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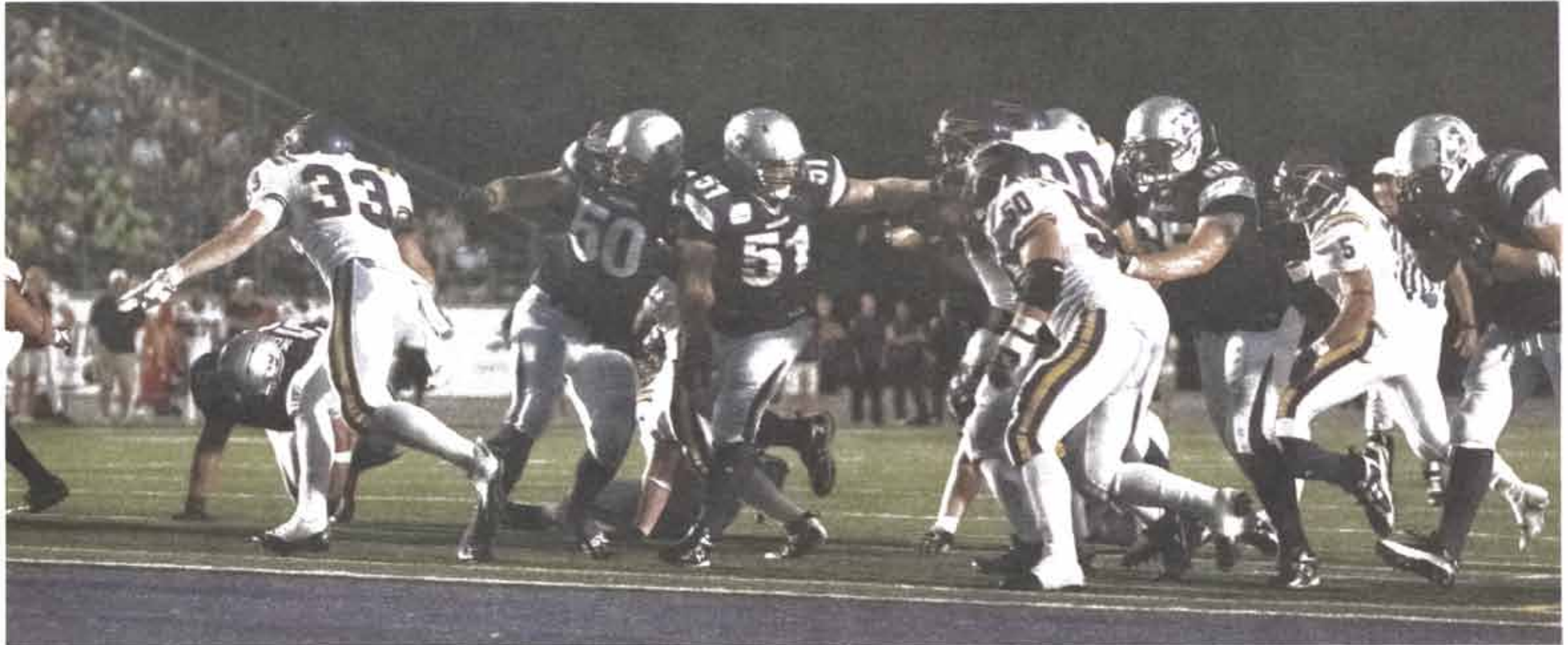
The tie that binds Wilfrid Laurier University since 1926

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Back to the drawing board



ELLI GARLIN PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Hawks look to rebound from historic 46-1 season-opening loss to rivals, the Western Mustangs

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

"We're a lot better than that."

That was the message that Laurier's manager of football operations and head coach Gary Jeffries emphatically instilled in his team after they were embarrassed 46-1 at the hands of the Western Mustangs on Wednesday night.

The season-opening defeat was the largest margin of defeat the Hawks have suffered since 1969, and marked their fifth consecutive loss to their rivals from London.

"They flat out beat us," said

Jeffries. "We've just been challenged, we've just been knocked down, but we're going to get back up. We're going to come right back tomorrow and start getting ready for Mac."

Coming into this season, there was a lot of hype surrounding this Hawks team.

They had scooped up some of the top players from the suspended Waterloo Warriors football team. The majority of their defence, which ranked amongst the best in Canada, was returning. And new quarterback Shane Kelly was generating considerable buzz thanks to his American college football pedigree,

having played at both Columbia and Temple. Many were considering this team a lock to be in the Yates Cup final.

But on Wednesday night, the purple and gold looked like anything but a team ready to make a push for the provincial title.

Kelly looked lost in his first game north of the border, only completing seven of his 18 passes and throwing two interceptions, before giving way to back-up Evan Pawliuk in the third quarter. Meanwhile, the offence as a whole was only able to rack up 144 yards.

"Nothing seemed to go right for

us tonight," said Kelly. "We just couldn't get in a rhythm, it seemed like no matter what we did we just couldn't get anything going."

Meanwhile, the defence that held the Hawks in so many games last year couldn't seem to contain Western quarterback Donnie Marshall and the powerful Mustangs' offence. Along with Marshall – who threw for 183 yards, ran for another 83 and had a passing touchdown – running back Jeremy Hipperson led the Mustangs' offence, rushing for 100 yards and three touchdowns.

"We made a lot of mistakes, but they were a lot of fixable things,"

“
They flat out beat us.
We've just been challenged, we've just been knocked down, but we're going to get back up.”

—Gary Jeffries, manager of football operations and head coach

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Holland Brown hired as new dean of students

Role to be redesigned as a result of structural reorganization

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

It was announced on Aug. 25 that Leanne Holland Brown, the manager of the Student Leadership Center (SLC) at Wilfrid Laurier University, will be the university's newly appointed dean of students.

Holland Brown enters the position held since 1997 by David "Daddy Mac" McMurray, who became the university's vice president of student affairs last May and now oversees the dean of students positions at the Waterloo and Brantford campuses.

A graduate of the University of Waterloo, Holland Brown was a residence life area co-ordinator at Laurier, holds a masters degree in leadership and has managed the SLC since 2007.

The position of VP of student affairs was created in May, reorganizing the dean of students department and creating a specific dean of

“
She will be, as I was, their prime contact. We want students to feel comfortable about coming into this office.”

—David McMurray, former dean of students, current vice president of student affairs

students for the first time at Laurier Brantford, a position that has yet to be filled.

As of press time, no candidate for Brantford's dean of students had been hired for the position, though McMurray said it was down to three individuals and projected an announcement soon.

"At the end of the day, the most important thing is to get the best person and if timing suffers because of that we just have to manage that as best we can," he said.

McMurray pointed out the importance of introducing a new dean of students in time for first-year arrivals and having her present during O-Week.

For first-years, and all students, "She will be, as I was, their prime contact," he said. "We want students to feel very comfortable about coming to this office."

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New Orleans: recapping five years and two disasters

World Editor Alex Mitsiopoulos traveled around the United States, winding up in New Orleans, where he discovered what the city is like not only five years after Katrina but now recovering from the BP oil spill.

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Four contributors give their advice on how to succeed at university. From fashion to in-class to being healthy there are many ways to guarantee this next year will be a good one.

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This Week in quotes

"We can send them something almost anything and they'll digitize it - they don't recommend having people on there because they look weird."

—Mike McMahon, WLUSU general manager on what images cannot be put in little red dots on the FNCC sign



"The UN is really just a vehicle for chatting about things."

—Barry Smit, Canadian research chair in global environmental development

"The focus of this new role is very much to be beside students and guide them, providing opportunities for students to develop in a holistic way. From the first day they set foot on campus right through to their graduation four, five or six years later."

—Leanne Holland Brown, dean of students

"It's like having a royal commission, 'we're doing something.'"

—Alex Latta, prof of global studies, on the purpose of the UN High-level Panel on Global Sustainability

"Don't just put everything out there, think before you click and please just go and set your privacy controls. At some point you guys are going to apply for jobs, 77 per cent of all employers access online social profiles of applicants, and a third of them categorically reject candidates based on what they see in people's profiles."

—Anne Cavoukian, the Ontario privacy commissioner on the perils of student Facebook debauchery

"To be a woman it's a big challenge. They are given the hearts of caring."

—Bongekile Mpho Ncube, home-based care worker in South Africa

"Toronto needs a Batman more than anything."

—Batman

"There's an idea button on there for future system enhancements - it is moderated, so if you just say our stuff is garbage, we need a little better detail than that."

—Tom Buckley on the comments feature of the new Laurier tech upgrades

"I was always attracted to shiny things."

—Vladimir Kitaev, Laurier chemistry professor on why he studies nanoparticles

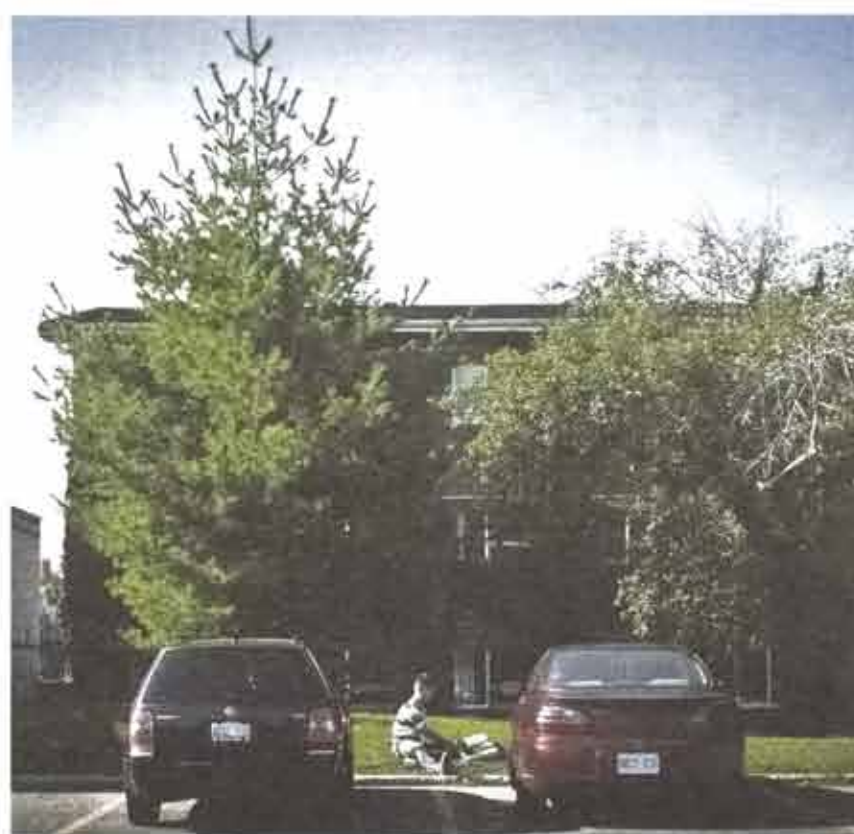


Photo of the week

First-year Brantford student James Gould finds some quite space to practice on his electric piano during a sunny August afternoon.

Advice from the archives

Printed Sept. 6, 1979 – Being a first-year is...

In this 1979 issue of the Cord, a list was written to describe the first year experience. The following are some choice descriptions.

Being a first-year is...

- Walking into the wrong classroom and staying there because you don't want anybody to think you're stupid, and then finding out that half the class is in the wrong place
- Taking part in a panty raid because you forgot to pack your underwear
- Getting lost in the tunnel on the way to the Library
- Going to the swimming pool and forgetting that your bathing suit is see-through
- Liking Radio Laurier
- Buying four cases of beer and then finding out you don't have a bottle opener
- Calling home for money on September 7
- Being mature enough to go to university but too young to drink
- Having an eye on that really good looking for weeks, then finding out he (she) is a prof
- Finding out there's a lot more to university than books

Printed Jan. 21, 2009 – The bird is the word

Still relevant today, the Cord published a feature piece on bird courses at Laurier. If you haven't already signed up for your courses, you might want to consider taking a few of these:

- RE 103: Love and its Myths
- AS 101: Astronomy 1: Our Place in the Cosmos
- LL 200: Cultural Perspectives 1
- CL 204: Greek and Roman Mythology: The Gods

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Vocal Cord

Do you plan on attending any football games this season?



"I obviously want to go. It's a great event to hit up with your friends. Great school spirit."

—Kenneth Leung
Second-year Business



"I planned on going to one last year but I couldn't get out of bed because I had drank too much the night before."

—Blake Freier
Second-year philosophy



"I'd plan to but I can never make it out because I play on the varsity soccer team."

—Trevor Schein
Second-year business



"Nah, I prefer swimming. That's my sport."

—Antonio Redondo
Fourth-year languages

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Quote of the week:
"I would be really uncomfortable cutting into a squash baby!"
—News Director Linda Giveta on her creepy art exhibit

NEWS

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No quick fix for WLU energy woes

Report outlines enormous potential savings in re-commissioning buildings, questions remain where to start

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Over a year and a half ago, Wilfrid Laurier University's physical resources department undertook an extensive energy auditing process and contracted out the creation of an energy management plan (EMP) for the university's buildings.

"What initiated it was that the university didn't have any plans as it pertains to energy management, nothing existed," explained Ray Robichaud, business manager at WLU physical resources. "I started about three and a half years ago ... and no one was really responsible for energy management on campus."

In fact, since there are few electricity, water, or gas meters on campus, it is difficult to determine what areas are using what quantity of utilities. The plan suggests almost \$450,000 worth of meters so the university has a better idea of where its money is going.

The EMP was completed in December by environmental consulting firm Conestoga-Rovers and Associates and suggests that substantial savings, financial and ultimately environmental.

The Current Situation

The EMP examines campus use of water, electricity and gas utilities and offers suggestions for the replacement or refurbishment of everything from light bulbs to gas boilers and windows.

As some structures on campus such as the Arts building date to the 1950's, many components require replacement at the end of their life cycle – in many cases within the next year or two.

The report points to five boilers at the Waterloo campus, for example, that "are first priority and require immediate replacement" at a combined cost of over \$500,000. As well, a table lists 27 buildings and areas of larger buildings whose windows range from described as anywhere from "aged/deteriorated" to "end of life" in the case of the Arts building "C" and "E" wing.

However, the report is meant first and foremost as a guideline noted John Ferguson, who oversaw the auditing process at Conestoga-Rovers. "I don't think anywhere it was suggesting that anything had to be done immediately or that things had been deficient in the way they were originally done," he explained. "But on the life cycle, we're offering opportunities to install higher-efficiency equipment and demonstrating payback for that."

First Steps, Potential Savings

"We would start with the re-commissioning of all the buildings because the payback, the annual savings based on that change, was I think close to a million dollars," Robichaud said when asked what areas would be focused on first.

“The university didn't have any plans as it pertains to energy management, nothing existed”

—Ray Robichaud, physical resources business manager



A window frame in the Arts building shows signs of corrosion. These particular windows are among those classified as "end of life" and recommended for replacement by the energy management plan.

If the "high priority re-commissioning" called for in the report was addressed at a cost of \$628,000, the university would see energy cost savings of \$897,200 – meaning that the project would pay back in full from savings in less than nine months.

Further re-commissioning worth \$350,000 would be paid off by the energy saved as a result in only a year and a half. This is of course not examining the greenhouse gas emissions avoided by such work. The university currently spends roughly \$4.5 million in utilities annually.

The problem with addressing the concerns emerging from the EMP findings is a financial one. While savings would be substantial if the university fixed all the issues that exist, the money is hard to come by and the problems must be addressed one-by-one on a priority basis.

"We don't have the money at our disposal now," Robichaud explained the predicament. "Even though we have a plan we still have to put together a business case and get approval for the funding."

For the 'deferred maintenance' the re-commissioning entails, Robichaud said, "We're provided with a certain amount of funding from the government annually, every institution is, so we're doing a fixed amount annually."

"We're also given some money from the university, it all depends, yearly it changes, but the point is [that] there is funding, it's just we need to allocate it accordingly. There's funding there [for deferred maintenance projects], it's just some years we may have to go with the highest priority ones."

Robichaud added that a

million-dollar capital request was approved for work to be done this fall, work that will largely focus on fire-safety equipment.

"When we ran the capital plan it just made sense that all the high priority life-safety issues would percolate to the top," he said, giving an example of how funds must be allocated according to priority, in this case bringing older buildings up to current fire codes. "A lot of the changes we're doing are just [because] it's just the right thing to do."

While funding and need dictate what energy-management projects will be addressed first, the university is approaching areas of need in energy efficiency as best it can. Robichaud suggested that a new person may be hired that would address the issues the EMP outlines.

Grading Laurier

Sustainability coordinator Sarah English explained that at the moment the best thing that can be done is more thoroughly understand what problems exist. She is currently in the midst of conducting a sustainability assessment to be completed in the next month or two that, she says, "...will point out areas where we're doing poorly and should focus on and areas where we're doing better."

She has also submitted information to the College Sustainability Report Card, an organization that provides online ratings of sustainability at post-secondary institutions in the U.S. and Canada.

A grade for Laurier is still pending and will be posted in the next month or so, according to the organization. Despite professing "environmental stewardship as a guiding principle", the University of Waterloo received

only a D+ grade for sustainability for 2010.

According to Ferguson, those involved at Laurier are taking the best course of action they can at the moment. "Truthfully I think they're taking all the appropriate steps for them to go down the road," he said. "For them to actually pay for a [EMP] report - a lot of universities haven't done that."

What Comes Next?

For the time being, the best course of action to mitigate energy efficiency problems is to change behaviours of people on campus. Rather than simply updating buildings to include light dimmers or motion sensors, Robichaud said that it comes down to people making an effort toward conservation, even simply turning lights off.

"If you install technology alone like sensors, you'll get - if you're lucky - a three per cent savings," he said. "But if you include behavioural changes in that you can get up to 40 per cent so that aspect of it is huge." He also highlighted the commitment that all new construction by the university be built to strict efficiency standards.

English concluded, saying, "With all sustainability initiatives, there's so much that can be done but they all take time, they all take money, they take research, they take commitment and support."

"Unfortunately I can't say much more now than that everything is being discussed, we're slowly working towards it. That's how it works."

\$4.5 million

Laurier's annual utility cost

2.1 million kw/h

Annual savings if all indoor lights were changed to energy efficient bulbs; enough to power 188 homes

124 litres

Water saved each time someone showers if new low-flow showerheads are installed

1.7 showers

The number of showers each undergraduate would take in order to waste enough water to fill the pool in the AC - without new showerheads

9 months

How long it would take to repay a \$628,000 list of "high priority re-commissioning" projects from energy savings they would create alone

CAMPUS

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Financing union projects

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) has had several projects underway over the summer months that are currently in various stages of completion. Some projects were financed on credit while the others were paid for through the student life levy – a fee that amounts to just over \$40 a semester per full-time student.

2010-2011 capital expenditures

From the 2010 capital expenditures approved by the board of directors in early June, \$100,000 worth

of student life levy funds were appropriated to renovations and LCD displays for the Fred Nichols Campus Centre (FNCC). The other major projects, an alcohol management system for the union's bars, a smart-phone application, and improvements to the Pita Shack and Wilf's, were financed in their entirety. In all, this year's projects alone leave WLUSU \$170,000 in the red if the final costs reflect the budget.

The Terrace expansion

The \$1.1 million expansion of the Terrace food court is still relatively on schedule for completion according to WLUSU general manager Mike McMahon. "We're still looking

at last week of October, first week of November occupancy for the seating area," he said. "We don't feel that we'll be delayed in using the space beyond the original plan."

The final cost of the project is expected to exceed initial projections. "Budget-wise at the end of the day you'll see it come in over budget related to extra mechanical work related to existing plumbing not considered by the original project," McMahon explained. "It might be within the normal range of ten per cent," he added, "We're waiting for a few more quotes to come in on key portions of building."

Before the completion of this Terrace renovation, further alterations to the area are being discussed. Originally slated for Christmas break, an expansion of the Union Market has been pushed back to next summer over concerns that it would interrupt service.

"We didn't want to get in to a construction project and then find out it's delayed and we can't open until February," said Rob Sexton, WLUSU food and beverage manager. "That would just be disastrous for everybody."

The digital sign

A new sign on the façade of the FNCC featuring a LED board in its centre was installed in late August.

Originally scheduled to be installed last December, delays moved the tentative install date to the end of June, and only a few weeks ago was the sign actually hung and turned on. The sign totaled approximately \$105,000 before taxes according to McMahon, including an unexpected installation cost of \$19,000. "Connecting it to the building, our original estimate was like \$7500 maybe," said McMahon, who cited difficulties in anchoring the sign's mounts to the building as the culprit for the cost. "It was like \$20,000 – you can buy a vehicle for that, but that's what stuff costs."

The sign was approved for a share of student life levy funds from three years ago that contributed \$42,000 to the project.

Initially, a high-definition colour display was considered along with the LED sign alternative that was ultimately chosen and installed. "That same-sized sign, in high definition digital ... before you even get started and just based on per square foot cost, would have been \$256,000 total cost for that size," said McMahon, noting that the exorbitant installation cost would still apply.

"It would have been nice to have but you don't really need it," McMahon concluded on the topic of a higher-resolution alternative. "This is going to serve us very well."

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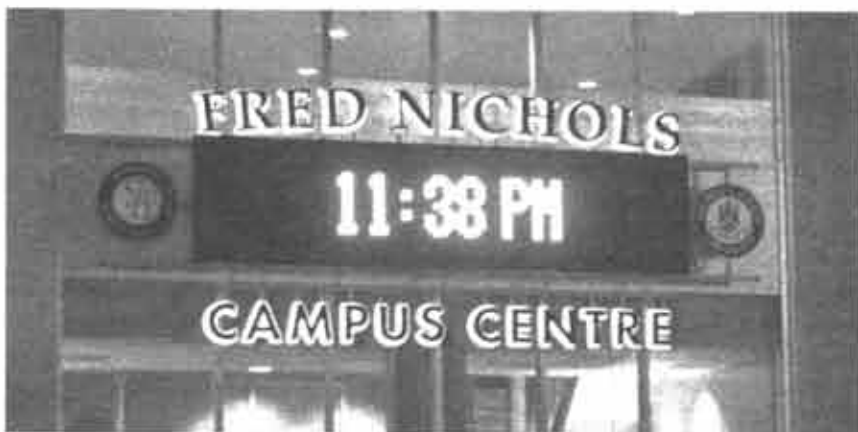
Student life levy per term for full-time students

\$105,000

Total cost of the FNCC sign

\$48,722

Student life levy contribution to installation of LCD monitors inside the FNCC



NICK LACHANCE VISUAL DIRECTOR

The new digital sign on the entrance to the Fred Nichols Campus Centre cost \$19,000 dollars for its installation alone.

Transitioning into new role

—cover

"My ultimate goal is to develop the strongest structure for student affairs and support in Canada if not the world," McMurray explained, emphasizing the tradition of highly visible and active deans of students over Laurier's history. "We not only want to preserve, protect, nurture and cherish that role, we want to expand it to the highest level."

"A transition like this doesn't happen overnight," Holland Brown said, noting that it will take time to transition into the role and bring forward her vision for what she hopes to accomplish.

"Any good leader always starts by getting a good sense of the culture and the needs and just the hopes and desires of the population, the community you are a part of."

Changes in the post-secondary education environment are reflected in the position of dean of students according to Holland Brown. "It's a new time and era in education and as such the dean of students role is different, which I think is a really exciting and important thing," she said. According to McMurray, his new role takes over the administrative and management responsibilities so the dean of students is unencumbered by more administrative

matters.

"For me I really want to be proactive in communicating the support and advocacy that I can provide for students," she continued, emphasizing student experience and involvement outside the classroom as increasingly important contributors to students' education.

Integrating student experience within the confines of and beyond the classroom will be a primary focus she said. "We want you to graduate as good people, and I know it sounds a bit idealistic, but to have some life and leadership skills allowing you to be a well-rounded person."



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New dean, Leanne Holland Brown, prioritizes the student experience.

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WLU, city of Milton plan for new campus

A proposal for the new satellite campus has been submitted to the province and now only awaits approval

DAVID GOLDBERG
WEB DIRECTOR

The only thing delaying the realization of a Laurier campus in Milton is the province's monetary blessing, according to university and town officials.

Approval from the province will take some time however, as Laurier's proposal submitted to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) in June of this year is being considered as part of a larger plan on long-term spending for Ontario.

Tyler Charlebois, spokesperson for MTCU, in confirming that they received Laurier's proposal as a priority item in the university's 10-year plan further explained, "It's not under our ministry, or our minister. It's under the Ministry of Infrastructure [who] is leading the process."

"It's not the traditional [approval] process," he said. "It's going in to the pot with all of the other priorities that are coming in from all the other colleges and universities as well as the many organizations across the province."

Bob Chiarelli, minister of infrastructure, will be holding consultations with institutions across the province to discuss the priorities they have submitted in order to reach a decision.

The province's long-term infrastructure plan is scheduled to be ready in 2011.

Laurier's proposal

Since entering into a formal memorandum of understanding in March 2008, Laurier and Milton have been exploring whether the school setting up shop on a 150-acre piece of land south of the 401 could be beneficial for both parties.

The plan is to have the campus embedded within a much larger 450-acre location that is set to become the Milton Education Village (MEV).

In addition to a Laurier campus, the project would include the construction of a business and research park, a residential development and retail space.

Currently, the project has four

partners: The Regional Municipality of Halton, the Town of Milton, Laurier and Mattamy Homes.

Milton's Mario Belvedere has been the chief administrative officer in the town for the past 11 years and has seen this project through since the beginning. He said all the partners are ready to go; it's just the matter of a green light from Queen's Park.

"We're really hopeful that the province will be as excited as we are about this," said Belvedere.

One reason for optimism, according to Belvedere, is the virtual completion of a land-swap between the town and current owner Mattamy Homes, a prominent contractor in the area.

Mattamy is attached as the developer of the MEV's residential area and donated the land to the town in exchange for five acres of prime real estate on Milton's Main Street.

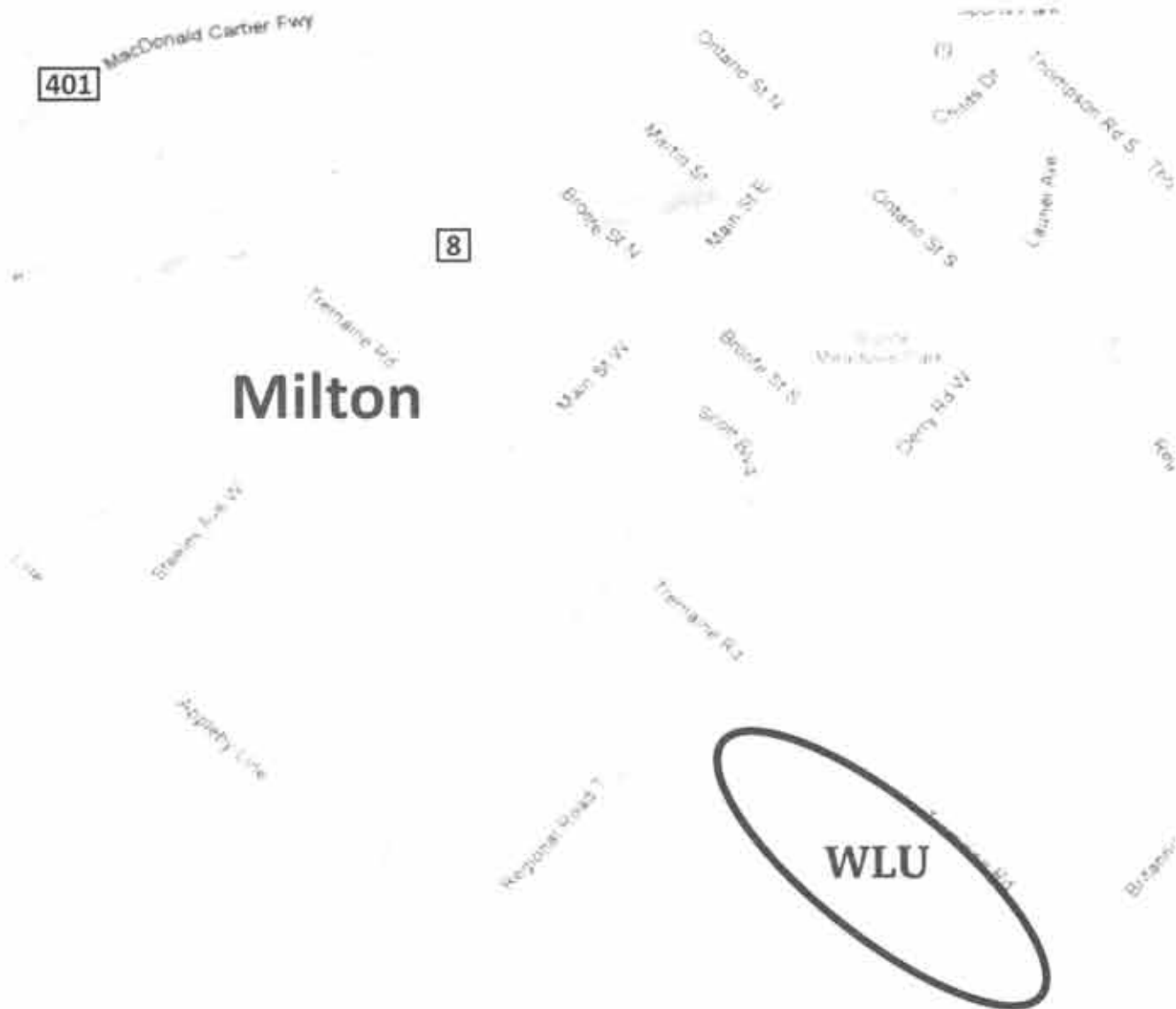
Belvedere maintains that when the exchange is officially completed later this fall, all partners will still be waiting on one party – the Ontario Government.

