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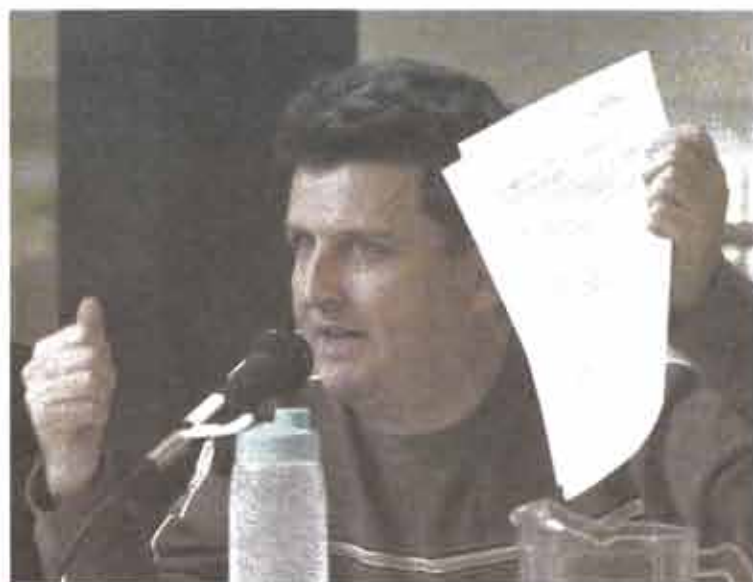
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On-campus protest supports G20 accused

Re-arrest of Laurier grad sparks controversy amongst students and faculty

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

A group of approximately twenty students and faculty from Wilfrid Laurier University along with members of the community gathered Tuesday afternoon to march from campus to the Waterloo Regional Police station in Uptown Waterloo.

The march was in protest of the re-arrest and detention of Alex Hundert, a Laurier graduate and member of the AW@L activist group, who was first arrested in June in connection with the G20 protests in Toronto.

Hundert was arrested again in September for breaching a bail condition that he not participate in any demonstration after speaking as a panellist at university events at Laurier's faculty of social work in Kitchener and Ryerson University.

Those gathered at Laurier on Tuesday questioned the circumstances of this arrest as Hundert's participation in the panels was ruled "demonstration" by a justice of the peace last week.

"Maybe the court and police need to know what a demonstration really is," said AW@L member and Laurier music student Rachel Avery after the group arrived at the police station.

"This is a demonstration. We are here today because we are outraged at what they've done to Alex and we demand his release."

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June 26

Hundert is arrested. Violence breaks out during protests in Toronto during the G20 summit.

July 7

Over 70 protestors marched up King Street in Waterloo, calling for an inquiry into G20 violence.

July 16

Hundert is released on bail.

Sept. 17

Hundert is re-arrested after speaking on a panel at Ryerson University.

Oct. 12

Hundert's bail hearing is held. Members of the Laurier and wider community participate in a protest that begins on campus.

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Opinion columnists take sides on this election's referendum question regarding adding fluoride to our water.

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Editor's Choice

This week around Laurier

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This Week in quotes

"The police is a force that's really stifling dissent."

—Rachel Avery, member of AW@L



"Laurier is a community where any disrespectful behaviour directed at any student, staff or faculty will not be tolerated."

—Leanne Holland Brown, dean of students

"You know, you have to use some common sense in today's world because you know there are some bad people out there."

—Rod Curran, director of Laurier's special constable services

"We have educational programs we follow up with whenever there's an act of hate, so there is that educational aspect to that hate crime."

—Adam Lawrence, manager of diversity and equity

"I've never met mass murderers before. It's really different once you have met them. It's really different studying them in films and books and then meeting them in person."

—Madelaine Hron, English professor re: conducting research in Rwanda

Bag O' Crime

Assistance call from public

Date: Oct. 8, 2010 @ 1:37 p.m. Location: Schlegel Centre Special Constable Service received a report from a concerned faculty member regarding a student who has not been attending a number of his classes and was not responding to email messages sent. The student was located and is fine. He indicated that he had been missing classes due to illness.

Property (lost and found)

Date: Oct. 7, 2010 @ 2:10 a.m. Location: Residence A 17" ivory coloured clay statue (replica of Michelangelo's Pieta) depicting the Virgin Mary cradling the dead body of Jesus was located at the front entrance. The head of the Virgin Mary was knocked off and missing. It's unknown where this statue came from. Tagged and held.

Property damage

Date: Oct. 6, 2010 @ 3:10 p.m. Location: 325 Spruce St. A complaint was received about damage to the building caused by paint balls. SCS officers and a WRPS officer attended. The paint balls had been fired from an adjacent apartment building. The tenants were spoken to by WRPS and given a verbal warning.

Unwanted Person

Date: Oct. 2, 2010 @ 1:09 p.m. Location: University Stadium A SCS officer and a WRPS officer dealt with three males (non-students) attempting to scale the fence in order to watch the Homecoming

football game. They were sent on their way.

Liquor Offences

Date: Oct. 6, 2010 @ 1:46 a.m. Location: Residence A complaint was received about liquor infractions in a student residence. SCS officers and a RLAC attended and a quantity of alcohol was seized for destruction. Two 18 year old male students were issued Provincial Offence Notices for "Person under 19 yrs. of age having liquor".

Drugs

Date: Oct. 6, 2010 @ 11:02 p.m. Location: Residence A complaint about drug usage was received in a student residence. A SCS officer accompanied by a RLAC attended and a small quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia was seized for destruction. An 18-year-old male student will be dealt with by Residence Life for the infraction.

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

If you have any information regarding these or any other incidents please call 519-885-3333 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. The Bag O' Crime is submitted by WLU Special Constable Service.

Vocal Cord

Do you feel safe walking home from campus at night?



"Yes." —Avi Trajah First year BBA/financial mathematics



"Not really ... not ever since the recent attacks." —Natalie Palma Fourth year global studies and gender studies



"Yes ... although after the attacks last week it's kind of questionable." —Charmila Ireland Third year history



"Yes, totally." —Edouard Duval Fourth year business

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Photo from the archives



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Oktoberfest – 1986

Oktoberfest was officially opened at Laurier with the tapping of the beer keg. Onkel Hans, Miss Oktoberfest Adrienne Ross of Texas and WLUSU president Brian Thompson and others were on hand for samples.

Laurier tried to make it into the Guinness Book of World Records for the world's largest bird dance. Due to inclement weather it soon turned into the world's smallest and coldest bird dance.

The Kitchener-Waterloo celebrations were attended by over 750,000 people that year.

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The staff of The Cord shall uphold all commonly held ethical conventions of journalism. When an error of omission or of commission has occurred, that error shall be acknowledged promptly. When statements are made that are critical of an individual, or an organization, we shall give those affected the opportunity to reply at the earliest time possible. Ethical journalism requires impartiality and consequently conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest will be avoided by all staff.

The only limits of any newspaper are those of the world around it, and so The Cord will attempt to cover its world with a special focus on Wilfrid Laurier University, and the community of Kitchener-Waterloo.

The Cord has an obligation to foster freedom of the press and freedom of speech. This obligation is best fulfilled when debate and dissent are encouraged, both in the internal workings of the paper, and through The Cord's contact with the student body.

The Cord will always attempt to do what is right, with fear of neither repercussions, nor retaliation. The purpose of the student press is to act as an agent of social awareness, and so shall combat the efforts of our newspapers.

Quote of the week: "A horse? How that snort was pretty neat." —World Editor Alex Mitsopoulos on: philosophy

NEWS

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Incidental fees: pulled apart

You've already paid them for this year, now The Cord examines where fees charged alongside your tuition end up

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

In a full load of five courses this fall, a Laurier undergraduate student paid \$2,606.70 in tuition alone — BBA students forked over nearly \$500 more.

All students are subject to the

incidental fees levied by the Students' Union and the university proper.

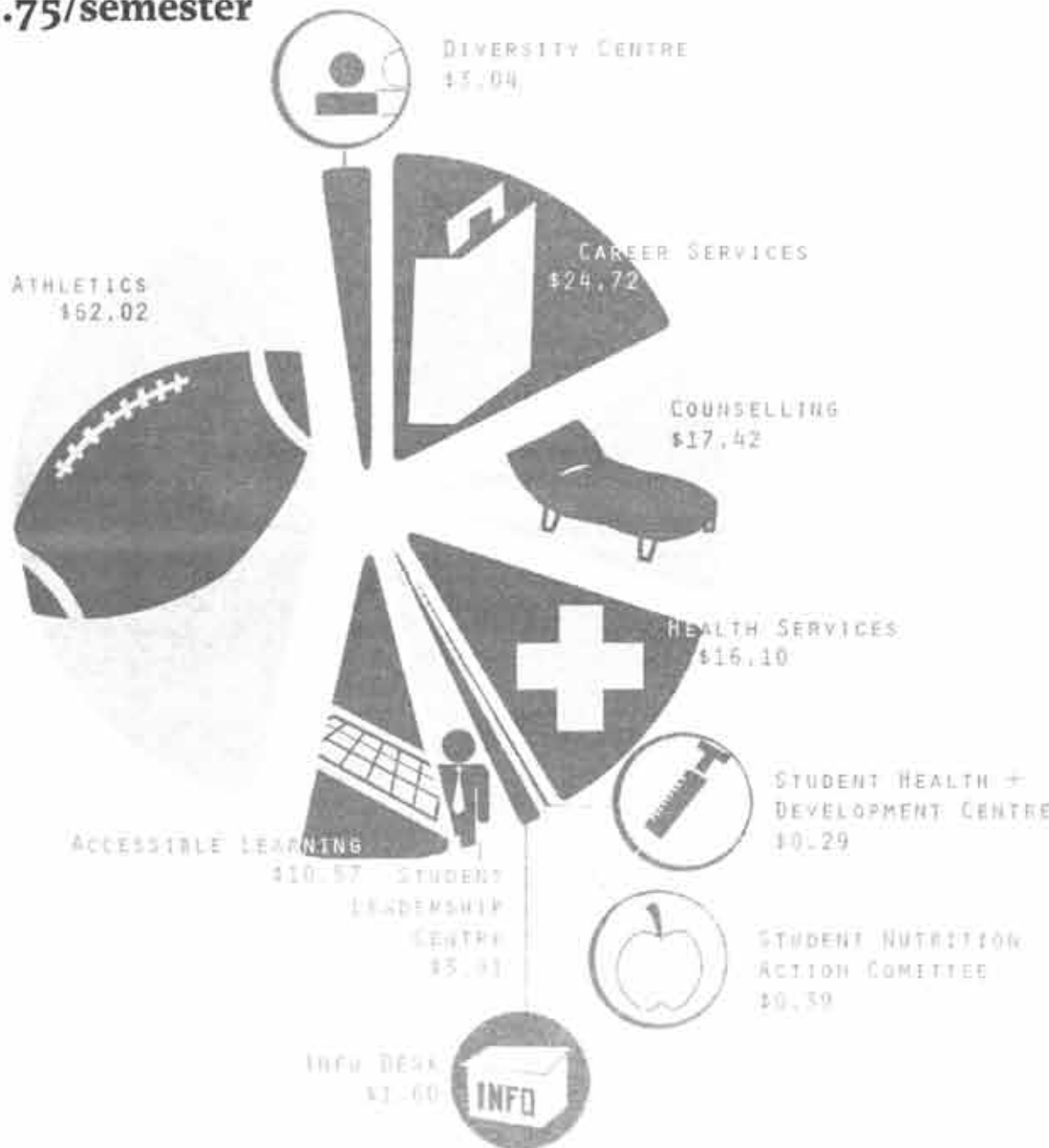
These fees can amount to several hundred dollars in extra funds not available for costs beyond tuition including food, rent, clothing and transportation back to the parental home to request more money when

the first batch runs out.

Students have already paid all of these fees and cannot hope to receive any rebates. After Sept. 27, even if a student drops a class, they will be charged for the complete fee associated with their original number of 0.5-credit courses.

Comprehensive student services fee

\$153.75/semester



WADE THOMPSON GRAPHICS EDITOR

The comprehensive student services fee broken down to what each student in a full course load pays per semester to each area the fee covers. Values are approximate based on compiled financial reports.

Students' Union building fee

\$25.68/ semester

Helps cover the operating costs for the Fred Nichols Campus Centre including Wil's Restaurant/Pub, the Turret Night Club, the Centre Spot convenience store, the Terrace Food Court, the Alumni (24 hour) Lounge, and the offices within the Students' Union.

Student life levy

\$41.92/semester

The Student Life Levy is applied to different projects each year as approved by the WLUSU board. Previous projects financed by the levy have included some renovations to the FNCC, the digital sign on the front the building and the current Terrace Food Court renovations.

Copyright fee

\$1.70/ semester

A fee payable to the Canadian Reprography Collective for the reproduction of copyrighted works for classroom materials.

Pool improvement fee

\$10.00/ semester

Passed as a referendum item in the 2009 election, this fee contributed to the necessary renovations to keep the pool in the Athletic Complex open.

Sustainability fee

\$5.00/semester

Replaced the former \$0.50 Green fee with a referendum in 2009. The fee allowed the establishment and continued operation of Laurier's sustainability office and the hiring of a sustainability co-ordinator.

Student publications fee

\$9.72/semester

Contributes to the production costs of Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications (WLUSP) including The Cord, Radio Laurier, Blueprint Magazine, The WLU'er, the Keystone yearbook and The Sputnik newspaper at Laurier Brantford.

Student Administration Council (SAC) fee

\$30.52/semester

Supports all Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) operations including Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Foot Patrol. A portion of funds also pay membership fees to the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). While a dollar value cannot be applied directly to student fees supporting specific areas of WLUSU, SAC fees contribute to the costs of each area listed below. The budget totals are projected for the 2010-11 academic year.



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Budget \$13,377



Food Bank
Budget \$4,728



ERT
Budget \$31,336



A-Team
Budget \$30,615



Legal Resources
Budget \$2,450



Eco Hawks
Budget \$30,615



Peer Help Line
Budget \$3,287



Campus Clubs
Budget \$93,967



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Budget \$5,115

CAMPUS

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Scoring Aboriginal enrolment

BREE MANTHA
STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 5, over 100 high school students from the Grand Erie District school board traveled to Wilfrid Laurier University for a lacrosse tournament at University Stadium. The event was no ordinary sports tournament, however.

