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Shootout lifts Hawks to semi-final

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STAFF WRITER

The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's soccer team met up with the Western Mustangs in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) quarterfinals last Saturday and secured their spot in the next round of competition after taking the game into extra time and winning in a shootout.

The Hawks came out onto the field strong and despite fighting against a heavy wind in the first half, Julia Marchese put them ahead with

a goal after 21 minutes of play. The Mustangs answered back just before the half-time whistle with a goal of their own.

"A little mistake at the back cost us a goal," said head coach Barry MacLean.

"In the first half I thought we did very well, after that I don't think we did very well at all and I think we were very lucky to get a result in the end."

In the second half it was the Mustangs turn to come out strong, taking the lead quickly with a second unanswered goal, but only minutes

later, Tanya Pedron brought the Hawks level again, capitalizing on a free kick by putting the ball past the Mustang's keeper and into the top right corner.

The score was tied 2-2 after regular time and remained so after two 15 minute extra time halves, forcing the teams into a penalty shoot out.

The Mustangs were up first and both teams put in their initial three shots, with defender Hannah Ryan and midfielders Becca Isaacs and Alyssa Lagonia all stepping up to the penalty spot for Laurier.

Hawks goalkeeper Mal Woeller

put herself in front of the next Mustang attempt, keeping the ball out of the net, followed by Hawks midfielder Heather Malizia who netted Laurier's fourth. It all came back to Woeller who got her hands on the final Mustang kick, securing Laurier's 3-2 win.

Woeller gave insight into her approach to handling the stress of a penalty shoot out, saying "[I] just try and relax."

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WLUSU election goes online

University to have web voting in 2011

OLIVIA NIGHTINGALE
STAFF WRITER

With voter turnout at approximately 20 per cent of the student population in the 2010 Wilfrid Laurier University Student Union election, questions of how to encourage students to vote persist.

At the Oct. 29 meeting of the WLUSU board of directors, president Kyle Walker brought forward a proposal to introduce online voting for the next set of elections.

Walker explained that by creating a program in conjunction with the university's information technology services (ITS) department, "The voting would be done through MyLaurier, and would allow votes to be tabulated as soon as the election closes at 8 p.m."

The motion to create a contract for online elections was met with unanimous support from the board.

The idea of online voting for WLUSU elections is not by any means new.

"It was discussed last year by the elections policy committee, however, it was too late to get the system going in time for the elections," Walker said.

Using the MyLaurier homepage as a polling station will ensure that voting is readily accessible for all students.

Collaborating with the university will also enable the voting system to access student information through LORIS, allowing ballots to be customized depending on the student's program, and would allow efficient tracking of voter information and confirmation of students' identities. "The university has a lot of experience doing this kind of programming," Walker said of the capacity to create such a system.

“The voting would be done through MyLaurier and would allow votes to be tabulated as soon as the election closes at 8 p.m.”

—Kyle Walker, WLUSU president

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Lacrosse team reclaims gold medal

Goalie Hanna Burnett named MVP as Hawks win provincial championship

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

Well, that had to be one of the fastest rebuilds in sports history.

Just a year after suffering from significant roster turnover that resulted in a 7-5 season, ending a streak of six straight provincial championships, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's lacrosse team once again owns the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) gold medal.

The Hawks downed the Western Mustangs 7-5 in the championship game on Saturday night to recapture provincial title.

The win was also a source of revenge for the purple and gold as last season, the Mustangs came out on top in the gold medal game, sending the Hawks home with silver.

"It was absolutely fantastic," said third-year goalie Hanna Burnett. "It was the same semi-final and final as

last year so we actually did re-claim [the gold medal] it was just a repeat but with a much better result."

After losing just one game all year, the Hawks came into the OUA championship tournament with an 11-1 record, earning them a bye to the semi-finals on Friday afternoon.

There, they met the University of Toronto Varsity Blues, who according to head coach Lynn Orth are always a tough match-up.

"We have a bit of a problem with U of T every time we play them," she said.

"But we were in control of that game, even though the score doesn't show it. It was a good, hard-fought game, but we were ahead the whole game, we never relinquished the lead."

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DearLIFE

Dear Life is your opportunity to write a letter to your life, allowing you to vent your anger with life's little frustrations in a completely public forum.

Dear Life, My generous finance prof was going to move our weekly quiz from Friday to Saturday so we didn't have to write it the same day as our accounting midterm.

Dear Life, Imagine this... you actually find a spot to study in the Concourse, beside a plug I might add, prime real estate.

Dear Life, Why can't people respect the fact that I don't like Hallowe'en? I'm sick of everyone giving me weird looks and questioning my views.

Dear Life, Why is it that the DAWB is so cold that I can see my breath, when the girl's bathroom located in the hallway near the Concourse is SWELTERING??!!

Dear Life, Why do people think it's okay to practice dance moves to blaring music in the Concourse all weekend?

Dear Life, I'm feeling really down on you right now. This crazy holiday season is about to get the best of me with exams and things at home and with friends and I just get so overwhelmed.

Dear Life, Have you ever noticed that whenever it rains WLU becomes like the Titanic? There's water everywhere and not enough room for everyone.

Dear Life, Why are my courses not even slightly challenging? Sincerely, Why not just give me my degree now?

This Week in quotes

There's something terribly attractive about information about other people."

-Aimée Morrison, assistant professor of English at the University of Waterloo re: Facebook



"No one really wants to live in downtown Hamilton, right?" -Zac Spicer on student housing issues at McMaster University and why students need to participate in local politics

"All the elements in any given day will influence how that song gets recorded, including whether you ate granola or Froot Loops for breakfast." -Jason Collett on the randomness of songwriting/recording

"Now we just care about opening a box and adding water and stirring, we need to get back to the basics." -Ryan Lloyd-Craig, director of Food Services on how food prep in the Dining Hall is moving towards organic and local produce

"I'm Italian so I've pretty much always been the back-up kicker by default." -Giancarlo Rapanaro, Laurier football linebacker re: taking over as kicker



MEGAN CHERNIAK PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Photo of the week

Golden Hawks' defender Alicia Martin takes a shot on the Western net during Oct. 31's 3-1 win over the Mustangs.

Vocal Cord

Would you like the library to be open 24 hours?



"All the time." -Samantha Albrecht Second year communication studies



"Absolutely. I think people have different routines. Different times work for different people." -Jaimie Lerner Fourth year communication studies



"I don't really need it 24 hours." -Evan Shouldice First year communication studies



"Yes. Being in fourth year, I have papers due all the time. I often have to stay up all night to write them." -Jeffery Couse Fourth year history

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From the archives

5 years Women's lacrosse take OUA title In the OUA women's lacrosse gold medal game, the Golden Hawks took the title from Queen's Golden Gaels.

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Laurier looks a little green: report

University receives mixed score on sustainability report card but positives seem to overshadow negatives

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

On a North America-wide report of sustainability initiatives at colleges and universities, Wilfrid Laurier University has scored an overall B- grade.

The 2011 College Sustainability Report Card, an independent assessment of over 300 institutions in the U.S. and Canada, examines energy usage, food and recycling, infrastructure, student involvement and administration in terms of environmental impact.

Laurier sustainability co-ordinator Sarah English was thrilled with the result. "I was happy with the results, it's good to see especially since my position just started in January," she said.

"Basically in just over a year we've gone from almost no sustainability on the university's radar to a B-, which is a fantastic grade."

Compared to other Canadian universities included in the report, Laurier's rank stood up among schools with a longstanding commitment to sustainability.

"We do very well; I was looking at a number of Canadian or Ontario universities and we're kind of in the middle," English said. "UBC for example, I think their sustainability office has been in place since the 80s. They're doing amazing things and I'd like to see us work towards that."

Areas of particular strength cited at Laurier were food and recycling, where the university received an A grade. Over 30 per cent of food spending is on local or organic items, food services uses hormone-free meats and the eco-container program brought into effect last year is widespread on campus.

According to the information in the survey completed by Food Services and the students' union dining operations, 100 per cent of pre-consumer food scraps are composted and around 75 per cent of food scraps are composted once food is served to students.

Director of Food Services Ryan Lloyd-Craig, Aramark, the company that manages the university's dining operations, focuses on providing sustainable and organic options.

"We get a lot of corporate support from our head office in developing these sustainability programs so we have a lot more resources available to us," he said.

"Students are asking for local," he continued. "We've already got a farmers' market that happens in the Concourse, we're going to look at doing our own larger version of that."

The report gave Laurier a D grade in climate change and energy, issues highlighted by an energy management plan conducted last year.

"Energy and climate change are big areas we need to improve on," English said, explaining that

buildings are in the process of being individually metered so problem areas can be highlighted and improvements charted.

"Lighting was 25 per cent [of energy consumption], so just by putting in more energy efficient lighting, that's a huge chunk."

Student involvement in green initiatives was graded on the report as a B.

EcoHawks co-ordinator Ericha Regio said that including student groups in the survey was important. "It means a lot that we were part of the survey in the first place and that we got a B," she said.

"It's good to know students have the opportunity to get involved with sustainable actions or even learning more about it because I think a lot of people don't know."

English noted that information for another report by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) is being compiled and that report should be released "before the end of the month."

"The rankings, depending on how they're conducted, are a good indicator of our progress," she said, of the importance of examining Laurier's efforts through such reports.

"If we do this report card again next year and improve, it shows that we're actually doing things on the ground and projects are being implemented and technologies are being adopted."



BEN DEROCHE CORD PHOTOGRAPHY

The student-run market in the Concourse. Student green initiatives noted in the report included promoting locally-grown food.

Laurier's sustainability grades:

Administration B

- "Has a comprehensive sustainability policy and has incorporated sustainability into its master and strategic plans."

Climate Change & Energy D

- "In the process of conducting its first greenhouse gas emissions inventory."

Food & Recycling A

- "Over 30 percent of its food budget on local or organic items"

Student Involvement B

- "Numerous student groups are active in promoting campus sustainability initiatives."

Transportation C

- "The university is exploring a partnership with a car-sharing program, and pedestrian-friendly development is a component in the campus master plan."

—Courtesy of the Sustainable Endowments Institute

WLUSU jumps gun

Pitch for strategic funding is denied, union pre-empts university's official announcement on its website

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Wilfrid Laurier University unveiled \$730,000 in Strategic Investment Funds (SIF) near the end of the summer and opened applications for groups to come forward with ideas of where to direct the money on campus so as to best reflect the university's academic goals.

After submissions were closed Sept. 14, no word was released about what ideas were being considered until on Oct. 25 when the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) posted a bulletin on their website that their proposal, in conjunction with the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), projected to cost \$51,000, had been rejected.

To date, no official announcement has been made by the university.

The proposal put forward by WLUSU and the GSA, if successful, would have used the SIF to allow 24-hour access to the library seven days a week for both semesters.

VP: finance Jim Butler confirmed that selections have been made from among 350 pages of proposals worth a combined \$2.7 million, though since all applicants have not been notified, he could not comment on the choices.

"I gave that information to the students' union on a confidential basis," he said, of the information released.

"I'm a little upset by that because first of all we haven't announced anything. Secondly I did indicate to them to keep it confidential and there was still different funding to address the issue."

The idea to have the library always accessible had been encouraged by WLUSU president Kyle Walker, who noted that while the library was open for extended hours during exam periods, there was more demand for library use at night every time other than during exams.

"During the exam period, students don't need to study at night, they have all day," he said, adding that classes and other commitments

dominate student schedules during the semester, increasing the need for nighttime study spaces.

He noted that the Science Building used to be open for extended hours to students as a study space, a practice stopped due to vandalism. Having the library open continuously "would have tripled study space on campus that's available 24-7 to students," he said.

"I'm sure students would be a little concerned when they hear that it's not a priority of the university. At least in this round of funding it wasn't."

Asked whether the funds could come from elsewhere, Walker said there are other options and that the university has "reserve funds tucked away in different places and contingency funds," that could contribute to the initiative.

VP: academic Deb MacLatchy also explained the funds could be found elsewhere and that money could be allocated to base funding to keep the library open longer.

As for the SIF announcement, MacLatchy and Butler both said a list of initiatives chosen was forthcoming, possibly this week. "Until it's formally announced there's a process issue for us," MacLatchy said.

"Everybody, deans, faculty, staff who put in proposals equally need to know — everybody deserves to find out at the same time."

“Everybody ... who put in proposals equally need to know — everybody deserves to find out at the same time”

—Deb MacLatchy, VP: academic

News in brief



FILE PHOTO

Hill receives honorary Doctor of Letters

Author Lawrence Hill, who was a writer-in-residence at Laurier in September, received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at fall convocation, held Oct. 29. In his speech to the largest group of students to graduate in the fall in the university's history, approximately 1,130, Hill emphasized the importance of and fulfillment possible from volunteerism. Also during the ceremony, the inaugural Order of Wilfrid Laurier University was awarded to Gerry McGrath, a longtime member of the university's Board of Governors.

Hundert arrested again

An ongoing series of legal difficulties for Wilfrid Laurier University graduate and familiar community activist Alex Hundert continues.

Initially charged in June following his role in the G20 protests, Hundert was arrested for "intimidation of a justice system participant by threat" following an incident where he allegedly jotted down the license plate number of a Crown Attorney after a court appearance. His next court date is Nov. 16.

Hundert, whose September arrest came after speaking on panel discussions at Laurier's Kitchener campus and Ryerson University, has been publicly supported by groups including the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Association. In a letter sent to the attorney general, WL-UFA president Judy Bates wrote, "The message that Mr. Hundert has lost his right to share his views in a public forum cannot be tolerated in a free and democratic society."

Hall of Nations unfurled



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Running for charity

ALANNA WALLACE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"I liked fundraising for something where I'm really pushing myself," said Laurier fourth-year Geoff Capelle of his initiative to run the ING New York City Marathon this weekend with a group of runners from Waterloo Region.

No stranger to fundraising, Capelle raised about \$1,000 for Camp Oochigeas, a Toronto summer camp for kids battling cancer, when he ran the Sporting Life 10-kilometre run in the spring of 2009.

