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Changes debated

Students petition against proposal to start classes on Thursday of O-Week

MARISSA EVANS
CORD NEWS

A whirlwind of opinions has been traversing the Wilfrid Laurier University campus since Oct. 3, when a proposal to introduce fall study days – which may result in classes beginning on the Thursday after Labour Day – was approved by the senate academic planning committee. The proposal will be presented at the senate and board meeting on Wednesday by registrar and commissioner of oaths Ray Darling who took on the role of managing the project.

In the time in between, WLU students on social networking sites have been grappling with the implications of the proposal and are forming their own contrasting opinions.

"It sounds like there are people who are supportive of the proposal, some who are not and some who are concerned about the impact on orientation week," explained Darling, who has received a few phone calls in reference to the proposal.

The intent of the proposal is, as Darling puts it, to "help students in

the fall term, particularly first year students." To accomplish this, a two day reading break will be added to the end of October, in turn making it necessary for the school year to start on the Thursday after Labour Day.

This has left many WLU students feeling like they are choosing between orientation week (O-Week) or a reading break that will help them catch up.

Third-year business student and 2011 O-Week ice breaker Kaitlin Johnson is undecided on whether she supports the proposal.

"I'm still on the fence," she said. "Because I think it's a great idea, but then I also think that given a break, the majority of students will be partying more than actually getting things done." She is also concerned about what the proposal means for O-Week, and whether shortening it will impact it negatively.

Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) president and CEO Nick Gibson recognizes the reality of this apprehension.

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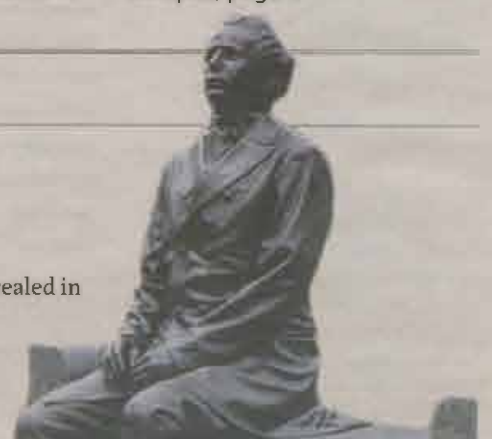
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—Men's soccer head coach Mario Halapir on his past players, including Zach Faubert, and his disappointment in his current players' efforts



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"Well, I do believe that there is a dictatorship coming." —Steven Wiseman, Laurier alumnus, on why he decided to come out to Occupy K-W

"The banks here are not the villains. If anything, I'd consider the greediest people in our society to be unions." —Occupy Toronto counter-protester Mel Glickman, on why the Occupy protests do not make sense in Canada

"I think it's got a lot of value, and a lot of people don't see it." —Third-year business and co-op student and 2011 O-Week ice breaker Stephen Franchetto, regarding having a two-day reading break in the fall and adding two days of class to the O-Week

"A lot of really powerful interest groups wanted things to go back to the way things were before the recession and it was impossible, you can't put the lid on the genie bottle anymore." —Trish Hennessy of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives on the competing ideologies that spurred the Occupy movement

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Do you have a long enough break between exams and the winter semester?



"They stretch the exams a little too far out...not giving people like myself the opportunity to go on longer vacations...with family."
—Shaurya Saxena
Second-year business



"I do but I know my roommates they're here until the 23rd and they're from Windsor and shit so they have so far to go."
—Melissa Trotter
Fifth-year English



"After all the studying I put into it I just have about two weeks off so I'm a bit frustrated about that."
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10 years Hawks clinch playoff berth

This past weekend, Laurier's defending national champion men's soccer team won two key games over Western and Windsor, and in the process clinched a playoff spot.

The Hawks topped Western despite poor officiating, beating the Mustangs by a score of 2-0. The win eliminates the Mustangs from post-season play.

This is a sweet taste of revenge for the Hawks as the Mustangs have been the only team to beat Laurier so far this season.

Coming off a huge win on Saturday, the momentum seemed to carry into Sunday's game as Laurier started the match with an aggressive attack on the Windsor Lancers. It was

clear early on that the Lancers could not handle the attack as they fouled on a clear breakaway.

There was a negative side to the end of the half. One of the Lancers' players went down with a punctured lung and had to be taken off the field in an ambulance.

The Hawks struggled a bit in the second half, but regrouped quickly and picked up a quick score by Steve Cox midway through the second half. That goal took the wind out of the Lancers' sails as Laurier wrapped up another victory 3-1.

The nationally third-ranked Hawks wrap up their regular season this week with games against Guelph and Waterloo, with hopes of earning first place in the OUA West. Printed Oct. 17, 2001

5 years Canada's political 'bad boy'

Garth Turner, Conservative member of parliament for the Halton riding, was dismissed from the federal caucus last Wednesday. The reason: critical remarks made about the party on his blog that have detailed his life as an MP since he took office last year.

The Conservatives and Prime Minister Harper were tight-lipped following Turner's dismissal. Turner explained this was because they are untrusting of the Canadian media.

The MP had used the media to his advantage in taking the opposite approach and talking about the

dismissal.

In his blog, Turner spoke against Conservative plans for the environment, criticizing that they were not strong enough.

Turner also believed that while politics are alienating to youth, his blog got youth discussing issues by making issues more pertinent to their concerns.

At the time, Turner said he will sit as an independent MP for at least two months. His constituents that contacted him questioned how effective he could be without party ties. Turner responded that he may consider the Green Party over time. Printed Oct. 25, 2006

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 5 article "Group sues over high pollution levels", The Cord misspelled the company Suncor's name as "Suncore." In addition, the environmental committee that Lockridge tried to join was subsequently referred to as a "council" when it should have read "committee." The Cord apologizes for these errors.

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"A size inch penis is the size of my face!"
—Graphics Editor Taylor Gayowsky to Marcie and Rosalie in determining what is too big, while comparing her head to a ruler.



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WLU pays tribute to namesake

New statue of Sir Wilfrid Laurier erected in university's Quad, across from MacDonald House residence

SPENCER DUNN
CORD NEWS

A crowd of mostly alumni and faculty waited in anticipation for the unveiling of the bronze statue featuring the namesake of Wilfrid Laurier University on Oct. 18. Marlene Hilton Moore, the artist of the statue, lifted up the purple veil and the crowd erupted into cheers, impressed with the craftsmanship of the figure.

The origins of the statue began when Barry Ries, editorial and communications officer at WLU, walked into the centennial steering committee meeting with a proposal.

He sat a six-inch model of Laurier down on the desk and said, "This is the biggest statue of Laurier on campus, and we should really change that."

Ries said he was "annoyed" that at convocation the students have nowhere to take a picture, so there should really be a statue to stand in front of. The committee liked his idea and the process of finding an artist began, and that's when Hilton Moore was found.

"The thing that we liked most of all about Marlene was that her concept for Laurier was a younger Laurier," said Tiffany Bradley, manager of communications and marketing for centennial celebrations and a member of the artist selection committee, "Which was something we hadn't really considered when we started this project."

Hilton Moore proposed the idea of a younger Laurier, a Laurier at the beginning of his career. "We loved that idea," commented Bradley. "Being a university campus, that's what our students are all about, they're finishing their education and about to embark on their lives."

The statue still had a long way to come from just the idea. Fundraising began immediately and will continue until the end of this year.

Next came the actual statue. "I start with research, I start to learn more about this person," said Moore, an experienced Canadian artist who has done works such as the Valiance Memorial statues in Ottawa, Ontario.

"I want to find the thing about that historical person that I respond to ... I really wanted to create that passionate young Laurier."

The sculpting process then began, "I actually invented a process to create a sculpture," said Moore, noting



Marlene Hilton Moore (L), the artist behind the statue, and WLU president Max Blouw (R) become two of the first to take a seat with Wilf. KATE TURNER LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

that all the details on the statue are accurate. "That's like the sculpture you have here of Laurier. Which is a combination of all sorts of traditional sculpting techniques. I've developed a process where I can start to use real artifacts, like the clothing and so on, and work with those and build them up."

The challenge then became speed and accuracy, Moore had only 10 months to produce a sculpture ready for bronzing.

"Ten months is pretty quick to turn around something of this magnitude, and she did that really well, I mean she was ahead of schedule, he was completed in the end of July," continued Bradley. "And she didn't disappoint."

Now that the statue is here, vandalism is always a consideration.

"There's always a worry about that," said Ries. "But at some

"At some point... you have to figure the students are going to police themselves."

—WLU editorial and communications officer Barry Ries on concerns about vandalism of the new statue

point, you know, you have to figure the students are going to police themselves."

Ries has great confidence that the statue will become "loved" by the student body. Both Bradley and Hilton Moore have confidence that the

statue will be treated with respect as well.

All three said that if students put things such as scarves or hats, removable things on the statue, that this will be more than acceptable and show that he has been adopted by the student body.

"If you're going to worry about vandalism, nobody would ever do anything, no one would ever make any commemorative artwork," said Hilton Moore with confidence.

"You would never build anything beautiful, because you would anticipate vandalism and you would just stop, and that's so negative."

The statue itself is made of bronze and is destruction-proof; the marble seat that he sits atop of is made of marble extracted from a quarry near Laurier's birthplace in Quebec, and it's quite robust.

Though many have questioned

the choice of statue, as the institution was not Wilfrid Laurier University until 1973, Bradley said there are a number of reasons why he was chosen, "The fact that we're named after one of the most well known and well respected Canadian prime ministers ... isn't really evident on our campus in any way shape or form except for the name."

"[We wanted to] make that connection for people who are visiting our campus," she added. "We have a lot in common with Wilfrid Laurier the man, he was very successful and very inspirational and that's what always strive to have in our students."

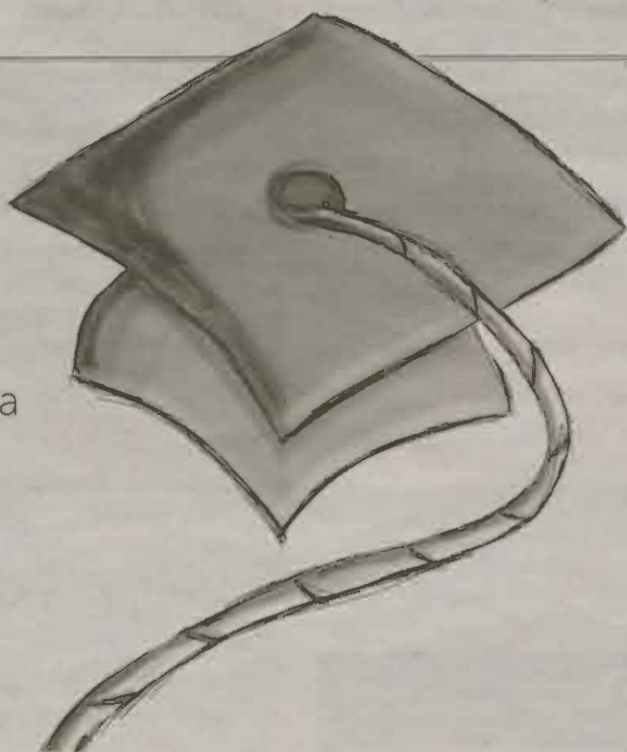
The statue sits near the Quad and waits for students to take a picture with; his far off gaze is a look to the future, and as Ries stated, "With any luck it'll be here for the next 100 years."

