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## First-years struggling to make the grade

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In early January, the dean of arts office, with a thorough inspection of the fall term grades, discovered that 43 per cent of first-year students – or approximately 632 students – had grade point averages less than 5.0. The number of students marks a 10 per cent increase over last year.

With this new evidence, the faculty of arts moved to invite those

students to attend one of several information sessions that occurred over three evenings. Of the over 600 students affected, approximately 200 attended.

Dean of arts Michael Carroll sensed the risks involved with this situation and the possible consequences. "That in itself doesn't put them on [academic] probation," he said of the students' grades. "But it puts them on the risk of probation."

In order for a student to progress

in an honours arts program they must maintain at least a 5.0 GPA; grade averages below a 4.0 will result in academic probation.

The first semester results of BBA students were stronger than their arts peers, although first-years' average GPAs have dropped from an 8.28 to 7.86 from last year.

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## Laurier students click for Gibson

MIKE LAKUSIAK  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Wilf's exploded in cheers Feb. 4 as the election results for the 2011-12 WLUSU presidency were announced. Nick Gibson, with 41.5 per cent of the vote, walked away with the position of president and CEO of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union effective May 1.

In a follow-up interview on Feb. 7, Gibson said the culmination of a campaign he had been working on since September had not completely sunk in.

"It hasn't quite yet," he said. "I think it's one of those things that will take a little time. I've been working at it for awhile, it's against my nature to let things hit me that hard."

He cited his campaign team as the greatest factor in his success. "The team was absolutely outstanding, I was going around trying to recruit some key people and basically used the mantra of diverse representation on campus but also competence and I definitely had both of those on the team."

The election marked the first online election held at Laurier, using a system designed by the university's ITS department at a cost of \$16,425 for the system itself plus \$2,625 for its operation. The platform allowed voters to log in and view candidate information and photos as they voted.

All told, 5,306 students voted – 35 per cent of the student body. The turnout easily cleared last year when a meager 1,987 votes were cast with

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—Leanne Holland Brown  
Laurier dean of students

conventional ballots and quorum was surpassed by less than five per cent.

"Last year we barely went over quorum, this year we had over double. It was very impressive," Gibson noted. The 35 per cent turnout value surprised many, especially considering that the two-day election period was postponed by a day due to the university's closure from snow on Groundhog Day.

Dean of students Leanne Holland Brown was present at Wilf's. "I think that particular statistic shows the level of engagement of Laurier students in a really important process," she said, noting specifically the move to online voting.

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### Making sense of Bond

From a "British Lover Model" to a "Hollywood, body-based model," one of Laurier's professors studies the 007 franchise.

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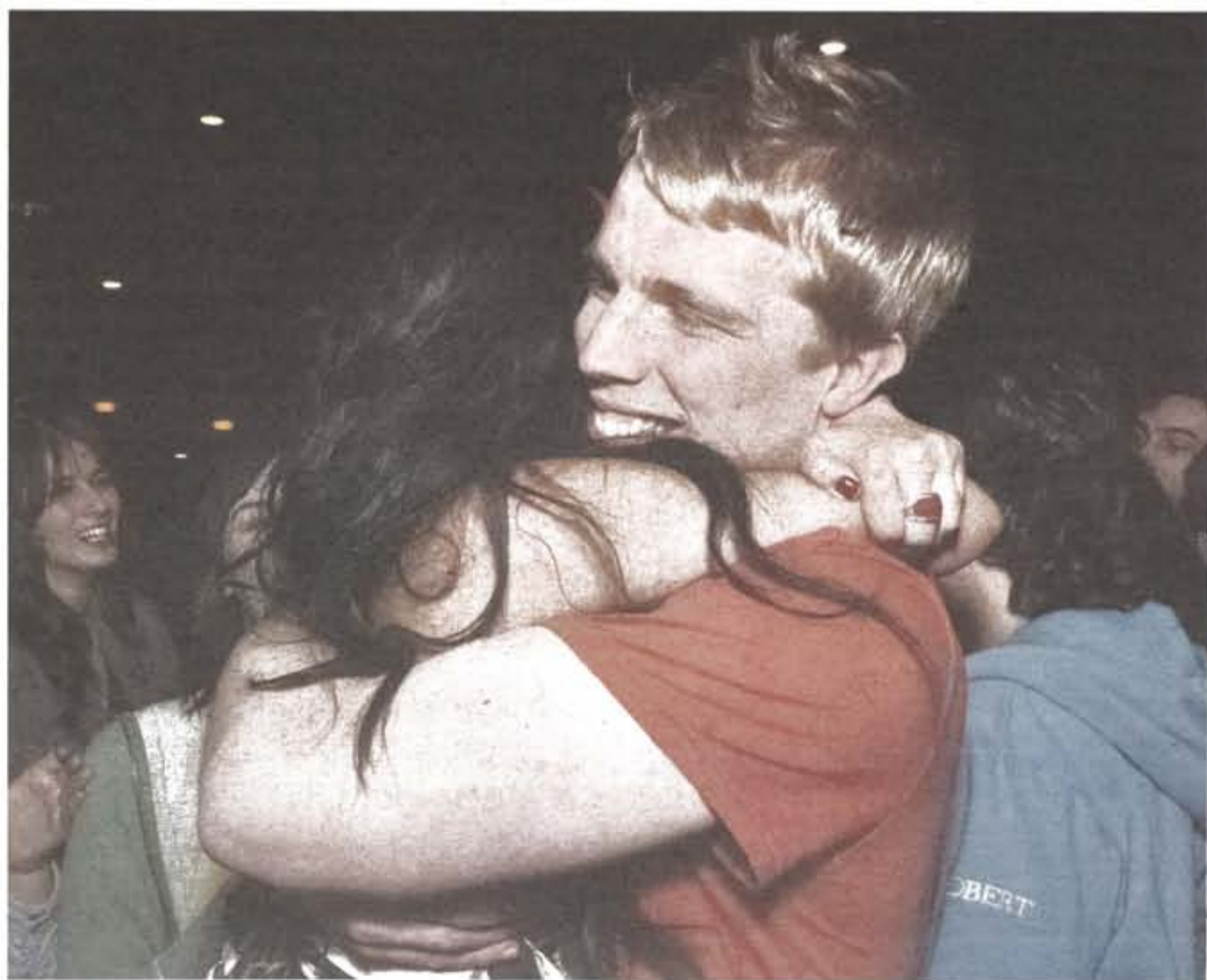
Staff writer Chris Mander speaks with Alex Anthony, suffering from a torn ACL, about his passion for getting back in the game.

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### 100 years of Laurier students

In Depth Editor Rebecca Vasluianu examines what life was like for students 100 years ago when the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary was created. From class schedules to the 1911 Code of Conduct, see what it was like to be a Golden Hawk a century ago.

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Quote of the week: 'Previsual' - Visual Director Nick Lachance describing the castle on the original VHS cover of The Little Mermaid.

Bag O' Crime

Graffiti

Location: Library 5th floor
Date: Jan. 31, 2011 @ 7:35 a.m.
SCS received a report from the library custodian advising that someone had drawn graffiti in the 5th floor men's washroom. Special Constables Services (SCS) officers attended and noted someone had drawn a large picture of a man's penis on the washroom stall. Photos were taken, and Physical Resources was notified to repair the wall.

Misc/Other

Location: Bricker Residence
Date: Feb. 3, 2011 @ 9:00 p.m.
SCS officers attended to the student residence in relation to a delivery service possibly making a delivery of suspected alcohol to underage students. The delivery vehicle was gone upon SCS arrival and the students receiving the delivery were not located. Residence Life staff and the dons will be monitoring situations of this nature more closely in the future.

Unsafe Condition

Location: Dining Hall
Date: Feb. 6, 2011 @ 01:49 p.m.
SCS officers attended to the dining hall within the Student Services building after receiving reports of cracking glass panes in the ceiling at the south end of the hall. The area was deemed unsafe and subsequently closed off. Physical Resources was notified for repairs.

Assistance call from public

Location: Athletic Complex
Date: Feb. 5, 2011 @ 10:18 a.m.
SCS officers attended the Athletic Complex in response to a complaint of feces on the washroom floor. Custodial staff was called in for cleanup. There are no suspects at the present time.

Property (lost and found)

Location: Terrace Food Court
Date: Feb. 5, 2011 @ 12:54 p.m.
A Sikh ceremonial knife was recovered from the Terrace and is being held at the SCS lost and found until the owner can be identified.

Compassionate to locate

Location: Residence
Date: Jan. 31, 2011 @ 1:13 a.m.
SCS received a call from a concerned parent, requesting assistance in locating his son. The father stated he received a call from his son asking him to pick him up at his residence. The father attended, but his son was not there. Residence Life staff member located the student in his room sleeping.

For the rest of Bag O' Crime, check out thecord.ca

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This Week in quotes

I got requests from students I didn't even know for the buttons. I put all my money into that. Posters are too passé."

-Saad Aslam
VP: university affairs for WLUSU re: buttons he used for his campaign

My body is telling me 'you have done bad things to your body, haven't slept very much - bad - you're going to get a kick in the face now'"

-Nick Gibson
WLUSU president-elect re: post-election illness

So go and have fun, but watch out, you can get STDs from doing this, this and this - in fact, from doing everything."

-Juanne Clarke
Laurier professor re: the media portrayal of sexuality in Cosmopolitan magazine

Photo of the week

Four Laurier students pose with their snow slide on Hickory Street in Northdale on Feb. 6. The slide was created after last week's "snowpocalypse."



NICK LACHANCE VISUAL DIRECTOR

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 2 article "Immigrant students more likely to pursue university education, report," it was stated that Saad Aslam, vice president: university affairs for the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union, moved to Canada when he was two years of age, when in fact he moved to the U.S. when he was two, and to Canada when he was 10 years old. He also was quoted as saying that for him "university was never an option," when he made the assertion that university was never not an option for him.

Vocal Cord

What do you think about the change to online voting for the WLUSU elections?



"Kind of confusing to find. But once I found it, it was good."
-Kate Black
Third year global studies



"Much easier. Definitely more convenient. We should really do it again next year."
-Travis Smallie
Second year music



"It's more convenient. It will give more people a chance to vote if they don't have time to make it out here."
-Tanjot Bal
First year geography



"I did it this year. It's a good idea, more people will vote even if they're not on campus."
-Leyla Top
Fourth year communication studies



"It was a lot easier, made it a lot more accessible. I didn't have to wait in line for two hours."
-Mark Youash
Fourth year political science

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# NEWS

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## Meet the BOD

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**ALEXANDROS MITSIOPOULOS**  
WORLD EDITOR

After one of the highest voter turnouts for the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) elections in recent memory, 15 directors for the board have been chosen. Of those 15, six are returning directors.

Returning director Jenny Solda received the highest total votes. Her goals for her second term focus on WLUSU becoming more accessible. "I'm hoping for more student advocacy next year, more awareness of WLUSU and just making this year better than last year," she said.

New director Andrew Chudnovsky concurred, "The first thing I value is to completely open up the student government just to make sure that the students know what's going on."

He hopes to hold weekly hours in the Concourse as a medium of communication with the board where students can voice their opinions and concerns.

First time director Luke Dotto acknowledged, "It's going to be a tremendous learning curve [for] the new board candidates."

Elected for the third time to the board, Chris Oberle has announced interest in running for the position of chair of the board. Experienced directors Sunny Chan and Chris Walker shared the same sentiment.

Oberle outlined aspirations for next year focusing on preparing those elected for their roles. "The better training the board has, the more successful they'll be. If we have poor training, we won't have a very productive board."

He also stressed the importance of communication between board members as well as from the board

to students, specifically Brantford students. "It's very obvious that the distance between Brantford in Waterloo is growing. We had online elections, which were more accessible, but Brantford still had a very low turnout."

Oberle hopes for more meetings in Brantford, as well as socials and opportunities for the Brantford student body to interact with WLUSU.

Returning director Jon Pryce hopes that the chair will guide new and returning directors to work together to reach their common goals. "This year, a lot of the directors had all these lavish goals, and they forgot about them - they were too busy learning how to do the position, myself included."

Pryce suggested that previous chairs could come in and give accounts of their experiences. "We could see different varieties ... kind of piece it apart and say, 'this is our model for the new chair.'"

Pryce aspires to be a mentor for new directors. "I could be there to help fellow directors achieve what they want to do," he said. "It's all about working together."

### Results

#### Newly elected:

- Sunny Chan
- Andrew Chudnovsky
- Zach Desson
- Luke Dotto
- Scott Fleming
- Noah Habtemichael
- Nick Nyhof
- Bill Papanastasiou
- Ryan Sher

#### Returning:

- Jonathan Collaton
- Chris Oberle
- Tom Papanastasiou
- Jon Pryce
- Jenny Solda
- Chris Walker



NICK LACHANCE VISUAL DIRECTOR

Saad Aslam, who will sit on the board of governors for the next two years, celebrates his win.

## Tight governors race

**ERIC MERKLEY**  
OPINION EDITOR

On Friday night, Saad Aslam won his re-election to the board of governors (BOG) for the 2011-13 term in a tight race against Ted Brown and Tom Papanastasiou, both members of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) board of directors.