"It's definitely been a personal challenge to do this running and get in shape," said Capelle, noting that each time he decides to raise money, he combines fundraising for different causes with the personal challenge of completing a longer run.

After volunteering in an Indian orphanage with the organization Families for Children (FFC) on two separate occasions, Capelle decided he would use running the New York City Marathon on Nov. 7 as a means to collect donations for the Canadian non-profit organization.

"I'm just so in love with this orphanage that it was a really easy decision to want to fundraise and do this marathon for them," said Capelle, who is on track to complete a double major in global studies and sociology with a minor in economics this April.

Founded in 1971 by Canadian Sandra Simpson, FFC is a private non-profit organization that operates orphanages in Bangladesh and India. For her work with children,

Simpson received the Ontario Medal and the Order of Canada.

Volunteering at FFC's Indian orphanage in 2005 and again in 2008, Capelle describes it as an "incredible place" where all children are well cared-for and included, noting the organization's lack of religious affiliation and its mandate of hiring local staff to facilitate operations.

Capelle has been raising awareness and garnering funds through friends, Facebook and by telling his story to the local media.

He heads to New York on Nov. 5 with runners from Waterloo's Running Room and Runner's Choice stores.

"Runners seem to be a really happy group of people," said Capelle, looking forward to a positive, energy-filled weekend.

"I like [running], I love New York City and it'll be great to see the city from a different perspective," he said. "I'm kind of excited for it."



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Volunteers for OneMatch swab students for stem cell testing Tuesday afternoon in the Concourse.

Five minutes to save a life

BREE MANTHA
STAFF WRITER

Students at Wilfrid Laurier University joined others at universities nationwide and were swabbed for blood stem cells this week. "Get Swabbed" is an effort dedicated to adding students who are potential bone marrow and stem cell donors to the OneMatch national stem cell database. The database helps patients in need of stem cell bone marrow transplants find unrelated donors.

OneMatch focuses on finding young registrants for the database and holds events on university campuses accordingly. "[Students] can be in the database longer and they're also healthier," event co-ordinator Heidi Singer explained.

"They have a lot of energy ... a lot of spirit, and it really hypes up the event."

Age is very important for the OneMatch database because stem

cells and marrow from young people are more likely to be healthy than that of an older donor.

"Significant research has shown that if the donors are younger, it gives the recipient a higher chance of survival," said second-year student Jordan Epstein who also co-ordinated the event.

Last year, over 600 Laurier students were swabbed at the on-campus event.

This year, to drive even more students to participate, Get Swabbed has become an inter-university challenge. 15 universities are competing to see who can garner the most student involvement. Epstein thinks it will give students a competitive push. "Everyone wants to beat Western or one of those other schools," he said.

Singer and Epstein want students to understand that the short process of getting swabbed can save the life of someone with leukemia.

"Only 30 per cent of people who

need a bone marrow transplant get them from family members, so 70 per cent rely on organizations like OneMatch," Singer said.

After the event on Tuesday in Laurier's Concourse, Get Swabbed will be at the University of Waterloo as well as on Wednesday. Singer is excited for the day in part because of UW's Asian population. "Unfortunately, 80 per cent of people in the OneMatch database are Caucasian," Singer said. She explained that it is important for recipients to find donors from their respective ethnic groups, because some ethnic groups are more susceptible to certain ailments.

"We're hoping we can build the ethnic database."

Get Swabbed was hosted this year by Hillel Waterloo, Alpha Epsilon Pi, UW Residence Council, UW Pre-Med Club, Laurier University Charity Council (LUCK) and the Laurier Health Sciences Students Association.



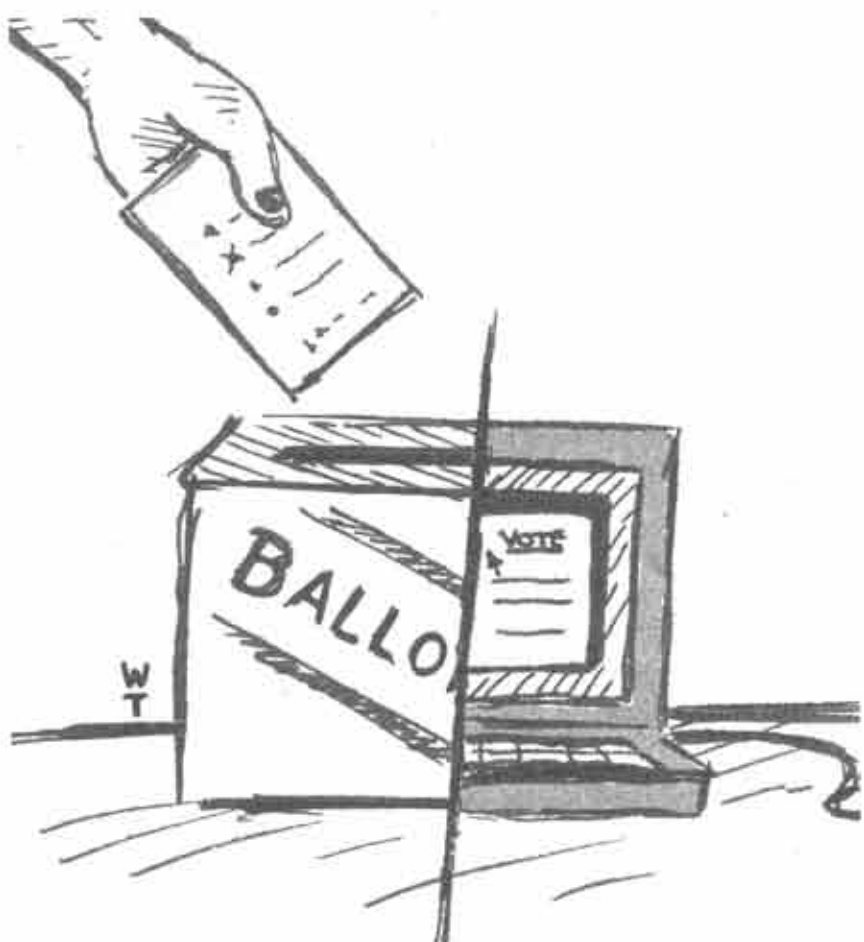
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Polling stations at every desk

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The preliminary estimate for the system to be designed is \$20,000. There will also be annual costs associated with the program, including its launch, as well as labour costs for someone to monitor the site during the election.

The current costs for an election using the traditional method include fees for scantron use, ballots and labour.

Walker said the investment in an online system "should pay for itself in the long run." During the meeting, board chair Kyle Hocking remarked that the payback would be over four or five years.

Where the money to cover the cost of creating the system will come from remains to be seen. Walker stated he "will work with the university to see if they will kick into the cost."

The ITS department's Fazil Rasheed has been brought in as the

project's manager. Rasheed explained that ITS has "created similar systems, but with each system being unique, we would conduct testing to ensure that things run well."

Support for the initiative seemed strong within WLUSU management. VP of public affairs Pam Blomfield explained, "We are looking to get students engaged and putting elections online will make voting so much more accessible."

Walker noted, "Any location with a computer can become a ballot station, which would work well for students who may not be on campus."

The decision to hold the next WLUSU election online has not been finalized.

If the board agrees to the contract drafted between WLUSU and ITS, the creation of the voting system will begin in December, with testing conducted in January.

The idea of having two days of voting during February's election

“ [Online voting] should pay for itself in the long run.”

—Kyle Walker, WLUSU president

has also been discussed.

Dialogue concerning the extension of the voting period, the online voting initiative, as well as the possibility of suspending campaigning entirely on election day(s) will continue at the Dec. 10 board meeting.

Trick or Eating



Students gather canned foods

BREE MANTHA
STAFF WRITER

On a night when many students chose to attend keggers or go to bars, over 100 student volunteers participated in the Wilfrid Laurier University Halloween for Hunger "Trick or Eat" food drive. Students went door-to-door seeking canned food items to contribute to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region and Laurier's own Student Food Bank.

The group was comprised of 30 members of the Student Food Bank as well as members of Campus for Christ, Random Acts of Kindness, SBE Cares, sororities, Residence Life and other clubs and activities.

From 4 to 8 p.m., the volunteers went "Trick-or-Eating" in the University Avenue and Fischer-Hallman area of Waterloo. Some students stayed out later than the required four hours, while some even went door-to-door on the Saturday night as well.

The Halloween for Hunger campaign was started by the Free the

Children charity nine years ago with a goal of putting an end to local hunger. In its fifth year at Laurier, WLUSU Food Bank co-ordinator Miranda Priestman was impressed with volunteer turnout.

This year, over fifty bags of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region were collected from generous citizens. "They were amazing," Priestman said of the community members. "They were just so gracious and we were so thankful that they were able to contribute so much."

On top of the food raised for the regional food bank, volunteers were able to stock up the Student Food Bank's supplies. Priestman is sure that this will have an impact on WLU students because of how frequently the Student Food Bank serves Laurier students.

"One in eight university students are hungry or malnourished on a regular basis," Priestman said. "We've done over fifty deliveries so far this year to students in need ... it's a service that is used."

Leaving stigma behind

MATTHEW SAVARD
CORD NEWS

On Oct. 27, Wilfrid Laurier University's Peer Help Line (PHL) invited Chris Chisholm, founder of the photography project "Collateral Damage: Images of Those Left Behind by Suicide", and Tana Nash, co-ordinator of Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council, to the Turret to speak about suicide.

Chisholm didn't interpret the empty seats at the lecture as a lack of interest in his project, which is compiling photos of people whose loved ones have taken their own lives. "These aren't empty," he said. "[People affected by suicide] just couldn't come through that door."

When a friend or family member dies by suicide, the topic seems unapproachable or taboo. A large part of Chisholm's project is to bring the topic of suicide out into the open and remove the stigma. "Create a dialogue," he said.

"Finding ways to talk about suicide is what's going to change it. Whether it's those of us who are left behind or whether it's a friend who might think of suicide or thoughts we might have ourselves — so we need to talk about it."

Chisholm said that people may be afraid of worsening a situation by mentioning the subject. The word

"suicide" carries connotations that most people simply do not have the tools to deal with.

Nash gave some insight into the perceived dangers of talking about suicide. "Asking the question 'are you thinking of taking your life' will not make somebody go take their life," she said.

"Now is it possible that they could still take their life? Yes. However, you've tried to ask the question and usually what happens is a sense of relief."

Students who attended the presentation left with something to think about. Asked about the encouragement to create dialogue about suicide, political science student Edward Watkin said, "I guess we just have to be open about it. I don't personally know anybody that has taken their life but if what they're saying is true you've got to break the stigma and do whatever you can."

While the event was sponsored by several groups and services, PHL co-ordinators Stephanie Hayes and Jenna Heasley organized the presentation.

As well as raising awareness, PHL is around for anyone experiencing difficulties including dealing with the suicide of another or personal thoughts of suicide.

"There are students that volunteer

with Peer Help Line," Hayes said. "They are anonymous and confidential so no one knows of their involvement with the service," she continued.

"It's a safe place for people to call in. If it's outside of the counselling hours or they just want someone to be there to listen but not be face to face, it's a safe place for them to talk."

Watkin concluded with what he thought was important to take away from Chisholm and Nash's presentation. "It's preventable," he said. "It's something that can be talked about and should be talked about."

Peer Help Line:

519-884-PEER (7337) or 1-866-281-PEER (7337) Sun-Thurs 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. and until 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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'Social media was the solution'

A lecture hosted in honour of the 50th anniversary of the University of Waterloo's faculty of arts focused on the role of communication in social media

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Focusing on the social aspect of social media, assistant professor of English, Aimée Morrison gave a lecture on the ever-expanding field of digital communication at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery in Uptown Waterloo. Her lecture was hosted in part of Arts at 50, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the faculty of arts at the University of Waterloo.

"Someday soon it will not seem weird to put your Twitter account on your business card," said Morrison.

Discussing different trends in social media, Morrison used the examples such as the It Gets Better Project, mommy bloggers, Rate My Professors.com and Facebook. In speaking about these lines of communication, privacy became the common theme.

Referring to the attitude of the corporate agencies behind social websites such as Facebook as one of "privacy is dead and get over it," Morrison compared that to the "human culture first ethic"

of humanists, liberals and social conservatives.

Analyzing the privacy debate, Morrison said, "By focusing on privacy we miss some points," specifically speaking towards the fact that "appropriate privacy practices are fundamentally local."

Beginning with the It Gets Better Project launched by writer and media pundit Dan Savage, Morrison highlighted how social media can be a form of a social movement to create positive change. The campaign, in light of several American youth who committed suicide in recent months after being bullied about their sexual orientation, displays video clips contributed by supporters of the cause to let LGBT youth know that life does get better.

"It's almost uncomfortably personal," said Morrison, referring to what individuals share in the videos, including past experiences of being bullied to better times of meeting their spouses and adopting children.

"Here, privacy was the problem," she said, addressing the taboo culture of discussing intimate relationships and sexuality, "social media

was the solution."

Turning away from an open expression of identity online, Morrison investigated the double lives of mommy bloggers, who write about their experiences as new mothers while maintaining the privacy of their family. She said that unlike the videos posted on It Gets Better where contributors honestly identify themselves, "[mommy bloggers] keep these identities in a silo separate from their everyday work identity."

The concern for one's professional reputation online was addressed first by looking at Rate My Professors.com, the online site where students can anonymously post comments about their professors, ranging from the interest level of their courses to their appearance. "[Students] look at my ass when I turn to write on the board and they write about that," she said, expressing any teacher's fear of what their students think of them.

But looking at the site more objectively, Morrison said, "Teaching, after all, is not supposed to be about my feelings." Rather than viewing

the comments on the forum as defamatory, Morrison treated the remarks as those students — as herself admittedly used to be one of — would make at the campus pub and professors should not take to heart.

Finally looking at Facebook and the trend among young teens to disregard privacy settings or be concerned about the future implications, Morrison said, "they are all acting like dumbasses." Her point was not to question the maturity of those "too young to legally sign contracts," but that their actions are acceptable within their culture.