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Time for a change

A recent report calls for a restructure of Canadian post-secondary education system

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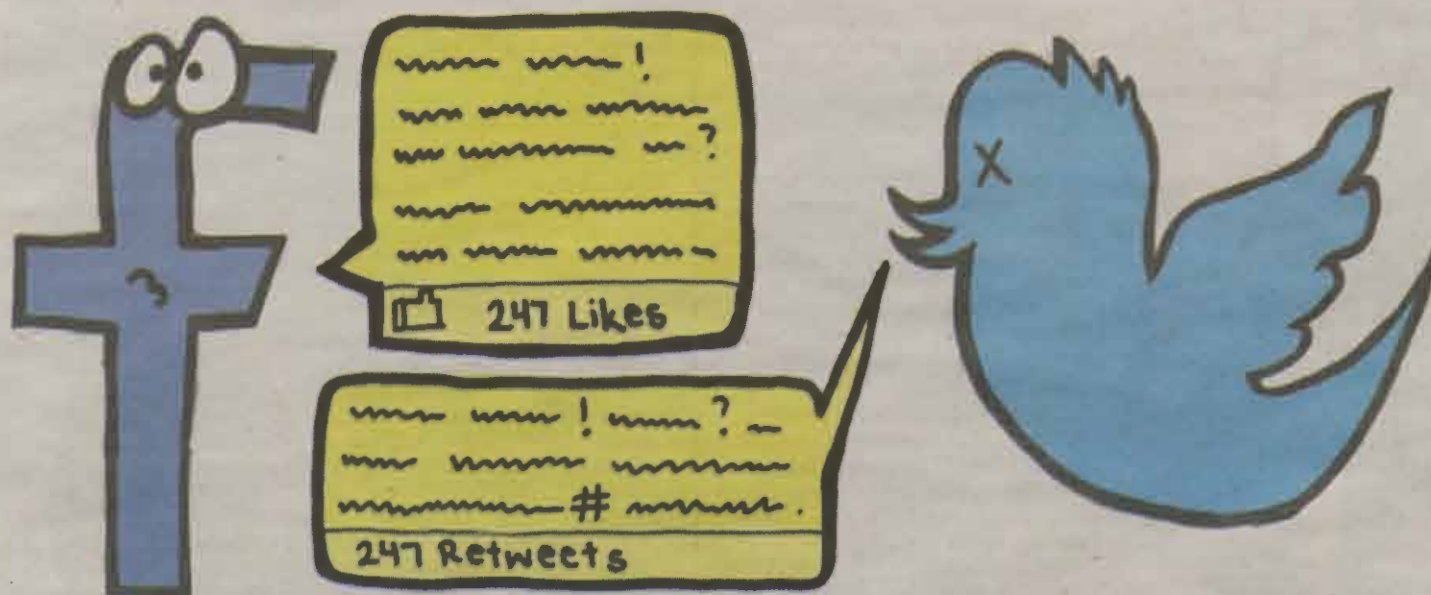
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Social media ignites over proposal



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program and how it relates to the reading break," he said. However, Gibson believes this simply reflects the commitment, enthusiasm and passion of the volunteers.

The culture of volunteers at WLU exists in such a way that Gibson would, in fact, be upset if there wasn't a passionate response. He believes that it's a completely natural reaction, and has had many students bring their concern to his office.

Conversely, third-year business and co-op student and 2011 O-Week ice breaker Stephen Franchetto has a different opinion on the proposal and what it means for WLU.

"I think it's got a lot of value, and a lot of people don't see it," he said. Franchetto hopes that the proposal is passed because he feels it's important for the union to do more to support mental health initiatives.

"These two days, although they aren't going to solve the entire problem, are a really big first step,"

"If we are really about representing students' interest, students should be able to talk about it."

—Stephen Franchetto, third-year business and co-op student and 2011 O-Week ice breaker

stressed Franchetto. He disagrees with the belief many students have that the two-day reading break would be a waste.

Franchetto explains his own conviction, "If we don't start somewhere, we're not starting."

However, there has been some opposition by WLU students to the proposal as a petition and a survey has been circulating around campus

through sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

"Ultimately, I think the petition is a good thing," Franchetto imparts. "If we are really about representing students' interest, students should be able to talk about it."

Jordan Epstein, a third-year kinesiology student and two-time ice breaker, helped to set up the petition. His own opinion revolves around the fact that this is the first year data was provided to see how well O-Week prepares students academically. In this respect, Epstein doesn't think the proposal makes much sense.

"They start this survey this year, the data comes out in November, and they're making this decision in October," Epstein explained.

Epstein said the current goal for the petition is 2,000 students. This aim will hopefully give them more of an advantage when the petition is taken to the senate. As of print time, approximately 530 students have signed the petition and around 600 have filled out the survey, with

two-thirds of those students rejecting the change.

Gibson isn't certain if the petition will ultimately sway the senate's decision.

"I think the biggest thing that the petition will show is that, regardless of whether the proposal is passed, students are very concerned about the orientation program and making sure that it is the best that it could possibly be," he said.

"Even if the proposal goes through, the petition doesn't become irrelevant anymore."

Darling agrees, pointing out that if the senate decides implementing a fall reading break is not worth the change because it won't benefit the students, he won't be too upset.

"I just want whatever is best for the university," he concludes. "I've heard about the Facebook group, I've heard about the petition and I hope that those things will be brought forward to the senate. They should be part of the discussion for sure."

—With files from Justin Smirles

Laurier in brief

True North Brass becomes new guest ensemble

Earlier this week, Wilfrid Laurier University announced that True North Brass chamber ensemble would be the university's distinguished guest ensemble for the 2011-12 year.

Created in 1997, True North Brass has performed in Canada, China and across North America. The group has a Canadian focus and been featured on the CBC's *Opening Night* program.

The performers and pedagogues will be in residence at Laurier for master classes and workshops on November 4 and 5, 2011 and March 2 and 3, 2012.

—Compiled by Justin Fauteux

Ex-Barenaked Ladies front man coming to WLU

This weekend, Laurier's faculty of music will host its second annual Music Care conference, which will feature a keynote performance from former Barenaked Ladies lead singer Steven Page.

The conference, to be held Oct. 22, see participants take part in workshops on a variety of topics, with Page's performance closing the event.

—Compiled by Justin Fauteux

Career Centre hosts education fair

Over 75 educational institutes will be at Laurier today as the WLU Career Centre holds its annual Graduate and Professional Education Fair. Information sessions on graduate education will be held in the Paul Martin Centre, the Senate and Board Chamber and the Concourse, and will give students the chance to meet with admissions representatives.

—Compiled by Justin Fauteux

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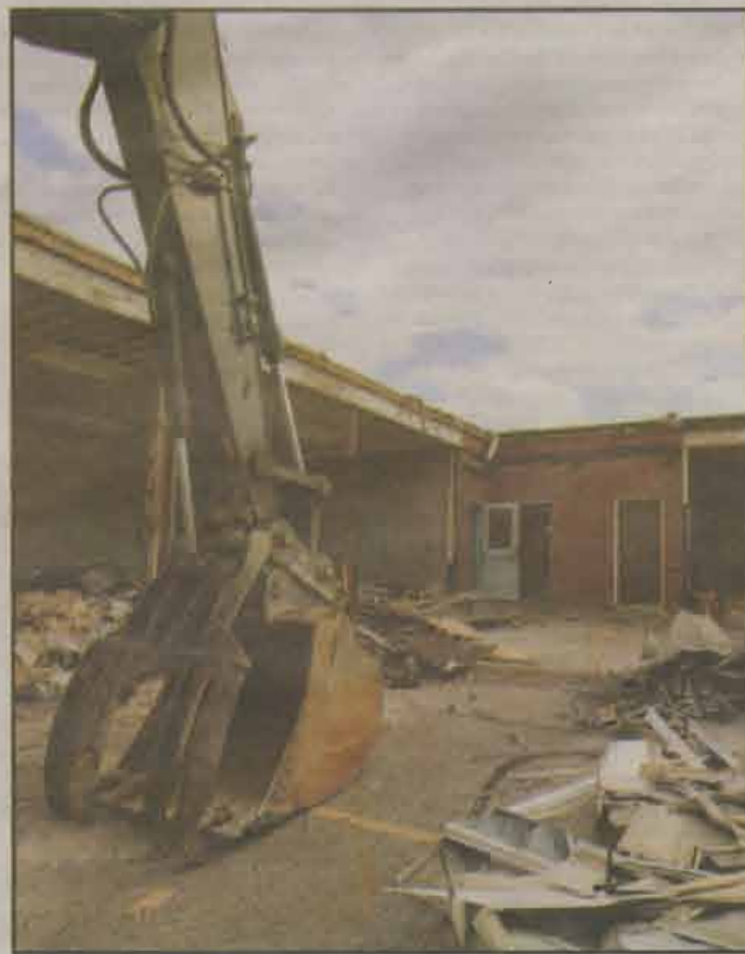
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TAYLOR GAYOWSKY GRAPHICS EDITOR

Surviving in residence

Keeping watch on alcohol and substance use for first years

ELIZABETH DICESARE
STAFF WRITER

Many first-year students come to university with a newfound freedom, being away from home for the first time, which, according to David McMurray, vice president of student affairs at Wilfrid Laurier University, can inevitably lead to "some experimentation, naturally ... at that stage of a person's life."

Ever since high schools cut grade 13, students have been coming to university younger, which creates issues regarding underage drinking and drug use while living in residence.

"Some students come with a background of experience in social, responsible drinking, and some students have never had a drink in their lives and have to deal with how to manage [these new situations]," explained McMurray.

However, the amount of incidents regarding underage drinking and drug use has not been on the rise. Per capita percentages show that the influx of younger students is why there are more incidents, not that they are necessarily acting out more than in past years.

"From a sheer numbers point of view, [situations regarding illegal

misbehavior] is about the same [as previous years]," said Chris Dodd, WLU's director of residence services.

"It's hard to tell at this point because it depends on what we've documented."

Not all incidents regarding underage drinking and drug use are reported. McMurray explained that what happens behind closed doors in the students' private lives is a different situation.

Research done by members of the WLU faculty has also looked into the amount of underage drinking and drug use that goes on in residence.

The results have shown that "students think that [they] are drinking and using illegal drugs more so than they actually are — there's no question that they are, but their perceptions are much higher than is reality," explained McMurray.

In order to control students in residence they "sign a contract that governs behaviour as it pertains to such things as alcohol," said Dodd.

If a student is caught challenging the rules, "Most ... want to take responsibility for their actions once they realize ... how they transgressed the rules ... [but] there is always one or two [students] who don't agree with our system,"

"It's all about making judgment, responsibility and sometimes there is a learning curve."

—David McMurray, vice president of student affairs

explained Dodd.

When dealing with students, residence life does take into consideration reasons behind students acting out.

McMurray explained that there may be academic issues and family or financial problems which could lead a student to act out. As a result, rules and regulations are set in place not only to create a safe living environment, but also to help students.

"It's all about making judgment, responsibility and sometimes there is a learning curve ... we want students to be safe," concluded McMurray.

Reaching out to Aboriginal students through lacrosse

WLU hosts 2nd Laurier High School Friendship Lacrosse Day

JUSTIN SMIRLIES
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Taking a day off to learn more about Canada's national sport, 75 Aboriginal high school students from Six Nations participated in the second Laurier High School Friendship Lacrosse Day at Wilfrid Laurier University on Oct. 13. The event offered the students tours, speakers and drills and scrimmages put on by lacrosse coaches.

"It was really all about bringing them on campus and coming together, community building and just to showcase what we could offer here at our campus," said Melissa Ireland, Aboriginal student support co-ordinator at WLU.

"They loved the day, they felt really engaged. It was really a good opportunity for them to come and learn some post secondary options for them."

"It went very smoothly with everything we planned," added Kandice Baptiste, Laurier's Aboriginal students recruitment and retention officer, who started in May after

graduating from WLU. "I think we really made an impact on the students with the campus tours."

One of the main goals of the tournament was to expose the students to a university setting as well as to showcase many of the Aboriginal student services, such as an Aboriginal Student Association, that WLU has to offer.

"It was really a good opportunity for them to come and learn some post-secondary options for them," continued Ireland. "Also being taught in a sport they love and care about."

Aside from receiving tips about lacrosse, the students also had the opportunity to listen to various speakers, including a Six Nations elder in the morning.

Allan Downey, a PhD candidate at WLU who spoke at the event, gave valuable insight on what it means to be an Aboriginal post-secondary student, as well, what it's like to be an avid lacrosse player and how sport motivated him to pursue further education.

Many of the services and

initiatives are relatively young, as the Aboriginal Centre at WLU was only established in August of 2010. While they may be new, both Ireland and Baptiste are hopeful that these services will increase the Aboriginal population at Laurier.

"I can't underscore the fact that our initiatives are new," explained Ireland. "[But] we do have a thriving and growing Aboriginal student population."

Currently, Laurier has about 300 Aboriginal undergraduate students and approximately 70 graduate students at the Waterloo campus.

Baptiste echoed Ireland's sentiment, "I don't think we're a destination school for students, our services are very young."

"I find that a lot of the students are unaware of Laurier or the institution as a whole, but I think we can only get better. The university has made it a priority so we can only gain momentum that way," she said.

Part of Baptiste's role at WLU is to recruit more First Nations students from various high schools and First Nations communities. To achieve this, Baptiste will continue to create more initiatives and make strong efforts in her recruiting.

"My job is to make sure the transition is easy for them. We try to help before they even come to Laurier, up until the point they graduate," said Baptiste.

"We want to create a community so that when students come to Laurier, they have that family community feel on campus."

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—Kandice Baptiste, Aboriginal students recruitment and retention officer

Breaking down Aboriginal enrolment:

75

The approximate number of students that attended the lacrosse tournament at WLU.