Laurier President Max Blouw explained that the regional government can cover certain costs including roads and plumbing, but the province has been asked to provide capital backing for library, classroom and office amenities.

"One of the key decisions to be made is the decision by our provincial government, that yes, they would support a campus here and then the question would be: To what extent? And how much does that intersect with how much the regional government is to be involved?" he explained.

Just how crucial is this provincial backing to the project? Belvedere laid it out, saying, "The impetus of the entire MEV is the funding through Laurier."

"Once the funding for Laurier gets done we get to the servicing of the site ... there is a research park just north and south of the university site to be constructed in sequence with the university that we would proceed with independently anyway. But it would be really pushed by funding decisions which would



LINDA GIVETASH NEWS DIRECTOR

The location for the Milton campus, at Tremaine and Britannia roads, lies only a few minutes away from highway 401. The existence of GO Transit also makes the site a convenient commute for students.

then drive servicing decisions."

It isn't Brantford

There were initial rumblings over a prospective Milton campus because of the perceived isolation of the site.

But people close to the project such as senior advisor on Laurier's Multi-Campus Planning Committee David Docherty, counter that when everything is said and done, Milton will be very accessible.

He cites the infrastructure currently under development including the widening of Tremaine Road, which will connect to the 401.

Combine that with planned GO Transit service, the residential development and a proposed hospital

facility, and you have a campus that would be arguably more accessible than Brantford from Waterloo or Toronto.

Deadlines

The memorandum between Laurier and Milton is set to expire in March 2011, but both sides say that's not an issue.

"That doesn't mean we can't renew it. We have a very strong relationship with the community now... there's been a lot of time and energy devoted to thinking about what this looks like to make sure the intersection of the university and the community would be optimized rather than be a point of tension," said

Blouw.

Belvedere waves it off as well: "That's a rubber stamp to renew that, because really, we're just waiting for the government of Ontario to get their funding priorities in order."

At this time, the ministry has no timeline for the completion of their 10-year capital plan or when the list of accepted proposals will be announced.

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WLU Press, library examine e-books

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Wilfrid Laurier University Press (WLU Press) is now offering its complete catalogue to readers on the web through the digital book retailer Kobo. The publishing house inked a deal with the popular online service earlier this year and has slowly been converting its back catalogue to be available to readers of e-books.

WLU Press director Brian Henderson said the company likes to stay ahead of the curve and believes e-reading and the XML or electronic publishing format will become the way of the future for publishing.

"We're explorers basically," he said. "We want to be able to have that format in case the market moves in that direction."

Kobo, the e-reading arm of book giant Chapters-Indigo, is rolling out the entire back catalogue of over 220 published works from WLU Press, as well as all future publications from the university's publishing arm. The titles are also available directly on the Sony e-book reader. Henderson said WLU Press may also be considering a future deal with Apple for the iPad.

Although the titles can be purchased in these formats now, Henderson said their core market still primarily reads in other formats. "With scholarly publications PDFs are still the way to go, but we want to be able to do different things," he said.

The PDF versions of scholarly materials are already available to students free of charge via online library databases. As well, some public libraries may subscribe to scholarly

“Our understanding of the market right now is that students still prefer print books.”

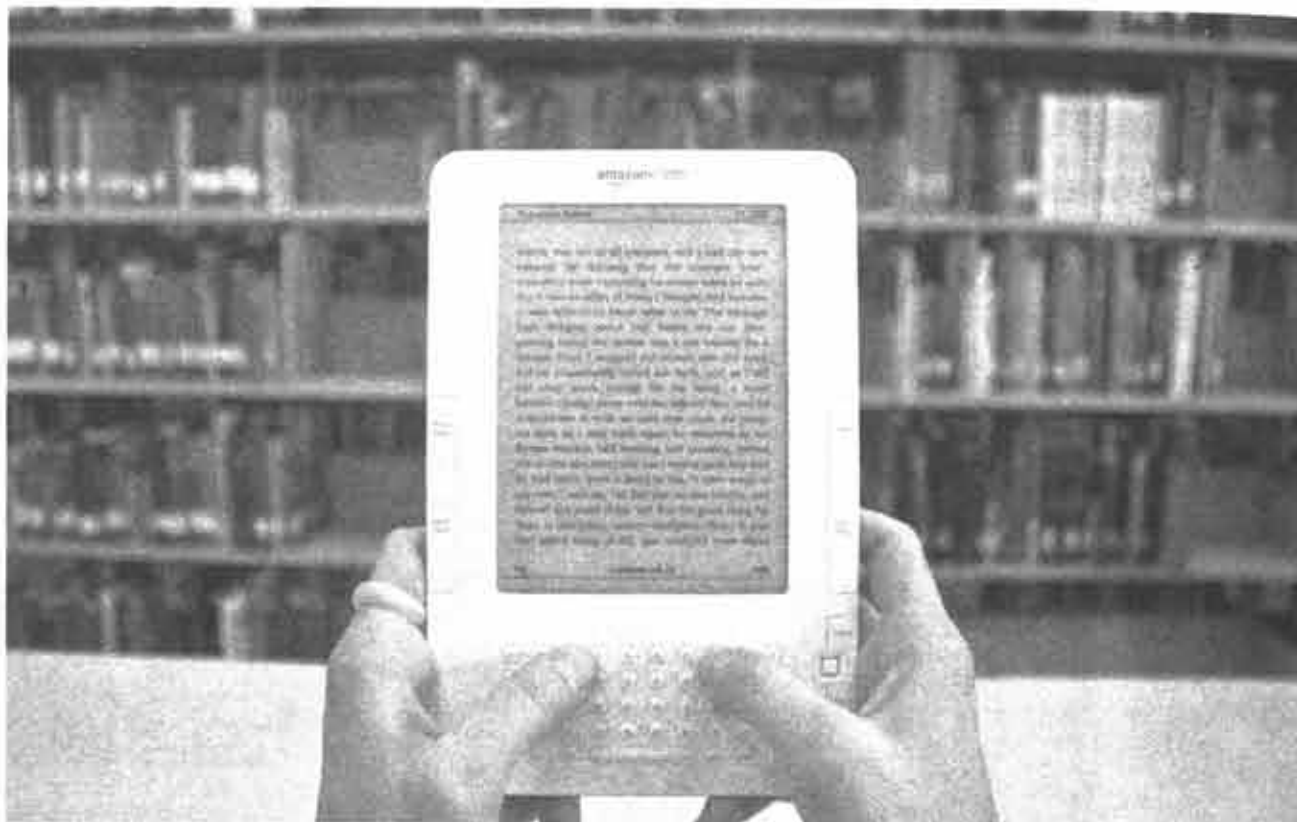
—Brian Henderson, WLU Press director

databases, allowing users in-library access to articles for free.

Other free books from WLU Press include all publications co-authored with the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). According to WLU Press publicist Clare Hitchens, the idea for this availability came from CIGI. "This is really more their focus than ours at this point," she said. All the open access titles are available to the public on both the WLU Press web site and CIGI's web site.

WLU Press titles could be discounted as much as 40 per cent on Kobo, but if students are looking to pick up cheap, portable textbooks, they will have to wait. Most of the WLU Press titles are not textbooks and Henderson isn't expecting to see texts in the popular electronic formats very soon.

"There are going to be some very interesting textbook platforms, but our understanding of the market right now is that students still prefer print



MEGAN CHERNIAK PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

The Amazon Kindle, one of the inexpensive e-book readers drawing attention to the topic of e-books.

books," he said.

Manager of academic materials for the WLU bookstore, Mike Zybal, said many students will already notice a difference in the texts they buy this year. Many texts now come with access cards, giving students the ability to read the text online as well as in print. The cards allow professors to incorporate their own notes online, though access to online material expires after six months and students cannot download the material.

Despite the lack of electronic

textbook content, the WLU bookstore is not immune to the effects of the growing electronic market according to Zybal. With the increased pressure, the bookstore has implemented positive changes in its general interest section.

"We've put more focus and staff in that area to beef up sales and offer more to students," he said.

The additions to the department seem to be paying off. The general interest section doubled its sales during the 2009-2010 school year over the

previous year. The tech section of the store is also varying its offerings, selling Apple iPads and Sony e-readers, but the store isn't selling large volumes of the products.

Even with positive print sales, Zybal said the store is looking towards the future of publishing.

"We have a platform on the e-commerce site providing public domain books in e-pub format and they can be transferred to any device a student has," he said. "We'll continue to add to that."

Open applications for investment funds

\$730,000 in re-allocated funds available for ideas from the Laurier community, WLUSU puts forward plans

LINDA GIVETASH
NEWS DIRECTOR

In passing the 2010-2011 budget, Wilfrid Laurier University administration have created a fund to support initiatives proposed by members of the Laurier community that will enhance the academic or administrative operations of the university.

"Reallocation of resources for any institution is an important thing as priorities shift, as needs change," explained university president Max Blouw.

The new Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) is made up of 0.5 per cent of base funds that were moved, allowing for \$730,000 to be available this year for applications that are put forward. Submissions, due Sept.

14, will be discussed and decided upon by the university president and vice-presidents.

Blouw expressed that the decision to have an open application was to utilize the ideas and insight of the Laurier community.

"We need to know what are the really good ideas, what are people excited about, what do they want to achieve, how do they want to actuate the academic plan and so to receive proposals we will know who is really engaged, who has really wonderful ideas," he said.

Although there are no clear projects that are expected to result from this fund, Blouw hopes that areas of need and areas of passion can be pursued. "[Projects] could take the form of academic delivery of new research

enterprise or new academic areas or for example in the business side of the university, opportunities for business development, who knows?" Blouw speculated.

Kyle Walker, president of Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union, expressed the union's interest in the opportunity to improve student life on campus.

"The students' union is exploring the possibility of submitting a proposal to the strategic investment fund for 24-hour access to the library for the Laurier community seven days a week for the entirety of both semesters."

"We're definitely looking at moving in a direction where we can get more study space on campus available all year round," he explained. Walker cited the problems in previous projects

to have the library open 24-hours during the exam periods and until 2 a.m. during the semester that resulted in only moderate use.

"Those were the two months of the school year when students don't have any commitments during the day," he said.

"For final exams a lot of the resources in the library aren't that useful... It's the other three months when students are involved all day and into the evening hours that they want to get some studying done overnight."

Since the data on library usage can't project whether such an initiative will be a success, Walker said that a pilot project would provide such insight. "We're never going to really know until we try it."

While the funding is set as a

one-time-only initiative, long-term projects will still be considered.

Multi-year projects may foreclose the opportunity to other submissions however if the fund is overall successful it may be increased in future years to provide greater financial support.

There is no set date for announcing the chosen projects, as it is dependent on the number of applicants. Blouw stressed that it would be done as efficiently as possible.

"I think it's important that various units know whether they've been supported or not," he said. "We'll see how quickly we can get it turned around."

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News in brief

New CFP designation to be offered this fall

Beginning in September, Laurier will be offering four core curriculum courses that will allow students to complete a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation.

Students who successfully complete the program will be able to apply to write the Financial Planning Exam 1 and will be eligible for the completion of the Financial Planning Exam 2 after three years work experience.

If these requirements are met and another three years of work experience is completed, the Financial Planning Standards Council (FPSC) will award the CFP designation to the student.

Course offerings are limited to four second-year courses that will aid students in completing the CFP program.

—Compiled by Alanna Wallace



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Local businesses seem more attached to the "f" word than WLUSU.

No "frosh" for more academic O-Week

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There are some choice words that seem to come to mind when students hear the term 'frosh'. Wilfrid Laurier University's Students' Union (WLUSU), organizers of Orientation Week, want to steer away from certain undertones associated with the expression.

"We don't call it 'frosh week' anymore for a reason," said Burton Lee, WLUSU vice president of clubs and activities. "We don't even allow our ice breakers to use the terms 'frosh' or 'kids'," added April Bannerman, assistant vice president of first-year experience at WLUSU.

Bannerman, a fifth-year global studies and communications major, hopes that WLUSU's Orientation Week will prepare first-year students for the entire Laurier experience and not just the social aspects. While universities including the University of Waterloo have reduced the length of their orientations, WLUSU has instead opted to introduce new 'learning outcomes' to the O-Week festivities in hopes of creating a more balanced orientation experience.

The learning outcomes are divided into three sections: academic, leadership, and social. Every aspect of the week is geared towards those outcomes. On top of the more traditional social orientation events, WLUSU is using O-Week 2010 to emphasize the importance of the mandatory academic sessions Friday during which professors speak and give more of a sense of what will be expected of students. "They're mandatory in the sense that it's the most important thing offered during the week in our eyes," Lee explained.

Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group (LSPIRG) has organized an alternative orientation week choice for students running

independently of the WLUSU activities, though students will still be encouraged to attend the academic sessions. 'Radical O-Week' exists, according to the event's co-ordinator Hannah Swiderski, "to provide an option for first-year students, because a lot of students don't like to participate in the events that WLUSU plans." She added, "Not that there's anything wrong with them."

Radical O-Week includes concerts and workshops and last year attracted roughly 50 students, according to Swiderski, who added that this year is "going to be a lot bigger" and she hopes will attract a few hundred participants. The number of volunteers involved for the event will also increase substantially from 10 last year to "between forty and sixty," Swiderski said.

O-Week runs with the help of over 500 student volunteers. The group consists of 256 ice breakers as well as student organizations and service groups. WLUSU is confident that these volunteers can act as mentors to first-years as well as leaders.

O-Week has always been considered a transition week from high school to university. This year, WLUSU is hoping that the week displays a more accurate depiction of university life.

"After O-Week is finished, the real struggle is the adjustment from O-Week to real university life," Lee said, noting that students face "a real adjustment," balancing O-Week levels of social engagement once classes start. As for the "frosh" moniker, Lee said, "It seems to only be community members that call it that now."

"Students aren't coming in with the mentality that they'll get sloshed or anything like that," he speculated, "Which is nice, but I know that obviously still happens and that's the way some students become comfortable here."

"They're going to do what they want to do and we're not trying to babysit anyone," he said.

Laurier more tech-friendly

Online learning portal one of many improvements made

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After a prolonged effort by Wilfrid Laurier University's information technology department and administration, as of the last week of August students are now experiencing the much-touted upgrades to the university's tech offerings.

Along with the "MyLearning-Space" replacement for WebCT and the MyLaurier web portal, a replacement for the old student email system was unveiled based on Google's Gmail platform, and the university has announced that a smartphone application is in development.

The new email, learning management and web portal are all now fully-functioning while the smartphone app will be available in the month of September according to assistant vice-president of academic services Tom Buckley, who has overseen the university's technology-focused initiatives of late.

Laurier: On your smartphone

"There will be a BlackBerry app and an iPhone app that students can download and choose which communications they wish to receive," he said. Expanding on the reasoning behind such an app, he added, "Email today to all students blankets everybody... this allows students to opt-in to channels of communications for specific groups."

"Students are bringing these devices to university with them, now they can utilize them to stay connected to Laurier," Buckley said. The app will launch in partnership with five areas of the university: communications, public affairs and marketing; student recruitment; residence life; athletics and career services.

The university's app is distinct from the students' union's own offering which will launch roughly the same time and was created by the same development firm. "We've chatted with WLUSU, we want to avoid competing with each other," Buckley said. "They have a channel; student events

and notices will be one channel, and Laurier as an institution will be have others."

Brian Dusselier of Sherpa Digital in Kitchener worked with WLU in developing the app, along with creating applications for 7 other universities or students' unions. "It's not a matter of if universities will have mobile applications, it's a matter of when, it's an absolute must," he said, adding that emphasis was placed on ease-of-use for the university, making effective use of the application easy.

The Gmail question

Until details on the deal were finalized in late August, the university would not discuss which third-party service it was working with to develop a new student email system. After prolonged negotiations with Google, the choice was revealed to be the Google Apps for Education email offering rather than a comparable alternative from Microsoft. The new email accounts provide 7GB of space, improving over the old Groupwise email's meager 25MB storage.

"When we looked at where Groupwise email was being redirected, a large majority was being redirected to personal Gmail accounts," Buckley said. Laurier's new system isn't the same as a regular Gmail account however, he said. "There is no advertising, [and] they don't data-mine the way they do on a retail Gmail account." Google's calendar and document applications will also be available in students' accounts and they will also be able to use Google Sync to synchronize with a smartphone.

When other Canadian universities

have adopted Gmail for their student and faculty operations, questions have emerged surrounding 'data sovereignty' – the threat that U.S. law enforcement would be able to access Canadian students' email without notice under legislation including the Patriot Act because Google's mail servers are located in the U.S.. The University of Alberta and Lakehead University have adopted Gmail-based email and there was press coverage about the privacy issue when the University of Ottawa examined it over the summer.

"We did take it very seriously," Buckley said of the speculation surrounding this possibility. "We followed the University of Alberta and what they did in their privacy assessment, we conducted a privacy assessment ourselves working with the university solicitor and there will be information made available to students on what exactly that entails."

Still, he said, since email isn't ever truly secure against intrusion by investigators or otherwise, "The risk is really best managed by the individual, if you're concerned about someone seeing something, don't send it."

Ontario's privacy commissioner, Ann Cavoukian, was reassuring in her assessment of Laurier's position and said that as long as due diligence had been taken by the university, the risks are minimal for students.

"You're lucky to have Gmail," she said.

"All Gmail users now get the highest level of security, so they have incredibly secure communications," she added. "That's what I think you should be pleased about in using this service with confidence."

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—Brian Dusselier, Sherpa Digital



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Profs awarded grant

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Psychology professor Nancy Kocovski and chemistry professor Vladimir Kitaev were awarded the Early Researcher Award, providing them each with \$100,000 over five years to continue their research initiatives.

"It will really help me be able to do the studies that I want to do in the next few years," said Kocovski.

Awarded by the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation, the funds will allow the professors to hire undergraduate and graduate students to help them conduct their research projects. Kitaev expressed his reliance on having undergraduate students working with him.

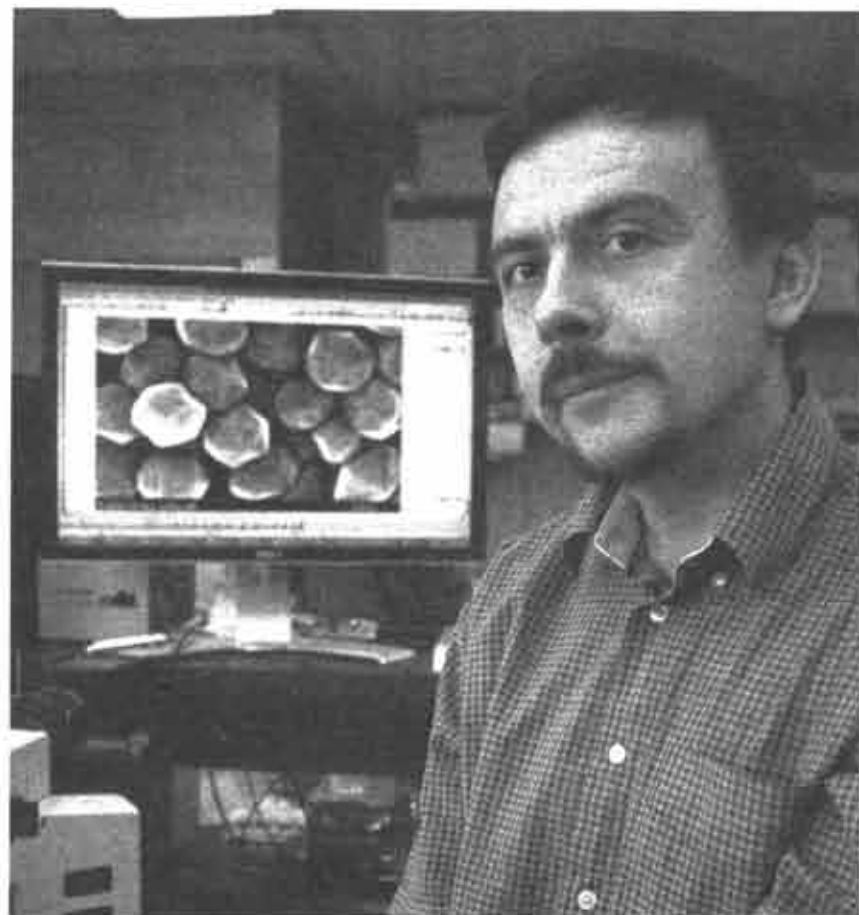
"Chemistry got an MSc program just a few years ago," he said. "I just now have two masters students, so all of my other work was done with the great undergraduate students."

Kitaev went on to further explain his preference in working with undergraduate students because "I'm training those guys."

Students play a vital role in helping Kocovski further her research on social anxiety by providing assistance during clinical trials and lab studies. Kocovski explained her analysis of mindfulness- and acceptance-based treatments and cognitive behaviour therapy.

"I'm currently doing a trial where we're comparing different treatments for social anxiety," said Kocovski. "What I'm really interested in is how these treatments work; how somebody becomes less socially anxious when they go through these treatments."

Cognitive behaviour therapy, the



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Professor Vladimir Kitaev discovers the properties of silver particles.

more substantiated form of treatment, involves changing the way a person thinks or interprets situations in order to reduce their feelings of anxiety. In comparison, mindfulness- and acceptance-based treatments don't change the way a person thinks but helps them to accept the thoughts that they have as a natural occurrence and not let them be detrimental to their actions and experiences.

"We know that practicing mindfulness leads to a whole bunch of positive outcomes," Kocovski explained. "What I want to get a better idea of is how that happens."

Kitaev's inquiry involves looking at the extremely small nanoparticles and their specific shapes that contribute to their dazzling optical properties which he has coined "nanorainbows".

In addition to the discovery of nanorainbows, Kitaev's ongoing research of silver nanoparticles has

already presented results including learning how to put nanoshells of other substances such as gold into the silver structures.

Looking towards the future, Kitaev remained positive for more discoveries surrounding the uses for nanoparticles. "Our nanoparticles would be applicable to everything, that's what gives me great satisfaction," he said.

Whether he would make any great advancements within the five year funding period was uncertain, as he estimated that he would see two generations of students progress through before anything of discussion is developed. Although unsure of what his findings may be, Kitaev did hope to see biomedical applications.

"Many things happen slow in science," said Kitaev, reiterating that he funding would allow him to have student support in the up-coming years of his project.

Terrace struggles with increased costs

Union prioritizes students' tight budgets

LINDA GIVETASH
NEWS DIRECTOR

Despite rising costs from suppliers, Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union has worked to maintain reasonable pricing at their food venues. However the increased cost of certain foods along with improvements to the quality of the products used at Union Market and the Pita Shack has resulted in minor increases in prices this year.

Rob Sexton, WLUSU food and beverage manager, noted that the businesses have faced soaring prices from their suppliers, specifically with dairy and meats. At Union Market, this has translated to a 20-cent increase on most of their sandwiches.

New menu items, Sexton mentioned, would not be subject to the price adjustments. "We are adding an open-air fridge in there that we're going to be selling grab-and-go sandwiches, grab-and-go salads," he said.

"A lot of the items are new items that we did not have last year so there's really no price increases involved in that."

New combo options and adjustments to portion sizes have also required new price lists. Sexton expressed that the new combos would have an added discount that previously did not exist when ordering a variety of food.

At the Pita Shack, price increases

range between 9 and 40 cents depending on the item.

A few items, including the vegan beef pita and the spicy chicken pita, have seen decreases of 20 cents. Apart from growing business costs, these adjustments have been made to incorporate improvements in some products.

"We've gone with a much better all-white meat chicken for all our pitas," explained Sexton.

"We switched from Kraft dressings to Renee's salad dressings which are refrigerated, no preservatives, a much fresher, much healthier product," he added.

These changes succeed adjustments made last year to better reflect the value of specific products.

"A veggie pita plus a chicken should be the same as a chicken pita, and it never added up."

"What we did was last year was make those adjustments to reflect that so an add on of cheese or an add on of meat would all come to the same price," said Sexton.

While food prices on campus can be unsettling for students on a tight budget, Sexton maintained that within the union's businesses they were being kept as low as possible, including within the franchised restaurants.

"We are run a higher food cost than what the industry average would be because we're trying to keep our pricing as low as we can," said Sexton.

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While you were out... four months of news

University-wide cuts avoided

The provincial budget provided unexpected relief for Wilfrid Laurier University as the injection of over \$300 million into Ontario's post-secondary system allowed cuts previously anticipated in all areas of the university to be avoided.

Prior to the announcement in the budget, Laurier would have seen cuts of 1.5 per cent this year and six per cent the following year across all university operations.

Despite provincial intervention that has allowed Laurier to balance its budget, the university is by no means nearing complete financial stability.

"There's a lot of moving parts – we've got a severe pension problem that hasn't gone away," Jim Butler, Laurier's vice president of finance pointed out, though the situation was not as severe as originally expected. –Printed May 18

First year numbers rise ... once again

Over two hundred more students will attend the Waterloo campus this fall compared to September 2009, for a total of 3,842 new first-year Laurier attendees.

This year, 257 more students than were expected by the registrar's office will enter first year at Laurier.

"It's always a difficult thing to predict, the behaviour of seventeen-year-olds," said Jim Butler, VP of finance.

This year, there were nearly 20,000 applications submitted to Laurier with over 70 per cent of applicants receiving offers of admission. Slightly more than one in four students who received offers chose to attend Laurier.

There has been strain on profs as the methods they are able to use to evaluate larger groups of students are limited. "We have a lot less writing than we'd like in those first two years," psychology professor Bernie Eikelboom said.

–Printed June 30

New OSAP booking system

Laurier students who receive OSAP loans will now be able to schedule a timeslot to pick up their cheques rather than waiting in a familiar, incredibly long lineup at Student Awards of this September.

Through their LORIS account, eligible students can access the online booking system that will allow them to book an appointment.

"We've long known that our lineups were very excessive," manager of Student Awards Ruth MacNeil said, adding that under the new system, "rather than sitting here for three or four hours trying to get your OSAP, you'll be out in fifteen minutes."

OSAP pick-up for those who have not managed to schedule a timeslot using the system will not begin on a first-come, first-serve basis until September 24.

–Printed July 28

Admissions changes made

In a May 12 meeting of the university senate, changes to admissions were made and a motion was passed to allow Arts students to remain undeclared until third year without penalty.

Also approved was a program offering guaranteed acceptance to Laurier for students who initially do not qualify out of high school if the student attends Conestoga College for one year.

Students whose high school grades are insufficient to be accepted into the Laurier bachelor of arts program, complete one year of Conestoga's general arts and science program at an average of 75 per cent, and their admission to Laurier will be guaranteed.

Mandatory English language testing was also instituted for international students.

Laurier president Max Blouw noted that Ontario's universities need to attract greater numbers of international students and grow substantially in the future, goals that the province will examine in its provision of funding.

–Printed May 18



Brantford demolition moves forward despite protest

"We'd like to add residence space, we need dining hall facilities, we absolutely need recreation facilities and athletic space," noted Laurier president Max Blouw regarding Brantford.

Laurier's growth in years to come will be targeted at its now decade-old Brantford campus. Blouw projects that new development will prepare for up to 5,000 students on the site.

Attention was drawn to the site proposed for some development, a strip of heritage buildings in the city's downtown, some of which pre-dated confederation.

Demolition began in mid-June on the 41 buildings, and to date there has been no acknowledgement on the part of Laurier or its partners in the campus expansion that Laurier buildings will be erected on the site.

–Printed June 30

Maureen Forrester dies

On June 16, former chancellor to Wilfrid Laurier University, Maureen Forrester, died at the age of 79.

The world-renowned contralto vocalist put Canada and Laurier on the map for producing quality musicians. "Her association with Wilfrid Laurier is really unfathomable," said WLU associate professor Kim Barber on Forrester becoming chancellor in 1986.

Forrester's scores, speeches and photos are kept on archive at WLU with the permission of her family to celebrate her legacy.

–Printed June 30

SBE offers new master's degree

Technology management program to be the first of its kind in Canada

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The School of Business and Economics (SBE) at Wilfrid Laurier University will begin offering a Canadian-first master's of Science program in management in the technology management field. Offered on weekends beginning for the winter semester, the program will be research-based and is targeted at individuals already in management positions at major Canadian technology firms.

"This is the first time we've had an opportunity to offer a program of this caliber," explained Hamid Noori, director of PhD and research-based master's programs in the SBE, emphasizing the unique properties of the program and those it hopes to attract.

"We are gearing toward fast-moving companies whose market is global," he added, pointing to the hundreds of technology firms in the region. "It's geared toward directors and above, it certainly does not compare with our MBA program, it only complements it and fills the need that has not been addressed by other universities in this area."

"Where it really came from was a lot of work between ourselves and Research in Motion, who are really interested in having some exceptional leadership training available for their organization," said Ginny Dybenko, dean of the SBE, who added that the program had been pitched to "a number of the largest and most prestigious technology companies across Canada."

The specialty program will likely have less than 20 students enrolled according to Noori, who pointed out the move toward master's of science-designated programs in management.

"It's becoming somewhat trendy, if that's the right word ... Western has one, we also have them in human resources and supply-chain management."

Dybenko explained the implications of unique post-graduate program offerings for the broader university community, especially undergraduate business faculties.

"What we're doing is really playing a lot with how we can incorporate technology into the classroom," she said, "So just like we've done the MBA program with the Blackberry, we're experimenting with different modes of technology and how they can be utilized in the classroom. The landing-spot for all of this will ultimately be the BBA program."