"Adolescent stupidity is not a hanging offence," she said.

"What looks like a technical problem all comes down to people," Morrison added, reiterating that social norms within groups defines what is public and private, and that norms change between generations and cultures.

Despite the difference in social attitudes and actions from one culture to another, she noted one universal truth: "There's something terribly attractive about information about other people."



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UW professor Aimée Morrison talks about privacy online.



A decade of reading in print

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"The best part for a person who owns a used bookstore is to see what's coming in," said co-owner of Old Goat Books Scott Wicken, using a book they just received, *A History of the Low Country Wars*, published in 1650 as an example. The business, open since March 2001, has been a success growing from its initial selection of 3,500 books to around 20,000 books today.

Wicken and his business partner Michael Loubert began the venture because, as Wicken explained, "We thought that uptown Waterloo needed a used bookstore."

While the lack of used bookstores in the area is an issue Wicken attributed to higher rent prices in Waterloo compared to Kitchener, he said that it was a risk he viewed worth taking. Located at the north end of Uptown, Old Goat Books has continuously received a lot of business from the high-tech sector,

universities and Uptown residents.

"Waterloo is a very interesting place," said Wicken, assessing the culture of reading. "There are a lot of people reading real books, not reading on little digital machines."

Discussing the role e-readers and e-books have played in the print industry, Wicken said, "I'm pretty sure places like Chapters and that sort of thing must be making some money on it, or think they are, but books don't require batteries."

With an obvious passion for the printed word, Wicken expressed his belief in why books continue to be popular and businesses like his own remain successful. "They're physical things and for people who like physical things instead of virtual or intangible things," he said.

"Each season brings out a whole host of new expensive digital devices which are all destined for the trash heap. I prefer books."

Old Goat Books relies on purchasing its inventory from the public.

"My buying season starts as soon as the snow starts to melt. Everybody starts thinking of spring cleaning simultaneously, so we buy pretty seriously in the spring," he explained.

While sales are on-going throughout the year, Old Goat Books' peak season is September to January. "The whole society in terms of buying and selling, in terms of retail, is geared to Christmas," commented Wicken, also noting that there is an increase in sales in August preceding the new school year.

Explaining what inspired the name of the store, Wicken said he and Loubert both had long sideburns and himself a goatee at the time they were looking to establish the business.

"My wife now she looked at us and said that we looked like a couple of old goats and ... it sort of stuck."

"It sounds more like a pub, which I kind of like," he added.

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Canada in brief

Alberta universities embrace free speech online

EDMONTON (CUP) — Despite a controversial lawsuit at the University of Calgary, universities in Alberta are embracing free speech online and in social networking. The discussion of free speech — especially in online forums — was forced upon universities across Canada this month when twins at the University of Calgary were vindicated by an Alberta judge after their university tried to punish them for making a Facebook group that was critical of a professor.

The judge ruled that the University of Calgary is subject to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, just like everyone else, after brothers Keith and Steven Pridgen were reprimanded for creating a Facebook page about a professor called "I no longer fear hell, I took a course with Aruna Mitra." The twins were directed to write an apology letter to the professor after being found guilty of non-academic misconduct. However, they sued the university, which led to the ruling.

—Kaitlyn Grant, *the Gateway*

Dean suspends Alberta fraternity

EDMONTON (CUP) — The Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity chapter at the University of Alberta had its status as a student group suspended Thursday afternoon following allegations of hazing made in a *Gateway* article published Oct. 21.

Dean of Students Frank Robinson stated at a press conference that the suspension is effective immediately and would last until further notice. He added that it is being implemented because of a concern for the well-being of students.

The suspension of DKE's student group status means that they lose the privileges that come with student group registration, which includes the ability to book space at the university, rent university equipment or use the university name and insignia. This suspension has no impact on individuals within the fraternity. DKE International stated last week in a press release that they will be conducting their own internal investigation.

—Alexandria Eldridge, *the Gateway*

The university enrolment dilemma

Post-secondary will see a drop due to a decline in birthrates in the 1990s

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TORONTO (CUP) — Enrolment rates are expected to drop off in Canada and unless universities find a way to fill the gap, there may be a lot more empty seats in class.

"Around about now we're at the maximum capacity in post-secondary enrolments, and over the next two, three, four years the number of enrolments will start to decline throughout the system," said University of Toronto economics professor and author of *Boom Bust and Echo* David Foot.

While many universities are looking to expand their campuses and programs, the idea of universities dealing with maxed-out capacity comes from the high amount of children that were born out of the Baby Boom generation.

Also known as Generation Y or the Echo Boomers, these children were born beginning in 1980. The echo generation is thought to have ended in 2001.

The peak of echo births happened in 1991, meaning that since 1992 there has been a gradual decline in the number of natural births in Canada.

Those peak births are now aged 19, which means that the rate of enrolment will drop to coincide with the gradual decline in birthrates that occurred during the 1990s.

Meanwhile, a majority of universities are preparing to deal with an expected growth in enrolment figures. In the latest operating budget, Ryerson University announced that it is expecting undergraduate enrolment to grow by 13,500 students, or 15 per cent, over the next three years.

This expectation is reinforced by the university's master plan, which aims to redesign the entire campus to accommodate a constantly growing number of students.

"The [greater Toronto area] is very, very different to almost anywhere in Canada, where the demographics are pointed towards a decline," said Ryerson president Sheldon Levy.

But some argue that the overall post-secondary sector, not just the sector outside of major cities such as Montreal and Toronto, should be preparing for a drop in enrolment instead of an increase.

Such a drop is already developing in Eastern Canada, where the demographic age is around five years ahead of the rest of the country.

Following an audit carried out by the federal group of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, a 2008 summary report shows that enrolment figures to both colleges and universities are expected to decline by 216,000 over the next 15 years.

"Demographic trends are

long-term trends, so it's very easy to ignore them in the short term," said Foot. "If you're looking just to the next year, then demographics aren't going to be terribly important."

"The longer you look at the time and the longer you plan, the more important demographic trends become," he added.

Along with the Council of Ontario Universities — an umbrella organization that lobbies the provincial government on behalf of every university in the province — most universities are expecting a large rise in enrolment based on projected participation rates, which are the numbers of high-school students that choose to enter post-secondary education immediately following graduation.

"The demographic projections particularly for the next five years in the GTA are an increase in university-bound cohort," said Keith Al-nwick, registrar at Ryerson. "We're working on that assumption and we've identified a variety of strategies to accommodate that."

However, there is an argument that those predicted participation numbers may not be able to be trusted.

"You may well hear from a university president that we've got all the minority groups to use and that we can raise the participation rates of women," said Foot, adding that he believes that idea will not work

because the women's 2008-09 undergraduate enrolment rate of 58 per cent already being higher than men's.

"Most of the behavioral levers that we've raised in the past, namely raising the participation rates of women to offset the decline have already been used," said Foot.

"The participation rates of Aboriginals and disabled, well they're such a small percentage of the population that it's not going to have nearly the same effect that raising the participation rates of women had, to a half of the population."

One way that universities may be able to balance the numbers of enrolment is to recruit outwards in order to find international students, who could bring additional benefits by bringing a revenue of up to three times the average Canadian undergraduate students spend during their time at university.

"The province in their last budget has asked all universities to look at increasing international enrolments by as much as 50 per cent, and we are looking to increase our number as well," said Levy. "We would plan somewhere around a 15 to 20 per cent increase over the few years."

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Sustainable energy

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"The world will never run out of oil, but what the world has run out of is the oil we can afford to burn," was the controversial claim made by renowned economist Jeff Rubin at a Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) signature lecture on Oct. 28.

Rubin is a former long-standing chief economist for the CIBC World Markets and is now the author of the bestselling book *Why Your World is About to Get a Whole Lot Smaller*.

There is a widely held belief that the world's oil dependency will eventually be forced to a halt when the last drop has been sucked from the earth and our cars roll to their final stop, imposing drastic change and inevitable self-sustainability.

What Rubin foresees is a different means to a similar end.

A climb in oil prices, he said, has been associated with many prior recessions. However, the easy solution of finding cheap, new oil sources is a bridge now burned and what is left

are sources which consume large amounts of energy to extract.

They are consequently far more expensive. An example is the environmentally controversial Alberta tar sands. Although their potential was previously recognized, Rubin explained, "What's new is that the tar sands could be considered a valid supply [of oil]."

How consumers will react to the environmental aspect of this remains to be seen. What is certain, Rubin believes, is that with ever-climbing prices at the pump, demand will drop as many will be forced to retire their cars in favour of cheaper transit methods.

In an alarming prediction, Rubin added, "Our rendezvous with triple digit oil prices ... could be in 12 to 15 weeks."

A question from an audience member during an opportunity for discussion following the lecture called attention to the trend towards electric cars.

To some, it seems logical that rather than abandoning personal vehicles as a primary source of

transportation, other innovative technologies will see their potential realized.

Rubin responded, "Whatever emission savings we get out the tailpipe are more than trumped by the smokestack," because the electric car is equally as unsustainable.

The capacity to "plug in" millions of cars simply does not exist, he said.

However, Rubin firmly denounces the belief that "the realm of three digit oil [is] the realm of the apocalypse," choosing to focus instead on the positive aspects of future change.

He associates ever-climbing oil prices with what will be a steady and unavoidable decline in globalization.

Already Rubin claims we are seeing evidence of a movement from 'cheap' labour to home production due to the rising costs of transporting goods, citing the United States' lowered dependency on China for steel as an example.

Inexpensive foreign markets may become a thing of the past through a



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Economist Jeff Rubin speaking on the fallacies of energy resources

forced metamorphosis to self-sustainability, creating a smaller, more community-based world. Markets, he explained, will be left with no choice but to condense, as "accessing cheap markets becomes penny-wise and pound foolish."

Rubin anticipates a world which

may be far more appealing than the one we live in now.

To simplify, albeit in a slight mockery of the absurdity of modern globalisation, Rubin concluded, "In a world of triple digit oil prices, we won't be accessing our chicken wings from China."

World in brief

MINNESOTA, USA

The world's largest pumpkin was unveiled at the Stillwater Harvest Fest in Minnesota and was awarded the Guinness World Record. The monstrosity weighed in at 1,810 pounds, and has a circumference of more than 15 feet – beating the previous record by approximately 85 pounds. Grower Chris Stevens of Wisconsin credits his success to a secret recipe of "a meticulous mixture of sunshine, rain, cow manure, fish emulsion and seaweed."

KAMPALA, Uganda

Health Officials have announced a mass outbreak of polio in Africa early this week, reporting over 50 collective cases from different nations. The World Health Organization (WHO) has taken action, announcing a continent-wide vaccination campaign, in order to prevent the spread of the highly infectious and fatal disease. In order to increase efficiency the operation will hit 15 central African countries. WHO officials hope to have the same success as previous campaigns, which decreased outbreaks by an astonishing 98 per cent in Nigeria and neighbouring nations.

MENTAWAI ISLANDS, Indonesia

Mentawai Island inhabitants were hit hardest by a tsunami last Monday, claiming upwards of 400 lives and countless injuries. Officials fear that hundreds missing will never be found as they have been swept out to sea. However, amidst the devastation, a ten-year-old child managed to discover an orphaned infant in a clump of trees. The two-month-old child managed to survive raging winds and torrential rain for three days completely alone. Left with minor cuts and bruises, the baby is now being treated in a local hospital, and internationally dubbed the "Tsunami Miracle Baby."

MILAN, Italy

A 35 year old woman, Lea Garofalo, was abducted, interrogated and later murdered for providing anti-mafia information to authorities. According to Italian police reports the abductors were Garofalo's own family members. Her former partner is said to be behind the entire murder – premeditated revenge for her mafia informant behaviour. The woman was taken to a field neighbouring Milan, and dissolved in over fifty litres of acid by a group of abductors. Recent action has resulted in two arrests, while her former partner faced an arrest warrant while already in jail.

LONDON, England

A bakery in Sussex has reached celebrity status for serving up graphic Halloween inspired treats. Owner Emma Thomas, self proclaimed "Miss Cakehead", works closely with artists to design the treats, all of which are adult themed and Halloween related. They included such goodies as eyeball frosted cupcakes, severed chocolate fingers and a Jack the Ripper themed cake. This "no limits" attitude makes for an interesting business approach, attracting customers from all over the country.

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Since its inception in 2006, Wikileaks has released over 1.2 million documents.

Iraq: Leaking the inconvenient truth

Publishing secret documents, Wikileaks.org has raised questions on transparency and accountability

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This past Monday, Nov. 1 marked the largest classified military leak in history when Julian Assange, director of Wikileaks, released nearly 400,000 secret documents detailing gruesome American and British involvement in the Iraq war onto the Internet.

These documents chronicle 109,000 deaths in Iraq, with 66,000 of those being civilian deaths. What proves most disturbing about this leak is that nearly 15,000 of these fatalities were previously unknown to the public. Moreover, numerous incidences of alleged torture have been indicated in the government documents. These numbers contradict American and British military's previous statements of not recording body counts.

Wikileaks published similar reports detailing American involvement in the Afghan war earlier this year. However, they were not nearly as extensive or revealing as this leak on the Iraq war.

Laurier political science professor Alistair Edgar, who specializes in international relations and Canadian and American foreign policy and defence policy, stated that although this type of brutality underpins the nature of war, as the vast majority of deaths in war are civilian, this leak remains shocking. Edgar explained, "[These civilian deaths] are usually the case in civil wars. The public will be surprised to learn that 85 per cent of casualties in Iraq were civilians."

Edgar explained that despite the existence of other non-governmental organization (NGO) projects with similar aims, such as the Iraq Body Count, this leak is unique in regards to the amount of public attention and press coverage it has received.

This attention is crucial in increasing awareness of policies undertaken by governments, as Edgar argued, "Public awareness creates activism and public activism creates change." He cited the international ban on landmine treaty as a good example of public awareness leading to change on a global scale.