1/33

The ratio of Aboriginal students that attend a post-secondary institution in Canada.

300

The number of Aboriginal undergraduate students at Wilfrid Laurier University.



SAMANTHA KELLERMAN CORD PHOTOGRAPHY

Since opening, International News has yet to accept OneCard.

Delays for OneCard

ELIZABETH BATE
STAFF WRITER

More than six weeks after its opening at the beginning of term, International News still does not accept OneCard. The convenience store, located in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre, replaced the C-Spot, which was closed following the 2010-2011 school year, and was ready for the hordes of incoming students this fall, however, their OneCard system was not.

Wilfrid Laurier University manager of OneCard David Playfair said the popular method of payment should be available soon, but problems with equipment and servers have caused delays.

"We were very anxious for the new owner to accept OneCard and we're glad he's on board," Playfair said Tuesday. "I'm anticipating it will be up before you know it."

The OneCard office ordered the equipment for International News to install the system from their supplier in Colorado in August, however backorders meant the equipment wasn't received until recently. Now, an IP connection issue is further delaying the process, though Playfair was expected to meet with

International News owner Marc Tremblay on Wednesday to clear up the problem.

Senior store manager and Laurier grad Heather Budd said she expects the system to be up and running by the end of the week, in the meantime the store takes debit, credit and cash, also offering up to \$40 cash back with each debit transaction. When students opt to pay with debit however, they are being charged an additional 20-cent fee.

"It's to cover the costs to have the debit machines here," Budd said. "It's a standard fee with every debit."

At no time did the store consider waiving the debit fee for students while OneCard was being delayed. Both Playfair and Budd, who said the staff at the store get asked at least one every 20 minutes if they take OneCard, expected the system would have been installed weeks ago.

"I expected it to be ready already," said Playfair. "There's just a couple of glitches."

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Protesters stand outside Kitchener City Hall with signs and posters to show their support for the Occupy movement held on October 15.

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Occupy movement comes to Kitchener City Hall

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While tens of thousands gathered in cities across the globe on Oct. 15 as part of the Occupy movement, a small group of approximately 20 citizens joined at Kitchener City Hall to show their support. In line with the Occupy movement, the group spoke out against greed, inequity and poverty.

"I'm very concerned about the direction that the country is going," said attendee Eleanor Grant, a citizen of Waterloo for about 40 years.

Grant expressed that her focus at the Saturday morning protest was labour issues.

"This Conservative government has taken it upon itself to bust unions and they don't have a mandate to do that," she said, adding her concern about the difficulty of securing well-paid work.

Noting that she was an anti-poverty activist and has concerns about access to welfare, Grant continued, "I did some research into the social

assistance system I realized you can't even transition from social assistance to working because the jobs nowadays are all temporary and contract."

Discussing similar concerns of poverty and inequity, Roger Albrecht, a member of the Kitchener-Waterloo Nonviolence Festival who helped organize the event, said "in looking at the current economic model, we see the disparity, we see the suffering that comes from it and we can look at the past and see in many ways its gotten worse from it."

Joining Albrecht on the stage during the protest was "Mr. Moneybags" who facetiously represented the top one per cent of those holding financial wealth. Mr. Moneybags spoke to the crowd about the wealthy, "We've got houses and vehicles— basically we can go anywhere and do anything we want at any time."

Mr. Moneybags defended greed, called the state of the economy "fine" and told the crowd to not wake up.

Following this demonstration, that elicited negative response from the protest and cheers as Mr. Moneybags left the stage, Albrecht explained the message of waking up through Occupy. "We hope it's an awakening, we hope that people wake up in the sense that they're frustrated already but now they're actually going to move their bums and protest, meet, get together, form groups," he said.

Not everyone at the protest however was raising concerns. For some, like Wilfrid Laurier University alumnus Steven Wiseman, curiosity brought them to the event.

"What if this protest was able to bring down the banking system, what if we succeed?" asked Wiseman, who has been living in K-W since 1984.

"The Bible prophesized a coming world leader who will have economic control of the world," he further explained, regarding the potential of a dictatorship rising if this movement is successful and results in rapid change.

Wiseman did acknowledge the importance of the issues that were being raised by the protestors, such as labour unions.

"A worker should not be deprived of their wages, but where we really need unions is in China and India and Mexico, that's where they should be," he said.

The global perspective was also raised by Albrecht, who discussed bank bailouts following the recession.

"In the end [they said] not only what they were doing was a mistake but was wrong and in some cases illegal," he said, sharing frustration towards those that had a hand in causing the recession yet were able to keep their high-paying jobs.

In hoping to elicit change from this movement, Albrecht said, "What we're hoping is that the government says 'hey the people are starting to say things, and maybe they'll start to listen.'"

"It's grassroots and it will continue. There's no stopping people united."

K-W in brief

Oktoberfest comes to an end

Oktoberfest's 43rd annual festival has come to an end and this year's keg has been sealed and packed away for next year's continuation of the tradition. The *Waterloo Region Record* reported that Oktoberfest brand president Vic Degutis has expanded the festival, adding new and bigger halls, a wider variety of events and a larger parade. Such changes resulted in an estimated 700,000 general attendance. Such expansion conflicts are bound to arise and this year the festival fought a continued battle with an increased number of ticket scams.

Kitchener set to turn 100

The City of Kitchener will be celebrating its 100th year as a city on June 10th on King Street. According to the *Waterloo Region Record*, a \$165,000 preliminary budget has been approved with expectations of using it to raise \$495,000 in additional funds. The city staff encourages all city members to get involved by preparing a one-minute video describing how they would use ten grand to celebrate the city's centennial year, which will then be voted on by community members and a panel of judges. According to Mayor Carl Zehr the city wants a big celebration and it is not too early to start planning for it.

Local recycling pioneer dies

Kitchener is sad to report the death of 84-year-old resident, Nyle Ludolph, the man responsible for creating the blue box recycling program. In the early 1980s Ludolph was working for Laidlaw Waste Systems and was asked to speak to students about reducing waste. Recognizing that his company did little to accomplish this task, he organized a pilot project with Resource Integration Systems developing the blue box system, which grew city-wide by 1983. Described by his son as a kind and generous man, this city has lost a leader in the community.

Waterloo fire station goes green

According to a press release, the newest addition to the City of Waterloo's fire stations, located on the corner of University Avenue and Woolwich Street, was recently awarded a gold level certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design after new construction, resulting in energy cost savings of 33 per cent.

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Time for a change to Canadian PSE?

Entire education system under reconstruction after CCL report

LEE RICHARDSON
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TORONTO (CUP) — Canada's entire education system is in need of restructuring, according to a new report.

Released Oct. 11 by the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL), the report says that without a national regulatory committee, Canada's education system will decline, leading to a loss of economic productivity and innovation.

"They talk about the dysfunctionality of post-secondary education," said Glen Jones, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. "There are some criticisms and some of them are valid, but I think it's going too far to say that it's dysfunctional."

The report is likely to be the final paper released by the CCL, which is set to close in spring 2012 after federal funding for the national learning organization was withdrawn by the Harper government last year.

"Some of the comments are made with greater vitriol than have been made in the past," said Jones. "But that doesn't mean that they don't say some important things."

While acknowledging high participation rates in post-secondary education and praising Canada's teaching staff and generally well-educated population, the report, "What is the Future of Learning in Canada?" criticizes the lack of a federal body that sets national goals in terms of education. Currently, education issues are handled by individual provincial and territorial governments.

"The principal cause of the unacceptable and deeply troubling state

of affairs is that our governments have failed to work together to develop the necessary policies and failed to exhibit the required collective political leadership," stated the report.

"We have a higher education system where there are very strong incentives for faculty to attempt to become great researchers, but there are not as many incentives for individual faculty, or the university as a whole, to focus on the quality of undergraduate teaching," said Ryerson politics professor David Trick, who has co-authored the book *Academic Reform*.

"It's almost as though high-quality teaching has become sort of a token aspect of our universities, a token area that we need to reward rather than something that is as celebrated as research," said Meaghan Coker, a University of Toronto public policy and governance master's student.

"That small example is one of many that indicates the imbalance between research and teaching."

While some universities in provinces like British Columbia and Alberta operate under different models, some of which put an emphasis on teaching, provinces such as Ontario have switched entirely to a university model that concentrates on advancing research.

"We've often talked about finding balance between the two," said Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance president Sean Madden.

"Several of our policies are on quality of education, specifically advocating for quality of teaching, transparent teaching and teaching development to become a larger part in a professor's professional career

progression."

According to Jones, however, the major problem with Canada's education system is a lack of available relevant data, which is needed before changes in policy can be achieved.

"We are behind many of our peers, and by that I mean many other Western developed countries that have much better data about how their educational system is going," said Jones, who added that the amount of data the government has regarding its education system is not enough to develop effective policy analysis at the provincial and territorial level.

"We need to know more about post-secondary education," said Jones. "But it's difficult to deal with because there [are] very few political advantages in investing in data."

While the report calls for the formation of a national body to reform the country's system, Jones states that apart from a need for the federal government to collect more information about the national educational infrastructure, such a reform might not be necessary.

"Many of the problems involve issues that can be done at the provincial level or territorial level, so I agree with the problems — I guess I disagree with their solutions," Jones said.

"But I think people have to take a step back and realize that in order to get policies that work, you really do need to make that investment in data and the public infrastructure that collects this information and allows for that analysis, and then you can have an informed public policy debate."



TAYLOR GAYOWSKY GRAPHICS EDITOR

Student employment increases across Canada

AMANDA STEINER
LOCAL AND NATIONAL EDITOR

Though the memory of Visa bills from buying 'interview appropriate clothes,' tears of frustration and ink-stained hands from printing numerous resumes are still fresh in the minds of many youths across Canada, youth employment across the country has actually taken a turn for the better.

According to Stats Canada, youth employment is on the rise this year, pushing the unemployment rate down by 0.2 per cent this past

September to 7.1 per cent, which, according to their Labour Force Survey, is the lowest rate since December 2008.

Though the labour increase has not occurred in all areas of employment, increases were notably seen across Canada.

However, Zachery Dayler, national director of Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) reminds students,

"While [employment] may be increasing, it's been increasing from being an [already] poor situation is really what I'm getting at. Students

are still struggling to find jobs in the summer to pay tuition, and even during the year, struggling to find reasonable quality jobs."

Though this may be the case, stats from around Canada do point towards an increase in employment.

Service in British Columbia rose by 6.7 per cent in September.

Unemployment in Quebec fell by 0.3 percentage points to 7.3 per cent. Compared with September 2010, employment increased by 0.6 per cent.

Ontario employment was little changed for the second consecutive

month and the unemployment rate was 7.6 per cent. Over the past 12 months, employment increased by 2.0 per cent above the national growth rate of 1.7 per cent.

However, this small step does not mean it isn't a significant one.

Jan Basso, director of co-operative education and career development at Wilfrid Laurier University, said in a statement that 252 organizations were at the Career Fair held by WLU in late September and that they hadn't seen more than 200 organizations at the fair since 2008.

According to the 2010 Graduate

Survey results at Laurier, the total number of graduates at Laurier was 33,662.

Of these students, 95.4 per cent of them found job placements, and only 4.6 per cent were considered 'unemployed' (survey response rate was 72.55).

"Obviously," Dayler said, "I think it's important to recognize that with that degree, with that education, your earning potential will increase."

"We are facing a labour shortage but those jobs will exist. It's just a problem of that immediate time after students graduate."



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Walmart offers \$30,000 in eco-friendly competition

Corporate giant extends contest to promote green business

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Corporate giant Walmart Canada has extended an environmental competition to students across the nation to promote environmentally sustainable business practices. The Walmart Green Student Challenge is open to all post-secondary students and invites individuals or teams of up to four people to submit their ideas for evaluation.

"We want any type of student who is engaged or is passionate about the environment to come to us with their sustainable business ideas, and we'll make it into a fun event," said Andrew Telfer, manager of sustainability at Walmart Canada.

An undeniable draw to the contest is its impressive set of prizes. The top five contestants will be rewarded, with the first place winner receiving \$30,000. This will also be matched with a separate donation to the student's school.

Telfer explained, "Walmart kind of wanted to make a splash, and we wanted to get a lot of student interest, so we put up \$100,000 in cash prizes."

So far, it seems to be working. "We're getting quite the response,"

Telfer acknowledged. "There's been a lot of interest, and it's really great to see." Stops have already been made at several Ontario universities, including Wilfrid Laurier, to explain the competition, and will continue at post-secondary institutions across Canada.