Outside lecturers will likely be brought in from academia and the business world for the program. "We are obviously hoping and we believe that we have a number of outstanding researchers and instructors within our institution," Noori said. "But if needed we certainly won't be shy to go to other places and invite some guest speakers and people that we could benefit from their expertise ... it's definitely a collaborative effort."

Dybenko commented on the prospect of hosting intellectuals from other Canadian and international universities, saying, "I feel that it will have a reputational boost for the school, having profs here from the best universities in the world."

Noori concluded, noting, "It's something that we haven't really done before but we're really excited about it. We think that our first class will demonstrate the need that exists in this area."

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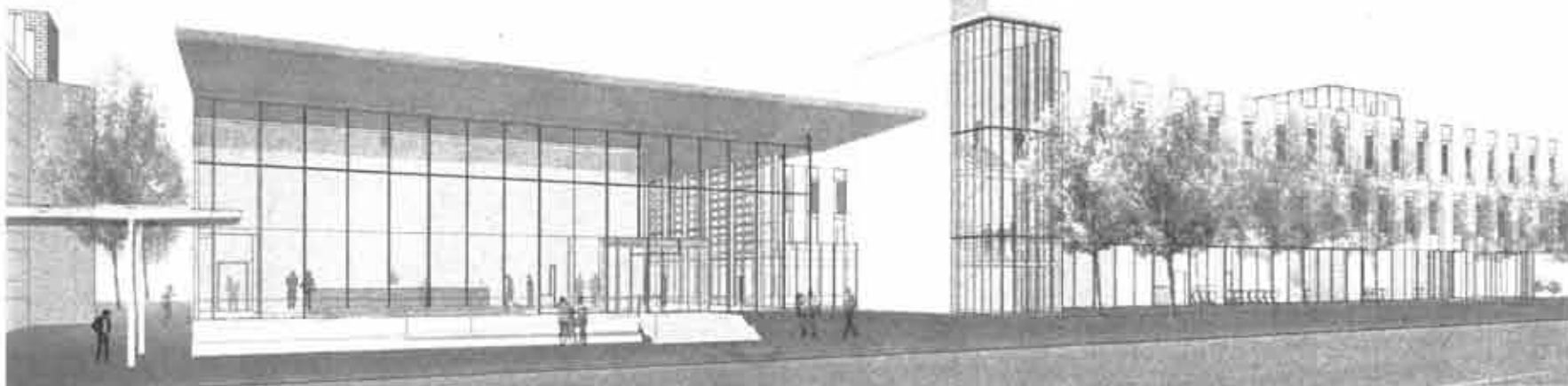


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Editor-in-Chief Alanna Wallace tours the building site for the new Balsillie School of International Affairs, reporting on the architectural advancements that will accompany the new campus and what the development means for students

The construction site for the Balsillie School of International Affairs at Erb St. and Caroline St. is bustling with contractors hard at work to provide the area of uptown Waterloo and the students of the school with a campus by the summer of 2011.

The school is a partnership between the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), the University of Waterloo (UW) and Wilfrid Laurier University, partnerships Kuntz said will benefit the entire globe.

The ongoing construction project will be home to the Balsillie School along with a possible masters program in international law, an anticipated school of global trade and innovation and the proposed Morrison Centre for research and studies in peace and conflict, which is currently in the planning stages.

Many at UW, Laurier and CIGI expect the school to become a global hub of innovation and learning.

"You have the think tank's ability to bring world leaders and

practitioners and policy from all around the globe to Waterloo and you have the up and coming students who bring the cutting edge ideas from their studies and the researchers," said Fred Kuntz, senior director of communications and public affairs for CIGI.

"All of that creates a hub of excellence, a critical mass that could actually change the world."

The school and campus are being constructed with the help of \$50 million of provincial and federal funding through the Knowledge and Infrastructure Program and Ontario's 2009 budget.

This funding was also matched by CIGI founder and chair Jim Balsillie, who is also the co-CEO of Research In Motion (RIM).

The \$50-million construction project will be executed by Cooper Construction Ltd. and the 114,000 square foot campus was designed by Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects (KPMB).

Environmental advancements

With the construction of the Balsillie school came discussion on how to make the buildings more environmentally sustainable.

"This institution is obviously going to be an important player on the world stage and as that kind of institution it is it has a responsibility to examine all the issues that affect our lives and sustainability is a huge issue," said Blumberg.

This heightened awareness was taken into account during the decision to use new architectural advancements like the construction technology "BubbleDeck".

By insulating the structure of the building with plastic spheres instead of cement, cement usage is significantly decreased. The new technology also makes pillars and floors less wide, optimizing indoor spaces.

"The cement industry actually is responsible for five per cent of global emissions, the airline industry for three," explained KPMB partner Shirley Blumberg, demonstrating a need for the use of new technologies such as BubbleDeck.

"As architects and builders we have a responsibility. Bubble deck saves 30 per cent of the concrete so environmentally it's an excellent thing," Blumberg continued.

The buildings will also include in-slab heating and cooling, a feature project manager Bruno D'Aloisio said will also save energy.

Other environmentally friendly features expected for the campus include a green roof with plant life and underground storage for rainwater to be collected and reused.

Taking the public into account

Being built on \$5 million City of Waterloo-leased land that is highly developable for commercial purposes, KPMB had the difficult task of making the Balsillie campus appealing to the greater Waterloo community. Numerous impacts on the community were taken into account during design and with the future of the institution's role for Kitchener-Waterloo foremost in Blumberg's mind.

Located across from restaurant businesses, Blumberg said KPMB took into account the residential nature of the community to the west of the building by setting the structure back and creating a landscaped porch which will be open to the public.

"[This area has] sort of tried to recognize the more sensitive nature of the residential here," explained Blumberg of the design.

Not only do the exterior aesthetics of the building complement the surrounding area, but the 250-seat lecture hall located on the campus will also be able to be used by the public.

"We really wanted to make sure what we gave to the streetscape and the public realm was respectful," explained Blumberg.

Construction of the Balsillie campus has not gone as smoothly as hoped. Architects were hired to design the building in May of 2008 and despite a funding announcement in May 2009, groundbreaking for the buildings was delayed in June of last year.

The campus is scheduled for completion on March 31, 2011.



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ALANNA WALLACE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Despite the introduction of new building technologies, construction progress is going smoothly.

KW in brief

New Ward 7 candidate

Melissa Durrell, a news reporter for CTV Southwestern Ontario is taking leave from her job to run as a candidate for Waterloo City Council in this October's election.

In a statement released last week, Durrell lists "respecting residents' tax dollars, a vibrant uptown and keeping citizens connected to City Hall" as her top priorities.

Covering municipal affairs for CTV, Durrell is also a part-time professor at Conestoga College and is a Ryerson Journalism School graduate.

Durrell is the fifth candidate for Ward 7. She will run against Erin Epp, Edwin Larvea, Duncan McLean and Peter Woolstencroft in the election on Oct. 25.

Man tames fire with garden hose

When a fire broke out on Misty Cr. in Kitchener at about 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 1, the home-owner doused the fire with a garden hose until the Kitchener Fire Department arrived to extinguish the blaze.

The *Waterloo Region Record* reported that the cause of the fire has yet to be determined though initial reports claim it was the result of poor wiring under the home's back deck.

Approximately \$120,000 in damage was done to the home's exterior and attic as the fire spread to the roof before firefighters arrived.

Missing methadone

The owner of seven bottles of the liquid drug methadone has reported the drugs missing on Aug. 31.

The methadone was being carried in a green reusable shopping bag and may have gone missing while the owner was sleeping on a transit bus.

Police are asking the public to report any findings of methadone immediately.

Kitchener resident on Canadian reality TV

Jonathon Arsenault will continue to represent his hometown by competing for top prize in the So You Think You Can Dance Canada competition on Monday.

Paired with Kloé Schultz of North Bay, Ont., the pair will compete on the weekly television series and are currently among the top 18 contestants.

Cyclist killed on University Ave.

A cyclist was thrown into a ditch after being struck by a vehicle just east of Westmount Road on University Ave. on Sept. 1.

The cyclist was pronounced dead on the scene and the driver of the Ford Focus also involved in the collision was taken to hospital suffering from shock. A subsequent investigation shut down the area for a number of hours.

Though this area, near the University of Waterloo, does have a bike lane it has yet to be determined whether the cyclist was utilizing it.

The *Waterloo Region Record* reported this as the eleventh traffic fatality this year and the third of this summer. This is the same number of fatalities as this time last year.

—Compiled by Alanna Wallace

Highlights

The new Balsillie school will hopefully also be home to:

- A masters program in international law
- the Morrison Centre for peace and conflict studies
- A school of global trade and innovation

Highlights of the new building included:

- A 250-seat state-of-the-art lecture hall
- Belltower
- Proposed meeting places on each of the building's three floors with fireplaces
- Tunnel to link future residence buildings (Phase 2 of building will likely include a residence)
- Inner courtyard and part of the roof will include green space
- Birch tree patio across from local restaurants will be open to the public

The dark side of busking

Toronto's Batman reveals ups and downs of street performing

LINDA GIVETASH
NEWS DIRECTOR

"I know it's not most popular and most people, especially people in university, look down upon it," said Toronto Batman.

After a weekend of cheering crowds across Waterloo's Uptown in part of the 22nd annual Busker Carnival, Batman revealed the challenges and benefits of working as a street performer.

Batman, who chose not to disclose his real name, is fairly new at the game of busking, only starting in 2006.

He didn't officially assume his role as Toronto's Caped Crusader until May 2009.

"I never planned on being a busker... It kind of fell in to my lap," he explained.

Finding it difficult to work in a typical nine-to-five regimen and preferring to be his own boss in control of his pay cheques, Batman enjoys the freedoms associated with

busking.

"I'm not going to lie, I like the easy money," he said. "I get to do a lot of fun things, I get to see different cities."

The job itself however is not as simple as it appears, with the many repercussions associated with it.

Regarding negative attitudes he has confronted towards the job, Batman described what he faces, saying, "I see on the internet that people think buskers are stupid and homeless."

"I think if people thought of me more as just, yeah I realize I'm dressed up as Batman but I'm still a human being, that would go a long way," he said, adding that more people need to acknowledge that buskers do work for tips and are thrown off track during a performance with any unexpected altercations.

Endorsing his choice of work, Batman noted that street performances are a tradition that has endured the ages.

"Busking is one of the oldest jobs

in the world, right up there with drug dealing and prostitution and tax collectors and yet people think that [only] tax collectors are very traditional," he commented.

Re-defining ideas of what a traditional job is, according to Batman, would allow for busking to be better received.

While typical street performances can result in negative backlash, festivals like the Busker Carnival provide a more welcoming atmosphere.

"I think that it's a good way to bring in buskers with a decent amount of talent," said Batman.

"We don't have to worry about getting kicked out and we're treated like actual performers as opposed to scum."

Despite the many predicaments involved with busking, Batman remarked that it was simply the type of job those inclined to do so felt the need to do.

"Most people would agree they wouldn't want to spend their energy doing anything else," he said.

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Yeah I realize I'm dressed up as Batman but I'm still a human being.”

—Toronto Batman



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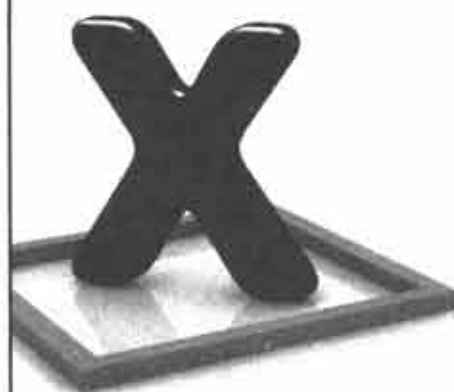


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Waterloo welcomes first-years to campuses

LINDA GIVETASH
NEWS DIRECTOR

While U-Haul trucks line Waterloo's streets as students make their way back for another school year, the city has made more information and tools available to help students with the transition.

By-law enforcement will have an increased presence in student areas during September. Although their focus will be on maintaining noise and property standard by-laws, they are asking for students to contact them if any issues arise that aren't noticed.

"The one thing that we want to stress to students that may be living in conditions that not be up to standards, that they should call us right away," said Mary George of protective services at the City of Waterloo. "If we don't know about them it's pretty hard for us to deal with them."

Changes to the noise by-law that were made earlier this year will also be in effect. Notably, by-law officers will have a handheld meter to assess the noise level from specific sources to determine if an infraction has been made. The meter does have its limitations however.

"There's still a portion of the

by-law that says 'likely to disturb', so if it's yelling or screaming or that kind of thing we can enforce it the same way we've always enforced it," explained George.

Initiatives targeting the process of moving and settling into homes and campus residences are also in place.

Community relations manager for the City of Waterloo, Kaye Crawford noted, "We're doing more this year for the first-year students to give them a sense of welcome so we're putting things in our frosh kits."

On Sept. 5 and 6 and the following weekend of Sept. 11 and 12, traffic will be redirected on Spruce and Lester streets to increase the flow of traffic as students move in to the densely populated areas.

The overarching "It's Your Waterloo" campaign, launched last year that incorporates all of these initiatives will be in full force. Coasters with educational information about the city will be distributed to local bars at the beginning of September. Posters are being made available to landlords to hang in buildings.

More information for students moving in to the community is being made available by the city at www.waterloo.ca/students.

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Participants that got to ride alongside Lance Armstrong donated a minimum of \$20,000 to benefit the Grand River Hospital Foundation.

Cancer stats

- About 173,800 new cases of cancer will occur in Canada in 2010
- Along with these new cases, about 76,200 cancer-related deaths will occur
- On average, 3,340 Canadians are diagnosed with cancer each week
- Approximately 1,470 Canadians die as a result of cancer every week
- Lung, prostate, breast and colorectal cancer account for 50 per cent of all new cancer cases annually
- Breast cancer accounts for 28 per cent of all new cancer cases in women
- 1 out of 4 Canadians is expected to die from cancer

Stats from Canadian Cancer Society

Armstrong leads local fundraiser

BREE MANTHA
CORD NEWS

On Saturday, Aug. 28, cyclists participating in the third-annual Grand River Hospital Foundation (GRHF) Ride with Lance were motivated by hope.

The fundraiser saw around 60 individuals ride 120 kilometres around Waterloo Region alongside Tour de France greets Lance Armstrong and George Hincapie in support of the Grand River Regional Cancer Centre.

All participants in the ride had to raise a minimum of \$20,000 in order to cycle among the pack.

Among the crowd of cyclists was Wilfrid Laurier University professor Jill Tracey of the kinesiology and physical education department. Tracey rode as a tribute to her father, who passed away in April of lung and bone cancer.

Already a recreational cyclist,

Tracey told The Cord that activity and athleticism was a passion she shared with her father. "He is my hero," she said, "He is a person who was so full of life, who valued physical activity, sport, and movement ... I knew that he would love this whole thing."

Also present for the event was British television personality Phil Liggett, the foremost English language commentator for the Tour de France for a number of years. In 2005 he joined forces with Joe Dutton of Calgary, New Jersey Devils forward David Clarkson, and Lance Armstrong to organize the Ride with Lance.

"For two days," Liggett said of the weekend's events and all those involved and participating, "We are all one."

Liggett has been inspired by the many stories of survival and courage from his years involved in the project. One noteworthy story he shared

was of a woman among the riders who had been badly injured after being dragged along by a truck.

"Now she's riding again," Liggett said with pride. "These stories are incredible." So far the event has raised \$1,137,490 for the GRHF. Specific programs supported by the ride include chemotherapy and radiation therapy programs, clinical research, supportive care, inpatient oncology and palliative care.

Former Kitchener Ranger David Clarkson jumped at the opportunity to participate. During his time with the Rangers, Clarkson said, "They treated me like gold and went above and beyond for me. So this is where I wanted to start my own charity, Clarky's Kids." Clarkson's charity also supports the Grand River Hospital, providing programming for children with cancer.

When approached about becoming involved with the ride, Clarkson said that participating was a

"no-brainer."

While biking came naturally for Tracey, she said that fundraising itself was difficult. However, she was overwhelmed by the outpouring of kindness from friends and family, especially those in the Laurier community.

Tracey said she saw many contributions from students and staff whom she didn't even know or teach.

"I'd get a donation notice and think, 'I don't even know you personally, and you donated, that's so nice!'"

Tracey was especially humbled by Armstrong's admiration of the participants' work, considering his own struggle with cancer.

"For him to turn it back and say that he appreciates what we all do, that's very special."

While some more experienced road cyclists gave themselves a goal to finish within a certain time,

“
For him to turn it back and say that he appreciates what we all do, that's very special.”

—Jill Tyacy, kinesiology professor

Tracey was more concerned with simply making it to the end.

When her ride was difficult, she thought of her father and others fighting cancer.

"If they can struggle through what they have to struggle with, then I can certainly ride my bike."



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Report reveals gender differences in faculties

Professors and administrators at Laurier comment on the nation-wide phenomenon

REBECCA VASLUIANU
IN DEPTH EDITOR

A report released by Statistics Canada on Aug. 10, summarizing the full-time faculty salaries for universities across the country in 2008-2009, has revealed a stark difference between the pay of male and female professors across the board.

Every institution listed in the document, regardless of how its wages compare to other schools, award more dollars to full-time men – a category incorporating deans, full professors, associate professors and assistant professors – than to full-time women.

Laurier, for instance, pays male full-time faculty \$111,453 on average while giving females \$99,688 on average. Other institutions across Canada display a more drastic contrast; The University of Toronto awards men \$139,612 while paying women \$119,250.

According to VP:Academic and Finance Jim Butler, the difference across the country cannot be attributed to only one factor. However, he mentioned that it is important to consider the contrast in each faculty separately.

"You have to make sure you're comparing apples to apples," Butler told The Cord. He noted that more men are generally found in the sciences, whereas more women tend to work in the arts and social sciences.

At Laurier, this distribution seems to be accurate in some departments. Within the school's Chemistry department, for instance, males hold 16 out of 19 full-time positions. In contrast, males occupy eight out of 22 full-time positions in the English department.

This is significant, he explained, because positions in the sciences tend to pay more because faculty

"can just as easily go work in the private sector" with the degrees they have earned so university salaries must be competitive with positions such as doctors or chemical engineers.

Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Association (WLUFA) president, and professor of geography, Judy Bates, also attributed the gender difference to the skewing of males and females in specific departments.

"I think I'm correct in saying in physics and chemistry and areas like that there are more men and that men are earning a lot, so that would raise the median for men across the board, whereas there are more women in arts ... where the salaries tend to be lower," said Bates.

She also noted the familial responsibilities women face as a factor contributing to their lower salaries.

"There are still problems of women trying to combine their academic and familial responsibilities," said Bates.

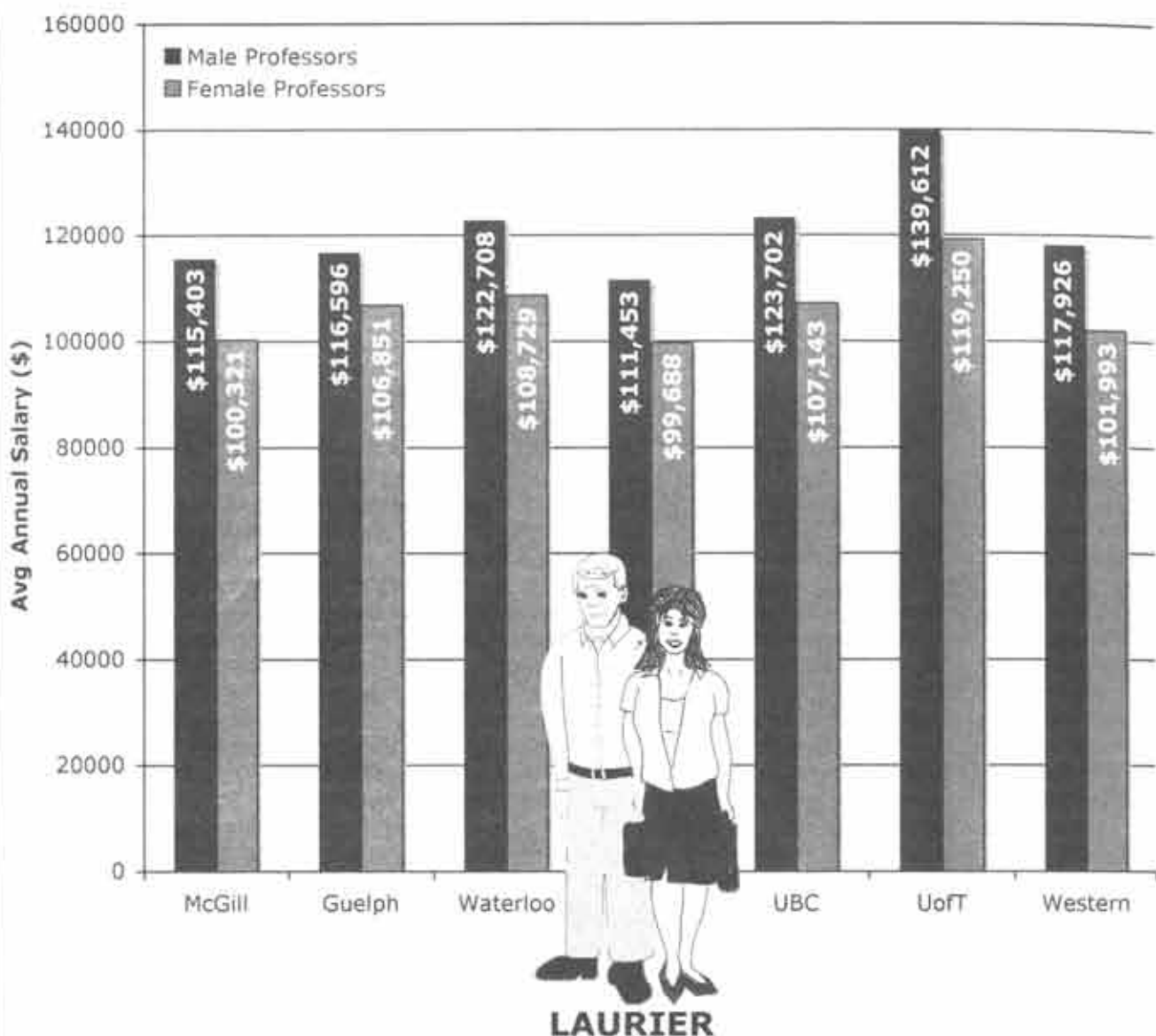
"Women are often later coming into the profession and have more difficulties getting tenure because of their mothering duties."

Bates explained that this is a key problem because professors who have been in the profession longer or achieve full-time status sooner will generally make more money due to pay increases over their career.

Because of this, women facing delays such as pregnancy and child rearing have more difficulty attaining the same salaries as men.

Women Studies professor Helen Ramirez also noted that women face familial commitments that can make it more difficult for them to progress through the ranks.

When a part-time faculty member is granted a tenure-track position, for example, they are given two years to produce work that



demonstrates that they should be granted tenure.

"It's not a job where you just come in and sit from one until five or eight until four," Ramirez explained, stating that these professors are expected to produce research as well as serve on committees.

"It takes over your life and because the structure of the family has not changed, it's still constituted in a way that we expect women to do the majority of the work," she added.

As well, Ramirez stated that faculty members who bring in research grants and money for the university are more likely to progress through the ranks. Because the studies that receive funding are mainly in the sciences – where women are scarce – they are less likely to receive those grants.

On top of the institutional

demands hampering the efforts of female faculty members, Ramirez explained that ideological biases pervade at each level in the university and society, making it difficult for women to be considered legitimate.

"We don't associate women with being knowledge bearers or with power. In fact, we don't like that equation," said Ramirez.

"What girds the whole thing is the idea that women are not smart enough and we want to perceive smartness as a masculine trait."

As a result, she explained that female faculty members are held under "huge surveillance" because there is doubt as to their competency as leaders and educators.

While Ramirez speaks to the biases and barriers faced by women in the academic world, she provided a reminder that the results of

WADE THOMPSON GRAPHICS EDITOR

“We don't associate women with being knowledge bearers or with power. In fact, we don't like that equation.”

—Helen Ramirez, Laurier women's studies professor

Statistics Canada's study would become even more complicated when race comes into the picture, making it even more difficult for individuals to attain tenure positions along with higher wages.

OUSA releases student vision of proposed Ontario Online Institute

Hope is to expand access of quality post-secondary education to students in rural and Northern Ontario

ERIC MERKLEY
OPINION EDITOR

On Aug. 24 the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) released its vision for the creation of the Ontario Online Institute, a commitment made in the Ontario government's most recent throne speech to broaden access to post-secondary education.

"Not much definition was given on what [the Ontario Online Institute] would be. OUSA got together to determine what it should look like. We have representatives from each of our schools to develop ideas for policy and at the March general assembly we came together to brainstorm ideas for what we wanted to see. We wanted to be part of the conversation," said Meaghan Coker, President of OUSA.

The recommendations are based off analysis of different online education models both in Canada and abroad.

In particular they distinguish

between consortium models, and an integrated, independent, centralized model.

The former are created by the co-operation of different participating institutions with a decentralized operating structure for admissions and student support programs and the latter operates in a centralized structure separate from the individual universities.

"We went with a consortium model because of our tremendous success with the infrastructure we currently have. It would be a bit of a loss to start from scratch, instead of capitalizing on what we have now," said Coker.

"Specifically we looked at the Open University in Australia which capitalizes on the success of a conglomerate of universities with independent policy such as admissions, institutional support."

There are challenges anticipated for the preferred model to gain acceptance. The largest of which is seen to be getting buy-in from

different universities to build legitimacy to the program, and give up a degree of independence.

"Certain universities have an elite status and reputation, which makes them want to keep them separate. It is going to take dedication from the different universities to admit they are better as a collective...thus far response has been positive, but ultimately universities are competitors, so it is a challenge," explained Coker.

Other obstacles remain in effective implementation of the program, including the development of an adequate rural broadband network.

OUSA is confident that the program itself will provide incentive to further develop the network once it has buy-in from students, and programs like Contact North can be used as a starting point to give access to student in remote areas of Northern Ontario.

The key determinant for the long term viability of the Ontario Online Institute is to ensure quality.

Other online education

opportunities like Athabasca University have an open admissions system. OUSA's proposal will have admission criteria and a bridging system.

Coker claims that, "for students that did not have a chance to do the bricks and mortar education, to have a series of bridging programs to allow students to finish a degree in the online institute."

This will open up the entire province to benefit from this program."

Last Wednesday OUSA held a "conversation" with staff from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, which featured a presentation from a project manager from Open University Australia to highlight the benefits of such a model to the government.

More meetings are expected in the future as the ministry reviews OUSA's newly released vision for the Institute.

Other key recommendations

- HST exemption for e-books to increase affordability
- Cost savings passed on to students, with tuition not exceeding those for traditional courses
- Implementation of high entrance standards to preserve quality
- Continued investment in rural broadband access
- Make OSAP accessible to part-time students and provide a realistic funding for computers and internet access
- Access to comprehensive 24-hour IT support, along with academic support such as counsellors and academic advisors

Students fail to manage finances, poll finds

LINDA GIVETASH
NEWS DIRECTOR

A recent poll conducted by RBC Royal Bank and Ipsos Reid found that 57 per cent of post-secondary students plan to work part-time during the school year. This was one of several reports this year that recognized the financial uncertainty and lack of preparation students are faced with in funding their education.

"Because of the high level of uncertainty a high percentage of students plan to work during the school year," explained Michelle Duke, head of client strategy at RBC Royal Bank. "But they also have concerns about working part-time and how that will impact their grades and the whole student experience."

What was more concerning, the poll showed that 74 per cent of students also don't use a budget in reviewing and planning their finances for the upcoming school year.

"The implications are that a higher number of students now than in the past are going to graduate with debt," said Duke. She went on to specify that the issue sprouts from either a lack of long-term planning when it comes to the amount of savings a student has or a lack of awareness of all the financial assistance available.

The lack of knowledge when it comes to financing post-secondary education has been a primary concern for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). In reference to a survey on financial literacy done last year, Zachary Dayler, national director of CASA, said, "We're really very much concerned about the amount of education that is provided to students when considering going to university or when they're in university regarding their finances and the loan system."

How to budget

One concern Dayler had, which was now quantified in the RBC poll is that 74 per cent of students don't use a budget.

Dayler understood the difficulties students have in grappling their finances for the very first time. "I recognize that at 18 or 19 [years of age], if someone was to come up to me and say 'what are you more concerned about, a fixed or floating interest rate' I would say 'well, I'm more concerned about how quickly I can drink this beer,'" he illustrated.

With this in mind he did go on to emphasize the importance of planning to prevent struggles.

Duke also reiterated this, advising, "Students need to prepare a budget and manage their finance and take more control of what is

available to them through scholarships and bursaries."

More specifically she said that students must "[identify] all their expenses, assessing what they're actually spending and then knowing how far their money is going to take them through the school year."

Finding loans

When students do need to turn to loans, there appears to be a lack of understanding about the application process or looking into the future and having to pay it off.

"The debt is going to be a reality in going to post-secondary education," said Dayler. "The issue is we want to make sure it's not over-burdening and is reasonable."

Common misconceptions Dayler noted were that students often assume they are not qualified for loans through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) because their parents have too high of an income and they are unaware that at the age of 21 they are considered independent, thus their parents' finances are no longer considered in the loan process.

There is concern as well that many students are unaware to the new OSAP reforms that were made in March to be implemented this academic year. John Milloy, minister of training, colleges and

universities, conducted a campus tour in August across the province to speak with student governments and media about the changes.

