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Cost of Foot Patrol office triples

MARCIE FOSTER
LEAD REPORTER

For the last three months, Foot Patrol has been operating out of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) boardroom and reception area on the second floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. At the Oct. 28 WLUSU board of directors meeting, Foot Patrol co-ordinator Chandler Joliffe and vice president of student services at WLUSU Miranda Priestman presented a proposal of a new Foot Patrol office that would meet the needs of the service, which is to be completed by January for a \$53,500 price tag — triple the original cost of the project.

This new proposal comes after the original construction failed to meet fire code. Initial plans were drafted by a designer who was not qualified to do a fire-rated assembly, and there was never an application made for a building permit. After the Fire Safety office spotted the issue with fire code compliance, construction was halted immediately.

Since then, an architect has been consulted to draft the second proposal which the board passed with eight in favour and two abstaining at the Oct. 28 meeting. Director Jon Pryce, one of those who abstained, expressed his frustrations over the mishap.

"You have to trust management that they're doing it right," said Pryce. "The board is only responsible for monitoring whether things get done, whether they're working within the law and that it's ethical." WLUSU general manager Michael McMahon stated that WLUSU consulted the advice of experienced contractors before proceeding with construction without applying for

"When it comes down to it, the designer will ask the same question: 'Why did it go ahead without a permit?'"

—Mike McMahon, WLUSU general manager

building permits.

Gary Nower, assistant vice president of physical resources at WLU, clarified the issue of permits. "Whenever we do a project we get a building permit where it is required. In the case of the stairwell a permit was required, there wasn't one originally when the plans were discussed," he said. "It was picked up by our staff in the [physical resources] office, we knew it was required." McMahon also added as a clarification that it was not simply a WLUSU oversight to proceed without permits, but that it was a group decision between the university, contractors and WLUSU.

Pryce was frustrated at the lack of communication.

"[WLUSU] management comes to the board with a problem that's caused by not looking at all of the angles properly, and then [makes] us have to be seen in public as approving something that is three times the price," he said.

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Wilf's closed indefinitely

Campus bar and Terrace food court suffer water damage

MARCIE FOSTER
LEAD REPORTER

"At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, the floor drains in the kitchen and bar area started backing up with a forceful flow of water. We're talking about water that's bubbling out of the floor drain."

Michael McMahon, general manager of Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union, explained why it was that Wilf's was suddenly closed for the weekend and consequently indefinitely for the next six weeks. The drainage system for Wilf's kitchen and washrooms failed, causing sewage and black water to

back up into the establishment.

The flood affected the majority of Wilf's front-of-house and kitchen and also was running down the stairs and in the elevator for more than two hours. "This was a sewer back-up, and is what in the restoration industry is called a 'category three' or black water back-up, loaded up with anything that can be drained into a sanitary drain — kitchens, washrooms, grease traps, the works," he explained.

McMahon also reported extensive damage in the Terrace to both the ceilings above Pizza Pizza and Harvey's, closing both establishments at least for the remainder of this week.

The Waterloo Region Public Health office had to be called in for sanitary inspections due to the nature of the leak.

"So, we're very diligently working to fix everything, the ceiling tiles have been replaced, everything has been sanitized, we're working with Public Health today and hopefully we'll be reopening Harvey's and Pizza Pizza on Monday," he said. WLUSU assured in a media release that the space will be clean and safe for students before re-opening.

McMahon also assured that WLUSU is well-covered by

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This Week in quotes

"I'd love nothing more to be out there, screaming and motivating them and working hard. You hope the guys still see you as a role model, still as a leader, with anything you love, you can always find a way to be involved with it."

—Jarrett Humphreys, former Laurier men's soccer goalie, after concussions ended his playing career



Bag o' Crime

Property Damage

Location: FNCC
Reported: Oct. 25 at 5:26 a.m.
Person(s) unknown broke a window in one of the sliding doors leading into the Terrace off the construction site on the east side of the FNCC. It would appear a chunk of concrete was used. There are no suspects at this time. SCS is investigating.

Assist Other Service

Location: 232 King St
Reported: Oct. 28 at 7:30 a.m.
An unknown male painted graffiti on the wall of a building adjacent to 232 King St. Waterloo Regional Police were informed and a video was supplied of the incident.

Intoxicated Person

Location: FNCC
Reported: Oct. 29 at 12:35 p.m.
SCS officers responded to an assistance call for an intoxicated female in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. Female was arrested and detained for her own safety and transferred to Waterloo Regional Police Service for transport to cells/or sober person for care. Female was not a WLU student.

Liquor Offence

Location: Dining Hall
Reported: Oct. 29 at 9:13 p.m.
SCS Officers observed a group of students walking through the Dining Hall with open liquor. One male member of the group, was uncooperative when speaking with an SCS officer, and therefore issued a Provincial Offence Notice for the violation. All others were issued warnings for their conduct.

Disturbance

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 29 at 9:45 p.m.
SCS received a report that a group of intoxicated males were yelling out of the window at females walking by the Residence. SCS officers attended, and a strong odour of marijuana was detected coming from the room. Three underage males, who were drinking, were reported to Residence Life and requested to dump out their alcohol. The guests were requested to leave, while the resident students were warned for conduct, and will be dealt with by Residence Life.

Assault

Location: FNCC
Reported: Oct. 29 at 2:05 a.m.
SCS officers responded to a call for assistance from Wilf's staff about two males "fighting" in the Hall of Fame. Upon arrival of officers a male student was found with an injury to his head and EMS was called to attend the scene. Suspect is unknown at this time. Investigation is ongoing.

Drugs

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 29 at 4:13 a.m.
SCS officers were called to an apartment in a Residence regarding a possible controlled substance matter. Officers arrived and dealt with a first-year male student along with two males that were non-students. A small amount of marijuana was seized along with drug paraphernalia. The first-year student will be dealt with by Residence Life staff and the two non-students were trespassers and escorted off university property.

Break and Enter

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 29 at 4:18 a.m.
SCS officers responded to a call for assistance from Residence Life staff regarding an unknown male inside an apartment that was not his. Officers spoke to the resident of the apartment and he stated that the damage in the apartment was not caused by him. A male matching the description of the suspect seen in the apartment was seen a short time later. The male was located and arrested by SCS officers.

Assault

Location: Turret Night Club
Reported: Oct. 30 at 1:23 a.m.
An SCS officer received a report that two females were involved in a fight in the Turret Night Club. The females were detained for questioning. It is not determined at the time of this writing which female was responsible for the assault, as they were intoxicated and uncooperative at the time. SCS officers will follow up with the allegations.

Injured/Sick Person

Location: Science Building
Reported: Oct. 30 at 3:09 a.m.
SCS dispatch received a report that an intoxicated male was drinking and injured his shin while running on the wet grass, hitting a concrete barrier. SCS officers attended and requested EMS. EMS transported the non student male to Grand River Hospital for treatment and assessment of a broken leg.

Alarm

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 30 at 1:43 p.m.
SCS Dispatch received a fire alarm for the B Wing of a Residence. Waterloo Fire and SCS Officers were dispatched for the alarm. The Residence was having a Haunted Hall event, and it was determined the alarm was activated from a dry ice machine which created the smoke effect for the event. The alarm system was reset without incident, and Residence Life was notified not to use the dry ice machine.

Vocal Cord

What was the best costume you saw this Halloween?



"I saw a three-year-old boy dressed as an elephant, it was really cute."
—Laura Grimm
Fourth-year biology



"I can't remember. I was not sober."
—Steff Kilngbeil
Third-year communication studies and film

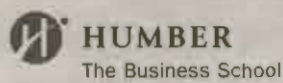


"I saw a little girl dressed as Nala from Lion King."
—Priya Mistry
Fourth-year biology



"I think I saw someone dressed as Megan Fox, that was probably the best."
—Keshav Bhargave
Second-year biology

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Quote of the week:
"I don't need love."
—Graphics editor Taylor Gayowsky, regarding love.

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Assessing Canadian universities

Maclean's, Globe and Mail release annual rankings; Laurier moved into comprehensive category

JACQUELINE SALOME
STAFF WRITER

The 21st annual *Maclean's* University Rankings were released last week and saw Wilfrid Laurier University ranking 11th out of 15 Canadian universities in the comprehensive category.

The comprehensive category acknowledges universities with significant research activity and a wide range of programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, including professional degrees.

This marks Laurier's first year in this class. Previous years saw WLU in the primarily undergraduate category, which includes post-secondary institutions that are focused on undergraduate studies and offer little graduate programming.

WLU placed the highest out of the institutions that are also new to the comprehensive category this year. Other institutions making their debut are Ryerson University and Brock University, ranking 13th and 15th respectively.

Laurier has moved into the category based on *Maclean's* recognition of increased growth in populations and graduate program offerings. Highlights of the study for Laurier include ranking seventh on the strength of its reputation, fourth for faculty awards and fourth in medical and science grants. This shift in category follows the goals outlined in WLU's 2005 century plan, in which a key area of focus was the transition to a comprehensive-class university by the centennial year.

"This is a really good external indicator that we have been successful in meeting those goals," said Deborah MacLachy, Laurier's vice president: academic and provost.

In last year's rankings, WLU was placed fifth in the "primarily undergraduate" category.

The school's rankings have worsened with the change in category this year. However, Jacqui Tam, assistant vice president: communications, public affairs and marketing, notes that this change is incomparable.

"To compare last year's ranking to where we land in the comprehensive category is like comparing apples and oranges; they're completely different things. We're playing in a totally different league," said Tam.

"The challenge for us is that we



AARON LUN GRAPHICS ARTIST

make it clear for people what the difference is."

MacLachy does not believe that a lower status in the *Maclean's* comprehensive category will negatively impact WLU or its enrolment of future students.

"I don't think students will choose based on where we are ranked, and I don't think that would be a good idea for students because they'll miss out on the important factors like program, location and student experience," she said.

MacLachy added that she believes the change will be progressive for WLU.

"The reality is, because of its size, we would never have been able to

move up past where we were in the primarily undergraduate program," she said. Both MacLachy and Tam are optimistic that WLU will progress in the comprehensive rankings in future years.

The 2012 *Globe and Mail* University Rankings labelled WLU as part of the "401 Dream Team", along with the University of Guelph and Trent University. These are schools classified as praised education outside of the Greater Toronto Area.

The *Globe and Mail* rankings are based on a compilation of student surveys, whereas the *Maclean's* rankings are polls of collected hard data.

Maclean's uses surveys in their reputation category, but targets

business leaders, human resources professionals, high school counselors and university officials rather than students.

Highlights of the *Globe and Mail* survey for Laurier include a rank of fourth for class size, sixth in both instructors' teaching style and campus atmosphere. Major areas of improvement are in the categories of information technology and course registration.

Tam notes that the two ranking systems allow WLU staff to recognize areas of improvement, and ensure that the areas noted by the *Globe and Mail* and *Maclean's* parallel the areas that WLU itself has targeted. In her opinion, they usually do.

WLU's report card

Laurier's three **highest** grades in the *Globe* and *Mail's* campus report.

A- (4th)

in Class Sizes

A- (6th)

in Campus Atmosphere

B+

in Instructors' Teaching Style and six other categories

Laurier's three **lowest** grades in the *Globe* and *Mail's* campus report.

C

in Information Technology

C+

in Course Registration

C+

in Research Opportunities

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New space to cost \$53,500

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"It is frustrating, but it's one of those things where it's happened before, with the Terrace expansion."

McMahon explained that management is pursuing recovery of the costs from the designer in addition to withholding funds.

"When it comes down to it, the designer will ask the same question: 'Why did it go ahead without a permit?' and the designer will also

protect themselves by saying 'I'm not qualified to do a fire-rated assembly, so you should have known my drawing was not a rated drawing,'" he said. "We're certainly going to lose a relationship over it, if we get some money back on top of that or we can reach a shared understanding that there's a shared responsibility, that would be a bonus."

Joliffe was simply relieved to see some progress towards a new office for Foot Patrol. "This time around a

lot more consultation was brought in from [us] as compared to the original proposal, and is more suited to what we actually need," he said. "The original space design was a little too small to meet our storage needs as well as our growing volunteer capacity."

Foot Patrol will launch the service from the new office in January once the project is completed, but will continue to operate out of the WLU-SU boardroom until then.

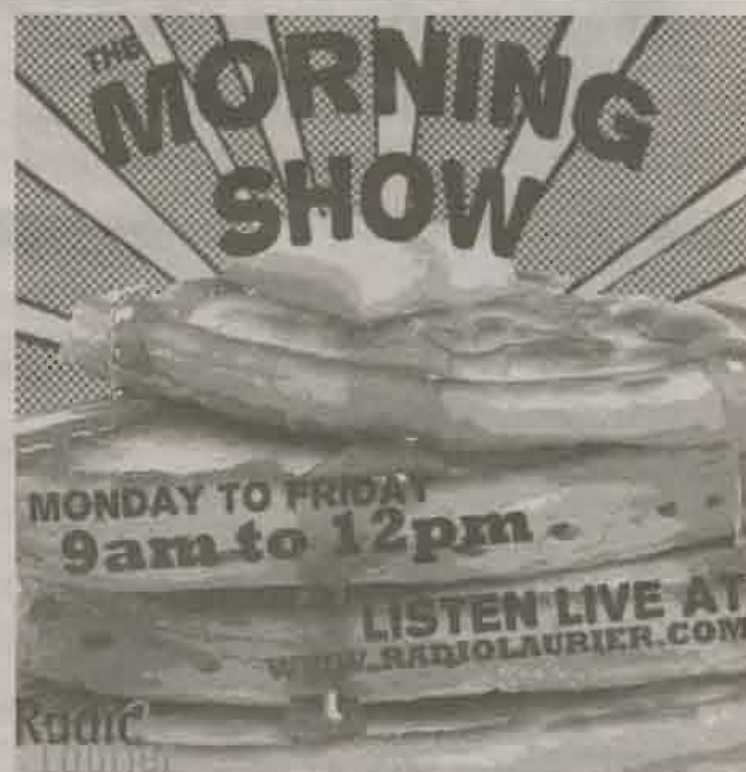
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Author speaks

Yvonne Shorter Brown, a retired public school teacher, university lecturer and social justice advocate paid a visit to WLU.
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Wilf's restaurant suffered water damage over the weekend and will be closed for at least 6 weeks.