The final results show Aslam with 39 per cent or 1,653 votes, Brown with 32 per cent or 1,387 votes and Papanastasiou at 29 per cent with 1,220 votes.

Aslam attributes his success to past experience in both WLUSU and the BOG. "I really tried to focus on my experience, especially with the other two candidates I was running against who were relatively inexperienced," said Aslam after the announcement.

"A lot of my friends who have known me for the past five years know what I've done for students and I tried to put that out there."

Brown echoed these comments,

crediting Aslam's success to his experience, saying that "the big thing that would have been the deciding factor for me had I not been voting for myself was that Saad has the experience being on the board of governors."

Although Brown made it a relatively close contest, eyebrows were raised when he did not attend Open Forum. He had an appointment and an assignment due that day, but credits it as a reason for his message not reaching students.

"People know who I am, but if other new people who are interested don't see me out there and see the other guys that looks really good on them and really bad on me," explained Brown. "Going to Open Forum would have been a good idea."

Aslam also regrets not being able to put more time into the campaign between school and his work with the students' union, but believes his buttons were effective in getting his name out there.

"I heard from a lot of students that the buttons were great. I got

requests from students I didn't even know for the buttons. I put all my money in that. Posters are too passé, so I tried to put a face to my campaign by having my supporters out there with them," said Aslam.

At the end of this student election cycle Aslam sees gains being made towards student engagement that can help him with his job on the BOG by hearing student concerns.

"The online voting and having four top-notch candidates really pushed turnout and started a dialogue and I hope that continues throughout the year. I hate it when it only happens at election time," he said.

With a second election under his belt Aslam looks forward to advancing student interests. Specifically, he identified the problems associated with tremendous enrolment growth, including increased tuition and the larger class sizes that are plaguing Laurier.

In all, he wants to "push for the best experience for Laurier students possible."

## Turnout drastically jumps

—cover

"The online piece just made it easier for students but it seemed like there was more engagement generally in the campaign this year and in the election, ... that's reflected in the amount of people that turned out to vote."

Though Wilf's was overwhelmed by a University of Waterloo pub crawl for most of the night, results were revealed with a strong crowd of candidates, election team members and students from Laurier present.

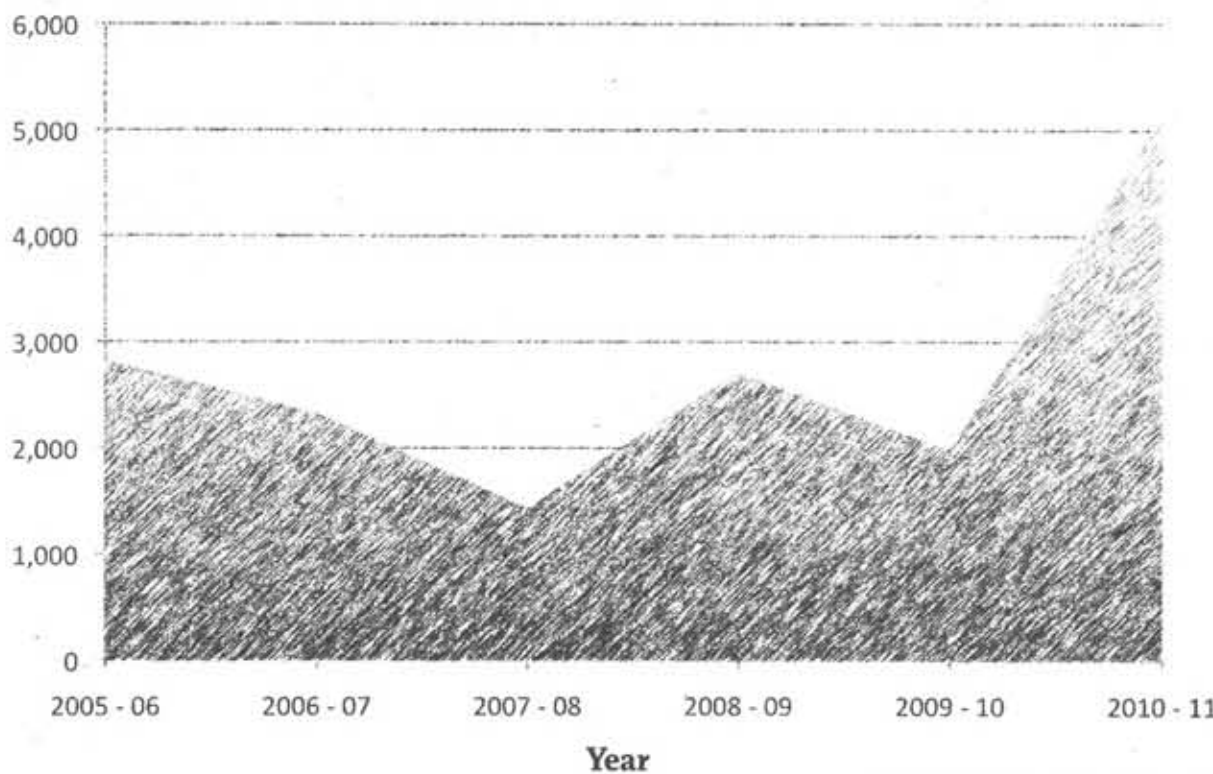
"As soon as we knew that we had a packed house of Laurier students we came down and delivered the results," current chair of the board and chief governance officer Kyle Hocking said. The campaign and vote tallying went nearly seamlessly, he added.

"We had some demerits and appeals but they were all settled pretty well and I think all the candidates are pretty satisfied with how the elections process went and that's the main goal."

Gibson is intent on preparing ahead of coming to office, noting that he had objectives in mind for the coming weeks along with VP hiring.

"For the time being it's just me

Votes for president



WADE THOMPSON GRAPHICS EDITOR

equipping myself to ensure that I can hit the ground running right away," he explained. "There are some specific tougher things in my platform that will be difficult but I made a checklist actually the other day of things I want to get done in the next couple of weeks beyond hiring."

He also mentioned a desire to sit down with the other presidential candidates to discuss their platform items and how their ideas may be applied in the coming year. "I think

we'd be able to bounce around some ideas," he said.

"Obviously I had some disagreements with other platforms but there are certainly some ideas in there that I thought were good so I want to see what they thought and how it could work."

A sweeping social media policy was narrowly avoided leading up to the election that would have limited candidates' use of that form of marketing.

Gibson emphasized the role

social media played in this election not only at letting students know that an election was happening, but as a means of informing them of all candidates' platforms. "The biggest thing was simply getting your name out there," he said.

Looking back on his campaign, Gibson said everything simply came together.

"The biggest thing for me was simply that all the big things I wanted to do were done, I couldn't have asked for much better."

## Réferenda results

**MORGAN ALAN**  
BLUEPRINT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Of the six questions proposed in this year's election, all but one passed. A proposal to renew the Student Life Levy (SLL) at the Brantford campus failed, with 64 per cent of students voting against the measure. An identical proposal at the Waterloo campus passed, with slim 55.7 per cent support.

Party chair for the Fitness Centre expansion component of the SLL Matthew Rice explained that the referendum passing will "provide new opportunities in every aspect of [students'] health and wellness. The new Fit Centre will affect everyone from the avid gym user to the varsity athlete to the first-time user."

With 64.5 per cent support, a proposal to create a student refugee sponsorship program (RSP) was successful.

The creation of a School of Business and Economics Faculty Based Activity fee was successful with 71.1 per cent support from SBE students.

"It shows the forward-thinking of the SBE...it's a good representation of what SBE stands for," said Aneesh Lal, outgoing SBE students' society president and party chair.

Referenda to approve WLUSU's auditor and financial statements each passed, with 83.8 per cent and 82.4 per cent of the vote.

# CAMPUS

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## Grades drop in other faculties as well

—cover

Business students are required to maintain a 7.0 to remain in the program. "[I'm] a little disappointed, but still in my mind it's not bad," said academic advisor Anne Ellis. "I hate to see it go down and hopefully it's a blip."

As for first-year science students, 33.9 per cent were below a 5.0 GPA and 21.3 per cent were below a 4.0. "We're certainly concerned; this is new to be tracking them at this point," commented dean of science Paul Jessop.

"We think and we hope that come May when we're looking at these numbers that they will be much better, but we don't have a good feel statistically for how much better is reasonable to expect."

The minimum admissions average from high school is 72 per cent for arts and 86 per cent for business. While the science minimum admission varies on which program the student pursues, there is no program in the faculty that has lower than a 74 per cent cut-off.

Compared to last year, however, the arts minimum admission for the 2010-11 year was two per cent lower.

"One of the things we didn't used to do in the past was look at the end of first term and how students were being successful," explained Deborah MacLachy, VP: academic.

"What we are enabled to do now is begin a dialogue with the students who are in academic jeopardy."

At the arts information sessions that were offered, students were encouraged to join the already established arts BOOST program which pairs them up with senior level peer mentors.

From the 115 students that participated in BOOST last year, 68 completed the program. However, with a larger number of students at risk, the faculty called for more volunteers and implemented another program called CONNECT that encourages students to pair with senior students for informal weekly meetings.

"It gives them the chance to bounce some ideas off some senior students in regards to study skills or any questions they may have and if they are not sure who to turn to," faculty of arts academic advisor Julie Pong explained.

Ellis noted that any BBA student who received below a C average was contacted via email but very few attended counselling sessions.

“

A lot of them know what they need to do, it is just they have to go do it.”

—Julie Pong  
Faculty of arts academic advisor

Pong identified issues with many struggling first-year students such as lack of motivation, time management skills and the adjustment from high school to university.

Associate dean of science Richard Elliott also voiced his concern about first-year students, "Students may not mature or realize that there's a big difference from what they did in high school until Christmas."

"With more emphasis on retention in the various faculties, the big thing is finding out how students are doing as quickly as possible so we can help them with remedial action," added Elliott.

"It is important to get timely and accurate information."

Pong urges students to reach out to academic advising and to their professor's office hours.

"A lot of them know what they need to do, it is just they have to go do it," she said.

As well, faculty members have come up with ideas on how to improve the experience for first-year students such as a committee examining how 100-level courses are structured and initiatives to help students avoid difficult course scheduling.

Carroll is hoping to continue to expand the learning experience of first year by offering the possibility of seminars with smaller class sizes to first-year arts students in the future.

"At the moment we don't have the resources to do that, but we're applying for some SIF funding to do it," Carroll continued. "And if we get a few of these going and they prove to be successful and popular, then we're hoping to get a few more resources."

## News in brief



COURTESY OF SPECIAL CONSTABLE SERVICES

### Teen sentenced for graffiti

In late October, Alex Pomper, 19, of Kitchener was arrested after spray painting the wall of the Laurier Special Constable Services building and the back window of one cruiser.

Pomper, not a Laurier student, was sentenced Feb. 4 to a year on probation, 30 hours of community service and ordered to repay the \$200 in damage he caused. He was intoxicated at the time and at the time of his court appearance had been drinking for 10 days straight, according to the *Waterloo Region Record*.

—Compiled by Mike Lakusiak

## Research profile: Juanne Clarke



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As a professor of women and gender studies at Wilfrid Laurier University and a medical and health sociologist by training, Juanne Clarke has focused much of her research on the portrayal of health, gender and sexuality in the media.

These subjects intertwine in Clarke's recent work published in the journal *Health, Risk & Society*.

Two of her recent publications discuss the portrayal of sexually transmitted infections in women's magazines.

When studying magazines geared towards young adults, particularly *Cosmopolitan* and *Glamour*, Clarke found that "sex is portrayed as being fun and recreational, while at the same time [young adults] are being told that its consequences are very dangerous."

"It's incredibly paradoxical." These magazines do little to promote monogamy, she said, rather encouraging women to be sexually adventurous.

Clarke said that young women are given the message that they should seek to enjoy sexual endeavours, but at the same time warned of unpleasant consequences. "So go and have fun, but watch out, you can get STDs from doing this, this and this – in fact, from doing everything."

This paradox also appears in magazines aimed at middle-aged women, such as *Ladies' Home Journal*. In these publications, Clarke explained, "Sex is emphasized as a duty that is necessary to satisfy their

husbands." With similar warnings about STIs, these magazines also provide their readers with mixed messages about sex.

Magazines for teenage girls, such as *Seventeen*, avoid the subject of sex almost altogether and obscure associated risks. "For teenaged women sexuality is not discussed as much, with sexually transmitted diseases seldom being described," she said.

For Clarke, the important aspect to consider is the role of media in our society.

"What we understand to be true and false, our attitudes, our behaviours are all reflected by, and influenced by the media," she said. She said the media produces strong and often conflicting ideas about sexuality. "Whether it's teenagers or adult women, the ideas [in the media] about sexuality reflect gender roles."

Although Clarke's research does not focus on the portrayal of sex and STIs in men's magazines, she acknowledged glaring discrepancies.

While women's magazines, particularly *Cosmo*, are often overwhelmingly sexualized, magazines appealing to male readers are less conspicuous when it comes to this content. "Sex does not dominate to the same extent in men's magazines and therefore there is little mention of sexually transmitted infections," she said.

While Clarke may return to this topic for further research in the future – examining ethnic differences in media portrayals of sexuality – her focus has shifted. Currently she is researching children's mental health as portrayed in the media and recently examined depression and gender portrayals in media.