One of the main ambitions of the Walmart Green Student Challenge is to promote the idea that "that green initiatives are good for business," said Telfer. "A common misperception here in Canada is that to go green costs money ... meaning to implement sustainability initiatives actually will cost the company money."

Mike Morrice, a Wilfrid Laurier University graduate and executive director of Sustainable Waterloo Region believes a change is beginning to occur within this mindset.

"Large corporations are understanding that when they integrate sustainability into what they do, they are more profitable as a result as well," he said. "Sustainability in business creates a competitive advantage."

Walmart, he noted, has become a leader in corporate environmental sustainability. "I think Walmart has actually been moving towards changing the industry, particularly

around supply chain and sustainability," Morrice said. "That's a meaningful opportunity for a business of their size to kind of change the marketplace."

The contest, Morrice continued, "might inspire some students to think creatively about sustainability and entrepreneurship to solve some aspect of the massive environmental crisis that we're currently in, and that's great."

Morrice created the idea for his own organization, Sustainable Waterloo Region, while still completing his Laurier undergraduate degree. The competition, he believes, has the potential to turn similar ideas into valuable action.

"Typically what we're seeing across the board is community-based, small scale solutions to this global challenge that we have, and ultimately this is a part of that," he explained.

Morrice continued, "It's incentives like these, and small changes like these, and contests like these, that when you add them up together hopefully results in some meaningful change and solutions to the climate crisis."

The Walmart Green Student Challenge will be accepting entries until Jan. 20, 2012.

Canada in brief

Budget cuts force Montreal to cut needle exchange program

MONTREAL (CUP) — Head and Hands, a clinic and social services organization for Montreal youth, has scrapped its Streetwork needle exchange program in Notre-Dame-de-Grace (NDG), potentially leaving hundreds of users in the West End without clean needles and other forms of support.

Juniper Belshaw, fundraising and development co-ordinator, said that the organization was told by Montreal's directeur de santé publique last August that the \$75,000 required to fund the two programs had been slashed from their budget. Other organizations also lost their funding in the round of budget cuts, according to Belshaw.

A spokesperson from public health confirmed the cuts, saying they were ultimately made for budget reasons, though the results are unfortunate.

—Sarah Deshaies, CUP Quebec Bureau Chief

Energy drinks to remain readily available, despite regulations

TORONTO (CUP) — Students won't be forced to visit a pharmacy to buy energy drinks after certain proposed regulations were recently turned down by the federal government, though consumers will see some smaller changes to familiar products over the next couple of years.

Federal Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq announced on Oct. 6 new regulations surrounding the creation and sale of energy drinks across the country — though the products will still be available in the same stores in which consumers can currently find them.

The initial recommendation to restrict the sale of energy drinks to pharmacies originated from a Health Canada expert panel that issued a report that also suggested energy drinks should be renamed "stimulant drug containing drinks."

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The Occupy Wall Street movement has grown to prominence in past weeks, to the degree that most people are at least aware of its existence — if they didn't witness one of the hundreds of marches or occupations of parks and other public spaces in cities across the world. For something that began over a month ago with the first protestors appearing on the U.S. Constitution Day, Sept. 17, in New York City's financial district, the movement, as it has come to be classified, has managed to sustain itself under intense criticism that its aims and the numerous issues the participants are rallying around are either ill-defined or ill-informed.

The lack of cohesion around a single issue that has dominated much of reports on the protests doesn't dissuade supporters or spectators for the most part and in the interests of trying to glean more meaning from a trend that is becoming ever-more present in many cities, The Cord set out to explore the conditions defining Occupy Wall Street and the complex simplicity that seems to be stymieing some of the media's coverage of the events, especially in Canada.

"I think one of the main challenges is that there's nothing simple about this movement and journalism always responds best to simple black and white situations and this one is shades of grey," said Ann Rauhala, a Ryerson University journalism professor who has worked at the CBC and as foreign editor of the *Globe and Mail*. "That's hardly an original observation but it is altogether so true."

"In the Canadian media you can see people following the predictable courses," she added citing a few less than stellar approaches taken in coverage of and comment on the Canadian protests. "I am often disappointed by our journalistic leaders in this country who so often revert to the easiest, cheapest shot."

Given that the Toronto gathering on Saturday began across the street from where a police car burned a little over a year ago during the G20 Summit, Rauhala noted that it's difficult to think about this protest without recalling those events. Though she noted that before the flames and broken glass of last July, those assembled were, with the exception of the rioters, concerned with the same things, she said.

"The main march [at the G20] was many thousands of people who were pretty much people nervous about their futures and aligned with a wide representation of progressive social movements. I think there are a lot of those people represented in the 99 per cent we see now."

"I can't help but wonder if there wouldn't have been more participation in the Occupy group had it not been for the craziness that happened last summer," she added.

"It's the system, Man"

Canadian magazine *Adbusters* bears much of the responsibility for sparking the initial protests in New York with a call in July to "occupy Wall Street" in September, but in retrospect the conditions were already in place, according to observers.

"People are now saying it's the system overall that's wrong, not that [it] has screwed things up," assessed Wilfrid Laurier University

communications professor Herbert Pimlott. "I would say that this goes back, in terms of immediate sparks, to the financial collapse and from that you see the reactions of governments that have been imposing austerity, cuts and making the middle

"The greatest service that Occupy Wall Street has done for the U.S. and Canada is help breathe some air into something that we were not talking about."

—Trish Hennessy, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

classes, not just the working class or the poor, pay for bailouts for big corporations, banks and financial institutions that are supposed to be too big to fail."

Particularly problematic and cited as in part driving the protests is the massive disparity between the wealthiest one per cent of people and everyone else.

"Essentially, the second they started saying 'we're the 99 per cent,' the subtext behind that was that the system isn't working for the vast majority of us," Trish Hennessy, director of the Growing Gap Project at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, said.

"When in 2007-08 when the whole world economy came crashing down to its knees because of a financial system that was geared in the interests of a very wealthy, concentrated few at the top, at that point I think there was a public expectation that things would change — that the government would start standing up for the people — but it didn't really happen."

Instead, Hennessy said, powerful interest groups, in the American political system especially, wanted to return to the same status quo that contributed to the crisis. And that didn't sit right with many people.

Sober second thought

Tammy Schirle, an economics professor at WLU's school of business and economics whose fields of research include trends of inequality between Canadians, weighed in with her impression of the situation.

"Since the 1990s, it's been a story about the middle class," she said.

"By a lot of measures of inequality, if you're comparing the poorest and the richest, that's actually improved over time," she continued. "When you look at the gap between the middle class and the poorest, that has shrunk, the gap between the middle class and the richest has increased."

"It's a really a matter that there's a lot of discontent among that middle class, they don't like that the poorest are catching up to them. I think that's a really big thing, their relative position in society has changed and they're not happy about it."

She disputed the application of the same 99 per cent group to the Canadian context. "The rallies are

using this 99 per cent idea, it's not about the 99 per cent, it's about that middle class. That's what's driving this general discontent that you see."

If there is anything to be derived from this particular issue that helped spur the protests and move forward toward a change, she said it would involve raising the marginal tax rates of the highest income bracket. "That's something that I think is being called for by many people in the United States and Canada," Schirle said, noting that such a move would have little impact on the labour market.

"That's a policy that makes sense and seems very feasible and reasonable, politically [though], with current governments I would seriously doubt it."

Public discourse

So what can we gather from the movement? "The greatest service that Occupy Wall Street has done for the U.S. and Canada is help breathe some air into something that we were not talking about," Hennessy said.

"In Canada we don't talk about record-high levels of household debt, Canadian households are in it far more than they're able to manage if the system goes down — if we have a housing market crash for instance. Things could happen and people know it and are anxious, but at the same time, there's this middle class insularity that's going on," she continued, explaining that many in Canada's middle class are simply coping and not expecting things to be much better than they are at a given moment.

Pimlott suggested that the protests and occupied parks could be a sign of greater things to come. "This is a spark that has fired peoples' imaginations. There's links to other things that are happening and no one is determining all of them because there are so many diverse groups, but I think it's a clear indication that politics cannot continue as they have been," he said, noting a few historical examples of social movements from similar beginnings that created profound change over time.

"People have been talking to each other," he continued. "I think that's maybe what's most important, all these groups are coming together and talking to each other, perhaps what we're seeing is a real democracy, where everybody does have a voice, happening right now at the grassroots."

Rauhala explained that there might be, in the Canadian context, greater meaning yet to be derived from the protests, like a focus on unemployment among young people. Differences from the American situation factor in as well, she said.

"We have this smug Canadian attitude that we're different but never really articulate what the difference is and yet there are actual differences not spelled out when a story like this comes along," she said. "I may be wrong, but our unemployment rates are not the same, our foreclosure rates are not the same, the cartoonish [Wall Street] bad guys are not as readily available, there are reasons why the anger and frustration cannot solidify into a clearer meaning here yet."



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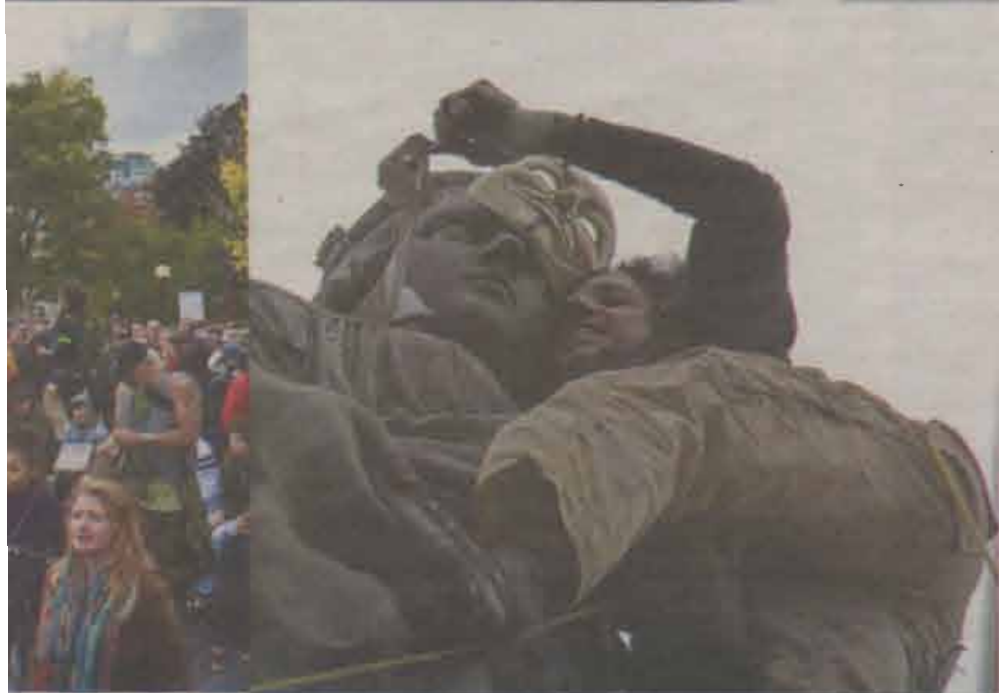
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The Occupy Wall Street protests which began in New York City moved north on Oct. 15, as cities across Canada staged their own demonstrations in support of the movement.

Estimates of over 1,000 people convened at King and Bay in Toronto's financial district early Saturday morning, some sporting signs, others decked out in costume but all abounding with enthusiasm needed to march toward St. James Park with hopes of a more just society.

The Canadian movement has come under some scrutiny as the disparate motivations of the protesters indicated to some in the media a lack of organization and strategy for concrete action.

Daniel Roth, who helped to organize the event, took a more positive outlook. "Everyone has a message to bring, and that's why I say this is the potential beginning of a mass movement toward revolutionary change, because this isn't about one thing or another thing," he explained.

"It's about systemic change, and change on every level, and that's why it makes sense that people are out here for a number of reasons."

The protests remained peaceful throughout the day, with police

is having dramatic effect on peoples' sense of security and confidence in the economy."

Counter-protestor Mel Glickman, who was also present at the G-20 protests last July, argued against this justification vehemently.

He said, amid jeers from the passing crowd, "They think that it translates to Canada, which it does not. The Canadian banking system is totally different."

"These are just envious people who don't have a plan for their lives, they don't know what to do with themselves," Glickman added.

Despite criticism, protesters appear to be in it for the long haul. Tents, first aid services and even a library have popped up in the park where many people are currently camping out.

As of Tuesday, approximately 50 tents were present and Mari Reeve-Newson, one of the media contacts at the park, said things were progressing well.

"I know there was a mishap unfortunately with Ezra [Levant] from *The Sun*, a lot of people don't like the way he is reporting I guess," she said. "There was a little kerfuffle of people not using their passion appropriately and not representing what we're trying to do here."

