio station, and these two comical characters are on every Tuesday night - don't miss it! You could even guest-host. Think about it... Ooo... Aaa... Aaoooo..

You could, should, and can be, with the FOMSC's annual **Yearbook!** (What, you didn't know we had a yearbook?) That's right, Music's very own yearbook, full of fantastic photos from all our events, and leading the team are the dynamic duo **Trish** and **Larissa**. Talk to them - they know what's shakin!

So fed up you could stage a Marxist-Leninist revolution? **Ichabod**, our **Student Issues** girl with a big red flag, can help you! Er, help you address your problems in a rational, non-"October Revolution"-style way. *cough.*

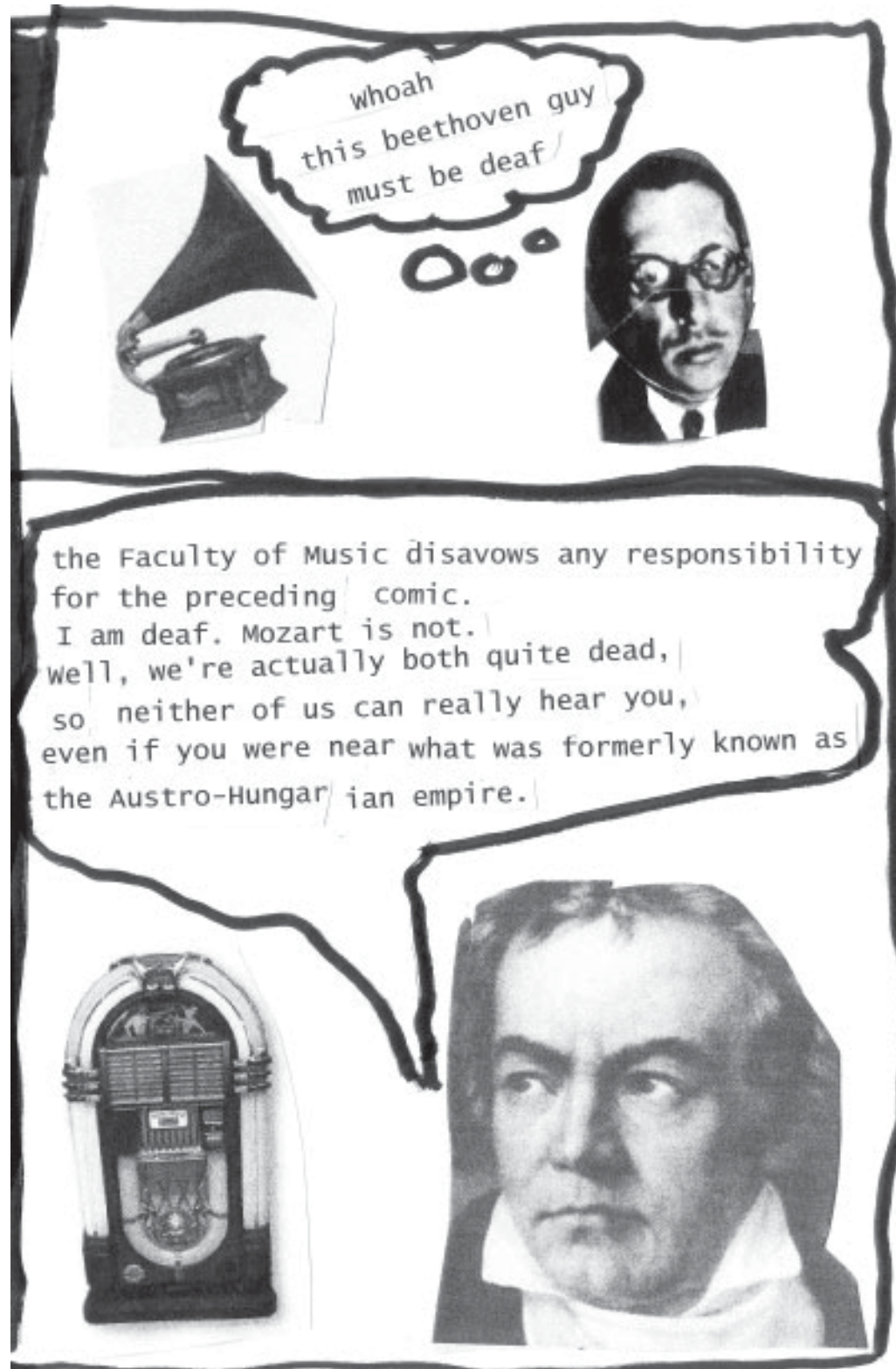


This star is not our secret insignia

(Even more on **eLeven** !)

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bureau..

My name is **Trainbo** and I'm your FOMSC President for 2003-2004. What's a FOMSC you ask? It's our ever-pronounceable acronym for the Faculty of Music Students' Council!

*So what exactly do we do?*

From Pubs to piñatas, Coffeehouses and Formals to Halloween Bashes, **The Arm**, in charge of **Social Affairs**, has something for everyone!

**Heather** leads the peer guides - more on that on page 12!

**Rambo's** got all sorts of **Gigs** to line your pockets. Starving artists, eat your heart out.

**Finance**, the king of bling bling, **Shawn!** (I can't believe I just said bling...) But where do we get our money from? Aren't we musicians? Aren't we impoverished? Yes and yes! [ed note: and nowhere?]

Cuckaw cuckaw! Ever get the urge to baffle your peers by writing utter nonsense disguised as journalism? Well **opus** is the place for you!

Editor **Aaron** can always use a little help.

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\*Shake\* all shook up



Quaster Biefly and Trainbo... a tender moment

Faculty of Music Students' Council

President	<i>Trainbo</i>
VP Communications	Bonnie Arthur
VP Finance	Shawn Chabot
VP Social Affairs	<i>The Arm</i>
VP Student Issues	<i>Ichabod</i>
Head Soph	<i>Quaster Biefly</i>
Head Peer Guide	Heather Brandon
CHRW	<i>Aaaooo!!!</i>
	Pratik Gandhi
Fundraising	<i>Scooter</i>
Gigs	<i>Rambo</i>
Opus	Aaron Hodgson
Promotions	Laura Kishimoto
Yearbook	Larissa Klassen
	Patricia Johnson
Secretary	<i>Boonie Moonie</i>
Speaker of Council	<i>Geronimo</i>
USC Councillor	<i>Lucky</i>
At-Large	<i>*Shake*</i>
	Clay Pearn
	Bryna Tallman
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Reps	<b><i>This could be you!</i></b>
Music Floor Reps	<b><i>This could be you!</i></b>

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