Cost of damages not yet determined

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insurance and that there should be minimal costs associated with the cleanup and repair. "We're confident that we will work with our insurance company and restoration professionals to bring everything back in line. There will be a very minimal, at the end of the day, financial imposition on the Students' Union."

In the interim, Aramark will have to deal with the closure, claimed McMahon. "[They're] essentially our tenant and we're a tenant of

the university. We're working hard to get them back up and running. A: because they serve the students that we're working so hard to serve in the food court, let's get the students back in there, and b: because we want them to see we're going to be a great landlord through good and bad."

The cause of the flood was a blockage in the drainage system where several drains converged. "Sort of like a clogged artery," assistant vice president of physical resources Gary Nower laughed. "It

will have to be replaced." According to McMahon, the drainage system in the dishwashing pit at Wilf's has been known to be slow for years, especially at busy times.

In the meantime, all Late Night Society events normally held at Wilf's such as Country Night have been moved to the Turret. As restoration and cleanup progresses, it is too early to tell what the loss in profit will be or if Wilf's employees will receive compensation. More information will be published as it is made available.

Food collection remains high

Halloween for Hunger continues tradition

SAMANTHA KELLERMAN
CORD NEWS

Halloween is a holiday to either trick-or-treat, dress up in whatever you want with no repercussions or to let loose. However, the non-governmental organization Free the Children founded a campaign called "Halloween for Hunger" to help those in need. Instead of asking to be given candy for their own consumption, participants go door-to-door asking for non-perishable food items to be donated to food banks.

This year, Wilfrid Laurier University ran another successful Halloween for Hunger campaign on the eve of Oct. 31, with numerous student groups partnering up to cover Kitchener-Waterloo area.

These groups included Free the Children, the Laurier Food Bank, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and many more.

Anica Chodri, one of the presidents of the Free the Children club at Laurier, has been involved with the organization since high school. She said that the groups were "assigned to different streets to trick-or-treat."

Before Halloween, flyers are sent out to residents to inform them of the cause and Chodri said that, "people know to have [the food] on the side." The K-W community plays a critical role in ensuring that the event is successful.

Halloween for Hunger is a great opportunity to raise awareness about the hunger of those who are less fortunate. Jaclyn Stief, the

"It's a great opportunity because it brings all these groups together over a common cause."

—Jaclyn Stief, promotions executive for WLU Food Bank

promotions executive for the Laurier Food Bank, also pointed out more benefits about the initiative.

"It's a great opportunity because it brings all these groups together over a common cause," she said.

This partnership was surely successful as the shelves in the 24 hour Lounge were full when only half the food had been counted.

Last year 1,000 cans were collected and the results of this year looked even more promising.

When asked whether more food had been raised than last year, Josh Proksch, the co-coordinator for the Laurier Food Bank responded positively.

"I definitely think we have a lot more food than last year," he asserted, adding that this can this definitely be attributed to the larger number of people coming out to volunteer.



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'Swabbing' for a cause

JULIA BENNETT
CORD NEWS

For many university students, November first marked the beginning of a month of mustaches. This year, it also included "Get Swabbed", an event to promote student registration in OneMatch, the Canadian Blood Network's Stem Cell and Marrow Database.

Wilfrid Laurier University students made their contribution by getting "swabbed" throughout the day on Nov. 1 in the Concourse. The Laurier event was spearheaded by the Laurier Save a Life Society (SLS), which was done in partnership with Alpha Epsilon Pi, Sigma Beta Pi, Laurier University Charity Council (L.U.C.K.), and the Laurier Health Sciences Students' Association.

OneMatch wants to expand their database so people who are in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant have a better chance of receiving one.

SLS's goal this year, however, was to get more male students in their database.

"Within the next two weeks, we will be part of a competition between 26 different universities across Canada to try and register as many males as possible," said Heidi Singer, a third-year political science student at WLU, one of the lead co-ordinators for the Get Swabbed event.

"It is as many registrants as possible but specifically we're targeting males right now because we don't have enough in the system. But right now the patients that are dying and are in need of a bone marrow transplant are males, and that's why we're specifically targeting males," she added.

This year, the event added 539 swabs to the database, considerably more than the 403 last year.

In its first year the event had less than 20 volunteers, however this year "Get Swabbed" sparked the interest of far more students,

garnering support from over 100 volunteers for the day.

These volunteers spent the day giving out information, compiling registration and completing the swabbing process.

The simple process of swabbing the inside of participants' cheeks and being registered into the OneMatch system could mean saving the life of a person suffering from devastating illnesses such as leukemia and lymphoma.

"The likelihood of being called [for a donation] is really small, but it is the knowledge of having so many people participating and helping is so important, that is what gives hope to those who are sick," said Jordan Epstein, a third-year kinesiology student and the other co-ordinator for the event.

The "Get Swabbed" table in the Concourse ran all day, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., extended from its original 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. timeline to allow more students to come out and get registered.



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Laurier students take the time to "Get Swabbed" at the Concourse on Tuesday.



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Milne-Smith and third-year student Sabrina Brown pose in front of the marshmallow Peeps dioramas.

Going beyond an essay

JUSTIN SMIRLIES
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For Amy Milne-Smith, a history professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, assigning just the conventional essay for her third-year late-Victorian crime, sex and scandal course wasn't enough. Instead, she let her students revisit their artistic side and asked them to create dioramas depicting major cases in the late-Victorian period — an uncommon addition to the typical university class.

"The basic assignment was to recreate a Victorian scene of crime, sex or scandal, and then to produce a five page essay, putting that event in its context," Milne-Smith explained, adding that her students went beyond her initial expectations. "I was just struck by the fact they put so much extra research in."

To add a competitive flare to the assignment, Milne-Smith set up a contest for the best diorama.

While she noted that some students exerted competent and creative artistic abilities, the assignment wasn't solely graded on the

quality of art.

"I kept telling the students it wasn't about artistic merit, because a lot of them were worried. It's not an art class," she said.

Third-year history student Sabrina Brown, whose diorama was a re-creation of the Bermondsey Horror of 1849, won the contest and had glowing feedback for the rather non-traditional assignment.

"I gave the prof lots of kudos because I thought it was a great way to incorporate the learning into what we're doing," said Brown, adding that the class was really engaged in the assignment.

With all this discussion revolving around the current quality of the education system in Canada, Milne-Smith stated that non-traditional assignments are effective if done under the right circumstances. "I think the key is to have some type of balance and to mix it up, because if in every class you're doing the same assignment, you kind of get into a rut," Milne-Smith added.

She noticed that many students put in more time and effort into this particular assignment, more than

what she thinks would have been for just an essay. Even though it went smoothly and was well-received, she said it wasn't necessarily the easiest to assign.

"It looks silly and fun — but it's really difficult to come up with a non-traditional assignment that was rigorous and that everyone will like and is using the right skills," she said, noting that traditional assignments still have considerable value. "It was the first time I ever assigned it, so it was a bit of a gamble, so I'm glad it worked out."

To make things a bit more fun and arguably a bit easier for non-artistically inclined students, Milne-Smith made them use yellow marshmallow Peeps for their diorama figures. "The Washington Post every year does a diorama contest using marshmallow Peeps, and I thought it's just funny," she continued.

"And that meant that people didn't have to worry about artistic skills to make the central characters, and you just stick the sad little chick in there in these grotesque, imaginary scenes."

Charity loses space at WLU

SOS told to vacate by January 2012

ELIZABETH DICESARE
STAFF WRITER

After nearly six years, a local charity known as Send 'em Off Smiling (SOS) was asked to vacate donated space given to them by Wilfrid Laurier University.

The decision to have them leave was made in August.

Gary Nower, WLU's vice-president of physical resources said the choice was made based on the school's need for more academic space.

"The university ... doesn't have any warehousing, we're leasing space off-site for warehousing, and we're leasing space offsite for offices," explained Nower.

SOS has been given until January 1, 2012 to vacate the donated space they have been occupying. Once they leave, that space will be converted back into a storage area for WLU.

Despite negative assumptions surrounding the situation, Nower commented that WLU and SOS "have had a very good relationship, but unfortunately [WLU] has pressing needs for academic space and that's the priority right now ... it's not like we're being the nasty people and throwing them out."

WLU and SOS have worked closely over the years, and there was always an understanding that the day may come when the donated space would be taken back.

"We've been avoiding [asking them to leave] for several years, but finally we're just out of space, so we agreed that they would find another space," explained Nower.

"It's always a surprise when they

actually say after six years when you're told," said Shannon Diemert, Chair of SOS. However, Diemert added the charity was under the impression that day might come.

SOS is now looking for 4,000 square feet of space to operate out of.

They are hoping to find space in the Kitchener-Waterloo area where most of their charity work is done, but is also willing to move out to Cambridge.

SOS helps young students in the Kitchener-Waterloo area who are in need of school supplies and clothing.

Volunteers send out applications to teachers who know of students in need and give them information regarding supplies needed, their clothing sizes and personal preferences.

Once donations are collected, SOS assembles backpacks to distribute to students. "Each backpack is unique to each child," Diemert explained.

The space provided was used not only for collecting donations, but for putting together backpacks for students, distributing the donations and held board meetings for the volunteers.

SOS has been helping students since 1994 so, for Diemert, it would be a shame for them to stop operating because of lack of space. However, SOS is extremely grateful to WLU for providing them with donated space for the past six years.

"[WLU] has helped us out tremendously, there are good feelings between us and we have worked well together; we can only thank them for the generosity," said Diemert.

Blouw, Gibson cook off

SPENCER DUNN
STAFF WRITER

The gloves were off and the aprons were on Tuesday afternoon, when president of Wilfrid Laurier University Max Blouw took on Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union president Nick Gibson for an iron-chef battle royal at the Fresh Food Company.

Each chef prepared a signature dish, aided by a dining hall employee. The two cooked away from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., when a winner was announced.

The two chefs fought for the title of top chef and for a spot on the "Colander Cup" a trophy new to this year. Gibson was victorious against the university's president.

Blouw prepared a dish with sliced French bread, ham, spinach, onion and Fontina cheese. "This is the first year I've done it," said Blouw. "And all the proceeds go to united way."

The meals cost ten dollars a piece and for every meal served, a dollar went to the United Way. WLU Food Services also promised to donate \$500.

Gibson prepared a beef brisket on buns with a sweet potato mash. It was his first year preparing food for the competition as well.

"They approached me to do this, and I was more than happy to," said Gibson.



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The two presidents cooked off to raise money for the United Way.

David Hutchison, assistant director of food services, stood at the entrance, coaxing students to enter and try one of the delectable dishes. At 3 p.m. the results were in. Gibson took the title and combined the two presidents raised \$526 for the United Way.

"The total going to United Way [was] \$1,026," said Hutchison.

United Way is a charity organization that aids in campaigns to isolate and solve local issues, such as poverty. Money raised by United Way is put back into the community where it is involved.

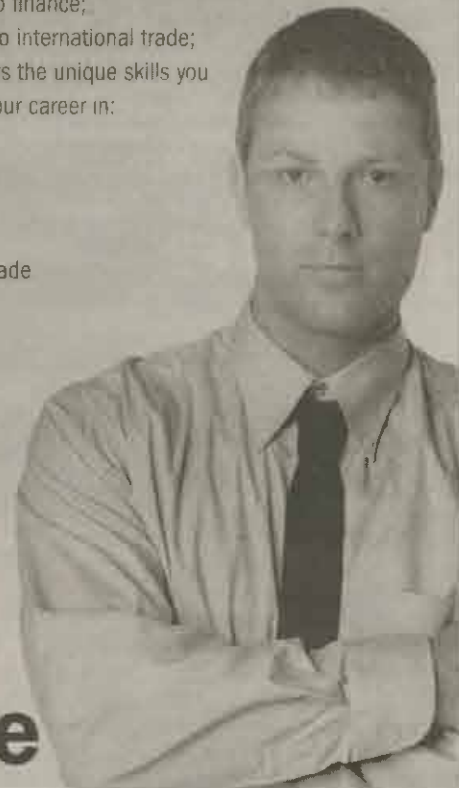
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Late night cheese

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Have you ever found yourself craving delicious comfort food, late at night but left unsatisfied due to a lack of options? Princess Café, at 46 King St. North, has provided a solution. On Oct. 21 they introduced the "Cheeses Murphy," a grilled cheese only, walk-through service available from midnight until 3:30 a.m. every Friday and Saturday.

Marc Lecompte, owner of the Princess Café since October 2010, developed the idea after noticing a lack of late-night food options around Uptown Waterloo.

"We're so central, with so many places around us that students go to, it just makes sense to offer something to people," he said. "Plus how many times do you come out of the bar and go 'I'm SO hungry.'"

When asked why the focus on the grilled cheese, he answered, "It's out of simplicity. Keeping it simple is the concept, and what's simpler than a grilled cheese sandwich?"

Lecompte emphasized that all orders are strictly take-out and briefly explained the logistics.

"The Café is completely closed and everything happens outside in the lobby. We hang up our menus and there's no tables or chairs, only the cinema box office that serves as the order counter," he said.

As for the menu, it puts a whimsical twist on the standard grilled cheese sandwich.

"We have six sandwiches, there's the classic cheddar cheese on white bread, while the others are kind of gourmet," said Lecompte. The other five options are variations on the regular grilled cheese, in which

Lecompte made sure there was something for everyone.

"I wanted to put some veggie options besides the classic, so we have the 'Sticky Frenchman', a Brie cheese and caramelized apple combo," he said. "We can also make any of them without meat, I worked at a vegetarian restaurant for years, so I like to keep that option open for people."

However, the star of the menu is the 'Cheeses Murphy', a mix of cheddar cheese and bacon jam, a home-made condiment quickly growing in popularity.

"People have been freaking out about bacon jam, because it's something they've never heard of before. It's a bacon puree that takes about 4 hours to make. I grab a scoop of it, add cheese, some butter and grill it. People seem to like it so far."