When asked how long he planned to remain, protestor Bryan Batty responded, "Depends on how smart our politicians and our corporate elite are."

"I still go to school, I still go to work, but then I come back. This is my home," he said.

Whether the Occupy Toronto movement will generate concrete change will take time to determine, but it is undeniable that the masses of people have been able to capture the city's attention.

Mary Bissell, who attended as a member of CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees), summarized the day appropriately. "As an individual you can certainly contribute, but you come together with other people and your power and your voice is a lot stronger."

"It's more making a statement at this point, and then we'll see where things go, in terms of where groups are going to go and put their focus ... of where they want to change things."

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—Mary Bissell, CUPE

presence minimal and purely observational. Organizers placed crowd marshals among those marching to ensure that it did not give way to rioting.

Toronto Centre MP and Liberal party interim leader Bob Rae was on hand at St. James Park, which falls within his constituency, to listen to the protesters' grievances. He explained the mass protest as a reflection of the inadequacy of the federal government to address concerns. "Mr. Harper isn't going to change much and this is a reflection I think of the frustration that people feel right now, that their voices aren't necessarily being heard," Rae said.

Some criticism of the Canadian protests has emanated from a belief that the unique structures of the U.S. banking system and economy have created a much more dire situation for citizens than what is experienced here.

Rae responded to this, saying, "Our situation is a little different than the U.S., but there's no reason to think that there isn't a similar sense, not only in the U.S. but around the world that the economic tensions, the collapse of some governments' financial systems clearly

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'Occupy' movement misguided in Canadian context

The Occupy Wall Street movement makes perfect sense in the United States. A wealthy class of bankers and stockbrokers played a role in bringing the American economy to a grinding halt by offering loans to Americans who couldn't afford them and a fitful version of the "American dream."

The protestors are giving voice to the frustration shared by so many middle class Americans now fighting to get back on even footing.

But, what can we make of the Canadian protests? We didn't bail out the banks and our financial regulation system played a large role in that. We were the only Western country that didn't need to offer assistance to the banking sector during the recession. Our economic structure fared well.

Without the ability to rail against bank bailouts, there is no coherent message with the Occupy movements across Canada. There's an underlying message that big business is bad, but beyond a stance that we should band together against corporations, what are these protestors standing for?

There is, perhaps, a sense of entitlement that is fueling these protests: that monetary gain should come as easily to them as the Bay Street bankers. Yet, everyone has a role to play in securing a solid financial foundation — no one can expect the government to create economic prosperity without a solid class of businesses.

It seems that protestors jumped on the bandwagon that their American counterparts created without giving enough thought to the objectives of their protest. Further clarity, instead of just misguided anger, would better their cause.

The "end to corporate greed" is too big of a goal and, in a sense, it's a utopian ideal. Breaking it down into more manageable objectives — with specific policy ideas — would give the Canadian movement more meaning.

— The Cord Editorial Board

Universities need to put focus back on students and teaching

On Oct. 11, the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) released an eye-opening report on the current state of post-secondary education. As university admissions continue to skyrocket, the quality of education continues to decline, with professors increasingly focused on research rather than individual instruction.

The CCL report focuses on the lack of national standards for post-secondary education and the phenomenon of universities that view teaching as a "token aspect" of education.

Providing education that inspires students to critically analyze the world they live in is the single most important job of any university professor. While faculty must gain recognition in their individual academic fields, they must never lose sight of using their research within a broader framework — to provide students with the necessary tools to become the world's next pioneering leaders.

Effective post-secondary education is not about regurgitating facts and memorizing material just long enough to score well on a multiple choice test. It is four (or more) years that are about instilling a sense of life-long learning, not just a short pursuit towards a validating piece of paper. The less focused professors are on their teaching means that they might fall back on this "factory-like" style of education.

The CCL reports reminds us of the importance of continually evaluating the quality of post-secondary education and how we must strive for education that inspires students to reach their best potential, instead of focusing on increasing professors' scholarship.

— The Cord Editorial Board

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WLUSU delayed in seeking input on fall reading week



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Not more than a few weeks ago, students found out via The Cord that a reading break proposal could pass as early as Oct. 19, which would allow students to have two days off during the peak of midterms and the dreaded "paper season." The proposal was heavily criticised for its possibility of compromising, or even shortening, orientation week.

The response from students was ultimately divided: some students didn't want to see O-Week compromised while others were concerned that it would not be enough time off. The one underlying common denominator: students, especially volunteers, were concerned that Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) did not communicate enough with students over the course of the process.

To clarify, the proposal was passed through a committee of several students, including both past and current president and CEOs of WLUSU. The senate also has student members and WLUSU claims that orientation week volunteers were involved in the process. Yet, judging from the petition and groups being formed in protest, I have to personally question what extent they were actually involved.

After that article several weeks ago, the issue of informing students was brought up at the board of directors meeting. After the fact, WLUSU was forced to further inform students of the proposal: Nick Gibson, president and CEO, initially posted the proposal in his own words just over Facebook. Within an hour, there were more than 70

comments.

The proposal, though, still does not clearly state how this will not affect orientation week, nor does it fully address or solve any of the major logistical concerns that have been brought forth by volunteers.

As of now, there is a petition circulating against any changes to be made to orientation week and groups against the proposal are being formed on Facebook. Some of the major concerns surround the logistics of theoretically starting O-Week earlier or incorporating two days of classes into the programming. While Nick Gibson himself has said on multiple occasions to students as well as on record that WLUSU does not want to compromise O-Week, it seems that the proposal has done just that, and will do just that should it be passed.

Yet still, the only efforts put forth by the administration have been minimal at best and have not resolved many of the concerns.

Placing the proposal up on WLUSU's website with the option to contact Gibson directly would have been helpful had it been posted months or even weeks before the proposal was to go to senate, taking into consideration not necessarily every individual concern but at least calming and addressing the obvious frustrations concerning orientation week logistics.

This is disrespectful coming from WLUSU. Something that impacts students this much should have had, at the bare minimum, more student input. In this case, we can't let our union speak for us, as our interests are not adequately being served.

We need to identify what is more important: the logistics of orientation week, which could probably be conquered with the leadership and dedication that has brought O-Week to this point, or the mental health of students, faculty and staff.

Two days off surely is a compromise

that has taken some time to accept, as I am sure an entire week would be ultimately more beneficial — the fact remains that this is a break we so desperately need, and we were kept in the dark about the particulars until just days before it will likely be passed.

We are one of the last Ontario universities to gain any sort of October break and I feel as though that the benefit of having some time off grossly outweighs any sort of issues with logistics. That being said, my heart goes out to the volunteers charged with the responsibility of fitting two academic days into programming, something from which orientation week could even benefit.

As both a volunteer and a student, I can understand the frustrations that students have brought forth. I will never forget my first orientation week and it feels horrible to think that O-Week could be compromised. I do not question the ability of the senate, or interests of the committee, but the overall lapse of communication from WLUSU about this proposal.

Clarifications were only sent out after the fact; a meagre four days before the proposal is sent to senate. Instead of sending it in November as Registrar Ray Darling had once mentioned, the proposal is being discussed Oct. 19.

Rushing this proposal to senate only proves the further lack of efforts put forth by WLUSU to communicate with students.

Students are frustrated with the current situation and the unclear proposal posted initially only on social media, which still only dictates that classes would either be integrated into orientation week or arrangements would be made to accommodate the two academic days.

This is too little, too late for WLUSU to make amends with its own volunteers and members, leaving students disenfranchised and disheartened as the proposal is at senate today.

Construction updates needed



ZACH DESSON
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR
FROM YOUR BOARD

Beep, beep, beep, beep. The sound of machinery in reverse has become a staple of the atmosphere around Laurier campus and Waterloo in general. It seems like everywhere you turn, there are buildings going up or buildings being taken down, with the incessant rumbling of dump trucks and forklifts beginning early in the day and going well into the evening.

If you're anything like me, you've become a master of the detour over the past month, finding ways around all of the roadblocks and fences that seem to be in the most inconvenient places. For Laurier students, the most pronounced fence of all is the big black one in the middle of campus, right in front of the Terrace expansion. This area, a junction for travel to all areas of campus, has been off limits since last semester, including all the way through the summer months.

Anyone who has been on this campus for a couple years will remember the old stone steps and ramps that used to give students a quick shortcut from one side of campus to the other, without having to go through the crowds that frequent the main indoor routes. I can't say that the extra 15 seconds it takes to walk down to Mid-Campus Drive is really a major inconvenience during the day, but as someone who often spends late nights on campus it becomes much more of an issue.

Those of you who have spent late nights in the library will know the hassle that comes from trying to get around campus after midnight.

Most of the outer doors are locked at this hour and trying to find a way into the school becomes a bit of an adventure as you and the rest of the people leaving the library at closing time try door after door, trying to find a way through the school to avoid the long detour required by walking outside.

Besides inconvenience, forcing students to walk off the beaten path late at night can also present a safety issue. Instead of being able to travel through the more heavily frequented, well-lit areas of campus, we're stuck having to walk along Albert Street or around Alumni Hall and Little House residence.

My suggestion is to stick together with your fellow night owls or give Foot Patrol a call, even if it's just for the sake of having a flashlight handy.

And for those trying to get to the Concourse or FNCC — the doors open 24 hours include the FNCC front entrance and through the music building.

Honestly, what bothers me more than the construction itself is feeling like there's a lack of information about when we can expect it to be over. A quick search for information on the WLU website only produces information about projects that have long been completed.

I don't believe it's unfair for us to ask for more information on how ongoing construction will affect our experience.

As work begins on the new Global Innovation Exchange building, I encourage all involved to be more transparent about the unstated consequences that this project might have for students and also for students to be more outspoken about issues that affect them. If you have a problem with something on campus, speak up in the discussion section on wluu.com or send word to one of your directors so that they can follow up on your concerns and work to solve the issue.

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Letters to the Editor

Illegitimate use of Political Science Association

On Friday, Oct. 14, an e-mail was sent out to all political science students on behalf of the Political Science Association (PSA). The e-mail indicated that the PSA would be hosting a guest speaker named Michael Coren. Mr. Coren is an ultra right-wing conservative who has spoken outwardly about his opposition towards gay marriage and recently blamed the riots in London on "black thugs."

The PSA is meant to be a non-partisan association, not one which brings in ultra right-wing conservatives whose focus is to push their ideals and values onto students. I am outraged that the PSA's budget is being spent on Mr. Coren. The budget should be spent on speakers who inspire and create discussion rather than speakers like Mr. Coren.

— Fiona Harper

Steiner wrong: McGuire a viable candidate

Re: "Green party offers substandard candidates in recent election," Oct. 13
After reading Amanda Steiner's opinion piece, I came away a little angry, a little amused and a lot confused.

Full disclosure: Steiner hyper-focuses on the "incompetence" of Kitchener-Waterloo Green candidate J.D. McGuire, who happens to be my brother. But familial allegiances aside, I found this column riddled with out-of-context quotations and just plain incorrect facts — such as the fact that the Green party received 2.94 per cent of the province-wide popular vote, not 3.9 per cent as Steiner suggests.

She also suggests McGuire is knowledge-lacking when he said, "I'm not afraid to admit I don't know something." Would you rather a candidate that makes snap decisions with no research or no constituency feedback, Ms. Steiner?

And she suggests McGuire is ill-prepared when, noting that the Greens had no specific policy on bullying, he said he'd "definitely support any legislation that made sense." How is that a bad thing, Ms. Steiner? Would you rather a candidate that opposes sensible legislation just because it isn't steeped in the party's platform?

Steiner uses her "weak Green candidates" angle (explored for exactly 3 paragraphs in 850 meandering words) behind a thinly-veiled dislike for McGuire. If she wanted to illustrate that angle, perhaps more research was in order — McGuire finished a respectable 46th out of 107 Green candidates in percentage of votes, and he received more total votes than any other quad-cities Green candidate.

But that was never your point, was it, Ms. Steiner? Actually, other than disliking my brother, what was your point?

— Adam McGuire

As I am the candidate that Ms. Steiner wrote about in her opinion piece, I would like to respond to some of the statements made.

When I announced to a room that "the Greens probably aren't going to form government" I was being realistic. I did follow that statement by indicating what I would do as the

MPP, though that was not reported.

When I said that I "... don't understand women" I was trying to use humour to highlight that I, or any other man on the panel, couldn't truly understand the issues that specifically affect women. I wasn't trying to marginalize women's issues, I just gave a real answer, which some others did not. To say that "we need to get more women involved in politics" does not address anything.

