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## Uptown expands

Perimetre Institute unveils Stephen Hawking Centre doubling space



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People flocked by the thousands to the Perimeter Institute (PI) on Sept. 18, eager to catch a glimpse into the architectural masterpiece and intellectual powerhouse. The opening of the Perimeter Institute's new addition, the Stephen Hawking Centre, provided the public with a rare glimpse behind closed doors.

Current estimates provided by the Perimeter Institute indicate that upwards of 11,000 tickets were given out for the weekend's celebrations, although counting is still underway. "It's heartwarming to see the interest and the support that the PI

receives, but it also, I think, points to the special nature of this community," said Greg Dick, the director of educational outreach at the PI. "There's a thirst to understand the way this world really works, which is really, really good to see."

The addition, which took approximately a year to construct, cost \$29 million. Funding was split equally between the provincial and federal government, as well as a private donor.

Suzy Parkin was lucky enough to be in town for the occasion. A resident of Vancouver Island, she had heard about the renowned

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CIGI opens 114,000 sq. foot campus in Waterloo, featuring Balsillie School



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NEWS DIRECTOR

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) received quite the gift as it celebrated its tenth birthday over the weekend.

While commemorating the ten-year anniversary of the internationally known think-tank on global governance, CIGI was also able to unveil its brand new 114,000 square foot campus, located in Uptown Waterloo, right beside CIGI's offices in the restored Seagram Distillery. The \$66-million facility will house the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA), which is a graduate studies institution formed through a partnership between CIGI, the

University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University.

"We're thrilled because we've been thinking about this for years," said Fred Kuntz, vice president of public affairs for CIGI. "This plan has been in the works for half a decade practically .... The building started as something about 35,000 feet just along Erb, and what emerged was something around four times that size with other programs added in, so it's really the culmination of a long-term dream."

CIGI itself was founded in 2001 by Research In Motion co-CEO Jim Balsillie as a think-tank, designed to better equip the world's policy

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# From the archives

In recognition of The Cord's 85th anniversary, the following are articles printed by the first editorial staff on Sept. 23, 1926, explaining the purpose and history of the newspaper

## THE COLLEGE CORD

WATERLOO COLLEGE WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Thursday, Sept. 23 1926

### Editorial

You have in your hands today, the College Cord — a printed college paper at last. A dream has been realized, a desire fulfilled, and another chapter of achievement added to the story of Waterloo College. And we are viewing today the birth of a college year as well as the birth of a college paper. They lie before us with all their unbounded possibilities hidden in the glamour of the unknown. What they shall be depends entirely upon us. The challenge of the future rings in our ears. There is much work for us to do. Waterloo College is in need of various things — an athletic field, intercollegiate sports, organizations for cultural development, wider advertisement. Waterloo College must instil within her sons a true "College Spirit" of unselfish co-operation and devoted loyalty. Waterloo College must produce men — true Christian gentlemen with all that the name implies. If the College Cord does not take a leading part in these tasks, then has it been born in vain. The responsibility rests upon you and me. "Waterloo expects that every man will do his duty."

### Our Name

What does "College Cord" mean? Is the name only a fantastical whim of the editorial staff? Only an attractive alliteration? Perhaps, but also a great deal more than that. "College Cord" has a very real meaning bound up in a vital way with Waterloo College and those who are interested in her. By means of a "Cord" we draw; and by means of the "College Cord" we must draw the interest of men and women to our school, draw students within her walls, draw students and faculty into closer sympathy and draw the hearts of all together in a common love for Waterloo. In it shall we find the record of our common hopes, our common joys, our common sorrows — it shall be a common "Cord" of sympathy. "The College Cord" shall be "a tie that binds."

### History of The College Cord

There is a common expression that "Rome of modern times is not the Rome of centuries ago. The present city is built upon the ruins of a former one." The same is true of a college paper, for it too cannot be made in a day. It must be built up carefully upon the ruins of what went before. The things of the past must be simply "stepping stones to higher things." And so this paper which we present today is laid upon the foundations of former attempts, while it is itself only a step toward a much larger and better publication which we hope Waterloo College will soon be able to present.

The old Laury Literary Society, which is still a live factor in the college school today, started the "Squeaker" which was read in its meetings. The main purpose of this paper was to amuse and its main content was jokes upon the students and professors. It was always enjoyed whenever it appeared, which it did only at irregular intervals. When the faculty of arts was organized, the present "Athenaeum" Literary Society also had its beginnings. A paper was also prepared and read at each meeting. Mr. Arthur Mehlenbacher was its editor. The content of the paper varied and some editions of real excellence were produced.

However plans were made to put out a printed paper and the result of the labours of the committee

appointed is in your hands today.