We take the classic grilled cheese, and then make one of the other sandwiches around it. So it's four pieces of bread, the classic grilled cheese on the inside and another sandwich of your choice around it. It's a beast of a sandwich, people coming out of the bars have been eager to try it."

"I haven't advertised it all, I'm just seeing how far I can take it with word of mouth just to see how it goes," said Lecompte. "People just want sandwiches. Word of mouth is spreading, and every night it has more people than the one before," he said.

The venture is his own idea, however Lecompte doesn't take all the credit.

"My wife, Celene, has been working really hard on it too. It's been a real team effort, and I'm lucky to have her."



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Police officer and fire fighters assess the damage after a grey Acura crashed into Phil's Halloween night.

Crash disrupts festivities

LINDA GIVETASH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Two students were sent to hospital on Monday night after being hit by a car that swerved onto the sidewalk outside of Phil's Grandsons Place on King St. south of University Ave. Accounts of the incident estimate between ten and 15 individuals in line at Phil's were hit by the car, however all sustained minor injuries.

Of the group of people hit by the car that evening Rod Curran, director of Wilfrid Laurier University Special Constables Services, said that three were confirmed to be Laurier students.

Tyler Keizer, a fifth-year Laurier student who was in the lineup

explained that the line up to Phil's was so long that it neared the sidewalk and turned northwards.

"I turned around and saw the car and it hit the curb and it smoked into the sign," Keizer continued describing the incident. "As it hit the sign it turned even more, luckily, because if it didn't it would have went through the whole back part of the line."

Keizer said he was "side swiped" by the car, a grey Acura, however his injuries are minimal and include back pain.

"I do know someone who did go to the hospital, I'm not really too sure of his status or anything," said Keizer of those that were with him in the accident.

Confirming that victims' injuries

were non-life threatening, Waterloo Region Police Service's (WRPS) public affairs co-ordinator Olaf Heinzel said, "Most of them were just tissue damage, however one person here looks like they may have a broken leg."

In a report released by WRPS, it stated that the car had veered off in attempt to avoid a southbound driving red Ford that was making a left turn. The driver of the Acura, a 27-year-old male, then lost control and skidded off the road.

Emily, a Laurier student at the scene who chose not to disclose her last name, stated that the Ford had left the scene. Heinzel was unable to verify this account, however stated that the investigation was ongoing and there are pending charges.

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The politics of the zombie apocalypse

Lecture at CIGI takes a new approach to international relations

MIKE LAKUSIAK
IN DEPTH EDITOR

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Waterloo hosted a talk that was topical, but nonetheless of the utmost importance on Oct. 26, as Daniel W. Drezner gave the "signature" lecture on zombies, the G20 and international relations.

The author of *Theories of International Politics and Zombies*, Drezner is a professor of international politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford, MA. His lecture at CIGI was based off of his book, which explores international relations supposing that the dead have begun to walk the Earth, hungry for human flesh.

"I particularly liked that as we were making the arrangements for this lecture, I was told this was the signature lecture on zombies, the G20 and global governance — because that implied that there had been previous lesser lectures," Drezner began his talk, which focused on different theories of global politics including realism, liberalism and neo-conservatism would react and fare were the zombie apocalypse to occur tomorrow.

"World politics as we know it is really all about trying to find security in an insecure world," he continued, noting the wrath of nature that through earthquakes, tsunamis and other phenomena has posed threats to global order. "These are

all natural sources of fear, but if you take a look at the cultural zeitgeist, there's clearly an unnatural fear that's barely spoken about or just now being spoken about. Of course you know what I'm talking about, I speak of course of zombies."

The immediate reaction to an outbreak of zombie activity would be crucial if the timeline of a typical zombie movie is to be considered.

"If you take a look at the zombie canon, all the movies out there, they all follow the exact same trope, the undead are introduced in minute one and by minute ten, everyone is living in a post-apocalyptic wasteland," Drezner explained, through use of clips from a smattering of films. "This is a very serious problem, even if there is only a remote possibility of zombies actually being created, the outcome is so horrific that we need to figure out what to do."

Throughout the lecture, while using the examples of zombies elicited laughter and applause from the audience of around 200 people, Drezner was careful to include tangible international relations and political theory context for the circumstances attached to this admittedly unlikely situation.

"You might remember that about five years ago former [U.S.] Vice-President Richard Cheney argued that if there was even a one per cent chance of al-Qaida launching a terrorist attack on American soil, the U.S. would be obligated to launch any and all available

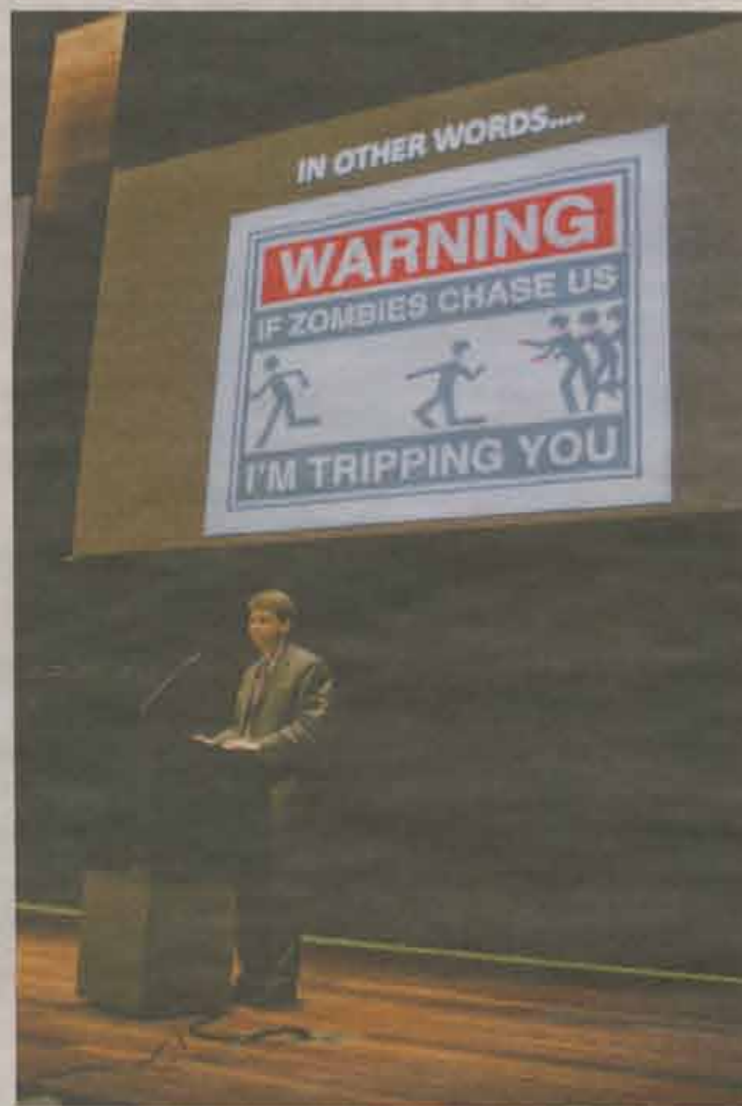
countermeasures to stop that attack from taking place," he said. "Even if the odds were only one per cent, the outcome was so precipitously bad that it was worth investing a fair amount of energy to stop it."

"I'll acknowledge that the likelihood of an al-Qaida terrorist attack is much larger than the likelihood of zombies actually existing and eating us, but let's say there's a 0.001 per cent chance of some freak accident in a government lab triggering something really bad."

After the lecture, Drezner said that he was not particularly familiar with the zombie genre prior to the book and a blog post he wrote that spawned it, with his attention drawn by an article by a University of Ottawa math professor, Robert Smith.

"I read the article and there was no politics in it. It generated a lot of response and I didn't think I could do anything with it, but then I realized it actually works as a book, it doesn't work as an article obviously but it works as a book," he explained, having noted that the book has shown up on the reading lists for some undergraduate political science courses in the U.S.

"Let's say your average 18-year-old, if they're confronted with a traditional [international relations] text their eyes might start to glaze over," he said. "I kind of think of this as a gateway drug, getting them hooked initially and then really getting them on the crack of quality international relations theory."



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Daniel W. Drezner delivers his lecture on zombies at CIGI.

Bringing bike sharing to Waterloo region

MIKE RADIVOI
STAFF WRITER

A student-run group, the Active and Community Transportation (ACT) initiative from the University of Waterloo (UW), is working to implement a bike share program in the Kitchener-Waterloo region.

Bike share programs try to offer affordable and sustainable means of transportation and have already been successfully implemented in cities such as Toronto and Montreal.

Heading this project is fourth-year UW student Joshua Joseph. This past summer Joseph visited various cities across Europe where biking has already been successfully integrated in community transportation; he cites these experiences as his inspiration for the project.

"After being in the Netherlands and Denmark, I really saw what it

meant," he said. "Going to Europe, this is reality for those people. The wind in your hair, you're breathing outside, you're talking to people. It builds a kind of sense of community that you really don't get in automobile sector communities."

ACT itself is a subset of the University of Waterloo's Sustainability Project (UWSP); the project is also largely centred on the fact that biking is a sustainable method of transportation. "The reality is bicycles don't admit greenhouse gas emissions. Not only do cars use oil, they also pollute our air," said Joseph. "To me, it's kind of a no-brainer. You're using your human energy instead to get around."

Joseph stated that one of the most important aspects of the bike share system is that it gives people the option to travel affordably, whereas other forms of

transportation may be too costly. In Toronto, a TTC Metro pass costs over 100 dollars a month. He claims that bike share systems cost only a fraction of that.

Canadian geography is much different than that of Europe; this is one of the primary challenges to bringing bike share systems here. However, Joseph believes that through the integration of various forms of public transportation these challenges can be met.

"Our communities are shaped around the automobile. One city I was in in Europe had a population of over a million and 70 per cent of them lived within a kilometre of the city center," said Joseph.

"What we need to focus on in Canada is integration of transportation. Someone might not bike from Waterloo to Cambridge, but they could bike to the LRT station, take

the train to Cambridge, and then hop on a bike there to get around. It's really meant to be that mid-way trip to get to transit."

This model of integration alleviates the concern that a bike share system in the K-W region could take away funding and focus from pre-existing public transportation services. In reality, Joseph believes they aren't mutually exclusive and can benefit one another.

Aside from physical geography, the Canadian climate also poses an obstacle to bike sharing. People are less likely to bike during winter months due to unsafe road conditions and cold temperatures.

The K-W bike share system, Joseph suggested, could be modeled on other successful programs in Canadian cities. In Montreal, bike share systems have portable stations that are boarded up during the

winter months.

"I'm not anti-driving at all. Driving isn't bad, that's not the problem," he said. "We've focused too heavily on cars and we need to give the other forms of transportation a shot."

The greatest obstacle for the group presently is funding, and one that is being actively discussed. "Essentially how bike share systems work is that it comes from a variety of funding sources," he said. "A chunk of it comes from user fees, a chunk from sponsorship, a chunk from municipalities and from private funders."

"This project is cool because it's really student driven," he said. "We're not getting paid to develop this plan; we just really want to see it happen. We've gotten people talking about bike sharing. In that sense, we've already been very successful."



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Living with negative perceptions of Islam

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LEAD REPORTER

"As a Muslim living in Southern Ontario, what have been some of the greatest challenges and moments of hope in the last ten years?" was the question posed to panellists by discussion moderator Gavin Brockett, an associate professor of Middle East and Islamic history. The panel, hosted in Wilfrid Laurier University's Paul Martin Centre on Saturday evening, explored how societal changes impacted Muslim citizens after the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks.

A common theme amongst panellists was the recognition of the greater scrutiny faced by Muslims on a personal and professional level, a problem furthered by media-propelled stereotypes and coverage.

"To always feel like you're under surveillance, to always feel that you have to explain yourself or conduct yourself in a manner that doesn't create more suspicion is a huge challenge, because you're always monitoring yourself," commented Ali Zaidi, a professor of global studies at WLU.

Ali Albarghouthi, a PhD candidate at Wilfrid Laurier, was in agreement. He added, "You're not always only aware of yourself, your own desires, your own limitations, but you're also aware of the others' perception of you and both of these things fight within you."

Also prevalent was an identification of the greatly increased role Muslims had to undertake as educators about Islam, something which had both negative and positive implications.

Basheer Habib, a management



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Panelists discuss the challenges and moments of hope in past ten years after 9/11 and the impacts on Southern Ontarian Muslims.

consultant, explained, "The whole education role that I had to play was really challenging, because I really found that people were really ignorant, massively ignorant in Kitchener-Waterloo about what Islam was, the different traditions within Islam."

For Humera Javed, a Laurier

graduate and current employee of the Diversity and Equity Office, "It has been difficult to talk about Islam without sounding apologetic."

However, the difficulties of being forced into an educator role to mollify irrational fears and satisfy curious minds were also met with increased understanding and unity

in some situations. In spite of the many negative implications of 9/11, most of the panellists had reason to express hope.

Nevine El Gendy, who is a board member at the K-W Counselling Center, expressed similar positive sentiments.

"Maybe that's the positive thing

that came out, that's people now starting to move toward each other and get to know each other," she speculated.

The insightful dialogue was an opportunity to further understanding through the primary experiences of Muslims in Canada, whose voices are not often as prominently heard

Better governance to solve financial crisis

HIRRA GILANI
STAFF WRITER

Former Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and former Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin were the opening speakers for the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) annual fall conference, held Friday Oct. 28.

The public discussion for the opening conference event was surrounding the issue of the gap in global governance, which was moderated by Thomson Reuters digital editor Chrystia Freeland.

The discussion started with the issue of the financial crisis in Europe.

"It is changes to the Lisbon Treaty that is the single most important thing that they can do, because Europe's problem is structural and unless they solve that structural problem I don't see how this or anything else would help," said Martin.

President Zedillo, who was courteous enough to attend the event as he had just flown in from Europe, had this to say about Europe's financial crisis, "I think that there was a realization that the European Monetary Union was a mistake that took too long for them to realize."