After spending more than a year consulting student advocacy groups, Milloy said that, "The result was a package of \$81 million added to our student aid budget both to allow more students to access student aid and to make it more generous and relevant to your needs and also to make it more efficient."

The application process has now been simplified to include assessments for grants that previously required a separate application. The maximum limit of funds available per year has also been increased to \$12,240 reflecting increases to tuition and cost of living.

Milloy also recognized the need for many students to work part-time during the school year that OSAP previously allowed for a \$50 per week exemption. He admitted that the number reflected outdated policies when the minimum wage was much lower. With the new reforms students can now earn \$100 per week without penalty.

"It will never be perfect but we have to do our best that the money our students are making is actually there to help them cover their cost and help them experience what it is to be a student," said Dayler.

57%

of students will work part-time during the school year

77%

of students think a part-time job will impact their grades

75%

of students failed CASA's financial literacy test

46%

of students who think they will graduate debt-free will likely rely on their parents for financial assistance

Canada in brief

B.C. jail investigation

KAMLOOPS, B.C. — Four RCMP officers and three civilian staff members of a B.C. jail are being investigated for "actions and/or inactions" after reports surfaced that they watched over a video camera for seven minutes as two female prisoners had sex without intervening.

Both women had been arrested and according to the *Globe and Mail* they were in the cell commonly referred to as the "drunk tank" at the time of the incident.

A corporal and three constables will face internal code of conduct reviews while the City of Kamloops is investigating the allegations of the involvement of three of their employees.

Harper orders new planes

OTTAWA, ONT — The Harper government has justified the purchase of 65 F-35 stealth fighter jets after Russian long-range bombers have recently been detected in Canada's Arctic airspace and off the east coast.

The new planes will replace Canada's existing fleet of CF-18s and will likely cost approximately \$9 billion with an additional \$7 billion worth of maintenance costs.

The issue has been a point of contention for Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, as the CBC is reporting that believes Harper is "out of touch with what Canadians want," and pointing to the government's growing deficit.

Condom distribution disallowed

FREDERICTON (CUP) — In July, the students' union of St. Thomas University made headlines after revealing that they weren't allowed to include condoms in this year's welcome week kits — information and supply packages handed out to first-year students.

The restriction was made despite any campus ministry policy in place regarding distribution of condoms on the campus.

St. Thomas University president Dennis Cochrane has formed an advisory committee made up of 10 individuals representing various groups, to look into the broad issue of student health and attempt to bring forward ideas related to student health.

The students' union are expected a decision to be made as to whether to include condoms in their first-year welcome packages by the time they are meant to be distributed in September.

— Karissa Donkin, *The Aquinian*

World's largest Douglas fir in danger

VICTORIA, B.C. — Logging operations less than a kilometer away are beginning to threaten the survival of "Red Creek Fir" — the largest tree in the world in terms of height, weight and total volume of wood. The tree, which is no less than 1,000 years old, attracts hundreds of visitors every year.

Environmentalists say the tree is being threatened by environmental degradation and is becoming more vulnerable to the elements.


Logging has begun about 500 metres from Red Creek Fir, which lies in an area where logging is prohibited. However, if excessive logging is done around the ancient tree, the ancient giant could become more susceptible to the elements.

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Studying abroad: Life on exchange

International students discuss living and studying abroad

ALANNA WALLACE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While the majority of students are moving into their residences at Wilfrid Laurier University this week, last week marked the arrival of the students from the international community.

From Aug. 30 to Sept. 4, International Orientation Week helped international students find their bearings, move into their residences and provided them with everything from workshops to a trip to Niagara Falls.

"It makes them aware of all the resources available on campus," explained former International Students' Association president and international student Tk Mawuli Azaglo, from Ghana. "It gives them information about banking and shopping and all this stuff."

When Azaglo arrived at Laurier in 2006 there was barely any support from the university. However, with new initiatives from Laurier International through feedback from past students, there have been some radical changes to the preparation of both international students and exchange students.

Along with International Orientation Week, the Laurier International Friendship Extension program (LIFE) partners current Laurier students with incoming international students to provide a certain level of mentorship.

The international community at Laurier is broken down into two

distinct groups. Exchange students, like Eugenio Gomez-Chico and Adriana de la Torre Olazábal, attend Laurier for a semester or two. While Azaglo and others like Vreshin Nagarajan of Dubai begin and complete their degrees at Laurier as international students.

Every student's reason for attending Laurier varies, whether they are coming from Ontario or abroad, though there are many consistencies between how international students view not only Canada, but our campus as well.

"For me in particular it's the multiculturalism of Canada," said de la Torre Olazábal. "Because I like going around the trip and seeing Muslim people, people from Asia, people from different parts of the world, it's really nice."

"Just the atmosphere was really good and then when we were told nobody steps on the Hawk it's really good because it's a type of respect, a sense of community and that's important in sports and life," said Andranik Avdalyan, an exchange student from Moscow State University.

Not only do these new visiting and international students have a positive perspective on life in Canada and on campus, they are optimistic about trying a new type of education system.

Among the many differences between our educational system and those abroad, Avdalyan will still have to complete a semester's worth of 17 exams when he returns to Moscow, while Gomez-Chico

anticipates having to work harder throughout the semester because his grades are no longer determined by one all-encompassing final exam. Dhruv Agarwal, an international student attending his first year at Laurier, is excited about the extra-curricular activities he said are often lacking in post-secondary institutions in his native India.

Despite traveling so far and attending a new institution as a freshman, Agarwal has the same worries as many first-years.

"I am [nervous] considering all my life I've lived with my parents now suddenly I am going to university. It's very far from India, living alone, doing your own work," he explained. "It's a new life and I'm kind of excited about it rather than being nervous."

In terms of guidance outside of the university, de la Torre Olazábal credits her parents with being very supportive of her semester abroad.

"My parents wanted me to know a different culture, different country, to be independent from them and have a new experience," she said.

Azaglo explained that international students bring a certain culture to the campus and although international students learn about Canadian culture and experience Laurier's campus, there is plenty to learn from these visitors.

"Based on our experience we can enlighten people's perspectives about other countries and being different."



WADE MCADAM GRAPHICS EDITOR

International students attend Laurier from all over the world.

World in brief

The Americas

The Caribbean — Hurricane Earl has now risen to category four, passing by Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Meteorologists have indicated that Earl may be heading towards the eastern seaboard of the US. Travelling with winds up to 215km/h, the effects could be disastrous if Earl hits land.

Mexico City, Mexico — Mexican authorities have arrested Edgar Valdez, an alleged drug trafficker. Valdez, whose aliases included "El Guero" and "Barbie", had been affiliated with the Beltran Leyva drug cartel. Mexico's war on the drug cartels has left 28,000 dead to date.

Cancun, Mexico — At least 8 have been left dead when petrol bombs were thrown into a resort bar. The bar had been the subject of threats of extortion before and it is still unclear whether the attack was connected to any outstanding drug-related violence. Among the dead are six bar employees and two guests.

Europe

Amsterdam, Netherlands — Dutch authorities arrested two Yemeni men, held on conspiracy to commit terrorist acts. The two men boarded United Airlines Flight 908 from Chicago O'Hare airport having packed "suspicious" items, including

mobile phones strapped to medicine containers in addition to knives and clocks. Security at Amsterdam airports has been high since a Nigerian student attempted to commit a terrorist attack on Christmas Day, 2009.

Rome, Italy — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi has met with Italian PM Silvio Berlusconi to discuss the varying dimensions of African immigration into Europe. Gaddafi had proposed European investment of €5 billion in order to curb a "black Europe." Italy has been widely criticized for their immediate repatriation of Libyan migrants en route to Europe, failing to properly screen them first.

Madrid, Spain — Spanish authorities have arrested 14 people following a raid on a sex trafficking ring. The operation targeted Brazilian men, originally lured with the promise of legitimate jobs in Europe working as dancers or models. The victims had cocaine, Viagra and other recreational drugs forced upon them. They were subsequently put to work as prostitutes under threats of death.

Asia

Seoul, South Korea — South Korea has made its first effort at reconciliation with North Korea since it accused Pyongyang of sinking a war ship earlier this year, which left 46 crewmembers dead. Red Cross in South Korea has offered \$10 billion in aid to flood victims following heavy rains that affected northern areas of the impoverished country. North Korea has relied on foreign aid following a famine in the 1990s that left hundreds of thousands dead. South Korea's offer has yet to

be accepted.

Sumatra, Indonesia — The Mount Sinabung volcano has erupted sending black ash and smoke into the atmosphere. The volcano, which has been considered by residents to be dormant, erupted for the first time in 400 years. Approximately 18,000 villagers have been evacuated within a 6km radius of the volcano and subsequently moved into government shelters. At least two have died as a result of respiratory problems.

Tokyo, Japan — Progress has been made in order to breach the influences of organized crime on Japan's age old sport of sumo wrestling. The Japan Sumo Association (JSA) has taken measures to exclude known criminals from sumo events. The JSA has sustained criticism following a series of allegations earlier this year involving illegal gambling.

Africa

Antananarivo, Madagascar — Ex-President Marco Ravalomanana has been sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labor for ordering the assassination of at least 30 opposition sympathizers by his presidential guard. The opposition leader, Andry Rajoelina, has since assumed office.

South Sudan — The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) has pledged to decommission all child soldiers within their ranks by the end of the year. The SPLA has also mobilized a child protection unit to assist with their pledge. Having discharged more than 20,000 children thus far, it has been reported that there remains an additional 900 that are still on duty.

Nyala, Darfur — Three pilots that have been abducted were freed after 2 days of detainment. The pilots work for Badr Airlines which provide transport for peacekeeping troops under UN-African Union joint operations. Violence in the Darfur region has claimed the lives of 300,000 people over a six year period.

Middle East

Baghdad, Iraq — US Vice-President Joe Biden is currently in Iraq to participate in security changeover talks following the withdrawal of US combat troops. Iraqi PM, Nouri Maliki, has claimed the country is "independent" as Iraqi forces now address all security issues.

Jerusalem, Israel — A senior rabbi from Israel's coalition government, Ovadia Yosef, has issued statements in his weekly sermon that warranted for Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas to "vanish from our world." Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu was quick to affirm that his government only wishes for peace with the Palestinians. Rabbi Yosef has been the centre of controversy before, releasing offensive statements condemning secular Jews, homosexuals, women and Arabs.

Damghan, Iran — An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale has killed three and injured 21 striking the northern part of the country. Reports indicated that the tremors were felt in Iran's capital of Tehran, 175 miles east of the epicentre of the earthquake.

—Compiled by Alex Mitsiopoulos



Home care alternative provides hope

ALANNA WALLACE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA — As the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) epidemic continues to deplete much of South Africa's struggling healthcare system, a new trend of home care-giving has become popularized in the rural areas of the country that blends community development and increased education together with medical assistance.

World Health Organization

(WHO) research has concluded that between 70 and 90 per cent of illness care takes place within the home, making home care-giving an important component of the health-care process.

"Health centres, home-based care, and community organizations can also play a supportive role in TB/HIV case-finding, referral, and treatment support," read one 2004 WHO report on HIV/AIDS care and treatment.

Numerous courses are offered for caregivers around the world,

providing individuals with knowledge that they pass on to others in their communities. Courses provide potential caregivers with basic first-aid training and instruction on counselling.

"When they are educated then they can also foster political change so that the government will take care of its own people," said Brier Pennanen, a Laurier fifth-year student who spent a summer working abroad on a home-based care project in South Africa a year ago.

Caregivers operate in networks of travelers who visit the homes of the sick, sometimes operating with funding and support from international or local organizations.

The nature of illnesses such as HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB), which both have extremely high incidence rates in South Africa, mean patients can be incapacitated for weeks or months at a time.

Being cared for at a hospital would not only put an extreme strain on government health providers but it would also be unnecessary for patients.

Home-based care eases the strain common illnesses have put on clinics and hospitals and provides healthcare for those who do not have the resources to reach hospitals.

Along with easing the strain on South African clinics and hospitals, caregivers provide emotional and psychological support for patients and their families.

"I think it's so critical that it's local," said Pennanen. "Caregivers actively make a change in their community and any community anywhere in the world."

With training and education, caregivers are often viewed as highly important members of their communities.

Increasing the power of women in rural areas and the proliferation of knowledge are just two side-effects from the increase of home-based care networks.

"They've got a good perspective on life," said Jo Craven of the caregivers she worked with on an initiative in KwaZulu-Natal last May.

"They just face everything head

“It's very hard to see people who can't make it, but at least you know that you tried to help.”

—Bongekile Mpho Ncube, local South African home careaiver

on and go with it and don't let it affect them too badly.”

Home-based care has a great rallying effect for communities that are already very family-oriented, like that of the Zulu culture of KwaZulu-Natal.

Bongekile Mpho Ncube, a caregiver currently enrolled in a caregiver education course, operates as a caregiver in the province's villages of Ezwenelisha and Dougoudougou. She is consistently stopped by individuals on the side of the road who recognize her jeep in their communities and ask for her services.

"It's very hard to see people who can't make it, but at least you know that you tried to help," said Ncube.

Despite the stressful nature of her job as a caregiver, Ncube is optimistic about the increasing popularity of home-based care in her villages and the surrounding communities and what it will mean for the empowerment and education of women as well as the livelihood of those affected by HIV.

"I do make a lot of changes in people's lives," she concluded.



ALANNA WALLACE FILE PHOTO

Caregivers like Bongekile assist many who have no former experience with parenting.

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South Africa HIV/AIDS stats

- There are approximately 5.7 million HIV-positive South Africans
- About 1.4 million of the country's children (those under 17 years of age) have lost one or both parents to AIDS
- Approximately 350,000 South Africans lose their lives to AIDS annually
- 18.1 per cent of South Africans aged 15 to 49 are HIV-positive
- The country boasts the largest AIDS treatment program in the world
- The South African government is expected to commit approximately US\$1 billion in 2011-12 to its national AIDS response

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Pakistan: Hardship and anguish

Deadly floods in Pakistan mark the worst natural disaster in UN history

AMALIA BIRO
STAFF WRITER

It has been called the worst flood in Pakistan's history. Approximately 3.5 million survivors only have contaminated water to drink. With little food and clean water to hand out, recovery is estimated to take at least three years.

In addition to these figures, one fifth of Pakistan's land, an area the size of Belgium, Switzerland and Austria combined, is submerged underwater. Donations from Canada and the rest of the world are seriously trailing other relief efforts taken earlier this decade.

The floods were triggered by heavy monsoons that began on July 29. Since then, flooding has impacted more than 17 million people, more than half of whom relied on assistance by aid organisations or the Pakistani government even before the chaos began.

The United Nations is desperately trying to rally much-needed cash assistance, but is meeting resistance from both government groups and civilians in various countries. A variety of factors are influencing the lack of assistance.

The timing of the disaster could not have been worse. In the summer, when most people are spending their savings on vacations, charitable donations drop considerably when compared to that of the holiday season.

Second, there has already been one major natural disaster this year, and most governments and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) plan for only one large-scale disaster.

Ironically, disasters that have a larger death toll also tend to draw bigger donations. The instantaneous death of 200,000 in Haiti last January drew more public attention than the current 1,600 casualties in Pakistan.

In another twist of fate, Pakistan, one of the world's largest producers of tents, sent their stockpiles to Haiti earlier this year, preventing them from using their tents to provide shelter to those who now need it in

their country.

Finally, there has been a large focus on Pakistan being a haven for Islamic extremists and terrorists who are interfering with the war in Afghanistan. Edmund Pries, of Laurier's global studies department, emphasized this point when asked why Canadians in particular have avoided intervention.

"After the governments of Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom have all repeatedly painted Pakistan as a hotbed of terrorist support and a major factor in the opposition NATO is encountering in Afghanistan, should we be surprised that Canadians are somewhat slower to respond with disaster aid?" Pries questioned.

But that is not the only factor affecting Canadian donations. The current Canadian government was very slow to announce that they would match donations from Canadian organisations working in Pakistan.

In contrast, after the tsunami in the Indian Ocean in 2004 and the recent earthquake in Haiti, the announcement was immediate.

"Like it or not, Canadians do listen and follow the signals of their government," said Pries.

Donor fatigue is a final factor that could be affecting donations to the people of Pakistan.

With the current season and the current economy, people may not have the disposable income to support another relief project.

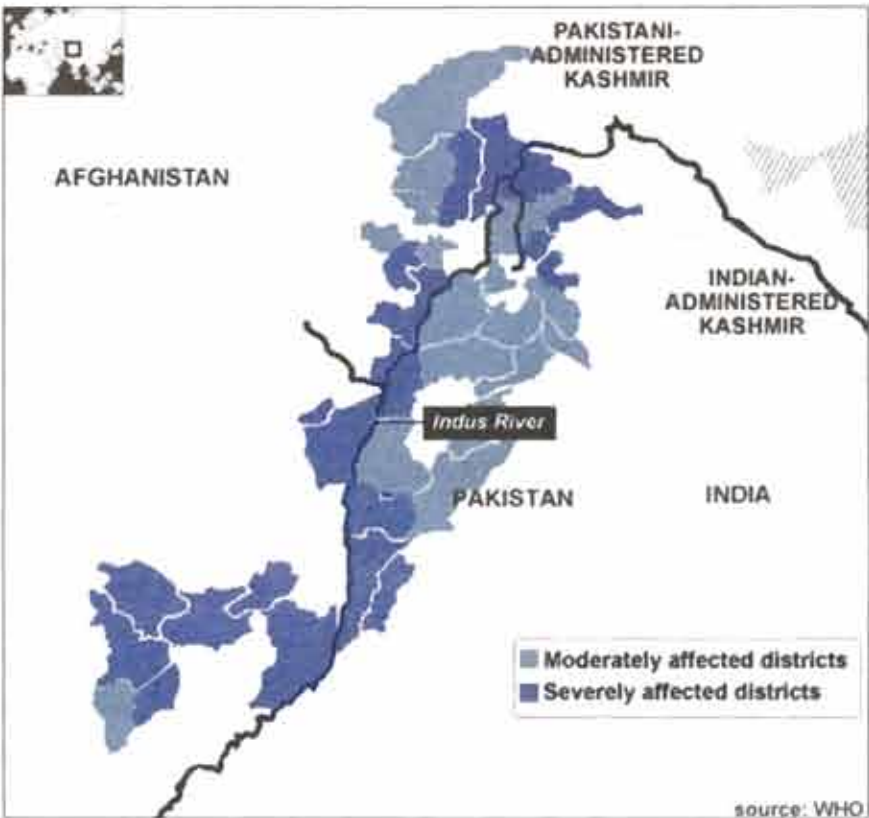
Regardless, it is not the time to dwell on the criticisms that have been thrown at Pakistan, but instead on the level of human devastation and the families experiencing personal tragedies.

Hundreds of thousands of cattle have drowned and acres of farmland has been destroyed, meaning that this flood could result in a famine affecting more than just Pakistan.

As Pries pointed out: "These twenty million people who have lost their homes are not terrorists but simply people like you and me trying to eke out a meagre living and support their families from very little land. They have lost everything."



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Floods have raged in areas along the Indus River including Sindh, Lower Punjab, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regions.

1,600

are assumed dead

3.5 million

Pakistanis expected to be displaced

1/5

of the country is still under water

5-7 billion

is the estimated cost in US dollars to Pakistani infrastructure, crops and private property

Figures courtesy of the BBC

A new era of global sustainability

LINDA GIVETASH
NEWS DIRECTOR

"Actions by one country are irrelevant unless other countries are doing something similar," explained Barry Smit, Canadian research chair in global environmental change.

While a global effort is necessary in combating the effects of climate change and maintaining resource sustainability, the success of the current model of conventions, panels and agreements is questionable.

On Aug. 9, the United Nations (UN) announced its formation of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP).

The panel, co-chaired by South African President Jacob Zuma and Finnish President Tarja Halonen, is made up of 21 experts and stakeholders from both the public and private sectors.

The goal for the GSP is to develop a new blueprint from sustainable growth and low-carbon prosperity. It will have input in inter-governmental processes, primarily the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2012.

"It is important to have a clear agenda for 2012, to keep thinking

“It is important to have a clear agenda for 2012, to keep thinking about these issues in new and creative ways, so it's useful in that sense.”

—Alex Latta, professor of global studies

about these issues in new and creative ways, so it's useful in that sense," said Alex Latta, professor of global studies at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Latta furthered that an agenda on climate change would have been more effective in the G20 meeting that happened this past June in Toronto. "I think it's really a mistake to say that maybe the climate change agenda will get wrapped up as a result of this."

While the timing of the panel may not be ideal in bringing about radical changes, it can have some effect closer to home.

"From the Waterloo perspective, the fact the Jim Balsillie is on it I find tremendously interesting," said Latta. Balsillie, chair of the Centre of International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and co-CEO of Research in Motion (RIM), is the only

Canadian and private sector representative on the panel.

Citing Balsillie's funding of advanced policy studies programs through the Balsillie School of International Affairs Latta commented, "I didn't know he himself would be getting involved in the level of creating policy."

Although the purpose of incorporating both the public and private sector to develop policy reflects a successful model stemming from the 2002 sustainability summit in Johannesburg, Latta and Smit were both critical on the outcome of a policy-focused panel.

Latta speculated, "We could imagine it might serve to say: let's create a new institutional agenda, let's create a global agency, something on the same level as the world trade organizations." The GSP's lack of authority beyond presenting



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RIM co-CEO Balsillie will be a private sector panel representative.

recommendations makes a governing organization seem unlikely.

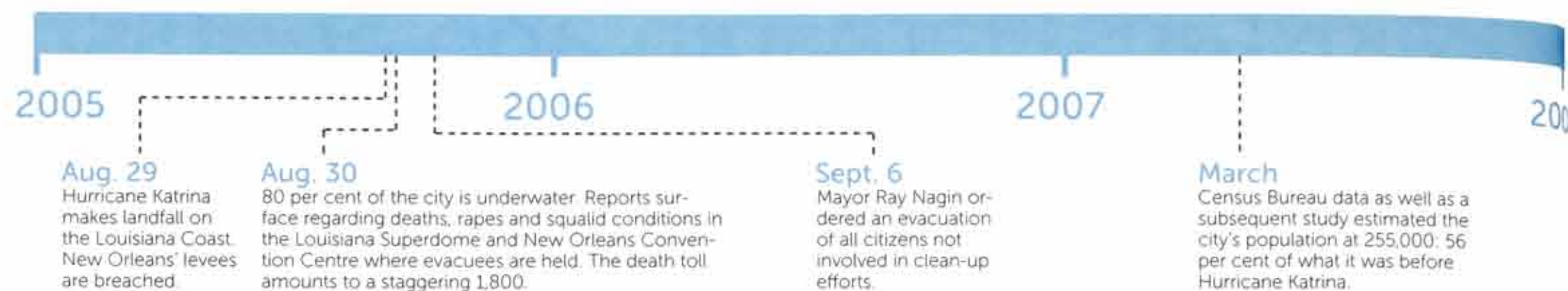
Having seen many development groups such as this in the past, Smit stated, "It's really a way of governments to say that something is being done about it until the issue dies down."

Smit explained the core of the issue lies in our method of global governance. "The UN is really just a vehicle for chatting about things,"

he said, adding that while creating rules and policy is necessary, there is no effective means in practice of policing it.

"If we're going to have sustainability in resource uses in the development of the world, there has to be some rules of the game to apply to everyone," concluded Smit.

"You can't have one person pillaging the forest and others agreeing not to."



From the frontlines in the wake of Katrina: New Orleans and the BP oil spill

World Editor **Alexandros Mitsiopoulos** reports on location in Louisiana, Gulf of Mexico's human-caused disaster with a focus on the



ing a road trip across the United States, investigating the aftermath of the disaster. The road trip was a rollercoaster of events the city has endured in the past five years.



COURTESY OF ADRIAN MURESAN

A shop full of voodoo artifacts in the French Quarter.



ALEXANDROS MITSIOPOULOS WORLD EDITOR

The state is known for its wetlands, called the "bayou".



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Seafood, such as that found in the crab cakes pictured above, has been imported to the region since the spill.



ALEXANDROS MITSIOPOULOS WORLD EDITOR

Louisiana has the largest alligator population in the US.

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New Orleans, USA — Aug. 29 marks five years since the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina on the Southern coast of the United States. The anniversary of the natural disaster was marked by President Obama's visit to New Orleans, who was met with another catastrophe — this time man-made.

Facing the aftermath of the recent Gulf of Mexico oil spill, caused by an explosion of British Petroleum's (BP) oil rig Deepwater Horizon, the president's administration has pledged stringent fiscal measures in order to jumpstart recovery following the disaster.

"I'll not be satisfied until the environment has been restored, no matter how long it takes," Obama stated in Panama City Beach, Florida on Aug. 14.

Many, however, simply cannot wait any longer. Life along the gulf has become a balancing act of survival. For small fishing communities, recovery programs following Katrina have progressed slowly. The floods and destruction claimed \$100 billion in damages, along with the lives of just over 1,500 people in New Orleans alone.

However, revival of the region was progressing until the recession flattened economic advancements in 2008, decreasing employment rates in New Orleans to a level seven percent lower than those of 2005. This year, the Horizon catastrophe seemed to deliver the final blow to the people and region of the Gulf of Mexico.

Following an explosion on the rig that took place on April 20 of this year, which has claimed a total of thirteen lives since its occurrence, millions of gallons of crude oil were released into the Gulf.

The weeks that followed the initial disaster were met with varying levels of success in capping the spill. The leak was eventually capped on July 15 but not before releasing what BBC has reported as 4.9 million barrels of crude oil into the Atlantic Ocean at a rate varying from 53,000 to 62,000 barrels a day.

What it means for wildlife

A Coast Guard operator from Tennessee, who wished to remain anonymous said that crude oil regularly leaks from slits in the ocean floor, allowing the region to have the capacity to absorb oil via bacterium naturally occurring in the water. Weather patterns have also aided in dispersing the oil into low-threat regions. As well, the clean-up responses of both BP and the federal government have had an integral role in greatly diminishing the impact of the spill.

Yet the incident has still taken an undeniable toll. Eight US national parks stand threatened by oxygen depletion and petroleum toxicity. More than 400 species of animals, both aquatic and terrestrial, are at risk in the Gulf region and thus far more than 5,000 dead mammals have been recovered.

The spill has also been taking its toll on an animal preservation program close to the hearts of Gulf natives. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries launched an alligator management program in 1972 which has since grown to become one of the most successful programs of its kind in the world.

At its inception in 1972, alligators numbered close to 150,000 in Louisiana. As a result of the program, the alligator population has grown to over three million. However, the spill threatens to diminish that growing population.

A Consolidated Fish and Wildlife Collection Report released on Aug. 29 by US Fish and Wildlife Service has placed the number of dead birds, sea turtles, mammals and other reptiles collected on the coast as a result of the spill at a staggering 5,946. The number of visibly oiled live organisms collected by the service since the disaster has been placed at 2,487.

Reuters has reported that scientists are expressing concern about the effects that cannot be seen caused by underwater plumes of dispersed oil, such as long-term disruptions in the food chain.

In layman's terms

For the people of New Orleans, the oil spill has become the primary determinant of their livelihood, whether good or bad. Many in and around the fishing communities of Louisiana endure a love-hate relationship with BP. Some quietly tolerate the presence of the oil giant, some refer to it with disdain while others live by the company.

The quality of life for Robert Jefferson, a commercial fisherman living in Covington County, Louisiana, has increased exponentially at the hands of BP.

"We love BP," Jefferson states. "They put me and my ship back to work right after the disaster."

As a facet of BP's clean-up response efforts, captains and their fishing boats were employed to help clean up the spill. Jefferson continued, stating "they're paying me \$1,500 a day for my boat, they're paying me \$800 as a captain and they're paying my wife \$600 a day to continue work as my first mate as she did before."

Many fisherman like Jefferson were hired to deploy and collect containment booms which absorb oil appearing in the water.

"I'm receiving an exorbitant amount of money to continue working at a rate that none of us ever expected. Above and beyond that, I've been instructed that I can still sue for damage even after all the money I've been paid so far," he added.

However, Jefferson represents a minority of fisherman in the area who were selected to continue with the assistance. Many workers in the industry were ordered ashore due to the presentation of a variety of health risks.

As a result, some individuals do not share Jefferson's enthusiasm. For those like Peter Jennings, a fisherman living near Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, extensive damage has already been done.

"We are unsure exactly how badly the spill would affect our lives. The oil may be cleaned up, but the spill area has become a dead zone, maybe for decades to come," said Jennings.

"Katrina took away most of what I had and BP came along to claim the rest."

Many feel alienated and forgotten by BP. Those in the fishing communities are unsure to what extent BP will be prosecuted and held responsible.

For now, it is a struggle for many to even become eligible for BP's \$20 billion compensation fund. Many families are confronted with the challenging decision between enduring years of litigation or accepting a settlement without being sure of the damages sustained.

As well, the existence of a controversial clause that establishes eligibility by proximity to the Gulf and the spill has complicated matters. Many fishermen or boat operators whose businesses have been directly affected by the spill should have no difficulties submitting claims. However, companies from out of the state, whose business contracts are with partners in the affected region, for example, will be hard pressed to make a case.

Ron Abellard, the owner and operator of a bait and tackle shop in Meridian, Mississippi said his store has been supplying fisherman in the Gulf for nearly a decade.

"My business has suffered a lot after the spill. My lawyer has told me the outlook for claims is grim," Abellard stated. "But it's not over, and we'll keep pushing."

NOLA /no'tal/ adj. v. An acronym standing for New Orleans, Louisiana

That NOLA optimism

While recovery has been hard, the people living in and around the Gulf area have proven their resiliency. According to the Brookings Institute, more than 90 per cent of the population

Katrina took away most of what I had and BP came along to claim the rest."