The students were from the Six Nations Aboriginal community participating in the High School Friendship Lacrosse Tournament.

They took part in training sessions with members of the Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse Team and the Haudenosaunee National Women's Lacrosse Team and were given a tour of Laurier's campus along with appearances from guest speakers.

Organizers of the event hoped that the day would succeed in inspiring the youth to pursue post-secondary education, as well as expose the university to Canada's Aboriginal population — all while enjoying a distinctly Aboriginal game.

Preserving their game

"[Lacrosse] is something that is traditional to our culture," said Deneen Montour, native advisor of the Grand Erie District School Board. "It's a gift that was given to us by our creators."

At the 2010 World Lacrosse Championship in Manchester, England, the Iroquois national team was invited to play, but were denied entry to the country with their Haudenosaunee passports. Despite efforts to accommodate the team, they

were never given the opportunity to participate.

Several commentators on the story remarked that it was like denying a Canadian team the right to play in a hockey tournament.

Many members of that team were present, guiding the young athletes. "I think it's a great day for them to be able to come here to the campus and experience working with their role models," said Montour.

Exposing Laurier

Laurier has launched many initiatives to help draw First Nations students' attention. Programs and curriculum are introducing Aboriginal case studies. For example, the health sciences department will study diabetes prevalence in Aboriginals.

One health sciences student, Kara Loft, was instrumental in starting Laurier's Aboriginal Students Association (ASA).

"As a first-year, I didn't have an Aboriginal Students Association to go to for help," Loft explained. Though the ASA is a new organization, she sees the group as a potential resource for students in need. "If the younger years are having problems, the older students can help them with that." Aboriginal students also have their own adviser to assist with course selection and other academic matters.

Loft said that the ASA would help to dispel any misconceptions that people have about Canada's First Nations.

One of those misconceptions is the idea that all Aboriginal students

simply get a "free ride" through university or college at the expense of the government. In fact, funding for post-secondary education for Aboriginal youth was capped in 1996.

With Canada's Aboriginal population at a steady rise and tuition rates at an all-time high, there is a greater demand for post-secondary education, and not enough funding to go around.

New opportunities

"I believe the ticket towards a better society is through higher education," said Dr. Andrea East. Dr. East is a graduate of WLU who currently works as a family physician for Six Nations.

East and Montour believe that the event held in a university setting would help the participants to envision themselves in such an environment. "In order for them to see themselves here," Montour explained, "It was an advantage to have them actually come to the university and play at the Stadium."

Over half of Aboriginal Canadians are under 25 — evidence of a significant population "boom." Unfortunately, only 40 per cent of Aboriginal Canadians graduate high school, and less than ten per cent earn university degrees. Pregnancy rates are also considerably higher among Aboriginal teens according to Health Canada.

East is confident that these statistics can change for the better with the co-operation of high schools and universities and opportunities like the activities held on campus.

Aboriginal education facts:

50%

Percentage of Aboriginal community under the age of 25

40%

High school graduation rate across Aboriginal communities (versus 90 per cent for all Canadians)

27%

Percentage of Canadians who obtain a university degree

4 to 9%

Percentage of Aboriginal Canadians who obtain a university degree



WADE THOMPSON GRAPHICS EDITOR

Source: Statistics Canada, 2009

Campus made aware of hate acts

MIKE LAKUSIAK
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Wilfrid Laurier University is examining the way it deals with acts of hate in the wake of a recent incident at the faculty of social work building in Kitchener.

Following the discovery of graffiti of an offensive nature on Oct. 1, an email notice acknowledging the presence of the image was sent to all students, staff and faculty at all Laurier campuses.

Waterloo dean of students Leanne Holland Brown explained that the response on the part of her office, the diversity and equity office

and Special Constable Services to similar incidents was approached differently in the past compared to today.

"I'm hesitant to say too much because I wasn't in the role," she said. "But my understanding is that historically there wasn't necessarily a public announcement or message directed at the Laurier community about an incident."

"In the interests of building a community where there are really clear messages and values around the kind of behaviour we expect from folks in that community, I think it's important to address," she added.

Diversity and equity manager Adam Lawrence added to the rationale that sending out messages condemning acts of this nature was important on the part of the university and the committee that deals with such matters.

"Because the hate graffiti had been seen by some people we wanted to make sure that we communicated that we don't tolerate this as a campus community," he said.

"It doesn't mean we're going to be sending out a communication about everything on campus but when the time comes and the committee decides that it's something the community needs to know about we will

make it public."

Lawrence noted that the approach to this particular hateful act was taken after examining the protocols in place at other universities. A general awareness of issues like this among students is a factor in not taking an approach of "sweeping it under the rug," he said.

"I think we're in a time when students are so educated about diversity-related things that having conversations about hate crimes and making students aware of them is the next logical step."

Asked if making the entire university community aware of an isolated incident in Kitchener

couldn't be construed as just drawing attention to the act itself, Lawrence stressed the importance of awareness.

"Sometimes you need to see and deal with the bad things before you can move forward," he said. "The reality is that it is happening, it needs to stop."

Holland Brown assessed the result of the approach as positive, evidenced by the feedback she's received from students and faculty members.

"For me that was very affirming. I didn't have one negative response to putting out the message and that's probably indicative in itself."

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"It's really shocking the level of conditions they were trying to leave Alex with and some of them were straight up Charter violations."
 —Dan Kellar, AW@L member

Fighting leukemia

OLIVIA NIGHTINGALE
 STAFF WRITER

According to the Canadian Cancer Society's annual report, an estimated 4,800 Canadians will be diagnosed with leukemia in 2010. Young adults aged 15 to 29 will account for over 1000 of these cases. The disease, which affects blood and bone marrow cells, is the deadliest form of cancer for young Canadians.

When Laurier BBA student and cancer survivor Deanna DiClemente was told last year that her leukemia had returned, she knew that she was facing the fight of her life. However as her former roommate and friend Laura Patton explained, Deanna knew that "cancer picked a fight with the wrong girl."

While in remission from her first bout of leukemia, DiClemente formed "Team D for Dynamite" along with friends and family to raise money for cancer research.

When she was diagnosed a second time with leukemia, DiClemente's friends decided that they should continue to raise money to help Deanna and others suffering from leukemia beat the disease once and for all.

Fourth year student Kevin Duquette explained that when Deanna's roommates told him about the team he was "willing to do whatever to help out with the cause."

The 43 members of "Team D for Dynamite" have shown tremendous dedication in their fundraising efforts. Thus far they have raised \$39,700 through personal donations and a recent event at Waterloo's Cameo nightclub.

Patton explained that the Oct. 5 event "had a huge turnout with a lot of support from the Laurier community."

Sixteen members of the team took part in the "Light the Night" event in Toronto on Oct. 7 which raised money for research and treatment through The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Participants completed a five km walk while holding illuminated balloons carried as a symbol of hope. Patton shared Duquette's sentiment, and recalled that "everyone who was there felt it was so inspiring and life changing. There was so much spirit."

While undergoing treatment in Seattle, Washington, DiClemente still has regular Skype dates with her friends. Despite the hardships that she has had to endure, her friends are still optimistic about her health. Patton put it simply, "Deanna is quite the fighter."



ELLI GARLIN PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

'This is not what I expect in this society at all'

—cover

Other former Laurier students and graduates Sterling Stutz, Paul Sauder and Adam Lewis remain under house arrest on charges related to the June 26 protests in Toronto.

Several faculty members of Laurier's faculty of social work were present including Alex's mother, Deena Mandell. "It means a lot personally as Alex's mother," she said of those who were present for the march. "It shows me the loyalty and convictions that these young people feel ... about something that is happening that is quite frightening."

That Hundert's participation in the panels leading up to his arrest, including the event at Laurier, was considered a form of demonstration and in breach of his conditions of release concerned faculty of social work professor Marshall Fine. "The panel session was not a demonstration," he said. "It was not meant that way, to be able to frame it that way is interesting to me."

Mandell elaborated on the implications of the ruling. "That reframing of a panel discussion within a university, to me as an academic, is very alarming," she said. "I think that is a very scary position for the courts to take because it affects how we educate our students and what it means for freedom of speech in a university."

Martha Kuwee Kumsa, another Laurier professor of social work,

was among those gathered before the march began. She said that it was important to attend because of the "critical dialogue" engaged in by activists like Hundert. "I want people to be able to express freely without fear of arrest, fear of imprisonment, fear of anything," she said, adding, "This is not what I expect in this society at all."

"This is a democratic society - I come from a totalitarian society and I've paid heavily for it, to protect my own voice of dissent." Kumsa, a native of Ethiopia and journalist, was imprisoned for ten years in 1980 by the Ethiopian regime, accused of participating in political resistance. She was eventually released after being tortured while imprisoned and came to Canada in 1991.

Laurier sociology professor Peter Eglin was asked to speak to those assembled at the steps of the police station. "We're now seeing an attack on civil rights, things that we could take for granted before this point and now see that we can't," he said.

Mandell explained the greater significance of the protest and the issues at stake. "This is not just about Alex Hundert or the other arrestees," she said. "This is about how far the police and the Crown are prepared to go to make people with radical views look dangerous and to threaten the freedom to discuss radical views in a reasonable way, an intelligent way."

Legal update:

At a bail hearing Tuesday, Alex Hundert declined bail based on the conditions he would face if released. He has been held since Sept. 17th after he was arrested on a bail violation from his first arrest on G20-related charges.

The conditions from this week's hearing would have prevented Hundert from contact with anyone from AW@L and a number of other organizations. Other conditions included that he not plan or participate in public meetings or marches and not express political views in the media.

Dan Kellar commented on the level of conditions Hundert would have been subject to. "It's become so clear that it's about his ideas not so much his actions," he said, citing the condition not to express political views in media. "They're punishing him for his ideas," he said.

Kellar explained why Hundert chose to remain in custody rather than accept the revised bail conditions. "He decided not to accept the conditions because they're unjust," he said. "In the battle for social justice, he's not about to take an unjust deal."

Research profile:

Madelaine Hron



SEAN POLLOCK STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CHRISTINA MILLOY
 CORD NEWS

Madelaine Hron, associate professor in the English and film studies department, has spent years researching on topics of human rights and humanities, with a main interest on the genocide in Rwanda. "My main area of interest that I'm working on is the genocide of Rwanda. I'm working on how it is being represented in literature and film," she said. "How do we understand genocide and genocide in Africa through these films and books?"

Among her other work, she writes mostly about torture and murderers, "I did a lot of work on torture and how torture is represented in books and films, how [pop culture] really actually makes torture seem normal and glorious."

Making a trip to Rwanda last year, Hron discussed meeting those who took part in the genocide and talking to them about restorative justice. "That was really interesting because I've never met mass murderers before. It's really different once you have met them, it's really different studying them in films and books and then meeting them in person."

Throughout her work, Hron questioned what she was meant to do, "I was always kind of torn, should I be an activist or an academic?" she said. "When I was working with people and teaching kids, I really missed books, I really missed reading and thinking, whereas when I'm an academic, I can still do activist stuff."

She explained her role in the classroom at Laurier, where she teaches courses including postcolonial literature. "For me, the best part of teaching is when you guys decide to go out and be activists, you decide to go and change the world," she said.

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The discussion hosted by WLUSU External Affairs allowed two municipal contenders, Franklin Ramsoomair (left) and Dale Ross (right), an opportunity to reach out to students.

Students' questions inspire election debate

On Oct. 13, municipal candidates for mayor and council discussed their platforms head-to-head at WLU

REBECCA VASLUIANU
IN DEPTH EDITOR

Mayoral candidates Franklin Ramsoomair and Dale Ross were eager participants in yesterday's on-campus debate held in the Concourse, touching on key issues such as student engagement and Light Rail Transit (LRT). However, the event was ultimately marked by poor attendance and the absence of fellow contenders Jan d'Ailly and incumbent Brenda Halloran.

Moderated by Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) policy researcher Chris Hyde, the discussion began with two

minute long opening statements from both candidates.

Ross began, touching on his love for Laurier as an alumnus and part-time instructor, as well as his love for the city. He explained that Waterloo's fiscal irresponsibility with rapidly expanding infrastructure and a high tax burden is the key reason he decided to get involved with municipal politics, referencing a need for "stronger leadership."

Ramsoomair agreed, stating that he would like to peg taxes more accordingly with the rate of inflation. He added that his clout and ability to "walk the walk" will translate into results within city hall that are

amenable to both students and other residents of Waterloo.

When asked by a member of the audience how they would help improve student engagement, the candidates diverged in their approach.

Ramsoomair noted a process called "participatory budgeting" which he would institute in order to allow students to have a say in community decisions through committee work; he also touted the benefits of providing infrastructure and forums within which students can discuss issues within the city.

While Ross stated that he "would like to find out what students' solutions are," he added that he is not

sure how to ensure participation.

"Students have a tremendous amount of political clout and they don't use it," he explained, stating that politicians "can't make [student engagement] happen if [students] don't participate."

Both candidates also touched on the LRT proposal, each stating that it is currently financially unfeasible. As well, Ramsoomair and Ross expressed disapproval with regard to the fluoridation of Waterloo's drinking water.

Nearing the end of the debate, Ross urged students to vote, stating that this election is extremely important as it will "determine the

direction of the city for years to come."

He also referred to his experience working within large corporations, stating that his lack of "political baggage" makes him an effective candidate.

Ramsoomair also expressed his strengths, touching on his experience in dealing with governments abroad as well as his close relationship with students.

He noted that because of his 20 years of experience in working with students, specifically at Laurier, he has a strong grasp of student issues.

"I understand what you need," Ramsoomair told the crowd.

Northdale candidates discuss referendum



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Jeff Henry (left) and Ed Korschewitz

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Before the Ward 6 candidates announced their platforms on issues affecting students in the area just north of WLU, they discussed their opinions on the referendum questions.