Zedillo felt that if Europe continued the way that they were, it would eventually lead to a departure from the European Monetary Union.

"This would be not only the destruction of the union but the destruction of the European project of integration and let me tell you if that happens not only Europeans but humanity at large would be at a great risk," he said.

Zedillo suggested that Europe has to take things a bit more seriously in the dimensions of economic and fiscal co-ordination.

Agreeing with Zedillo's perspective of the European financial crisis, Martin suggested that, "Unless the Europeans are willing to build institutions of nationhood then it is very hard to see how they are going to be able to deal with these problems."

Martin added that "The mess that

was created was created in the G7"

In regards to the group of 20 nations (G20), Martin said, "The reason that there is a need for the G20 is that the leading economies of the world are no longer compatible, neither culturally, historically or economically, they are very different and what they have to do is work this out and I believe that they are in the process of working it out"

Martin felt that the fundamental focus of Europe should be to build institutions that will allow them to prevent the next crisis.

He said, "There has to be an international institution, that effectively deals with the rules and regulations that will govern a globally

seamless industry"

On the contrary, Zedillo has hope for Europe though currently feels that the G20 is a disaster.

According to Zedillo, in regards to the G20's failure, he claimed that it has "a problem of legitimacy in its origin."

Zedillo claimed that the performance of the G20 and the claims that they make are not equitable to one another.

Martin, meanwhile, reminded everyone of the nature of democracy when stating,

"The fact is that the G20 has not kept all its promises, but neither have democratic politicians and leaders," he said.



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Western schools push for gender-neutral bathrooms

JOANNA GRAHAM
THE MANITOBA

WINNIPEG (CUP) — As the University of Winnipeg pushes to have gender-neutral washrooms on campus by the end of the academic year, awareness about the issue has been raised by student leaders at the University of Manitoba.

The U of W Students' Association (UWSA) and the LGBT* Centre had a meeting on Oct. 17 with U of W administration to discuss the issue.

"It was a very positive meeting and we're incredibly lucky that administration here understands how important it is to make sure that all aspects of the university are inclusive," said Lauren Bosc, president of UWSA.

She said that since the UWSA board of directors made gender-neutral washrooms one of the top goals for the year, the executive and the LGBT* director have moved forward with making it happen.

Bosc said that the students are currently working on proposals to outline the needs of the washroom.

"We also want to make sure it is wheelchair accessible," she said. According to Bosc, the issue of gender-neutral washrooms had been raised in 2007, but because of student leadership turnover the conversation had "quieted down."

Bosc said that her goal was to have the implementation of gender-neutral washrooms complete by the end of this school year.

Debra Radi, the U of W executive director of the office for the

"In order for it to be truly gender neutral, there must not be any signs that indicate males or females."

—David Vo, co-ordinator of the RPM

vice-president academic, said the U of W administration is involved as a collaborator in exploring how gender-neutral washrooms can be implemented.

"If students identify as transgendered, they need to have a safe space where they feel comfortable in terms of meeting a basic need like going to the washroom," said Radi.

Radi said that she has been working with colleagues in the physical plant department to identify potential locations for the washroom.

Of course, labeling is an important issue for the gender-neutral washrooms.

"I'm in favour of something very discreet such as 'washroom' because that's what it is," said Ro Mills, director of the U of W LGBT* Centre.

"There's a need, just in terms of inclusive spaces," Mills said.

"Not everybody falls within the binary of male or female. Everybody should be able to use the washroom

with ease and accessibility."

University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) president Camilla Tapp said she thought the U of W's push for gender-neutral washrooms is great and UMSU is happy to support the organizers.

Tapp said gender-neutral washrooms have been a long-standing issue on campus that needs to be resolved.

The co-ordinator of the RPM, David Vo, explained that the U of M has unisex washrooms, but they

aren't the same as gender-neutral washrooms.

The difference is that the unisex washrooms still have signs that indicate the male and female gender.

"In order for it to be truly gender-neutral, there must not be any signs that indicate males or females," he said.

"It will allow people to be more open-minded," he said.

"It will also attract more people to the university as that will make it more of an accepting place."



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Canada in brief

Saskatchewan students run for office

SASKATOON (CUP) — About a dozen university students in Saskatchewan are balancing their studies with the demands of being candidates in the provincial election.

The NDP has five student candidates, the Greens have four and the Sask. Party has one.

—Ishmael N. Daro, the Sheaf (University of Saskatchewan)

STI rates soar

FREDERICTON (CUP) — According to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), as sexually-transmitted infection rates soar across the country, university campuses — perceived hotbeds of sexual activity — are becoming prime locations to contract an infection.

The highest rates and increases of all STIs are among people between the ages of 15 and 24, and the demographic's national average for chlamydia and syphilis has nearly doubled in the past twenty years.

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When hits to the head

Sports Editor Kevin Campbell talks to former and current Laurier athletes along with what the road to recovery entails, and the reality that for

Jarrett Humphreys drew a blank.

For a split second, the former Wilfrid Laurier University men's soccer goalie couldn't for the life of him bring himself to utter the sounds and syllables of his lifelong friend's name.

"I thought [to myself], 'I know this person,'" said Humphreys, sitting in Laurier's Hawk Lounge in the Athletic Complex, surrounded by studious athletes hitting the books for midterms.

But there, in a staff meeting, Humphreys couldn't identify his pal that he had known since the age of eight.

And that scared him.

"There are so many symptoms [of concussions] that people aren't aware of. Memory loss is one of them," he said.

Humphreys' career was a tumultuous one. The goal-keeper was diagnosed with five concussions over the span of his life, and those are just the ones that have the formal label slapped onto them by doctors.

"What I really learned during the diagnosis is just the sheer number that you can sustain over the course of your lifetime. Just think back to when you've taken a bump on the head and you're a little kid running all over the playground — just little things that you wouldn't think of in that context," said Humphreys. "But they all count."

In his first year at Laurier, Humphreys established himself as the number one netminder early on.

The business major eclipsed his competition by providing not just a steady influence on the team's back-end, but also a much-needed vocal presence, a leadership aspect that head coach Mario Halapir deemed too valuable to overlook.

But in the midst of his freshman campaign, disaster struck.

Humphreys was sidelined with a concussion resulting from a hit to his head.

He sat out the remainder of the season and the team eventually missed the playoffs. Humphreys won the team's rookie-of-the-year honours.

The Kitchener native recovered, but his return was short-lived.

"In the summer [following that year], playing in the PDL (Premier Development League), with Forest City London, I ended up having a ball come [toward the crease] and another player tried to head the ball and our heads collided."

"I went unconscious," said Humphreys. "It was very severe and that one really set everything off."

Humphreys was prematurely cleared to play after his trip to the hospital. His head needed stitches as a result of the collision.

"At the time, I thought it was safe; medically I had been cleared."

But hindsight has 20/20 vision, and Humphreys now knows his decision to return was a mistake.

In practice during his sophomore season as a Hawk, Humphreys received literally a "flick to the ear."

"Instantly I felt dizzy, nauseous, and extreme sensitivity to

light. It was really rough very quickly. I went down to the clinic and everything was just blurry."

"At that point I knew I was in a lot of trouble."

The goalie went to London and consulted one of North America's leading experts on head injuries, Dr. Paul Echlin.

Echlin helped him back to health, but a third incident resulting in just a few stitches playing against the same Toronto team in the PDL ended his career for good.

"I couldn't lift my head," he said after the finishing blow knocked him out of his life's passion.

"I've been medically advised not to play, period."

Humphreys is just one casualty in the emerging world of career-ending, and at times, life-threatening head injuries.

What was once dismissed as a minor nuisance, an annoying speed-bump of a sports injury; concussions have come to dominate the media and political landscape of the sporting world.

They have been attributed to memory loss, depression and even

"It's never easy to say goodbye to something you love."

—Jarrett Humphreys, WLU men's soccer goalie 2009-10

suicide (in the National Hockey League), with three players' lives prematurely ended in one summer and all having a history of head trauma.

How much of a factor are brain injuries in these cases? How prevalent a role do these players' head injuries take in their returning playing careers and day-to-day lives? How much smoke will the media wildfire create before hard evidence is presented to suggest what severe concussions are really capable of?

Wilfrid Laurier University researcher and kinesiology professor, Michael Cinelli is taking a critical look at the effects of concussions and their role in the world of sports injuries.

"It basically took a couple poster boys, if you will, to really raise the profile," said Cinelli.

Of course, he refers to Sidney Crosby.

Even if someone hadn't watched a game of hockey in their lives, Sidney Crosby is a name that is recognized almost universally in Canada.

The Olympic gold medal is next to the maple leaf under 'reigning men's hockey champions' largely because of this young superstar.

Crosby hasn't played a game of hockey since January and for concussion victims like former WLU hockey player Ashley Stephenson, the concussed defenceman should be grateful for his slow recovery schedule.

"He's been adamant that he's not coming back until he's ready," said Stephenson, the 2006 Laurier MVP. "For the best player in the world to say his health is more important than his hockey career, maybe other players will start to think that too."

Crosby has a choice, as do all players knocked out of their respective sports with hits to the head. They can come back a little early and risk it all, or they can take the slow route, the route that is increasingly seen to be the

smarter option for longevity.

For these athletes, the methodical measuring of symptoms, whether they be mental, physical or emotional, are extremely critical to return to their sport. That's where Cinelli and his team come in.

Working with fellow professors and graduate students, Cinelli is gathering research from players and trainers at Laurier and beyond, to test the progress of the athlete's recovery.

"That's my part," explained Cinelli. "To identify the physical state, cognitive state and the neural state of the athlete following the concussion."

Cinelli uses a variety of tests that measure balance, co-ordination and cognitive function in a concussed athlete that can take anywhere between 15 and 40 minutes. Cinelli is a year into his five-year research plan that will lead him to be able to track a patient's post-concussed state.



and hit close to home

a university researcher and deconstructs what concussions do to their victims, some of these athletes the effects may be irreversible

He is even developing an iPad app to distribute to willing teams to measure symptoms. The app will be ready for the new year, and will help Cinelli and his team overcome the obstacle of busy student athletes who don't have the time or patience to see researchers.

Before the hit

"Media attention right now is around prevention of [concussions]; identification of them. And what we're more concerned about is after you've sustained the concussion. [During that process, the priority is] person first, athlete next," said Cinelli.

Efforts to reduce concussions altogether through means of equipment size, rule changes and the like, are all very good, he says, but concussions will always happen. And they don't just happen in the high-attention sports.

"Track and field, figure skating, cheerleading. People in these

"I applaud Ben Fanelli, but every time I see him go into the corners I cringe."

—Michael Cinelli, kinesiology professor at Wilfrid Laurier University

conditions aren't wearing equipment, and since [cases] aren't as common [in these sports], people tend to brush them under the rug," said the researcher.

Cinelli wants to see as much attention devoted to the smaller cases of concussions, as given to the extreme samples — because they can multiply.

"They're cumulative," said the professor. "Once you get one, it's easier to get another one. So you've got a bunch of these little ones along the way and you wonder why there's that

one freakish hit where the player is out a long time [afterwards]."

And these little ones are easy to miss. It's the external cues, says Cinelli, that drive players to want to get their heads checked. Cinelli cited a CBC article that stated most defensive linebackers, by the time they reach the NFL, have suffered about 1,000 concussions.

"We have to look at what preceded [that one tipping point of a head injury], and the media doesn't focus on that."

Symptoms

Concussions are extremely variable injuries. They differ from case to case, but most share commonalities. Depending on the location of the brain that suffers damage, the symptoms and severity of a concussion will vary.

Blurry vision, vomiting, headaches and memory loss are only some of the effects of head trauma. Light sensitivity is also common.

"I spent as much time as I could in a dark room. No lights, no TV, no phones," said Humphreys.

During a routine soccer match, the goalie had a defender pass the ball back to him. It was like nothing he had ever experienced.

"I saw three balls coming at me," said the goaltender. "I put my foot out and the ball rolled behind me." Double and even triple vision is not uncommon for concussed victims.

Stephenson described her own plight.

"My friends and I were goofing around in rez. I bumped heads with one of them and she hit me right in the temple. I might have even blacked out for a second."

For days after another elbow to the head from a hockey game, Stephenson had trouble focusing on the most mundane of tasks.

"When people talk to you, you know they're talking to you but it takes so long for you to understand what they're saying and then to get an answer out, it's really delayed."

Stephenson would attend lectures and take notes. She would look over at her neighbour, who had written two pages of notes, and look back at her own work and find two lines inscribed.

"I knew I was out of it, but not that bad," said the hockey player.

To this day, Stephenson can't get in a hot tub or a sauna.

"I can't take hot showers too long," said the Ontario University Athletics' (OUA) champion. "Steam gets to me."

This is because Stephenson's vision has been affected, Cinelli proposes.

"The steam clouds vision," said the researcher.

"In order to focus, the

eye needs to adjust to various sources of light. Once that focus is obstructed, or the light source changes intensity, the pupil dilates or retracts."

This is why fans often see trainers shine light into the injured player's eyes; to see if the player hasn't lost this basic function of the eyes, said Cinelli.

Head trauma and depression

The extent to which head trauma plays a role in depression is still under critical review.

"Depression is something that comes a little later on," said Cinelli. Athletes have been taken out of the only role they've ever known, and for them, being displaced from their sport can sometimes lead to a loss of identity.

"They don't know how to deal with it," said the Laurier professor. "So there's pressure in coming back too early to relieve that stress and emotion."

Cinelli has even experienced athletes who, not usually prone to crying, will openly weep for minutes on end immediately following their injury.

"If [the training staff] is smart, they'll link it to the concussion," he said.

Studies have emerged that link blows to the head with depression later in life, with the frontal area of the brain (prone to fists to the forehead by hockey 'enforcers') a main argument of the concussion-causes-depression thesis by some scholars.

Life after the injury

"It's never easy to say goodbye to something you love," said Humphreys.

The goaltender is now working as an assistant coach to the men's soccer team, and he knows the squad desperately needed his leadership, missing the playoffs this past year.

"I'd love nothing more to be out there, screaming and motivating them and working hard. You hope the guys still see you as a role model, still as a leader, with anything you love, you can always find a way to be involved with it."