Peter Jennings, a Louisiana-coast fisherman

New Orleans have returned to the region since Hurricane Katrina and 85 percent of the jobs had been re-established as of 2009. Neighbourhoods and communities band together in civic organizations, rather than governmental intervention.

The people are very optimistic," stated Judy Leonhard, a fan in the French Quarter. "As trivial as it may sound, folks were given a boost when the Saints won the Super Bowl!" Leonhard explained that the team's victory earlier this year symbolized how the city could transcend the ruin they faced and truly believe that success was possible.

I feel like the Saints almost had to win to give this city the pep it needed," concluded Leonhard.

Shrimp season

New Orleans is experiencing some newfound buoyancy. The state of Louisiana has begun to discuss the impending start to shrimp fishing season. Typically set on the third day of August, the season has been largely dominated by uncertainty.

Since the spill began, certain areas of state water have been closed to harvest brown shrimp, but now even the larger, more desirable white shrimp have been deemed safe for human consumption by the US government. However, it has been difficult to convince consumers.

John Morin, a restaurant employee in the French Quarter, shares his difficulties in finding suitable seafood to serve. "We do not sell Gulf products here," he assures. "We simply don't do it; the customers would never eat here."

The majority of Gulf of Mexico fisheries in US federal waters were shut down following the spill which is a fact difficult for most consumers to ignore.

Overall, Louisiana accounts for 72 per cent of the seafood collected from the Gulf region. According to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 37 million pounds of catch was yielded just last year. This year, the catch stands at just over 14 million pounds.

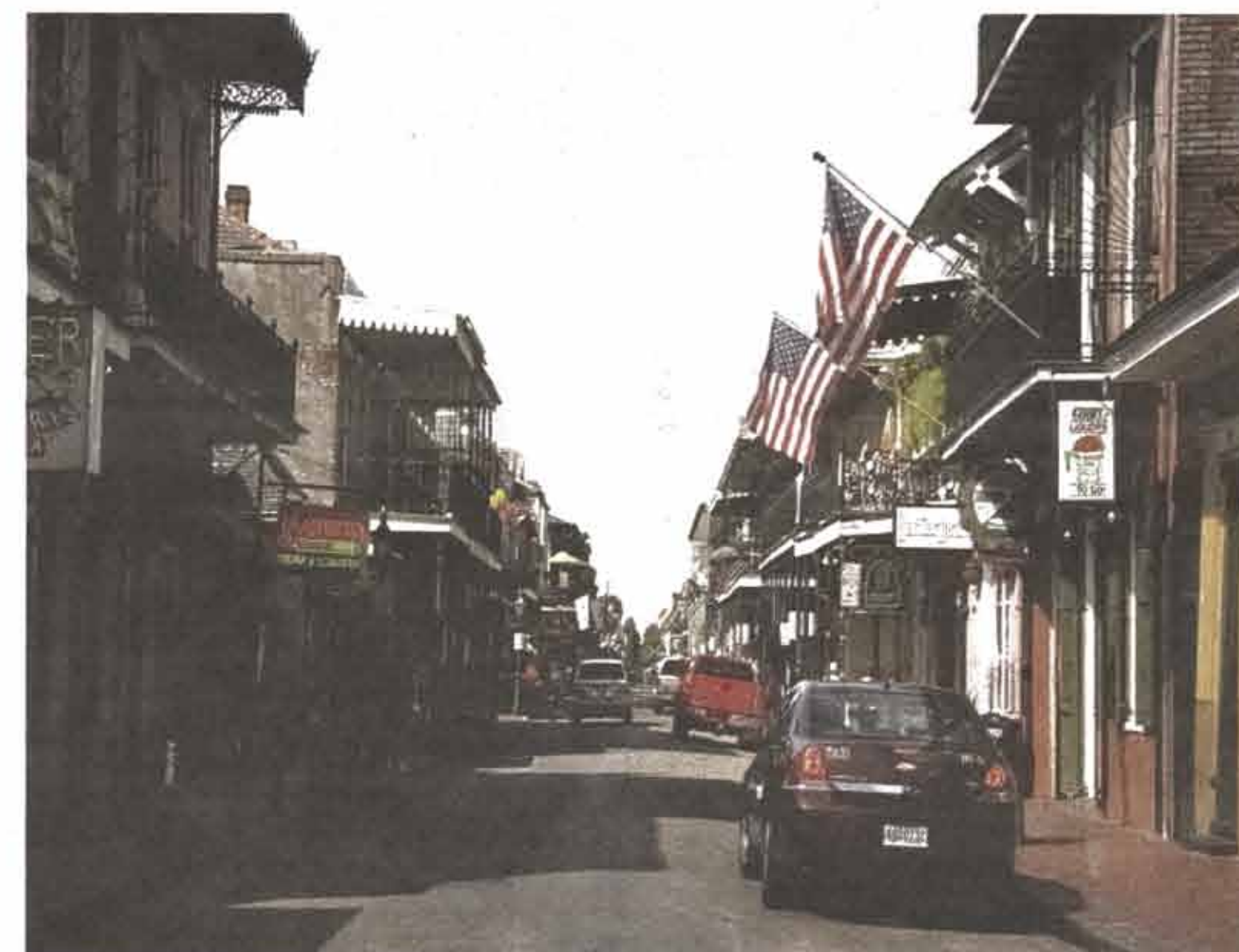
The department has estimated that it will be more than five years before the consumer will trust the Louisiana brand in.

Life lessons learned

BP, currently one of the most notorious companies in the world and the rest of the world, the next step is to reinvent their image entirely in order to gain back the people's trust. The lessons learned from the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska 21 years ago could prove to be an invaluable source of guidance for BP. The disaster in Alaska led to a merciless shakeup of Exxon's company policy which has yielded safer policies for operations. In 2006, Exxon terminated drilling in the Gulf of Mexico to safety concerns, even after investing \$185 million and days drilling. Since 1989, Exxon has become the largest publicly traded international oil company largely due to their heightened levels of corporate responsibility.

For the population of New Orleans, the next few years present an interesting scenario. The spill has put the city back in the spotlight. Many residents are optimistic that this will expose some of the lingering needs that remained unaddressed from Katrina, such as stimulating economic diversity and rebuilding the region.

Everyone's focussed on all the negatives here; I like to think of it as more of an opportunity. There's a lot of unfinished business here," Jefferson concluded.



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Bourbon Street, a must-see cultural attraction in the city's French Quarter, is lined with bars, restaurants, strip clubs and souvenir shops. The area is one of New Orleans' oldest and most famous, dating back to its founding in 1718.



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Many local fisherman in the Louisiana marshlands have observed the spill's negative effects on wildlife first-hand.

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Fashion advice for a grown-up

Gentlemen: the time has come for you to start taking care of yourself; it's scary I know.

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Of course, this comes with many sets of responsibilities, and a major one in particular: learning how to dress yourself and how to do it properly.

Keeping a presentable look is one of the most difficult parts about the university transition.

You can't find the answer in textbooks, it's just something you have to figure out on your own.

Borrowing on my own faux pas and trends I've seen around campus, I've devised a few Dos and Don'ts (mainly don'ts) for incoming first-year males.

No sweatpants. Period. I know sometimes having to get up for that 8:30 class gives you an excuse to be a bit lazier than usual, but you can still be lazy in jeans.

Leave the sweatpants to the ladies, they look better in them anyways.

Keep all MMA related attire (Tapout, Affliction, et cetera) in the gym and all sports-related clothing (jerseys, team shirts, et cetera) for game day or the day after (if your team wins).

Lose the skater shoes. Sneakers (yes, sneakers are different from skater shoes), flip flops, boots, loafers, anything else but skater shoes. Nothing screams high school more.

PLEASE for the love of God, don't mix horizontal and vertical stripes.

Nothing looks worse than plaid shorts and polo shirt with contrasting stripe patterns. Relegate stripes to only one item at a time.

Master the art of the iron. Seriously, learning how to iron makes all the difference in the world. It's a big part of the difference between being GQ and Pig Pen from Peanuts.

My final and most important piece of advice: find your own style. If you have your own already that you are importing from high school, change it.

You're in university now: the big leagues. Branch out, try new things, but remember there are limits. Nobody wants to see you in anything that reminds them of the '80s (unless you are at The Turret).

Just remember these words of wisdom from fashionista Mark Twain (he didn't just write books, you know): "the clothes make the man". If you think about those words every time you reach into your closet, you'll be fine.

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"I don't design clothes, I design dreams."

—Ralph Lauren, American fashion designer (1939–)



Ladies: first year is great, what is not so great is most first year fashion. Here are some Dos and Don'ts to help you along.

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Don't wear your pajamas to class, ever. While you may think they are super comfortable, they are made for private not public. Besides, do you really think that cute girl/boy in your class is going to be charmed by your smurf bottoms?

Don't go to class looking like you are on your way to the clubs.

Ladies, cleavage, heels and a full face of makeup may do wonders for you at the bar but they are not appropriate for class, especially if getting dolled up makes you late for class. You will make enemies, not friends.

Leggings are not pants. Jeans are pants and now they have this really wonderful invention called jeggings, which are jeans with all the comfort of leggings, so please wear those instead. Please.

For those of you who are still insistent on wearing leggings, please make sure they are thick enough that people cannot see through them and avoid leggings that give you droopy bum and elephant knees.

Better yet, wear them with a long tunic or under a dress.

Wear Uggs and Lululemon pants but know that they have a time and place.

Wear your Uggs to the drafty Laurier library to keep warm, to 8:30 am and 7 pm classes to keep warm on your walks.

Don't wear them to interviews or on dates. Remember Ugg is considered by most to be a short form for ugly.

Do wear your Lululemons to the gym, the library during paper and exam season and at home lounging about. Don't consider them a jeans replacement – they aren't.

Remember that people are visual creatures. We draw our first impressions of people within the first thirty seconds, so what you wear matters.

Regardless of what your style may be, most fashion crimes have to do with fit. Fit matters.

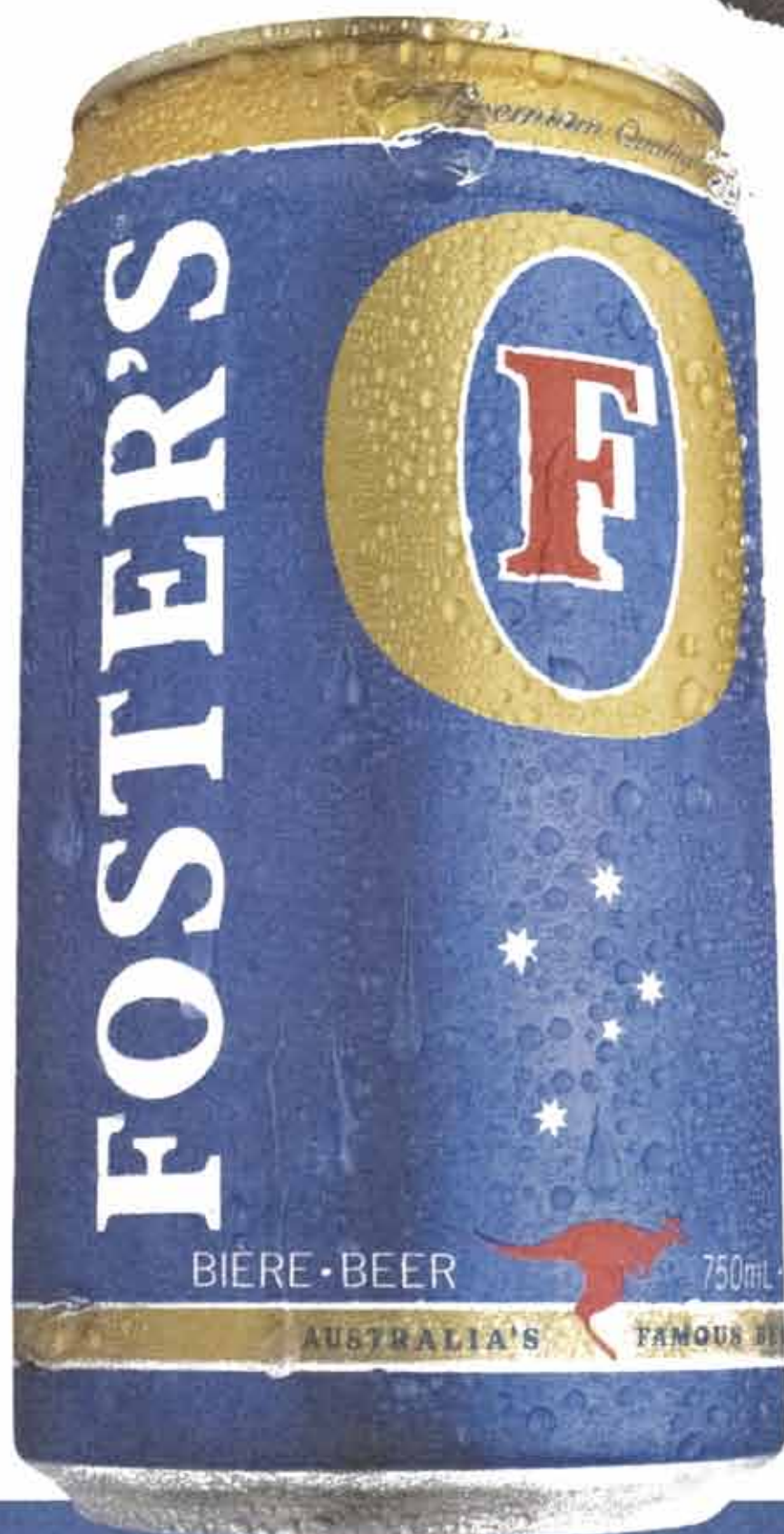
The only thing uglier than a Hawaiian shirt is one that is too big or too small.

This is an exciting time to meet new people and have new experiences, so follow this advice, put your best self forward and enjoy.

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"I wish I had invented blue jeans. They have expression, modesty, sex appeal, simplicity – all I hope for in my clothes."

—Yves Saint Laurent, French fashion designer (1936–2008)



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Succeeding in first year

'Most promising first-year' of her program, Radio Laurier Program Manager Judith Brunton passes along her secrets

Everyone back home is really impressed with you. You've landed yourself in university — a feat that generally takes hard work and dedication.

Unfortunately those awe-struck gazes stop here. Welcome to university; you are not impressive.

Your high school counselors were right when they said that university will be a learning curve; not only are you going to have to refocus your learning style, but university has all kinds of crazy new distractions that are bound to get in the way of your success.

This brief article is not meant to dissuade you from the fun new opportunities that university life offers (partying, socializing, living in filth), rather, it will outline some tips to consider if succeeding in university is amongst your life goals.

Telling you that getting straight As is easy would be a lie, as getting an A takes hard work and diligence.

What I will say is that getting straight As is simple. All you really need to succeed is common sense and any semblance of a little work ethic.

You don't even need common sense; I'll spare you the thought process and lay out some tips for you.

Tip one, mostly how well you do in a class is, shockingly, determined by your behavior in lecture.

Lecture is where everything comes together. You're not going to get the point of the class based only on the readings. You need the lecture to guide you through the subject matter.

The Arts is all about 'so what's' and overlapping themes. If you do not dedicate your brain to following

the narrative of the lecture, don't expect that you will be able to understand the class.

To fully appreciate a lecture you need to be present. And I don't mean just dozing, texting or playing laptop games in the back of the class. To make the most of a lecture you need to sit near the front of the class and be completely absorbed in what the professor is saying.

That means no texting and no fooling around on your computer. Not only are those things completely distracting and a ridiculous use of your time, but it's so obviously disrespectful to your classmates and your professor. Spend your time in class engaging in discussion and taking notes.

If you engage properly you will find that it will affect the quality of both your participation in discussion and your notes.

Notes, contrary to popular belief are not meant to be an exact copy of all the facts provided to you by the professor either on the board or on powerpoint. In an information age, such as the one we are in, you can find those facts anywhere.

Your notes should be used to record what the professor is saying, what points they're emphasizing, what stories they're telling, as well as your own thoughts.

Whether or not you get an A doesn't depend on facts that you can recite, but rather, how well you can think.

This leads us to tip two: while you can't rely on readings alone to get you through a class, they are an essential compliment to your engagement in class.

Readings help construct the big

You don't look cool when you don't do your readings, you look oblivious.

picture of your course and will ultimately give you the subject matter on which you will develop your own thoughts and opinions.

If you don't do your readings you will have a fundamentally incomplete understanding of the class. Also, you don't look cool when you don't do your readings, you look oblivious.

Finally, the last and easiest tip: select classes you're interested in. Honestly, if you don't care about a class, don't go. You won't be able to participate or learn anything if you're completely apathetic.

If you don't care about a class you will drop down a grade and to be honest, it's really frustrating to your classmates who actually care about the subject matter.

Altogether, your key to success at university doesn't depend on how well you're taught, but whether you accept responsibility for your own learning experience.

Getting an A does not mean that you've played the game right, it means you've actually learned something.

Staying fit

Tips on how to keep pounds off and stay healthy in your first year and beyond

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It's the existence of Kraft Dinner, keg stands, studying and class makes being a healthy and active university student very difficult at times.

There are many reasons that students should not ignore their health. The long-term complications that may result from improper care now can last a lifetime. Also, exercise increases energy levels, attitude and immune support, allowing a healthy student more time to study and have an active social life — all while feeling good.

Being an active and healthy student doesn't have to be hard. First, ditch the bus and walk. The simple act of walking to school and around Waterloo can burn hundreds of calories, while allowing you to see what the city has to offer. Cycling is also great exercise and allows for greater distances to be covered in less time.

Second, take the stairs instead of the elevator. While it may seem easier to get to the fourth floor of the DAWB by using the elevator, give yourself time to climb the stairs and get a brief cardiovascular workout on your way to class.

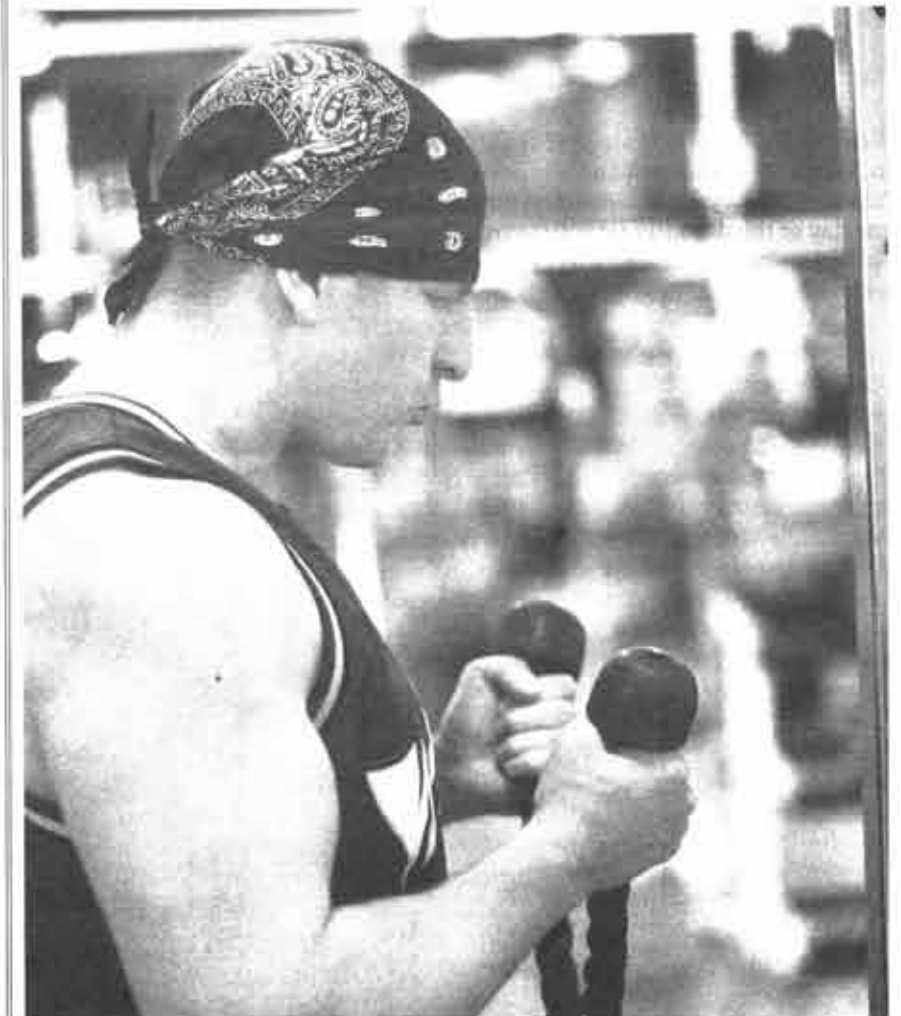
Third, pack yourself a lunch. A reusable water bottle, turkey sandwich and a piece of fruit will not only save you money, it will also leave you feeling full longer and ready for the afternoon.

Looking for variety in your workout? Come to the Athletic Complex (AC) and take part in the over 60 hours of recreation programming available each week.

From intramural sports to yoga, pilates, cyclefit, aerobics and dance — there is something for everyone at the AC.

Just remember, a few small steps can go a long way in living a healthy and active lifestyle.

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Student life: A balancing act

The life of a university student is at times overwhelming. Features Editor **Laura Sedgwick** provides suggestions to help balance your responsibilities while keeping the stress at bay



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As a student, it seems as though people are always throwing advice in my direction. A lot of it seems obvious, a lot of it seems useless, but some of it is helpful.

Sometimes it's hard to sift through and separate the good advice from, simply, the advice. So instead of providing recommendations, this piece should act as an acknowledgement that student life, regardless of your goals, can be overwhelming and a reminder to get the most out of your university experience.

What follows are steps and suggestions to help you balance a multifaceted student life. What constitutes the balance, however, is up to you.

Explore

A lot goes on in the Laurier and greater Waterloo community, which is why you should take a look around for yourself.

Keep your eyes open for volunteer, employment and academic opportunities, as well as social or activism events. You can join sports teams or art clubs, et cetera.

Even if you have no desire to break out of the Laurier bubble, plenty of opportunities present themselves on your very own campus. Be sure to check out what goes on within the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU), Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications (WLUSP) and Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group (LSIPRG),

Laurier's athletic department and within various academic faculties, especially music, where there are always events going on.

Ways to explore include looking online, talking to peers and professors (many people will be eager to share their interests with you) and walking around campus and the city looking at bulletins and posters. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities.

Do what interests you

Now that you've explored your options, hopefully something has struck your fancy. Do that.

For starters, as a student academics take up a significant portion of your life; thus, the academic program you choose should be something that you enjoy studying.

Granted, occasionally you may have to take a required course for your program that you find less than thrilling. But overall, you should be in a program that piques your interest.

Pursuing a business degree if you hate business, for example, isn't going to get you anywhere – at least no where you want to be.

As for extra curricular activities and employment, there is enough variety that you should be able to find something that interest you, and chances are, if it interests you now, it will help you in the future in some capacity or another.

Doing what interests you now teaches you not to settle in the future. Also, there is that

adage you may ascribe to: If you don't like it, change it. If you can't change it, like it.

Plan ahead

If you know what you want to do when you graduate, find out how to get there, and do that.

If, like many students, you haven't the slightest idea what you want to do when you graduate, keep your options open.

To achieve any goal it helps to have people on your side, so even if you're unsure of your goals, get to know people and get on their good side.

Who knows how they can help you in the future? Be sure to help them too, if the opportunity arises.

Planning ahead is also important on a smaller scale in regards to essays and assignments. If you get them done early you won't be stressing over them the night before they're due and you won't be penalized for handing assignments in late.

The WLU'er, an agenda offered by WLUSP can help you organize. Or, buy your own planner, or even a wall-mounted calendar to help you stay on track with upcoming commitments.

Though you may plan ahead, things don't always work out as intended. For this reason it is important to be flexible and open to change. However, being prepared will allow you the time to readjust to a new situation.

You'll get bored if you focus all your energy on one aspect of student life.

Prioritize

With so many options, interests, and responsibilities, you will likely feel as though you are being pulled in many directions. You can't do everything, but you can do some things, so do those.

If you're feeling overwhelmed, cut back and prioritize. The challenge here is knowing what takes priority. Question what you believe will help you in the future and what you enjoy now.

Ask for a second opinion. With the information you've gathered, make the best decision you can.

If you try to do everything, you're focusing on the number of experiences rather than the quality of experiences. In the long run, quality pays off.

Diversify

You'll get bored if you focus all your energy on one aspect of student life. For example, if you spend all your time in class and in the library you'll likely begin to feel one-dimensional.

10 resources at Laurier to help you have a successful year

- 1 Counselling Services:** An entirely free service for Laurier students, it gives you the opportunity to speak with a counselor one-on-one and deal with personal, emotional or mental health problems.
- 2 Study Skills & SI Centre:** A service designed to help students adjust to the difficulties of university academics and learn successful study skills and habits.
- 3 The Writing Centre:** Located in the library, this service provides individual meetings with experts who can help you perfect your essays, saving you precious percentiles.
- 4 Chaplains:** Spiritual leaders offer spiritual counsel and education, or just someone to talk to about issues of faith.
- 5 The Student Nutrition Action Committee (SNAC):** Students partnered with Laurier Student Services and two consulting dietitians offer advice for healthy eating on campus, as well as counseling regarding eating disorders.
- 6 Peer Help Line:** A confidential phone service run through the Students' Union that provides an open ear, as well as information and referral, for life problems you are facing.
- 7 Students Offering Support (SOS):** Student volunteers run review sessions before exams for a \$20 donation that is given directly to education projects in developing nations.
- 8 Career Development Centre:** Whether it's looking over your resume or helping you apply to grad school, this service offers endless help in paving your way to employment after university.
- 9 Accessible Learning Centre (ALC):** Do you have a learning disability? If so, the ALC can provide you with the accommodation you need to excel at Laurier.
- 10 Financial Resources:** Run through the Students' Union, Financial Resources is a group meant to help students learn to manage their money and budget appropriately.

Besides, chances are you'll learn more (and even perform better academically) if you cut back a bit in the academic realm and expand your horizons.

Giving your brain a rest from a certain activity is reenergizing and, by the time you get back to studying, you'll (hopefully) feel inspired. At the very least, you'll feel better than you did before the however brief interlude.

On that note, if you're concerned about your marks and your future, keep in mind that sometimes your emotional state is the best indicator of academic success.

Learn how to say 'no'

Learning how to say "no" will save you a lot of time and a lot of fights. For example, if your friends ask you to go out with them tomorrow night and you're too busy, or not interested, say no.

Saying no doesn't mean you don't like your friends, it just means that you aren't feeling up to it. It is much better to say no from the get-go than to flake at the last minute.

This can also apply to taking on new commitments that you can't handle. It may be difficult, but saying no will save you a lot of hardship in the end.

The key to this approach is to be kind and polite. It is nice to justify your decision when you can, but you should not feel pressured to defend your decision. With that said, always reserve the right to change your mind.

Eat right, get enough sleep and exercise

This trio of advice is easier said than done. But the tips are priceless when executed correctly.

You will have more energy and feel more alert.

Whether you are aware of it or not, your brain's reaction time decreases when you are sleep deprived; you get more oxygen pumping through your system when you exercise; and you feel less lethargic when you eat a healthy, balanced diet.

There are plenty of resources online and on campus to help you eat right, get enough sleep and exercise.

For instance, the Student Health and Development Centre is designed to help students cope with issues such as health, body image and diet.

The centre also has its very own dietitian there to help you create your own personalized meal plan.

Work hard, play hard

If you haven't already incorporated maintaining a social life into your list of priorities, you should.

Partying and spending time with friends in a (not necessarily productive) social situation is a great way to relax when done in moderation. Besides, with all you have going on, you deserve a break.

Specific Tips

I hate to pigeon-hole you into a certain group, but perhaps you already self-identify with one of the following character types.

Maybe you're a bookworm and an activist, so for every gym rat and history buff out there, here are some suggestions as to how to get involved on and off campus.

Bookworm

- The Writing Centre is a great way to get involved by helping others with your knowledge of essay writing and grammar.
- If the Writing Centre isn't enough, you could volunteer with Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications.
- Many campus clubs cater towards the book-loving types, like the English Club, which is a great opportunity to network and find those with like-interests.
- Check out the Kitchener Library's book club and be on the lookout for authors visiting the Chapters store on King St.

History buff

- The History Students' Association is a great way to get involved and meet people – plus their t-shirts that read "All My Favourite Dictators Have Moustaches" are a big hit on campus.
- If you're into archaeology, take a look at opportunities to volunteer on digs abroad during your summer semester.
- Get involved with the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic Disarmament Studies across the street next to Phil's.

Politically charged

- The Young Liberals, Laurier Campus Greens and Campus Conservatives are full of politically affiliated people like yourself – or maybe you could start up a campus NDP club?
- The Political Science Association holds some great events and speakers throughout the year including opportunities to meet Laurier professors.
- The Kitchener-Waterloo Cinema Politica screens about 10 documentaries a year and is affiliated with the university.
- Attend a WLUSU Board of Directors meeting or Academic Senate meeting to learn about school politics and future opportunities to become a Director, Senator or Governor.
- Apply to be on the board of WLUSU or LSPIRG to impact policy and organizational decisions, to get a real-life perspective of behind-the-scenes management.