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## 'It's certainly not a matter of choice'

**PRAVEEN ALWIS**  
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Homelessness and urban poverty stand as key social issues in cities across Canada and it is a reality which has not escaped Waterloo region. Organizations providing immediate shelter, food and counselling stand at the front lines of this fight and seek not only to address the needs of those in crisis, but the misconceptions and myths which continue to be attached to people facing homelessness.

"A person experiencing homelessness is still a whole person aside from the fact they're experiencing homelessness," noted Ron Flaming, program director of residential services for House of Friendship, a Christian social outreach organization which has operated in the Waterloo region since 1939. "For me, how I learned that was just meeting people and realizing the common

interests that we had."

Flaming emphasized that the homeless demographic is a diverse and complex population. "If there are 50 people in the shelter for the night, there are 50 different stories and 100 different reasons why people are there," he said.

Homeless individuals can generally be thought of as belonging to three categories. "We call it one-time homelessness, episodic homelessness and persistent homelessness" said Flaming. "One-time homelessness is when somebody, through some kind of circumstance, finds themselves without a place to live. It might be their apartment burned out, or they lost their job and can't pay rent," he explained. Episodic homelessness is experienced, as Flaming explained, by individuals who are "in a situation where they become homeless every once in a while."

In contrast, the persistent

homeless are individuals for which homelessness has become a permanent situation. "Many people would have the impression that people staying in the shelter are chronically homeless but that isn't the case," Flaming clarified. "Last year, 76 per cent of the people stayed in the shelter only once or twice throughout the entire year. Only 24 per cent of the people were here three or more times."

Speaking to the improvements the region has made in providing support to people in any of these situations, Trudy Beaulne, executive director of the social planning council of Kitchener-Waterloo, said, "Certainly a really significant [initiative] very recently is the opening of SHOW (Supportive Housing of Waterloo), which has provided 30 units to get people off the street."

Despite the push for more housing initiatives, cultural attitudes remain incredibly important and

influential in altering the situation for people in homelessness. "When people treat you like you're some kind of creature or non-human it's really, really debilitating," said Beaulne.

It is a sentiment echoed by Roberta Hickey, a 12-year volunteer with Out of the Cold, a program that provides overnight housing and meals for the homeless at churches throughout the region. "Some think that people choose homelessness. If you talk to some people and hear their stories, it's certainly not a matter of choice," she said, while noting the significant number of working homeless for which she provides wake-up calls.

Organizations including House of Friendship and Out of the Cold rely heavily on co-operation with other non-profit organizations in the region as well as community involvement.

"It was many years ago that the

federal government reduced the amount of money for homelessness initiatives and really that's what's needed," Hickey said. "You can have all the great ideas in the world but if you don't have funding it's not going to happen."

"There are various ways that people can contribute by volunteering at Out of the Cold or other places or by getting informed," Beaulne expressed, including communicating with all levels of government to shine light on the issue.

That demand for active support was conveyed by Flaming who explained that new volunteers are always welcome and also emphasized the need for donations in the form of seasonal clothing and toiletries.

"There's been a lot of work done in Waterloo Region and it's shown and it's had an impact but it certainly hasn't eliminated the problem," Beaulne added.

—With files from Alanna Wallace

## 2011 budget planned

**JUSTIN FAUTEUX**  
SPORTS EDITOR

On Monday evening the Waterloo city council will approve the budget for the 2011 year. However, drastic changes are not expected.

"This year's budget is basically a status quo budget," said the city's chief financial officer and treasurer Bob Mavin. "There are no new staff members, there's some expansion funding that's been put in place for some approvals that happened last year.... This year's budget is basically a continuation of what we've done in the past."

According to Mavin, some of the 2011 budget's highlights will be finding ways to continue the funding of projects that are already in place, such as the maintaining of the Waterloo Public Square and the operating costs for its ice rink, as well as "prosperity funding for cultural organizations." Mavin also stated that proposed playing fields that are to be built on University of Waterloo land just north of Westmount road and the phasing in of the city's already-approved storm water management system would be up for discussion at Monday's meeting.

Jeff Henry, councillor for Ward 6, echoed Mavin's statements regarding the budget that is to be approved on Monday.

"I think the most important thing to take away from this year's budget is that it's a one year budget, it's a bit steady as she goes," he said.

However, according to Henry, Monday's council meeting will also have to see discussion regarding the \$165 million infrastructure deficit the city currently faces.

"It's a big challenge and a big pressure because we've got things that we built in the '50s and the '60s and now the bill is coming in to repay them and we have to find ways to fund that," he said. "A few years ago, council approved setting aside 20 per cent of assessment growth — that's more money that comes in because of new buildings and more expensive buildings that come in — setting aside 20 per cent of that to help fund that pressure; that's a down payment and we're going to be talking a little bit on Monday about how committed we are to those numbers."

Although the 2011 budget is short-term in nature, Henry believes that the 2012-14 budget will play a much larger role in determining the future of Waterloo. According to the councillor, work on that budget will start right away.

"The really interesting budget is going to be the three-year one that we'll be working with the community to settle over the next year," he said. "We're going to start almost immediately after we approve the 2011 budget and that's being driven by the strategic plan and that's an area for community participation and it's an opportunity for students and the entire community to talk about what they really want."



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# 'Metered' Internet plan forced to be reviewed

"We think it hurts students, we think it hurts small businesses and the creators and innovators in our society."

—Tony Clement, industry minister

**JUSTIN SMIRLIES**  
STAFF WRITER

In Parliament last week, the federal government told the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to review its controversial decision on usage-based billing (UBB) for Internet consumers or they will overturn the decision themselves.

The CRTC, in a statement released Thursday, has delayed implementation of usage-based billing for at least 60 days to review their ruling.

"We don't think that's fair, we don't think that it's right and we don't think that it helps with choice and competition in the market place," explained industry minister Tony Clement.

"We think it hurts students, we think it hurts small businesses and the creators and innovators in our society."

With pressure from larger telecom companies, the CRTC attempted to pass a ruling in which smaller and independent Internet service providers (ISPs) that offer unlimited bandwidth must follow the business models of the larger companies such

as Bell.

The commission allowed larger companies to charge the usage of smaller independent Internet service providers — who essentially "rent" out the bandwidth from larger providers — in an attempt to end unlimited Internet plans.

Sceptics of usage-based billing believe that it will enable larger telecom companies to dominate the Internet industry by charging consumers based on how much bandwidth they use, therefore creating higher internet costs for heavy users such as small businesses.

Clement believes that the CRTC must review its decision in order to come up with a more viable approach that ensures competition between companies and a wider choice for consumers.

"The government is trying to manoeuvre through this without biting the bullet by establishing new rules or a new roadmap for these industries," said Geoff Stevens, a political science professor at Wilfrid Laurier University. "I think they need to take a hard look at the CRTC and decide whether it's structured the way it wants it to be."

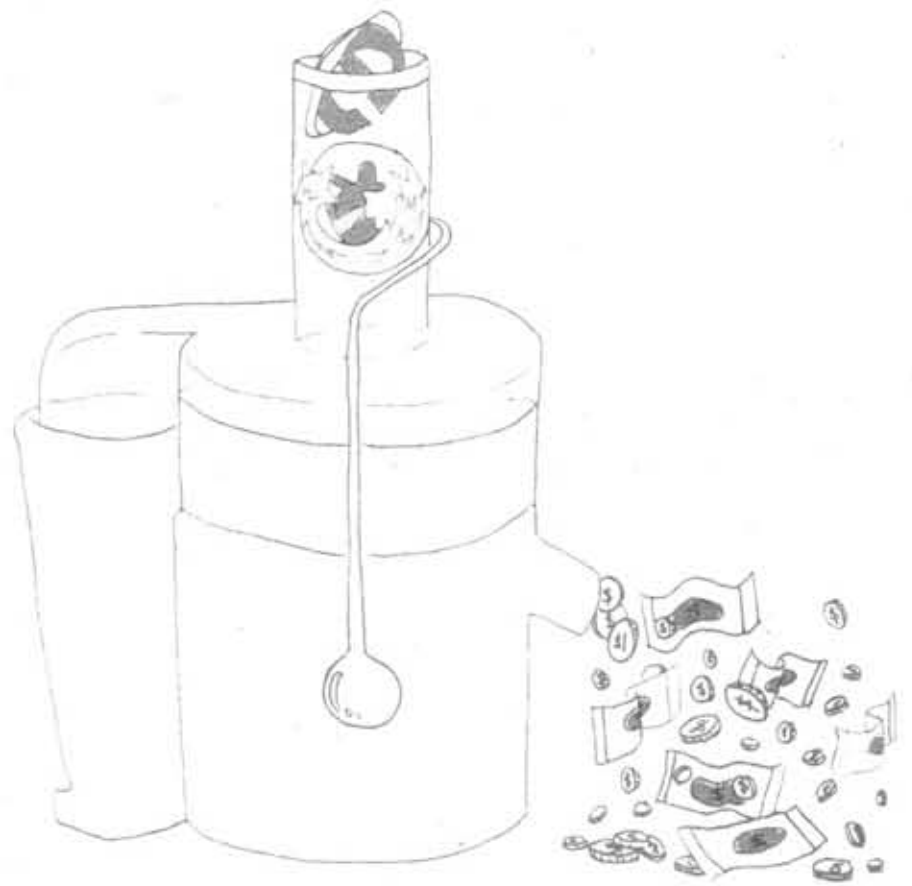
He also added that if the

government ultimately decides to reject the CRTC's decision, it would result in lower internet costs and the continued notion of an "open" Internet.

However, Stevens stated that the CRTC is only really targeting the heavy users who download excess amounts of data. "Why should a small user such as me, for example, be subsidizing for people who spend their days downloading stuff?"

Clement is concerned about the effect this situation could have on students. "Students are huge consumers of bandwidth, and we know that," he added. "This would have a very profound effect on the ability of students to engage in educational tools and, in that sense, it is very negative on our ability to compete for the future and for students to obtain the skills they are going to need for the 21st century economy."

On Feb. 4, Internet users against the CRTC gathered in Toronto to rally against usage-based billing. While they did not organize the event, a non-profit organization by the name of Openmedia.ca sponsors movements such as these and advocates for an open communications system in Canada.



STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS ARTIST

Among the supporters at the rally were New Democratic Party (NDP) leader Jack Layton and Liberal MP Dan McTeague.

"We're hoping they come out with a favourable decision, one that overturns internet metering to the greatest extent possible," said Openmedia.ca's communications manager Lindsey Pinto about the issue. She also added that she hopes that they do not just come out with a mere "pricing change."

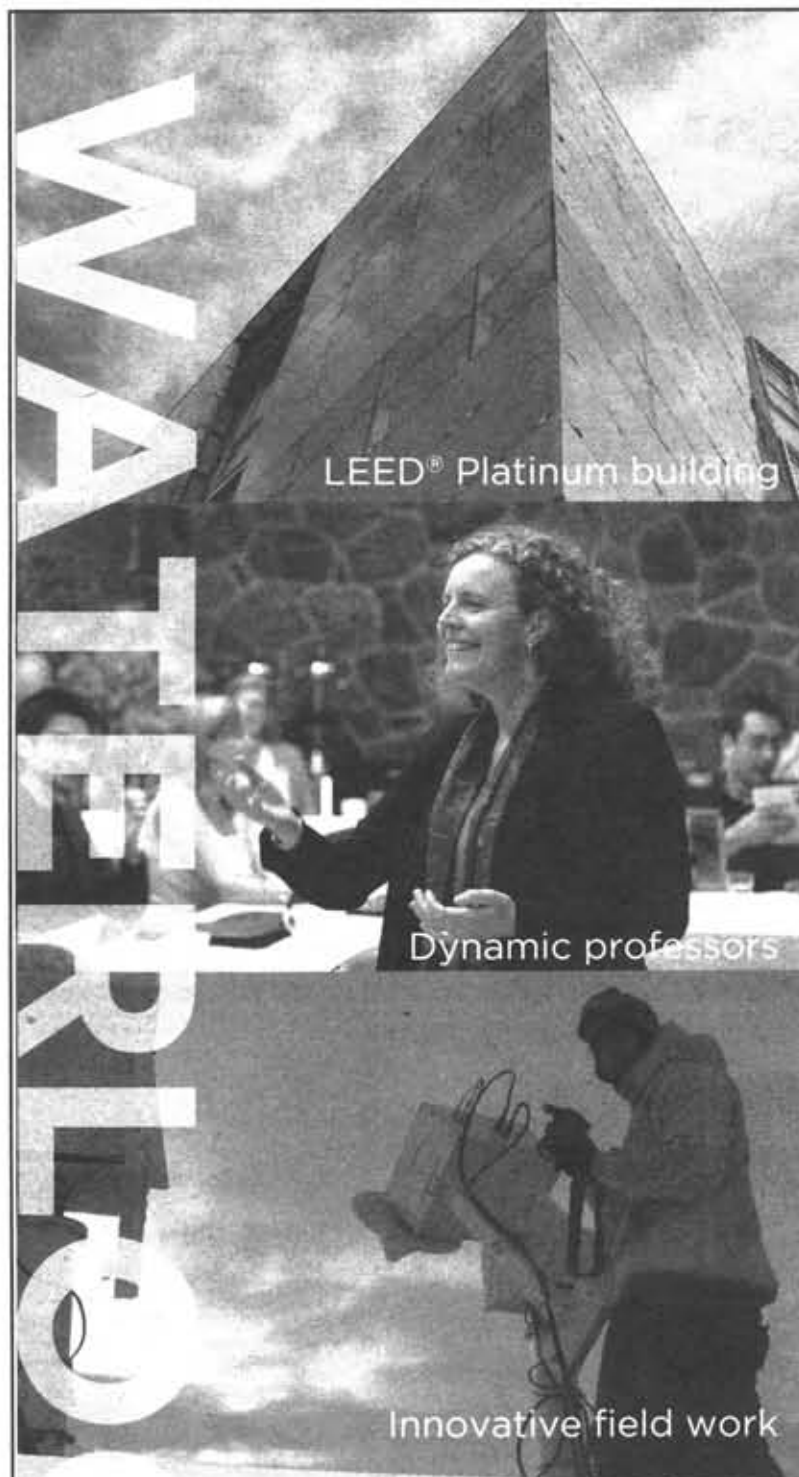
Openmedia.ca has also launched a petition campaign to stop internet "metering." As of now they have received about 420,000 signatures calling for this decision by the CRTC

to be immediately reversed.