On being asked their stance on fluoridation of the city's water, Jeff Henry, supporting the additive, said, "There is a significantly better rate of cavity prevention in areas with fluoride."

Candidate Anne Crowe shared a similar belief, in that "I know how important dental health is to general health."

The other candidates however, opposed the use of fluoride in the city's water. Ed Korschewitz, stating that he will be voting no to fluoridation, noted the importance of the public having their wishes met on the issue.

"Let the people decide; let's not have Quebec-style referendums over and over and over again," he said.

On the issue of amalgamation, the candidates all agreed that it was an unnecessary endeavour. "There are so many other issues we should

be focusing our time on and our money on," said Henry, providing student housing as an example.

Addressing a question from the audience on the candidates' view of light rail transit, Korschewitz answered, "This is going to be ten times the RIM park debt."

Mike Connolly, sharing Korschewitz's reluctance towards the project, said, "Let's improve what we've got now."

He went on to suggest re-evaluating the bus system to expand the service.

Planning for future growth was a factor Henry brought attention to. "I hear enough traffic congestion comments in the Region of Waterloo already, and it's only going to get worse," he said.

Crowe, concerned about the environmental implications of transit in the city, explained, "Whichever rapid transit line you choose, if you don't intensify along that transit system you're not going to be able to [to ensure its success]."

A question posed by a student brought the debate back to the issue of students within the community. With the growing number of students, Korschewitz stated regarding housing issues in the area, "The answer is to plan and develop a Northdale with appropriate student housing ... [and] also for the high tech firms near by."

To better integrate students, Henry expressed that the city and community should show greater recognition for student leadership, such as the Canada Day festivities by University of Waterloo students, and promote more of those types of projects.

With students first moving in to the city, Crowe suggested, "[We should] get the city more involved in the orientation programs at the universities."

In his concluding statements, Henry returned to the idea of the diversity of the area, stating, "I think one of the things Ward 6 needs is a better understanding of the full range of community members we have in our city, and that includes students."



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(Left to right) Duncan McLean, Edwin Laryea and Erin Epp.

Ward 7 challenges political knowledge

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NEWS DIRECTOR

All six candidates running in Ward 7 attended the debate. The issues that were raised shed light on each of the candidates' visions for the city.

On the question of the environment, the candidates were unanimous in promoting more sustainable practices, which Peter Woolstencroft summed up by stating, "The best legacy a council can leave is a better environment in four years."

The debate became more heated as Duncan McLean turned the focus of the environment specifically to the Waterloo Moraine, which in 2003 had developments approved on the area.

"What council did was meet provincial standards," Woolstencroft responded, adding that more could have been done to ensure the protection of the moraine. Retaliating at this response, McLean said that Woolstencroft was "generalizing" the issue and providing no solution.

Following a comment by Epp on the need to intensify the city's core which is "mandated by the provincial government", she shifted the topic of discussion to student accommodation asking her fellow candidates how they would improve housing.

Pointing to the problem of "sub-standard" houses that students live in, Edwin Laryea said, "I would change the bureaucratic approach in dealing with these issues."

Laryea went on to add that he would like to create "friendly competition" between neighbourhoods to promote community building.

Better enforcing by-laws to ensure the quality of student homes was a solution addressed by all the candidates. "We need to get by-law more involved and to [keep up] the property standards," said Melissa Durrell. "There's no need for a couch on the front lawn."

Also calling for a better standard of housing, Noel Butler suggested creating an online database that provides housing regulations and lists whether homes have met those standards after inspection.

Yet it was not the issue of students that resulted in strong disagreement between candidates. A question on the increase or lowering any of the three municipal taxes — commercial, industrial and residential — was posed by Woolstencroft.

Durrell's immediate response covering all three areas stating, "I would raise taxes at an inflationary rate," invoked strong dialogue as Woolstencroft pointed to the candidate's lack of knowledge on the municipality's finances.

"I think residential tax payers are getting hit hard," Woolstencroft expressed, clarifying the purpose of his question, which sought to outline each candidate's view of whether tax burdens should be shifted.

Laryea disagreed with Woolstencroft's question, explaining, "Council is more than just taxes."

LRT envisioned by regional councillors

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Wrapping up the day-long event was the debate between two of the Waterloo regional councillor candidates, Jane Mitchell and Sean Strickland. They differed in only small ways on issues such as online voting and the proposed LRT project.

When moderator Chris Hyde asked both candidates to describe how they would envision the region in ten years, the candidates played off of each other's answers. Both mentioned helping businesses and individual entrepreneurs.

"It's important for us to maintain that balance between our urban cores and also our rural areas," stated Sean Strickland, stating that that balance could be executed by "investing in our community and in people at the same time."

The issue of the balance between rural and urban prompted discussion on traffic problems and the proposed transit system, as regional council has been responsible for much of the decision-making surrounding the LRT.

"You think we have traffic problems now, what are they going to be like in 25 years," said Strickland, summing up his reasoning for implementing LRT in Waterloo.

Both candidates discussed the shortage of funding for the project, commenting that taxes would have to be raised nine per cent to cover the cost of the proposed route. Mitchell brought up that perhaps the vetoed rapid bus transit proposal needs to be put back on the table.

"The other thing I'd like to see is that the staff come back with ways to build the LRT without increasing property taxes," said Mitchell, citing outside funding or shortening the proposed route's length.

The third candidate for regional council is Jack Hone, who was not present at the debate. When voters go to the poles on Oct. 25, they will be electing two representatives to regional council.

NATIONAL

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Canada in brief

Pro-life demo gives religion a bad name, says minister

HALIFAX (CUP) — Linda Yates doesn't believe that participants in the ongoing 40 Days for Life campaign are accurately representing Christian views.

The campaign, which aims to raise awareness about abortion while peacefully protesting the practice through prayer and fasting, began on Sept. 22 in communities around the globe and continues through Oct. 31.

But Yates, a minister for the United Church, thinks the group's efforts are sending the wrong message, saying that not all religious groups are anti-choice.

"There is actually a great deal of pro-choice thought within religious groups," she said. "There is a lot of diversity of opinion. When you only see one-sided opinions, it not only reflects badly on religion, but is also inaccurate."

Yates calls the campaign a form of harassment to women.

"After undergoing all kinds of internal thought about abortion, women don't need harassment on top of what is already a personal and difficult experience in their lives."

—Laura Conrad & Mick Côté, the Dalhousie Gazette

B.C. youth still most impoverished in the nation

VICTORIA (CUP) — Most students have to battle tight schedules with low funds and little time; add being homeless to the equation, and energy spent on education begins to lose its reality.

With Homeless Action Week happening throughout B.C. from Oct. 10-16, many are asking why the province doesn't take a stronger stance on impoverished youth.

In 2007, Census Canada reported that B.C. is the only province with steadily increasing child and youth poverty rates, while all other provinces have seen rates decline since 2000.

The further west, the worse it gets: Victoria has one of the highest poverty rates in the province at 24.5 per cent, while Victoria's youth poverty rate is the highest in all of Canada at 44.8 per cent.

Now, three years later, experts are saying the numbers are likely worse, though a recent study has yet to be completed.

—Danielle Pope, CUP Western Bureau Chief

Hepatitis breakthrough at U of A

SASKATOON (CUP) — University of Alberta researchers have pioneered a breakthrough in the fight against hepatitis C.

It has long been known that the disease attacks the liver, causing inflammation and cirrhosis of the liver, and eventually liver cancer if left long enough. However, after just under two years of research, Christopher Power's team of researchers have discovered that hepatitis C is also a disease of the brain.

This discovery could lead to new forms of treatment and, possibly, to the development of a vaccine or even a cure.

—Tannara Yelland, CUP Prairies & Northern Bureau Chief

Canada loses UN vote

On Oct. 12, Canada dropped its bid for a seat on the United Nations (UN) Security Council after the results of the second voting round placed Portugal in favour for the seat with 113 votes in comparison to Canada's 78.

According to the CBC, foreign minister Lawrence Cannon said that the few votes were a due to the lack of support Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff gave to the bid.

This will be the first time in more than 60 years that the country failed to secure a seat on the council.

—Compiled by Linda Givetash

U of O student nominated for list of Canada's most powerful women

OTTAWA (CUP) — This spring, U of O president Allan Rock nominated Gwenaëlle Moubouyi for a spot on Canada's Most Powerful Women Top 100 list, which is organized by the Women's Executive Network.

An active member of the university community, Moubouyi co-founded the program I ACT, a youth network initiative.

She organized the first Congolese Student Association gala entitled Rising for Change, the New Era of Congo.

She created International Dialogues, a program to encourage dialogue between international representatives, government members and students.

This month she is organizing a fundraiser to raise money for schools and school materials in Haiti.

—Briana Hill, the Fulcrum



International students generate millions for Atlantic economy

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Region needs retention strategy to combat aging demographic crisis by attracting permanent residents

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The Atlantic provinces are reconsidering how they accommodate international students after a recent study revealed those students net the four provinces millions in revenue.

The Economic Impact of Post-secondary International Students in Atlantic Canada, which was released Sept. 16 by the Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education, found that international students in Atlantic Canada contributed \$565 million to the economy in 2009-10. \$175 million of that was new money to the region.

But, Citizenship and Immigration Canada said the percentage of students who continue to live here after their studies are completed remains as low as 15.6 per cent.

The study makes suggestions on how the Atlantic provinces can keep their international student population and invest in the students' contribution to the region's labour force and its economy.

The four provinces are working on joint and separate projects to attract more immigrants to the region, which will help combat the recent challenges the provinces are facing with their aging demographics.

But education and living costs remain unaffordable for most students who come from overseas.

Maik Duering moved to Halifax from Germany in 2007 to enrol in Dalhousie University's co-op commerce program. Based on his parents' income, he was offered no financial help from the provincial government.

"Tuition would cost too much for me as an independent international student without help from my parents," said Duering.

His situation is not uncommon. In a 2008 survey for the Nova Scotia Minister's Post-Secondary Education Research Advisory Panel, 58.5 per cent — the highest percentage — of international student respondents listed their parents as their most important source of funding.

The CAMET report shows average annual spending by international students of up to \$29,000 including education, housing and meals.

Their top concerns were tuition, books and differential fees. Lack of scholarship assistance and opportunities to work off-campus followed close behind.

Yet financial concerns aren't the only thing affecting the outcome of international students in Nova Scotia.

Duering wasn't informed in his home country about his options or possible experiences in Atlantic Canada, and suggests that schools like Dalhousie should be aiming to promote themselves better internationally.

One way is to have university representatives bring information abroad. Sandra Thomas, president of Dalhousie's international students' association, said she had a good experience here as an international student, but the main problem is attracting students from abroad.

Thomas moved to Canada five years ago from Malaysia, and didn't have access to information until she enrolled in a boarding school in Hamilton.

There she heard about Dalhousie by word-of-mouth. The boarding school's program is only open to international students and focuses on schools in provinces further west, like Ontario and B.C.

Khalid Al Mughairy, a fourth-year student from Oman — a small country in southwest Asia — had a similar experience.

He had to go to the only school in Oman specifically for Western students, not Omanis, to hear about Dalhousie.

In 2005, the Nova Scotia Immigration Strategy stated that one way to attract more international students would be to create "a marketing plan and promotion materials that describe what it is like to live in Nova Scotia, displaying our cultural and ethnic diversity."

Another would be to "participate in immigration attraction missions overseas."

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U.S. imposes sanctions on Iran

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June 2009 saw Iran explode into a hotbed of accusations, violence and injustice following the election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for a second presidential term – a voting result which was suspected to have been fraudulent by many infuriated citizens.

Protestors took to the streets and chaos ensued as swarms of people with accusatory signs flooded the news. It became apparent that Iranian government officials were the perpetrators of such gross human rights violations as severe beatings, rapes, killings and unwarranted arrests which lead to people being held without charge or explanation.

On Sept. 29, the Obama administration announced orders of sanctions against eight high-ranking Iranian officials for these human rights abuses.

This is an unprecedented action by the American government, who have supported the United Nations sanctions on Iran's controversial nuclear program, but have typically treaded lightly in the delicate area of rights issues.

Laurier professor of political science Alistair Edgar said that this change in policy is reflective of U.S. President Barack Obama and that "it may be a shift to the recognition of the importance of human rights," something which has been addressed to a lesser degree by previous administrations.

However, he also noted that this action could represent Obama's intent to react to calls from American right-wing politicians for military action against Iran for their

“There are still plenty of people on the hard right of the U.S who would love to see military action...”

—Alistair Edgar, professor of political science

disregard for the rules and standards regarding such issues as nuclear production.

"There are still plenty of people on the hard right of the U.S. who would love to see military action," commented Edgar. "Barack [Obama] could be trying to take some of the voice out from underneath them."

The Iranian officials under sanctions will be unable to travel to the United States and will have any U.S. assets frozen, along with an order that they may not do business with any American companies.

It is a powerful first step by the United States which will hopefully influence other businesses and nations to follow suit. Edgar said that this "public naming and shaming" has long been advocated for by activist human rights organizations, which is considered by some to be a better way of coping with such digressions than through economic or trade sanctions.

Consequences are often felt most



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by powerless citizens, which further punishes the innocent in the short-term.

It is questionable whether the sanctions will prove more than symbolically significant, considering the animosity felt by Iranian leadership toward American interference.

While Edgar believes that action did need to be taken to deter such future occurrences, he feels that alone, these consequences will not see a diminishment in the level of Iranian violence. He added, "[The sanctions] may make some of the operations of various individuals more difficult... but the logic and the dynamic of internal repression ... is much wider and bigger than those individuals, and their priorities are going to be driven by their internal calculations."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton affirmed that belief at a press conference last week when she said, "This is the first time the United States has imposed sanctions against Iran based on human rights abuses. We would like to be able to tell you that it might be the last, but we fear not."

World in brief

KARACHI, Pakistan

Two suicide bombers attacked Muslim Shrine for 8th century saint Abdullah Shah Ghazi, of the Sufi Doctrine. Detonating in the front entrance of the shrine when crowds were most concentrated, the bombs left approximately ten dead and sixty-five injured. Perpetrators remain unknown; however, Pakistani Taliban and Sunni Muslim Extremists are suspect, due to conflict between parties. The city has shut down all shrines for at least three months, for further investigation.