Gym rat

- The Athletic Complex has some crazy hours, so watch that you're not too eager on the weekends and get up early just to find yourself locked out of the gym.
- Signing up for classes at the AC instead of elsewhere is a great way to economize – they're usually a flat rate for unlimited classes. A couple of weeks in you know all those not as keen as you won't attend and you'll get great one-on-one instruction.
- Swim lengths at the newly renovated pool when the gym gets too crowded.
- Runners' Choice on King St. just north of University Ave. has great running workshops and free training groups available.
- There are also plenty of clubs that might strike your fancy, such as the boxing, cycling or tennis clubs.

Artist

- Whether you're an artist, photographer or musician there are plenty of campus clubs that will appeal to you – such as the WLU Music Association and the Ministry of Anime.
- More inclined to be artistic in the kitchen? Try the Culinary Arts Club.
- There are many ways to get involved with the fine arts, like one of the many Laurier choirs or trying out for this year's Laurier Musical Theatre production of *College: the Musical*.
- If you're more inclined to take in the arts instead of participate in them, look out for the deals you can get as a student for productions at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall on campus.

Activist

- Attend annual conferences like the Global Citizenship Conference (GCC), hosted in January and participate in the yearly production of the Vagina Monologues.
- Look into on-campus groups like the Laurier Special Interest Research Group (LSPIRG), Peace for All International, the Cancer Awareness Society and War Child.
- Is volunteering more for you? How about lending a hand at St. John's Soup Kitchen down on Victoria St. or with the Waterloo chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Or volunteer internationally with the Global Studies Experience Program, and earn credits while you're at it.
- Loving the diversity of Laurier? Check out how you can get involved with the Diversity and Women's Centres.
- Like subtlety? The campus club Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) might be for you.

Tree-hugger

- Joining the WLU Farm Market is a great way to get involved with promoting local produce and the agricultural food system.
- Get involved with the Geography and Environmental Students Association and network.
- Travel with the Yukon Field Course if you're involved in environmental studies.
- Become an EcoHawk to learn about issues and work on campus ecological projects.
- Visit the Sustainability Office in 202 Regina to meet the Sustainability Officer and learn about other ways to take part in initiatives such as the Campus Environmental Audit.

Religious and Cultural

- The Waterloo Lutheran Seminary on campus is a great place to get involved.
- No matter what religious affiliation, there are a great number of campus clubs dedicated to particular cultures and religions including the Muslim Students Association, The Sikh Activist Network and the Laurier Christian Fellowship, among others.
- The Chinese Students Association often has great events in the concourse, which includes great food.

Of course, I'm not an expert and you'll have to explore to find exactly where you fit in. However, the fact remains – getting involved on campus and in your community is a great way to network, make friends and find a life path that includes your interests. Whether it's a semester abroad, the Accounting Association or volunteering in the community, there's something for everyone.

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Arts preview: upcoming fall releases

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Music

Interpol *S/T*

Brooding New York City rockers Interpol return with their self-titled fourth studio album on Sept. 7, which promises to be an indie hit for the fall season.

Recorded before bassist Carlos D left the band, Interpol will stand as the band's last album as a quartet. Their first single "Barricade" is out now.

Weezer *Hurley*

Weezer returns to the scene with their eighth album *Hurley* on Sept. 14.

Featuring a photo of *Lost*'s loveable Hurley (Jorge Garcia) on the cover and a guest appearance by Michael Cera, fans of the band can only hope that Hurley makes up for Weezer's three previous lackluster efforts (*Make Believe*, *The Red Album* and *Raditude*).

Kings of Leon *Come Around Sundown*

Radio darlings Kings of Leon release their new album *Come Around*

Sundown on Oct. 19, which will surely be a chart-topper.

The first single "Radioactive" is set to debut on Sept. 14, though the band has been playing it live for some time now.

After the somewhat unexpected success of their last album *Only By the Night*, it will be interesting to see how the band's musical stylings have been affected by the newly acquired fame.

Kanye West *Dark Twisted Fantasy*

Rapper and drama queen Kanye West is slated to release his fifth album *Dark Twisted Fantasy* on Nov. 16.

With collaborators like Drake, Jay-Z, Beyonce, Lil Wayne, Rick Ross, T.I. and Kid Cudi and singles like the previously leaked "Power" the star-studded album should be an entertaining listen.

Film

Howl

Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman's film *Howl* depicts Allen Ginsberg's obscenity trial in 1957.

A leader in the San Francisco beat poet movement, Ginsberg (James Franco) becomes the centre of

mainstream society's attention after claims of obscenity are filed against his poem *Howl*.

Mary-Louise Parker, Jon Hamm and Jeff Daniels also star, promising to deliver an interesting interpretation of one of literature's greatest controversies.

In theatres Sept. 24.

The Social Network

Previews for *The Social Network* have not been all that impressive, but the story – which documents the beginnings of Facebook and creator Mark Zuckerberg's rise to fame and riches – should be a fascinating movie-going experience for any of us that have developed an unhealthy attachment to the networking site.

In theatres Oct. 4.

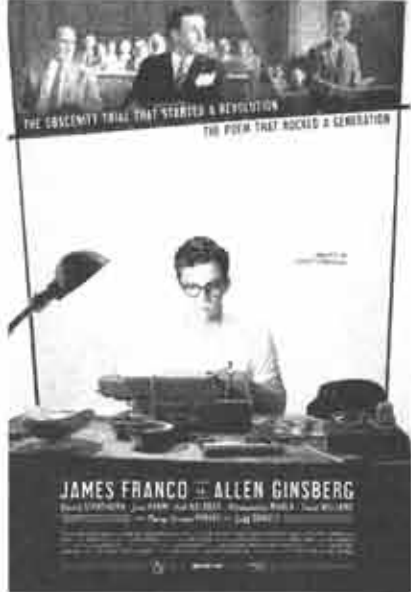
Due Date

Director Todd Phillips (*The Hangover*, *Old School*, *Road Trip*) returns to the silver screen with his new comedy *Due Date*.

The movie stars Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis as an unlikely pair, racing the clock to get home before Peter's (Downey Jr.) wife gives birth to his baby.

Naturally, chaos and hilarity ensue along the way.

In theatres Nov. 5.



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Art brought to life

Exhibit featuring living squash molded into baby-like forms

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For those walking by, Mary Catherine Newcomb's new exhibit *Product of Eden* might look like a simple vegetable garden. But upon closer inspection, it's clear that it's completely one-of-a-kind.

Instead of finding regular vegetables in Newcomb's garden installation situated outside the Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG), there are squash shaped into eerily realistic baby-like figures.

Using human-shaped molds made of fiberglass and resin that she places over the growing vegetables, Newcomb is able to transform the orange and yellow plants into vivid recreations of infant forms.

"In the beginning people were incredibly skeptical," explained Kirstie Peterson, communications coordinator for the KWAG. "But ever since they saw the babies when they emerged it's been a complete about-face. There are families with little kids who come to check the growth every day."

And for Newcomb this makes sense because of the sense of awe humans feel when looking at nature.

"I never grew up being much of a gardener," she explained. "I grew up in Montreal in a very urban area. Food wasn't really grown, and when we moved to Southern Ontario, I was blown away by peaches on trees and the workings of nature."

Newcomb's fascination is what first compelled her to begin shaping fruit into art. Ever since, she's created multiple installations using vegetables like squash and eggplant.

"I really wanted to see little saintly figures growing on bushes and so I grew those and it all came out of that. For me, there was a real sense of magic... I really wanted to do something that I hadn't done before and experiment a little more,"



MEGAN CHERNIAK PHOTO MANAGER

she explained.

Because she sees her infant-like creations as "sacred", she places small golden crowns on the grown vegetables.

According to Crystal Mowry, the exhibit's curator, the whimsical style of Newcomb's art can be attributed to her passion for mysticism. The artist's decision to call the piece *Product of Eden*, for instance, reflects her love of stories that join religion, spirituality and life cycles.

"[Newcomb is] interested in myths and fables and stories like the Garden of Eden... The relationship to Eden and a garden that is idyllic and like paradise seemed like a natural fit for the product and also the process," explained Mowry.

The cycles of life and death that pervade human history, are also echoed in Newcomb's work. She explained that creating the pieces of art has brought her closer to those processes.

"The gardening of an art plant is much more intensive than the gardening of a regular plant and you do feel a bond with it," said Newcomb. "You notice small things about the patterns of growth and freshness and greenness and the aliveness that you don't otherwise see."

She added that because the

squash have taken on the feeble form of an infant, she has felt compassion and sadness at certain points in the process, such as when she had to decide what to do with a "baby girl" squash after parts of it were eaten away by bugs.

"It's about the image. Babies are helpless. They're kind of idealized babies but looking at a little baby sucking its thumb does inspire a feeling of loss," she stated.

When asked whether she would miss her "babies" when fall comes and they have to be removed from the soil, Newcomb explained that after caring for them almost every day of the summer, she's ready to let go.

"At this point I'm pretty exhausted so I'm kind of relieved but I'm just wondering what to do with them," said Newcomb, adding that she might pickle a few to preserve.

The squash will be taken out of the ground on Oct. 5, and Mowry explained that a key element of the installation is that the plant matter and soil will be put to use even after the exhibit is taken down. "The plants will go into compost which is just another cycle and the soil will be given away and will find its way into other people's gardens," she added.

Movies and music in Waterloo Park provide fun end to summer

KEVIN HATCH
STAFF WRITER

The gorgeous azure sunset, heralding the arrival of eager parents, kids and other audience members to the last evening of Music and Movies in the Park, seemed to indicate as distinctly summer an evening as any.

However, by the time the film itself started, said weather had transformed into a piercing cold, as poignant a metaphor for the evening marking the end of summer and the oncoming onslaught of September as any.

Thankfully, none present seemed bothered, tenaciously sticking it out to enjoy yet another fantastic, albeit lower-key night of festivities.

The last of four such evenings of the summer, the free fun on Aug. 26, sponsored by The Beat Goes On and the Princess Twin Cinemas proved the most fluid night yet.

With more seamless technical work and an earlier start to the film, it was a quieter yet just as enjoyable evening.

The jazzy opening concert by the Waterstreet Blues Band epitomized the ambience of the evening, as the bandshell and field in Waterloo Park were filled not only by fewer crowds but far more contained ones, with less of the usual medley of

hyperactive children bustling about.

Nonetheless, as the evening's feature presentation of *The Tooth Fairy* came on, more peeps were heard from the young audience members, particularly at the first sight of former wrestler Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson looking exasperated in a tutu.

They were just about the only ones to cough up a laugh, as the feature proved the most kids-oriented one yet, but it was hard to find fault in the more family-friendly feel.

The most endearing thing about the series of evenings was just how many people showed up.

With crowds allegedly approaching 1,000 on the most popular days, it was nice to see so many people band together for a night of the outdoors, art, community and entertainment in an age generally faulted for technological alienation and nonchalance towards public events.

Perhaps if more such encompassing, free evenings were presented to the public, with the chance to hang out in gorgeous Waterloo Park for an evening, seeing people get so involved would be a less rare occurrence.

Nonetheless, a congratulations is in order for the city of Waterloo for organizing and participating in such a delightful series of summer fun.



NICHOLAS LACHANCE VISUAL DIRECTOR

Crowds gather in the Park to relax and enjoy the entertainment.

Summer 2010 opening weekend box office results

Eclipse
June 30
\$161 million

Toy Story 3
June 18
\$110.3 million

Inception
July 16
\$60.4 million

Despicable Me
July 9
\$60.1 million

Salt
July 23
* \$36.5 million

Pilgrim vs. the critics

The Cord's Arts staff review the film and explore whether its box-office flop is the result of limited release, poor marketing or a perception that the film is too 'niche' for all audiences

SARAH MURPHY
ARTS EDITOR



Scott Pilgrim vs. the World

Directed by: Edgar Wright
Starring: Michael Cera, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Kieran Culkin, Anna Kendrick, Aubrey Plaza, Jason Schwartzman
Release Date: June 25 (limited)

★★★★

In spite of lacklustre box office results, Edgar Wright (*Shaun of the Dead*, *Hot Fuzz*) successfully managed to translate Bryan Lee O'Malley's graphic novel *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* into an exciting and entertaining spectacle.

Following the trials and tribulations of professional slacker Scott Pilgrim's love life, the film focuses on the blossoming relationship between Pilgrim (Michael Cera) and Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead).

Pilgrim is a 22-year-old Toronto native who plays bass for his band Sex Bob-Omb and lives in a one room, one bed apartment with his gay roommate Wallace (Kieran Culkin), while Flowers is the new chick in town with a snarky attitude and ever-changing hair colour.

The twist? Seven of Ramona's former lovers have joined forces in the aptly named League of Evil Exes and Pilgrim must fight and defeat them before his relationship with Ramona can go any further.

Wright amalgamates the perfect

combination of witty writing and comic book geekdom, interspersing video game fight scenes with everything from kickass indie rock shows to awkward party scenarios.

The fantastic videogame-esque fight sequences provide distractions from the streets of Toronto, where the movie is set and was filmed.

Pilgrim's friend Julie (Aubrey Plaza) works at one of the city's best known record stores in town, Sonic Boom, while the battle between Pilgrim and the first evil ex takes place at another Bathurst & Bloor landmark, Lee's Palace.

But the action scenes and location shooting aren't the only aspects of the movie that shine.

Kieran Culkin (*Ighy Goes Down*, *The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys*) delivers a hilarious performance as Pilgrim's roommate, while Anna Kendrick (*Twilight*, *Up in the Air*) fills the much-needed role of Pilgrim's grounded, sensible sister Stacey.

And there's no way Jason Schwartzman playing a slimy record label bigwig named Gideon could be a bad thing.

Arguably the highlight of the movie however, is the awesome soundtrack.

Pilgrim's band Sex Bob-Omb performs music written by Beck, while rival musicians Crash and the Boys rock out to songs penned by Broken Social Scene.

To add to the star-studded list of soundtrack contributors, Pilgrim's ex-girlfriend's band The Clash at Demonhead appear on stage to perform a song called 'Black Sheep' written by Metric.

Produced by Wright alongside Nigel Godrich – best known as Radiohead's producer – the soundtrack also features tunes by Frank Black, the Black Lips and T. Rex, adding a whole other dimension of fun to the film.

Certain segments of the film are so over-the-top that it borders on being ridiculously cheesy, but *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* is an undeniably creative project that promises to elicit laughter from its viewers and allow them to leave the theatre satisfied.

Now playing at Princess Twin Cinemas.

KEVIN HATCH
STAFF WRITER

As far as I'm concerned, director Edgar Wright's new film *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* is just about the best thing to happen to mainstream Hollywood movies in ages (and yes, I'm including *Inception*).

I'm not alone either as, between the glowing reviews the film has received from critics and the universally positive word of mouth circulating, it's hard to find a bad word to be said about the film.

So, if the film is so well loved, why is it tanking at the box office?

The primary goal with a blockbuster film is to make money and a whole stinking lot of it.

Additionally, a lot of stock is taken from the opening weekend totals, with the assumption that how the film does in its first three days is a good indicator of how much money it's going to make overall and how well that 'kind of film' does, given the conditions it was released under (time of year, how well it was marketed, etc.).

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World was filmed with a \$60 million budget – a relatively modest sum for a summer action smash.

With this in mind, the producers from Universal Studios would want the film to take in at least a decent fraction of its \$60 million budget on the first weekend, thereby suggesting such a film is bankable.

Naturally, the crushing reality is that *Scott Pilgrim* took in less than \$11 million on its opening weekend (it has made only \$23 million now, a week and a half later).

There are a number of excuses that instantly come to mind for *Scott Pilgrim*'s underperformance: going head to head at theatres with another action film (*The Expendables*), being better suited for a release at a different time of year and so on.

But it's my belief that the film's underwhelming moneymaking goes beyond such factors and is really more indicative of the attitudes of both audiences that should be going to see it and those in charge of making it accessible to audiences.

Noticeably, Galaxy Cinemas never even picked up *Scott Pilgrim* – those interested in seeing it during its first week in Waterloo were



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forced to drive all the way down to Cambridge's Empire Cinemas, or to wait another week to catch it at the Princess Twin.

Why would Galaxy not carry the movie?

Did they make an educated guess that it would not take in enough audiences to make it worth their while, or, paradoxically, did such a decision prevent more prospective viewers from seeing the film?

So the convenience factor prevented at least some Waterloo viewers from seeing it right off the bat. But I still maintain that there is bound to be more than that.

I get the sense that a lot of people are feeling very put off by the film primarily for its heavy reliance on classic video game culture as an influence.

Many may quickly dismiss it as "too nerdy" or "just made for geeks", both of which it resoundingly isn't.

Similarly, there is the possibility that the film's overt Canadian references (set in Toronto, close-ups of Canadian currency, CBC t-shirts) might actually be throwing people off, whether they prefer the escapism of films set farther from home or naturally associate Canadian films with being bad (though I really couldn't agree less).

Then there's the concern of 'style over substance', with viewers possibly staying away under the preconception that Wright's video game influenced larger-than-life style (visual sound effects during fights, electric bars dancing across the screen when Scott's band plays and even a video game style "pee bar" when Pilgrim uses the facilities) would be all the film has to offer in terms of content.

But nobody ever seems to find aggressive style too objectionable for the films of Tarantino, Wes Anderson or Tony Scott, nor, does it exclusively prevent them from raking in lots of box office money.

Similarly, the style never overwhelms the story but rather accentuates it, as any good visual aesthetic should.

So here's my point: the film was a gamble.

Universal Studios took a big chance in investing in a film that could have been mistakenly targeted only for a niche audience of video

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game and comic book fans.

But they also really took a chance in terms of telling what could have been hacked into a traditional Hollywood tale of violence and romance in a genuinely fresh, interesting and very emotionally truthful way.

The visual effects are breathtaking, even for those who care nothing for video games, and the jokey references to Zelda, Mario and others are never to the point where average audience members are left in the dark.

The key is the story, which stands up on its own, and none of the spectacular actors have ever been better.

The long-term problem is, if the film doesn't make money, production companies will be all the less willing to throw money towards filmmakers with visions that go against the grain and do something genuinely different and interesting.

And different and interesting don't need to mean unenjoyable, as proven by *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, which easily manages both.

Instead, they'll just be all the more justified in taking the 'safe route' and funding familiar packages that are bound to take in familiar amounts of money.

So, at the risk of overstatement, think of seeing *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* as not just enjoying a stellar movie, but as helping the future of movies be a bright one.

On a final note: my mother, who knows nothing of video games, manga and so on, wants to see *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*.

I think if she – who demographically, should be the least likely person wanting to see it – can develop an interest, there's hope for anybody.

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Arts Bites: Summer highlights

The latest in entertainment news

Snooki gets drunk, goes to jail

Back in July, everybody's favourite 4'9" guidette was arrested during the filming of Jersey Shore's third season. Nicole 'Snooki' Polizzi was taken to jail by cops in Seaside Heights on July 30 on the grounds of disorderly conduct.

In response to the arrest, fellow roommate and reality star Jenni 'JWoww' Farley tweeted: "Going to bail @Snooki out of jail... The things I do for this girl, I swear."

Various entertainment websites have footage of Snooki's drunken antics including funneling an unidentified beverage and falling off a bike. Surprising? No. Hilarious? Yes.

Biebs takes bottle to the head

In early August, footage emerged of Justin Bieber getting nailed in the head by a water bottle while performing onstage in Sacramento way

back in December.

Bizarrely, since the entire world seems to be fascinated by the Stratford-born popstar's every move, the story didn't break until the video surfaced on the internet mere weeks ago.

The incident doesn't seem to have affected the Biebs too much - he finished the performance and has gone on to snag a deal making a 3D biopic about his life.

Yes, all 16 years of it.

Lohan's brief stint behind bars

After violating probation for acts involving drinking, drugs, driving or all of the above (who can keep track anymore?) Lindsay Lohan was finally sentenced to three months in prison, followed by a three-month rehabilitation program.

The 24-year-old, best known for her partying problem and tumultuous love life - for those of you

wondering, yes, she has appeared in movies, released CDs and launched a line of designer leggings - showed up late to her court date, but was nonetheless released from jail after serving just 14 days.

As ordered, she entered rehab upon her release but was dismissed after 23 days, with her lawyer claiming that "the treating doctors at UCLA felt she had done everything required of her there."

Because rehab's worked so well for her the last three times.

VMA nominations boring

MTV's annual Video Music Awards take place on Sept. 12 and the nominees appear to be pretty much the same for every category.

Between Lady Gaga's 'Bad Romance', and 'Telephone' ft. Beyoncé, plus Beyoncé's 'Video Phone' ft. Lady Gaga the three videos managed to snag nominations for Best Female Video, Best

Pop Video, Best Dance Music Video, Best Collaboration and Video of the Year.

Other nominees include Jay-Z, Eminem, Ke\$ha and Justin Bieber.

At this point the award ceremony's only redemption would be another epic stage invasion like Kanye West's last year.

Heidi regrets boob job?

Heidi Montag of *The Hills* fame has been quoted as saying, "My boobs are crushing me."

The ex-best friend of Lauren Conrad, Montag has had extensive cosmetic surgery all over her body.

She went on to complain that her boob job prevents her from living "an every day life" because they get in the way of working out and hugging her dogs.

No word yet on why she thinks this issue deserves public attention. —Sarah Murphy



Uplifting, but shallow adaptation of novel

Eat Pray Love

Directed by: Ryan Murphy
Starring: Julia Roberts, James Franco, Javier Bardem, Richard Jenkins
Release Date: August 13

★ ★ ★ ★

Those who will take the time to go out of their way to see *Eat Pray Love* are likely the only people who will actually enjoy the film's monotonous pace and abrupt changes of mood.

If you're not one for deep, drawn-out searches for inner discoveries, Ryan Murphy's depiction of Elizabeth Gilbert's bestselling tale of her worldwide trip is not for you.

The film is visually stunning, mostly the result of Gilbert's trips to Italy, India and Indonesia in an attempt to discover herself after a

broken marriage and a life of dependency upon men and love.

Along with beautiful Bali, the two other destinations on Liz Gilbert's (Julia Roberts) path to self-discovery contain distinct moods and despite being adequately portrayed as separate components of Liz's learning and growth, they are often disjointed.

The indulgence of Italy gives way very abruptly to the quiet of the ashram, and India's tranquility grinds to a halt when Liz finds love in Bali.

These are transitions made much smoother on a page than on the screen.

Despite her formidable performance, the depth of her character does not resonate on-screen and often leaves the audience questioning what truth there is to Liz's inner journey.

Roberts is aided by an impressive supporting cast of characters like Liz's young love David Piccolo (James Franco), who was given a larger role than in Gilbert's original story. But let's face it - giving Franco more face time is never a bad decision.

Richard from Texas (Richard Jenkins) and Felipe (Javier Bardem), also put on stellar performances that bring out some of the depth in Liz's character that Roberts could not have conveyed alone.

The suggestion to love oneself is an uplifting message, though the film's plot does lag in certain sequences, Roberts' performance makes for an entertaining watch if you're into uplifting true Hollywood journeys of self-discovery that culminate in happy endings.

—Alanna Wallace

Story fails to deliver, but concert footage shines



This Movie is Broken

Directed by: Bruce McDonald
Starring: Greg Calderone, Georgina Reilly, Kerr Hewitt
Release Date: June 25 (limited)

★ ★

Billed as a "rockshow romance," Bruce McDonald's (*Hard Core Logo*) latest release *This Movie is Broken* documents a whirlwind romance between two lifelong friends, set to the backdrop of the free Broken Social Scene (BSS) show at Toronto's Harbourfront Centre in July 2009.

Bruno (Greg Calderone) has one night left before the girl of his dreams Caroline (Georgina Reilly) moves away to Paris to study anthropology, so they decide to spend it at the much-hyped lakeside BSS show.

The show - which actually took place on July 11, 2009 - had originally been scheduled at Olympic Island, but when the city workers went on strike and the parks of Toronto began to overflow with garbage, the concert became a free event staged at Harbourfront.

The film captures the

juxtaposition between some of Toronto's nicest areas and the insurmountable piles of rotting trash throughout the city - a sight and smell that won't soon be forgotten by locals.

McDonald intertwines Broken Social Scene's performances with snippets of the developing romance between Bruno and Caroline in a conceptually impressive manner, but while the cinematography is intriguing and gorgeous to look at, the actual storyline falls flat when compared to the concert footage.

The characters have some endearing moments (mostly due to consumption of alcohol), but never become truly likeable or empathetic.

The relationship between Caroline and Bruno seems pretty superficial and an unexpected twist towards the end of the film seemed to leave the audience detached and confused rather than delightedly surprised.

Nevertheless, *This Movie is Broken* is worth a watch if only for the spectacular live show.

The now-famous 2009 concert saw the reunion of some of BSS's most prodigious players, when more consistent members like Brendan Canning and Kevin Drew were joined on stage by Jason Collett, Leslie Feist, Emily Haines and Jimmy Shaw of Metric, plus Evan Cranley and Amy Millan of Stars.

Hits like 'Almost Crimes', 'Fire Eye'd Boy', '7/4 (Shoreline)', 'Anthem for a Seventeen Year Old Girl' and 'Bandwitch' are captured beautifully on film, sharing one of Toronto's most memorable shows in recent history with an even larger audience.

This movie is highly recommended for fans of Broken Social Scene, but for those without previous interest in the band, don't bank on the story being enough to engage or entertain.

—Sarah Murphy

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Arts Editor **Sarah Murphy** explores local opportunities for students to get involved with arts and culture

On campus

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Campus Clubs

Clubs are not only a great way to discover or further develop your talent in a certain aspect of the arts, but they are probably the easiest way to meet new people with similar interests and aspirations.

Whether you're interested in fashion, videogames, cooking, photography or Broadway, there will

most certainly be a club to spark your attention. Find out more about the clubs offered this year and how to join at the Get Involved Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the campus quad.

In the past, Laurier has played host to clubs such as the Artistic Alliance, Culinary Arts Club, Kult of Gaming, Laurier Musical Theatre, Photography Club, WLU Fashion & Lifestyle Society and Wilfrid Laurier Science Fiction and Fantasy Club, so don't forget to check out these in addition to whatever new organizations Laurier has to offer in the 2010/11 school year.

Around town

Princess Cinemas

The Princess Cinema (Princess St.) and the Princess Twin (King St.) offer students an affordable way to view an array of both mainstream and independent films, as well as special festivals and director talks.

The C-Spot on campus sells discounted student tickets for Princess

films, making it easy to plan a cheap, fun night out.

Starlight/Jane Bond

Starlight and Jane Bond are easily the best venues in Waterloo to see live music. Never ones to book disappointing acts, these jointly-owned bars also offer club nights with alternative music.

Some of the highlights from the months to come include WLU Student Night on September 24, Steve Earle on October 16, Wintersleep on October 19 and Jason Collett on November 10.

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Located on Princess St., Orange Monkey sells some of the city's best new and used music on CD and vinyl.

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Centre in the Square

Host to some of Kitchener-Waterloo's most prestigious acts, Centre in the Square is a great place to indulge in everything from Broadway musicals to arena rock concerts.

The venue will see shows like *Legally Blond*, *Spamalot*, *Mamma Mia!* and *Spring Awakening* come through town in the upcoming year, providing an outlet for any Broadway fanatics to get their fill.

For more traditional theatre-goers, *Helter Skelter* and *The Trudeau Stories* will be showcased as part of the Great Canadian Play Series.

As for music fans, the line-up for the upcoming school year will feature concerts by Joan Baez, Bryan Adams, Joel Plaskett and Hawksley Workman.



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Montreal indie band Stars performing at Starlight back in May 2010.

Galleries & Museums

Robert Langen Art Gallery

Located on campus and featuring a variety of exhibits throughout the school year, the Langen Gallery is a great (and free!) way to explore art.

Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery

A bit further away from WLU, but worth the trek, the KWAG has a great permanent collection in addition to new and exciting showings year-round.

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Located in Kitchener, the Children's Museum always has fun, interactive displays that provide education and entertainment for people of all ages.



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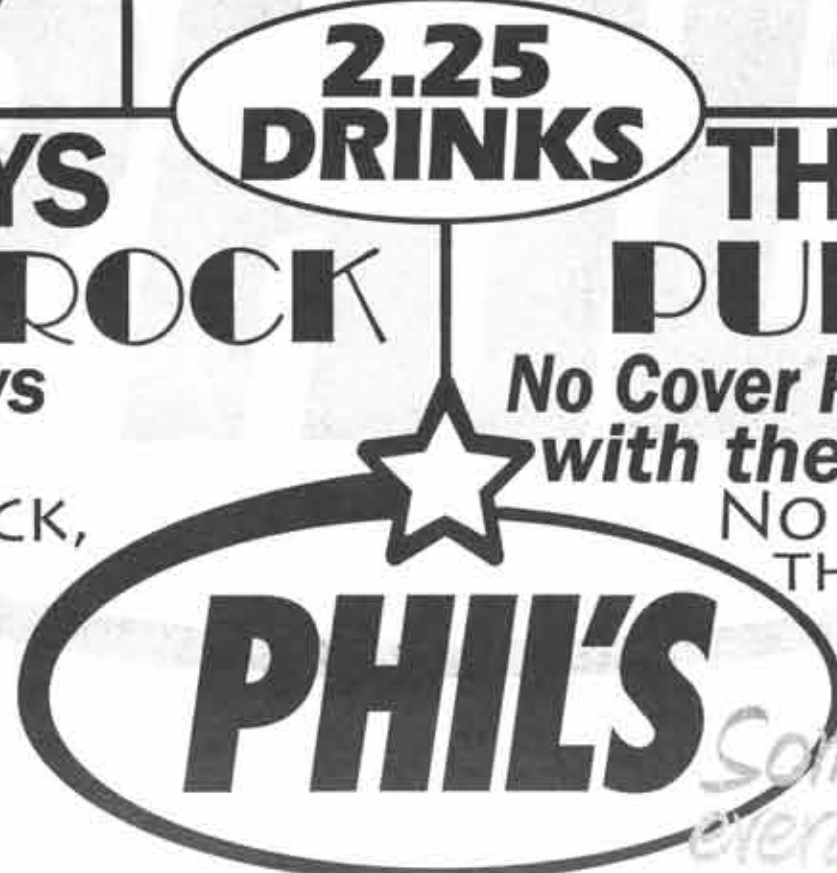
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Cord-o-scopes

September is a hectic month, so this week's Cord-o-scopes will help you mellow out, calm your nerves and give you much-needed advice

Scorpio Oct. 22 to Nov. 21

Make sure that you don't allow Spiderman to foil your plans this time. Continue to look ahead for potential flaws in your scheme and... oh wait a second. This is supposed to be for Scorpions not for Scorpion! My bad.

