

# The Informer

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## Route and Schedule Changes Proposed for March

The scheduling committee met with schedulers Harold Neidenbach and Dave Sutherland on Friday Jan. 19, 1996. Also in attendance were Ron Pearson and Rudy Grosz.

Several items were discussed including driver itineraries, route connections and proposed changes to the March schedules.

Spare board itineraries will be changed to the same format as the regular groups with Saturday and Sunday work appearing on the same page.

It is imperative that all operators warble at the appropriate locations outlined on your itineraries. Consistency is most essential.

Passengers are finding destination signs confusing if the signs are not displayed properly. On all interlined routes, please make sure both the front and side signs are set with the appropriate destination.

Some operators have

shown a preference to have two consecutive days off more frequently in a rotation instead of a three day weekend. Some groups will reflect this preference.

March schedules will see a few changes which include route 10 and 16 pulse times changed from 30 to 60 minutes. Route 16 will have routing changes. Also routing changes to route 10 with service cuts in the evening. Route 6 Bridgeport will service the industrial area off of Bridge Street and then return to normal routing on Stanley Street. Finally, Route 11 Country Hills inbound will proceed directly down Mill Street to Queen Street after 6:45 PM and all day Sunday to make connections at the terminal more easily.

At press time the Route changes were at a proposal stage only, and will have to be cleared by City Council, but it will likely be passed because of the revenue it will save.

The spring sign-up

commences on March 11th with posting to take place on February 2nd and actual sign-up procedure on February 19th. Be sure to be available and ready to sign when your designated time frame and day approaches.

Warren Bell  
Lois Yandt  
Mike Hammer

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Photo: Tom Williams

Protest and demonstration in Toronto during the OFL Convention.

## Fruit Baskets

The following members received fruit baskets since December 1/95.  
Alan Ross



## Bus Stop Trivia

The bus stop featured in the last issue is located at the Route 9 bus bay at Conestoga Mall.

Is there a bus stop that you would like to submit to stump your fellow drivers with? Submit your ideas to either Jim Charters or Wayne Bell.

Do you have any ideas for a regular feature for the Informer. One idea might be to have a question and answer section. Questions could be about anything that would be job and union related.

Jim Charters

## New Members

Linda Amo  
Mike Eedy  
Martin Kruetzer

Welcome!

## Contributors

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General Strike/  
Day of Protest  
Hamilton  
February 23, 24 1996

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# Highlights of the Tories Bill 26: What it means to you and your family

**Bill 26** deregulates the price of drugs, to permit manufacturers complete freedom to determine the price of prescribed medicine required by residents of Ontario. The price of any prescribed medicine may vary all over the province. Ontario will be the only province in Canada that does not set a price ceiling for prescribed medicine.

**Bill 26** imposes user fees or co-payment charges on seniors and persons of low income who require medicine.

**Bill 26** imposes a mandatory dispensing fee of up to \$6.00 each time medicine is prescribed for seniors or low income persons, where the individual's income exceeds \$16,000 per year.

**Bill 26** allows the Minister of Municipal Affairs to unilaterally eliminate municipal boards or commissions, and eliminate or reduce municipal services like libraries, parks, transit systems, and "blue box" or other environmental programs, at the request of a so-called "restructuring commission" which is appointed and directed by the Minister. In effect, the Tories want to create a community where it will cost, say, \$5.00 each time you or your child want to borrow a book from a library, skate in a local open air rink, swim in a community pool, or run the local park base paths in the summer.

**Bill 26** allows municipalities to charge fees or taxes like the "head tax" imposed by Margaret Thatcher in Great Britain in the 1980's. A "head tax" is a standard tax to be paid by every municipal resident

regardless of the person's ability to pay.

**Bill 26** amends several health and hospital related statutes to permit the Minister of Health almost unlimited and unilateral power to close, in whole or in part, any publicly funded hospital in Ontario, that is, most of the hospitals in our communities.

Under **Bill 26**, public hospitals will lose all of their independence. The Minister of Health will be able to dictate any aspect of the operation of hospitals by (a) reducing, terminating, or imposing conditions on funding of hospitals, (b) directing the level of services, if any, to be provided by a public hospital. Whatever the Minister of Health says, a hospital Board must do. There is no avenue for public or community input or control of our hospitals and their operation.