While Wikileaks prides itself on ensuring the source's anonymity, the organization is not concerned with who releases such information. The site states, "Other journalists try to verify sources. We don't do that, we verify documents. We don't care where it came from — but we can guess that it probably came from somewhere in the U.S. military or the U.S. government, from someone who is disaffected."

The U.S. is working on tracking down the individual or individuals who leaked the top-secret information, with the American government condemning the release of the documents, citing reasons of national security and illegal obtaining of classified information.

Edgar believes that although the timing of the leak may not be desirable, as it can compromise military strategies, this type of information must be made public.

"Raising awareness may make [the American and British government's] lives more difficult, but that is the nature of conducting responsible war," Edgar said.



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Romirowsky is currently serving with the IDF as a liaison to Jordan

Threatening the West

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On Monday evening, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) held its first event at Laurier, including an in-depth discussion with Asaf Romirowsky, a Middle East analyst and the former manager of Israel and Middle East affairs at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

CAMERA is a media monitoring organization devoted to promoting accurate and balanced coverage of Israel and the Middle East, taking no position with regard to political issues or the solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The organization's goal is to counter distorted news coverage that misleads the public and to ensure access to accurate, referenced facts about the Middle East.

The lecture focused on the current environment in the greater Middle East region and the growing threat that radical fundamentalist Islamism poses to the Western world.

Romirowsky discussed the Lebanese group Hezbollah and the Palestinian group Hamas, both recognized as terrorist organizations, as well as the current Iranian regime

under Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

According to Romirowsky, both Hezbollah and Hamas are operating against the State of Israel as proxies for Iran, part of a larger war against the Western world.

This global war has been demonstrated through numerous attacks against the West, including 9/11, the 7/7 attacks in London, the foiled Christmas Day bomber and most recently, last week's failed Yemen cargo plane bomb plot.

He continued, "If you listened to [Ahmadinejad] all day long, it's understandable that you would want to go out and kill Jews, Americans and Westerners."

The use of the media by extremists in the Muslim world to disseminate anti-Western propaganda is a key factor in this global war.

While there was a day when Islamic leaders preached respect for Jews and Christians, whom they call the People of the Book, these radical Islamists are distancing themselves from this attitude and are instead embracing what Romirowsky several times called a "black and white" world.

In their eyes, there are only infidels and non-infidels.

There are those who believe in the

prophet Muhammad, and those who do not. And this is the very reasoning used by terrorist groups when attacking Jews, Christians, Zionists and the West as a whole.

Romirowsky stressed that the majority of Muslims in the world are by no means radicals.

However, he noted that of the approximately 1.4 billion Muslims across the world, if even just 10 to 15 per cent of them subscribe to these radical beliefs, that is an extremely strong number of extremists voicing these opinions and potentially willing to act on them.

Romirowsky ended the discussion by answering an audience question about the Obama administration's perspective on the Iranian threat.

While he acknowledged the importance of sanctions, he added "that a military option is important in case all else fails. [Secretary of Defence Robert] Gates has been very adamant that there should be a military option on the table."

"No US president will want to be in the position where he had the intelligence and didn't do anything about it. He doesn't want to wake up one day, having done nothing, and see that Iran has bombed Tel Aviv."

Development conference takes place at UW

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Those interested in international development gathered at the 2010 Talk Change International Development Conference, held on the University of Waterloo campus on Oct. 30.

Students from numerous Ontario universities including the University of Guelph, York University, McMaster University and Wilfrid Laurier University gathered to hear keynote lecturer Dr. Andrea Baumann speak about her involvement in health and development.

Her speech was catered directly to those wishing to enter the field of

development, using her experience as a stepping stone to encourage the eager crowd.

"Be courageous in your design, be courageous in working with people," Baumann said. "Move out of the box and what you think you can do together because you'll do some amazing things."

The associate vice-president of the faculty of health science at McMaster University, Baumann spoke about her experiences working in rural areas such as Pakistan.

Her dialogue melded her experiences as a University of Windsor nursing graduate with her experience dealing with Canadian governmental organizations such as the

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

"When you're interested in [development] work you have to be left brain and right brain," said Baumann, who gave the audience advice on how to get involved in development work.

Her advice ranged from networking with professors to watching the websites of organizations for job postings.

"Take any opportunities you can," said Baumann, who said that there are a growing amount of opportunities for development work compared to when she entered the field.

Baumann applauded the early Saturday morning crowd and said

they obviously possessed "a quest for knowledge, a quest for understanding; that for me is the very first step."

Although her speech was overwhelmingly encouraging, Baumann did warn that "the political forces can push back sometimes a lot of what you work for," and explained the rigorous evaluation process organizations like CIDA impose upon development initiatives.

Stating that development work can often be a slow process, Baumann encouraged the crowd to foster partnerships while working in the field.

She emphasized the importance of a well-connected group dynamic

and said working in a group is a negotiation not unlike getting "married over and over again."

The Talk Change International Development Conference was meant to quell misperceptions about development, connect theory and practice, raise awareness for long-term development solutions and create a forum for students, non-governmental organizations, clubs and academics.

The conference took place throughout the entire day.

Speeches and workshops were geared towards many aspects of development including humanitarian aid, gender and development and disaster relief.

Sexism & the university campus

Exploring gender and sex discrimination in terms of course content, student experiences and professional difficulties for female professors that are still prominent throughout postsecondary institutions. The Cord interviewed a variety of professors and students and examined research on sexism in the academics world; discovering that while improvements have been made, there are areas in which it still a severe issue

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For many, sexism seems like a distant artifact of our institutions that is no longer a present or pervasive problem. However, there are signs of structural and agent-specific sexism throughout post-secondary institutions – even on our campus.

There are indicators showing that women at North American university campuses, whether professors or students, are still facing immense discrimination in terms of discrepancies in compensation and respect for the academic work they produce.

Within academics

A Statistics Canada report released on Aug. 10 shows that full-time female professors at Laurier make, on average, \$11,765 less than their male counterparts. This is a difference of more than 10 per cent.

While this discrepancy may be attributed to the fact that fewer women were present in the field in the past, a report released by researchers at the University of California suggests that these differences prevalent in Canada and the United States reflect more than just a need to rectify the "Pipeline Problem" – the notion that by increasing the number of qualified women in academics, the wage disparity will be eliminated. The study suggests that what underlies the problem relates to more systematic, deep-rooted biases.

Helen Ramirez, an assistant women and gender studies professor at Laurier, in an interview with The Cord in September, attributed these wage differences to the ideas we hold about female intelligence.

"We don't associate women with being knowledge bearers or with power either. In fact, we don't like that equation. I think there are lots of biases that still exist about how we view women as academics," she explained.

Ramirez noted that in a project conducted for one of her women's studies courses in which students were required to interview community members regarding sex and gender, she was surprised to find out that most individuals actually contended that women were not as smart as men.

She added that women at post-secondary institutions are often held to different standards than men with regards to intelligence and academics.

"There's a huge surveillance of whether or not [women are] truly smart or competent or good leaders," she said.

Daniel Adelman, a Women's Centre

volunteer stated, "I think we belittle things that are associated with women," adding that it is derived from a negative cultural and societal attitude towards women.

In her work *What Knowledge Is and What It Ought to Be*, MIT philosopher Sally Haslanger, a philosopher from MIT, writes that "[there is] substantial evidence that our actual knowledge attributions and practices of authorization privilege men and help sustain sexist ... institutions."

Haslanger provides an example of this in her paper, concluding through an experiment that the acceptance rate of papers written by women increases when the referee is oblivious to the sex of the author.

For Sue Horton, an economics professor at the University Waterloo and Centre for International Governance Innovation chair, her experience as a successful female academic has not been completely negative.

Horton, who is Laurier's former VP: academic, explained that she was once bullied by an individual to whom she reported. However, she told The Cord, "I've succeeded in doing what I want in the academic world and two kids with a supportive husband, so my experience has been good."

As a scholar in the field of economics, which she stated is approximately 75 per cent male, Horton said that assertiveness and confidence are important for women in academics, specifically in male-dominated departments.

"I think people initially may look a little more questioning at you," she said about entering into a position of authority at a post-secondary institution.

"And what you have to do is just go in there and be confident and show them that you know what you're doing and at that point they will respect you. But it probably takes a little more effort for women to do that at the beginning."

Course content

For some, the classroom experience can also encompass sexist interactions and material.

"In the classroom, I think [sexism] manifests in women being talked over," Adelman noted. Adelman also explained that often in classes, individuals diminish issues affecting women such as reproductive freedom.

However, Adelman stated that what happens in classrooms is not a cause of sexism – it is a symptom of widespread sexist views held across our culture.

"People are unwilling to unlearn," said Adelman, referring to the inability of individuals to let go of their previous prejudices.

"What happens in the classroom is a product of our broader culture," Adelman continued.

Former student and teaching assistant in Communication Studies at Laurier Laura McDonald said that she has noticed "that men

tend to be a lot more confident to speak up and interject their opinion and women tend to hedge their language and hold back a little bit more," which she attributes to the way women have been conditioned not to express their opinions vocally.

"I've definitely experienced having trouble jumping into a conversation with men in class," she noted.

As well, North American post-secondary education often receives the criticism of being primarily focused on the viewpoints of Western, Caucasian males.

McDonald noticed it in her own education, stating, "When I think back to psych we studied eight men and one woman."

She added that it is important that when professors compile reading lists, they should "be aware" of including diverse authors.

Adelman, who is a student in women and gender studies at Laurier, believes that eventually academia should approach a state in which specific courses highlighting the perspectives of non-males are not necessary because regular classes are more inclusive.

Horton noted that some positive changes have been made in terms of subjects becoming less male-centred.

"I think things are changing," she explained. "It's been a long process of change. Women's studies, that's been around for more than 30 years and people talk about how it's becoming irrelevant and how you should just mainstream women."

Next steps

It is important that the social and academic sexism that does exist, however, not be seen as a battle between two dichotomous sexes. Sexism not only affects individuals who do not identify with either gender; but as well, women often discriminate against women.

"Women buy into patriarchy as much as anybody else," said Ramirez.

"We buy into this idea that we're dependent on men for the jobs that we have so we secure a good relationship that will help us survive economically and socially."

In *The Hidden Brain: How Our Unconscious Minds Elect Presidents, Control Markets, Wage Wars, and Save Our Lives*, Shankar Vedantam wrote that people behave in these ways because "people have unconscious stereotypes about men and women, and also about the nature of leadership – which is linked in our minds with strength, decisiveness and manliness."

He continued, explaining why women are often portrayed as harsh when in roles of power.

"Our unconscious stereotypes about leadership come into conflict with our unconscious stereotypes about women. The hidden brain reconciles the conflict by stripping women of

of what it means to be a respectable man or woman," explained Robb Travers, a psychology professor at Laurier.

"At the root of male homophobia are these misogynistic notions that if you are anything less than what a 'real man' should be, you're like a woman, which is bad," said Travers. This is where sexism and homophobia link very strongly.

Jocelyne Faubert Tetreault, a third year psychology student who identifies as queer explained that "there is a stereotype that gay men are feminine."

"This is bad because it means that people

“What you have to do is just go in there and be confident and show them that you know what you're doing and at that point they will respect you. But it probably takes a little more effort for women to do.”

—Sue Horton, University of Waterloo economics professor

their feminine, caring side," he wrote.

The outcome is that women appear less caring and more ruthless whereas, since men and power go hand in hand in our minds, men who assume leadership roles are not viewed negatively.

However, for Horton, women have the ability to be successful while being well liked and respected. "You also have to be quite confident in yourself and quite assertive to put up with things that happen," she explained, adding that part of the problem is that women have been conditioned to be submissive.

"It's true for both men and women but women are less used to being assertive about their views and the quality of the work that they do."

But Horton also explained that conditions are being improved for women, in terms of awareness of sexism and the ability of women to have children while pursuing an academic degree.

She also noted that compared to countries such as England and Germany, Canada has very good conditions for female academics.

"It's glass half-full, half-empty. It's a lot better than for women in European universities, but we have not quite reached parity in Canada," she explained.

For Adelman, while things are improving, it is impossible to predict when sexism will be eradicated or if it will be.

As a result, the only thing individuals can do is try to fight to eliminate it in the areas in which they have an impact.

Adelman noted that we should all "call out" instances of sexism when we encounter them in order to help prevent and stop discrimination in action.