And finally, in a bit of reporting that can only be called incompetence, when asked who the greatest Canadian was, I didn't say "I don't know that many great Canadians." I said "I don't know that I could pick just one."

When I didn't know the answer to a question, I said so. When Eric Davis or Elizabeth Witmer didn't know the answer to something, they spoke about how great or terrible the last eight years have been (depending on the speaker.) I represented what the Green party stands for: doing politics differently. In my opinion, the Greens did not drop the ball in Kitchener-Waterloo. By opting for the status quo, the voters did.

— J.D. McGuire

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Rethinking democracy



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OPINION COLUMNIST

On Sept. 22, the White House introduced the "We the People" online petition service to be used with the powers granted to citizens by the first amendment of the United States constitution. It is described as "a new way for Americans to create and sign petitions calling on the Obama administration to take action on a range of important issues."

The service is available to any US citizen of 13 years of age or older and promises an official response after 30 days if the signature quota is reached. In the few weeks that the service has been available, it has accumulated tens of thousands of signatures for a multitude of requests. Many petitions have already reached their quotas and are still gaining support from the online community.

In recent years, we have witnessed the rise of viral media and the intensification of online networks around the world. The effect of this has been that more people have more access to knowledge that would otherwise have been largely unavailable to them without the extensive internet infrastructure that we have in place in modern society. It cannot be denied that the generations who are raised in this environment will experience unprecedented amounts of cultural dissonance from the exceptional circumstances of their lifestyle.

Taking into account the exponential growth of audience that viral media undertakes it is very easy to understand how values and beliefs can be produced and marketed on a supermassive scale. Amplify this by the exponential growth seen in technological advancements since the Industrial Revolution and questions begin to arise as to what extent traditional values can be deemed irrelevant by the youthful, Internet-savvy pioneers of the new age.

It is evident that world governments have noticed this emerging revolutionary movement and the

momentum it has garnered with the outpour of both mainstream and viral media attention towards the Arab Spring last December. It is also not coincidental that the increasing momentum of global awareness runs parallel to rising tensions between various interests worldwide, for example intensifying border conflicts between Israel-Palestine in May 2011.

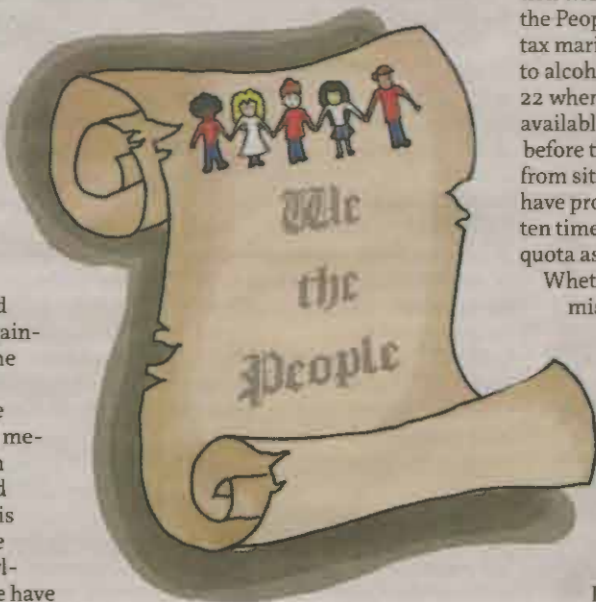
President Obama's "We the People" service can be seen as a reaction to the still relatively untapped power of Internet politics. From a business perspective, it is foolish to ignore the demands of such a rapidly expanding market. There must be a greater supply of official institutions providing forums for

Palestine and the end of occupation, to the 16 French billionaires (including Liliane Bettencourt of L'Oréal) who are pushing for a "special contribution" tax that would target the wealthy, it could be easily argued that a service like this is incredibly relevant to Canada's present and expectable future political environment. President Obama is already due to address a petition for the pardon of Marc Emery, a Canadian citizen who was extradited to the United States by the Harper administration to face charges for providing cheap marijuana seeds to U.S. citizens.

With the highest rate of adult recreational marijuana use worldwide, Canada's drug enforcement policy is still largely modeled in conjunction with the United States. The "We the People" petition to regulate and tax marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol was introduced on Sept. 22 when the service was first made available. With about a week left before the deadline, viral support from sites like Facebook and Reddit have provided the petition with over ten times more signatures than the quota asked.

Whether you decide to be optimistic or cynical about this, it is impossible to ignore the novelty of suggestions like "Forgive Student Loan Debt to Stimulate the Economy and Usher in a New Era of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Prosperity," "Reallocate Defense funds to NASA," "Edit the Pledge of Allegiance to remove the phrase 'Under God,'" or "Free PFC Bradley Manning, the accused WikiLeaks whistleblower," all of which have already reached their signature quota.

Ideas like these imply drastic differences in value judgments between the government and the people. Normally these ideas are restricted to various elites or fringe culture movements but we are now witnessing the viral integration of all ideas that have stimulated conflict and dissonance in the wake of the Industrial Revolution. The result of this has been mainstream acceptance of viral ideas that have broken the threshold of support and are now considered relevant. Future developments in this direction can almost guarantee that more ideas will break this threshold as more up-to-date information is circulated to challenge conclusions reached by traditional reasoning.



free speech so that viral political momentum can be transmitted into accurate policy responses instead of tensions boiling over into radical ideology on either side of the spectrum. However, there is the worry that the outlet provided by the "We the People" service may only mitigate tensions in situations where business as usual should be seen as the truly radical ideology relative to political realities.

For these reasons, the Internet-savvy community is set to be one of the largest permanently mobilized political interests in history. In just the past year, the mainstream use of petitions has risen noticeably. From Israeli intellectuals and artists (some of whom were winners of the country's highest civilian honour, the Israel Prize) who support returning to 1967 borders with



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The best of Halloween



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Halloween is that time of year that perfectly blends the haunting chills of the night with the pure pleasure of dressing up. Since childhood we grew up with the notion that if you wore a costume, you would end the night with garbage bags full of delicious treats. Without a doubt, our idea of "fun" has changed over the years, but the pursuit of having the best Halloween ever is still evident.

Yet, year after year everyone reaches midnight either at home or an outing without fully taking advantage of this awesome day. I feel that to have the best Halloween you could possibly have, you must fully immerse yourself in the Halloween theme and spirit.

The first step to taking full advantage of Halloween is to create the perfect atmosphere. Embellish your Halloween with spooky decorations; lace cobwebs in the corners of the room or place a tombstone on your front lawn.

And let's not forget the easiest way to blend theme with personal style — costumes. Every year I try to use different costumes and concepts to express my inner ghoul. My motto: the more unique and effort you put into your costume, the better. Co-ordinate with friends to imitate your darkest fears and favourite characters. Let's not pull a *Big Bang Theory*, shall we? The Flash is always cool, but multiples? Not so much. And I insist, if it's cold, please use common sense. Dress warm, not "slutty" when it's less than ten degrees celsius. Believe me, your efforts will be in vain if you're shivering the whole time.

To fit that final touch on your place for Halloween, during your

free time (not when studying for mid-terms, of course), it's fun to carve mini-pumpkins to place in front of your door or even make some pumpkin pie. Ultimately, if you immerse yourself in the Halloween theme, it embraces you back.

Another crucial step is definitely to have plans for that weekend, if not just the day itself. Many of us lose the opportunity to take hold of the experience by refraining from events earlier in the day. One great way to spend Halloween is by helping out with Halloween for Hunger. Relive your childhood while also helping out your local community. As well, at one point or another, all of us are guilty of deciding to make plans at the last minute. While this usually works on numerous occasions, in the case of Halloween, I suggest making plans in advance.

Admittance into Halloween-themed events usually fills up quite fast. Get out of your comfort zone and use this opportunity to check out a new club or bar if you're legal. Halloween is the hotbed of social experiences; you can meet new people by breaking the ice and asking them about their costume. In the end, having an event to go to, be it going to a small party or dancing in a large-scale club can make or break your Halloween experience.

Lastly, make sure you stay responsible. If you're going to get drunk, think about staying away from residential communities. We don't want to scare small children now. They are innocent and just want to get pumped off sugar. In addition, never forget, always bring a group of friends, wingman...or wingwoman (thumbs up) and like your mother always says, don't drink and drive.

Halloween comes once a year, so take advantage of this holiday and immerse yourself in its spirit and history. By creating the perfect atmosphere, having concrete plans for the day and acting responsibly, you will undoubtedly make your Halloween memorable.

Republicans put ideology ahead of women's health



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On Oct. 13, the United States House of Representatives passed HR 358, a bill known as the Protect Life Act. The bill is intended to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, specifically the rules relating to abortion services coverage. On the day of the vote, almost every single Republican representative supported it, with two voting against and three abstaining. Of the Democrats, the majority voted against the bill, with seven abstaining and 15 voting for the bill, all 15 of whom were men. This partisan contrast and gendered distribution

of votes is only the start of the problems with this bill.

This bill, sponsored by Republican representative Joe Pitts, is the latest in a series of anti-abortion (arguably anti-woman) proposals that have been presented in America in the past year. It includes a number of disturbing provisions to prevent state healthcare exchanges from providing abortion coverage under policies paid for by the patients themselves. It allows states to enact laws that would allow health plans to refuse to cover birth control and other preventative services without cost-sharing, placing a gag order on insurers in order to prevent them from giving out information on how to get abortion coverage. The worst of these is a provision to allow state-funded hospitals to deny emergency abortions to women in life-threatening situations. This final provision has earned this bill the appropriate nickname of the "Let

Women Die" bill.

Abortion was ruled to be a constitutionally-protected right for women, free from government interference, in 1973, with the United States Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Roe v. Wade*.

While this bill does not flat out prevent a woman from obtaining an abortion, it can certainly be argued that the government is interfering with that right. Limiting access to birth control is the first of many blunders, since, in 2000-2001, a study conducted by R.K. Jones, J.E. Darroch and S.K. Henshaw found that 46 per cent of women who had abortions were not using contraception during the month they became pregnant. If Pitts is trying to limit the number of abortions that happen each year, cutting access to basic contraception is certainly not going help.

While there are many other aspects of this bill that need to be

explored, there is one provision which calls for immediate attention. Principle VI of the American Medical Association's "Principles of Medical Ethics" states that "[a] physician shall, in the provision of appropriate patient care, except in emergencies, be free to choose whom to serve, with whom to associate, and the environment in which to provide medical care." Putting aside the debate of who is "entitled" to receive an abortion, this principle clearly states that in emergency circumstances, the physician must put aside his/her right to choose whom he/she serves.

While pregnant women are currently protected under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labour Act, which was enacted in 1986, the Protect Life Act would override those provisions. Creating a piece of legislation that directly allows doctors to place their personal feelings about abortion before the

life of a patient should not even be considered.

Despite the number of attacks on women's rights which have taken place in the House in the past year, there are still brave women standing up for their constituents.

Democratic House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has made her view on this bill quite clear, stating that "under this bill, when the Republicans vote for this bill today, they will be voting to say that women can die on the floor and healthcare providers do not have to intervene if this bill is passed. It's just appalling. [...] It's a health issue. [...] America's families deserve better than this."

Thankfully, President Barack Obama has already stated that he would veto the bill should it ever reach his desk. However, the fact that this bill was considered, let alone approved by the House of Representatives, is disgraceful.

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The Global Youth Network club on campus is offering volunteer abroad opportunities for this May. The trips are one month long and this year Laruiers teams will be travelling to India and Morocco to work with local organizations. Information sessions will be held on Monday October 24th at 8:00pm in BA211, Tuesday October 25th at 8:00pm in BA122 and Wednesday October 26th at 8:00pm in Arts 1C18.

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Steve Aoki: the ultimate experience

International house-sensation Steve Aoki debuted new tracks and wild antics at Beta this past Saturday



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American electro-house musician, record producer and founder of Dim Mak Records Steve Aoki entertains an excited crowd at Beta Nightclub in Uptown Waterloo.

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Steve Aoki is an American electro-house DJ of Japanese descent whose forte is knowing exactly how to jump start a party. Aoki performed to a sold-out crowd at Waterloo's Beta Nightclub on Saturday, Oct. 15 with an additional show added on Oct. 16.

The atmosphere at Beta was live with energy before Aoki even took the stage, with Musa providing the crowd with more than enough music to dance to.

At times during the opening set it became hard to hear the music

over the constant "A-O-KI" chant that the vast majority of the crowd chimed in on.

The energy was mounting and by the time Aoki took the stage the crowd was completely engaged.