Stephenson is still active in hockey, but will hang up her skates for good this year after her concerns over her long term health take more and more prevalence over her immediate desire to play the sport she loves.

"A shift is starting to happen," said the Laurier grad. "You look at Brendan Shanahan [the NHL's disciplinarian and his no-nonsense attitude towards head shots], and these players are starting to take their time coming back into the game."

Stephenson cites the Boston Bruins' Patrice Bergeron who waited a year before lighting it up in the playoffs and contrasts him with the Boston's Marc Savard, whose career has effectively ended from prematurely returning.

"The shift is coming. [The culture] takes a while to change, but I think it's coming."



EDITORIAL

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Rankings call Laurier's reputation into question

With the release of the 2011 *Maclean's* university rankings and the 2012 *Globe and Mail* university report card, it is evident that Laurier has little to celebrate and much to consider as the university administration plans for the future.

In a slight glimmer of hope, Laurier moved into the comprehensive category from the primarily undergraduate category, suggesting that the university is focusing more on graduate programs and innovative research. The master's of business administration (MBA) and faculty of social work both have solid reputations in their respective fields, suggesting the increased attention to graduate work is offering some benefits.

The good news ends there, however. Laurier ranks 24th overall, sitting idle in the middle of the pack, and places a disappointing 34th place in the leaders of tomorrow category. This corresponds to the *Globe and Mail* survey where Laurier receives a B or B+ in almost every category, the exceptions being class size and campus atmosphere where the university received an A-. In research opportunities and course registration Laurier fell to a C+ and in information technology, received a C. As the administration looks to the future, these rankings provide a sobering look at the current state of the university. While the school is not in the bottom of the pack in most of these measurements, there is little to suggest it is doing well enough to build a positive reputation in the academic community.

While the University of Waterloo has ranked first in overall quality and has held this position for 18 of 21 years, Laurier is just getting by with average grades in both of these measures, swimming in a state of mediocrity without much of a vision or plan to climb the ladder of academic rankings.

It's time this university took a serious look at the way Laurier conducts business. Looking ahead, Laurier should capitalize on existing successes — class sizes and campus atmosphere being among our most positive measures. WLU also ranks well in faculty awards and research grants, so administration should invest in the faculty that are working to bring this university a positive reputation and not let them fall by the wayside.

If this university really wants to "inspire lives of leadership and purpose," the administration needs to commit to undergraduate education of the highest quality and stop being content with an average ranking that will likely fail to attract the quality students and faculty necessary to become the reputable university it tries to carry itself as.

—The Cord Editorial Board

Cheeses Murphy welcome addition to Uptown

Princess Cinemas has a winning idea with Cheeses Murphy, a new venture operating out of the theatre's ticket booth in Uptown Waterloo, that offers grilled cheeses, tomato soup and chips from 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

This is a brilliant business idea by the managers of the Princess Café, who have clearly thought about what students crave after a night of clubbing, bar-hopping or house partying.

Top it off with innovative creations like the Inception sandwich — a grilled cheese within another sandwich — and this new business is a sure to be a hit with students spending their Friday and Saturday nights in Uptown Waterloo.

We need more of this creative thinking to improve student life in Waterloo. With the array of bars and clubs scattered throughout Uptown, it's nice to see that businesses are catching on to students' calls for more late-night food options.

Kudos to Princess Cinemas and the Princess Café for an idea that makes students' lives a little more fun and a lot more tasty.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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Is Harper stacking the Supreme Court with conservative justices?



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Haunted by the inevitability of defeat and the end of their reign of power, prime ministers seek out places where they can cement their legacy and leave a mark on the political scene that lasts far longer than their tenure. The Supreme Court is one of those places.

Since justices serve until they reach the age of 75, a prime minister's decision on who to appoint to the highest court in the land has lasting impact on legislation for decades after their government has come and gone.

On the current court, five justices remain from the Liberal appointments of Jean Chretien and Paul Martin. Now, with two recent appointments from the current prime minister, the other four are Harper appointees.

In recent years, the Supreme Court has not been a radical court either way — they have deferred to parliament on some issues but have also struck down parliament's laws in some areas. The court under Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin granted prisoners the right vote in *Sauve v. Canada*, played a role in pushing same-sex marriage forward in 2004, struck down pension provisions that "discriminated based on sexual orientation" and has championed the rights of the accused on several occasions.

The question becomes, then, whether the new justices will do anything to change this trend. There are potential question marks around both Michael Moldaver and Andromache Karakatsanis, who replace Louise Charron and Ian Binnie.

Karakatsanis has written few opinions, having been a judge at the Ontario

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The new justices seem to fit the mold of Canadian Supreme Court nominees — to be pragmatic and to follow the law, instead of any particular ideology.

Court of Appeals for less than two years. In her limited appellate judgments, though, she does not seem entirely anti-Charter. In a prominent case, she ruled that a teacher's rights had been violated when his laptop was searched and he was charged for possession of child pornography.

Karakatsanis is no stranger to the political side of government, though. She served as a senior bureaucrat in the Mike Harris government, becoming Secretary of the Cabinet and served as Deputy Attorney General under now finance minister Jim Flaherty. At the very least, she knows the challenges of government and the legislative process.

Moldaver, on the other hand, has been vocal about his positions, especially on criminal law. He has written few pro-accused opinions and has been no friend of lawyers who have launched Charter suits to clarify defendants' rights. Contrarily, he has publically admonished "needless" Charter suits.

Yet, these appointments seem to be based on merit. They are not the radically conservative justices that some were expecting when it was noted that Harper would have the opportunity to appoint at least four justices before the next election in 2015. He still has two more to make when Morris Fish retires in 2013 and Louis LeBel retires in 2014.

Clearly, Moldaver and Karakatsanis are not the Charter-loving, progressive and activist judges that some on the left would favour. But, they aren't necessarily the opposite either. Instead, they seem to fit into the mould that Canadian jurisprudence has created for Supreme Court nominees — to be pragmatic and to follow the law, instead of any particular ideology.

Undoubtedly, those appearing before the court in the next few years (especially after Harper's next appointments) may face a slightly more skeptical bench than those who have argued in front of the court in recent years.

And yes, perhaps more progress could have been made on key legal issues had a NDP or Liberal prime minister been in power.

But, this is not the worst-case scenario for Canadian jurisprudence either. The key precedents have been set and the newly-appointed justices should be weary of leaving those behind.

Indeed, Chief Justice McLachlin will likely continue to wield influence as she has for the duration of her term, keeping the rest of the justices in line on issues she has viewed as fundamental to the formation of Canadian law.

Based on their backgrounds, it seems Moldaver and Karakatsanis will be deferential to Harper's agenda, mainly his most recent law and order provisions. And, perhaps, that's why he chose them. It seems likely that Moldaver would be somewhat of a champion for Harper's crime bill should it be subject to Charter challenge.

What remains to be seen, though, is how they both view other issues of key legal importance.

Where do they stand on privacy, on equality or any number of international issues that will surely appear in front of the court? Only time will tell.

One can hope that the court will continue to operate in the same methodical and pragmatic way that has characterized its decision-making in recent years.

Senior administration leaving faculty behind

Associate professor of history **Gavin Brockett** calls on President Max Blouw and other university administration to consult the greater Laurier community in planning the university's future



GAVIN BROCKETT
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Two weeks ago, Wilfrid Laurier University hosted a conference to "re-imagine" the future of universities in a changing world. Hardly advertised on campus, it was aimed primarily at senior administrators from Laurier and other institutions.

Although it was clearly an effort to position Laurier as a key player in the current debate about the future of university education in Ontario, the issues discussed are of profound importance to the Laurier community.

Laurier's president Max Blouw opened the proceedings with an overview of the challenges facing universities today, particularly those associated with inadequate government financing and the growing number of students.

Blouw concluded that the current model is under great strain: he wondered whether it is possible to sustain faculty spending 40 per cent

of their time on research and only 40 per cent of their time in the classroom (20 per cent on "community service")?

Much of the subsequent discussion surrounded the proposal that a sustainable model for post-secondary education involves, faculty devoting 80 per cent of their time to teaching. In other words faculty would teach eight courses rather than the four we currently deliver. Beyond the obvious financial returns that would accompany such a shift, two assumptions underlie this proposal.

The first is that today's universities are failing students and must, therefore, be reformed drastically. The second is that faculty are largely responsible for this failure: we are too caught up in our own research to care for the needs of students in the classroom.

As was repeated many times at the conference, apparently there is no proof that faculty actively engaged in research are of any benefit to the learning experience.

There are few at Laurier who would disagree with the fact that the university in general — and our university in particular — is facing unprecedented challenges in the midst of the current economic climate. There are also many who would

agree that things need to change; that we can do better. Last week's *Maclean's* rankings would seem to support this conclusion.

How do we achieve positive change?

Perhaps the greatest obstacle is that we, the primary stakeholders, are not invited to participate in the process by which the administration hopes to address the problems that Laurier faces.

Students who pay increasing amounts for their education, as well as faculty and staff who will invest decades of their lives here, all feel that we are on the outside looking in at a process beyond our control.

The "re-imagine" conference is a prime example. Whether or not this was the intention, the fact that the event was not advertised extensively on campus beforehand, and that faculty were charged \$100 and students \$50 to participate, leaves the distinct impression that our input into the Laurier's future is not encouraged.

Similarly, we watch with no small degree of incredulity as money is poured into centenary celebrations, the rebranding of the university, advertising in the *Globe and Mail* and conferences that try to make Laurier a name.

All at a time of supposed fiscal

restraint when each year class sizes increase, courses are cut and when faculty and staff are told to do more with less.

Certainly, it will be challenging and time consuming, but the entire Laurier community needs to be involved in determining our future. Co-operation and constructive dialogue must replace the confusion and frustration that characterize our campus.

These emotions are understandable. After all, what did Blouw mean when he said that the current model is unsustainable?

Is he suggesting that the administration wants to move away from the four course teaching load — the very conditions that the administration (not faculty) insisted upon in the last round of collective bargaining? What did he mean when he asked whether we really need instructors with PhDs teaching at the first- and second-year levels?

If Blouw envisions Laurier as a "teaching only university," is the vision that we become a highly regarded small-class liberal arts college as in the United States, or more like a Canadian community college or, for that matter, a high school?

Now that the administration has raised these important issues, the question that begs answering is

what do students, faculty and staff think about these matters?

I for one don't doubt the good intentions of Laurier's senior administration, but the discussion must include all members of the community. Our future cannot be imposed from above.

A friend in the corporate world tells me that companies today recognize the importance of including employees in the decision-making and planning processes so as not to stifle motivation and innovation. Successful corporate cultures strive to avoid an adversarial relationship between management and employees by working with them to achieve agreed upon goals that serve all.

At a time when universities are increasingly functioning like corporations, perhaps we need to borrow from them so that we too can be innovative, creative and competitive.

At the conclusion of the "re-imagine" conference, Blouw noted that on the occasion of its centenary Laurier is on the cusp of great change.

Just what he was referring to was not clear.

However, for the health and future of Laurier it must be change that is inspired and supported by all: students, staff, faculty and senior administrators.

Letters to the Editor

Not all religious people are fundamentalists

Re: "Church to blame for LGBTQ Suicides," Oct. 26

I was compelled to write a response to the editorial written by James Formosa in the Oct. 26 edition of *The Cord* to defend an institution that has the ability to play a very powerful role in the lives of LGBTQ youth who struggle for meaning and acceptance. I am a member of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

The church voted this summer to accept openly gay ministers and same sex blessings within the church, both motions passed with a two-thirds majority. The church is not an organization whose purpose is to perpetuate hate and for all who are under that impression I would like to issue an apology. There are people in the world who use religion as a reason to promote hate and use the Bible as "proof" that the God hates the LGBTQ community. This is wrong for a number of reasons.

The Bible doesn't speak, the Bible is interpreted. We must understand the time in which the Bible was written to grasp the true meaning of what the Bible is trying to convey. Leviticus also states that it's a sin to eat shrimp yet it something most of us have unashamedly done. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah was used as an example of God punishing indecency; however there are people in the church who believe that it wasn't homosexuality but the lack of hospitality that the parable refers to.

I reject Mr. Formosa's ultimatum to "moderate" and feel that it is ignorant to the attempts currently being made by a majority of church members to create a loving, and accepting community of faith.

Homophobia is an issue whether you see yourself as a religious person or not. Suicides among young members of the LGBTQ community are painfully tragic. However perpetuating this divisive attitude between church and secular thought will not solve the issue of homophobia in society. All people need to develop a better understanding of

how words can truly hurt and have a long-lasting effect on a person. One day we may live in a world where people don't feel the need to externalize blame or feel ashamed for who they are but at the moment it can only ever truly get better when we all understand that each of us play a role in creating an inclusive culture.

—Matt Casselman

Don't forget about the importance of O-Week

Re: "University erred in siding against fall reading week," Oct. 26

I'm a third-year kinesiology student, two-time icebreaker and one of the so-called "obnoxious few" who asked students for their opinions. The *Cord* claimed that a small group of O-Week volunteers decided for "you," which is completely false. There are only 600 O-Week volunteers, while over 80 per cent of 1,720 students who gave us feedback opposed the proposal. For reference, Kyle Walker was elected Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) president with 860 votes.

Every *Cord* article about reading break has mentioned O-Week as an issue, but nothing else. And yes, part of this was about O-Week. The fact is, O-Week is important for students to be successful. However, there was so much more to the picture that has been neglected. Non-volunteers and athletes lose badly needed income by having to move to Waterloo earlier.

As for Kyle Hocking's belief that "mental health and academic success" should have been prioritized over midterm logistics? Anyone who thinks that clustering business midterms together as there would be fewer days to write them wouldn't hurt both mental health and academic success is misguided. As for the break itself, the editorial argued that it doesn't matter if students party or do schoolwork, a break will help mental health. However, I've found that professors love making assignments due immediately after a break.

With this added break falling on Halloween roughly half the time, any students who don't work over the break would be more disadvantaged academically than if they did not have the break to start with.