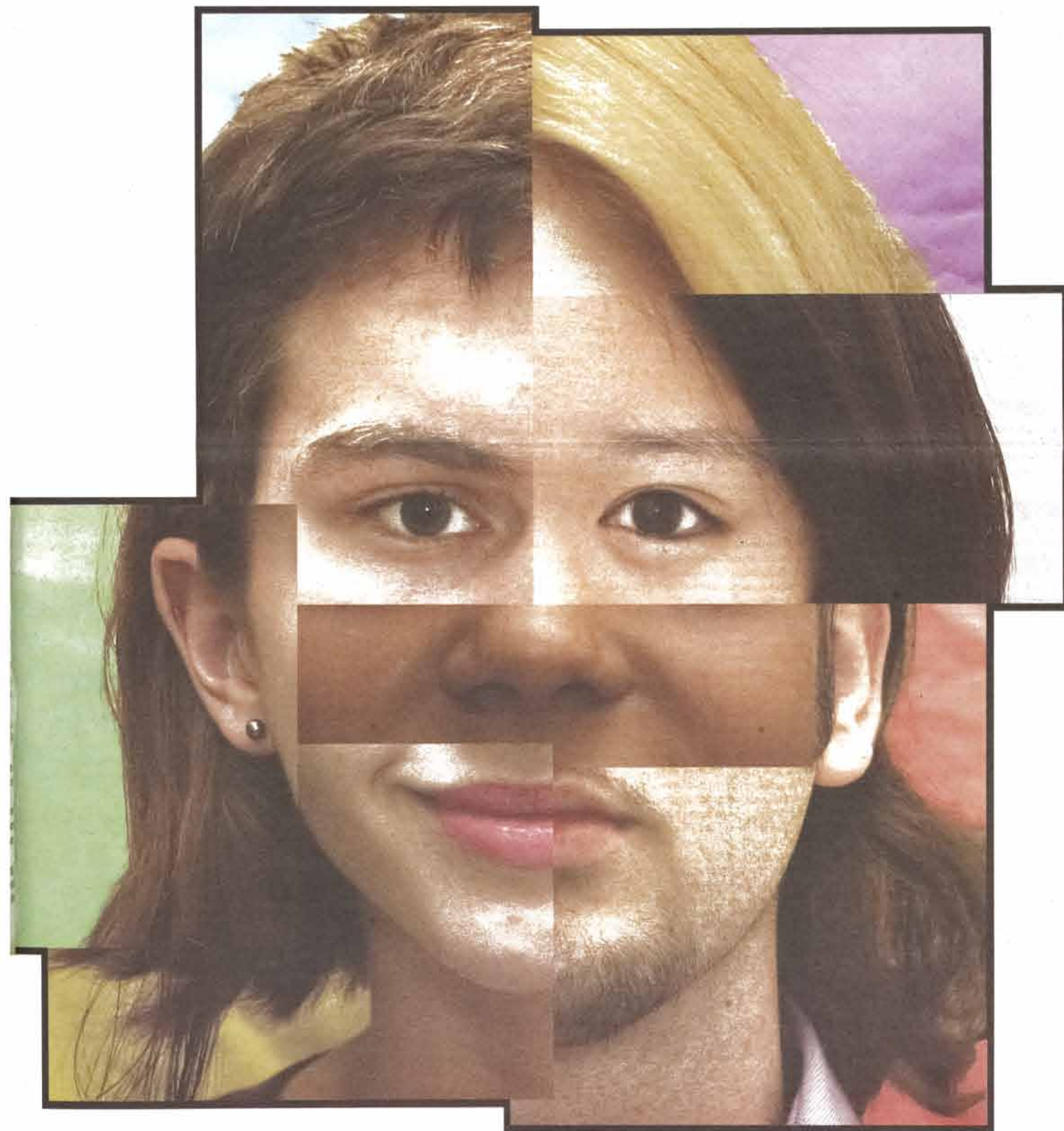
McDonald agreed with Adelman, stating, "I think it can be hard to call people out on stuff, but if professors and TAs make space for that, it can be a lot easier."

still have it in the back of their minds that females are the lesser sex so when a man is acting like a female he is taking a step down."

In an interview with The Cord, transman Lukas Silveira, lead singer of The Cliks, echoed this hypothesis and shared his personal experiences with regards to this phenomenon.

"I know both sides so I can say from experience that you definitely gain privilege as a male," he said on the matter.

Later he added, "After their transition, many transmen feel that they are treated with more respect and as though they are smarter. They even get jobs more easily."



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A different perspective on sexism

Valuable insight into the contrary behavior towards women and men can be provided by a look at research regarding transgendered and transsexual individuals.

A transperson has the same professional qualifications before and after their transition.

Despite this fact, research done by Shankar Vedantam shows that transpeople are treated differently after their transition than they were before their transition.

More specifically, transmen (those who change their female body into a male body) are treated with more respect and are taken more seriously after their transition and transwomen (those who change their male body into a female body) are generally treated with less respect after their transition.

People are less homophobic and less blatantly sexist towards homosexuals and individuals who visibly fit in with social stereotypes

FEATURES

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I feel more sane already

Cord contributor Danielle Kitchingman-Roy reports from the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear in Washington D.C., where some 200,000 people gathered with Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert to foster reason before the U.S. midterm elections

There's something strangely reassuring about being in a crowd, especially when you're all doing the wave.

Maybe it's the feeling of being part of something bigger, or the comfort of knowing you've all gathered for the same reasons – even if that reason is a rally with no particular agenda other than to restore sanity and/or fear.

Standing among the tens of thousands on the National Mall (which was to my surprise a large park and not in fact a mall), we waited for some sort of explanation as to why we'd all felt compelled to come to this place for an ambiguous rally.

Surrounded by people with signs stating the obvious like, "I like boobs" and "Africa is not a country" and other more creative sayings like, "I'm as moderate as hell" or "I can see America from my house," we gently eased our way to the middle of the crowd. This was not the typical crowd of angry, brash Americans – no, it was a crowd of the reasonable and the sane, all gathered to prove that they are not a divided country.

The opening sermon by actor Don Novello highlighted this desire to unite.

As he read aloud different religions, Novello asked God to give him a sign to point out which of the religions was more right than the others.

Without any such sign, Novello speculated that perhaps the commonalities are more important, saying in regards to Muslims and Jews: "They don't eat pork, you don't eat pork. Let's build on that."

It became more apparent that the warm fuzzy feeling would only grow, when Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) and Ozzy Osborne attempted to sing two different Train songs, only to join their acts together to sing "Love train," a bizarre and surreal moment that had everyone either singing or dancing.

These interspersed musical acts, while being well intentioned, were mediocre at best, so the crowd was at times left to their own devices.

One such occasion came in a moment of heart-warming crowd solidarity. Over on the side where the Porta-Potties turned unconventional-yet-conveniently high seats lined the edges of the crowd, a few thousand people had begun chanting the beloved, "Yes you can!" slogan, to encourage a man's slow and ultimately successful attempt to climb a large tree, his efforts rewarded by cheers.

Colbert and Stewart proved more serious during certain segments of the rally, giving away medals.

Anderson Cooper's tight black t-shirt was presented with a "Fear" since its presence on your front lawn generally means that you're now likely in a disaster zone of some sort.

Visibly frustrated at the "Islamophobia" covered by the larger news networks, the pair appealed to reasonableness, saying that yes, terrorists may often be Muslim, but being Muslim does not make you a terrorist.

Issues such as religious intolerance, hate

speech and homophobia were openly pointed out and subsequently discredited.

While Colbert took the comic pop-culture cliché of irrational and fearsome attitudes, Stewart calmly explained that these common knee-jerk reactions were gross exaggerations of one-offs that only distracted from the real problems facing America.

The back-and-forth banter played out like a well-rehearsed script meant to simplify the issues the seemed to be dividing Americans.

The well-timed rally, ahead of the midterm elections, was not overtly political in nature but appealed to America to think with reason, rather than huddle in cowardice while pundits told them what to think and how to vote.

As the hours ticked by, the ultimate reasons for the rally began to seem forgotten by the hosts, who in their usual fashion went off on tangents and, while on television their antics are easy to follow, in a crowd that CBS News reported was about 215,000, it became difficult to put together what it all meant.

It wasn't until the last speech, delivered by Stewart, that the rally's objectives became clear. Pausing his comedy act and speaking with such sincerity, we all stood enchanted, holding our breaths as he spoke.

"I cannot tell you what this is. I can only tell you my intentions," he said. "This was not a rally to ridicule people of faith or people of activism, or to look down our noses at the heartland or passionate argument, or to suggest that times are not difficult and we have nothing to fear. They are and we do."

It was a strange moment of hope and blind optimism that Stewart and Colbert, two comics with little real-life political influence, had managed to somehow create by delving into a world of "truthiness" that strayed from their conventional ways.

"But we live in hard times now, not end times," continued Stewart, "and we can have animus and not be enemies."

He paused to allow the crowd to respond with overwhelming applause, then took aim at the "24-hour politico-pundit-perpetual-panic-conflictator," which though not the exclusive cause of America's problems, makes solving them that

much harder.

However, it was the last line he spoke that was met with fervour and enthusiasm, a sentence that rang with such truth and timeliness that we all seemed to realize why we there – "If we amplify everything, we hear nothing."

It was on that note that we all felt as if our sanity had been restored, our attendance justified and while the fear still lingered, it had at least been, for a time, put in its place.

Top 10 signs

In the two-party system I prefer the after-party

My God has tea parties with your God

If it weren't for CNN, I would have no idea what is happening on Twitter

The Mad Hatter called. He wants his Tea Party back.

If your beliefs fit on a sign, think harder...

I already regret choosing to carry a sign around all day

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Jason Collett reinvents his sound

Arts Editor Sarah Murphy talks to Jason Collett about his new acoustic album and upcoming solo tour

Jason Collett has made a name for himself in the Canadian music industry. An early member of Toronto collective Broken Social Scene, Collett has since established himself as a successful singer-songwriter, releasing his fourth studio album *Rat a Tat* earlier this year.

Then, just a couple of weeks ago, he released an album of acoustically reworked songs titled *Pony Tricks*. In conjunction with this new collection, Collett will be playing in Waterloo at Starlight on Nov. 10.

Speaking with *The Cord*, Collett described the new album as "a reinterpretation in a stripped down manner" of previously released tracks. Two new songs ("Pulling the Sun Down" and "My Daddy was a Rock 'n' Roller") are also included on *Pony Tricks*.

Known as a highly collaborative artist, the acoustic record was intended to be a distinctly solo project. "It's largely just me and an acoustic guitar," said Collett. Nevertheless, there are "a few other players on it here and there," referring to members of Zeus and Bahamas who happened to be in the same studio at the same time.

Collett explained his inspiration

behind the acoustic collection as an offering to fans that have requested such a project. He's done solo performances, but has never really tried to capture the sound of a solo set on an album. "People tend to like hearing words more than you can typically hear them with a bunch of different instruments on a record." *Pony Tricks* delivers this, removing excess production and providing tracks that really highlight Collett's talent as a musician and songwriter.

Discussing the writing and recording process, Collett remarked, "I've always felt that songs are fluid things by nature and I've always been fascinated by how random doing a recording is, or even writing a song for that matter."

Further describing the spontaneity of creativity, he said, "All the elements in any given day will influence how that song gets recorded, including whether you ate granola or Froot Loops for breakfast. These things, however minimal, do influence the various players involved."

As for the upcoming acoustic tour, Collett will be joined by who he refers to as his "favourite Canadian artist" Al Tuck. Tuck is an established, but not too well known, folk artist from Halifax and Collett

claims that, "He'll kick my ass every night."

An experienced participant within it, Collett had lots of insight to offer on the music industry. He talked about the "classic Canadian conundrum" – that Canadian artists typically have to leave the country and find success before they are celebrated here. Collett said he's "really confused" by the fact that local artists rarely gain notoriety until they return from elsewhere as an "imported idea."

In terms of his involvement with his roots in Toronto, Collett said, "I do consider myself a part of a scene," referring to both his circle of friends and the bands "revolving around the orbit of Broken Social Scene."

He recalled the beginnings of Broken Social Scene as "just one part of a renaissance" that took place in Toronto, where all facets of the arts seemed to explode. "The city hit a critical density in population and things just went 'pop!' in a big way," claims Collett.

The Internet and the emergence of technology like Napster transformed the Canadian music industry into a state that Collett described as "totally fucked." According to

him, it was "bad decisions like suing Napster" instead of working with it that caused so many artists to be dropped by their labels. It was in this state that BSS formed, rebelling and "making music for the joy of it."

That sentiment seems to have remained in Collett's career, though he's branched out beyond making music. In 2009, he acted in a film called *Iodine*, which gave Collett a new perspective on the creative process. He described the acting experience by saying, "It was fascinating to me how little you know about what the end result is going to be when you're just an actor."

He continued, "You can read a script, but you don't know how it's going to get edited and what it's going to be. It's a very elusive thing to be a part of, not having the kind of control I'm used to having. But I did enjoy it, it was fun to do."

In spite of releasing *Rat a Tat* and now *Pony Tricks*, Collett will not be taking a break any time soon. This December he will be curating the fourth annual Basement Revue at the Dakota Tavern in Toronto, which features a variety of unannounced guests. The revue presents a "cross-pollinating between the literary world and a bunch of musicians"

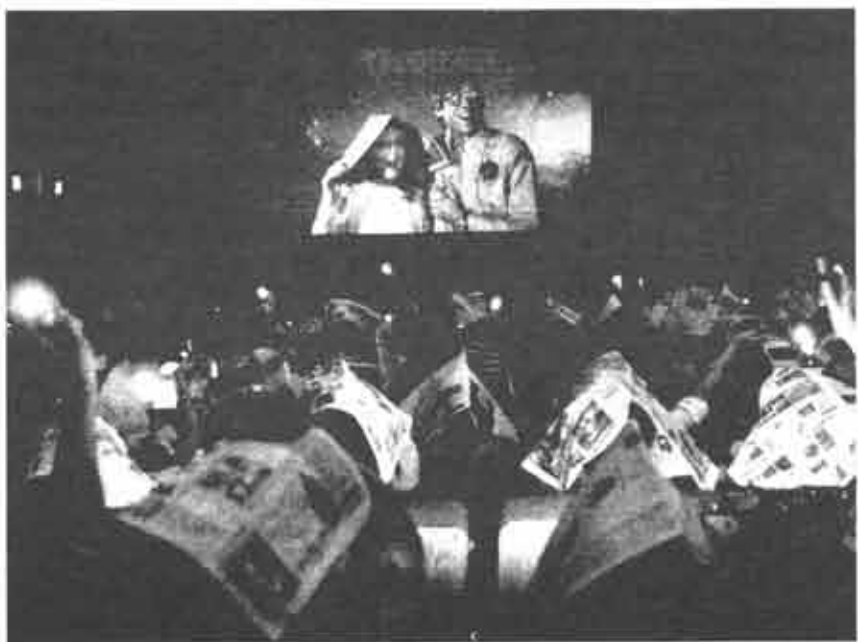
and hosts a changing line-up each weekend throughout December.

Following that, Collett will be travelling to Australia to tour with Zeus. For now though, you can catch Jason Collett's cross-Canada acoustic solo tour on Nov. 10 at Starlight.



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Collett at Hillside this summer.

Rocky Horror carries on campy Halloween tradition



ELLI GARLIN PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Audience members mimicked the onscreen action at the Princess.

MEAGHAN COWAN
STAFF WRITER

Upholding tradition, the original Princess Cinema hosted its 25th annual *Rocky Horror Picture Show* Halloween screening this past weekend.

Selling out the four show times, Saturday and Sunday were nights when people of all ages ventured Uptown Waterloo sporting Halloween costumes and "time warped" alongside lovable characters like Brad, Janet, Magenta and Riff Raff – and were, of course, thoroughly entertained by the always enchanting Dr. Frankenfurter.