Under **Bill 26**, organized workers who fight fires, educate our children, heal our ill and infirm citizens, and police our communities, all of who have been denied the right to strike, and are subject to compulsory interest arbitration, will now find their compensation packages in their collective agreements principally based on the government's own definition of its "ability to pay". The government will define its "ability to pay" before collective bargaining begins. In other words, for public sector workers, the "fix" will be in, and interest arbitrators' independence to settle a fair and reasonable collective agreement will be overturned. Public sector workers will no longer find that their compensation packages will be reviewed in connection with what

similar private sector workers earn.

**Bill 26** eliminates pay equity for an estimated 100,000 low paid workers in daycare, nursing home, and children's aid workplaces. The Tories are doing this simply because these workplaces are dominated by women workers, and there are no male dominated job classifications for comparison purposes.

**Bill 26** strips public sector workers affected by workplace closure of basic pension benefit minimum standards of law which are provided for all other workers in Ontario. These minimum standards call for automatic vesting of pension benefits for all terminated workers, full funding of any unfunded pension plan liability relating to terminated workers within five year, "grow-in" rights for older workers allowing for increased pension value, and early unreduced pension benefits.

These are just some of the attacks made by **Bill 26** on workers and their families. There are many other aggressive measures including the elimination of confidentiality protections concerning a person's private health records, and the removal of environmental controls over closed or abandoned mine sites, as well as a legislative denial of a citizens right to reasonable access regarding government documents and information.

# Media Watch

## United Way thanks 19 People

*The Record, Dec. 2, 1995*

The United Way of Kitchener-Waterloo and Area recognized 19 people on Friday for outstanding service to this year's fund-raising campaign.

More than \$4.2 million was raised during the campaign which ended December 2.

The canvasser of the Year was Ricki Germann, of the City of Kitchener.

Two people - Jean Plust, of Manulife Financial and Joanne Waugh of the Waterloo County board of education - shared the Dutch Boy "Joe Williams Memorial Award."

The 1995 Campaign Chair's Award went to the staff at CKKW-AM/Oldies 1090 radio station.

## Volunteers light up holidays

*The Record, Dec. 20, 1995*

Kitchener-Waterloo seniors are getting a little help from "Santa" at this time of year to see the multi-colored Christmas displays ablaze in the Twin Cities. Santa, in this case is Kitchener Transit. It is providing free transportation for seniors living in nursing homes and seniors' apartments and residences to view these festive

displays.

Their sleighs are city buses driven by staffers who donate their time to whisk the seniors around.

This is the fourth year Kitchener Transit has provided the Christmas Lights bus trips for seniors, said Ron Pearson, a member of the organizing committee. The city donates the buses and about 35 transit staffers volunteer to operate them. Four to six buses per night over a three-week period are ferrying seniors on the trips.

The free trips are Kitchener Transit's way of thanking seniors for using the system all year. Pearson said. "And it gives them a chance to get out for an evening."

Some bus operators, such as Ed Toncic who has pitched in for the past two years, take their wives and children along for the

## Transit driver honored

*The Record, Dec. 21, 1995*

John Coghill, a 22 year transit employee, helped save the life of 17 year old Sasha Heidelberg of Waterloo on May 28.

Heidelberg was trapped in a car that crashed into a utility pole and caught fire on Conservation Drive in north Waterloo.

Heidelberg's friend, 16 year-old Marek Piwowarczyk of

Waterloo, was killed in the crash.

Coghill used tire irons to smash the car's windows.

He covered Heidelberg's face with his hands while Gary Wrightson used fire extinguishers to keep the blaze down.

## Universal bus passes considered

*Imprint, Jan. 5, 1996*

Kitchener Transit wants to give every student a bus pass - whether they ask for it or not.

On January 3, 1996, the University of Waterloo Federation of Students received from Kitchener Transit a draft set of terms for a referendum on a new Universal Bus Pass Program.

Under Kitchener Transit's proposal, every undergraduate student at UW will be charged a mandatory, non-refundable "transportation" fee. In return, every student will receive a bus pass valid on every route and during all Kitchener Transit operational hours.