Sagittarius Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

Around the 17th, your friend will have a birthday. This isn't a horoscope so much as a reminder not to forget your friend's birthday.

Capricorn Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

Na near death experience around the 22nd will bring new meaning to your life. A boring lecture on the 23rd will debunk that new meaning.

Aquarius Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

M skipping class this month to see a movie will actually help you in the long run. There will eventually be a question on one of your exams pertaining to that film. The answer will be "Josh Lucas".

Pisces Feb. 19 to March 20

F you will hear the word "fluffernutter" a great deal during the month of September. Just ignore it.

Aries March 21 to April 19

You need to get over yourself. If you keep this up, there will be certain consequences in your future. Most notably, a bad haircut.

Taurus April 20 to May 20

X start anew this month. We all know what you're doing isn't really working for you.

Gemini May 21 to June 20

E remember that childhood bully that used to make your life miserable? Well, get ready for round two. They should show up in your life again around the 12th. Just remember: Sweep the Leg.

Cancer June 21 to July 22

L make sure that you play the lottery this month. No, you won't win, but there will be a cute cashier who sells you your ticket.

Leo July 23 to Aug. 22

Whatever you do, do NOT cut the blue wire!

Virgo Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

M despite your hectic school schedule, you will still find time to get away with your friends for a weekend. It is there that you realize how badly you should have stayed home to finish your work.

Libra Sept. 23 to Oct. 22

U it is going to be a relatively boring month for you. Between the start of school and hanging with the same old friends, there isn't much excitement to be had in September. Look forward to October though! There will be cupcakes and a unicorn!

Grayson Wade Thompson McAdam is the illegitimate son of Myles Davis 'nuff said.

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Cheers,
Slightly drunk

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Sincerely,
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Have I texted you lately that I love you?
Sincerely,
Someone who cares

Dear Life,
I ain't afraid of no ghost! But I am worried about hemorrhoids, commercials tell me they hurt, and quite frankly I'm concerned.
Sincerely,
The toilet use to be my friend

Dear Life,
I hate when people are not aware of their placement on the crazy/hotness scale. There is only an allotted hottness that is worth the crazy; if you get crazier without getting hotter then you're done. My advice to anyone is to figure out their place in the equilibrium and stick to it!
Sincerely,
Perfectly Balanced

Dear Life,
I hate photo albums on Facebook.
Sincerely,
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EDITORIAL

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Students need to learn to manage their finances

While students should be rightly concerned about escalating tuition fees as a source of concern for their financial wellbeing, it is becoming very clear that students aren't doing themselves any favours. A recent poll by RBC Royal Bank and Ipsos Reid found that 74 per cent of students do not spend time budgeting their finances for the coming year.

This is an alarming statistic. Even when given adequate financial assistance it is unclear whether students will make best use of the money. What is the point of an OSAP loan if students end up overshooting their optional expenses because they are not tracking their finances?

The results of this poll were also reflected in a financial literacy test conducted by the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) in which 75 per cent of students failed.

This is an unacceptable situation. The Province of Ontario needs to take a serious look at including financial literacy in secondary school curriculum. Furthermore, student organizations such as CASA and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) need to explore the possibility of educating students on the importance of budgeting and maintaining proper personal finances.

The CFS in particular could divert some of the money it uses to sue student associations for voicing opposition to the organization's tactics, to teaching financial literacy sessions. It's an easy way to help students deal with the cards they are dealt most effectively.

We strongly encourage all parties to look at all options to help remedy the situation, including students themselves, who should begin being fiscally conscious of their finances now so they can be adequately prepared to budget later on in their lives.

—The Cord Editorial Board

New sign leads to questions about wasteful spending

As Laurier students arrive on campus after a summer back at home, they will be greeted with an atrocious display of red obnoxiousness in front of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre.

Next to the construction of the new and expensive extension of the Terrace, is yet another symbol of the fiscal discipline of Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) that knows no bounds. Proudly set up is a massive, bright, red screen that displays anything from the time of day, to a random fluttering Canadian flag.

The incredible part is the cost: almost \$105,000 dollars, \$86,000 of which is for the sign itself, with the rest going towards installation.

That is the equivalent of almost eight dollars per student coming out of their wallets.

The money spent for the sign came out of the Student Life Levy (SLL) and WLUSU is under strict regulations and have a deadline for spending the money. However, if the union is going to be so frivolous with the expenditure of the SLL, why not alter this policy or at least spend students' money in a way that benefits them on the day-to-day.

Students want to see some kind of tangible return on their investment towards the union and this sign lacks any substantial benefit for them.

Canada is just emerging from a recession and students and their parents are pinching every penny in order to afford continually escalating tuition and student fees. It is time that WLUSU recognizes this fact and realizes that the money they are blowing out the window doesn't belong to them.

If WLUSU does not have anything useful to spend the fees they collect on year after year, then they should cut student fees accordingly. Their spending is becoming excessive.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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I ONLY HAD ENOUGH MONEY
FOR EITHER BEER OR RENT
THIS MONTH. I FIGURE THIS
WAY, I'M COVERED FOR BOTH.



Be impressed to impress

Features Editor Laura Sedgwick discusses the importance of making a good first impression in a new university environment



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You are judgemental. Maybe not in a condemnatory way, but you judge people, things, experiences, et cetera. Often your judgements are made on a subconscious level because it deems certain things inconsequential and thus not worth your attention. You are also aware of many of your judgements.

As you are making judgements, like it or not, people are also judging you. What people think of you, or rather, what you think people think of you, affects your quality of life. We are social creatures after all. For this reason, it is important to be aware and have control of the impressions you make.

So what makes a good first impression? It depends on who or what you are trying to impress, whether it be a hiring committee for a job you are applying for, or perhaps a first date.

There are many self-help books and psychology articles that explore how first impressions are made. The general

consensus on the subject seems to suggest that to make a good first impression one ought to make eye contact, smile, mirror actions and moods.

But why take a book's word for it when you've had first hand experience? Ask yourself, why do I like the people I like? How did they make a positive impression on me?

Chances are your friends and acquaintances probably do smile and make eye contact with you when you are together, but there is more to it than that. You also probably have at least some things in common: similar goals, ideals, or interests, for example.

According to psychology research and even my own experience, people like those who act favourably towards them. That is, if someone takes an interest in me and wants to get to know me better, chances are I will, in turn, find that person more interesting and attractive.

It follows that, in order to get someone to like you, you should behave as though you genuinely like them. It also helps if you genuinely like them.

This is great advice for university students regardless of one's year of study because we are constantly making important connections and networks with our peers, professors, employers and others that will affect our futures.

This is your first week of a new school year and you have a chance to start over

Laurier is a big enough community that you always have the opportunity to meet new people, make new first impressions, and start over.

and be whoever you want to be, provided you have the necessary knowledge. Though this is especially true for first-years who don't know anyone yet, it is also applicable to upper year students who wish to start anew. Laurier is a big enough community that you always have the opportunity to meet new people, make new first impressions, and start over.

Take advantage of your years as a university student and experiment with who you want to be and how you want people to judge you by being self aware and observing and learning from others.

THE FORUM

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Fenced yards and fenced minds

Forum contributor Don Morgenson explores the effect of growing atomism in Canadian society



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As I remember my early days, one of the pleasant features of suburban life was the absence of fences between properties, all along my street.

On the average village block you could walk from one end of the street to the other, albeit carefully, through gardens, across lawns, around swimming pools.

You would confront no larger obstacle than a beautiful silver maple tree, a thin line of shrubs or a carefully cultivated "Victory Garden".

Overnight, as if by magic, Canadian suburbia sprouted tall fences of wood, bricks, cinder blocks and wire — some of it barbed, some of it razor. Gated communities are currently de rigueur.

When we were children we played our games in other peoples' back and front yards, often without

permission and without incurring the wrath of householders. Such can only rarely be done today.

Maybe you remember John Cheever's short story "The Swimmer" where a middle-aged man swims home from his business office, from backyard pool to backyard pool, on a nostalgia trip one hot afternoon.

Each pool he swam in evoked past moments and past events. Wading through each pool he did confront the puzzled faces of his neighbors yet he never confronted a fence.

Novelist John Updike has said: "Openness and generosity expressed in the unfenced shape of our yards now threatens to turn defensive, protectionist, exclusionist, isolationist; the fences are going up in our minds and on our properties."

The universally useful backyard is disappearing and with it some of our Canadian generosity, kindness and tolerance.

The philosophy of NIMBY, Not in My Back Yard, has now taken physical form. Most backyards today are inaccessible.

Some of this territoriality results from fear: fear of thieves, burglars,

et cetera. The symbolic aspects of such changes may indicate not merely closing off properties, but as Updike suggests, a closing of our minds.

Great nations have become great partly because of accessibility: the central notion of preserving wide open spaces for all, but also they have sought the preservation of wide open minds.

Very simply, such openness stimulates the imagination, promotes new ideas, new approaches to old problems and creates new communities, all of which ensure the growth and development of the country itself.

When visiting Sweden, I learned with some surprise of Sweden's "Universal access legislation" which means that all land belongs, to a certain extent, to all the people.

You may picnic on someone's lakefront property or quiet backyard as long as you clean up your picnic leavings before you depart.

Traveling around North America, Ben MacIntyre, (Times of London - is this the paper or a book or something? Format correctly, regardless) found that today that sense of who we are and want to be is dictated by

who we are not.

Our definition of self is determined through a process of elimination: not gay, not African-Canadian, not Muslim, not liberal/conservative, not urbanite, not Asian, not feminist, not Catholic, and on and on.

So the fences go up in our minds; fences between generations, between the genders, between the ambitious and the indolent, between Conservatives and Liberals.

Eventually, we will have a severely limited social/cultural life, one which involves increasing isolation from and growing distrust of one another.

Yes, we do have reason for concern: the violence on the streets, child abuse, crack houses, climate change, unemployment and the recession.

In fact, we worry about the entire wretched Zeitgeist of 2010.

A reclamation process must begin. We must reclaim our generosity, our openness, our accessibility as individuals.

The solution to fenced-in minds is to bring the fences down, bringing each of us together, as this great nation's people.

Eventually, we will have a severely limited social/cultural life, one which involves increasing isolation from and growing distrust of one another.

To open our hearts is to tear down the fences that are thrown up everywhere. Whereas I do like his poetry, I am not sure I agree with Robert Frost: "Good fences make good neighbors".

Rather, things dividing us must be dissolved, only then can we build a world where "promises are kept."

Promises can be kept to children, to people of all races, religious faiths, ethnic groups. With far fewer fences we can create a world where promises are kept.

Letters to the Editor

Master's degree not an extension of a bachelor's

RE: Research post-grad studies before you apply

Thanks for your editorial of July 28 entitled, "Research post-grad studies before you apply." I agree wholeheartedly with your advice to students to think and plan carefully before applying to a graduate program. A master's degree is not an extension of the bachelor's.

Study at the graduate level is focused and intense, and the most successful graduate students are self-directed and persistent.

If you are not enthusiastic about the idea in the beginning, you sure won't be by the time you graduate! But if you are keen to pursue more in-depth theoretical study, professional training or research experience in a field, then a grad degree is certainly worth investigating.

Depending on the discipline, a student's earning potential may also be significantly enhanced by acquiring a second or third post-secondary degree.

I was pleased to see that the editorial also recommended that students do their research into available programs by talking to their professors and visiting the co-op and career centre.

You forgot one important source of information and help, though, and that is the Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies. My helpful staff and I are located on the first floor of the Alvin Woods Building and can assist students with information about graduate school, especially Laurier's 27 master's and 9 doctoral programs. We can also help with the application process.

On September 29 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre, Jillian Perkins-Marsh from the Career Development Centre, and I will be offering a workshop for senior undergraduate students entitled, "So you want to go to grad school?"

We will provide information and advice on finding a grad program (at Laurier and elsewhere), preparing a successful application, and securing financial support.

— Joan E. Norris, PhD, CPsych.
Dean, Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies

Steroids use is a problem that exists beyond University of Waterloo

RE: CIS continues war on steroids, August 10th

Problem is they found 9 players at Waterloo by testing all the players. Until they test all players at all schools nobody should point fingers at Waterloo alone.

Guaranteed that you test ever player at every school you will find at least 9 players if not more on something, at each of these schools.

As a veteran player from the early 90's I can guarantee there were players on Steroids and you can figure out pretty easily which teams had the most.

If they want to clean it up start with the pros which most of these kids are stiving to reach and that will end the "need" for highschool and university students to use.

Think the problem is bad in Canada go to the US where teams help cover up so they can be the best!

— Don

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OPINION

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9/11 mosque sparks controversy

Point - It's about freedom, stupid



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A debate is currently raging in the United States which is being used by Republicans and their allies in the Tea Party as a wedge to stir popular support in advance of the midterm elections: the construction of an Islamic Cultural Centre two blocks away from Ground Zero.

Before embarking on this column, let's get a few facts straight. Firstly, there are already four mosques in lower Manhattan.

Secondly, the proposed mosque is a cultural centre equipped with a theatre, athletic complex and other facilities in addition to prayer space.

Thirdly, it is to be built on private property within the bounds of the law.

Lastly, the United States is a democracy which is supposed to uphold the constitutional right to freedom of religion.

Given these facts it is a surprise there is a debate but there is, sadly, between the naïve cultural relativist left, and knuckle-dragging Neanderthals on the far right.

On the one side people say it will "build bridges of understanding" between two cultures and promote tolerance. On the other, people

question whether the motives of those that are building the mosque are linked to radical Islam and that at the very least construction is an affront to the memories of the victims of 9/11. Some (not all) have a dogmatic hostility towards Islam itself. Both sides miss the point: it's about freedom, stupid.

I still remember where I was on Sept. 11, 2001. I remember the anger and sorrow that I felt as I was glued to the CNN watching replay after replay of the planes hitting the WTC.

It changed my outlook on politics and international affairs permanently. I was the first to advocate the destruction of all those responsible through use of the American military.

So I am deeply offended by the construction of a such a lavish mosque by Imam Rauf close to where the towers fell. It is a deliberate provocation and a slap in the face of the victims of 9/11; his past comments make this very clear. Their claim to want to "build bridges of understanding" is a sham.

All the more reason for Americans to rise to the challenge and support the mosque's construction.

The real test of a person or a nation's commitment to freedom of speech, religion and assembly is to allow practices that are so deeply offensive to them that the sight of it makes their stomach turn.

As Voltaire said: "I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it". While this is a reference to freedom of speech, it applies just as equally

to any of our most cherished democratic freedoms.

The motives are irrelevant. Imam Rauf has not broken the law and the building of the mosque is on private property. There is no legal reason to block its construction, so the only way it will be stopped is if the organizers fear for their safety to an extent that they will abandon their plans.

If the mosque were to be cancelled for that reason it would be a tremendous victory for radical Islamists. What they truly want is the worst of America to be shown for all to see.

They want everyone in the Middle East to hear the thinly veiled, bigoted ranting of the Rush Limbaugh crowd as proof of American hypocrisy about their liberal-democratic values. Extremists want to paint American presence culturally and materially as a hostile invasion.

America is in a war for the hearts and minds of moderates in the Middle East. It is not a clash of civilizations, but a clash of ideas and values: liberal democracy versus theocratic totalitarianism.

America will only win when they stay true to those values they are supposed to represent - namely liberty and freedom for all. To block the construction of the mosque is to play into the hands of the extremists.

So let us celebrate the construction of the Park 51 Islamic Cultural Centre: a permanent monument to America's greatness and commitment to freedom.

Counterpoint -

Questionable intent behind Ground Zero mosque



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The latest rage in America is the controversy over the Ground Zero Mosque, or as some may insist, the Park 51 Islamic Cultural Centre or Cordoba House.

If we look past the melodramatic argument over the correct name and other various partisan nonsense being thrown about by both sides, this debate can be narrowed down to two key questions: can they build it and should they build it?

It seems quite clear that the sponsors of this development have every legal right to build on this land. However, I doubt the wisdom of pursuing such a venture and question the intent of the project.

First of all, the plans for the Cordoba House do indeed contain a mosque. I am curious who will preach in this mosque. Will it be Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, the Kuwaiti-American activist heading the plan?

Proponents of the Ground Zero Mosque argue that Rauf is a moderate Muslim figure who preaches religious tolerance throughout the world. I beg to differ.

This is a man who after 9/11 suggested that the United States was an accessory to the terrorist attacks that left nearly 3,000 people murdered. He was later quoted as saying that, "the United States has more Muslim blood on its hands than al-Qaeda has on its hands of innocent non-Muslims," during a 2005 conference in Australia.

When asked if he agreed with the American designation of Hamas as a terrorist organization, Rauf evaded the question, responding simply that, "terrorism is a very complex question."

Finally, when asked to clarify the Muslim belief that martyrdom, specifically in reference to suicide bombers, is rewarded in heaven with 72 virgins, he commented that, "the Quran says 'you shall have whatever your heart desires.'"

Opponents of the mosque are afraid that it will be used as a means of spreading radical Islamism and with a leader who is on-record expressing such extremist views it is easy to understand their fears.

Another curious aspect is the desire to build a mosque specifically at this location. Is it just a coincidence that it is two blocks away from Ground Zero? Of course not.

The leaders of the project state that their goal is to promote sensitivity and counter extremism by building the mosque near Ground Zero, supposedly strengthening the bond between Islam and the West.

But surely they can understand why so many people are bothered by the controversial plan, and they see that it is offending millions of Americans. Numerous polls

Radical Islamists around the world will celebrate the mosque as a triumph over America and a step towards reestablishing the Caliphate.

have shown that an overwhelming number of Americans and specifically New Yorkers believe that the Ground Zero Mosque should not be built.

Many families of 9/11 victims, including Muslims, have spoken out strongly against the mosque, saying that they are insulted by the proposal to build an Islamic centre so close to the place where their loved ones were murdered in the name of Islam.

Building a mosque here is a slap in the face to these victims and to America in general. It seems somewhat peculiar that the leadership of the project claims to promote sensitivity, but insists on continuing with the plans even after they see such widespread outrage.

If they were truly interested in representing peace and tolerance, why not build the mosque elsewhere?

Tarek Fatah and Raheel Raza, authors and board members of the Muslim Canadian Congress, put it best: "[the] mosque is meant to be a deliberate provocation, to thumb our noses at the infidel. The proposal has been made in bad faith... as 'Fitna,' meaning 'mischievous-making' that is clearly forbidden in the Quran. As Muslims we are dismayed that our coreligionists have such little consideration for their fellow citizens, and wish to rub salt in their wounds."

Regardless of the merit of either side's arguments, two things are certain. At the end of the day, if this mosque is built, many people will be deeply offended.

Furthermore, no matter what the true intent of the project, radical Islamists across the world will celebrate the mosque as a triumph over America and a step towards reestablishing a Caliphate.

It is unfathomable that the Ground Zero Mosque could ever live up to its goal of promoting sensitivity.

The sponsors of this project should either scrap this already-doomed plan or come forward with their true intentions, because something here doesn't add up.

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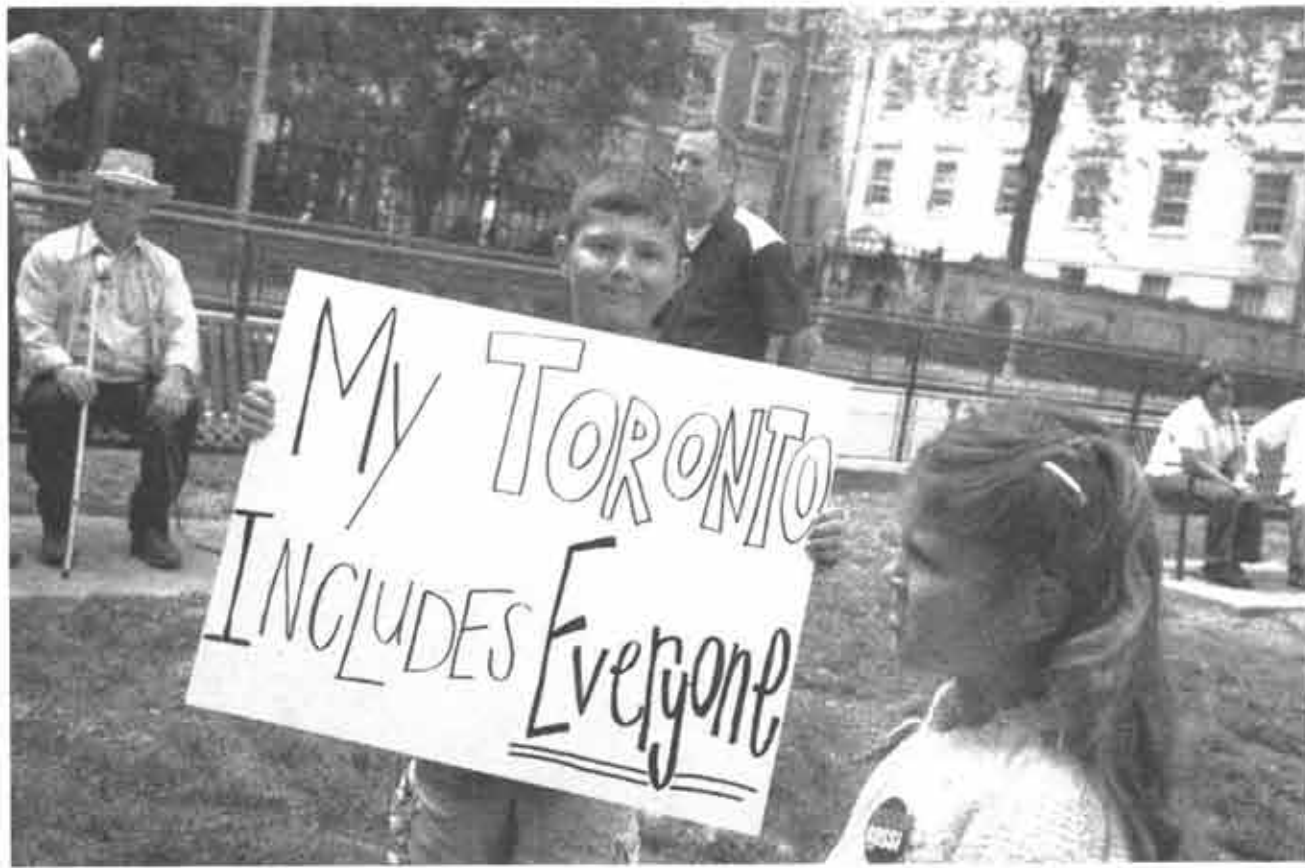
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There's going to be a million more people, according to the official plan (which I did not support) over the next ten years coming into the city. We can't even deal with the 2.5 million people. How are we going to welcome another million people in? It is going to be chaotic. We can't even deal with the chaos we have now. I think we have to say enough's enough.”

—Rob Ford, Candidate for Mayor of Toronto

Immigration in Toronto is a debate worth having



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Toronto mayoral candidate Rob Ford's response to a question asked of all candidates during a televised debate as to how Toronto should welcome Tamil migrants sparked significant controversy.

After Ford's declaration that Toronto cannot even "deal" with its own population at the moment, let alone new migrants that would lead to "chaos," his opponents united together, calling the candidate's remarks as a clear display of anti-immigration sentiment.

Ford defended his comments just a few days later, citing economics as the reasoning behind his remarks but many, including one Torontonians, said that "[w]hen you cut off refugees and say we don't want them in Toronto, you're not for immigration."

The response from Torontonians, one echoing utter disgust and anger, was warranted. As an immigrant myself — my family and I first lived in Toronto before moving to Waterloo Region — Ford's comments did not sit well with me by any means.

With that said however, can something be learned from this incident, aside from the fact that intolerance still exists? Perhaps there are some economic concerns that

Toronto, and even Canada as a nation, needs to look into.

As of this July, Statistics Canada reported Toronto's unemployment rate at about 9.6 per cent, much higher than the provincial rate of 8 per cent. So, although immigrants and non-immigrants alike have contributed to Toronto's economy in some way, right now the job market looks abysmal. This means that Toronto cannot sufficiently handle an influx of any new migrants, regardless of where they originate from and what sort of skills they may bring to the table.

If we take another step back and look at the province of Ontario as a whole, perhaps Central Canada should refer migrants elsewhere if sustainable living is the goal.

Whereas Ontario reported a total of 15,000 jobs lost this July, economic recovery in Western Canada looks more promising. The British Columbia economy gained 16,000 in the same month bringing the province's unemployment rate down to 7.5 per cent and the province of Alberta gained 9,000 jobs dropping its unemployment rate to 6.3 per cent — the lowest since April 2009.

Tamil migrants have already arrived in Vancouver, but this is not to say that additional migrants should continue to settle only there as that would very quickly lead to disaster, since the city's infrastructure can only support so many people.

However, since Western Canada does present more opportunities for new Canadians, communities where economic recovery is evident should

be the destination for these individuals. The key is to ensure that wherever these migrants end up, that that community's infrastructure can sustain an influx of new citizens.

Infrastructure does not only refer to social assistance, as many new Canadians are educated and qualified and thus will not need to take advantage of the service, but it means that there needs to be jobs available for them to contribute to society.

If Toronto cannot fulfill these promises, then migration should be encouraged elsewhere, not because immigrants are unwelcome in Toronto, but because the metropolis cannot offer them or the majority of new migrants what is needed to make a better life in Canada.

At the end of the day however, the Federal government cannot forbid new Canadians from settling in a particular community as these individuals do have the inherent right to make this decision themselves.

Though, the state of certain economies such as Toronto's should be taken into consideration when deciding, as a fruitful life may not be as attainable in these parts right now.

It is without question that Rob Ford's remarks regarding new Tamil migrants arriving in Toronto were completely offensive and uncalled for and I am just one of countless individuals who expect an apology.

The questions that have not arisen however, may deserve some digging and if warranted, could aid in shaping policy during economic recovery.

A new breed of terrorist

Cord contributor John Kennedy discusses the emergence of athlete terror that is ravaging major league sports



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They have been living and walking among us for years and we have never suspected a thing. They go from town to town, travelling in cells (sometimes referred to as their "entourages").

They are quick to blow things up, causing pain and misery to innocent bystanders, all to further their own cause. They aren't afraid to take hostages: cities, groups of people, or otherwise.

Of course I'm referring to a particular breed of self-indulgent, superstar athlete. What did you think I was talking about?

Excuse me for my pejorative use of the word "terrorist", and if you aren't a sports fan you won't really understand where I'm coming from on this one, but some modern day athletes are nothing more than terrorists, simply put.

In a summer that has seen more than its usual share of athlete terrorism, it's truly unfortunate that we all have to bear witness to such egregiousness.

We had it all this summer. Legendary careers are being blown to smithereens. What could have truly been one of the greatest NBA careers of all-time sold out for an easy road to an NBA Championship, and yes, I'm one of those people who believes that every snap Brett Favre takes wearing something other than a Green Bay jersey is an abomination to a phenomenal career, one of the best I've ever seen. Many fans, not just Cheese Heads, would agree with me.

I wasn't merely being funny when I said that these terrorists take hostages either.

How many years did Brett Favre take Green Bay fans and management hostage with his multiple impending retirements? He did the same to the Jets, and then the Vikings this off-season.

For years, fans, teams and management alike have been subjected to this unabated coercion from Favre, the ringleader of the terror athlete insurrection.

While Favre's "terror as usual" persona clouds the airwaves every summer, I have to anoint this the "Summer of James", if I may get Seinfeldian with my analogies.

Never have we seen such disregard for a city or a team as what we saw earlier this summer. What Favre does every year is expected, what LeBron James did this summer reinvented the idea of athlete terrorism.

LeBron James was Cleveland. When he came and built the foundation of his legacy, it was as if the city had begun a new chapter in

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its existence. After seven years, though, enough was enough.

For months, James strung Cleveland along. The summer of 2010 will be known for a long time as the greatest free agency off-season in NBA history. Many expected James to stay in Cleveland, as he was a native son and the team was able to offer him more money than any other competitor.

Instead, he played them like a fiddle for an entire off-season. He knew full well he was going to Miami after making a pact with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh during the 2008 Olympics to somehow fix it so they would all be on the same roster.

The best part was his hour-long telecast dubbed "The Decision", which took place in Cleveland with Cavs fans filling the room, where he ripped the heart out of a city and its fans.

Down came the fifty foot murals on the sides of buildings and in went the "23" jerseys into the discount bins.

So why do people like Favre and James betray their teams and legacies? Why hold cities ransom? Is it about money?

No, because terrorists aren't in it for the money. They have more money than we will see in our lifetime. To me, they are afflicted by the "God Complex".

Stars like Favre and James move on, they want to build something new. Instead what they end up building is nothing more than controversial sub-chapters in otherwise stellar careers.

While "terrorist" may seem like a bit over the top or overdramatic when describing these athletes, it doesn't change the fact that that is what they are.