Considering the influence any decision could have politically, Stevens also noted the link to the election that may occur in the spring; "I don't think you can separate this internet usage issue from the impending election politically. They are tied together."

In question period on Feb. 3, Clement and the Conservative government were criticized by their political peers about their inactivity to intervene quickly.

Clement addressed the house by saying, "We are for broadband access, we are for the Internet, we are for the consumer."



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68% claimed the aids were too costly for personal purchase

# Students with disabilities pay more, study

**NICOLE GREEN**  
CORD NATIONAL

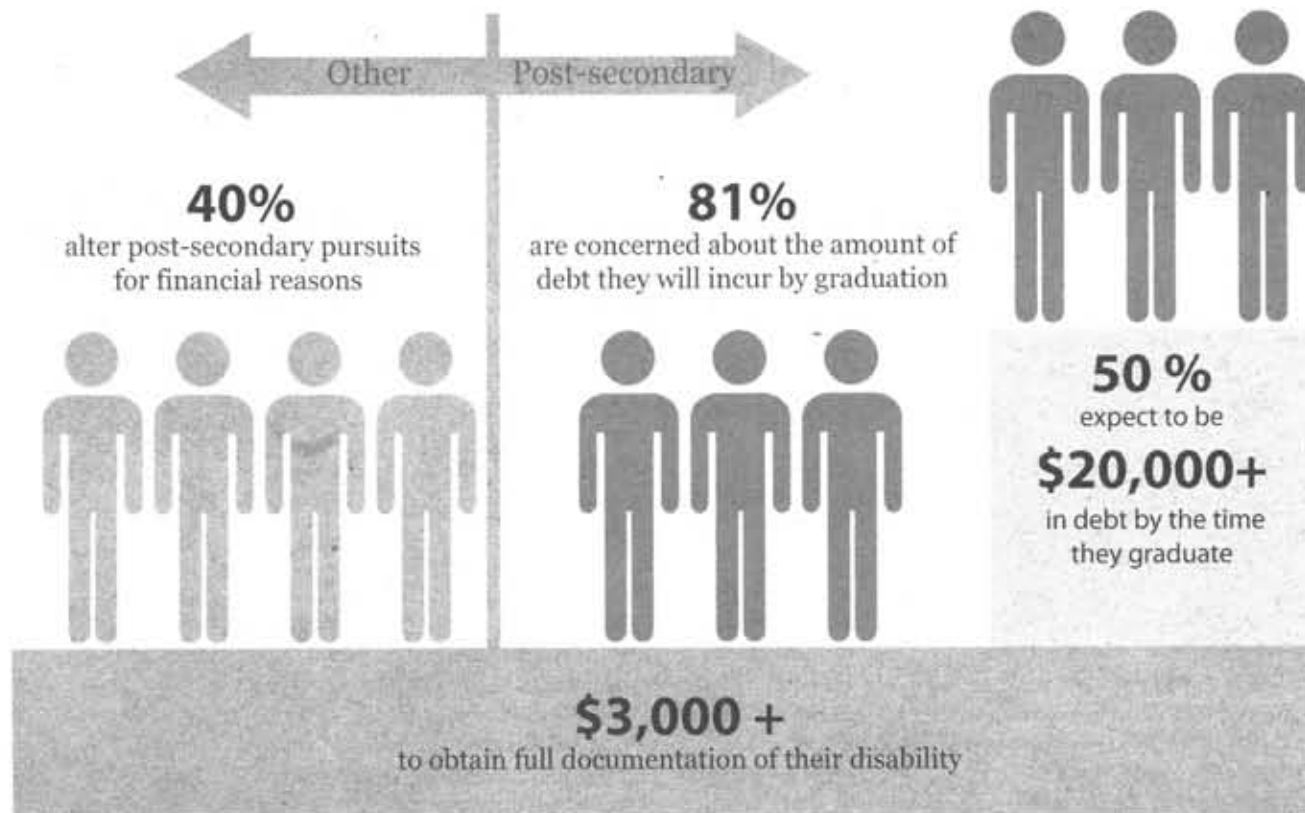
A study commissioned by the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO), an agency that reviews post-secondary institutions and reports to the provincial government, revealed that students with disabilities face unique challenges when pursuing post-secondary education with specific emphasis on the financial obstacle.

The study focused mainly on students with learning and mental disabilities. Of the students surveyed 81 per cent were concerned about the debt they will incur by the time they graduate.

Half of the students expected to have a debt of \$20,000 or more, and 40 per cent of the students were altering their post secondary pursuits due to financial barriers or debt. There are further additional costs for assistive aids, medication and support services. While 76 per cent of students claimed they would make use of assistive aids, 68 per cent claimed the aids were too costly for personal purchase.

The cost of being assessed to receive documentation of a disability alone can exceed \$3,000.

Tony Chambers, the research communications officer for HEQCO, who conducted the study explained, "If a student is not eligible for [Ontario Student Assistance Program] OSAP they are not eligible for any support regarding students



“There needs to be better co-ordination of disability services between secondary schools and university and colleges.”

—Tony Chambers  
Research communications officer

of students expressed feeling oppressed by others because of their disability. As a result of this stigmatisation, Chambers explained that disabled students “feel uncomfortable about asking college or university personnel about the resources available.”

To reverse this stigmatisation in society, Chambers calls for “greater outreach from an institution level about the resources that are available for students with particular challenges.”

“Improving information flow across disabled and nondisabled populations might reduce the amount of stigmatisation,” Chambers added. “The government can do the same thing with their resources.”

with disabilities.”

Chambers went on to add, “We think that perhaps the government should not use eligibility for OSAP as the litmus test for eligibility of some of these funds.” While he feels that current government programs are successful, Chambers stated that the criteria for programs such as OSAP need to be reconsidered to better benefit students.

It is not financial obstacles alone

that affect disabled students. According to Chambers, it is the information about these resources that also needs to be disseminated better. He explained that this is due to “the form in which the information is shared.”

He specified this by noting that online sources are only accessible to those with Internet access, as well as printed information pieces that exclude certain disabilities.

TAYLOR GAYOWSKI GRAPHICS ARTIST

Chambers suggested that as a solution to this informational barrier “there needs to be better co-ordination of disability services between secondary schools and university and colleges.”

While nondisabled students also face informational and financial obstacles, disabled students also face the stigmatisation of having a disability.

The study showed that 42 per cent

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## The ballad of Hugo Chavez

**EUGENIO GOMEZ-CHICO**  
CORD WORLD

In 1998 Venezuela's political scenario changed dramatically when Hugo Chavez Frias was elected president.

Last week, in a mixed tone of celebration and political campaign, Chavez held meetings and events throughout the country to reassert his pledge to the people and celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Bolivarian Revolution.

With over a decade in government, the people of Venezuela and the world look back to size up Chavez' policies.

"Both in practice and in discourse, he has handled the rules of democracy to the point of maximum tension, if not frank erosion," commented Natalia Saltalamacchia, professor for the department of international studies at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM).

Chavez has worked to find legal means to legitimize his hold on power, starting from the creation of a new Constitution in 1999, to the multiple ad hoc reforms that have taken place over the years.

According to Saltalamacchia, the fact that this has been possible "underlines the existence of a basic

democratic consensus."

Various successful missions in areas of health, education and food underpin the changes pushed by Chavez and have helped him to earn the confidence of his constituents.

According to the pollster GIS XXI, Chavez has popular support despite his long stay in power with an approval rate that is around 54 per cent.

However, he has faced popular discontent in recent months due to the housing shortage after the rainstorms of late 2010 and the rise of violence and insecurity.

"There is discontent in the country for the circumstances they live, but it is not widespread due to the effective mass management that the ruling party has," commented Jessica Rojas, civil society activist in Latin America.

"Venezuelan society receives much outside influence and that is where the movement for free elections has its roots," said Rojas.

Chavez suffered a setback during the last legislative elections in September, when the opposition got 52 per cent of the popular votes.

Rojas explained, "These results as well as the scenario for 2012 will be influenced by this movement that has been gaining force in search of

freedom from coercion in the electoral process."

Rojas commented that some sectors of the population are starting to resent the effects of his role as leader of the left movements in Latin America, while paying less attention to the national needs.

"The people feel that he should look back inside and start solving the problems of the country."

According to Saltalamacchia, since the 2004 referendum Chavez "began a course of radicalization of his government that extended to international relations," transforming them into an instrument of consolidation of its political project in Venezuela.

"He implemented an active and controversial strategy to support related policy options in other countries of the region. As part of this support was his lively and prolonged celebration of successive electoral victory of leftist leaders," Saltalamacchia concluded.

While Chavez continues his day-to-day proselytizing campaigns, there is still a long path towards the 2012 elections. "You can have free elections without democracy, but there is no democracy without free elections," Rojas stated.

## World in brief

### WASHINGTON DC, U.S.A.

On Feb. 3, the United States made it clear that it was time to end the global weapons talks. Reaching an impasse, the U.S. and Russia would develop an agreement that would ban the production of new nuclear weapons. The treaty has since been ratified by the Russian Upper House, the final major step in finalizing the agreement. In late April 2009, United States President Barack Obama made a speech in Prague about his goal for a nuclear-free world.

### CAIRO, Egypt

President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt has stepped down as the leader of the country's ruling party, but will sit as president for the duration of his term until September elections. The resignation was a positive gesture to protestors in Cairo that demand Mubarak step down as president as well.

### NORTH WARIZISTAN, Pakistan

Four men who were accused of being spies for the United States were shot and killed in Pakistan by militants last Saturday. The remains of the individuals were found with notes in the pockets of the bodies stating that, "This is the fate for whoever works for the U.S." The bodies were found along a road near North Warizistan, which has been known to be a region that has harboured the Pakistani Taliban and al-Qaeda linked militants.

### SOUTH SUDAN

Results from the referendum showed that an overwhelming 99 per cent of people from South Sudan voted for independence from the North. There is widespread enthusiasm in the South, as citizens begin to embrace the idea of living in "Africa's newest nation." The issues of border separation and oil rights have still not been decided, but it is estimated that a separation will give the South control of 80 per cent of former Sudan's oil.

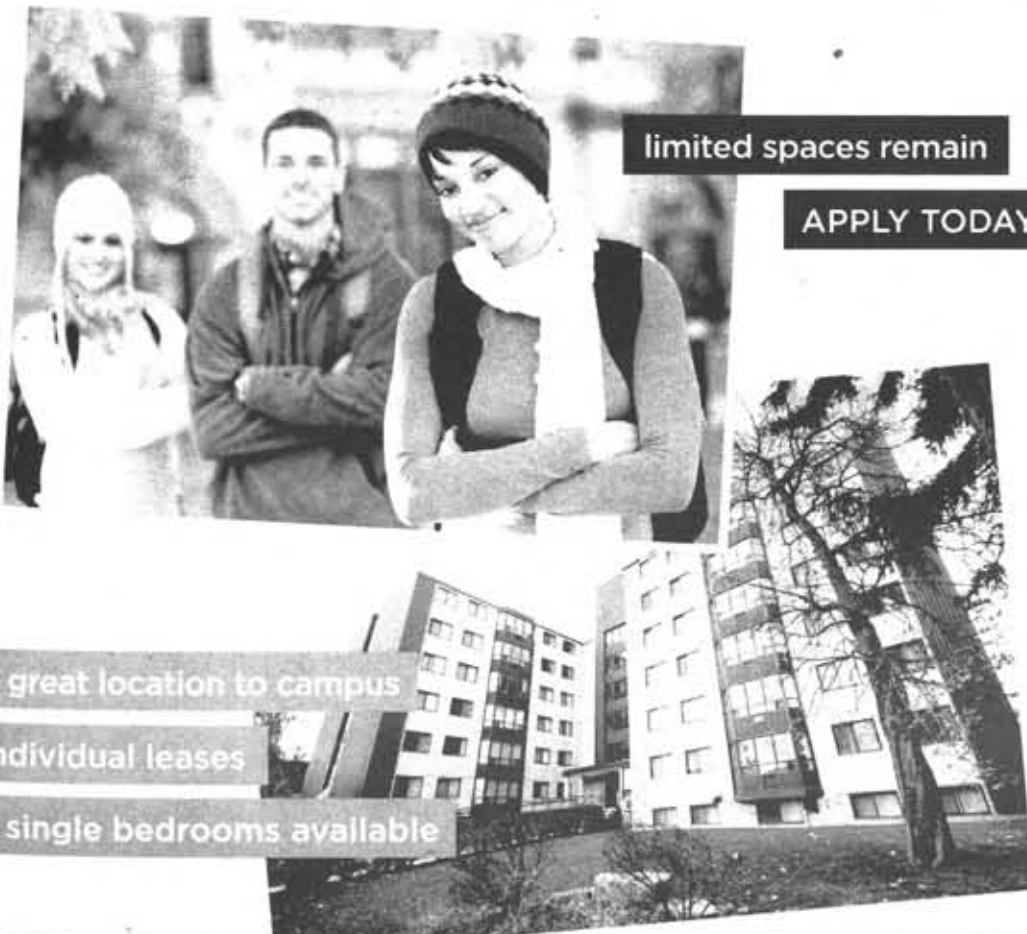


### LONDON, England

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), warns that world food prices have reached an all time high. The FAO's food price index, which measures the change in the price for basic commodities such as sugars, cereals, fat, dairy, oils and meats, rose by 3.4 per cent in January. Abdolreza Abbassian, an economist for the FAO, said that these high prices are likely to remain over the next few months.