Known for enthusiastic audience participation in pivotal scenes, this year's screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* was no exception. Throughout well-known songs, audience members rose from their

seats to sing and dance alongside the characters.

The scene in which Brad and Janet get caught in a storm was accompanied by viewers both spraying water and covering their heads with newspaper. Tradition was carried on with lighters in the air during "There's a Light" and toast being thrown during the dinner scene.

Waterloo resident Shane Szalai told *The Cord*, "I never expected the audience to act like they were actually in the show. I showed up not knowing what to expect, but seeing all the costumes when I arrived made me sure it was going to be a hell of a show."

Character-inspired costumes were in abundance, with at least half of the theatre taking part. Brads, Janets, Magentas, Riff-raffs and Columbians populated the theatre.

Some might wonder why the midnight screenings of *Rocky Horror* continue to happen annually, but the dedicated fans ensure that the custom will not be dying out any time soon.

It's a night that allows everyone to come together and let loose. Banter between audience members filled the scenes without dialogue, exemplifying what *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* is all about: people of different genders, sexualities, professions and values coming together to give themselves "over to absolute pleasure," as Dr. Frankenfurter suggests everyone should.

The movie itself is ridiculously campy and nonsensical, but that seems to be why people come back year after year. It doesn't have to make sense and for a night, neither do we.

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The art of agriculture

The Combine Project utilizes old farm equipment to create interactive sculptures

DREW HIGGINBOTHAM
STAFF WRITER

One of the most captivating and unique exhibits ever to come to Laurier is now on display at the Robert Langen Art Gallery.

Multimedia artist Steven White is the creator of *The Combine Project*, which showcases interactive kinetic sculptures in addition to paintings and prints. The piece features themes of change, agriculture and the fate of family farming.

White, who now lives in rural Ontario, found the inspiration and the means for his sculptures when he first moved to Walter Falls 10 years ago. Upon arrival at his new home, White found an abandoned 1964 Allis-Chalmers All-Crop combine harvester, a relic piece of technology commonly used by small family farming operations 40-50 years ago.

Since then, the face of agricultural production has been in a state of rapid change. Today the factory farm is the primary way farming has been able to remain a profitable enterprise.

Furthermore, food production has been largely left to advancements in technology with genetically modified organisms and large biotech companies securing patents on genetically altered seed stock.

White has dismantled the old

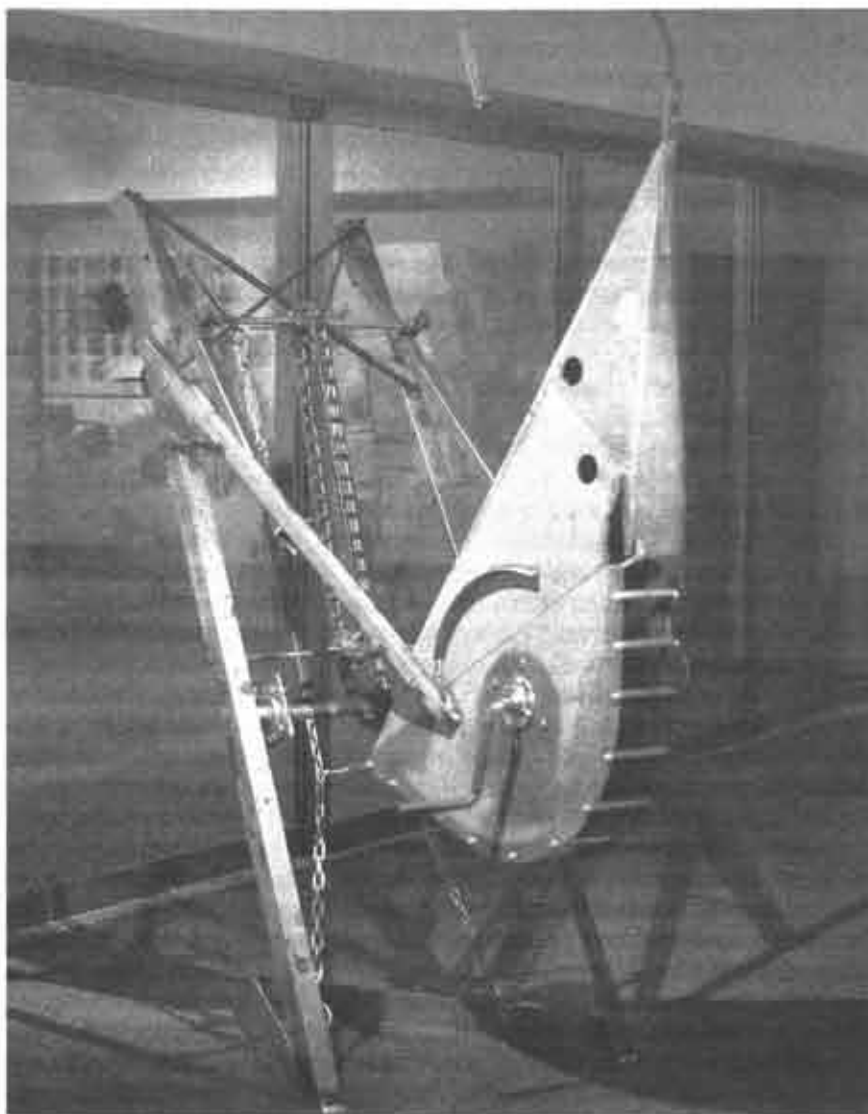
combine and made it into a completely new and creative piece, symbolic of the changes occurring in agriculture and farming at both the domestic level and in the larger global economy. The sculptures are extremely interesting and interactive, allowing curious art seekers to see and touch the different movable parts of the once All-Crop combine harvester.

Almost all the sculptures make some kind of noise. The insect-esque sculpture aptly named "Crick-et" makes creaks and clanks. Another installation titled "Grain Bin Sound Machine" utilizes a steel track and a steel ball that run down the grain bin, hitting bells and other metallic instruments.

The exhibit really requires viewer involvement and participation in order to produce the sounds of each piece.

White has also gone out and found the original owners manual for the combine and transfers drawings of crops and lithographed images from the manual onto the steel and wooden surfaces of the combine. The overall effect of these oddly beautiful sculptures and printed images act as a metaphor of the rapidly changing pace of technology.

White's solo exhibitions have been displayed in museums and art galleries across Ontario as well as the United States.



MEGAN CHERNIAK

Steven White's exhibit is on display from Oct. 27 to Dec. 4.

Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment

T-Swift confirms suspicions of promiscuity

With the release of a new album comes the revelation of new secrets, or so it would seem in the case of Taylor Swift.

The 20-year-old country sensation's latest album *Speak Now* is currently topping charts and the star is no longer trying to hide her apparent daddy-issues and need for attention from older males.

First, we heard "Dear John" – a song about her heartbreak over 33-year-old John Mayer. Now, Swift has been spotted out and about with Jake Gyllenhaal, age 29.

Swift remained coy about her romance during an appearance at *The Ellen Degeneres Show*, laughing the rumours off. Nevertheless, maybe America's Sweetheart isn't quite the innocent girl next door that she appears to be.

—Emily Frost & Allie Hincks

Keith Richards admits to snorting father's remains

Speaking with CBS news this week, Keith Richards confirmed that he did indeed once snort his father's ashes.

Though the Rolling Stone once denied this claim, in an interview supporting his new memoir *Life*, he said, "True! I ingested my ancestor, yes."

Confirming everyone's belief that his brain is fried from too many drugs, the guitarist said that he couldn't resist ingesting his father when he accidentally spilled the urn that contained his ashes.

In the same interview, Richards also stated "God, I used to love heroin." So it would seem that this behaviour isn't exactly out of nowhere.

—Emily Frost & Allie Hincks

Another Disney kid goes off the rails

18-year-old Demi Lovato has deleted her Twitter and dropped out of her tour with the Jonas Brothers to spend some time in rehab.

While rumours of drug addiction have been squashed by those close to the *Camp Rock* starlet, it has been revealed that Lovato has struggled with eating disorders and cutting in the past.

By now, you'd think parents would realize that shoving their kids into the Disney spotlight never works out well.

Nonetheless, Lovato's reps are citing "emotional and physical issues she has dealt with for some time" as the official reasoning for Lovato's break from the spotlight.

Hey, isn't that what Lindsay Lohan had the first time she went to rehab?

—Sarah Murphy

Oprah's own network

Media mogul Oprah Winfrey has created her own TV network called OWN.

She also revealed in an interview that the word "bitch" will be banned from any shows airing on the network.

Winfrey stated that OWN programming will be "fun and entertaining without tearing people down and calling them bitches."

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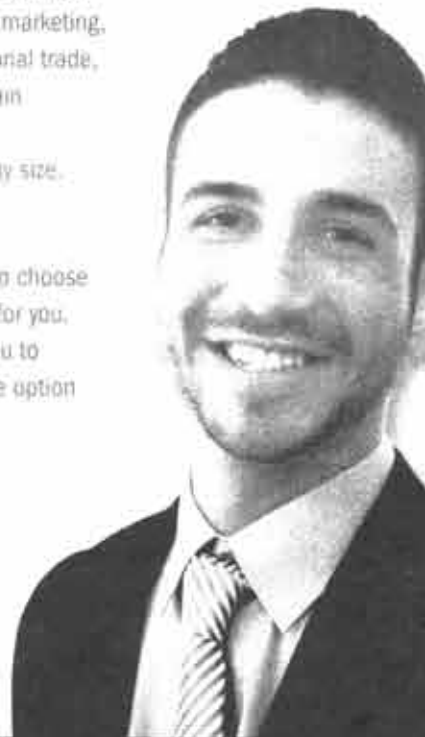
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Cord-o-scopes

This week's Cord-o-scopes predict the month of November as you head into exam season.

Scorpio Oct. 22 to Nov. 21

M You just got your midterms back and saw that several of your professors circled where you indicated the course code on the first page. Mental note – learn the names of the courses you're in so it at least looks like you've been going each week.

Sagittarius Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

♐ Determined to get ahead this month, you will sit down early with the intention of working on your paper that is not due for another two weeks. Before you know, it you will have caught up on the second season of *Jersey Shore* and mastered your very own fist pump.

Capricorn Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

♑ You marked out your exam schedule on the calendar and realized that your last test is on the final day during the final time slot. Guess that means good bye big plans for the holidays and hello winter break that is only a week and a half long.

Aquarius Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

♒ You're going to find yourself on a very romantic candlelight dinner date around the 19th, followed by a nasty bout of food poisoning. But not to worry, it's the things you do together that will bring you closer.

Andrea got hit in the face with a soccer ball and is now able to see into your future.

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In my car because I can't find anywhere to sit on campus

15%

Stay away from my spot!!

12%

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Pisces Feb. 19 to March 20

♓ You've started writing out your Christmas list already so that your family will have lots of time to find those things you really want, but don't spend too much time worrying about it.

Your parents have already found the perfect Christmas sweater to wrap and put under the tree; you know, the kind with the reindeer and pompoms on the front.

Aries March 21 to April 19

♈ Plan for some unexpected twists in your love life this month because Saturn is in your orbit and my crystal ball shows love is just around the corner for you.

Or was it saying glove? It is getting cold out after all.

Taurus April 20 to May 20

♉ You have been hearing about Movenber for the past few months and now that it's finally here you couldn't be more excited. Unfortunately, you are about to learn that genetics mean you can not grow any more facial hair than a patchy Sydney Crosby-in-the-playoffs imitation.

Gemini May 21 to June 20

♊ The stars have lined up this month and you have been given the gift of premonition. Look into your future and see all of those sleepless nights ahead as you stay up finishing last minute essays and assignments. Too bad it wasn't the gift of productivity you were given.

Cancer June 21 to July 22

♋ As you head out to get an early start on Christmas shopping, you realize what a toll this first semester has already taken on your bank account. Forget about those concert tickets you knew your parents would like, new socks are far more practical anyways.

Leo July 23 to Aug. 22

♌ Despite your best intentions to stay on top of your work this semester it is now more than halfway gone and you find you have several hundred pages of readings left untouched. Now you have something to look forward to all month: those all night cramming sessions the day before your exams. Better stock up on coffee next time you get groceries.

Virgo Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

♍ As Venus lines up with Jupiter this month you are going to develop a phobia of crowded spaces, so it looks like you might have to spend a few days away from the classroom. But don't worry; the fear conveniently goes away after 10 p.m. so you should still be good to hit up Phil's on Friday night.

Libra Sept. 23 to Oct. 22

♎ Realizing that you have yet to read the book for your in-class essay that's coming up, you decide to watch the movie instead. Too bad it didn't come with a warning that the director of the film changed the ending to make it more dramatic.

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EDITORIAL

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Library proposal solid despite WLUSU misstep

At the end of last week the Wilfrid Laurier Students' Union posted a release on their website indicating that the university has rejected a joint proposal from WLUSU and the Graduate Students' Association for money from the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) to keep the library open 24-hours, seven days a week.

First off, there is no doubt that opening the library 24-hours a day is a great idea to help ease the growing shortage of study space on campus, far more than adding one hundred seats to the Terrace ever could. Our university is growing in size at an exorbitant rate and the shortage of study space will only get worse. Students struggle to find a space to sit in the Con-course during normal hours and the library itself is increasingly jammed, especially on the floors with functioning wireless access. Extending library hours is a step in the right direction.

However, it has become clear that WLUSU was told in confidence by the university about the result of the proposal and was not supposed to go public until those with successful initiatives were informed. Furthermore, it was expressed to WLUSU that other funding options were available for the increased library access. This was not expressed in their website post, though they admitted it after the fact to *The Cord*. While it is unfortunate that the SIF proposal was denied, WLUSU posting the fact on their website under the pretext of letting students know comes across as pouting and an unnecessary jab at the university when in fact other options exist for the initiative to go ahead.

Along with every other group and individual that put forward ideas for the SIF, WLUSU needed to go about an application process and abide by criteria to be considered for funding. Ignoring due process and publicly announcing their unsuccessful bid when information about their application was revealed in confidence is conduct unbecoming of student body representatives.