KABUL, Afghanistan

Afghan civil leaders have shot down ideas for Peace Council to broker terms with the Taliban, proposed by President Hamid Karzai. The president is accused of building a potentially corrupt council, with members directly connected to past Taliban violence; thus, not a proper representation of society. Karzai fears that these challenges will only heighten Taliban conflict further as they grow less inclined to accept any negotiation of peace.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

The International Organization for Migration currently faces criticism for the failure to coordinate and implement Haitian relief camps with adequate conditions. Nearly nine months after the disaster, refugee advocacy groups are disgraced by the filthy state of these camps, housing upwards of a million victims. It has been determined that those seeking protection are unable to communicate with any international humanitarian leaders. Refugee International's report demands intervention by the United Nations and immediate restructuring, otherwise facing negative repercussions.

TIJUANA, Mexico

In an attempt to eliminate Tijuana's reputation for criminal behaviour, President Felipe Calderon's government has launched a two-week, citywide festival promoting economic stability and cultural vibrancy. The "Innovative Tijuana" festival is a 5 million dollar celebration of significantly lower crime rates, hoping to eradicate any remaining criminal stigmatism upon the city. Dances, vendors and business discussions are geared toward the citizens to prove that Tijuana has made progress in becoming a safer society.

NEW YORK CITY, USA

The infamous New Yorker also known as the "Naked Cowboy", is commonly found at the centre of Times Square playing his guitar in nothing but underpants and cowboy boots. Thankfully, he managed to find a suit and tie before publicly proclaiming his goal to challenge President Obama in the 2012 election. In coalition with the basic principles of the conservative Tea Party Movement, his ambitious platform includes a promise to reduce illegal immigration and defeat the Taliban – just to name a few.

—Compiled by Leeza Pece







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Sprechen sie deutsch?

Cord World's Ashley Koen reports on location in Munich from the 200th anniversary of the Oktoberfest festival



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Each and every year, millions of people from all over the world book plane tickets, buy lederhosen and prepare their livers for one of the biggest and most impressive celebrations in the world. The festival, known as Oktoberfest, takes place in Munich, the capital city of Bavaria and the third largest city in all of Germany.

The festival runs for two weeks every year, beginning on the third Saturday of September and is held the festival on the Theresienwiese, the fairgrounds which are historically connected to the royal wedding that started the entire tradition.

On Oct. 12, 1810, Crown Prince Ludwig was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen.

The royal wedding festivities were held on the fields located next to the city gates, which were subsequently renamed "Therese's fields", or Theresienwiese, in honour of the bride. Amongst the wedding celebrations, the festival featured horse racing for the royal family and symbolized an event celebrated by the whole of Bavaria.

The following year it was decided that the horse racing festival be repeated and additionally feature an agricultural show designed to boost Bavarian agriculture. By 1818, small beer stands and a carousel were added, slowly turning Oktoberfest into a festival celebrating the popular Bavarian lifestyle.

The festival has since turned into a sensory overload of colorful carnival activities, massive beer tents booming with traditional Bavarian music and endless quantities of traditional Bavarian wear and fare. Today, Oktoberfest is the largest festival in the world, with an international attendance averaging around 6 million people per year. The festival grounds are home to over 14

impressively large beer tents, each distinctive in their attracted demographic and beer selection – housing a total seating capacity of over 100,000 people, normally all at once.

This year marked the 200th anniversary of Oktoberfest, and the sights around the city of Munich were incomparable. Inhabitants dressed up in the traditional Bavarian costume known as a "tracht", which include lederhosen for the males and dirndls for the females. Citizens and tourists both sport the traditional clothing, causing one to feel as though they have gone back in time.

The traditional food and drink include a variety of things, specifically the weisswurst, or white sausage, and the standard mass of beer that are served in one litre mugs. The mugs are sold in every beer tent, averaging at around nine euro (or approximately \$12 Canadian) per serving. This didn't stop the consumption of over 6,600,600 litres of beer in 2009. However, if one decides to forego their beloved seat in a beer tent for a few moments, it is always



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The Löwenbräu-Festzelt tent featured here on the closing weekend

possible to find a three to five euro meal at one of the many traditional food stalls within the fairgrounds.

As Munich is too far for most Laurier students, the largest Bavarian festival in North America happens to be right nextdoor. Running from Oct. 8-16,

The Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest was founded in 1969, based on the Bavarian tradition, to celebrate the local Canadian-German heritage. The event features over 40 family and cultural events, supporting the local economy and over 70 local charities.

North Korea's new prospective leader

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The process of succession has begun in North Korea as Kim Jong-un, youngest son of present leader Kim Jong-il, has been given the status of heir apparent.

Within a few hours, Kim Jong-un assumed the position of vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Worker's Party, became a member of the Central Committee and was given the rank of a four-star general.

The sudden rise of Kim Jong-un is thought to be the result of Kim Jong-il's ailing health, who may have suffered a stroke in 2008.

It is believed that this shift in leadership is an attempt to affirm party control over the military, a move that may be backed by China.

The BBC reported that there has been a clear indication that China would like for North Korea to follow in its footsteps, developing in the same way that it had in the 1970s and 80s. In China this development lead to party control over the military and a gradual move towards a market economy.

Alistair Edgar, professor at Wilfrid Laurier and director of ACUNS, explained that China has "geostrategic reasons for supporting the

succession process in North Korea."

"[This includes] avoiding instability in a fragile neighbour that has nuclear weapons, retaining that same neighbour as a buffer state against South Korean influence along its borders, [and] avoiding the potential for a flood of North Korean refugees across the border into China," said Edgar. "What Beijing wants at minimum is stability in its neighbour."

Kim Jong-un, who is believed to be around 27 years old, was educated in Switzerland.

Jong-un's lack of political and military experience is worrisome, as he is set to take control of a country with nuclear weapons, vast economic problems and tense foreign relations.

It is suggested however that his uncle Chang Song-teak would act as a regent to Jong-un until he is prepared to rule on his own.

According to Edgar, Song-teak and his wife "bring with them blood ties, marriage ties and power or respect from experience and age."

"Kim Jong-Un likely will be the weaker of the three players in that triumvirate, though of course we seem to know very little about his real character and strength," he concluded.

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Hypnosis and the power of suggestion

Hypnosis is often regarded as a kind of meagre hocus-pocus. Features editor Laura Sedgwick talks with Franklin Ramsoomair, a certified hypnotherapist, and Maxwell Gwynn about the science of suggestion.

Hypnosis is often stereotyped as being a kind of meagre hocus-pocus that conjures imagery of rotating spirals and swinging pocket watches.

It is often lumped together with the likes of extrasensory perception and other psychic abilities. Some people even regard hypnosis as utter fraudulence.

On the other hand, hypnosis may be viewed as a practical exercise with the ability to entertain, decrease pain and even promote weight loss. For some, it is a powerful aid when it comes to overcoming an addiction such as smoking.

Why are there such opposing views of hypnosis?

According to a popular phrase that Maxwell Gwynn, a professor of psychology at Laurier, shared with *The Cord* in an interview, "hypnosis isn't what you think it is. It's what you think it is."

What this seemingly contradictory phrase is suggesting is that hypnosis isn't necessarily how it is traditionally presented in the media. Instead, it is comparable to a self-fulfilling prophecy. For instance, if you believe hypnotism will have a certain effect on you, then it will.

Hypnosis in action

A famous study was conducted in the 1960s to illustrate this notion that hypnosis is not how it is traditionally portrayed in the media and is instead exactly what you expect it to be.

In this study a professor taught the same course to two different classes.

In the first class, the professor mentioned that hypnosis brings about a feeling of stiffness and rigidity in your dominant arm. In the second class, this tidbit of information remained unspoken.

Later on, when the professor hypnotized his students, he found that students in his first class reported that their dominant arm felt stiff and rigid, even though this was not something that was suggested to them during their "hypnotic trance".

The students from the second class, on the other hand, did not report the same feelings.

That is, the professor's first class thought that experiencing stiffness in their dominant arm was supposed to happen, so it did – but only because they expected it to.

Studying hypnosis

In Gwynn's laboratories, a typical hypnotic induction is not brought about by swinging watches and flashing lights. Rather, it is done through the use of a pre-recorded auditory tape.

"The information we give to all the participants is standardized for the induction part," explained Gwynn.

The hypnotic induction is where participants are told to close their eyes, focus their attention, listen exclusively to the voice on the tape and to relax and feel sleepy.

After the induction, participants will be given suggestions. An example of a suggestion is telling a participant to imagine that their arm feels light, is filled with helium and is rising like a balloon.

After suggestions, like the one mentioned above, are provided the participant is asked to reply in a booklet the extent to which they experienced the suggestion. The results are then recorded and analyzed.

Hypnosis as a science

When asked if hypnosis is a science, Gwynn, who considers himself a hypnosis skeptic, said, "it can be investigated scientifically."

"We create hypotheses about what's going to happen, we manipulate variables and we look at responses to those manipulated variables."

In short, scientific experiments are designed and used to study hypnosis, but just because hypnosis can be investigated scientifically, doesn't mean hypnosis itself is a science.

"Even though hypnosis has been studied for centuries, there is no one clear definition of what it is," explained Gwynn.

"Some people would say that hypnosis is whatever occurs after an hypnotic induction, but that's a circular definition because there isn't really any sort of well defined state of hypnosis. We haven't seen any brain changes or physiological indicators that would indicate that someone is hypnotized or in a trance."

Furthermore, EKGs and fMRIs have been used to determine if there are any brain functions that are unique to hypnosis. Some studies

show that there is an increase in alpha wave activity in a participant after a hypnotic induction. However, results like this are very inconsistent.

"They've never found one sort of physiological difference in the brain of someone who is supposedly "hypnotized" compared to someone who isn't," said Gwynn.

Hypnotic suggestion

According to a 2006 study conducted by Bryant and Kapur, "the ability to experience suggested emotional numbing is related more closely to hypnotic susceptibility than to the effects of a hypnotic induction"

That is, the aspect of suggestion is what produces the effects felt by the participants, not the hypnosis itself.

Franklin Ramsoomair, a licensed hypnotherapist in the Waterloo region, spoke on the topic of suggestion during an interview with *The Cord*.

"The power of suggestion is infinite," he said. "Once you have a receptive individual you can plant suggestions [but it depends] on what they respond to."

According to Ramsoomair, hypnosis works by planting subliminal messages. This can be done by making suggestions.

"It's like when you go to a grocery store; you tend to buy certain brands on a regular basis because that brand has been imprinted on you since you were young."

An example of a suggestion is imploring the participant to believe that smoking is nauseating or that studying is fun.

Who can be hypnotized?

Though some people believe that in order to be hypnotized the participant needs to be weak-minded and gullible, Gwynn insists that this is not the case.

"Being hypnotized is not related to things like gullibility or intelligence or strong- or weak-mindedness or anything like that," he said.

"In fact, if you're quite low on intelligence you're probably not going to be responsive to hypnosis because you'll be unable to follow along with the instructions provided."

As mentioned previously, your ability to be hypnotized comes down to your attitude about hypnotism.

That is, if you have positive motivations and a positive attitude, you are likely to be successfully hypnotized.

For example, if you are motivated to lose weight, start exercising and eat healthy and you genuinely believe that hypnosis can help you with this endeavor, then likely it will.

According to Gwynn, you also need a certain amount of imagination in order to be hypnotized, but the best prediction of how responsive a person will be under hypnosis is a variable called absorption.

You are likely high in this quality if you strongly relate and empathize with the protagonist when watching a movie, a television show or when reading a book.

Furthermore, if when doing these sorts of activities you begin to lose awareness of everything else around you, you are likely high in absorption and thus will likely be responsive to hypnosis.

Hypnosis as entertainment

"There are debates as to why people do what they do up on stage," stated Gwynn in regards to stage hypnosis.

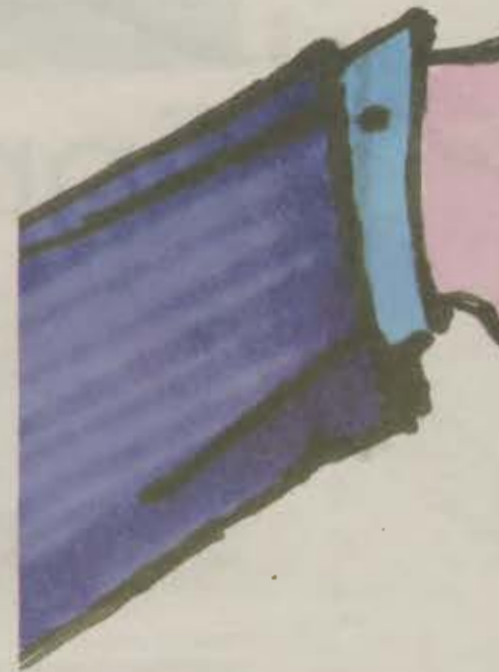
"Some stage hypnotists will tell you that they bring people up on stage and put them into a trance. [They will tell you] that participants will do incredible things that they would never do under normal circumstances when they're in a trance, because of the power the hypnotist has over them," he said.

"The social psychological interpretation, however, is quite different than that," explained Gwynn.

"People go on stage and they don't enter a trance or anything like that, but they do things that they wouldn't normally do because it gives them a chance to behave totally out of character and disavow responsibility."

This is comparable to when people act intoxicated after only one drink when in reality it takes them four drinks to be affected by the alcohol. That is, they act out of character and blame the alcohol (or hypnotism) for their behaviour, even when it is not actually the alcohol's (or hypnosis's) doing.

In an alternative situation, hypnotism may be compared to



someone consuming a number of placebo "alcoholic" beverages. In this case, though this person is actually sober, they believe themselves drunk, so they behave that way.

Again, this is like a self-fulfilling prophecy in that this person believes himself to be drunk, so he behaves that way. They blame alcohol (or the hypnosis) for their behaviour, when really they are fulfilling, perhaps unconsciously, their own expectations of what alcohol (or hypnosis) affects them.