-Compiled by Ravi Balakrishnan

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Mr. F. Christiansen  
Mr. H. Rembe

### Junior Level:

Mr. N. Willison

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Article 2 of The Charter of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada Charter states, "The purpose of this seminary is, and shall be, to educate and train worthy and competent men in the various branches of Theological science, to fit them for the Public ministry of the Gospel." Students were educated in English and German in order to be able to preach in both languages. The Charter later states that "Every student, as prospective minister of the Church of Christ, must cultivate and maintain sound and earnest Christian character and life, give daily attention to prayer and personal communication with God."

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In Depth Editor **Rebecca Vasluiianu** has compiled information, photos and text about what it was like to be a student in the university's first year of operation. At the time, it was called the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada and was a school meant for the instruction of students trying to become ministers. The first class only had four students, who were all male. All photos and information, unless otherwise mentioned, are from the WLU Archives.

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4:00-6:00 Intermission  
6:00 Supper\*\*\*  
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7:00-8:00 Reading, Study or Meditation  
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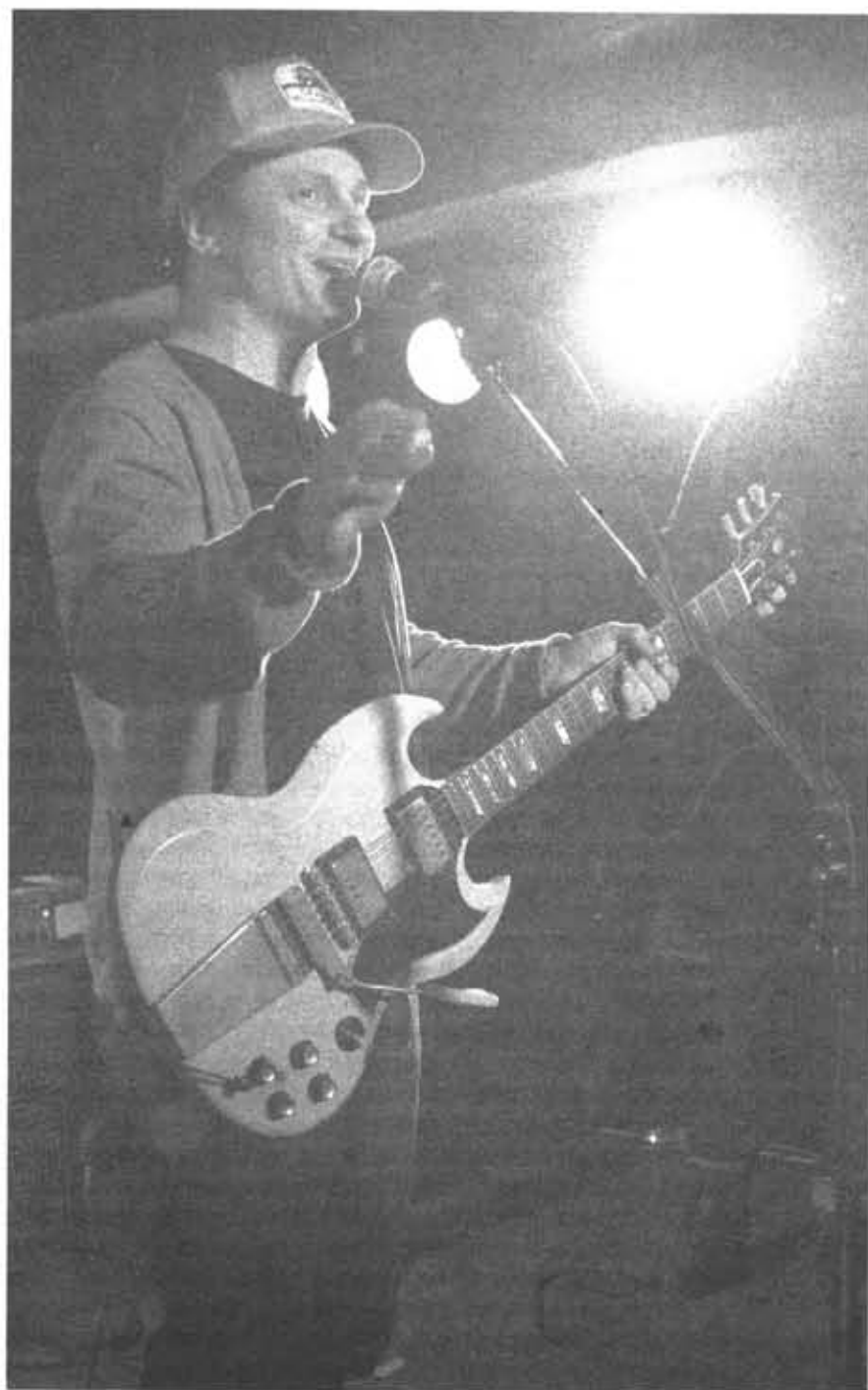


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# ARTS

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Jim Bryson, backed by the Weakerthans, played Starlight last week.

## Bryson collaborates

ANTHONY DAMIAO  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Bryson and the Weakerthans played to a full house at the Starlight last Thursday night.

The evening began with a set from singer-songwriter Daniel Ledwell and his disarming charm and song writing chops.

The Sunparlour Players followed with the reckless abandon of folk-rock at its finest.

The trio left ears ringing and sold homemade preserves after the show.

Jim Bryson hit the stage around 11 o'clock after what most would consider a tough act to follow. Backed by The Weakerthans, a Canadian treasure, he played with the grace and confidence of a seasoned veteran.

Before the show, Bryson offered The Cord some of his time for an interview about his new record *Falcon Lake Incident*. Bryson recorded the album with The Weakerthans at a cottage in Falcon Lake, Manitoba.

"I had worked with them on their songs, I had been working on a record and I thought it would be nice if they wanted to work on some of mine," said Jim regarding the collaboration.

"The idea blossomed into this big monster and we ended up making a whole record out in the middle of nowhere in Manitoba."

Bryson has worked extensively with Kathleen Edwards as well as

The Weakerthans, Sarah Harmer and Lynn Miles.

On this particular record, he was joined not only by the Weakerthans, but by the smoky voice of Jill Barber and Gord Sinclair of The Tragically Hip.

The musician largely credits his inspiration and lyrical intuition to his high school English teacher.

"I didn't really have any cultural influences around me, it was just road hockey and Saturday morning cartoons," he reflected.

"It all happened at around the same time as I had this really influential English teacher, it just seemed like I was ready. I was a really restless, behavioural problem kid that had lots of troubles, I guess I was a late bloomer. It was all the right set of circumstances both musically and having the right teacher who got me into books and words."

Jim counts punk bands, Joe Jackson, Husker Du and Russian novelists among the biggest influences of his youth.

The result seems to be a singer-songwriter with an ability to capture the sincerity of lyrical music while also creating the lively atmosphere most often associated with simple pop songs.

"I definitely think my music has a lot of elements. I do get classified in the singer-songwriter vein, I'm not uncomfortable with it. But we definitely lived it up a bit for an eleven o'clock show."

*Falcon Lake Incident* is a dynamic,

"The idea blossomed into this big monster and we ended up making a whole record out in the middle of nowhere in Manitoba."

—Jim Bryson

lyrical record.

"Freeways in the Frontyard" beautifully contemplates the rediscovery of an old friend or lover while exhibiting some of Bryson's best lyrical work.

The whole album benefits greatly from his subtly poignant voice, which suits the lyrics and the feel of his band.

"Decidedly" combines unimpeachable lyrics with the driving rhythm of an electric guitar. It was the closest track on the record to capturing the overall mood of his live set.

Bryson's show at the Starlight fell on the first week of his Falcon Lake Incident tour.

It will end fittingly at the Falcon Trails Resort in Manitoba on Mar. 6.

## Acclaimed soprano performs at WLU

ANTHONY DAMIAO  
STAFF WRITER

There are times when Laurier's music program can come across as Kitchener-Waterloo's best kept secret.

Seemingly hoarded to one small section of WLU's modest campus, it can be forgotten at times how fortunate we are to have a music program that garners as much national attention as ours.

Last Friday, the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall was graced by Canadian soprano Karina Gauvin.

A bright light on the Canadian classical music scene, Gauvin has

won two Juno awards as well as being nominated for many others.

She has also sung with the Chicago symphony and has performed live at Carnegie Hall.

Like the other shows in this series, the performance was free and open to the public, having been sponsored by MWM Financial Group.

It was delightful to see so many people from so many different backgrounds all in attendance.

Gauvin was accompanied on the grand piano by one of Wilfrid Laurier's own, Leslie De'ath.

The music that filled the recital hall was not only technically

brilliant on all levels, it was exciting.

Gauvin sang a number of songs in at least three languages, and despite the obvious concentration required, she still seemed to be completely within the moment for every verse.

Gauvin sang with incredible fluidity, expressing the emotions within the music.

It was a testament to how long she has been performing and how dedicated she remains.

Gauvin received a standing ovation, which was followed by three breathtaking encore songs.

It didn't take a music student to marvel at how her voice carried over the audience, both in the powerful

notes, and the ones that had barely reached a whisper.

These world class performances sponsored by MWM are open to the entire community, whether Laurier attendees or not.

Even those unfamiliar with classical or operatic music are strongly urged to take the time to check up on the events hosted by the Faculty of Music.

If Gauvin's performance from Friday evening is any reflection of the series' calibre, it won't be a night you'll forget any time soon – an uncommon thing to say in regards to the evening exploits of most university students.



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## Laurier film prof studies 007

LIZ SMITH  
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Lisa Funnell has a long history with James Bond.

"I grew up watching the Roger Moore movies with my Dad," said the Laurier film studies professor. While completing her MA at Brock University in popular culture, Funnell got involved with writing about Bond academically.

"Why not write about the most popular, longest running film franchise there is?" she said. This idea grew and flourished into what would become a very successful career researching and writing about the fictional spy.

Two of Funnell's soon-to-be-published academic articles delve deep into the world of the British super-spy James Bond.

The first, an essay titled "Negotiating Shifts in Feminism: The 'Bad' Girls of James Bond," will be published this March in *Women on Screen: Feminism and Femininity in Visual Culture*.

The second article is titled "I Know Where You Keep Your Gun": Daniel Craig as the Bond-Bond Girl Hybrid in *Casino Royale* and will be published in the *Journal of Popular Culture* in June.

Much of her current research on Bond regards the representations of female characters, specifically the "Bond Girl" and "Bond Villain," and the way they can be traced throughout the franchise.

"At first, James Bond was given two different types of women. There was the good girl, or Bond girl, who emerged in the 1960s with liberal sexual identities. She was good because he could domesticate her.

She continued, "The villains too had liberal sexual identities, however, they refused to be domesticated. They laughed at Bond. That's how

the initial relationship was set, good girls versus bad girls and James Bond in the middle."

So how has the franchise changed? In regards to the most recent Bond actor, Daniel Craig, Funnell stated, "I have argued in my article that he represents a more American model of heroism. James Bond previously was a libido-based hero, his masculinity was based on his ability to bed women."

Craig's portrayal of Bond is a shift away from what Funnell calls the "British Lover Model," into a more "Hollywood, body-based model."

"I would argue he's also a bit of a Bond girl in it - he's the one who comes out of the water in a bikini and lies on the beach to be gazed at." For this reason, Funnell feels Craig represents a completely new kind of hero for the series.

The Bond franchise's place for women has also evolved, as Funnell pointed out. "Looking at the 1990s re-emerged Bond girl, who is an Americanized action woman, they're post-feminist heroines," she claims.