Let's just hope the WLUSU's bridge-burning antics don't interfere with moving forward a good idea that stands to benefit students who want to study past midnight.

—The Cord Editorial Board

Khadr got off easy, should count his blessings

This Sunday the U.S. military panel in Guantanamo Bay handed down a symbolic 40-year sentence to Canadian-born Omar Khadr for the killing of U.S. sergeant first class Christopher Speer in Afghanistan in 2002. This case has been controversial due to Khadr being the age of 15 at the time of the killing and seen by many as a child soldier.

Even with the sentence handed down, Khadr will only serve a maximum of eight years in prison and be eligible to transfer to Canada after serving one year as per the conditions of his plea bargain.

It is a travesty that Khadr is getting off so lightly with his eight year sentence given the enormity of his crime. It would be equally ridiculous for Canada to grant his extradition request after serving one year.

The reality is that Khadr committed murder with the killing of sergeant Speer, a medic, who had earlier saved the lives of two Afghani children from a minefield. The United States has every right as a sovereign and democratic nation to seek justice for the family of sergeant Speer by prosecuting and jailing his murderer. Canada would expect the same if Khadr's victim was a Canadian medic.

Canada should feel no obligation to ensure a free ride for Khadr by bringing him home. The only injustices about this case are the loss of sergeant Speer's life and the fact Khadr will again walk freely in Canadian society. He should count his blessings he had the benefit of such a lenient legal system.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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The generation of entitlement

In-Depth Editor Rebecca Vasluianu explores the implications of a lack of self-sufficiency in the terrible tragedy that is our generation



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My grandparents were born into what has been called the "Greatest Generation," a time when people appreciated the little things in a period full of war and hardship.

My parents are the product of that generation, the "Baby Boomers," who lived through a time when people celebrated their newfound prosperity and rallied for rights and change. So, what does that make us? Some call us "Generation Z." To me, we're a generation of pathetic human beings who can't do anything on our own.

Last week I was in a three-hour night class and the projector stopped working. As a result, the professor had to switch to an oral lecture. What ensued left me shocked, scared and genuinely concerned. Multiple students could be heard saying things like "I can't take notes like this" or "this is ridiculous," and once the break arrived half-way through our lecture, a large portion of the class left.

The fact that a large number of students were incapable or unwilling to write or even type notes based on a traditional lecture is indicative of a serious problem — we are not only reliant on an easy way of doing things, we feel entitled to it. Technological innovations we're lucky to have to make our

lives infinitely easier are seen as a right the world owes us. And it is this sense of entitlement to technology or an easy way of doing things that is going to threaten our ability to function as human beings.

In September, Beth Harpaz's article in the *Associated Press* stirred up controversy. She aptly noted some of the striking facts of our lifetime. Not only do some children not know how to tie their shoes or zip up their jackets by grade two, there are college or high school students who have never done laundry or used public transit on their own.

In talking to my parents, they explained that individuals exhibiting these types of behavioural deficits 40 years ago did not exist, and if they did, it was not considered acceptable. I'm not in any way suggesting we ridicule these individuals. I'm just suggesting that expectations in our society have shifted and that the shift is decidedly for the worse.

University students who can't manoeuvre through a library or use a map have become commonplace, along with individuals who can't write or even fathom surviving without the internet in the palm of their hands.

Instead of considering this reliance a crutch, we talk about it out loud as if it's something to be proud of, touting the fact that we can't boil water or mail a letter.

While I've heard it argued that our skills have merely shifted towards technology and that it is natural that certain activities should become obsolete, I think this skims over the key issue at hand.

A skills deficit where students can't

Some call us "Generation Z." To me, we're a generation of pathetic human beings who can't do anything on our own.

boil water or do laundry has nothing to do with technology. Many of us merely lack those skills. For those tasks expedited by technology, we need to remember that these innovations are not fool-proof; every once in a while they fail.

I can't help but think of the woman earlier this month near Quinte West, Ontario who followed her GPS to the letter and drove into a marsh and flooded her car. Unless technology someday becomes fool-proof and all-encompassing, we need to come to terms with the fact that there are still holes that must be filled by more traditional knowledge.

Even if technology was infallible, we must also realize that we are by no means entitled to an easy way of doing things at all times.

Though we no longer hunt or farm our own food ourselves like previous generations, there are some skills that are valuable for us to continue learning — not just instrumentally, but simply because they promote self-sufficiency.

THE FORUM

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It's just one cup of coffee



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That smell of coffee in the morning; what a way to get started simply by pouring hot water over the ground coffee beans, grown in those sun-drenched, tropical highlands. That innocent cup of coffee, however, involves you and I in a highly lucrative international commodity.

By volume, coffee is second only to oil as a commodity in international trade. Three-quarters of all coffee produced moves from one country to another. With a Tim Horton's virtually on every corner and an addict in every home, Canada is among the top destinations of the coffee beans produced in the world.

Nine-tenths of the price we pay for our coffee goes to the powerful

companies: General Foods, Kraft and Nestle, which ship, roast and retail the product. A mere 1/20th of the price reaches the people whose labouring lives are spent growing and harvesting coffee.

For most of us, coffee is a staple breakfast item. Theoretically, breakfast means "breaking our fast" — through the night of sleep — but fasting, a deliberate and often religious abstention from food, is certainly not traditional among most families.

Some social critics, looking at our compulsive caffeine need expressed at breakfast, argue that perhaps it means with our caffeine fix we "break our fast" out of the starting blocks and onto the hurried, frenetic treadmill of life. Coffee is that needed stimulant and when the starting gun goes off we sprint for the finish.

A cup of "brew" contains a solid dollop of caffeine — anywhere from 50-180 milligrams — which dilates blood vessels supplying the brain with oxygen, stimulates neurons in the cortex, fires up the gastric

glands, speeds intestinal movement and increases cardiovascular output. All that in one cup of "java". No wonder Tim's drive-thrus have become traffic problems as cars pile up around the take-out window.

With the many generous side-effects of caffeine, it is easy to see why a cup of coffee has become a critical component of Canadian drug culture.

Coffee is a performance drug with wide social approval. And as with any performance drug, it fits well with our obsessive need to achieve our goals as we attempt to out-achieve all others.

Coffee conditions us for the "rat-race" which lies ahead each work day. It truly is a "rat-race" for most of us, because our second or third cup of coffee comes during our morning "coffee breaks."

And such coffee breaks allow us time to meet our co-workers as human beings, not as cogs in a gigantic assembly-line or corporate gearbox; here we can discuss and reveal the human dimensions of our often

tedious jobs.

So stimulated, we can become a community if even for a few minutes, just the way we used to chat around the water cooler, now replaced by bottles of water, for people even more on the go.

Coffee has also been associated (often wrongly) with cerebral activities, thought and thinking, the intellectual life and even, heaven forbid, university professors. I am sure you remember the intellectual roots of the great smoke-filled coffee houses of Europe, Paris, Berlin and Prague, where revolution was formed and anarchy reigned.

All the intellectual, subversive sub-cultures of the world came together in those coffee houses. Such café societies worried those committed to the status quo. French philosopher Montesquieu complained: "Were I the King, I would close the cafes, for the people who frequent those places heat their brains in a very tiresome manner"

So hail the coffee hour wherever it may reign. Our lives are scattered in

With the many generous side-effects of caffeine, it is easy to see why a cup of coffee has become a critical component of Canadian drug culture.

as many directions as there are compass points and the coffee hour brings us all together again. Coffee creates a feeling of community, which can counter the loneliness and isolation characterizing our lives.

So "all that brews well ends well" and if you will excuse me, I just need a cup of "fair-trade" coffee.



You know what yanks my Cord...

...those wonderful individuals who are routinely complaining about health care wait times.

We all have heard the personal stories about how in America you can get an MRI in twenty minutes, but in Canada, it can take months. All you need is the right insurance and you can wave the long waiting lines suffered by those poor souls in the great white north goodbye.

What I am paradoxically

complaining about are people who whine about their wait times, while ducking a debate over the pros and cons of the American and Canadian health care systems.

Let me tell you how it all started. Surfing the newsfeed of Facebook, I came upon a status where a friend of mine was loudly and boisterously stating their disapproval of having to wait for someone to look at their sore throat in the emergency room.

As you might expect, I was completely "appalled." How dare our doctors prioritize someone who had just suffered a heart attack over your sore throat!

Now I am not an economist who can speak to Canada's health care system and how it impacts the nation financially. What I can say is that the Canadian health care system is pretty decent for what it provides. Although in Canada we are

conditioned to criticize and grumble about everything from the snow on the sidewalk to the traffic on the QEW.

If I need to see a family doctor, I can call and usually get an appointment on the same day. I can also go to a walk-in clinic and, although emergency wait rooms are busier than most, if I am need of immediate care I know I will be seen on a prioritized basis. Sure, you can go

to the United States for treatment if you wish, but in the case of the lower income citizen, this is not an option.

Our system isn't perfect, but there isn't any system in the world that is. Should we be grateful that our government saves us thousands of dollars in medical care fees? I think so. But if you choose to complain keep it off Facebook.

—Shagun Randhawa

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OPINION

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WLUSU lacks input legitimacy

Cord Columnist Nick Gibson argues that the roots of the recent controversy over WLUSU spending can be traced back to a lack of input and engagement from students on issues relating to the use of their money



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Governance of the Wilfrid Laurier University Student's Union (WLUSU) has been the subject of 24-Hour Lounge gossip and chats lately – a place which is our equivalent of water coolers at the office. Unfortunately, it has been for all the wrong reasons.

Many students are outraged by perceived fiscal imprudence, a lack of transparency and violations of procedure. Despite the outrage, I find myself straddling the fence – not about to crack open a bottle of champagne, nor ready to organize a rally at the Lincoln Memorial.

I acknowledge the fact that some people may disagree with many of these recent projects (the Terrace

expansion, smartphone application, digital sign, LCD TVs), but while I have an opinion on the matter, my aim here is not to evaluate the merit of these projects. My point is to identify the underlying issue that is seemingly at play in this controversy – a lack of input legitimacy.

Input legitimacy is legitimacy that is derived from people feeling like they were involved in the process and had a say in the decision being made. Conversely, output legitimacy is simply legitimacy derived from the level of acceptance of the outcomes or outputs of policy decisions.

Adequate input legitimacy ensures that decisions are made respecting procedure and that best practices and creativity are always inherent in the final outcomes. I would argue that, while certainly not impossible, it is very difficult to achieve output legitimacy without at least some measure of input legitimacy – the coupling of the two is an imperative in democracy, but also a very difficult task.

It is not like management is somehow aloof from students – the ultimate decision makers are students. Recently, there have been problems with transparency and process (for example, expenditures over \$10,000 not being first approved by the board), but many people don't realize that many expenditures have actually come under budget.

Somehow, students may agree with these initiatives (outcomes) but when management actually followed through there was outrage. This dichotomy is not merely explained by procedural errors – rather, by a lack of student input in management's policies.

Management comes up with ideas and follows through current procedural channels which do not actively engage the larger student body.

Beyond the WLUSU board of directors, whose job is to try to represent the interests of the students but find that they have their own problems with input legitimacy,

management's outreach for student ideas is ad hoc and not institutionalized. And given that WLUSU elections boast a turnout of under a third of students, that WLUSU board meetings are sparsely attended and that the management team is perceived to be inaccessible by a large portion of the student body (despite being quite the contrary in my experience), it is quite evident that WLUSU management and governance cannot simply expect that students who have ideas will come and voice them through these current channels.

Moving forward, it is incumbent on WLUSU management and the board to find ways to bridge that gap between student input and policy outcomes.

While students have voted for the president and representatives on the board, input from students should not end there. I do not advocate that WLUSU adopt some form of direct democracy where every policy is voted on by every student before it can be approved, but there are

things that WLUSU can do to engage more people in the process. Initiatives like the market research were great steps forward, but more needs to be done.

Instead of simply telling students to come to WLUSU, WLUSU needs to come to the students and actively seek their input. Acknowledging that perfect input and output legitimacy will never materialize is no excuse to stop striving for better – democracy should never be purported to be perfect.

Mistakes were made in the so-called "WLUSU spending scandal". However, I think the outrage is mostly attributed to the lack of student input.

In the short-term, if the price tags for these projects were indeed the best deal we could get, then it's time for management to not only say so, but also demonstrate it clearly to students.

In the long-term, we have to be more innovative in how we engage the larger student body in the decision making process.

Who's replacing Hu?



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How does the old saying go? The more things change the more they stay the same? Last month, the People's Republic of China learned who would replace Hu Jintao as president and general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Although not much is known about Hu's successor, the internal squabbling within the CCP on the debate over political reform have many believing that reform itself isn't coming and that the Chinese Politburo will continue to be one that is hard-line conservative.

Xi Jinping, a much unheralded "princeling" of the Communist Party ranks, was seemingly chosen out of obscurity to become China's newest vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission, a known position for future leaders of the CCP.

All that's really known about Xi is his historical lineage within the CCP (his father was a founding member that was ultimately purged during the Cultural Revolution) and his time as party secretary in the provinces of Fujian and Zhejiang and in Shanghai. Beyond that, his current political leanings towards reform and open markets has been kept under wraps for the time being.

The secrecy surrounding Xi Jinping will certainly do little to ease the minds of concerned Western governments, who are hoping for the development of pro-democratic and free enterprise reforms. Despite his conservative predisposition, Xi was a long-time supporter of free enterprise reforms in the areas he governed prior to being brought into the Politburo. Most, however, don't believe these views will follow to the chairmanship of the CCP when Hu steps down between 2012 and 2013.

While he has a past of being sympathetic to the causes for reform, it's highly unlikely that Xi will carry this sentiment as the leader of the Politburo.

For all the internal dissent within the party, it wants to keep things steady-as-she-goes. Since China has used foreign investments to keep consistent GDP growth rates, even during the 2008 recession, it's been able to forego worldwide hits to consumption and keep their economy steady, even with party instability.