The fee proposed by the Transit Authority, if the Program is accepted for September 1996 school year, is \$35 for the first year, \$40 for the second and \$45 for the third year. After that, the fee will be increased according to the Consumer Price Index for Transportation in Ontario (Ontario CPI).

The benefit to Kitchener

Transit from this program, according to Wally Beck, Director of Transit, is a guaranteed source of revenues.

Kitchener Transit hopes to use the revenues from the program to improve bus service to UW. Some ideas that have been considered include building a bus terminal on campus, instituting shuttle bus service, later operating hours at night, and modifying service on the Lakeshore route.

Beck believes that the Universal Bus Pass Program will lead to increased usage of buses, instead of cars. "If there is an opportunity for car-users to take the bus, they will," he said.

The main drawback of the program is that undergraduate students who do not use Kitchener Transit will still have to pay the incidental fee.

## Bus Terminal on Hold

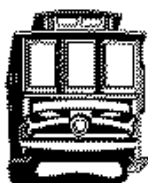
*Imprint, Jan. 12, 1996*

Last week, Student's Council voted down a motion to bring Kitchener Transit's proposal for a Universal Bus Pass to a referendum along with upcoming Federation of Students elections. The proposal however is not dead. It may still come to a referendum in the upcoming year.

Students were to vote on whether or not they were in favour of paying a non-refundable "transportation" fee that would give them a ride on Kitchener Transit buses.

The most contentious point of this plan was that student's who don't ride the bus would have to pay as much as those who ride it all the time, however the referendum was not voted down on that basis.

Council did vote to continue discussions on the subject as it may come to a referendum in the future. Student input about the proposal would be valuable as always.



## City aiming at zero tax increase

*The Record, Jan. 20, 1996*

They said they weren't happy about it, but Kitchener councillors did everything from increase parking fines by \$3 to reduce transit service and leaf pickup in their bid to keep a lid on taxes.

Among the cuts and fee increases made by councillors Friday:

- Traffic fines, mostly parking, will increase by \$3.
- Bagged leaf pick-up will be twice instead of three times a season.
- Eight temporary public works jobs in the summer will be eliminated to save \$70,000.
- Two part-time custodians at city hall will be laid off.
- Transit service will be reduced on "poor performance" routes. Route 2 (Forest Hill -

Glencairn), Route 4 (Glasgow Street) and 18 (Guelph Street) will have 60-minute frequency instead of 30 minutes in the summer. On Saturdays year round, these routes will run every 60 minutes in off-peak times.

## An easy 1 percent

*Editorial, Kitchener This Week January 24, 1996*

After rejecting months of hard work by city staff, council took the easy way out and cut a paltry one-percent cost of living allowance from its 1996 operating budget. In effect, councillors tried to balance the city budget on the backs of their staff. So much for leadership. So much for creativity.

Instead of making the tough decisions they made their employees pay for their political promises. This move will not be lost on city staff. Over the past three years city staffers have enjoyed only salary rollbacks as a reward for their hard work. It has been largely through their efforts that Kitchener taxpayers have been spared the brunt of provincial cuts. One can only wonder how much more they will give to make their political masters look good in the future given this action.

To be fair, not all members of council share this sentiment. Mayor Richard Christy and Councillors Mark Yantzi and John Smola voted against this move in favor of rewarding dedication. The balance of

council merely mouthed Mike Harris mantras about restraint and holding the line on taxes.

The award for hypocrisy and grandstanding, however, goes to Forest Ward Councillor Geoff Lorentz, who kicked off the day by handing out a poster-size definition of the word "downsize." Next year when Lorentz - a shameless lobbyist for big-buck projects for his own ward - comes up with his annual wish list, staff should remember his antics and give him back a definition; this time for the word "no."

compiled and condensed by:  
Wayne Bell

## Just for laughs



Love thy neighbour - but don't let it get around.

The trouble with Italian coffee is that a week later you are sleepy again.

They recently got a dentist to remove the thirty-pound tusk of an elephant. The hard part was trying to get the elephant to spit in the little sink.