As for the end of her Bond writing career, it's not yet in sight. "Every time they release a film I feel compelled to write another paper and see where this franchise is going in relation to where it's come [from]."

According to the professor, there is simply not enough literature studying 007.

"There are gaps, [and] for me as a scholar, you want to find those gaps and fill up the space."

The next instalment, *Bond 23* has an official release date of Nov. 9, 2012, with rumours of Javier Bardem playing the villain opposite Daniel Craig's Bond.

As for Lisa Funnell's opinion on the franchise's sexiest Bond? "Pierce Brosnan takes it. There's just something about him."

## Hillside goes indoors

The beloved summer festival put on an indoor concert series in Guelph last weekend, as fans wait for July performances

LIZ SMITH  
CORD ARTS

The Hillside Festival kicked off its yearly festivities this weekend with Hillside Inside - weekend of concerts functioning to provide local music fans with some entertainment during the winter months.

The Hillside Festival is an annual three-day, five-stage summer music festival in Guelph, Ontario. Drawing huge crowds from across the country, Hillside hosts musicians, spoken word artists, workshops and more.

Hillside began in 1984 as a small, not for profit festival featuring local artists and musicians.

A second instalment of the festival, Hillside Inside, was introduced in 2008 and features acts that generally appear again at the larger festival in June.

This year, performances at Hillside Inside included musical acts Matt Andersen, the Arkells, Jim Bryson and the Weakerthans Band, The Rural Alberta Advantage, Sarah Harmer and Shane Koczyan.

Saturday night's performance by Jim Bryson and the Weakerthans Band and headliners the Arkells was held at Saint George's Church in downtown Guelph.

A small but enthusiastic crowd braved the treacherous weather outside and gathered in the church auditorium to watch the bands perform.

The evening got off to a slow start with Jim Bryson and the Weakerthans Band who delivered a humorous, though somewhat lacklustre performance.

Juno Award winning band The Arkells followed and delivered an explosive, high-energy performance that had the crowd dancing from start to finish.

The Arkells set list drew primarily from their 2008 album Jackson Square, but also included several new tracks that the band has been working on during their recent two-month hiatus from touring.

Making no secret about their affection for Guelph, singer and frontman Max Kerman announced to the receptive crowd, "We get asked a lot

what our favourite festival in Canada is. We always say Hillside is the cream of the crop."

According to its vision statement, the Hillside Festival hopes to "create a more vibrant and caring world by promoting altruism, equality, environmentalism and peacemaking in every aspect of its work, especially as it offers music, food and festivities that honour the magic of creativity and the power of collective joy."

What continues to draw audiences to Hillside is the unique, grassroots, community-based nature of the event. In keeping with the bohemian vibe of years passed, Hillside Inside 2011 featured such events and workshops as Hand Drumming, Belly-dancing, Laughter Yoga and Love Potions.

The weekend's events may have satisfied fans for the time being, but the count down to Hillside 2011 has certainly begun.

Notable performers from years past include Gord Downie, Ani DiFranco, Arcade Fire and Sam Roberts.

## Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment



### White Stripes fans just don't know what to do with themselves

Many music lovers were left heartbroken this week after the announcement that The White Stripes have decided to call it quits.

Meg and Jack White, previously married, have made 6 studio albums together, are known as "Detroit's Rock Heroes" and have proven that two people can make as much noise as four. Although no explanation has been released for the sudden

split, fans can console themselves with the knowledge that at least one White will continue to be a staple in the industry.

Frontman Jack White will continue to perform with his other groups - The Raconteurs and The Dead Weather. Meg White has not announced whether she has any alternate plans as of yet.

-Allie Hincks & Emily Frost

### Party on, Saturday Night Live!

Mike Myers and Dana Carvey returned to the show this past weekend, reprising their roles as Wayne Campbell and Garth Algar, the hard-rockin' duo who made up both halves of *Wayne's World*. The pair caught the world up on Garth's pukes, then proceeded to share with

the audience their picks for this year's Oscars. *Winter's Bone* was by far their favourite, mostly because they couldn't stop giggling at the title. Other highlights from the sketch included Garth's review of Natalie Portman's *Black Swan* performance ("I could make a Mila out of her Kunis") and his approval of host Anne Hathaway ("Anne Hathaway of giving me a bone").

The bit also included a nice little riff in the vein of Abbott and Costello where they tried to figure out "Who's on Firth?" Both the sketch and the rest of the show (which Carvey hosted) brought back some much needed nostalgia to SNL, a show that has taken a nose dive as of late. Carvey was a good hosting choice, but it's not looking good with Russell Brand scheduled to host next.

-Sarah Murphy

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# EDITORIAL

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## Arts acceptance average needs to be raised

It had recently been discovered by the dean of arts office that 43 per cent or 632 first-year students have a grade point average (GPA) of less than 5.0 — facing risk of academic probation.

This is an alarming statistic. With a ten per cent increase from last year, Laurier needs to ask tough questions about why our students are being increasingly left behind so early on in their academic career.

It does seem that this is partially a result of a tremendously low minimum acceptance average for the arts at Laurier. With a minimum acceptance of 86 per cent in business, average GPAs are much higher at 7.86, compared to a rather pathetic minimum acceptance of 72 per cent in the arts.

Given rampant grade inflation in high schools across the country and a culture that pushes people into university education, even if it isn't right for them, it should not strike anyone as surprising that an increasing number of students can't cope with university life.

There are two likely reactions to this problem by the university. A band-aid solution already being done to some extent is the creation of informational sessions and increased resources towards helping students in areas such as writing skills and time management. The second is to water down the quality of the education we receive to ensure Laurier keeps up its graduation percentage and push students through the system, which is also happening to an extent as many professors bell curve their marks in bids to keep their class averages up.

Both of these solutions miss the root of the problem entirely and serve to compromise the integrity of the education we receive. If Laurier is truly concerned about student success and our academic reputation, it is about time they considered raising the minimum acceptance to the arts to reflect the obvious inflation occurring in Ontario's high school system.

—The Cord Editorial Board

## Online voting a success; only part of the solution

Last Thursday and Friday the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) had its first experiment in online voting and, to the surprise of many, it was a tremendous success.

Voter turnout skyrocketed to 35 per cent, placing Laurier in the forefront of student election turnout in the province. However, we have not yet reached the level of other schools that utilize online voting such as Western, who in 2010 had an election turnout of close to 40 per cent.

In addition to the solid voter turnout, the online voting system was practically flawless. It was quick and user-friendly to the point where you were confused at how this technological feat was possible at Laurier.

The success of the online voting should not encourage passivity amongst those involved in WLUSU. For starters, it is unclear what will happen to voter turnout once the novelty of online voting wears off. To ensure gains made do not recede both the current and incoming board of directors and president need to continue engaging students in the months to come. As current vice president: university affairs Saad Aslam pointed out, all too often the engagement ends after election day.

More voting also doesn't mean more informed voting. Directors and executive members need to actively engage students not just for the purpose of participating in elections, but to bring them into, what seems to many, a clique in WLUSU and inform them of the activities and initiatives of the union. WLUSU president-elect Nick Gibson's tangible promises for transparency, such as the public posting of meeting minutes and other documents outside of in-camera sessions is a good first step. More needs to be done.

Again, congratulations to the election team for building some much needed momentum for student engagement. For the rest of WLUSU: don't screw it up.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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## Usage-based billing makes sense



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A lot of media attention has recently focused on the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunication Commission's (CRTC) ruling to allow usage-based billing (UBB) in telecoms. Students are in a rage because they think they will be paying more for their Internet and with the economic pressures that come with student life that is a warranted concern. Sadly, there has been very little focus on the actual facts in a debate that has degenerated into anti-corporate hysteria. The truth is UBB is a fair economic practice. The real culprit for your higher costs is the anti-competitive regulations put in place by the CRTC.

The principle behind usage-based billing is rather simple. You pay for the good or service you use. This is standard practice in the economy, from cell phones and hydro (albeit heavily subsidized by the government) to your groceries. Where pay-per-use isn't the driving economic model, a perverse incentive structure persists that encourages excessive consumption. This is exemplified by traffic congestion on the 401 and the absence of necessary highway tolls. When people don't pay for the things they use, services are abused and set on an unsustainable trajectory.

Currently, the CRTC forces companies like Bell and Rogers to wholesale space on their networks to smaller Internet service providers (ISPs), such as Techsavy, for a fixed cost lower than the threshold that allows them to recoup their investment. This allows small ISPs to undercut the big telecom

companies by offering unlimited bandwidth at low cost. The recent CRTC decision will allow large ISPs to charge small ISPs for the bandwidth they use with a 15 per cent discount.

Contrary to popular myth, this decision will only impact the three per cent of Canadians that buy unlimited bandwidth packages from small ISPs. With increasing demand for downloading or streaming movies with services such as Netflix, the market share of small ISPs will likely grow in the coming years as more people sign up for unlimited bandwidth plans.

With this demand will come an escalating strain on Canada's Internet infrastructure that is in desperate need of revitalization. The necessary investment will not be provided by small ISPs, who lack sufficient capital. It will be borne by companies like Bell and Rogers. More accurately, costs will be passed on to customers of large ISPs who currently subsidize power users of small ISPs. The current trajectory is unsustainable. UBB ensures that all players in the market bear the cost of developing our broadband capacity.

I am no fan of the large ISPs. I, like many students, have been stuck with atrocious Internet bills that make me want to drop kick the nearest Rogers employee. There is essentially a duopoly in the market that does indeed drive up costs and limit quality of service. The answer, however, is not to prop up small ISPs, who are nothing more than artifacts of the current regulatory environment. The answer is to bring big players into the Canadian market to shatter the duopoly and aid in the development of our Internet infrastructure.

It is difficult to compete with Bell and Rogers on an even playing field given the enormous amount of capital that is needed to develop broadband infrastructure. This is why we are in need of access to capital outside of our

It is laughable to watch the NDP and Liberals now supposedly stand up for consumers, when they have steadfastly supported CRTC protectionism for decades.

country. Instead, we are saddled with archaic, nationalistic regulations by the CRTC to prevent foreign investment in the telecommunications sector. For years the CRTC has shielded Bell and Rogers from real competition. In more competitive environments around the world the current download speeds and bandwidth caps in Canada are unheard of. It is laughable to watch the NDP and Liberals now supposedly stand up for consumers, when they have steadfastly supported CRTC protectionism for decades that has cost consumers dearly.

Usage-based billing is a tremendously complicated issue. The simple, knee-jerk reaction is to blame Rogers and Bell, widely considered to be bogymen for the average consumer. We must not miss the bigger picture: the current situation has been caused by years of backwards regulatory policy by the CRTC. Instead of attacking pay-per-use, a basic economic principle, consumer advocates across the political spectrum should unite in favour of telecommunications deregulation. It will take a few years to break the hold of Bell and Rogers, but only then will Canada cease to be a technological backwater in a rapidly developing high-tech world.

# THE FORUM

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## Letters to the Editor

### Yet another fee increase

This letter is in response to the recent referendum questions that were included in the most recent elections.

Reading through the platforms of numerous candidates for board members and president I noticed a recurring theme involving the responsibility and accountability when it comes to issues that concern money. If this issue was so important that it needed to be addressed why did we allow the Athletic Complex expansion to pass?

The increase to the Student Life Levy has nearly doubled for the next ten years because of this approval. It can also pretty much be guaranteed that in ten years time that fee will not be removed but simply transferred to another cause.

I applaud the Brantford Campus for being able to stand up against the only referenda that did not pass this year.

Students already complain about the high costs of tuition so why do we continue to make the problem worse for ourselves?

Until we start actively denying these increases to student fees no one is going to be held accountable. I know that I am not the only one who voted against the AC expansion and I implore my fellow negative voters to continue our stand against

such increases.

May the newly elected Student Union members be truly accountable to the actions they make rather than allowing the burden to fall on us students in the form of fee increases.

—Andrew Highgate

### Article on Dining Hall leaves out facts

RE: *Food Services accumulates tremendous deficit, Feb 2*

I am a staff member in the WLU Library. As a union member and activist, I read Mike Lakusiak's article concerning the deficit in Food Services with some dismay.

I believe the article has a very anti-union tone, as it attributes a significant portion of the deficit to labour costs.

The article says that wages and benefits make up approximately 37 per cent of the deficit in Food Services, "a level more than a tenth over what is normal in the restaurant industry."

But where did Mr. Lakusiak get these figures? I assume the university provided them. Why was no rebuttal sought from someone in UFCW Local 175, the group that represents the workers who apparently cost the university so much? The

article quotes both Dan Dawson and Gary Lambert from WLU, who are both managers. It even cites an Aramark manager, Ryan Lloyd-Craig, who adds that typical restaurant employees aren't entitled to benefits at all.

Any voice from the UFCW is notably absent. And I strongly object to Mr. Dawson's comment prominently displayed at the top of the article: "The collective agreement in place with UFCW was definitely not in the university's best interests." A collective agreement is negotiated between two equal parties, the union and the employer. I find it quite hard to believe that in 2009 the UFCW was able to hold the university hostage and extort from them such a one-sided collective agreement.