—Jordan Epstein

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Keith Marshall questions why the Conservatives are waging a war on energy drinks

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OPINION

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Conservatives offer false hope for gay teens



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Following the suicide of teenager Jamie Hubley, many people have compiled tribute videos, primarily directed at the gay student. Some of these videos have had enormous success, such as Rick Mercer's rant. The Conservative government, much to many Canadians' surprise, also published a video using the "it gets better" slogan.

While I never commend the Conservatives for, well anything, this might be the first thing the Conservatives have ever done to even remotely attempt to connect with the gay community.

Yet, given the Conservatives' record on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer (LGBTQ) issues, one must question the sincerity of the claims they are making.

Now don't get me wrong, I appreciate the message in the video. However, my problem lies with the members of parliament (MPs) featured in the video and the policy of the party.

Perhaps the most questionable of the MPs in the video is David Sweet. While in the video he states "it gets better ... don't stay silent." Sweet has stated that he believes homosexuality is a sin. He subscribes to this view to such an extent that he was the president of Promise Keepers, a group which sells a book entitled *Leaving Homosexuality: A Practical Guide for Men and Women Looking for a Way Out*.

Now maybe this is an overreaction, but having Sweet saying "it gets better" is arguably incredibly insensitive. He has made it clear that he does not approve of the LGBTQ community, so what exactly is he getting at? Has he had an epiphany of some sort?

Or does he genuinely believe it will get better after he tries to change peoples' sexuality? Unless he is willing to renounce his former beliefs, Sweet has no place

The message of "it gets better" should actually mean something. The fact that the majority of the party is against gay marriage should highlight that the Conservatives really do not care about gay rights.

commenting on the topic of gay rights.

John Baird's appearance in the video should also be noted. As a gay man, Baird should be more open about his sexual orientation. It's

nice that he is saying something to gay teens but think how much more powerful his message would be if he actually came out and showed struggling teens that a gay man can be open about his sexuality and still be a prominent member of parliament. This video, and the hypocrisy shown by the Conservatives, taints an otherwise positive message and makes them appear bigoted.

The message of "it gets better" should actually mean something. The fact that the majority of the party is against gay marriage should highlight the fact that the Conservatives really do not care about gay rights. If you're concerned about gay teens committing suicide, shouldn't you appear more supportive of their rights? Sure, you can tell kids that it will get better, but the party is doing very little to make it better.

These are the men and women who have the ability make things better but refuse to do anything. If the Conservative MPs actually felt strongly towards gay rights, or even cared about them, they should do something about it, rather than read a script for a video.

Take for example Bill C-389, the transgendered bill of rights which died in the last session and has been re-introduced by Liberal MP Hedy Fry in this session of parliament. While most of the party opposed it last time around, if they are truly serious about making things better, they would now support this bill, since it makes hate crimes against transgendered Canadians illegal — arguably an important issue in combatting bullying. While I appreciate the numerous attempts of individual, celebrities and some politicians to advance the "it gets better" movement, this video leaves me far less than satisfied.

It's a blatant attempt to gain favour with Canadians by lending their "support" to a movement that is gaining momentum. At first glance, it appears the Conservatives were trying to do something for beneficial for gay rights. And, in a sense, perhaps the motivation is there.

Unsurprisingly, though, as with so many other issues which the Conservatives have paid lip service to, their actions paint a different picture than their words.

The perks of living off-campus



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Any student's first year in university is memorable, whether they join clubs, volunteer or just make good friends. However, this year inevitably ends and then the time comes to find off-campus housing for the senior years of university. It is a daunting task; determining the type of living arrangement you prefer, researching online using student housing websites and visiting different apartments and houses. Yet, believe me, this arduous process is worth it. Ultimately, living off campus is not such a bad idea; it certainly has its perks.

The greatest change since I moved out of residence and into a lovely house off campus is the newfound freedom of throwing a party without the worry of dons. No more do I have to look around the corner

or lock the room to ensure that dons do not hear our blasting music. With the constant presence of dons to mediate festivities, there is hardly an event that can dodge their surveillance. It is true that a don is the authority needed at moments to regulate the behaviour of neighbours and roommates.

However, as this argument relates primarily to the ability to gather, socialize and have a fun time, there must always be a limit to the noise generated or that party will surely get "booked."

In addition, while every student feels a pang of independence the moment they enter university, I feel that a student truly becomes independent when living off campus. With residences, there is always the presence of dons as well as mandatory meal plans. While this is a good thing, especially when leaving home to live in a completely new environment, this lifestyle inhibits you from truly growing and developing the lifelong skills needed for everyday life.

When living off campus, you get the feel of living on your own, buying your own groceries and paying

bills on a regular basis. Surely this lifestyle better prepares you for the future, as when you graduate and finally live on your own, you will be more equipped to deal and embrace your independence. With living in your own home, you have the chance to make it your own by painting your room, decorating your house to your preference and living the lifestyle you want.

Lastly, when living off campus, one may be subject to living with new people, similar to when you first move into residence. However, I feel that living off campus better fosters co-operation and empathy between roommates. Everyone knows that when living in a house or apartment, if the situation gets tense, it is hard to move out without bringing up the issue of subletting. While this on the surface may seem more like a flaw than a perk, the truth is that because of this apparent flaw, you are more inclined to get along with a roommate who, in other circumstances, you wouldn't associate with.

In most circumstances these roommates will at least greet each other politely and split up chores, which inherently fosters co-operation.

This skill will undoubtedly be crucial in the future as, similar to project groups for classes, you must work with someone who you might not know or get along with. This experience then prepares you for the future far greater than in living in residence.

For example, if working in a business related field, you may need to work in a group with people with whom you have never met. Yes, during first year you have the ability to move to a different room or residence. However, the idea of moving residences to avoid people promotes the idea that living on the outside is as easy as moving rooms, which is completely false.

Living in residence is a memorable experience. But living off campus allows you to be subjected to a whole new world of possibilities. You can have unmonitored parties, gain further independence and empathize greater with roommates. So, embrace the perks of off-campus housing and make the most of your university experience.

You Know What Yanks My Cord ...



... the passengers on the GRT.

Now I know we are fortunate and haven't reached that point of hiring Waterloo bus pushers (unlike our pals over in Japan.) However with poor attitudes and the difficulty in getting overwhelming pockets of teenagers focused on their BlackBerry to slightly move just an inch over, I have been inspired to put a pause on writing my Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) etiquette book and focus on a chapter specifically dedicated to the Grand River Transit (GRT.)

We have all been there. Waiting patiently for the bus that seems to never arrive on time, you wait anxiously at the stop just wanting to get to your destination at a reasonable hour. The bus pulls up, you flash your OneCard to the driver and to your horror, there is a bulk of people situated right in the middle of the aisle and will not seem to move — no matter how many groceries you are carrying or how badly you want to get to that seat in the corner.

This brings me to my first issue of GRT passengers: their placement on the bus. There must be some fear that passengers are not going to be able to get off at their stop. This is a reasonable worry, however, the crowding at the two doors are completely unnecessary. Not only does it block traffic for other people to get off and on at stops, but it also blocks off room for passengers to get to seats that are open. Believe it or not, everyone on the bus wants to get off eventually.

To fix this, simply all passengers have to do is pick up their stuff and move to the back. Back in elementary school, the back of the bus was the coolest place. There is nothing intimidating about the back and it might be awkward to stand up on the platform but trust me, more room makes bus rides way more comfortable.

So if you are one of those people who have the "I'm not going to get

off at my stop" fear and need to be clumped in the area that blocks movement for other passengers, I have an experiment for you. Spot the seat that is open and go there. Sure, you may not be with your friends for the two minutes you ride the bus but I can guarantee that you will be more comfortable sitting and that poor person with the billion grocery bags trying to squeeze by will deeply appreciate it.

The second thing that really yanks my cord is the teenagers who flood onto the buses with their neon BlackBerry covers, their large backpacks constantly hitting people and their infectious know-it-all attitude. They scream, they flirt with each other (oh puppy love), swear louder than a sailor, block traffic way and will give the death stare to anyone who tells them to move. It is probably because the poor passenger who just wants to get to a seat has interrupted their focus of "BBMing" their friends who are sitting right next to them!

Unless you are on the bus before 3:30 p.m., us intellectual beings who attend university are doomed by the teenie-bopper plague. My solution to this is simple: stay as far away as possible from them and tell them to watch their mouths and to please move. The last suggestion should be done with caution — you never know how they will behave.

People always have different expectations of how one should behave in public areas. It is not expected that everyone will have the same polite manners as you do and depending on their long, tiresome day, they may not even give a shit to stop and think about how their behaviour is affecting the dynamics of a bus. But to spare frustrations, be the better person and do not add to the number of jerks who ride the bus from time to time. We quiet passengers trying to hold our composure will greatly appreciate it.

— Carly Basch

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Sincerely,
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Dear Life,
I can't stand it when I tell people about all the teams/clubs I've joined and they say, "I wish I had time for things like that." I want you to know that I do not have more disposable

time than you. My program is very demanding, just like yours.
Sincerely,
Face it, I manage my time better than you.

Dear Life,
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Sincerely,
Stop this damn civil war and just get along!

Dear Life,
Whispering in the library, especially the seventh floor, has got to be one of the most obnoxious things imaginable. It's almost as loud as talking, yet somehow gets under your skin more. Seriously people, shut the fuck up! Some of us are trying to sleep
Sincerely,
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Nearly every Tuesday and Thursday morning while walking to class I see you park your red sports car.
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questionable moustache guarding your upper lip.
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Doesn't matter, I would still ride both.

Dear Professors,
You do realize that 1,000+ pages of reading a week is slightly intense, and impractical, especially because us studious students would like to have a few bullets on our co-curricular record, right? I feel like a masochist.
Sincerely,
My brain is mush.

Dear Life,
Why is it that every food source that's actually edible and tastes half decent shuts down on the weekend?
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Tony Lee brings XXX show to Wilf's

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Hypnosis is defined as a state of induced relaxation; a place between sleep and consciousness. The volunteers of Tony Lee's XXX Hypnotist show were able to experience this state first hand at the Turret last Thursday night, and it's safe to say they were the only ones dozing off during Lee's crude and entertaining performance.

While I had half-expected a cape-wearing mystic entering the stage through the smoke of a fog machine, Tony Lee did not fit this description. He was all muscle and charisma, engaging the crowd interactively through several mind games before selecting his volunteers based on the results apparent from certain crowd members.

"Sometimes people are over analytical and don't give themselves the opportunity to relax," explained Lee during a pre-show interview.

Beginning with an introduction in his smooth and resonating voice, Lee requested total silence from the audience, who waited and watched as Lee "put under" several students on stage. Some became induced to the point of slumping off their chairs.

At Lee's word, the spectacle quickly escalated, from the volunteers believing that they drove a Lamborghini, to being porn stars in elaborate sex scenes.



Two Laurier students find themselves in a surprising position while under the influence of hypnosis.

Shockingly, the volunteers acted each role accordingly.

"In a relaxed state of mind you become more susceptible to the power of suggestion," said Lee.

"If somebody in a room yawns,

you feel like yawning," the hypnotist continued. "Now think about the same principles, but replace the yawning suggestion with a verbal suggestion."

In this case, his "verbal

suggestions" included orgasms and magic-mushroom highs. Consequently, it was difficult to assess who had the short end of the stick that night; Lee, the audience or the volunteers.

Tony Lee has now been performing his unique hypnotic act for twenty-six years. "We used to do about 300 shows a year but we cut it down to doing 160 campuses a year and maybe 30 theatres," Lee explained.

The majority of Lee's shows end up selling out, suggesting a very successful career ahead for Lee. Surprisingly, Lee explained that the first show began as a mere fluke.

"At the time, I wanted to be a cop," reflected Lee. "I was just sitting there with my girlfriend one night and I was making fun of hypnotism, saying things like 'You're getting sleepy'... I was very repetitive and about a couple of minutes later she fell over."

"I started developing it over the years. I ended up joining a society of therapeutic hypnosis and developing it further, started teaching relaxation techniques to a lot of societies that worked with hypnotism," he said.

"Because I'd never seen a hypnotist before, I was just doing stuff that made me laugh. It ended up picking up so much traction though, I had no idea it would take on a life of its own. Today we've done over 6,000 performances," said Lee between swigs of his drink.

"And what does it mean? Absolutely nothing except that I've drank a lot of alcohol and had a fucking great time."

Haff has a different take on education

LIZ SMITH
ARTS EDITOR

Stephen Haff has an interesting take on education. After earning his master's degree at Yale University, Haff entered into two decades of teaching in the public school system. Now, Haff has transitioned to operating an alternative venue for education, of which he consents, "I really just follow what the kids get excited about."

Stephen Haff runs Still Waters in a Storm, a reading and writing sanctuary in Bushwick, Brooklyn. Still Waters is a one-room schoolhouse where people of all ages and backgrounds come together, a neighbourhood within a neighbourhood; a random family.

In addition to reading and writing, students at Still Waters are privy to an education in music, yoga, art, French, drama, chess and photography, all completely free of charge.

Speaking at Words Worth Books in Uptown Waterloo on Oct. 26, Haff divulged that the majority of the students at Still Waters are recent immigrants, largely from Mexico. Haff offers a full-time home school education to five students currently, and has over two dozen involved in the after school and weekend programs.

Frustrated with the public school system, Haff made the decision to leave and pursue alternate forms of education several years ago.

"I wondered why drudgery was the norm in schools. Why, when year after year, kids complain about not enjoying school, so we attribute that to something that's wrong with them, rather than the whole system," said Haff.

"I felt like the kids were captive. Even when I was doing good work, it was like I was decorating the inside of a cell," he continued.

Now in its fourth year of operation, Still Waters has allowed its

students the opportunity to explore all that New York City has to offer its inhabitants, including the New York Aquarium, Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the Staten Island Museum and many other fascinating places that the students' socio-economic standing would likely prevent them from experiencing otherwise.

Furthermore, Still Waters students are engaged in an on-going correspondence with students at a school in Dublin, Ireland, through which they collaborate on stories. "We write one paragraph and send it to them, and they write one or two and send it back," said Haff.