I went on a diet that allowed me to drink wine and eat vegetables. In ten days I lost five pounds and my drivers license.

submitted by:  
Rosemarie Bergmann

## The Harris government budget:

From CAW Contact Dec 3, 1995

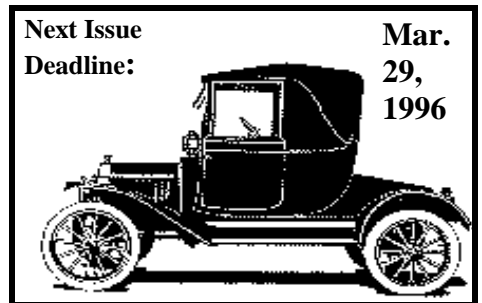
### A summary

- spending cuts: \$6.2 billion over 3 years, with additional cuts to total \$8 billion by the year 1999
  - 43 per cent cut in transfer payments to municipalities
  - transfers to school boards cut by 9 per cent in one year
  - hospital funding over next three years cut by 18 per cent
  - government administration spending cut by 33 per cent
  - user fees for prescription drugs to be paid by seniors, welfare recipients among others
- massive legislative changes to make it easier to close hospitals; keep wages low

Despite massive cuts, the deficit will only decline from \$8.7 billion to \$8.2 billion. That's because interest payments to financial

institutions will be \$9 billion this year.

To achieve the balanced budget the government wants by the year 2000 and fulfil its promise of a 30 per cent tax cut, the government has to more than double the announced cuts.



## Welfare Fund

Terry Laight has completed his final report, and along with Mike Hiuser have signed-off and closed the bank account. I have given the bank draft to Linda Lyon so that this fund can now be administered through our union bank account. A committee will be selected to oversee this fund. Your ongoing and generous support helps to keep this fund vital. Many Thanks!!!

Ricki Germann

## Benefits Committee Members

Paul Mennie

Chair Comp. Rep.

Ted Bate

U.I. Rep.

Wilf Clegg/Ted Bate

Sick Leave Records

Laszlo Bori

Fruit Baskets Secretary

Sandy Henderson

Correspondence 12 days off

Rudy Grosz

Ex-officio Member, President

Dennis Retzler

Department #2 Liaison

## Uniform Committee

The \$25.00 dry cleaning allowance was given to us in November. We can now go to Rich's Shoes to get fitted. Sis. Germann and Sis. Yandt selected a different type of shoe for the female operators. Several operators complained of not receiving their pants from the last issue, and there is no paper work on this. If you have a problem then go and see Ron Pearson.

Lois Yandt

## Operations & Accident Review

At the regular meeting of the operations committee we were able to convince management that the changes we ask for will benefit the system as a whole. The discussions of the meetings are posted at the garage for all to see.

There are a few things I would like to mention regarding safety. DON'T speed. Slow down and take it easy. By trying to shave time off your run, you are only making us look bad. This is very true for those doing school specials. The kids you are transporting will treat you better when you treat them better, by giving them a smooth ride. Just remember the way you feel and look, will reflect on the people whom you carry. Smile and be pleasant. No one know what kind of a day you are having, and they don't care. All our passengers care about is getting from point A

to point B, as quickly and smoothly as possible. They aren't interested in your problems and they don't want to hear about them. So, if a car cuts you off, or a kid throws a snowball at your bus, or someone tells you that you are number one, ignore it and put it aside.

I would like to ask our members to think twice before using the radio for personal comments that might be very inappropriate. Just remember that you are talking to every passenger and driver every time you get on the radio. Lately there has been a sharp increase of radio abuse. It is very frustrating to try and make connections with another bus, when someone is yelling over the radio. Also, try to watch the time when talking on the radio, because at regular 45 minute intervals the D.T.T. buses leave. At this time the supervisors are trying to give instructions as to which bus has to wait and which are clear to go.

Laszlo Bori

### Travel Tips

- 1) Travel medical information is available from Waterloo Regional Health Centre.
- 2) Passports can now be obtained from the new passport office in the Canada Trust Tower at Ontario and King Streets.
- 3) Immigration Canada is now located in the Walper Hotel Arcade.