On page 34 of the current collective agreement, you will see that Mr. Dawson signed the agreement in 2009 on behalf of the University. This means that not only is he aware of its contents and bound by them, but that he was part of the negotiating team for the university that helped to originally draft it. For him to come back now and say that the agreement, which he helped to draft, is not in the best interest of the university is disingenuous and disappointing.

—Doug Roberts

### Reserving my right not to vote

RE: *Students who don't vote shouldn't criticize, Feb 2*

Election time is upon us again. A time when we get to chant slogans, collect buttons, shake hands and kiss babies all for a vote, but in six months is it going to matter who I voted for?

When September rolls around, my tuition cost will be as high as ever, Food Services will still be 3.5 million dollars in debt, we will still be a million over budget with the food court expansion and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Classes steadily growing larger with less and less time spots available.

Will any of that be affected from my vote? Evaluating the candidates, it becomes strikingly obvious that none of these candidates would best represent my views.

Luckily however, as an undergraduate student I have the opportunity to run for a position if I feel no candidate represents me. Fantastic! I guess I will find time between my two jobs and my hour bus ride to class so I can feel represented or not.

I have nothing against democracy and I do feel the needs of the people must be represented in their leaders, but what democracy lacks is responsibility for one's actions. Band-aid solutions only cover up the cracks in the system.

Concerns with how the union operates or spends their money should be targeted on the source of the

problem and not the squeaky wheel that complains.

If my choice to not vote means I no longer have the right to call them out when there is a problem, then when you ask if voted I will proudly say, "No I did not, because I do not believe any of these candidates accurately represents me and I refuse to participate in a flawed system."

—Derek Blaney

### WLU needs to support Egyptian protests

RE: *Feral waves of democracy, Feb 2*

What will it take for the students and faculty at WLU to come out in public support of the people's uprising in Egypt?

—Peter Eglin

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# OPINION

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## Point • Counter-point: Fall reading week

Columnists **Keith Marshall** and **Marcie Foster** debate whether or not Laurier should adopt a fall reading week, which is slowly being implemented at universities across the province



**KEITH MARSHALL**  
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In the last few weeks there has been a growing discussion on campus on whether or not to institute a fall reading week. This follows a growing trend across Canada of universities choosing to come back to school earlier in September in order to have a week off midway through the term. At Laurier we have yet to implement this, largely because to have a full week off it would mean we would have to start school a week earlier or have a shorter orientation week and classes that end closer to exam time.

I support the latter option as most students at Laurier are not in first year and a reduction of O-Week is largely a first-year issue. In this case I believe that Laurier needs a reading week in the fall term and that in order to do so part of O-Week is going to have to be sacrificed. I do not favour the first option of starting school a week earlier because it would mean that O-Week would have to start in late August, which would be an unnecessary hassle for not only first years but also for O-Week volunteers.

It would also mean huge logistical problems for the city. Traffic in Waterloo on Labour Day weekend would be terrible here, thanks to a combination of vacationers and most of the senior students at Laurier and the University of Waterloo returning.

Shortening O-Week could actually be a good thing. It would allow the university to focus its resources over a smaller period of time and provide better quality activities during orientation. This could keep more first years interested in orientation, which after the first few days is difficult.

I know when I went through O-Week most people on my floor chose to play dead after the first

If a student wants to spend the week getting drunk then they have that right, but others will choose to spend the time to study.

few days of early morning wakeups, rather than risk a day of uber-happy volunteers and lacklustre activities. Besides, as new students of Laurier they are going to have to get used to cuts.

All students could actually benefit academically and mentally from having a reading week halfway through the fall term.

Let's face it, school is stressful and this presents a perfect opportunity to remove some of that stress and relax. What is important is that the school provides students with a choice.

If a student wants to spend the week getting drunk then they have that right, but others will choose to spend the time to study. It all comes down to creating an atmosphere of personal responsibility and giving students who want to do well some time to catch up or get ahead on readings.

With papers due and midterms to tackle, it is very easy for students to experience tunnel vision during midterm season. For students at Laurier a fall reading week will present an opportunity not only to catch up on readings, but also to think over how they have approached the school year so far and in what areas they need to improve. A reading week is the only way to ensure that students can do this in the fall term and it will reward those that take their education seriously in the long-term. Let's not let the fear of a few drunks keep students from achieving academic and personal success.



**MARCIE FOSTER**  
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A fall reading week is supposed to be a much-needed break to a large portion of the student body. Also, in theory, having a fall reading week would allow for some students to spend a week at home with family or friends. Seeing grandma and grandpa is just so awesome that so many of us are fighting for that extra week a year to do so, right?

This all sounds impractical to me, as someone who can't afford a trip home and didn't have much of a Christmas to begin with thanks to our exam schedule this year. I've got low expectations of the university to give us more time off, since having a week and a half for Christmas holidays seemed to be hard enough to ask for. The reality is a fall reading week is going to really mess with the already time-crunched fall semester. The university would have to cut these days from O-Week and/or make the exam period longer by extending it either until Dec. 24 or have classes starting Sept. 7 – or both.

Cutting O-Week would be a terrible mistake.

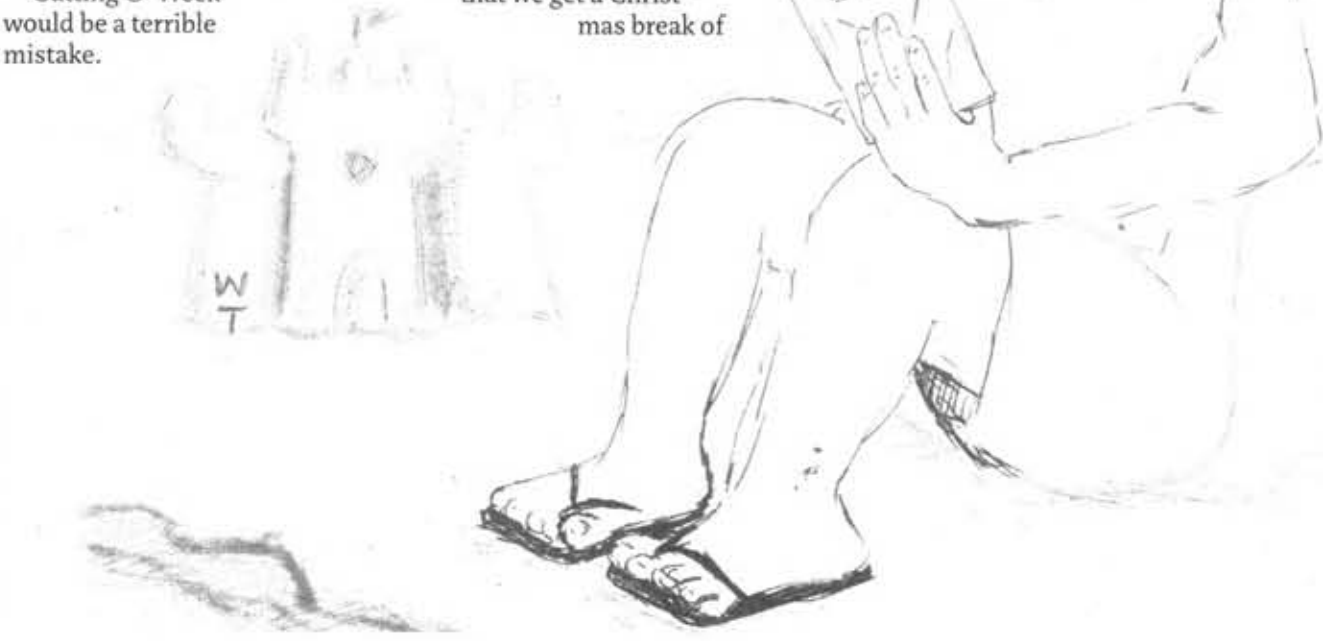
As a school that is valued for its dedication to first year students and making them feel a part of the Laurier family, I would feel ashamed for taking away from that experience just so I could have more time to work on assignments or so others can drink and travel.

The simple fact is that most students don't want a fall reading week to actually do reading, prepare for midterms or write essays. They want to take full advantage of the week to travel south, drink, sleep or play video games. I can't blame them, but I think it is time that can be used more productively and is certainly not good enough reason to tamper with O-Week or the exam schedule.

One point frequently brought up by those in favour of a fall reading week is the claim that it would reduce the suicide rates and amount of reported instances of anxiety and mental health issues amongst the student body. I'll tell you right now, that the students with these issues deserve to have their concerns attended to, but I am unconvinced that having a reading week would have a substantial impact. Nonetheless, student stress is a serious concern and it is one of the primary reasons why schools have been moving to allow for fall reading weeks. I don't believe this is incompatible with simply ensuring that we get a Christmas break of

proper length which, more so than reading week, is a time students tend to spend at home with family and friends.

The fall semester can be tough. Adjusting from the summer high is hard and managing your time is difficult. But it is all part of the university experience and by fourth year you get the hang of it and you learn to know when to ask for help. A reading week for the purposes of academic survival is simply not pragmatic in the fall term. If Laurier were to somehow fit it in somewhere, without greatly inconveniencing the student body, then it would probably be a sweet deal. My faith in this, is however very limited. A fall reading week? How about an extra week of holidays or another week of "study period" during exams—both options the university could consider before critically injuring the fall semester.





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JEFF THE TROJAN CREATIVE COMMONS

## You know what yanks my Cord...

...People who play Warcraft in the computer labs. Let's be clear, I have nothing against the games themselves. I've even dabbled in them myself when my level of boredom has reached new heights. But come on people, have some consideration for others.

Nothing pisses me off more than needing to get into the lab for an assignment and seeing the majority of the computers being used for what looks like a Blizzard LAN party.

It wouldn't bother me so much if people were just killing time in between classes and didn't have anything to do, but there's a whole sub-culture involved with these people. I've seen students bring in bowls,

milk and cereal to set up shop so that they don't have to get up once their raid starts.

There have been some pretty late nights in the lab where I'd leave and come back hours later and it doesn't look like they've moved from their seat (because they probably haven't). If you ever go into the labs and find disgusting messes everywhere, now you know the likely culprit.

The worst part is hearing the never-ending clicking of the mouse like an animal scratching at the inside of your skull. Now that these games can be carried around on USB, it's easier than ever to play anywhere on campus.

Of course, Laurier IT and their infinite wisdom are always looking for new solutions to make our wireless better (and by better I mean actually able to work) and I think they should start by figuring out how to ban these games from the servers. Seriously people, it's really pathetic seeing you play these games on campus, so stop.

—John Kennedy



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## International law must adapt to cyber warfare



MARTIN PINEDA  
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Whenever an online security concern arises in our lives, it is usually a matter of avoiding identity theft or credit card fraud while shopping online. In reality, state governments and organizations worldwide are currently engaged in security operations to protect their computer networks and infrastructure from attack. A new dimension of warfare has emerged and become of significant relevance to contemporary security issues — cyber warfare.

The increased dependence modern infrastructure has on computer networks and the Internet means that conventions concerning the law of armed conflict must be extended to cyber warfare in order to continue to protect non-combatants.

According to security expert Richard A. Clark, author of *Cyber War: The Next Threat to National Security and What to Do About It*, the concept of cyber warfare refers to actions by a state or non-state actors taken to infiltrate computer networks so as to inflict damage or disruption.

Whereas many military operations in the past focused on risking human lives and equipment to destroy enemy industrial and economic targets, the same objective can now be achieved with a computer terminal by infiltrating and attacking the computer systems that operate such technologies.

Certainly, it is not easy to impose direct physical harm through an Internet computer attack. At the same time, many systems that are vital to the functioning and well-being of non-combatant civilians like medical technologies, telecommunications, financial systems and power grids can be sabotaged by a successful cyber attack.

Contrary to skeptics who are

quick to shoot down the issue of cyber warfare as over exaggerated and irrelevant, it is necessary to consider the significance of the modern integration of the Internet as a tool for military operations as it pertains to the regulation of armed conflict.

The ability for borders to be transcended in a matter of seconds through the global nature of the Internet is something that has tremendously advanced human society. This unprecedented global interconnectedness has also allowed for the manifestation of new ways of states attacking each other without having to make physical infringements on national sovereignty.

Rather than keeping the status quo by leaving such attacks to the jurisdiction of states' respective domestic laws, the rapid proliferation of cyber warfare attacks worldwide dictate that there exist a set of legal guidelines higher than the nation state if non-combatants and infrastructure vital to human life are to be protected.

A recent example of how cyber attacks have advanced to the point where they have the potential to cause tangible harm to the systems of the state can be seen through the recent Stuxnet virus that had caused damage to systems at the Natanz nuclear facility in Iran.

With reports suggesting the complexity of the virus was such that it required the resources and technology of a nation-state, the case of the Stuxnet virus is a clear indication of how cyber warfare is evolving to a point where cyber attacks can cause damage on par with that of conventional military attacks regulated by the law of armed conflict.

It is necessary that the international community recognize the importance of collaboration on extensions of international law specific to cyber warfare. With recent submissions of proposals by the United States and Russia calling for cyber warfare "rules of engagement" at an international security conference, there appears to be a step in the right direction to address what could become an even more serious concern in the future.