The students at Still Waters are also engaged in "art correspondence" with students on an army base in Colorado. "It's wonderful because they get a letter in the mail, nobody gets letters anymore," Haff exclaimed during his discussion at Words Worth.

The pinnacle difference in the education Haff now provides? "There's no coercion. That's the big difference."

Haff's alternative ideas about education have been garnering a great deal of attention, made clear by the impressive turnout at Words Worth Books.

Speaking to the crowd, Haff explained some of the ways he succeeds in getting kids interested in learning without the help of a structured curriculum.

"Every day I ask them to look through our books and find something that they find amazing. Then we share the amazing things with each other. In one day, you can learn about sharks, nature and genetics. One thing they're really interested in is atoms."

On the off occasion Haff is rendered unable to answer the questions of his fascinated students, "I tell them, sometimes it's fun to walk around with a question. To be amazed by something."

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Local film-maker to direct Halo film

Jared Pelletier speaks to *The Cord* about his upcoming film based on the popular video game franchise



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LIZ SMITH
ARTS EDITOR

Jared Pelletier grew up in the small town of Aurora, Ontario. Developing an interest in film at the age of six that grew steadily into an all-consuming passion, Pelletier first delved seriously into the industry when he wrote and directed the short film *The Collision* at age 18. *The Collision* earned a shortlist nomination at Cannes Film Festival that year.

Capitalizing on the momentum of what already promised to be a wildly successful career, Pelletier followed up this effort with *In The Hearts of Men*, which went on to win several major production awards at the Arizona Film and Media Expo Festival (AZFAME), being one of the only Canadian films to do so.

Pelletier graduated high school in 2008, going on to attend Brock University to study sports management. Quickly realizing that his passion remained with film, he left the university, and in 2010 graduated from the Toronto Film and Media College. Pelletier will now continue his education at the University of California Los Angeles.

Currently, Pelletier is focusing

his efforts on the film *Halo: Faith*, the first film based on the popular Halo video game series. Production on *Faith* began in late 2010, and in April of 2011 Jared signed a major directing contract with Machinima.com Los Angeles to direct original content.

Speaking to *The Cord*, Pelletier explained what originally drew him to the project. "The idea came from seeing the success of other films based on popular video game content," said Pelletier.

"*Halo* was a concept that would be logistically challenging, and would require unprecedented visual effects work for a low budget film. These challenges made *Halo* the right movie to make."

Although the film will certainly appeal to the already widely established fan base of the franchise, it is not necessarily a fan film. "We've taken some significant creative liberties in adapting the content to the screen," said the director.

"The main crew, myself included, were not huge Halo fans coming into the project. Our unbiased views allowed us to take more liberty than one who is attached to the established franchise," he went on. Several crew members of *Halo: Faith*

were students and recent graduates of Wilfrid Laurier University.

The majority of *Halo: Faith* was shot in Pelletier's hometown of Aurora. According to the director, "The small town atmosphere didn't really limit or help us in that sense, although it was nice to shoot in familiar territory. A hockey arena from my childhood even acted as our green screen stage for one of our shoot days."

Techniques for filming were similar in process to such films as *Sin City* and *Avatar*.

The filmmaker, despite his great successes so far in the industry, is only 20 years old. "I think being this young has both limitations and opportunities. Many people admire what I've been able to do to date, while many others are reluctant to give me a serious budget considering my age," Pelletier said of his young age.

"With my body of work increasing, I find some of the limitations disappearing, but it's definitely a challenge."

Halo: Faith has a set release date of Nov. 20, 2011. After the project wraps up, Pelletier said, "I'm currently in the early stages of a feature film to shoot in 2012."

What once shone brightly has now dimmed

ANDREW SAVORY
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The Rocky Horror Picture Show was first released in 1975 to both critical and audience acclaim.

In keeping with the yearly tradition, the Halloween cult film was screened at Waterloo's Princess Cinema over the weekend, attracting a full house.

Since 1975, it seems as if the bizarre character and edgy subject matter have transcended a different set of values to become obnoxious and blaring in today's society.

The humorous and charismatic man (or possibly woman,) who runs the show in this raunchy horror musical is Tim Curry, better known in the film as Doctor Frank-N-Furter.

Frank-N-Furter owns a small and mysterious mansion situated in a secluded part of the countryside. Unfortunately, the car of a recently engaged couple breaks down with a flat tire nearby, resulting in the couple's decision to drop in to the mansion for help after deeming themselves too lost and too exhausted to find their own solution to the problem.

The main shortcoming of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* is that it's

irrelevant in today's society. The 70s were defined by an overwhelming sentiment of youth dependence where many young adults had feelings of ambiguity that constituted in an inherent need to delve into contemporary issues like sexuality and gender roles.

Although the subject matter is still important for discussion, it is not as contentious topic as others that we face.

In an age characterized by self-promotion, people feel obligated to share egotistical aspects of their lives with others through social media to garner a sense of personal reassurance.

It is evident that *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* cult may still survive, as illustrated by the die-hard fans that dressed up as characters in the film and filled the theatre.

It seems that some may still derive enjoyment from the film's flamboyance and charm, but the movie is bogged down by humour that no longer

piques the audience's interest and wit that is unsustainable regardless of how many times Tim Curry may declare in song that he's "just a sweet transvestite."

Disappointingly, jokes that may have once garnered a terrific applause now only manage the minor reception of a dull murmur.



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Arts bites

Timberlake joins the Coen Bros

The Coen Brothers have apparently offered a role in their next film to former N'Sync'er and pop sensation Justin Timberlake. The "folk-centric" themed film would potentially have Timberlake playing a singer alongside Oscar Isaac in the lead role and Carey Mulligan as Isaac's love interest.

Having such a young cast is something of an oddity for the Coen Brothers, but the main thing to remember is that their track record speaks for itself... and that Timberlake is still not making new music.

Zoey is Zingle again

Manic pixie dream girl and *The New Girl* star Zoey Deschanel has allegedly split from her husband, Death Cab For Cutie frontman Ben Gibbard.

The pair had been married since 2009 and even recently had been noted as being happy together. If you listen really closely, you can hear the unison gasp of utter glee emitting from every dreaming hipster who just read this announcement.

Bruce Willis is having a baby again

Gross.

Baby, Baby, BABY!?

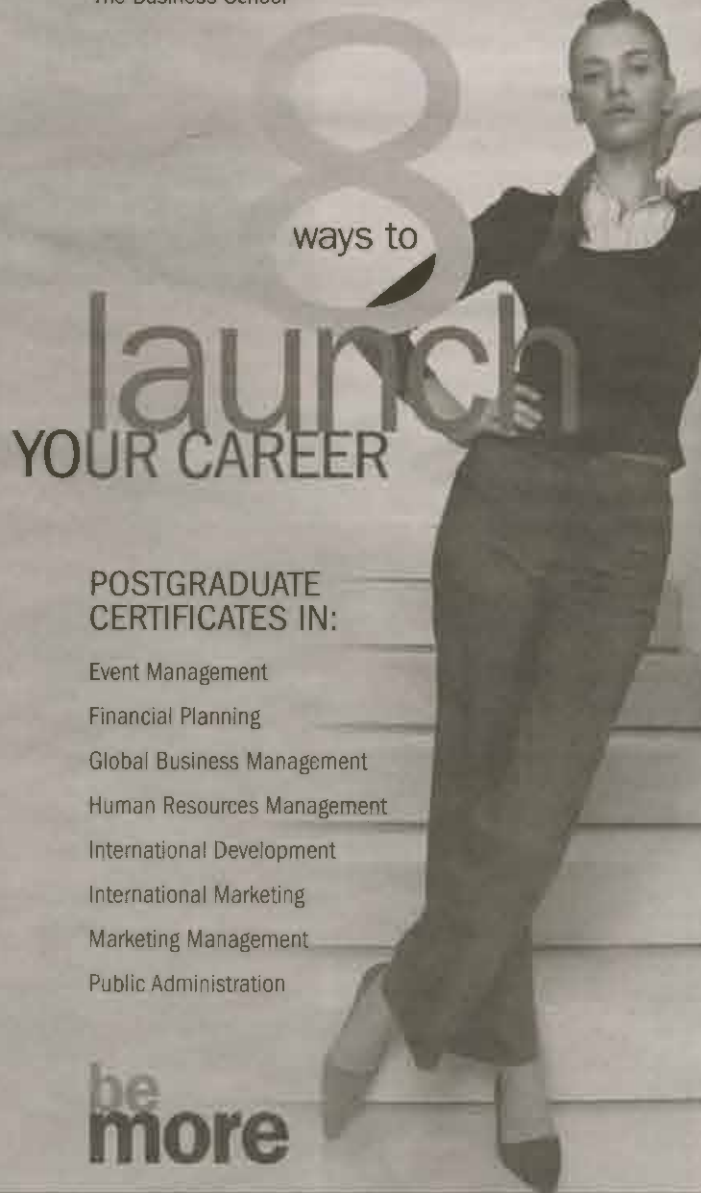
A 20-year-old Californian woman is claiming that "Baby, Baby" singer, Justin Bieber is the father of her 3-month old child. Her claim is that she had sex with the teen heartthrob after a show at Staples Centre at some point last year. Her accusations are being questioned however, as it unlikely that one woman was able to impregnate another.

—Compiled by Wade Thompson

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Women's soccer final four hits Laurier

News Director **Justin Fauteux** breaks down the four competing teams coming to Laurier to try and topple the Golden Hawks for the provincial crown this weekend. Laurier faces off against Ottawa this Saturday

All four teams at this weekend's Ontario University Athletics (OUA) women's soccer finals will be able to share common motivations (besides winning): revenge.

It will be the exact same final four as last season vying for the OUA

crown and when the Queen's Gaels, Ottawa Gee-Gees and McMaster Marauders roll into Waterloo to join the host Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks, each team will have something to avenge from last season.

For the Gee-Gees and Marauders,

it's quite simple, they'll be looking to gain some revenge for semi-final losses in last year's provincial finals to the Hawks and Gaels, respectively.

But the relationship between Laurier and Queen's gets a little

more complicated. Queen's took home last year's national title with a 1-0 extra time win, breaking the hearts of the silver medalist Golden Hawks in the process: clearly a loss that left a bad taste in their mouths. However, just a week prior, Laurier

took home the OUA gold medal with a win on Queen's home field: a fate the Gaels have the chance to put on the Hawks this weekend.

Here's a quick breakdown of the teams (national rankings in parentheses):

Laurier Golden Hawks (No. 5)

-2010 CIS runner up, defending OUA champions
-This season: 11-1-2, first in OUA West, beat York 1-0 in OUA quarter-final

Players to watch

Fifth-year MF Alyssa Lagonia

- 2011 OUA West MVP, five goals this season, extensive national team experience

Third-year F Krista Cellucci

- OUA West first team all-star, led team (tied for second in OUA) with ten goals

First-year F Emily Brown

- OUA West rookie of the year, her nine goals were fifth in the OUA, second on team



Outlook:

Not only does Laurier boast this year's OUA West MVP and rookie of the year in Lagonia and Brown, they also have last year's winners in midfielder Tania Pedron and defender Kelsey Tikka. A veteran team that only lost one player from last year's CIS silver medal-winning season, they just have too much offensive firepower, not to mention defensive stability, only allowing eight goals all season, to not make a return to nationals.

McMaster Marauders (No. 10)

-2010 OUA fourth place
-This season: 8-5-1, second in OUA West, beat Windsor 3-0 in the OUA quarter-final

Players to watch:

Fourth-year MF Melanie Van Der Hoop

- Team leader, good two-way presence in the middle, two-time OUA West first team all-star

Fourth-year D Cristina Leonardelli

- OUA West first team all-star, solid veteran defender

First-year F Natalie Brace

- OUA West first team all-star, led team with four goals



Outlook:

The Marauders are a solid defensive team, though they gave up 18 goals this season, six came in a blow out loss to Laurier Sept. 17. However, with only 17 goals for this season, it doesn't seem like they have the ability to keep up with the likes of Queen's (who scored 46), Laurier (36) and Ottawa (57).

Queen's Gaels (No. 4)

-Defending CIS Champions, 2010 OUA runner up
-This season: 13-1-2, first in OUA East, beat Carleton 3-0 in OUA quarter-final

Players to watch

Third-year MF Riley Filion

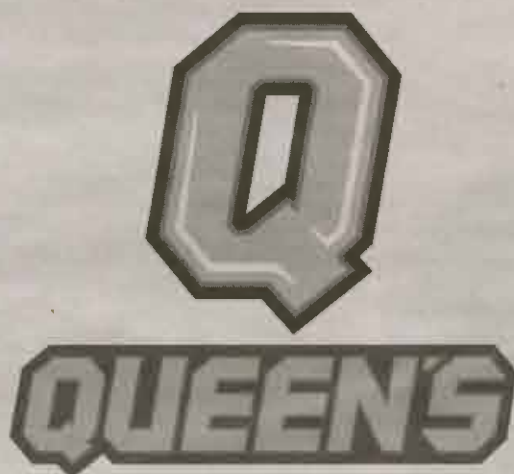
-2011 OUA East MVP, scored game-winning goal in CIS final last season

Third-year F Jackie Tessier

-12 goals led OUA in scoring, led the province last season with 18, former All-Canadian, OUA East first team all-star

Fourth year D Brienna Shaw

-OUA East first team all-star, solid veteran presence on back end



Outlook:

The Gaels didn't lose a single member of their CIS championship-winning squad from a year ago, so there's no reason to think they won't at least make the OUA final. Between Tessier, Filion, rookie Brienna Burton and veteran Kelli Chamberlain, their attack will be tough to stop.

Ottawa Gee-Gees (No. 6)

-2010 OUA bronze medalists
-This season: 12-3-1, second in OUA East, beat Toronto 2-1 in the OUA quarter-final

Players to watch:

Second-year F Elisabeth Wong

-Tied for second in OUA with 10 goals, OUA East second team all-star

First year GK Cynthia Leblanc

-11 shutouts in 16 starts, OUA East second team all-star

Fourth-year D Gillian Baggot

-OUA East first team all-star, scored game-winning goal in quarter-final



Outlook:

With outstanding rookie 'keeper Leblanc and a solid defence corps, the Gee-Gees are a tough team to score on. They led the OUA by only surrendering seven goals all season. In addition to Wong, forwards Sarah De Carufel and Christine Hardie also finished in the top ten in OUA scoring and the team led the OUA with 57 goals for. Could be a potential dark horse.