Aoki appeared to rise out from nowhere, rising slowly out from the bottom of the DJ stand to deafening screams from the audience. Looking out at the frantic crowd, Aoki picked up his microphone and screamed, "You ready for some brand new music?"

Aoki then proceeded to evoke a level of energy from the crowd unmatched by other electro-house DJs.

He was spinning some of his

newest music, explained in a tweet he sent just minutes before he came on stage, "I'm gonna drop a brand new remix of #earthquakepeople tonite by andrew w.k. R u ready for some thrash waterloooooo?!"

Waterloo proved themselves to be very ready for "some thrash." This became apparent through the audience reaction to the preceding songs, "Turbulence" and "Warp." These songs, in combination with Beta's stellar light show, sent the audience into a full-on romp.

Aoki is an electro-house DJ, but on Saturday night it became evident he has much more to offer. He was mixing in dubstep beats to appease

the wildly dancing audience and playing hardcore screamo samples over house music beats.

The eclectic musical style was working well, although the hardcore screamo at times garnered too much attention from his popular hits that reflect a different style.

Steve Aoki is a performer and his on-stage antics added a great deal to his already high-energy music. In the midst of a dubstep track Aoki was spinning, he threw a blow-up raft into the audience and promptly leaped off the DJ booth into it.

Everyone who was close attempted to get a hand on the raft to help Aoki "float."

Then came his next antic: drenching the audience with four bottles of champagne that garnered an overwhelmingly positive response.

A Steve Aoki set is more than just a DJ show; it is an interactive experience with the audience accompanied by world-class music.

The performance aspect of Aoki's set was highly entertaining. He could have focused a little more on DJing, however, for at times it felt as though Aoki had merely opened iTunes and pressed play.

In the end, it didn't matter, because the audience that left Beta Nightclub that night was pleased and entertained.



Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment

Quinto Comes Out

Inspired by a 14-year-old YouTube vlogger who recently committed suicide over the constant gay bashing he endured at school, *Heroes* star and current Spock Zachary Quinto came out as a gay man to the public. Quinto revealed the information during an interview with New York magazine, leaving tens of thousands of *Star Trek* fangirls weeping that they only have Chris Pine left.

Hannah Montana Co-Star Booked, Ha

Disney kid Mitchell Musso, most famous for his roles as Oliver on *Hannah Montana* and the voice of Jeremy on *Phineas and Ferb*, was arrested earlier this week for a DUI in

Burbank, California. Officers made Musso take both a field sobriety test as well as a Breathalyzer failing both and was thus detained.

Y'know, it was probably his alcohol level, but I'll bet his newly released self-titled debut album was the kicker for the arresting officers.




Jackman, Crowe and now Hathaway are "Miserables"

For an upcoming film version of classic Broadway play *Les Miserables*, Hugh Jackman and Russell Crowe are welcoming the likes of Anne Hathaway to the cast. The future-Catwoman and "Rad Pack" member will be taking on the role of Fantine, while Hugh "Wolverine" Jackman and future Jor-El Russell Crowe (in the upcoming Superman reboot from Zack Snyder) will play Jean Valjean and Inspector Javert respectively.

The film will be directed by recent Oscar winner Tom Hooper, but will shockingly not be produced by either Marvel or DC studios.


—Compiled by Wade Thompson



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Hands & Teeth to release debut

LIZ SMITH
ARTS EDITOR

Hands & Teeth, a Toronto-based five-piece band, has been making waves in the local music scene as of late, generating buzz with their engaging stage performances and upbeat, yet resonant pop sound. *Enjoy Your Lifestyle*, the debut EP of Hands & Teeth, was released in Oct. 2010.

The self-produced EP was mixed by Laurence Currie (as were albums by Sloan and Wintersleep) and was mastered by Noah Mint, who has worked on albums by Arkells, Broken Social Scene and Death from Above 1979.

Following a performance at The Boathouse in Kitchener on Oct. 15, Hands & Teeth keyboard player and vocalist Jeff Pinto spoke to *The Cord*. The self-described "re-invented pop sound" of Hands & Teeth is motivated by what Pinto described as a desire to "figure out how far we can push pop music."

"With four different people singing lead at different times, we have tried to establish one voice; using four voices to do so," Pinto said of the band's signature group-harmony sound. Of their Kitchener performance at The Boathouse, Pinto said, "We had a great time playing there.

We love the venue and get along really well with Mike Doyle, the booker." Regarding The Boathouse's uncertain future because of construction in the area, he expressed, "It's unfortunate that people take the shortsighted approach, saying it's an indie venue and no big names play there. There would be no Arcade Fire, there would be no Tragically Hip without venues like this that allow you to get across the country, and build your show, build your crowd. National champions we have wouldn't be anywhere if independent venues didn't support them."

Camaraderie seems to be the word that best describes the essence of the Hands & Feet group dynamic. Recently, four of the group's five members set in motion a plan for a shared residence that would double as a creative space and recording studio, taking up residence together in Toronto's Parkdale neighborhood.

On the perks of being a part of a band, Pinto said, "The best part of touring is one of the best parts of being in a band. When you go into a different town you end up becoming fast friends with a lot of people who are in a similar position to you, musicians working in the industry in some way."

He continued, "Everyone knows it's a grind, no one is making money,

so you end up getting people being incredibly friendly to you and doing things that normally you wouldn't have strangers doing for you, picking you up, feeding you, that sort of thing."

The depth that is apparent in the group's sound can be accredited to their eclectic individual backgrounds. When the band formed nearly two years ago, most members were leading other musical projects. "This was a side project, so it was easier to work creatively in some ways because it wasn't a project that we ever imagined performing. We weren't doing anything but experimenting with harmonies," Pinto discussed of the band's formation.

"The first show we performed we didn't even have a name," said Pinto. Though they soon after settled on the name Hands & Teeth which "was a song that I wrote for a solo project," according to Pinto.

Headlining recent shows at Ottawa Fashion Week as well as appearing at POP Montreal and NXNE in recent months, Hands & Feet have been garnering critical attention and praise in anticipation of their upcoming full-length debut *Hunting Season* (slated for a January release) and continue to secure a dedicated fan following.



TAYLOR GAYOWSKY GRAPHICS EDITOR

ANDREW SAVORY
CORD ARTS

I'm going to go ahead and say it. I think Brad Pitt has finally done it. Honestly, I believe that his performance in *Moneyball* warrants him his first Oscar of his lengthy career.

Pitt's career was kick-started in 1991 with *Thelma & Louise* and since then, it seems as if a shroud of superficiality has surrounded his celebrity, causing him to be seen as a pretty face more than a formidable acting force. Never has Pitt been a legitimate contender come February and Oscar season.

Not even with memorable and nominated performances in films like *Twelve Monkeys* and *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*. The absence of Pitt's name from the list of serious Oscar consideration can largely be attributed to the amount of time he has spent in the public eye.

This spotlight has plagued his tenure in Hollywood with a misconception that unfortunately has hindered people's ability to see the conviction of his performance in *Fight Club* rather than the handsome man in *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*.

Rumor has it the pre-production of this movie was a long and arduous process. The names of several directors came and went; numerous drafts of the screenplay were written and rewritten, but to no avail. Luckily, Bennett Miller, director for

the 2005 hit *Capote*, was welcomed to the project by Columbia Pictures, following an impressive interview where Miller shared an idea for a new perspective for the film.

In no regard is *Moneyball* your typical sports movie; there are no motivational speeches before a big game and there are no superstars. It's real in the sense that it chronicles the life of a man that we can empathize with. The film depicts the life of Pitt's character, Billy Beane, through the changing stages of his baseball career, as both a player and a general manager. As a result, you get a sense that he is a man who has experienced many hardships, failures, and most of all, he's human.

Moneyball soars as a film because it's not what you expect. Nowhere is there a hot-shot pitcher who can hit 95 miles per hour on the radar gun. You're not going to see a general manager that has unlimited spending to forge his team from the Major League Baseball fire known as "free agency." You will, however, see a piece of sports cinema about a team of misfits who have long since been forgotten. It is this humanity and essence that is discovered in each player but also in Billy Beane that inspires the audience to believe that it is possible to perform outside the conventions of your own projected talent when you're playing for something larger and more meaningful than yourself.



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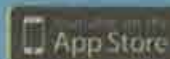
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Playoff dreams dwindle

KATE TURNER LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Donald Chmura fights for the ball against a member of the Windsor Lancers on Sunday. The Hawks lost the game 2-0 and face elimination from playoff contention.

LUKE DOTTO
STAFF WRITER

Wilfrid Laurier University's men's soccer team needed a win to secure their place in the playoffs on Sunday against Windsor.

But goalkeeper Martyn Hooker let the ball slip through his fingers and the team may have just simultaneously let their season slip away.

The Windsor Lancers exploited a listless Laurier backline and got two goals off of errors to put the Hawks' season in serious jeopardy by virtue of a 2-0 loss to their visitors.

The Hawks tied Waterloo on the previous day, 0-0, to put their record at 4-6-4.

In the 56th minute, a seemingly harmless free kick from well outside the 18-yard box was caught, then dropped by Hooker and rolled onto

the foot of Michael Pio who didn't make a mistake and got the ball over the line to put Windsor up 1-0 in the biggest game of the year for Laurier.

The Hawks had difficulty all day long clearing the ball out of their box and even more difficulty getting quality chances when in their opponent's box.

Shortly after the marker, an innocent and low, sharp-angled shot was put on net and as Hooker got a hand on it, he punched the ball right to an unmarked Lancer forward who lazily tucked it into the back of the net to secure the victory.

The Hawks failed to mount much of a counter despite numerous substitutions and positional changes.

The loss puts Laurier on the brink of falling out of contention for the final weekend of the season, travelling to York before ending the year at

home against McMaster.

The Hawks need one win from the two games. However, they haven't won at York in four seasons and McMaster is in top-form and chased Laurier off the field in a 4-0 drubbing earlier in the year.

After a game where motivation should have been easy to come by with so much on the line, head coach Mario Halapir assailed his team's poor effort and their quality of play.

"We're a pub team, that's what we are; I have no problem saying that. We are missing leadership. There is no leadership on this team at all," said the coach.

Citing the discrepancy between the expectations put on his senior players and the disappointing results, Halapir will be heading into the final weekend of the regular

season with the playoffs on the line, with a bench of only rookies, "We're just going to play with as many first-year guys on the field as we can."

"The strategy is to have players that want to play, that have desire and willingness to compete," Halapir noted. "Our returning players have been a complete disappointment, we have OUA (Ontario University Athletics) champions on this team but they are not strong leaders...it hasn't worked."

The lack of leadership, intensity and heart shown by his team infuriated Halapir, going so far as to claim they "play with fear."

"I can't stand to watch this, this is very hard to watch. I have no problem losing in the right way, when you've competed and left it all out there. The way we are losing though is a completely different story,"

waned Halapir.

When asked about similarities between this team and the one that overcame inabilities and won the OUA championship in 2008, Halapir yearns for the players of the past.

"We were in that position where we had no ability but the mentality was good, we had good character guys...but we miss them now that's the difference. Alex [Doma], Matt [Smith], and Zach [Faubert] gave everything and left nothing on the field. Zach had a fuckin' heart of a lion, these guys are fuckin' sheep."

"I'd hate to be in a dark alley with these guys, I'd rather take a guy from the past than 20 of these guys, maybe we just attract soft kids, I don't know, but it's disappointing," concluded Halapir.

The Hawks play Friday at York University at 3:15 p.m.

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Sports in brief

Men's Hockey blows three-goal lead

On their recent road trip, Wilfrid Laurier's men's hockey team (0-4-0) fell to both the Université du Québec à Trois Rivières and Concordia University by respective scores of 6-2 and 5-4. Concordia came back from a 4-1 deficit in the third period.

Mitch Lebar and James Marsden added to their goal totals to lead the team at two goals apiece.

Men's rugby falls to 2-4

Laurier's men's rugby squad fell to Kingston's Royal Military College (RMC) on Sunday, 22-5. Laurier's Kody Ellis led the way for the Hawks with a try.

The Hawks visit the Queen's Gaels on Friday at 6 p.m. and finish the season at McMaster next Saturday at 6 p.m.

Swim team brings home medals

Laurier's swimmers brought home some hardware at the Guelph OUA Sprint Invitational on Saturday. Team captain Renee Dijk won a silver and a bronze for her individual efforts and the team brought home two relay medals. The squad finished fourth overall.

Golf team positioned third after opening round

The men's golf squad is in third-place after the first round of the OUA Championship. They sit at 23-over-par 303. Queen's is in first at 20-over-par 300. James Seymour and Brett Murray both shot five-over-par 75 to lead the Hawks.