(Don't Forget —5% Discount)

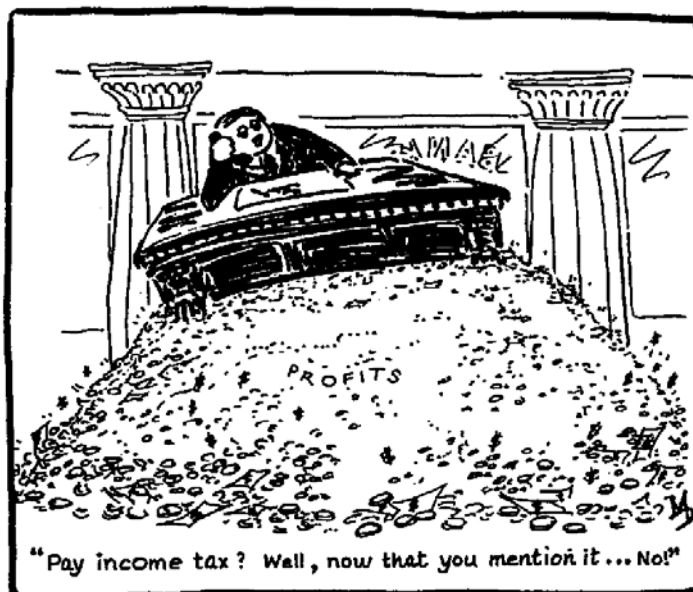


### Meal Greatly Enjoyed

On behalf of the members of Department #2, I would like to thank George Hartung for catering such a fine meal, that was greatly enjoyed.

It was a success again this year due to your hard work.

Many thanks,  
Gregory Jahn, Dept. 2 Steward



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## In My Opinion

Since the current political trend in Canada seems to be headed towards that “land of milk and honey” to the south, I thought I would look at the different health care systems in our two countries.

Detractors of our system would have us believe private enterprise would be more efficient in running our system. They say governments create large and expensive bureaucracies which only waste the taxpayers money.

Fair enough. Lets compare.

In the United States, roughly one third of the population has inadequate health coverage, even though the Americans spend more per capita on health care than any country in the world. How could this be? Could it be their system is more expensive because they achieve better health results?

Apparently not, since the United States, in virtually every measure of a nation’s health - infant mortality, maternal mortality, longevity - ranks poorly compared to Canada and Europe, obviously because so many Americans lack proper health care.

According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development or O.E.C.D. Canada spent a total of \$1,683/person on health care in 1989 compared to \$2,354/person in the United States. In 1991, George J. Schieber and Jean-Pierre Poullier, two O.E.C.D. analysts wrote, “U.S. spending is

the highest in the world and continues to increase more rapidly than virtually all other countries.”

The reality of the situation is the private American system is a far more wasteful system than our government controlled system and anyone who believes otherwise should wake up and smell the proverbial coffee.

As a result of profits and higher processing costs, administrative costs in the U.S. system amounted to between \$400 and \$497 (U.S.) per person in 1987, according to a study by two U.S. doctors, Steffie Woolhandler and David Himmelstein, published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1991. The equivalent costs in Canada came to just \$117 to \$156 (U.S.) per person.

According to these doctors, “Reducing our administration costs to Canadian levels would save enough money to fund coverage for all uninsured and underinsured Americans.”

Lets compare bureaucracies.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, a private company, provides coverage for 2.7 million subscribers. They employ 6,682 workers.

British Columbia, the wasteful government system administers its health care system for over 3 million residents with just 435 provincial civil servants.

Just who is kidding who? The figures I have quoted are real. I didn’t make them up. They illustrate just how misleading the opponents of government plans can be.

Health care is just one example. Education and Transportation are others, although not the only ones. Private companies are only interested in profits not people.

The next time someone is singing the praises of the private sector providing public services over the public sector, take time to compare. You might be surprised at what you find.



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## Guilty on all counts

I’ve been told I’m out of step to be on the left of the political spectrum. It is somehow out of fashion.

Interesting.

If it’s out of fashion to care about the less fortunate in society, 40% of which are children, I’m **guilty**.

If I think deficit reduction should be achieved by getting people back to work rather than throwing people out of work, **guilty** again.