Persuasion and everyday hypnosis

According to a 2009 *Psychology Today* article by Dr. John R. Hyman, "[The experience of a hypnotic trance] feels vaguely familiar to many of us. It's like those moments in your life where you were absorbed in a task, lost in thought, enthralled by bliss, or perhaps simply meditating."

That is, the experience of a so-called "hypnotic trance" is more similar to that which you experience on a daily basis, just as the results of EKGs and fMRIs suggest.

Because of this, even if you've never actually been hypnotized, you are likely to experience what it is like to be hypnotized on a somewhat regular basis.

Furthermore, you've also probably experienced the hypnotic effect of suggestion in the form of persuasion. Likely you've been on both sides of this equation: the person persuading and the person being persuaded.

Suggestion may also manifest itself in the form of self-persuasion. For example, when someone goes through a hypnotic induction that is followed by suggestions from the hypnotist that the smell of cigarettes is horrific and the taste is unbearable, the person is just allowing themselves to believe things that will help him get what he wants to be.

This demonstrates the power of your mind. If you tell yourself enough times and provide yourself with justifications to believe them, even if they aren't necessarily strong or accurate justifications, you will still come to believe them.

That is, for instance, if you convincingly tell yourself enough times that you hate the taste of McDonald's hamburgers, you will come to believe it.

“The power of suggestion is infinite. Once you have a receptive individual you can plant suggestions [but it depends] on what they respond to.”

—Franklin Ramsoomair, Hypnotherapist

Myths about hypnosis

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In hypnosis you lose complete mental control and you lose your willpower.

2.

The devil or demons could take over your mind and body while you're under hypnosis.

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The power of suggestion

Columns editor **Laura Sedgwick** discusses the myths and merits of modern hypnosis. Maxwell Gwynn, a psychology professor and self-proclaimed hypnosis skeptic

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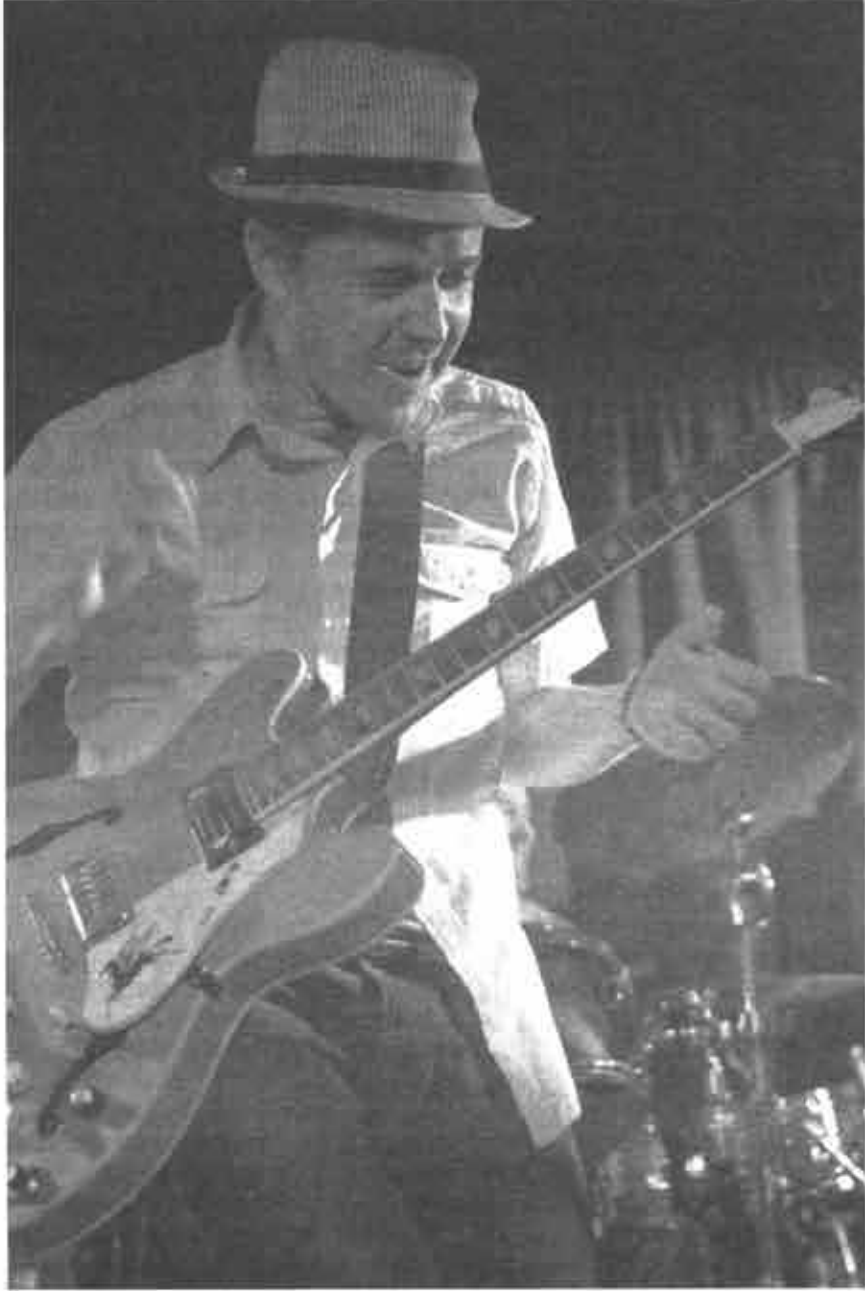


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Danny Michel's hometown return

The Kitchener-Waterloo singer-songwriter played Starlight in honour of his latest CD *Sunset Sea*



ELLI GARLIN PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER
Danny Michel performed songs off of his new album on Thursday.

JAIME HORN
CORD ARTS

"It's good to be home," remarked Danny Michel to an admiring crowd during his concert last Thursday.

Michel, Kitchener-Waterloo's own Juno-nominated singer-songwriter, played at Starlight with his *Sunset Sea* Band on Wednesday and Thursday of last week to promote his eighth record, *Sunset Sea*, which was released on Canada Day this year.

Michel played several songs from his new record, which was written and recorded in a variety of locations though the majority was conceived and produced in Belize.

While usually utilising a mainly rock influenced sound, for his new album Michel introduces more reggae-type beats.

The distinctive guitar, woodwind and percussion sounds are even at times reminiscent of Paul Simon's widely acclaimed *Graceland*.

In this considerably new style, Michel's fondness for Belize and its culture is clearly affirmed.

Michel also played several popular songs from previous albums, such as "Whale of a Tale", "Tennessee Tobacco" and "Invisible Man".

He also played the song recently selected to represent the province of Ontario for the David Suzuki Foundation's *Playlist for the Planet*, "Feather, Fur and Fin".

Together, Michel and his full band charmed the audience with engaging stories, witty stage banter and high energy.

Michel, on guitar (and sometimes

harmonica), was supported by an electric banjo, a full drum kit, keyboards, saxophone, and both electric and double bass.

One of his band members also demonstrated keen ability on the clarinet, proving that the woodwind instrument is as good as any for a great rock solo.

A highlight of the evening was the opening act, another local singer-songwriter named Andy McGuire.

McGuire, who is actually an employee at the Starlight, soothed the crowd with his laidback folksy acoustic style.

Michel helped produce McGuire's first record which was available for sale after the show.

Throughout the whole show, both the musicians and the audience members were clearly having a great time.

With plenty of occasion for audience participation, it was a particularly interactive atmosphere at Starlight on Thursday night.

This, when coupled with the small venue itself, made for not only an entertaining evening but an intimate one as well.

The audience boasted members of both the younger and older generations, though the younger adults definitely could have been better represented, especially for a show with such energy and charm.

At one point Michel, preparing to do a song sans band, asked his audience, "Do you want this song to have the sweet ending or the rock 'n' roll ending?"

Of course the vote was unanimous for rock and roll.

And of course, Danny Michel is a man who won't let a crowd down.



ELLI GARLIN PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER
Michel's upbeat rock 'n' roll tunes kept the crowd entertained.

Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment

Perez vows to change

32-year-old celebrity gossip blogger Perez Hilton has decided to change his slanderous ways.

With recent attention being shed on teen suicides linked to homophobic bullying, Hilton — who is openly gay and known for publicly outing celebrities on his website — claims he wants to become a better person.

His blog is reputed for his signature style of posting embarrassing and slanderous stories and photos about celebrities with added MS Paint commentary.

He says he will no longer attack celebrities after realizing the effect that internet bullying has had on countless individuals.

He stated, "I'm still gonna have opinions, and I'm not going to like everybody, but I'm not going to be a bully."

Is his decision to correct his bully-esque tendencies respectable? Yes.

Will his website be even remotely entertaining after this?

No.

Gap logo stirs controversy

When popular clothing company Gap redesigned their logo last week, the public responded with outrage.

Abandoning the classic white text on a navy blue background, Gap launched a revamped logo featuring large black Helvetica font with a

small blue square in the corner.

After realizing that it looked like an unfortunate mistake from a Microsoft Powerpoint presentation and witnessing the ensuing lack of public reception, Gap's marketing team withdrew the new design and quickly returned to using the original one.

Probably a colossal waste of money and resources, the logo fiasco should blow over shortly so that yuppies everywhere can return to shopping peacefully.

James Blunt vs. the Taliban

Everyone's least favourite singer James Blunt recently remarked that he can defeat the Taliban with the power of song.

The British singer is a former army captain and was unable to visit the troops in Afghanistan due to a plane breakdown, but is determined to make it out there to show his support soon.

New Musical Express (NME) has reported the "You're Beautiful" singer as stating: "I'm tired of the Afghanistan war and I'm going to go out and fix it. I'm going out there at Christmas time and will sing the Taliban into surrender. If I can't do it, then who can?"

—compiled by Sarah Murphy

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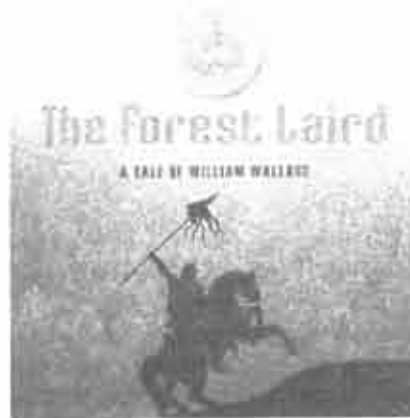
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"Everybody loves you when you're six foot in the ground"
- John Lennon

Reinventing the Braveheart myth

JACK WHYTE



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Last week historical fiction writer Jack Whyte was in Waterloo for an in-store event at Words Worth Books promoting and signing copies of his latest novel *The Forest Laird*.

Originally from Scotland, Whyte is a renowned writer, singer, actor, musician and entertainer. Educated in France and England, Whyte was high school English teacher before moving to Canada in 1967.

He went on to become a writer for CBC television which led him to a career in advertising which allowed him to hone his writing skills as Writer and Creative Director of several advertising agencies. Since then Whyte has written an array of novels such as *The Templar Trilogy*, which are historical novels presenting the tale of King Arthur and the Roman departure from Britain.

Recently, Whyte has spent most of his time researching and writing for his latest novel *The Forest Laird*.

Released by the Penguin Group in September, the novel tells the tale of Scotland's first heroic figure from the Scottish Wars of Independence, Sir William Wallace.

Whyte spoke to the crowd at Words Worth Book and explained some of the difficulties with writing a book about William Wallace for a post-*Braveheart* audience.

Even Whyte admits that Mel Gibson did a solid job staying true to the story of William Wallace in the movie, citing only a few notable inaccuracies and omissions.

An additional challenge in writing

this novel was "running the risk of being accused of cribbing from the movie" as he puts it at the outset of his novel.

Whyte posed a question to his eager crowd on Thursday: "How does one say something different about William Wallace?"

The answer for the Scottish author is found in research and matters of separating the man from the myth.

Instead of simply retelling the story of the Scottish Wars of Independence, *The Forest Laird* attempts to shed new light on the relatively unknown early history of William Wallace and debunking past myths and misperceptions of the man.

With a renewed "large following" for the subject matter, the novel is meant to be a depiction of William Wallace from his early life through to his execution.

Wallace is commonly perceived as a brute of a man swinging a long sword, sporting war paint and a kilt. In reality Wallace was an archer, and although large in stature, he did not wear the blue war paint and kilt depicted in the 1995 movie *Braveheart*.

The war paint was a Roman tradition fabricated by Hollywood, while the kilts were historically inaccurate. The kilt would not be introduced to Scotland for another 300 or so years after Wallace.

The Cord spoke with Whyte and asked him how he conducted his research for the novel. "The writing process took about two years [plus] one year of research, reading books and papers and visiting historical sites."

He added that "ever since the National Scottish Museum opened in 1997 without one word mentioning William Wallace there has been a new wave of scientific research on William Wallace."

When asked what the most difficult part of the writing process was, Whyte described the challenges with portraying Wallace as the archetype for literary protagonist Robin Hood.

"A lot of English people are angry at me for that because he is an iconic hero in Britain," he stated.

"In the beginning I said, if I do my job I can piss off every Scotsman with my book. The thing is, they are all quite happy with it. But I did end up pissing off the Englishmen."



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Remembering John Lennon

Fans of the legendary musician and peace activist gathered all over the world to celebrate the ex-Beatle's 70th birthday

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Remembering John Lennon is not an easy task.

For starters, he's one of the most iconic musicians of all time.

Then there's the fact that many of the people celebrating his life are multiple generations removed from the ex-Beatle's lifetime.

The sheer impact that Lennon has had on fans, the music industry and the peace movement is incalculable and still growing.

Beatles albums like *Revolver* and *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* revolutionized music production, while later albums like *The Beatles* (White Album) served to really develop the band as innovative songwriters and musicians.

But Lennon's legacy extends far beyond the realm of Beatlemania. His solo work distinguished Lennon as a spokesperson for world peace – a message that remains intimately linked to his memory.

Oct. 9 marked what would have been the Liverpool lad's 70th birthday and friends, family and countless fans of Lennon attempted the daunting task of paying tribute to the man who once urged the world to "give peace a chance."

The largest of the celebrations took place in his hometown of Liverpool and his adopted home New York City, though Yoko Ono held

another special service in Iceland.