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The spirits on the sidelines were high as Hawks fans started to take their seats at Alumni Field on Saturday when the women's soccer team hosted the York University Lions.

And the crowd went home happy as the Hawks beat the Lions 1-0.

The Golden Hawks, who cleaned up the 2011 Ontario University Athletics' (OUA) West awards with five players earning a place on the OUA first-team all-stars and midfielder Alyssia Lagonia earning the OUA West MVP award, were dead set on making sure York would go no further into the OUA Playoffs.

The whistle blew, and the game began in earnest, as the Lions initially held the Golden Hawks in their own end, but soon, the Golden Hawks broke out to threaten York.

The Lions had trouble early on penetrating the stalwart defence of the Hawks and too often found their offence scrambling back to defence in the face of Wilfrid Laurier University's emphatic breaks.

Despite the frequent chances and excellent teamwork of the Laurier side, they seemed to lack a finishing

touch as chance after chance was not capitalized upon.

Later in the half, York's defence started to collapse, unable to handle the offensive pressure, but the Hawks still found themselves plagued by a lack of finishing.

Meanwhile, the Lions found little to work with offensively in the face of the unfaltering midfield of the Golden Hawks, especially Tania Pedron, who was a source for offensive creativity and defensive poise throughout the match.

In the second, the Hawks got several great chances early in the half, and the York goalkeeper showed her quality by stuffing every one.

But in the 71st minute, striker Heather Malizia slotted a beautiful ball into the bottom left corner of the York net.

The crowd made their presence known as a roar erupted from the sidelines, illustrating the number of people who came out to support the team with every seat filled.

Laurier would then survive the Lions' intermittent offensive pressure to ride their lone goal to victory.

"The support was fantastic today," said head coach, Barry MacLean. "Hopefully we will get that next weekend [as well]."



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Laurier's Krista Cellucci and York's Nicole Markowitz collide.

Hockey Hawks back in the win column

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The Golden Hawks men's hockey team finally solved their losing habits Sunday night. After dropping their first five games of the season, the Wilfrid Laurier University Hawks (1-5-0) got their first win, a 4-2 victory over cross town rivals the Waterloo Warriors.

"This was an all around team effort. We've struggled with putting 60 minutes together and we've let some leads go, so to be consistent for three periods was good, and Ryan [Daniels] was really strong in net for us," said assistant coach

Graeme Swan after Sunday's win.

Following a 4-2 loss Saturday night in Windsor, the Hawks came out very strong against the Warriors (4-3-0). They controlled the game early, creating plenty of scoring chances and playing most of the first period in Waterloo's end of the ice. Their early dominance resulted in goals by Zackory Rav, Tyler Stothers and Brook Albion.

In the second period, it was a different story as the Hawks took four penalties in the first ten minutes. The penalty kill allowed one goal to Waterloo's Tyler Moir, but otherwise held very strong. Then, Laurier's power-play would restore their

three-goal lead with a goal from defenceman Frank Riddle. The Hawks finished the night two-for-five with the man advantage.

In the third, the Golden Hawks, who have let leads slip away before, showed that they learned from past games mistakes. The team played tight defensively in the third and after allowing another goal to Andy Smith, the team hung on for the 4-2 win.

Goalie Ryan Daniels finished the game with 40 saves, as the Warriors outshot the Hawks 42-22.

"We've had a bit of adversity in the early going and it's taken a bit for our young team to come together

but we feel like we turned a corner this week," said Swan. Laurier's assistant was actually a former Waterloo assistant coach, and he added that it "was pretty sweet to get the two points against those guys."

Though the mood in the dressing room was good, the team knows there is still much room for improvement. The group needs to show more discipline, as they racked up 42 minutes in penalties this weekend.

For now, the Hawks will look to keep their winning ways going next weekend with back-to-back home games against Lakehead. The first game is Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
Oct 31 - Nov 6, 2011

RECENT SCORES

10/28/11

W Basketball 80 - Bishop's 49
M Basketball 64 - McGill 61

10/29/11

W Soccer 1 - York 1
M Basketball 79 - Ottawa 60
M Basketball 71 - Trinity Western 69
W Hockey 3 - LOIT 1
M Hockey 3 - Windsor 4
M Rugby 10 - McMaster 46
M Football 10 - Queen's 14

10/30/11

M Basketball 76 - UNB 82
W Hockey 6 - Queen's 3
M Hockey 4 - Waterloo 2

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

11/4/11

M Hockey vs Lakehead
Waterloo REC Complex, 7:30pm

11/5/11

W Soccer vs Ottawa
University Stadium, 12:00pm
M Hockey vs Lakehead
Waterloo REC Complex, 7:30pm

11/6/11

OUA W Soccer
Bronze/Gold Medal Game
University Stadium, 12:30pm

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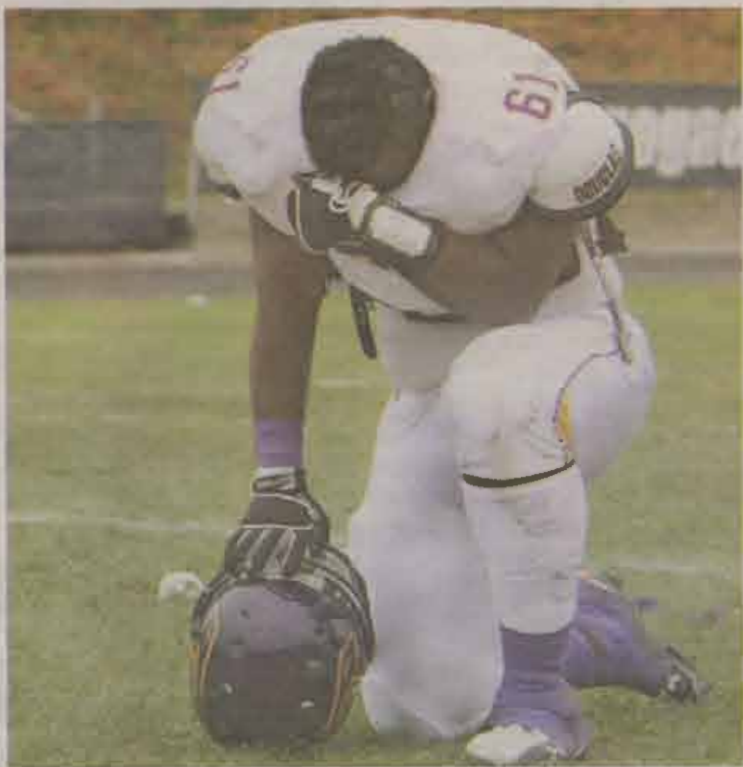


Laurier vs Ottawa
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Asante Mizan reflects after his Hawks lost to the Gaels on Saturday.

Out with a whimper

KEVIN CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

KINGSTON, Ont. — It looked like the stars were lining up just the right way for the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks football team.

The squad's astronomical hopes for their first Yates Cup since 2005 got a significant boost when the game-day line-ups were distributed to the media and teams this past Saturday.

Their quarter-final dance partners, the Queen's Gaels, had not listed their starting quarterback in the stats tables — Billy McPhee, who threw for 1,660 yards in the regular season, good for sixth in the OUA's QB hierarchy, was out.

Instead, the Gaels inserted backup pivot Ryan Mitchell. Mitchell was making his first OUA start in a quarter-final playoff game.

Mitchell completed 23 of 38 passes for 272 yards, and the nation's leading running back in rushing yards, Ryan Granberg, provided the game's lone touchdown in a 14-10 Hawks loss in front of 2,594 at Richardson Stadium.

It was the first time Laurier failed to reach the OUA semi-finals since 2002.

"I'm extremely proud," said Laurier coach Gary Jeffries on Saturday. "They played their hearts out today."

The nation's no. 2 ranked Canadian Football League 2012 draft prospect, Shamawd Chambers, scored two touchdowns, both taken away by penalties. The first was an offside offence, the second, a holding call.

"When it comes down to it, I think those calls are questionable," said Chambers. "You always get

tough calls when you're away on someone else's field but that's no excuse. We still have to score."

"We left so many points out there, it's a crime," said Jeffries.

Both teams clawed for every foot gained in one of the best defensive showings of the year for either team, a nicer change of pace for both coaches, who may have thrown the game tapes out from their last meeting, a 58-35 victory for Queen's.

Shane Herbert, Sam Aird and Carlos Naranjo were given the task to shut down Granberg in their defensive leader, Mitchell Bosch's absence. Bosch was injured in the prior game against Guelph.

And the trio, along with their fellow linebackers and cornerbacks did an extremely thorough job of silencing Granberg. His lone TD came on a one-yard punch-in 39 seconds into the final quarter.

Queen's punter Dan Village kicked two field goals and his Laurier counterpart, Ronnie Pfeffer kicked three and both picked up one rouge.

"The season's over," said an inconsolable Aird.

After the year began with immense expectations, the Hawks found themselves experiencing extreme highs and equally devastating lows as their 4-4 record matched the previous season's.

With the loss, Laurier will graduate Aird, Herbert, Mark Surya, Luke Thompson, Dillon Heap, George Kourtesiotis and likely Chambers.

Naranjo, Bosch, Dan Bishop, Anton Bennett and Scott McCahill may also possibly depart next year.

"It's never an ending," said Jeffries. "Only a step to what's next."

Rainsberry leads Hawks to victory

Women's hockey captain Abby Rainsberry scores her second and third goals against the UOIT Ridgebacks in their 3-1 win

SHELBY BLACKLEY
STAFF WRITER

The Golden Hawks are soaring high. The women's hockey team glided over the UOIT Ridgebacks 3-1 to open their season at home last Saturday night.

Playing a fully aggressive game, the Golden Hawks (6-0-0) piled on over 16 minutes in penalties, but held the visiting Ridgebacks (2-6-0) to one goal.

"I think it was really good that we overcame all of the penalties we had," captain Abby Rainsberry said. "We did a really good job [on the PK]."

Rainsberry, a fourth-year kinesiology student, recorded her second and third goals of the season and is tied for most points on the No. 3 nationally-ranked team.

The second of Rainsberry's goals came on a stellar shorthanded play late in the third period. The University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) had a 5-on-3 man-advantage when Alicia Martin passed the puck to Rainsberry who flipped it top corner, while falling to the ice.

Andrea Shapero also netted her third of the season early in the first period on UOIT netminder Jessica Larabie.

"[My line] had really good chemistry. It went from having a really good warm-up right into play and it's starting to come along well."

Goaltender Rachel Hamilton stopped 14 of 15 shots in Saturday's match. Hamilton and Eria Thunder

have been splitting the duties in net.

The Ridgebacks' lone goal came from Niagara Falls native Vanessa Johnstone midway through the third on a power-play.

The Golden Hawks finished off their weekend with a home victory against their rival Queen's Gaels 6-3. Paula Lagamba scored two goals and four other Hawks recorded singles in their sixth win.

Rainsberry is confident in the consistency and aggressive force of the Lady Hawks.

"I think we've been playing very consistent since the league started and it's good to see that streak keep

on going We have a lot of history with Queen's and [we had] a lot to get back at them for."

The Gaels vanquished the Hawks in their own building during the 2011 women's hockey championships, when they knocked the purple and gold out of the Ontario University Athletics' (OUA) playoffs, and upset them in the national championships' bronze medal game.

Laurier hopes to continue their perfect season when they make the trek to St. Catharines to visit the Brock Badgers Saturday night and then travel to Guelph to face the Gryphons Sunday afternoon.



MIRIAM SMIT STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brittany Crago attempts a wraparound against a Queen's defender.

Recognized for greatness



ROSALIE EID PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Women's rugby flanker Trish Shurrie was named to the OUA All-Star team in her first season.

CHRIS MANDER
STAFF WRITER

The Ontario University Athletics (OUA) recently announced the women's rugby all-stars, rewarding students for their hard work throughout the season.

Wilfrid Laurier University had only one representative in the all-star game, and it was rookie standout Trish Shurrie.

The first-year rugby player is in her third year of university, and took an interesting path to playing OUA rugby. Shurrie started off her career at Laurier playing soccer, but switched to rugby prior to the start of this season.

"Playing soccer was great and the girls were awesome," said Shurrie. "But I do think I helped this team out more so I decided to switch and [my rugby teammates] made it that much easier."

However, despite her teammates helping her adapt to the big change, there were some challenges that the third-year business student was

confronted with.

"Obviously, it's a different sport entirely, and at times it was pretty interesting. Soccer is more technical while rugby is more physical, so I could just go hit somebody whenever I wanted to," said Shurrie.

And now that Shurrie has accomplished such an impressive feat, being an all-star in her first year of play, her focus and goals are strictly team oriented and about changing the attitude surrounding Laurier rugby.

Unfortunately, the Golden Hawks were best known this year for losing 125-0 at the hands of the Guelph Gryphons. What needs to be understood about this, however, is that it is more of an indictment on Guelph and how good their team was, than about Laurier, something Shurrie is quick to point out.

"Guelph is an amazing team. Their goal was to put up 100 points on everyone and we got a lot of flack cause we were the first team they did it to, but they did it a bunch [against many teams] and creamed

everyone," said Shurrie, irritated by the mentioning of the defeat.

"The score of our games did not always reflect the game itself and how well we did [because] we were improving."

Improving was key. It was evident throughout the season as the young team gained more valuable experience and got more competitive with every game they played.

Laurier now has the opportunity to turn around their team as the young core looks to show just how much they improved come next season. One thing they have going for them is their best players approach.

"Now that I've finished my first year, it will be easier to connect with the girls and I'll get more respect and be more than just a rookie. Now I can be more of a leader and help develop the team."

The Golden Hawks look to be in a better situation next year as they not only have their all-star Shurrie, but have a young group that saw a lot of playing time this year and will be in a better position to win next season.

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