The tournament continued on Tuesday with the Hawks in a prime position to move up.

Men's basketball defeats Mercyhurst College

By a score of 81-70, the Hawks defeated the Mercyhurst Lakers on Saturday to improve their pre-season record to 5-1. Kale Harrison scored 25 points in the win. Laurier hosts Cape Breton Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Women's basketball loses three straight

At the Darcy Wright Classic, hosted by the Ryerson Rams, the Hawks lost to the Rams, 66-62, Calgary, 58-55 and McMaster, 63-60. Shelby Kurt and Felicia Mazerolle had big games for Laurier.

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Fastpitch has championship hopes

Women's fastpitch finishes the year at 14-7 and head into next week's provincial tournament finals looking to repeat their 2009 national championship win. Western is in top spot heading into the weekend

SHELBY BLACKLEY
CORD SPORTS

This past weekend promised good action for Wilfrid Laurier University's women's fastpitch team, but it didn't promise good weather.

The squad fought an ongoing rainstorm and capitalized on two of three games, defeating the Windsor Lancers in both meetings, 10-4 and 16-1.

The lone loss came against the Western Mustangs on Sunday afternoon in a wet 14-1 deficit.

With the two wins, the Golden Hawks sit in second place behind the Mustangs heading into the Ontario University Athletics' (OUA) championship weekend in London.

The rain and heavy wind conditions proved to be a challenge as each team battled to stay focused.

"It was hard staying in the game [against Western]," commented captain Jenna Kelly. "Once we were down in the first inning it was hard to stay in it with the weather."

"We were down by a lot and not really in it. It was hard to stay focused."

The Golden Hawks capitalized quickly against Windsor on Saturday afternoon as the teams played in winds that reached over 33km/h, but couldn't get past the intimidation of the first place Mustangs.

"I think [the girls] came with a different mindset," said Matt Allen, associate coach for the Golden

Hawks. "Western is always at the top of the league and I think [we] came with a different intimidation mindset that we haven't had in the past."

"They beat themselves mentally before we stepped onto the field," Laurier gave up six runs in the first inning Sunday and couldn't regain their confidence.

The game continued as the Hawks battled for their lone run, scored by Jeannine Chen in the bottom of the third.

Kelly recorded the run-batted-in during the inning.

Western saw busy action from many players, including catcher Leslie Hanson, who recorded two triples, three RBI and scored twice.

Five other Mustang members recorded similar statistics.

"We brought our bats and got some good swings in," said Western head coach Pete Lemon. "It was a good game for us."

The game ended after only four innings.

Despite the loss, the lady Hawks sit in second place with a 14-7 record. Allen sees confidence in the strong Laurier team.

"We're peaking at the right times. We beat Windsor for the second-place game and we'll try to ride the momentum from yesterday and two weeks ago into the next weekend," said Allen.

The team plays Friday and Saturday at Western for all the marbles.

"We're peaking at the right times ... We'll try to ride the momentum from yesterday [into the provincial championships]."

—Matt Allen, women's fastpitch associate coach

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
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RECENT SCORES

10.12.11

M Basketball 104 - Fairview 73

10.14.11

M Hockey 2 - UQTR 6
W Basketball 12 - Ryerson 16

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M Football 6 - McMaster 23
M Hockey 4 - Concordia 5
M Baseball 2 - McMaster 3
W Soccer 11 - Waterloo 1
M Soccer 0 - Waterloo 0
W Lacrosse 10 - Guelph 6
W Basketball 55 - Calgary 52
M Basketball 81 - Mercyhurst 70

10.16.11

M Rugby 2 - Kroc 22
W Soccer 1 - Windsor 2
M Soccer 0 - Windsor 2
W Lacrosse 4 - Western 14
W Lacrosse 10 - McMaster 9
W Baseball 60 - McMaster 10

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10.21.11

M Soccer vs McMaster
Alumni Field, 3:15 p.m.

10.21 - 10.23.11

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What may seem like a simple lack of organization and bad time management, could in fact be much more than that... it might be ADHD or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"A lot of students are disorganized and they procrastinate," explains Dr. Velehersch, psychiatrist at the University of Windsor. "ADHD is much more than that and can greatly affect a student's ability to study and regulate their attention for their priorities."

ADHD, a real and often misunderstood medical condition, can affect people at any age, including university and college students. "A proper ADHD diagnosis along with an appropriate treatment plan can help students manage their symptoms and achieve success," states Dr. Velehersch. "Behavioural strategies and medications can help increase focus leading to greater organization and planning."

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Isaac Dell eludes a tackle versus the McMaster Marauders Saturday.

On the brink

The football squad faces the risk of missing the playoffs should they lose next week's matchup against Guelph

KEVIN CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks hope that this latest hiccup will be their last.

It has to be.

After a 25-6 loss to the visiting McMaster Marauders (6-1) at Alumni Field in front of 1,006 on Saturday, the Hawks (3-4) have destiny riding on their next and final game of the season in Guelph this Saturday.

Win, and squeeze into the sixth and final spot of the Ontario University Athletics' (OUA) playoff race.

Lose, and go home.

"It becomes the biggest game of our season," said Hawks' receiver Mark Surya. "It's huge."

Floundering in wet and stormy conditions, the purple and gold couldn't capitalize during the two quarters with the huge gusts of wind at their back. McMaster did.

"It was bad for both of us," said head coach Gary Jeffries.

"It's hard out there," said Surya. "There's lots of wind, lots of rain, but both teams played in it. They made the plays, they scored the touchdowns, they got the points and we didn't."

The unruly weather ruined a showcase of two of the OUA's premier passing squads, boasting two of the top quarterbacks in the league in McMaster's Kyle Quinlan (recently back from a suspension) and Laurier's Shane Kelly.

But Quinlan adapted to the soaked conditions a lot quicker and a lot more effectively than Kelly.

Quinlan threw for 14 of 26 attempts for 230 yards and a touchdown while his counterpart Kelly only threw 15 of 33 passes for 151 yards, no touchdowns and most devastatingly, two interceptions.

And they came at the worst times. "Both times [late in the game], we were in the red zone and we came away with nothing," said Surya. "I think it's just execution, we've got to execute at key times It's tough to get in a rhythm ... we're one of the top-ranked offences through the air, so we've definitely got to work on our running game," said the fifth-year kinesiology major. "We should have been able to run better, but that's on all of our players not making the blocks."

Running back Anton Bennett was effective in his first game back from injury, rushing for 57 yards on six carries. But Bennett was the only threatening Hawk on the ground.

The Marauders' Joey Cupido and Michael Daly both picked off Kelly, as what started out to be a tight game, opened up as McMaster's running game took off, led by Chris Pezzetta and Joey Nemet.

Shane Kelly is unlikely to break the school's single-season touchdown record (23). The Basking Ridge, NJ native sits at 20 with one game remaining.

Punt-returner Dillon Heap also will likely miss out on the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) record for all-time yards gained on the punt return. Heap is, however, one of only three players to pass the 2,000 yards mark in his career.

Kickoff in Guelph is at 1 p.m.

Leading a powerhouse

CHRIS MANDER
STAFF WRITER

As recently as five years ago, Wilfrid Laurier's men's basketball team was hardly competitive and usually lost games more than they won.

Fast-forward to today and two of the biggest building blocks in totally changing the culture of the program are back for one last go at their ultimate goal, an Ontario University Athletics (OUA) championship.

Matthew Buckley and Kale Harrison both elected to return for a fifth year of university, and basketball was their main reason.

However, the duo did not return simply because they both love basketball, but because they want to finish what they started.

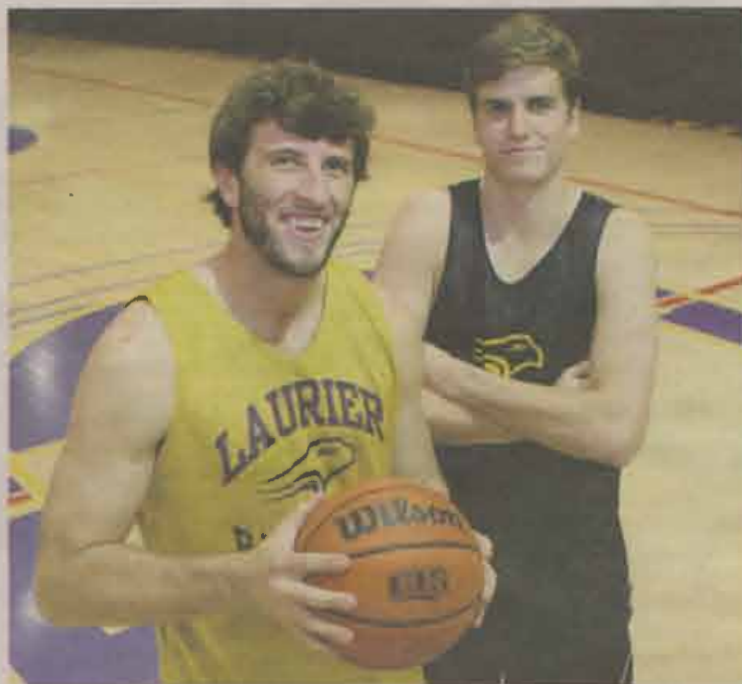
"It's the potential we have this year," said Harrison when prompted as to why he returned. "The idea of coming back and getting to play more basketball and finish it all off."

Buckley reiterated Harrison's message, showing how this team's comrades can carry them to the next level.

"The biggest reason I decided to come back is that all my friends who I went through the last four years with, are back," said the six-foot-six centre.

However, with coming back for a fifth year and having such lofty expectations comes the added pressure, especially considering the fact that this is likely the best team that Laurier has ever seen from their men's basketball program.

"It's do-or-die this year for sure," said OUA all-star and Laurier's all-time leading scorer Kale Harrison.



ROSALIE EID PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER
Matt Buckley and Kale Harrison have returned for their fifth year.

But championship or not, perhaps the biggest impact these two Laurier greats have had is that they have changed the culture surrounding Laurier basketball, something they are well aware of.

"Laurier was a football school," said Buckley who is well aware of his generation's impact on the program. "But now we have a team that people expect to do well and win games, and we want to fill those expectations."

Along with a new attitude and winning culture comes confidence. It is a necessary component of every

good team, and it is what makes the great athletes so great.

With so many wins combined, the two are surprisingly humble when factoring in all their previous success. They still speak of improving defensive play, and sticking to the task of playing within their roles on the team.

The strength of the team is depth, said Harrison. "We have nine or ten guys who can play and all contribute, which is huge."

The Golden Hawks will start their quest at Ryerson University at Kerr Hall Gym on Nov. 11 at 8 p.m.

Women's soccer shocked

ASHLEY DENUZZO
STAFF WRITER

A disappointing weekend for the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's soccer team brought an abrupt end to their flawless record.

The purple and gold came up short on both Saturday against the Waterloo Warriors (1-0) and Sunday against the Windsor Lancers by a score of 2-1, despite well-fought battles and numerous scoring opportunities.

"[The Waterloo] game was more admirable," Laurier head coach Barry MacLean stated. "We completely dominated the game; they had one shot on goal and scored. I mean, we could have scored four or five goals but those things happen."

But the weekend's most noteworthy game came Sunday afternoon when the Hawks fell to the Lancers. A beautiful goal from Laurier forward Krista Cellucci early in the first

half was as far as the Hawks would go.

"It's definitely a wakeup call," commented Cellucci. "We've been doing so well this whole season and now it's like we're in a little rut."

Laurier's 1-0 lead was quickly taken away by Windsor defence-men, Sara Kox. A goal from Windsor forward Meresa Brownlie early in the second gave the Lancers the finishing score of 2-1.

"We had a very poor performance today," added MacLean on Sunday. "We've got to regroup now because otherwise we'll have trouble when we go forward."

With the help of a particularly busy referee, the purple and gold were denied several opportunities in the second half and were called on four offsides and even a red card on a Laurier defencemen.

"We didn't deal with diversity very well," MacLean also mentioned. "We got rattled and didn't

play our normal game."

The weekend's losses do not affect the team's first place standings. With a record of 10-2-0, the Golden Hawks are looking at finishing their regular season with better results.

"We have to pick ourselves up," Cellucci also commented. "We don't want to fall off our game once the games really start to matter."

With only two more regular season games to go next weekend (against York and McMaster), the Golden Hawks are anticipating another competitive post-season.

"When we're in the OUA (Ontario University Athletics) playoffs we can't drop off there. [The two losses] are testing our mental toughness and we have to get over this," Cellucci added.

As the reigning OUA champions, and the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) silver medalists, the Laurier Golden Hawks have high expectations for the rest of the season.

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