His widow traveled to Iceland to premiere a documentary about the building of the Imagine Peace Tower in Reykjavik, which was resurrected in Lennon's honour on Oct. 9, 2007.

This was followed by a performance featuring the Plastic Ono Band, former Beatle Ringo Starr, Ono and Lennon's son Sean.

Back in Liverpool, Lennon's first wife Cynthia and their son Julian unveiled a sculpture for the Global Peace Initiative titled "Peace and Harmony."

Strawberry Fields (a part of Central Park near the Dakota Hotel where Lennon and Ono lived) was crowded with thousands of devoted fans, wishing to pay their respects with cards, flowers and numerous renditions of Lennon's songs.

Additionally, most of Lennon's solo works were remastered and re-released last week, including a new compilation *Gimme Some Truth*.

The most obvious and probably most viewed of any celebratory nature, however, was Google's Lennon-inspired homepage that remained online for two days.

Featuring a famous doodled self-portrait of Lennon with the option to play "Imagine" in the background, the temporary redesign shared his ongoing legacy with millions.

While the impact Lennon has left on the world is impossible to assess, it is undeniable that his music

and messages have reached millions around the world.

Whether you know the man for his contribution to the Lennon/McCartney songbook or his famed bed-ins to promote world peace, one thing is certain – John Winston Ono Lennon's legacy will be one that affects us all for years to come.

Honourary releases

Remasters

Digitally remastered versions of Lennon's works were released last week, including *John Lennon & the Plastic Ono Band*, *Imagine*, *Some Time In New York City*, *Mind Games*, *Walls and Bridges*, *Rock 'n' Roll*, *Double Fantasy* and *Milk and Honey*.

A greatest hits compilation entitled *Power to the People: The Hits* was also released.

Nowhere Boy

A film about Lennon's childhood directed by Sam Taylor-Wood, *Nowhere Boy* will be released in select cities in the upcoming weeks.

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This PBS documentary examines the New York City years spent with Ono and their son Sean. It will air on Nov. 22.

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A lot of blame to go around in failed UNSC bid

After losing the second round of voting handily to Portugal in a bid to secure the last of the open United Nations (UN) Security Council seats, Canada announced it would withdraw from contention. This marks the first time in 50 years that Canada has failed to secure a bid to the highest body in the UN.

Stephen Harper's government had set high expectations that securing the seat would be a primary foreign policy goal.

With 2,000 troops in Afghanistan, fresh off of hosting the G8 and G20 and with the primary competition that happens to be broke and with little influence on the world stage, the bar of expectations rested on the ground. Harper managed to trip over it.

There are several reasons why Canada lost the vote. First and foremost was the government's incompetence in pursuing the seat.

Canada was late into the game in the campaign and failed to navigate the complicated diplomatic nature of vote swapping to secure the bid.

Additionally, Canada has exhibited a lack of clear direction in its foreign policy aside from unwavering support for Israel.

Instead of making absurd claims on how Michael Ignatieff cost them the election, the government should take the time to understand why they failed so spectacularly.

Fault doesn't completely rest with Harper. By punching above our weight in Afghanistan and picking up the slack for other developed nations, Canada deserved a seat at the Security Council.

That UN member nations would play politics on the Israel-Palestine issue to block Canada brings further discredit to an organization that is already severely lacking in credibility.

It was a sad day for Canada, but it's the United Nations that loses out.

—The Cord Editorial Board

Ignatieff's home care policy is forward-thinking

Canadian politics these days have been seen as bankrupt of ideas and focused solely on hyper-partisan chest thumping and debates on what politician is more Canadian than the other. In this context Michael Ignatieff's recent policy announcement regarding support for home care is a forward-looking, dare we say, visionary policy.

The Liberal Party announced its commitment to a new refundable family care tax benefit of up to \$1,350; it is estimated 600,000 families would be eligible, costing approximately \$750 million.

The second plank is a family care benefit under the Employment Insurance program, which will benefit 30,000 families at a cost of \$250 million a year. Both of these policies are designed to make it easier for families to take care of their elders. It falls short of a comprehensive national plan, but it is a step in the right direction.

The fact is that health care is soon to be in crisis. With the baby boomers retiring and health care costs sky-rocketing, there simply won't be enough beds in long-term care homes to adjust.

Even now, overflow of long-term care facilities sends the elderly to costly care in more expensive hospital beds causing a significant drain on the system. Making it easier for Canadians to take care of their elders at home will go a long way to helping ease the crisis.

There is some concern about funding through cancelling corporate tax cuts, given the fragility of the Canadian economy.

Rolling back the meaningless GST cuts would probably be more effective and less economically damaging. All in all though Ignatieff is on the right track. Finally, we will have some meaningful dialogue on health reform in Canada.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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Municipal candidates ignorance of student issues appalling



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After spending the last few months creatively planning and following through ideas to provide coverage of Waterloo's municipal election with the goal of engaging the student community, I can't help but question what the city and candidates have done to achieve the same goal.

One of the most basic initiatives any government can ensure is to provide accessible polling stations to its voting population. While the city has planned to have stations at both Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo, they will only serve a fraction of students.

According to the City of Waterloo's website, the on-campus polling stations are only available to students who live in the universities' residences. For students living off-campus, they have to follow a series of links through the city's website to determine which polling station to attend based on their street address.

As a student without a car, living in the vicinity of University Place residence, I was not pleased to discover that I'll have to find time in between my classes on Oct. 25 to race over to the Waterloo Public Library to vote. While it is only a short bus ride to get to Uptown, with a station already on campus I don't quite understand the purpose of the commute.

Students already aware that there is no possibility for them to get to a polling

station on election day have been left with the same two locations as the rest of the city for advanced polling – Conestoga Mall and city hall. If there is a true interest in having more than four per cent of students casting their ballots, showing an interest in the student population and placing a polling station in to their line of vision can only help build bridges.

One would hope that the city's lack of action in engaging students would in the least be rectified by the candidates' endeavours. Having spoken with the candidates for mayor and for Ward 6 and 7, along with having read their platforms, this does not appear to be the case.

In the mayoral race, the topic of students or the universities, which both have an incredibly positive impact on the city's economy and global esteem, reflect an overall lack of time and critical thought put in to the matter.

Incumbent mayor Brenda Halloran, who in previous interviews has spoken in support of students' role in the city, has no concrete plan to facilitate their involvement beyond her already existing Mayor's Student Advisory Council and collaborative discussions with all stakeholders living in close range of the universities.

The mayoral candidate and current councillor for the student-centred Ward 6, Jan d'Ailly, has no greater presentation in support of students, listing on his campaign website his previous contributions to land use studies involving student housing, yet providing no solution for the future of accommodation in Northdale.

Dale Ross, another mayoral candidate, fails to include students in his platform at all. Although in his campaign blog Ross does question the public's view on the "slow creep of students renting homes on existing quiet streets that current residents take great pride

If you treat students as a temporary problem, you can't complain if they treat your city as a temporary dumping ground.

in" as if they are an invasion of bed bugs to the area. While his attitudes towards students seems clear, candidate Franklin Ramsoomair takes a more obscure route stating he will "address the housing and employment issues" that pertain to students.

With such a void in leadership among the mayoral candidates it's no surprise that students don't take an interest in municipal politics.

The issues that they care about are simply not on the agenda, or in cases such as transportation, not geared towards the implications it will have on students.

As the attitudes of candidates running in the wards, with a very few exceptions, are no better, I will not be remotely surprised when voter turnout among the student population remains persistently low as in previous years.

As a believer in the phrase "if you don't vote, you can't complain," I turn the same ideology to those running for council: if you treat students as a temporary problem, you can't complain if they treat your city as a temporary dumping ground.

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LSPIRG responds to Cord editorial



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On Sept. 29, an unsigned editorial article titled "LSPIRG must reflect values of all students" accused the Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group of being an "ideological" organization, yet it failed to inform Laurier students about what LSPIRG really does, or what it has to offer them.

One of the most troubling parts of the accusation is its reference material. The sole reference made to characterize LSPIRG was the Laurier Campus Conservatives (LCC). LCC has only five official objectives listed on their website, one of which is to "work to end the influence of the Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group".

To cite only one organization that has, for years, worked to end LSPIRG, sets the article's tone as biased from the start.

Furthermore, two Cord editorial board members are or were associated with the Campus Conservatives.

It is disappointing that the editorial board would write a piece that furthers the agenda of any campus organization, especially one where members have active ties to the group.

It's not entirely fair to describe LSPIRG as ideological. LSPIRG is a capacity-building organization that offers a great number of events and services to the Laurier student body and better enables them to make positive change on campus.

Each September LSPIRG provides a full seven days of O-Week activities, as well as Anti-Oppression training to all first years living in residence.

This training provides students with an understanding of power and privilege, as well as skills to better co-exist within a diverse community of students.

Throughout the fall and winter terms, LSPIRG offers free weekly workshops, events, training, resume and skill-building opportunities, volunteer opportunities, internships, research opportunities, free resources (including use of our library, laptops, video camera, digital cameras, recording devices) and funds and supports many diverse groups on campus. We're always looking for new people to get involved, regardless of their political

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views.

Since its inception in 2006, LSPIRG has only denied a working group's application once and it was because the group was comprised of non-students working out of Montreal, not because of their politics. To this point, LSPIRG welcomes all groups looking to make positive social change on campus to apply. It's important to note that "social change" does not mean pushing a "left-wing" cause, as the article suggests.

There are plenty of issues at Laurier that need to be addressed, which span a spectrum of political, social and ideological beliefs.

Some of LSPIRG's group's last year included the Global Citizenship Conference, bringing amazing new talks to Laurier students each year, with previous noted speakers such as famed diplomat Stephen Lewis and Roméo Dallaire, UN Force Commander during the Rwandan genocide. Another group, Journalists for Human Rights, is an LSPIRG working group that mobilizes media sources to spread human rights awareness.

Laurier Secrets was a group devoted to sharing anonymous confessions and messages between Laurier students, to let people talk about difficult student issues and create solidarity among students. It's difficult to see how these groups make LSPIRG an ideological organization, especially considering LSPIRG did not seek these groups out. Like any student group, they applied and they were welcomed.

To those students who are unfamiliar with LSPIRG, please visit our website at www.lspirg.ca, where you can take a look at existing working groups, apply for your own online, check out our events calendar, book resources, get involved with volunteer positions, bring your research ideas to life and much more.

We welcome you to attend our events throughout the coming year, or talk to us about your ideas to create positive social change at Laurier.

Letters to the Editor

Cynics and nihilists step ahead of rest of society

RE: *Cryin' the blues*, Oct. 6

Those who embody this idea of the 'absence of hope' are probably the most hopeful people of all: they recognize the futility of ordinary living, the monotony of scheduled time and movements, the incongruity of the pre-ordained social desires of financial security, career contentedness and family rearing.

Those who refuse, who say "no", while being burdened with a heavy head and a heavy heart, ultimately know that there is something more to life than this, but by themselves they cannot change it.

And while they are ostracized, demonized, stigmatized as being outside the social order (because by saying "no" they call into question the motivations of "happiness" or "living" that most people abide by), they perhaps are the people who have the answers (or at least the diagnoses) of how to fundamentally and truly change the world for the better.

Those people who are depressed do not "settle" for depression; they tolerate it. They tolerate it because they must.

To be "happy" on the outside but somehow "incomplete" on the inside (whatever that truly means, another term lifted from the discourse of the "joyless society"), this is a phenomenon not only ubiquitous but celebrated today, a condition anathema to those melancholiacs, cynics, nihilists perceived to be one step behind but in reality are ten steps ahead.

Ernest Hemingway once said, "The world is a fine place and worth fighting for..." Perhaps it is those happy types who are the ones too

willing to "leave it," not those afflicted with depression.

—T.A. Pattinson

Educate yourself on fluoride health risk

There is no such thing as "healthy doses of fluoride." Fluoride is an industrial toxic waste, a by-product of the aluminum industry, and should NOT be used in tap water at all.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) considers fluoride an unapproved new drug for which there is no proof of safety or effectiveness. Also, the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology has classified fluoride as an unapproved dental medicament due to its high toxicity.

These conclusions are in line with over fifty years of studies which all indicate fluoridation does not provide an adequate defense against cavities, and fluoride even in the smallest quantities (0.1 ppm) are detrimental.

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Educate yourself and your family to know the deadly, sickening truth about fluoride and what it does to your health.

Fluoride in the water is equivalent

to forced medication. Administering fluoride to an entire population with a cumulative poison is just what it sounds like — a crime.

This industrial toxic waste in a public distribution system is a crime and all the parties involved in this forced and distribution in our drinking water should be held accountable because it has negative detrimental health. It is illegal to violate the human body with drugs/medicine or poisons without your consent.

Do not let anyone out there decide for you and your family what you should be drinking!


—Andrei E. Kovacsik

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Water fluoridation debate dominates municipal race

Point: Water fluoridation benefits go beyond public health



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When voters go to the polls on Oct. 25, they will be asked whether or not Waterloo should continue to add fluoride to its drinking water.

Adding fluoride to drinking water is an important, low-cost, public health initiative. As a public policy started in Ontario over 40 years ago, it is currently in place in 70 per cent of the municipalities in Ontario. Compared to the cost of dental treatment, fluoridation of drinking water is a cost-effective means of preventing future dental problems in children. In Canada, it typically costs less than 60 cents per person a year to fluoridate water.

Fluoridated water has been found to protect children's teeth from bacterial penetration, a problem that can lead to serious conditions like pulp necrosis.

Additional research has suggested that younger children, particularly those who are first forming teeth, gain more acid-resistant teeth by drinking tap water with added fluoride. This can prevent teeth wear later in life caused by acidic foods and drinks. Drinking water with added fluoride is a preferred alternative for children under the age of three, who shouldn't be using toothpaste when brushing their teeth.

Fluoridation is also an important means of reducing the number of cavities found in children,

particularly those in lower-class families.

A 2007 study in the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* revealed that children in Dublin, Ireland, who used fluoridated water, were less likely to develop cavities than their counterparts in Freiburg, Germany, who instead relied on fluoridated salts to protect children's teeth.