They took cities and fans hostage and when they got their ransom demands (to move on to another franchise), they detonated the bombs on their careers anyways, leaving nothing more than shrapnel of glorious memories past.

These decisions cannot be undone or rectified and ultimately it is their legacies, not the fans, which will suffer the most.

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Hawks look to rebound

—cover

said linebacker Giancarlo Rap-anaro. "We just have to forget about [this loss]. We're going to come right back tomorrow, and we'll get back up at Mac and expect us to come out hard."

The Hawks now turn their sights to proving that this thrashing was an anomaly. They are now charged with the task of showing that they were worthy of all their pre-season hype.

"We just have to learn from this game and then forget about it," said Kelly. "It was the first game of the season and we definitely lacked some execution, but we just need to put it in the past."

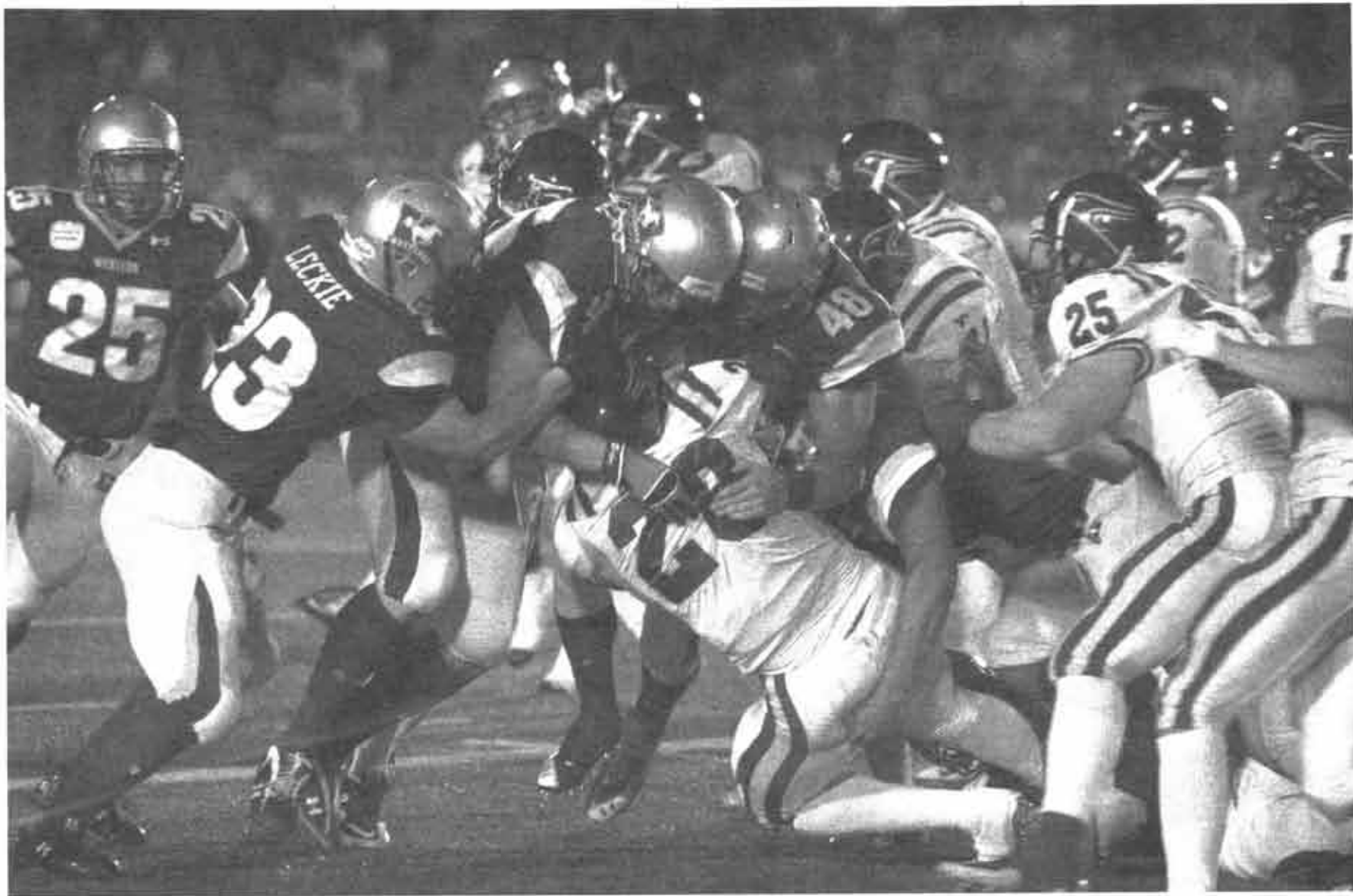
"It's not about how you fall, it's about how you get back up after you fall," added wide receiver Dustin Zender. "We're going to back to work, get our act together and next game we're going to come out flying."

That next game, that chance at redemption, will come tonight when the Hawks travel to Hamilton to take on the McMaster Marauders. The Hawks have had success against the Marauders in recent years, winning every regular season contest since 2002.

Last season, the purple and gold disposed of the Marauders 30-14 just a week after losing then-starting quarterback Luke Thompson for the season.

Following that win, the Hawks only lost one game the rest of the season, upsetting the eventual Vanier Cup champion Queen's Gaels in the process.

If this Hawks squad wants to



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The Mustangs overwhelmed the Hawks in all three phases of the game on Wednesday. The team will try and bounce back tonight vs. Mac.

prove they're for real, this game almost becomes a must-win situation.

"We're going to find out a lot about our team [against McMaster]," said Kelly. "When you face adversity you really see who has heart, and who's willing to pick themselves back up. We're already focused on McMaster, and I know we'll be ready."

The Hawks and Marauders square off this afternoon at Hamilton's Ron Joyce stadium. For a full report on that game, visit thecord.ca.

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—Dustin Zender, Hawks' wide receiver

Hawks' remaining schedule

Week 2: Sept. 6
@ McMaster

Week 3: Sept 11
vs. University of Toronto

Week 4: Sept. 16
Bye

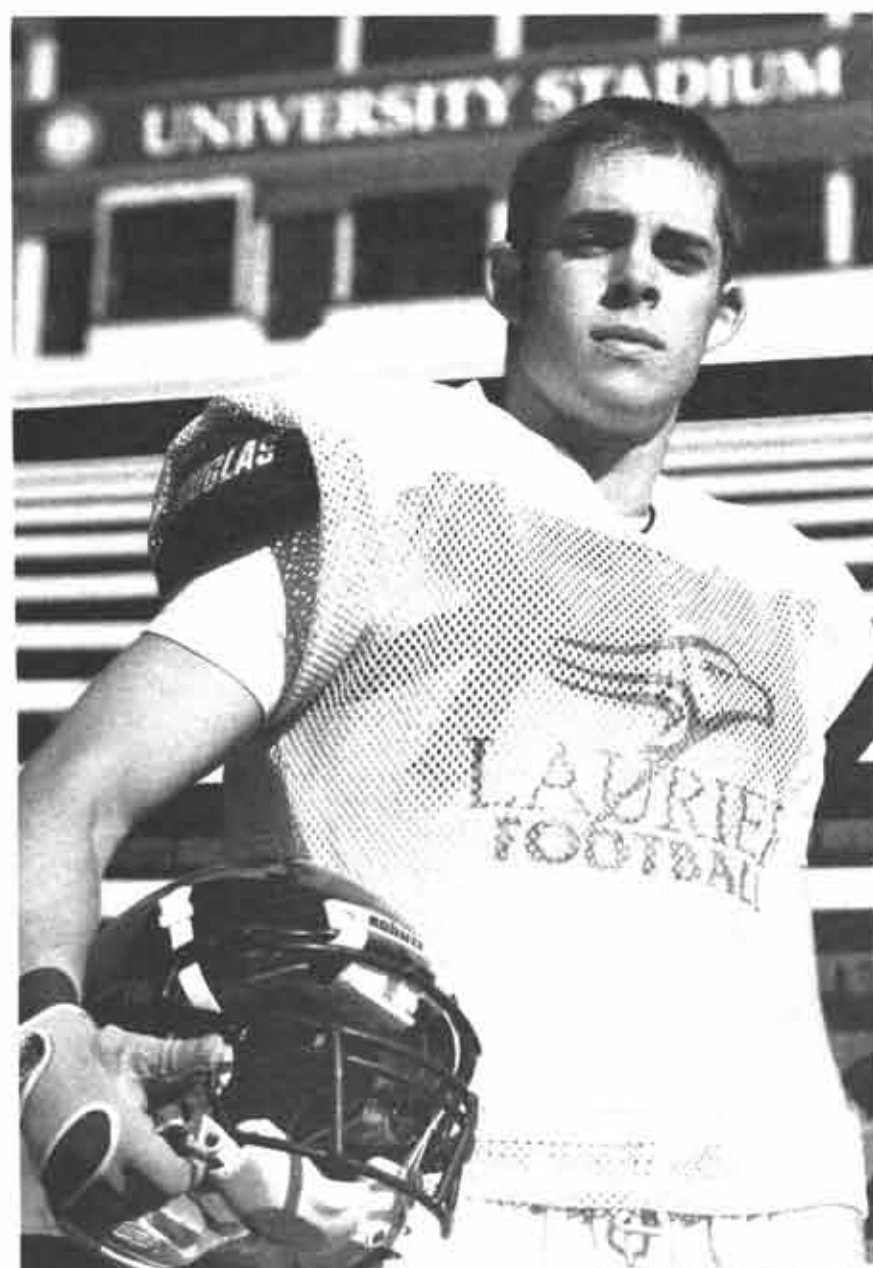
Week 5: Sept. 25
vs. York

Week 6: Oct. 2 (Homecoming)
vs. Guelph

Week 7: Oct. 9
@ Ottawa

Week 8: Oct. 16
vs. Queen's

Week 9: Oct. 23
@ Windsor



YUSUF KIDWAI FILE PHOTO

After an impressive rookie campaign, Alex Anthony will look to continue becoming a bigger part of the Hawks' offence.

Behind the Hawk: Alex Anthony

TIEJA MACLAUGHLIN
STAFF WRITER

It's the semi final game; winner advances to the World Junior Football Championship gold medal match-up. 16 seconds remaining, Team Canada is down by five.

Wearing the maple leaf, Alex Anthony gets his hands on a pass, breaks a series of tackles, and scores a 40-yard touchdown to win the game.

"That was definitely one of the best moments of my life," described the sophomore Laurier receiver.

Accountable, hardworking...

"And I guess, poise," laughed Anthony when asked to describe himself in three words.

But many would find three words restricting in describing someone who's represented his province, his country, and even the world.

There are not many people who can say that they've actually played for 'the world'. But the 2009-2010 Laurier Football Rookie of the Year, is one of them.

Anthony suited up for Team World alongside the top junior football players from across four different continents in January 2010 at the U-19 international event.

As well as representing Team

Canada for football and Team British Columbia for baseball, Anthony has also competed at the provincial level in track and field.

"I always had this early love and passion for sports," said Anthony. "And growing up in a small town just outside of Victoria, B.C. all we really had to do was play sports."

The all-around athlete and academic was the top recruit in the country coming out of Mount Douglas S.S., and accepted a full athletic scholarship to play for the Golden Hawks in 2009.

Throughout his life, Anthony has been active in football, baseball, golf, track, and basketball. He was named the B.C. High School Athlete of the Year in 2008 and 2009, and as an honour role student, also earned the B.C. High School Academic-Athlete of the Year, the Principle's Shield (for academics and athletics), and the overall award for leadership in grade 12.

AA, as his friends call him, coached minor football for three years, and worked a paper route throughout high school.

"It had to be done before 6 a.m., and then I would walk 2 km to the bus stop, before riding an hour and a half to school," he explained.

So what hasn't this kinesiology

and physical education major done?

Win a championship.

"My main goal is to win a championship," confessed Anthony. "I've never really won one, and I want it ... so bad."

The Golden Hawks went 6-2 in 2009 before getting knocked out in the first round of play-offs. In his rookie year, Anthony had 21 receptions for a total of 333 receiving yards, and scored four touchdowns.

However, a shoulder injury in week seven of the season left Anthony on the sidelines.

"I think it was just because I was a little kid playing with grown men," he said. "I was a little undersized."

Coming back this season Anthony is bigger and stronger, having packed on 20 lbs.

"I've just been training real hard," said Anthony, attributing his success to the team's strength and conditioning program.

Finding an inspiration in NFL great Jerry Rice, Anthony comments on the similarities between the two, "[Rice] also came from a small town and was underestimated... now he's the greatest football player of all time. I aspire to be like him and work as hard as he does because at the end of the day he's always the hardest working guy on the field."

They lost their season for this?

Investigation of UW steroid scandal already complete, yet the team still loses their entire 2010 season



JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

As the 2010 Ontario University Athletics (OUA) football season gets underway it's difficult not to feel sorry for the young men who would have been taking the field for the University of Waterloo's (UW) Waterloo Warriors.

After nine of the 62 players on the UW roster tested positive for performance enhancing drugs, the school decided to suspend the entire team for the season, an unprecedented move in Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) history. The players were then left to choose between transferring or sitting out the 2010 season.

While most of the former Warriors have found new teams, many no longer have guaranteed starting spots. A great number have had to move to completely new cities and many have had to orchestrate complex credit transfers in order to ensure that they still earn a degree.

And now it seems like everything they've gone through was a waste.

The main reason given by UW's administration for the decision to shut the program down for a year was the need to conduct an internal review that would identify the root causes of the steroid scandal and ensure that something like this could never happen again.

That review – which was done by retired Waterloo Regional Police Services chief Larry Gravill and former UW professor Mary Thompson – was completed and released by Aug. 18, over three weeks before the OUA season was scheduled to open.

And its findings were far from groundbreaking.

In terms of root causes, the report doesn't say much beyond the standard idea that young football players feel pressure to perform well and get noticed by professional scouts and use performance enhancing drugs to get an edge on their competition.

Wasn't that on an episode of Friday Night Lights?

As far as recommendations, the report calls for increased education amongst the high school and university-aged about the dangers of steroid use as well as increased testing at the CIS level.

While these are good recommendations, it seems as though they could have been made without an inter-



YUSUF KIDWAI FILE PHOTO

The Waterloo Warriors take on the Golden Hawks in week three of last season. As a result of the UW administration's decision to suspend the program, there will be no battle of Waterloo this year.

nal review and furthermore, without cancelling the Warriors' season.

The big question in my mind is if this report – and its fairly common-sense findings – was able to be completed by mid-August, why did the entire UW football season have to be cancelled for it to be performed?

This goes back to what made this decision unfair in the first place, the punishment of so many for the transgressions of so few.

Nine players out of 62 tested positive for steroids, clearly that signals

that there is a problem and an investigation is needed. But why not simply suspend the nine players who were caught cheating, conduct the review and allow the innocent players to continue exercising their right to play football for their school?

Some have simply chalked this up to a rash overreaction on the part of UW administration. While others – namely the UW players who were affected by this decision – have suggested that the CIS put pressure on the university to make the harsh decision

in order to make an example out of the team.

Only those responsible for making the decision know the true reasoning behind it, however, one thing is clear: the Waterloo Warriors have lost their 2010 football season, and there doesn't seem to be any real reason for it.

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The life of a rookie Hawk

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

Today, over 3,000 new students will officially start their first year at Wilfrid Laurier University. But one group of first-years have been on campus for the past few weeks, already wearing the purple and gold of the Laurier Golden Hawks.

This group is Laurier's first-year student-athletes and as they adjust to university life they will also go through workouts, practices, team meetings and games and on top of all that, school.

"At first it was kind of overwhelming because there was so much going on and it was all so new to me," said kinesiology and physical education student Alena Luciani who was a first-year on the Hawks' women's basketball team last year.

"It was pretty hard adjusting to the new class schedule, new class sizes, living in a different place along with practice every day, workouts on top of that and then once games started, the huge thing was time management, which I had to get the hang of really quick."

Typically, a student-athlete's day is the complete opposite to that of most students'. They're up around seven, in the gym by eight and in class all morning. That's followed by a practice that lasts at least two hours and whatever schoolwork that needs to be done.

"Playing a sport is basically like having a full-time job on top of being a student," said Luciani. "We can't just go home after class and nap for four hours and then do work whenever we want."

This demanding schedule can be particularly difficult for a first-year student-athlete because in addition to practicing and working out every day, they're also going through the same difficult transition that faces every student who is new to the university

lifestyle.

"It was definitely a tough adjustment from high school," said business student Andrew Greenberg, who played his rookie season on the men's baseball team in 2009.

"You have new classes, a bigger workload and then baseball six or seven days a week. There were definitely times when things would pile up."

While time management is an important issue for any student, it plays a crucial role in the lives of student-athletes as a decline in academic performance can affect them athletically.

In order to keep on top of their workload, first-year student-athletes attend a two-hour study hall, four nights a week. The study hall is mandatory for first-year student-athletes, and is run by senior athletes.

"The second you get behind, it will affect your grades which will in turn affect your ability to play," said Luciani.

"So it was really good to just take those few hours and sit there and do work... it would even just help me have a clear head for games, not having to think about school."

The study hall isn't the only support system for the rookie Hawks. Their veteran teammates become a surrogate family as they settle into life at WLU.

"They've been a big source of positive support," said Jordan McAlpine, who will be starting his first-year on the Hawks' football team this coming year.

"I've been approached by a lot of them and they've all told me that if I have any questions about anything don't be afraid to call them, they've really been great."

McAlpine sums up how he plans to be a successful first-year student by taking the advice of his coaches.

"Don't fall behind, don't get caught up too much in the social scene, just get to class and do everything you're asked and you should be fine."

Soccer Hawks strive for redemption

After a 2009 season that was marred by injuries, the men's soccer team hopes to rebound in 2010

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming into last season, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks men's soccer team was riding an incredible high. They were defending Ontario University Athletics (OUA) champions. Provincial all-star Alex Doma was back along with a host of key returning players. And highly touted rookie goalkeeper Jarrett Humphreys appeared to be the perfect replacement for the departed Yousef El-Abbar. But as the 2009 season began to unfold, everything came crashing down.

"Last year, everything that could go wrong went wrong," said head coach Mario Halapir. "We weren't a much worse team than we were the previous year when we won the provincial title, but we battled a lot of injuries."

The Hawks started the year 0-2-2 and quickly fell into last place in the OUA west, struggling to string wins together throughout the season. To make matters worse, player after player went down to injury and by the final game of the season, the Hawks' lineup was missing almost all of its original starters.

The end result was a three-win season, with the Hawks missing the playoffs for the first time in the team's history.

"In the final game we did have eight or nine guys out, but at the end of the day, the bench has to be ready to step in," said Humphreys.

"Obviously it was disappointing getting knocked out in the last game last year, but I think that can be something that'll light a fire under us for this year."

The Hawks now turn their sights to this season, a year in which they will look to rebound and put their struggles behind them. It's a goal Halapir says is rather simple.



LAURA TOMKINS FILE PHOTO

This season the men's soccer team will look to return to the glory of the 2008 season, in which they won the OUA championship.

"It's done," he said of last season.

"It's easy to move on. The past is the past. Winning national championships, winning provincial championships, that's in the past too. You can't dwell on it, it's all about what's happening to today and that's what we're focusing on."

The Hawks have gotten off to a good start this season, rolling through their pre-season schedule, outscoring their opponents 12-0 over three games.

"There's been a really exciting atmosphere in camp," said Humphreys.

"All the new guys that have come in have really stepped up and put a lot of pressure on the returning players and the returning guys have come in with a lot of fire too and I think it's translating into a lot of good performances on the field and a newfound depth that we didn't have last year."

That depth appears to be the biggest improvement for this Hawks'

squad, and considering the injuries that ravaged the team last season, it's something they clearly needed.

"We have a lot of talent coming off the bench and that's a definite improvement this year," said Humphreys. "We've seen it through the pre-season where we've had guys who aren't our usual starters on the field and the level of play is the same."

Despite all the optimism surrounding this season the Hawks got some bad news over the summer as Doma

— who was an OUA all-star once again in 2009 — tore his ACL and will miss the entire season.

"You can't replace a player like that," said Halapir.

"His heart and his leadership are going to be missed for sure. But it's one of those situations where the team must go on and survive."

Both of WLU's soccer teams kicked off their seasons yesterday afternoon vs. the Waterloo Warriors, for stories on those games visit theaccord.ca.

Baseball team looks to repeat '09 success

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The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks men's baseball team is entering the 2010 season on a high note after their highly successful campaign a year ago. The squad finished with a 10-8 season record, 2-2 for the post season and went on to earn a silver medal at the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Championships.

This marked the best record in Golden Hawk baseball history.

"Baseball continues to grow," commented head coach Scott Ballantyne. "Over the course of the last five years especially, the competition and caliber of players has been dramatically improving."

Unfortunately for the quickest up and coming squad on campus there appears to be more setbacks to their program.

The OUA has bumped down the tier level of baseball as an interuniversity sport, resulting in the usual 18 game season being cut to 14 games, along with the loss of tabulated statistical data.

This comes after Laurier's baseball team lost their annual \$20,000 worth of funding from Laurier Athletics due to university-wide budget cuts prior to last season.

The Golden Hawks have also graduated key veteran players such as outfielder Jeff Brunsek, and captains second-baseman Scott Mahn and catcher Chris Pittaway, while losing centre-fielder Elliot Shrive to the Western Mustangs.

Despite the team's losses, Ballantyne has worked diligently to organize fundraising initiatives, coordinate

extra exhibition games (including the inaugural Laurier Invitational Tournament Labour Day weekend), and hand pick an extremely strong recruiting class for the 2010 season.

Both Mahn and Brunsek will join Ballantyne's coaching staff alongside returning assistant coaches Dennis Schooley and Jordan Bilkas, as well as newcomer Mike Mulder.

Mulder worked alongside Ballantyne this summer to earn a Junior Intercounty Championship title with the Kitchener-Waterloo Junior Panthers.

Promising young talent seen in outfielder Nathan Loehle, right-handed pitcher Tyler Soucie, and the Hawk's newest Captain right-handed pitcher David Canavan, also hail from the JR Panthers.

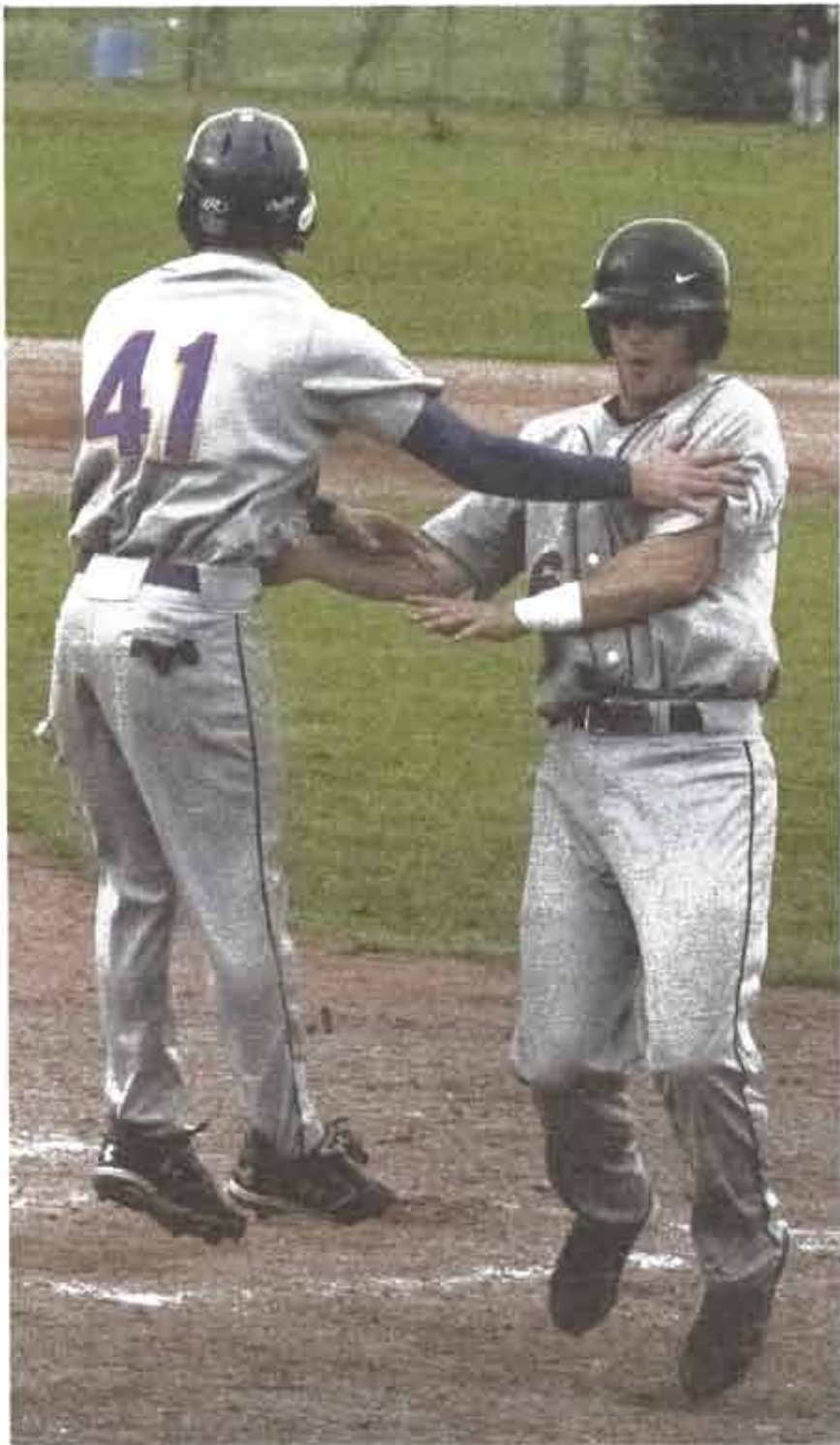
Adding even more depth to their roster, left-handed pitcher Brett Van Pelt joins the team after spending a season in California at NCAA D1 Saint Mary's University.

Middle infielder Matt Sancheli will bring experience to the team coming to Laurier for his master's degree after playing four years at the University of Ottawa, leading his team as a captain and earning MVP honours.

The baseball Hawks also boast back-to-back Laurier Rookie of the Year award winners — pitcher Andrew Greenberg was last year's winner, and third-baseman Ryan Panas in 2008-09.

"I think we have a strong core of returning players and a mix of freshmen with experience that will give us a chance to make it back to the OUA Championship," said Ballantyne.

The regular season kicks off at home Sept. 11 against the Toronto Varsity Blues. Game time is 1:00 p.m.



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Laurier's men's baseball shocked the OUA last season, finishing second in the province, despite losing their university funding.

Sports in brief

Lions release former Hawk

Chima Ihekwoaba's time with the NFL's Detroit Lions appears to be over. The team released the Laurier alumnus on Aug. 30 as NFL teams made their first round of pre-season cuts.

Ihekwoaba was signed by the Lions in early May and participated in the team's rookie camp and off-season workouts before taking part in training camp over the past month. The native of Burlington, Ont. also appeared in three pre-season games with the Lions.

Should he decide to return to Canada to play football, Ihekwoaba would most likely join the Montreal Alouettes who drafted him 14th overall in May's CFL draft.

WLUSU challenges Mac

Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union president Kyle Walker and the rest of the Union's staff will have something extra riding on today's Laurier vs. McMaster football game. Walker made a bet with the McMaster Students' Union in which the losing team's union must wear their opponents' colours and jerseys for an entire day.

Radio Laurier to broadcast football games

For the first time in its history Radio Laurier will be broadcasting remotely as the radio station will be the host to all of the Golden Hawks' home football games this coming season.

The first broadcast will be Sept. 11 when the Hawks play the University of Toronto and all of the broadcasts will be available at radiolaurier.com.

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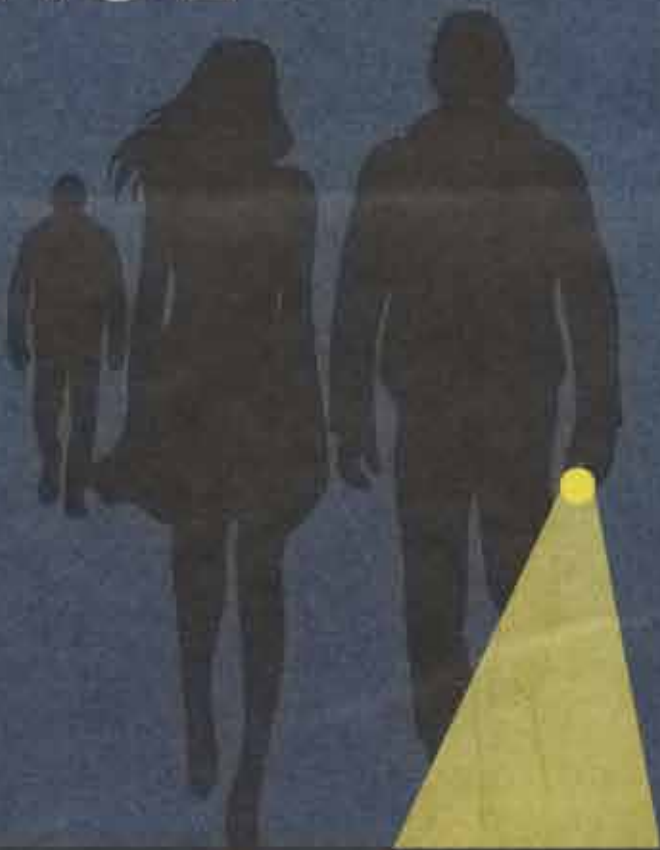
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