If I want my children to have a chance at secure, decent paying jobs, and if I believe everyone, rich and poor, should

have access to the best health care available, and if I believe the old, who have worked all their lives building this country, should have the right to a secure retirement and not be reduce to eating dog food, as some are in the U.S., and if I believe higher education should be a right and not a privilege reserved for the well-off, then I'm **guilty** on all counts.

And finally, if I believe that food-banks and soup kitchens should not be needed in one of the richest countries in the world, I must confess, I'm out of fashion, **AND DAMN PROUD OF IT.**

Respectfully submitted:

## Charitable Committee

The December 13th Chili Day was a success with 108 orders sold. We will be alternating between Chili Days and Spaghetti Days. We gave, \$20.00 Turkey to the St. Agatha Children's Village. Sis. Germann would like to thank us all for donating \$10,200.00 to the United Way, She would like to thank her aids, Sis. Kruse and Bro. Meyer. We raised 9,000 pounds of food in our Stuff-a-Bus compaign. Thanks to all volunteer drivers.

We got together and purchased a Texas Mickey for \$97.00 We raised \$258.00, and spent \$86.00 for toys for the toy tree, and \$75.00 to the Westmount Mall Salvation Army. Sis. Ancio won the Mickey.

The committee will be having it's Open-House meeting

on Monday Jan 29/96. We will be reviewing last year's event. Topics will include suggestions for improvement, additions, deletions, and new ideas. The committee is always looking for people who are interested in joining the committee and we appreciate all the help we have received from our co-workers in the past. If you have an idea for our next Open-House please feel free to contact anyone on the committee.

Ricki Germann  
Lois Yandt

## Financial Secretary's December Report

### Recapitulation

Total Cash Assets \$33,864.30

Monthly Income 9,185.65

**Total** 43,049.95

Monthly Expenses 9,247.31

**Balance** 33,802.64

### Allocation of Assets

Bank Statement Balance 9,725.94

Less Outstanding 420.84

Actual Bank Balance 9,305.10

Cash on Hand 200.00

Credit Union 5,176.16

Bank Mtl. GIC 8,138.91

KWLC Debenture 3,000.00

National Trust GIC 3,000.00

Bank Mtl. GIC 5,000.00

**Total Assets** 33,820.20

Linda Lyon

## Political Education Committee

All was relatively quiet on the local front this month. This will undoubtedly change once negotiations begin in earnest.

Mike "The Knife" Harris was in Asia with Prime Minister Chretien and the rest of "Team Canada", trying to drum up new business. It's a pity we couldn't convince one of these countries to keep him.

Chretien was upstaged royally in Asia by 13 year old Craig Kielberger, who has been in Asia for a month in an effort to bring world attention to the problem of child exploitation. Chretien tried to ignore Craig by refusing to meet with him before the trip, but since Craig's news conference, he has become impossible to ignore.

Bob Rae resigned as leader of the provincial New Democrats in January. This leaves the door open for a reconciliation between them and organized labour. Since the infamous Social Contract, he hasn't been the most popular member of the legislature.

Tom Williams



## Workers Compensation Report

<b>Continuing Claims:</b>	<b>Completed Claims:</b>
12	21

This makes a total of 33 claims as the persons in the completed list are not the same as the ones in the continuing list. There were some that were handled as just advice cases. This is very high for 265 persons.

Ted Bate is helping with a lot of the initial leg work.

This does take a lot of personal time to do this properly. The amount varies some what but can run as high as 70 hours or more a month, or that much in two weeks.

There will be 4 appeals this year. These take a lot of preparation time previous to going.

## Videos

There are 6 videos that are available to the membership. They deal mainly with labour issues and can be borrowed by contacting me. They are:

- V100 Fed-up Show-up
- V101 Employment Equity
- V102 The Wrath of Grapes
- V103 Recaro Cl-1 First Generation
- V104 Recaro A.M. 31 Commercial Seat
- V105 Struggle in the Heartland

Wayne Bell

## Health and Safety

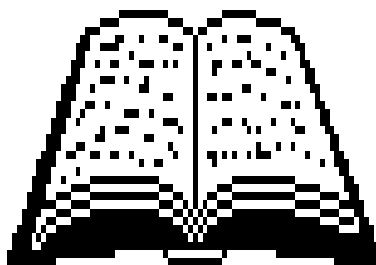
Bored sitting around the house all winter watching re-runs on T.V.? Why not read some of the health and safety literature available from our union library. (No user fee's)

There should be a listing of available material posted at all work locations. If not phone Wayne at 684-7489. All health and safety related material is marked with an asterisk\*.