It was also discovered that the difference in the number of cavities between lower and middle-class children was much less in Dublin than in Freiburg. This is because proper dental care is not as accessible for lower-income families, whereas fluoridated water is more widely accessible.

Having a healthy, clean, complete set of teeth has a number of documented social benefits. Sherry Güed and Matthew Neidell of Columbia University found in a study examining the economic value of teeth that people with access to water fluoridation during childhood earn on average two per cent a year more than those that don't and are less likely to experience employer discrimination based on their appearance.

They also found that women were more likely than men to earn less as a result of having poor teeth appearance. As with any measure of hygiene, proper dental care is essential for success and fluoridated water has shown to do its part.

Current research suggests that keeping fluoride at levels between 0.5 and 0.8 ppm (parts per million) has no negative health effects. This is the level used for drinking water in the City of Waterloo.

In Canada, fluoride levels in water can naturally occur at levels up to 1.1 ppm, and Health Canada recommends municipalities maintain a

level less than 1.5 ppm. In comparison, the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States considers any source of water with fluoride levels less than 4 ppm to be safe.

The use of hydrofluorosilic acid, the principle concern of area residents supporting the referendum, is a cost-effective means of obtaining the fluoride that is vitally needed in the drinking water of this community.

While efforts must be taken to ensure lead, arsenic and mercury levels are monitored and minimized, there is insufficient evidence to suggest that amounts of these materials, presently at quantities far below safety standards, pose any risk to public health.

Decades of safe use of fluoride in toothpaste and in drinking water, combined with regular brushing and flossing, has led to remarkable achievements in improving dental health in Canada. As a community, the people of Waterloo need to act responsibly when voting on this important health issue. Take the time to read further about the importance of fluoride for your health.



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LGBTQ youth suicide rate cause for alarm



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Twelve years ago, the tragedy of Matthew Shepard's murder sparked an international discussion about the nature of hate crimes, especially those based on sexual orientation. Against sometimes impossible odds, Matthew's parents formed a foundation in his honour and lobbied relentlessly for legislation that would give prosecutors more leverage to seek tougher penalties for crimes motivated by a victim's gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. More than a decade after Matthew was tied to a fence in Wyoming and left to die, the legislation was signed by U.S. President Barack Obama.

The legacy of Matthew Shepard lives on through the legislation named in his memory, which serves as a cornerstone of the formal progression of social acceptance. In the same way that Shepard prompted a change in public discourse about the intentional propagation of hate against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer (LGBTQ) persons, the most recent rash of gay suicides must prompt a discussion about what creates such a hostile environment for LGBTQ youth today and what we can do about curbing it.

Studies conducted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services have shown that suicide is up to four times more prevalent among homosexual youth than heterosexual youth. Nine out of ten gay teenagers have said they have been the victim of bullying. The alarming number of suicides in the last several weeks has led some to speculate that suicide is becoming an increasing epidemic in the gay community.

The story of Tyler Clementi speaks to the problem we, as a society, are dealing with. On Sept. 22, Clementi took his own life after his roommate, Dharun Ravi and his friend, Molly Wei, decided it would be funny to stream video of Clementi and another man in a sexual encounter.

Somewhere along the line, Ravi and Wei got the idea that not only would it be acceptable to tape Clementi in an obviously private moment, but that it was somehow amusing because the way Clementi lived his life was different than the way they do.

In the cases of the deaths of Asher Brown, Seth Walsh and Billy Lucas it has been reported that all were

relentlessly bullied before they decided to end their suffering by taking their own lives. While bullying has not been reported for Raymond Chase and in the most recent reports of Jeanine Blanchette and Chantal Dube, one can only presume that their environments were no better.

Even amongst the advancements being made in the LGBTQ equality movement, acceptance seems to be on a fatal back and forth trajectory. Five days after Clementi's suicide, 50 Cent posted this on his Twitter feed: "If you a man and your over 25 and you don't eat pu**y just kill yourself damn it. The world will be a better place. Lol." On Oct. 4, 50 Cent defended his remarks as a "joke" that his "male followers liked."

Recently, conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh was talking about openly gay Congressman Barney Frank as he played "My Boy Lollipop" in the background, adding slurping noises into the song to mimic sexual acts. No apology was issued.

I seek not to place blame. I want not to find erroneous conclusions, or suggest false correlations between the recent suicides of LGBTQ youth and the ignorant and obnoxious comments made by members of the celebrity and media classes.

What I do suggest is that we have created and condoned an environment where we tolerate petty and ignorant jokes at the expense of those who not only find them offensive but fatally so. Without a doubt, as I write this, there are LGBTQ youth seeking not only to understand themselves but to find others who will give them the hope and support they need to live openly as who they are.

Abhorrent comments made in jest with the hope of either boosting ratings or getting a cheap laugh among friends do nothing but contribute to a culture that subverts the LGBTQ community into second-class citizenship and threatens to break the already fragile environment in which some troubled and bullied LGBTQ youth are living.

Be the hope for those youth who think that life can offer them nothing more. Try to understand what they are going through. Think before you make a joke or use "gay" to describe something you think is dumb or stupid.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, wear purple to commemorate those who have committed suicide due to homophobia. Think of it as a token of support and a turn of the page to a society where we truly value the worth of every single individual living in it. We owe it to all who have fallen victim to hate.

For support, call the Lesbian Gay Bi-Trans Youth Line at 1-800-268-9688 or the Distress Centre of Waterloo Region (24 hours a day) at 519-745-1166.

Counter-point: Fluoride is a health risk with few benefits



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The topic of fluoridation is nothing new to Ontario. Starting with Brantford as the initial test city in 1945, now almost 75 per cent of the population of Ontario receive fluoridated drinking water.

Following its introduction we have seen cases of dental problems, such as cavities, decrease significantly.

Due to these results it has received much praise in North America and has even been named one of the ten most successful public health measures in the 20th century by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Has the fluoridation of water been the sole reason for such success? In most European countries substantial declines in tooth decay occurred without its use, primarily from the introduction of fluoride toothpaste in the 1970s.

Furthermore, the most recent study comparing cavity rates in Ontario and Quebec, which has the highest and lowest fluoridation rate respectively, found no clinically significant difference in the amount of tooth decay in children aged six

to 19.

Health Canada, which officially endorses the fluoridation of water, tried to downplay the results of the study by pointing out that it failed to assess individual fluoride intake and correlate that with cavity rates. They nevertheless admitted that the data collected by the study was accurate.

The study suggests that if fluoridation is the only difference between the two provinces then its effectiveness has been strongly exaggerated. Mere correlation has been confused with causation.

It is more probable that other developments such as advances in dental hygiene, lower sugar consumption, widespread use of antibiotics and increased exposure to Vitamin D have been the cause of decreased tooth decay and other dental maladies.

A worldwide reduction in cavity rates, regardless of the use the chemical, provides further evidence that factors other than fluoride are at work.

"The parallel reduction in caries [cavities] incidents in countries with a lot of fluoridation and countries with not much fluoridation is quite dramatic," said Warren Bell, former head of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, a group that questions the practice.

It seems that fluoridation may not be as useful as it was once thought to be, and that should be reason enough not to continue doing it.

Along with questions of water

fluoridation's effectiveness, some studies have shown that its consumption may come with adverse health risks.

Recent studies have linked altered thyroid function, and reduced IQ levels in children to the ingestion of fluoride from municipal water.

An even more troubling 2006 study conducted by Harvard researchers found that boys aged seven exposed to high levels of fluoridated water were about four times more likely to develop osteosarcoma, a rare bone cancer that killed Canadian hero, Terry Fox, back in 1981.

The disturbing results from these studies also bring up another point: fluoridation is not something you can opt out of. If your city chooses to fluoridate its water, then you have no choice but to use that water.

"It's a clear violation of informed consent," said Paul Connert, a retired chemistry professor from New York's St. Lawrence University, in an interview with the *Waterloo Chronicle*.

Presently, the City of Waterloo, portions of Woolwich and a small part of Kitchener all add fluoride to their water supplies. But, this may all change in the coming weeks. Citizens of Waterloo will get to vote on a referendum on whether the city should continue to fluoridate its water. Based on the evidence, fluoride is at best unnecessary and at worst a serious health risk. Stop this practice by voting NO on Oct. 25.

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Dear Life,
Shut the fuck up about leggings. It's fucking clothing. How about you all worry about bigger things like feeding the fucking homeless or world peace. The amount of fucking time and energy spent on worrying about tight pants is unbelievable.
Sincerely,
Worry about important shit, fuck heads

Dear Life,
Why is it that when you're bombing down the highway at 140km/h there is always that gino-beat-pumping juice head who insists on driving right up your ass? And why is that I enjoy making him even more angry by purposely slowing down and driving next to an 18-wheeler so he can't get around me? My advice to you: just because you put a spoiler and \$2000 rims on your mom's mini van doesn't make your car any better, you shit-head.
Sincerely,
Rant of the Week

Dear Life,
There are not enough places to sit on campus. I walked around for an hour to find every place full. I had to go sit in my car, and it was sad.
Sincerely,
Girl who commutes to school and can't go home between classes

Dear Life,
Mullets are the shit, figure your life out. If Jared Allen wanted you to talk smack he'd stick his arm up your ass and work your mouth like a puppet.
Sincerely,
Proud Supporter of the Camaro Crash Helmet

Dear Life,
When you are walking around campus during the busy period when classes change, GET OFF YOUR PHONE! Text when you're not walking. I shouldn't have to dodge idiot sticks without the self confidence to walk around campus with your head up. It's so inconsiderate that you text and act like everyone will just get out of your way!
Sincerely,
Grow up and watch where your walking!

Dear Life,
Someone please teach WLU profs how to use the projectors in classrooms! It's really not that hard!
Sincerely,
Sometimes I feel like I'm smarter than you

Dear Life,
Seriously, do Laurier Food Services and WLUSU hate students? Why do the prices keep going up while the service and quality depletes? It is suspicious that the people who work for WLUSU get 50% off on all their food purchases. So who is covering the costs for these bastards to get their discounts? Students! Make WLUSU members pay in full like the rest of us.
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Dear Life,
In regards to "I Already want to switch schools" Bravo. Feel free to let the door hit you on the ass on your way out.
Sincerely
One proud drunken conformist

Dear Life,
I was absolutely appalled at the fashion articles from last issue. Since when are fishnets, coats, loose-fitting tops considered trends? The so-called fashions you are reviewing are not in season, over worn (especially at Laurier) and really not "fashionable". Jeggings? Long skirt with over the knee boots? This fashion advice is terrible.

Next time the cord wants to write an article on fashion, try interviewing an individual who has a passion for fashion or enough fashion credentials to know what is actually in style, and will not just write about what everyone at Laurier wears.
Ugh.
Sincerely,
Just got accepted into Ryerson School of fashion. Goodbye boring Laurier

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Men's hockey opens 2-0

Hawks score 14 goals in first two games of season, downing UOIT 8-0 and 6-4



YUSUF KIDWAI STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Laurier's Thomas Middup (8) fights off UOIT defenceman T.J. Legge (4) during the Hawks' 8-0 win over the Ridgebacks on Saturday.

JAMIE NEUGEBAUER
STAFF WRITER

For new head coach Greg Puhalski and the Golden Hawks men's hockey team: so far, so good.

The purple and gold took both legs of a season-opening home-and-home series with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Ridgebacks last Thursday and Saturday with 8-0 and 6-4 victories respectively.

The Oct. 7 home opener was all Laurier as they dismantled a Ridgeback defence incapable of dealing with the Hawks' puck movement.

"It's nice to score some goals," Puhalski said. "We buried our chances; we had some good puck movement and power play success."

It was a balanced attack that ultimately crushed the spirits of the visitors as seven different scorers lit the lamp for Laurier.

Additionally, five of the eight markers came from rookies as four freshmen tallied for the first time in the purple and gold uniform.

"A lot of our first-year guys came out and played well," commented second-year forward Mitchell Good. "They proved that they deserved to be here and that they are going to help us during the year."

Good was flying all night, continuing his strong play from last year and throughout the pre-season. His three points paced the Hawks while first-year Ottawa native Mike Doran scored twice in his first game in University.

"It feels really good," added captain Jean-Michel Rizk. "If we stick to the game plan and play a simple game, then we will get rewarded

offensively."

"It was a good start, we are not going to get too excited about it," added Puhalski. "We have a game against them this Saturday, and we know they are going to be much better than they were tonight."

Puhalski proved to be prophetic as Saturday's game was much tougher than the previous one.

The Hawks jumped out to a 3-1 lead with two goals from Jean-Michel Rizk and one from former Gatineau Olympique Brendan Taylor, but this time the Ridgebacks did not give up.

Two mid-second period goals by UOIT forwards Brendan Wise and Tony Rizzi evened the game up and proved that the Oshawa-based school would not be blown-out again.

Nevertheless, when Rizk completed his hat-trick at the 18:08 mark of the second period, the Hawks didn't look back.

The teams traded third period markers before rookie Zach Woolford put the game away with an empty netter, giving Laurier a hard-fought 6-4 victory.

This marks the third season in a row that the Hawks have started the year with two wins.

However, the purple and gold skaters will have a much tougher test for the next three games as they head on the road to face Brock, Waterloo and Western.

This road trip will truly show what this team is made of as the Hawks are not traditionally a very good road team. Their next home game is Oct. 23 when they host the Brock Badgers at 7:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Recreation Complex.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
October 11 - 17, 2010

RECENT SCORES

10.09.10

M Football 21 - Ottawa 44
W Hockey 2 - Queen's 1
M Hockey 6 - UOIT 4
W Soccer 0 - Windsor 0
M Soccer 0 - Windsor 0
W Lacrosse 13 - McMaster 3
W Lacrosse 9 - Toronto 7
M Volleyball 3 - Waterloo 1

10.08.10

W Hockey 7 - UOIT 0
W Rugby 0 - Waterloo 49
M Rugby 12 - Guelph 29
M Basketball 75 - UBC 88

10.07.10

M Hockey 8 - UOIT 0

10.06.10

W Soccer 3 - Western 1
M Soccer 0 - Western 0
M Volleyball 3 - Fanshawe 0
W Volleyball 3 - Fanshawe 0
M Basketball 87 - Fanshawe 56

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10.15.10

M Rugby vs Toronto
Knight-Newborough Field, 7:30 p.m.
M Basketball vs Hawk College
Athletic Complex, 8:00 p.m.