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**Dear Life,**  
Thanks for that "Gold and Purple" video. I didn't think it was possible for a music video to bring my I.Q. down, but apparently the geniuses behind that video proved me wrong. I expected better out of university students in terms of content and production. Then again, since it was ripped off from high school students, that standard doesn't really apply.  
Sincerely,  
Someone who needs to stop defending Laurier

**Dear Life,**  
Why is it I always seem to get stuck in the same computer labs late on a Friday or Saturday night as the people who use them in groups to play computer games?  
Sincerely,  
I just want to finish this essay and go home and drink, I don't need to be surrounded by people with even less of a social life than me

**Dear Life,**  
If I could, I'd take a big giant shit all over the stupid hawk. Hearing Ambassadors tell incoming students that it's a 'tradition' that we Laurier students don't walk on the hawk is like telling them that it's a 'tradition' that we don't sit in the chairs in the classrooms, we don't eat in the Terrace and we don't take books out at the library. If you don't want people walking on the hawk, don't put it in the fucking floor!!

**Dear Life,**  
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Sincerely,  
Glad I'm almost gone and don't have to endure this stupidity much longer

**Dear Life,**  
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Sincerely,  
Too cheap to buy another hat

**Dear Life,**  
Why do the girls at Laurier wear sweatpants and Uggs to class? When did they become so damn lazy? Maybe cut back on Starbucks, and buy a pair of jeans.  
Sincerely,  
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# SPORTS

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## Hawks return with gold, bronze and class

Laurier hockey players come back from 2011 Winter Universiade in Turkey with more than medals

KEVIN CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes there are moments in sport that are bigger than the players and coaches comprising them.

Moments that transcend that overtime goal or back-breaking penalty.

Sometimes the final outcome of the match, and the scoreboard-watching and the gamesheet all take a backseat to these kinds of occasions.

For four Golden Hawks, it took a plane ride halfway around the planet to be a part of something special, and if you asked them about it, it wouldn't be the golden discs hanging around their necks — although those are always nice.

What had the women's hockey players talking upon their arrival back in the land of the true north, strong and free was their matchup against the host Turkish team at the 2011 Winter Universiade.

Not exactly considered a powerhouse on the world hockey stage, especially in the women's game where there is such a clear divide between nations with firmly entrenched and established hockey programs and those lacking, Turkey would probably fall under the latter category.

So days removed from a 32-0 slaughter at the hands of Canada's eventual gold-medal nemesis Finns, Team Canada's goaltender and current Hawk, Liz Knox and her squad decided to treat their hosts a little differently.



From left to right: the four 'Golden' Hawks, Andrea Ironside, Alicia Martin, Liz Knox and Candice Styles.

"It almost makes you sick to your stomach to show that little respect to the host country, so we played a pretty special game and we wanted to give them that respect," said Knox.

Canada went on to win 11-0, but it was what transpired right after their

match that moved some of the Turkish girls to tears.

"We all saluted the crowd together and our team actually held our sticks up and made a tunnel for them going off the ice," recalled the Stouffville native.

"They're brand new to the game,"

said fellow Hawk and Team Canada forward Candice Styles who recorded eight goals and twelve points to co-lead the team offensively during the tournament in Erzurum. "So you've got to respect that."

The women's team won Canada's only gold at the university-level

Olympics, vanquishing Finland 4-1 for the medal with Hawks' defenceman Alicia Martin and former captain Andrea Ironside also leading the charge.

Canada picked up two more silver medallions, and the men's hockey team, featuring Hawks' captain Jean-Michel Rizk, notched the nation's lone bronze, beating Kazakhstan, with Russia and Belarus finishing first and second respectively.

"They were very skilled teams — not so much individually, but as a team," said Rizk. "They held onto the puck and attacked with a lot of speed and did a lot of drop passes. It's hard to defend if you're not ready for it."

Rizk played with his traditional Ontario league foes, Brandon Maclean of Carleton and Kevin Baker from Western, and the trio combined for most of the team's goals, with Laurier's captain picking up two goals and three assists.

"We ate a few traditional Turkish dinners, one with the Canadian ambassador and it was pretty fun touring Erzurum," said Rizk.

"It was a nice change from the dining hall scenery," said Knox, recalling Turkey's renowned kebabs.

The Hawks will now acclimatize themselves back into their Laurier routines after a couple weeks away.

"I think it's easier to come back over here and get used to the time change, but as the playoffs roll around, it'll be more important to rest," said Rizk.

"It's a lot of hockey."

### GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of  
February 7 - 13, 2010

#### RECENT SCORES

02.06.11  
W Hockey 6 - Windsor 0

02.05.11  
W Basketball 39 - Windsor 72  
M Basketball 67 - Windsor 77  
W Hockey 3 - Western 2  
M Hockey 2 - Guelph 4  
W Volleyball 3 - Windsor 2  
M Volleyball 0 - Windsor 3

02.04.11  
W Volleyball 0 - Western 3  
M Volleyball 0 - Western 3

02.03.11  
M Basketball 97 - McMaster 89

#### UPCOMING HOME GAMES

02.10.11  
M Hockey vs UOIT  
Sunlife Financial Arena, 7:30 p.m.

02.11.11  
W Volleyball vs York  
Athletic Complex, 6:00 p.m.  
M Volleyball vs York  
Athletic Complex, 8:00 p.m.  
W Hockey vs Waterloo  
Sunlife Financial Arena, 7:30 p.m.

02.12.11  
**SUPER SATURDAY**  
W Volleyball vs Ryerson  
Athletic Complex, 12:00 p.m.  
M Volleyball vs Ryerson  
Athletic Complex, 2:00 p.m.  
W Basketball vs Windsor  
Athletic Complex, 6:00 p.m.  
M Basketball vs Windsor  
Athletic Complex, 8:00 p.m.  
M Hockey vs Windsor  
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## Women's hockey clinches top spot

JUSTIN FAUTEUX  
SPORTS EDITOR

It would be very easy for Kristen Kilgallen to become frustrated with her place on Laurier's first-place women's hockey team.

Backing up reigning Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) player of the year Liz Knox, Kilgallen hadn't seen a single regular season start until Jan. 23rd. But when the second-year was called on, she was called on in a big way.

With Knox, along with forward Candice Styles and defenceman Alicia Martin, in Turkey competing for Team Canada at the Winter Universiade, the seldom-used Kilgallen was called upon to help her team clinch first in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) standings for the eighth-straight year.

"I had some big shoes to fill that's for sure," said Kilgallen of filling in for Knox. "But I was pumped from day one to get my chance to show everyone what I can do."

When her team needed her most, Kilgallen responded, posting a 4-1 record in her five consecutive starts, with a 6-0 shutout win over the Windsor Lancers on Sunday providing the exclamation point, clinching first place for the Hawks.

"Kristen hasn't played a whole lot of hockey over the past two years because with Knox ahead of her, it's not a statement about [Kilgallen's] skill level, it's more of a statement of how good Knox is," said Laurier head coach Rick Osborne. "[Kilgallen] grew stronger as the games progressed and to finish it off with an 18-save shutout is really pleasing. That's really the last piece of the puzzle, having that depth at that position."

In addition to missing key players like Knox, Styles and Martin, the Hawks were also hit by a flu bug which caused top-line winger Caitlin Muirhead to miss Sunday's game, while according to Osborne, team captain Abby Rainsberry and veteran centre Katherine Shirriff also weren't 100 per cent.

"They were sick, they were tired, but everyone really hung in there," said Osborne. "The old reliables were steady game in, game out and then there were different people that would step up every game, when we needed it."

Sunday's game also saw the 19th goal of the season for Hawks' rookie Laura Brooker, tying her for first in the nation. Osborne, however, is impressed by more than just where the first-year ranks in CIS scoring.

"It's not so much that she leads the country," he said. "She's been scoring big goals, short-handed goals, game-winners and back-breaking goals to the opposition."

Five different Hawks — Shirriff, Heather Fortuna, Devon Skeats, Tammy Freiburger, Vanessa Schabkar — accounted for the other Laurier goals on the night, highlighting the team effort that has propelled the Hawks while they were missing the starting goalie and two key players.

"I was really proud of the players that needed to step up knowing that we had players out of the lineup," said Osborne. "I saw the depth that we have and that we've been seeing all season long."

The Hawks conclude their regular season this Friday versus Waterloo. Knox and Styles will be back in the lineup, with Knox expected to get the start, while Martin is questionable with an illness.







ELLI GARLIN PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER  
Laurier's Heather Fortuna (19) shrugs off a Windsor defender during the Hawks' 6-0 win on Sunday. Fortuna had a goal in the victory.

## Out of town Scoreboard

### Hockey (Jan. 5)

Men's	Women's
 4	 3
 2	 2




### Basketball (Jan. 5)

Men's	Women's
 77	 72
 67	 39

### Men's Volleyball

Jan. 4	Jan. 5
 3	 3
 0	 0

### Women's Volleyball

Jan. 4	Jan. 5
 3	 3
 0	 2



# A new kind of student athlete

COURTESY OF JAMIE WILLETS

Laurier student Jamie Willets is one of the few athletes brave enough to try skeleton

**MIKE LAKUSIAK**  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Not content to participate in a more mundane sport, second-year BSc and psychology student Jamie Willets decided instead to take up skeleton.

In 2009, Willets began looking into how one gets involved in such activities and after a camp at York University was one of two selected to move on to race.

"Not many people do it," he began. "It's something adrenaline inducing and it looks like fun, I mean going really fast down a hill is pretty cool, right? [It's] tobogganing but for big kids basically."

Willets described his first run,

saying, "You're going 100 [kilometres an hour]-plus and doing over a 90 degree turn and you just go up the wall and the G's force you to the ice. It's really weird because you go down and your head just gets drawn straight down and the first few times you do it you have no control."

"Your head just gets pinned to the ice and almost drags your chin along the ground."

Asked if he can see where he is going as his head is forced to the ice by downforce, Willets replied, "To be completely honest, no, not really. You can do a lot of it based on feel. I could probably close my eyes and go down safely but a lot of it is just based on feel and you take little peeks up." He added that keeping

his head down and not moving improves his performance, so driving by feel is to his benefit.

Since there are no tracks in Ontario, racers like Willets train out of Lake Placid, New York. Since Jan. 31, he has been in Lake Placid for a two-week training stint.

Willets is in rare company. He estimates that there are less than 50 skeleton participants in Ontario, though there is a larger population in Western Canada and he has seen a rise in the sport's popularity — especially since the 2010 Winter Olympics.

"I'm considered young in the sport, not many parents want their 14-year-old kid doing something at that kind of speed, right?" he said.

"Even with that, now there are people that are younger than me and just get involved."

With travel and training commitments, Willets said his education becomes difficult to balance, and he is considering a transfer to university in Calgary next year to be closer to a track.

He plans to continue to train and though he has yet to see competition, he expects to be racing in the next year, especially with a move to Calgary.

"I really can't say how far I might go," he said.

"Obviously the Olympics would be great — what's the real point if I'm not going to try and make it that far, right?"

# Rising football star looking to recover

**CHRIS MANDER**  
STAFF WRITER

Football is growing outside of the United States, and this includes Canada. Every year, more Canadian athletes try their hand at the predominantly U.S. sport to see if they can become one of the few to make an impact in the football world.

Golden Hawks receiver Alex Anthony has already made his impact, catching an amazing game winning touchdown against Japan while playing for Team Canada in the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) World Junior Championship in 2009, a play that has so

far been the highlight of his career.

However, Anthony is not satisfied with that being his resume, as he has a burning desire to constantly improve and hopefully win a Vanier Cup, all while remaining humble and grateful of his opportunity.

"It's an honour considering how big football has become all over the world, and to be named to the team twice now, it's awesome."

The Victoria, B.C. native was a multi-sport star throughout high school, but his passion for the sport of football was unparalleled.

"I've wanted to be a pro since I was eight or nine," said Anthony. "And through lots of hard work and

sacrifice over the last ten or 11 years and everyone around me, including coaches, teammates, friends and family, all being supportive, that dream is becoming more of a possibility."

Unfortunately for Anthony, a torn ACL will keep him from playing for Team World at in IFAF play as he did last year, being named team captain.

But perhaps what is most impressive about Anthony is that he is so level-headed and able to take such a difficult set back in stride, almost using it as motivation.

"I am disappointed about the timing and the severity of the injury having to miss the game in Texas,

but if there was a time when it was going to happen I'm glad it happened now. I have lots of time to rehab and recover and be back in time for the 2011 season."

Being dealt such a blow does not discourage Anthony from his goals either, as he remains focused on doing what he has never done before.

"I've never won any type of championship, on any level, so that is my ultimate goal while playing football."

This goal could be fulfilled with a storybook ending for Anthony, as the Vanier Cup will be played at B.C. Place, his home province, next year.

"Back home, five years ago, there was hardly any football in Victoria,

but my high school coaches and then about 15 guys from my graduating class have all worked together to make football a staple of B.C. athletics," said Anthony. "If we could win the Vanier back home, it would be bringing everything full circle."

Anthony provides just one more reason to root for the Laurier Golden Hawks, as there is nothing better than a good comeback story, and I am sure this one will be a success considering his approach.

"I try to see it as a good thing. I am a strong believer that everything happens for a reason. Who knows, maybe it will make me a better player through the hard work required?"

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