If you would like to know what your rights and obligations are in the workplace under the Health and Safety Act, book #59, A Guide to the Occupational Health Act explains the basics of the act and the way it should function in the work place. All workers should know these basics for a union representative can't be with you all the time.

Could the members give me some feed-back on what information they would like, books, videos, or perhaps a question and answer section in the newsletter. If you have any suggestions please give them to your safety rep. or leave them in the newsletter slot at the transit centre.

Jim Charters



## Bus Drivers Cause Thunder and Tremors

During the week of January 8th to the 12th 1996, shock waves were felt at the Blue Mountain Ski Resort. Thunder boomers were caused by high speed skier and tremors were felt by high impact crashers. The causes of these phenomena were attributed to the "Flying Five"; i. e. 5 wild skiers from Kitchener Transit!

Bernie "Schuss-Boomer" Schubert, Mike "Hot Dog" Hogue, Tim "Pulverizer" Parker, Neil "Blitzer" Bricker, and yours truly, "Powder Hound" Paul, blasted through the powder and bumps on the slopes of this Collingwood resort. This has been an annual event for 3 or 4 years now, taking advantage of one of their 1/2 price lift ticket weeks. Usually, we all go together, sometimes with family or friends, but this year, some of us went on different days. Nevertheless, our "presence" was felt!

"Best Crash" winner this year was "Pulverizer" Parker! Because the light was flat, Tim didn't see a monster mogul. It suddenly launched him airborne, virtually FLYING right over his astonished, wide-eyed nephew! Before he could engage his landing gear, poor Tim nearly "bought the farm" with a TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION of snow, flying skis, goggles,

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poles, snow, toque, and more snow! The resulting shock wave could be felt in the base lodge below! There, a chunk of plaster plopped into some guy's hot cider!! While Tim lay winded and in some pain, his awestruck nephew excitedly exclaimed, "Gee, Uncle Tim, I didn't know you were into freestyle aerials!...I guess you need work on the landings though!!"

In spite of some bruises and a sore rib, Tim vows to return and club that mogul to death with his ski pole!!

Ah, yes, the joys of downhill skiing!: Fresh arctic air! Speed! Exhilaration! Challenge! Great scenery! Exercise!... and a few moments of Sheer Terror!!

**Paul Eckmier**

P.S. Blue Mountain offers 2 more weeks of 1/2 price skiing.

- Ladies Week is Feb 26 to Mar. 1
- Mens Week is Mar. 4 to 8.
- Ski From 9 AM to 10 PM for

## **The National CAW**

is now on the

## **INTERNET**

at:

<http://www.caw.ca/caw/>

### **LOVE!**

*As this beauty stands beside you,  
do you ever wonder why you LOVE her so?  
Why you need her so? Why you want her so?  
When you look into her eyes, you see pools of water,  
shimmering and glowing in the sunlight, reflecting your LOVE,  
As you look at her hair, gently blowing in the wind and caressing her  
beautiful face,  
You see her soft velvety lips, filled with fire and passion, waiting for  
your touch,  
You look at her in awe and wonder,  
Is she a Princess? a Queen? or Goddess?, or is she much much  
more?  
You want to put her on a pedestal, to LOVE and worship her,  
For without her there can be no LOVE, there can be no life,  
because this beauty IS the giver of LIFE.*

**LAZ**

**THANK YOU  
TO YOURS  
VOLUNTEERS**

The Lights Tours Committee thanks all volunteers who gave their time to make the tours a success for our senior citizens again this year.

The response from the seniors was very positive and your generosity was greatly appreciated.

## **City of Kitchener**

Is now on the Internet at:

<http://www.oceta.on.ca:80/city.kitchener/home.html>

## **Kitchener Transit**

Also has a page at:

[http://www.oceta.on.ca/city.kitchener/Kitchener\\_transport.html](http://www.oceta.on.ca/city.kitchener/Kitchener_transport.html)