The Politburo has to know that these growth rate trends aren't sustainable and that the only way to develop sustainable growth in China is to develop internally and not be dependent on foreign capital.

The government has taken baby steps towards this solution with a provision in its new five-year plan focusing on increasing labourer and wage-earners share of the national economy, thus putting more money in the hands of the people to consume.

The problem is keeping the party stable enough to keep foreign investors happy and until this method of developing a consumer-based economy in China takes off. This is Xi's purpose, to make the power transition as seamless as possible.

At a time when the CCP Secretariat could have chosen a pro-reform successor, it took the status quo and brought in someone from the bloodline of the old vanguard. It makes sense from their perspective. Why bring in someone who will pander to the masses and allow them the opportunity for a say in who runs the government? So, for all the hoopla around the announcement of Hu Jintao's successor, not much will ultimately change. The CCP's grip on the media and the economy will still be iron-clad.

The Chinese people won't gain any ground on the debate of democratic reforms. Some minor changes to the economy will be made, but we'll see how long these conditions last if they don't prove to be successful relatively soon.



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While municipal elections in Canada stirred up a great deal of political drama locally, the ridiculous antics of some candidates running for office south of the border in the United States midterm elections are unparalleled.

Displays of unusual political campaigning have been made by candidates from all sides of the political spectrum. Viewing these events from the lens of Canadian political culture, they often make us cringe and wonder how such candidates can be taken seriously by anyone. It makes Canadians shake their heads in frustration in many cases, while leaving people in tears from laughing in others.

Listed on the New York State gubernatorial ballot is Jimmy McMillan of the "Rent Is Too Damn High Party," a registered political party concerned with lowering rent prices and alleviating poverty in New York City. At the televised debate, McMillan made comical statements like, "As a karate expert, I will not

talk about anyone up here," in response to a question. While many residents of New York City would agree that rent prices are indeed too high, the party's pitch is a purely emotional protest to the status quo and has no tangible suggestions for reform.

Republican nominee in Delaware's Senate special election Christine O'Donnell had her background brought into question when comments she made on a television show several years ago came back to haunt her.

O'Donnell had spoken of how she had "dabbled into witchcraft" and that one of her first dates took place at a satanic altar. Regardless of this being an obvious smear attack on O'Donnell's credibility, it raises legitimate concerns about her character and suitability for holding public office.

There is no doubt that every citizen of a democracy should have the opportunity to run for public office. At the same time, we have as a society established a relative consensus as to what characteristics make for a good politician.

These usually include education, the ability to set realistic goals, relevant experience, a rational disposition and the capacity to be fiscally responsible with public funds.

The fact of the matter is that many candidates labeled as unusual are not labeled as such because

people are not open to alternative views, but rather because their character or views conflict significantly with the criteria by which society selects the politicians that represent it. These candidates often have little educational or political experience. They credit themselves as being an ideal candidate on the basis of the assumption that their lack of experience enables them to truly represent "the regular people".

It seems as if the reason behind many of these interesting candidates can be traced to the heated political climate in the United States brought on by the handling of the recent recession.

The frustration held by some Americans for the previous Republican administration and current one held by the Democrats has allowed for populist socio-political movements to emerge.

As ridiculous as some of these candidates appear to be, some will end up being voted into office on the basis of great anger and emotion towards the status quo rather than on principles. We only need to refer to the past to see the dangers synonymous with populist movements where passion trumps reason.

While the antics of unusual candidates make for a good laugh here in Canada, the catalysts behind the increase in fringe political candidates in the United States should be of great concern.

SPORTS

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Laurier midfielder Heather Malizia (4) goes into a challenge with Western's Jenna Schroeder (2). Malizia would go on to help lift the Hawks past the Mustangs by scoring on her attempt during the shoot out.

Hawks head to final four

—cover

"I got more excited as it went on." While her goaltending ultimately gave Laurier the win, Woeller points out how important the success of her teammates was in the shoot out.

"I was happy that the girls put them away too," she said. "It's a lot of pressure on the shooters as well."

The Hawks now move on to face the OUA east division's second-place finishers, the Ottawa Gee-Gees in the semi-finals this Saturday in Kingston, kicking off at 1:30 p.m. Last season, the Hawks fell to the Gee-Gees in the OUA bronze medal game after being upset by Queen's in the semi-final.

Looking ahead to the semi-finals, MacLean points out where the team struggled against the Mustangs and what they need to do in order to continue their winning.

"I just don't think we competed as well as we could have today," he said. "We have to play with more balance, we have to play more of our style of passing."

Woeller looks to their win in the quarterfinals as motivation for the team's continued success, explaining how they now need to "take the momentum from this game and move it forward throughout the rest of the playoffs."

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

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10.31.10

W Hockey 3 - Western 1

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M Football 42 - Guelph 10

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M Hockey 1 - UOIT 2

W Volleyball 0 - Guelph 3

M Volleyball 1 - Guelph 3

W Basketball 59 - Cape Breton 61

M Basketball 105 - Alumni 68

W Lacrosse 7 - Western 5

W Soccer 3 - Western 2

M Soccer 0 - York 2

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W Volleyball 0 - McMaster 3

M Volleyball 1 - McMaster 3

M Basketball 92 - UOAM 65

W Basketball 59 - Cape Breton 69

W Lacrosse 12 - Toronto 11

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M Soccer 2 - Guelph 1

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The Hawks would come away with a 12-11 win, lifting them to their eighth OUA championship game in ten years, where they would down the host Mustangs.

The win signals a return to prominence for a team that dominated the OUA for so long, even going three years without losing a single game between 2006 and 2009.

"It comes with maturity," said Orth of the team's quick turnaround. "Last year we had a lot of young players and they just didn't know how to play together yet. This year, we really ramped it up, we worked on a number of different things and then in the second half of the year we just fine-tuned everything."

Thanks to the team being so young in 2009, the Hawks came into this season losing just three players from last year's team. That continuity was complemented by a strong rookie class featuring the likes of OUA all-star Ashley Rutz.

"Having played together all last year and gaining that experience, we were a much better team coming into this year," said Burnett. "Also we had some absolutely fantastic rookies who came in and did such an amazing job and were huge contributors all year."

Rutz wasn't the only Hawk who earned personal accolades this season, as she was joined on the all-star team by Burnett, third-year Emma Pink and fourth-year Amanda Groothuis. Burnett was also

named most outstanding player.

"She's touted by a lot of people as the best goalie in the league," said Orth of Burnett. "She has her bad days like anyone else but even her bad days are still better than a lot of people's good days."

Orth also took home a personal award, winning OUA coach of the year. Despite the Hawks' six straight titles from 2003-08, this is the first time Orth has won the award.

Back on top of the OUA, the Hawks now turn their sights to next year.

"I think next year's going to be just as great," said Burnett. "We'll have pretty much the same team and I think if we put in the work in the off-season we're going to be just as good, if not better next season."

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Rapanaro leads Hawks past Guelph

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

Giancarlo Rapanaro is used to making plays with his hands and his shoulders, but in Saturday's provincial quarterfinal, the fifth-year linebacker also made things happen with his legs.

Taking over the kicking and punting duties from a struggling Nathan Hawkes, Rapanaro not only chipped in on defence like he normally does — five tackles, two interceptions — but also went 4-4 on field goals and averaged 34.9 yards per punt despite dealing with a heavy wind. The effort not only played a huge part in the Hawks' 42-10 drubbing of the Guelph Gryphons, it also earned Rapanaro Ontario University Athletics (OUA) special teams player of the week honours.

"I'm Italian so I've pretty much always been the back-up kicker by default," laughed Rapanaro. "I'm going to do what helps the team, if they need me to play receiver I'll do it."

Joining Rapanaro among the OUA players of the week was defensive tackle Steve Cormack, who returned the first interception of his career 57 yards for a touchdown.

"I thought I was in a dream," said Cormack of his touchdown. "I couldn't even feel my legs by the end of it, it's just a lifetime memory, it's unbelievable."

With Cormack and Rapanaro leading the way, the Hawks' defence would force a total of five interceptions as the quarterback position seemed to be cursed for the Gryphons on Saturday. Starter Chris Rossetti was knocked out of the game after attempting just one pass, then back-up Luke Nangle had his three-interception day ended by a

broken collarbone just before half time. That left the ball in the hands of receiver Jedd Gardner, who would complete just one pass.

"It's unfortunate, what happened with their quarterbacks, you never like to see guys go down like that," said Rapanaro. "But as a unit, we played really well, we rallied to the ball, we made big plays."

Almost lost among the spectacular performances on defence was the third consecutive solid performance from Laurier's offence, specifically quarterback Shane Kelly.

Kelly completed 23 of his 33 passes for 282 yards and a pair of touchdowns, recovering from a shaky start, being intercepted by Guelph's Sebastien Howard on his first pass of the game. But more importantly, Kelly once again looked more comfortable running the offence.

"I think we're hitting our stride right at the right time," said Kelly of the offence. "We had a lot of adversity early in the season but now everything's really coming together."

The win means that the Hawks will go back to Ottawa to take on the nation's top quarterback Brad Sinopoli and the number-four nationally ranked Gee-Gees in the OUA semi-final. The last time the two teams met was on Oct. 9, when the Gee-Gees came away with a 44-21 win.

"We said when we saw them down there [on Oct. 9] that there was a good chance we were going to see them again," said manager of football operations and head coach Gary Jeffries. "We know we can play with them, we're anxious to go back."

The Hawks will look to get back to the Yates Cup final for the first time since 2006 this Saturday at 1:00 p.m.



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Giancarlo Rapanaro (13) after one of his two interceptions in Saturday's OUA quarterfinal versus the Guelph Gryphons. The Hawks downed the Gryphons 42-10 to advance to the provincial semi-final.



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Hawks' forward Devon Skeats (21) celebrates one of her two goals on Sunday. Skeats is tied for first on the team with seven points.

Women's hockey rebounds from rare early-season loss

Second-year Devon Skeats scores a pair of goals in 3-1 win

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Having gone undefeated until the last game of the regular season in each of the past two years, losing is not something the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's hockey team is used to. However, on Saturday afternoon, the Hawks fell 3-2 to the Windsor Lancers, marking their earliest loss in a season since 2007.

"I think the first six wins this year, there were two or three games where we could've lost," said head coach Rick Osborne. "[Windsor] had four lines who were playing well and they're also a very well conditioned team ... but you could tell it took a lot out of them to beat us. Like most teams that beat us, you would've thought they just won the Stanley Cup, but you don't win anything in October and November."

With the rare early-season loss

fresh in their minds, the Hawks returned home on Sunday night for a game with the Western Mustangs. The purple and gold promptly got their season back on track, downing the Mustangs 3-1, out-shooting them 32-13, even limiting their rivals from London to a single shot in the third period.

"It was a good game to come back to," said goalie Liz Knox. "It wasn't quite a 180-degree turnaround, but it was a good stepping stone for sure. A little adversity is never a bad thing and I think we showed tonight that we can bounce back."

Leading the way offensively for the Hawks was second-year Devon Skeats, who scored a pair of goals to go along with fourth-year Katherine Shirriff's first-period marker. The two goals brought Skeats' point total to seven, tying her with Shirriff for first on the team.

According to Osborne, Skeats

came back for her second season at Laurier a much more mature player, which has enabled her to build on a 2009-10 post-season that saw her score six goals after scoring just four throughout the regular season.

"I'm really proud of the way she's come back this year," said Osborne of Skeats. "A lot of times you'll see a player have one big performance and then kind of disappear but she's really come back and proven herself as a solid top-six forward."

For Skeats, the increased production has come from increased responsibility compared to last year.

"I feel like I have a much bigger presence on the ice, like I have a bigger role this year," she said. "I think I'm more depended on than I was as a rookie and it's a good feeling to be relied on like that."

Skeats will look to keep her scoring pace up this Saturday when Laurier takes on the Waterloo Warriors.

Grads say goodbye as men's soccer team falls in quarterfinal

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It would've been easy for the large contingent of first-years on the Golden Hawks men's soccer team to shuffle off York University's pitch in frustration and anger after their season had been snuffed out by the first-placed Lions in their 2-0 quarterfinal loss on Saturday.

But Ben Clifford has a message for the distraught youngsters.

Enjoy it. Savour the moment. Even in heartbreak, it goes fast.

"I've learned so much," said

the graduating captain. "Not just in terms of soccer, but about life; [coach Mario Halapir] has taught me so much about work ethic and commitment."

A slow start, which characterized many of the squad's games this year, was ultimately the team's bane when they were bounced Saturday.

York's star player and league leader in goals Adrian Pena capitalized on a play featuring a stumbled Hawk in the first minute; writing Laurier's season obituary in the process, forcing the Hawks to play catch-up.

"We broke down on our shutdown

plays, which we worked on Friday," said Halapir. "It's very tough to rebound from a goal that happens that quickly."

"That definitely took a toll on the guys," added Clifford. "We were able to come back against Guelph [in the first round], but when you're on the road playing a quality team like York, it's a lot more difficult."

Regardless, Halapir is happy that his band of newcomers got a crash course on playoff soccer in their inaugural year.

"Dealing with playoff pressure is important," he said. "Overall, I'm

very, very pleased with the way this season ended up, much more than last year ... We have no regrets."

And just as the Hawks can notch a successful second round post-season experience to their resume moving forward, the elder statesmen on the team have said their final goodbyes to Alumni Field.

Among those removing the purple and gold from their wardrobe include Clifford, Spencer Cawker, Zach Faubert-Tetreault, Eamonn Hardy, Josh Moore, Matt Mori, Matt Smith and the injured Alex Doma.

"They've been a great asset to

the program," said Halapir. "But I'm confident in the fact that we have a solid group of guys coming back."

In the meantime, Clifford has his sights set on Milltown FC in his hometown of Milton in the Canadian Soccer League.

"Soccer's been a big part of who I am," said the captain, and while Laurier is losing its devoted soccer chief to graduation, Clifford thinks the team will do more than fine next year. "It's a great bunch of guys; Mario has some talent to work with ... The future looks bright for Laurier soccer."