10.16.10

M Football vs Queen's
University Stadium, 1:00 p.m.
M Basketball vs Hawk Challenge
Athletic Complex, 8:00 p.m.

10.17.10

W Soccer vs McMaster
Alumni Field, 1:00 p.m.
M Soccer vs McMaster
Alumni Field, 3:15 p.m.

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Oct. 8
Guelph 29 WLU 12

Women's lacrosse

Oct. 9	Oct. 9
WLU 13 Mac 3	WLU 9 U of T 7

Women's rugby

Oct. 8
UW 49 WLU 0

Football team falls to Ottawa

Hawks face must-win game vs. Queen's

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
SPORTS EDITOR

OTTAWA, Ont. — "Every game's a playoff game now."

That was how Laurier quarterback Evan Pawliuk summed up the situation the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks football team now faces following Saturday's loss to the Ottawa Gee-Gees. The 44-21 loss to the number six nationally ranked Gee-Gees brought the Hawks record down to 3-3, ending their three-game winning streak and putting their playoff positioning in jeopardy.

"We beat ourselves," said manager of football operations and head coach Gary Jeffries after Saturday's game. "It's disappointing because we really were getting better, we just didn't play well today."

An ineffective Hawks' offence combined with three turnovers and 11 penalties spelled disaster for the purple and gold on Saturday. After holding the nation's top-ranked quarterback Brad Sinopoli and the rest of the explosive Ottawa offence to just 14 points in the first half, things simply fell apart after halftime.

Shane Kelly replaced Pawliuk as quarterback in the second half after he passed for just 31 yards in the opening half. But after tying the

game early in the third quarter, Kelly would go on to throw a pair of interceptions, unable to revive the dormant Laurier offence.

Two Sinopoli touchdown passes and a Hawks' fumble that would be returned for a major later and the purple and gold found themselves on the wrong end of a lop-sided score board, with their record back down at .500.

"Defensively, I thought we played a hell of a game," said Jeffries. "Sinopoli's as good as there is, their receivers are outstanding and we hung in there. We just couldn't generate any offence or get any sustained drives to keep [Sinopoli] off the field."

The Hawks now face, as Pawliuk eluded to, a must-win game this Saturday when they host the Queen's Gaels. Laurier's current 3-3 record is good enough for a fourth-place tie with the Guelph Gryphons, however, they could see themselves fall to sixth by Friday afternoon.

On Friday, the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) is expected to finally bring an end to the situation surrounding Laurier defensive end Dave Montoya's eligibility. Last week, a Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) committee rejected Montoya's appeal, forcing the Hawks to seek a second appeal with the SDRCC.



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Hawks running back Anton Bennett (with ball) is wrapped up by a pair of Gee-Gees.

Should the independent arbitrators reject Montoya's claim, the Hawks will be forced to forfeit their week three win over the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. This would vault the Blues ahead of the Hawks, putting Laurier in a tie with the Gaels for the final playoff spot.

"Our backs are against the wall," said Pawliuk of Saturday's crucial

game versus Queen's. "We've just got to show the true character of this team and come out and play how we know we're capable of."

What their record will be isn't the only question that will be facing the Hawks on Saturday, as there is still no defined starting quarterback between Kelly and Pawliuk. According to Jeffries, who will be under centre

is still on a week-to-week basis and will be determined in practice this week.

"It's the coaches' decision and we're both just going to keep on working together," said Kelly. "Whoever's out there, the other guy's going to support but all that matters now is that we win these next two games."

Ex-Hawk wins volleyball world championship

TIEJA MACLAUGHLIN
STAFF WRITER

Last winter, former Golden Hawk men's volleyball player Sam Schachter made the decision to leave his squad at Laurier and pursue a lofty goal.

The 20-year-old had his sights set on the beach volleyball Under-21 Youth World Championships.

The tournament, that has been held in Turkey and Albania the last two years, showcases some of the world's best young volleyball players

on the sand.

Schachter, and his partner Garret May, were hand-picked to represent their country at the event and seemingly against all odds the duo captured a gold medal – the first ever for Canada.

"We were definitely the underdogs of the tournament," said Schachter. "I mean, we were medal hopefuls but we were ranked fairly low based on our previous results."

Team Canada defeated the powerhouse Team Brazil in the final match-up that saw Canada ranked

at 18th overall, and Brazil 2nd.

If overcoming those odds wasn't praise-worthy in itself, Schachter was left partner-less only three weeks prior to the tournament.

A chronic knee injury left Schachter's original partner sidelined. After months of training together, he was forced to mesh with a new partner, May.

"We ended up working really well," commented Schachter. "Things came together quickly for us."

The new duo only competed

together once before taking the stage at the international level. At Nationals they finished fifth overall in Canada. In Turkey, May and Schachter went undefeated in seven games en route to their title.

With the victory the pair earns a free draw in an FIVB (Fédération Internationale de Volleyball) sanctioned event. Although they have not yet decided on a tournament, the duo is considering China or Europe as options.

Schachter will be returning to Laurier to study, however will not be

playing volleyball for the Hawks.

"I'll be training with the national beach team," said Schachter who will be commuting from his home in Richmond Hill. "But I'll definitely be around the gym to watch the guys though."

During his two seasons with the Golden Hawks Sam picked up several top honours – he was named OUA Rookie of the Year, Rich Newbrough Rookie of the Year and Laurier Team Rookie of the Year. He was also voted to the OUA and CIS all-rookie teams.

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Laurier's Heather Malizia (L) eludes a pair of Windsor defenders during Saturday's 0-0 draw.

Hawks unbeaten in three

Women's soccer team extends division lead to seven points

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The thanksgiving weekend started off in a frustrating fashion for Laurier's women's soccer team. The Golden Hawks took on the Windsor Lancers with the result being a 0-0 draw.

The Hawks came out sluggish in the first half but dominated the second, controlling the majority of the ball and ending the game with a whopping 17 shots on target. Coming off a strong win against Western last week the draw against Windsor can be viewed as disappointing. Head coach Barry MacLean wasn't pleased with his team's first half.

"We played poorly in the first half with not a lot of energy," he said. "[But] we dominated in the second half."

Defender Nicole Currie who

controlled the flow of the game from the right wing felt that the team "just needs to find the back of the net."

Tania Pedron, who had a strong game in midfield by creating multiple chances for her strikers, was also frustrated at the result.

"It was a very disappointing draw because we were the better team, but we just need to finish," she said.

Though the draw can be viewed as disappointing, a lot of positives came out of the game. Laurier's record moves to an Ontario University Athletics (OUA) west division leading 9-1-2 and their display in the second half shows the strength of the number-four nationally ranked Golden Hawks.

MacLean, who saw the result as disappointing but did not see the need for any changes, felt that there were "no real hiccups" and noted that because of Laurier's domination

with the ball, "teams have begun to defend deeper against us."

Looking forward, MacLean feels that preparation for the playoffs is essential and with teams playing stronger defense against Laurier it is vital that "we finish on our chances."

Yesterday, the Hawks went on the road to play the Guelph Gryphons and came away with a 2-0 win.

The purple and gold now close out the season with games against McMaster and University of Waterloo, both teams that they have beaten easily this year.

With the playoffs coming up it seems that Laurier has established a well-deserved reputation for dominating the pace of the game; the solution now is to convert that possession into another OUA title.

"This year is our year," said an optimistic Pedron. "We do have the team we just need to finish."

Men's soccer looks to finish season strong

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A largely unexpected rousing and spirited start to the season by Wilfrid Laurier's men's soccer squad makes this cruel twist of fate even harder to stomach.

Jarrett Humphreys, the Golden Hawks' starting netminder was sidelined indefinitely by his third concussion in a year from a game versus the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Ridgebacks in late September.

Playing beyond his years as a sophomore, Humphreys was instrumental in his team's quick start to the young season, and always the stalwart vocal presence, he could frequently be heard directing plays and alerting teammates of danger on the pitch from his crease.

Now, the team's 2009-10 rookie of the year's leadership and advice will need to be heeded from the sidelines in the form of encouragement to his mates on the field, at least for the time being.

"To be honest, I'm not expecting him back," said head coach Mario Halapir. "If it happens, great. But my first concern is with his health."

Humphreys' history with concussions and head trauma will play a critical factor when he sees doctors this week concerning details on the extent of the injury and a possible return date, added the coach.

However, when cruel fate plays its hand, it manages to leave one door open in its wake and Martyn Hooker has certainly made the most of his impending opportunity as the Hawks' starting keeper.

The second-year Brantford native has collected two shutouts in three games in his new role, and while Hooker has kept his defensive end of the bargain up, both those shutouts have converted to only ties, as Laurier knotted Western and Windsor in scoreless draws last week.

Hooker even managed to have his one loss converted to a win after an Ontario University Athletics (OUA) ruling turned a 3-1 defeat into a 1-0 victory for Laurier when Windsor was caught with an illegal,

unrecorded substitution on Oct. 3.

"Marty's stepped forward," noted Halapir. "He's done an admirable job. He's going to make errors. Jarrett made errors. Every goalie's going to make errors. It's his confidence that has to evolve in order to limit those errors. He kept us in the game [on Saturday]."

"It's been a little stressful at times, but I've just got to step in and be composed for the team," said Hooker of his new role.

"They're helping me out well and I've just got to do my part in net. It's been easy."

Hooker's transition to starting goalkeeper has been made all the more simple by the large support that Humphreys has given the newcomer.

"Jarrett's done a great job of working with him in practice," observed Halapir. "That'll go a long way."

Indeed the track suit donned by Humphreys on game day is a far cry from his usual light blue attire that's provided the team with a source of constant comfort and composure in net. But with the two goose eggs gathered so far, Hooker can stamp his own mark on the young team with his continued strong play.

Along with Humphreys' guidance, midfielder Steve Hay played a little guardian angel to preserve Hooker's second shutout on Saturday vs. Windsor, halting a free kick by Lancers' star Arlo Hemkes on the goal-line behind the stricken keeper.

"I didn't anticipate it well enough, I was kind of expecting it in the air more, and I had to come out a bit," recalled Hooker. "It was nowhere near me."

"[The ball] just cleared everyone and I think it went off my leg and went for a corner," smiled Hay. "We got lucky there."

Halapir preached a better effort to his squad after the match but as long as teammates like Humphreys and Hay have Hooker's back, it'll be the ailing offence that will need to match the new keeper's pace.

Yesterday, the Hawks saw their seven-game unbeaten streak snapped as they fell 3-2 to the Guelph Gryphons.



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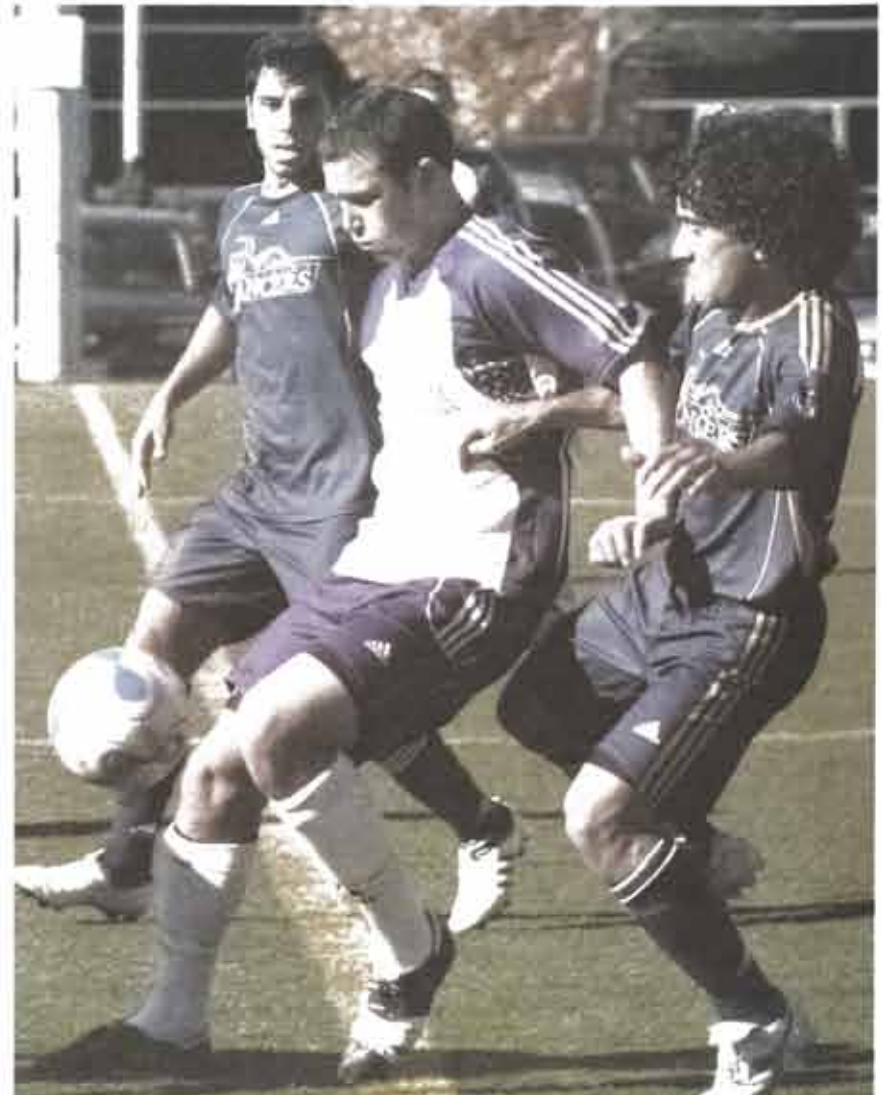
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Golden Hawk striker Ben Clifford (middle) shields the ball from two Lancers. Laurier tied Windsor 0-0 and lost to Guelph 3-2 this week.