Such is the story of this publication and partly the reason for its existence. But then too the College Cord has appeared in answer to a great need. The fact that many people in the twin city do not know that they have in their midst a college, which is affiliated with the University of Western Ontario and which can give a general arts degree recognized everywhere as of the highest standing, comes a distinct challenge to Waterloo College.

Moreover, many people in the Lutheran Church in Canada do not realize the value of their own school. They pass it by for schools which have perhaps higher reputations as regards age or wealth but which lack many of the real advantages to be found at Waterloo. The attention paid to individuals, the personal contact with the professors, the prevailing spirit of practical Christianity — in these Waterloo College makes her boast. For after all it is in these things — in the atmosphere of the school rather than in textbooks — that a real college training lies, and here the small college may stand comparison with the greatest of universities. Thus, as a means of bringing Waterloo College to the notice of those she can serve, the College Cord has a raison d'être.

The editorial staff is now laying plans for putting out special editions which should prove to be very valuable as historical records in the years to come.

## Vocal Cord

Do you feel safe crossing at the King and University intersection?



"Personally, I do, but I can see why other people wouldn't."

—Madeline Salerno  
Third-year psychology



"Yeah, I feel confident in my ability to cross the street."

—Matthew McNeill  
Second-year mathematics



"Not at night."

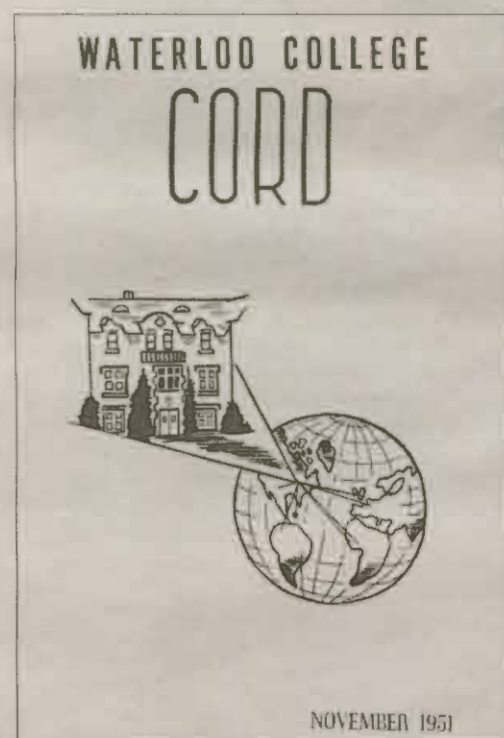
—Jarred Lau  
Third-year biology



"I never feel safe at that intersection, there's always an accident there."

—Klara Raic  
Second-year business

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The Cord will keep faith with its readers by presenting news and expressions of opinions comprehensively, accurately and fairly. The Cord believes in a balanced and impartial presentation of all relevant facts in a news report, and of all substantial opinions in a matter of controversy.

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, and with a special ear to the concerns of the students of Wilfrid Laurier University. Ultimately, The Cord will be bound by neither philosophy nor geography in its mandate.

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 conduct the affairs of our newspaper.

**Quote of the week:**  
"No, she's the one. That one I look like I just took a shit and I'm wondering if anyone noticed."  
—News Director Justin Fautoux regarding choosing a new headshot



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# Getting to know your candidates

News Director **Justin Fauteux** provides a brief introduction to the candidates running for member of provincial parliament in the Kitchener-Waterloo riding



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### Isabel Cisterna NDP

Originally born in Chile, prior to entering politics, Cisterna made her living as an actor, while also working in jobs like manufacturing and waitressing. After coming to Canada in 1991 as an 18-year-old, she founded Neruda productions in 2001, a non-profit arts and culture organization in Waterloo, of which she still serves as artistic director. Cisterna cites her past work with marginalized communities as well as her own experience as a new Canadian as her motivation for getting into politics.



#### Why should students vote?

"Students are the most important voters. Students can make or break an election. Students can make positive change, if they get out of the apathy that they've been in for so long. Many students I've talked to are incredibly savvy when it comes to the issue, but they still won't vote. Also, if you look at it, how many of those thoughts of change happen at the university level. The Che Guevaras of the world, where did they start? At a pub in a university. Students can achieve incredible things."

### Eric Davis Liberal

Since his family left British Columbia when he was two-years-old, Davis has spent nearly his entire life in K-W. After growing up in the region, he received a degree in history and political science from Wilfrid Laurier University before attending law school at the University of Ottawa. A municipal and planning law lawyer by trade, Davis became interested in politics when he was high school during the 1995 referendum, which nearly saw Quebec seceded from Canada. He was then a senator at WLU as well as chair of the WLUSU board, and decided to enter this year's provincial election because of a particular closeness he felt to the issues dealt with by the provincial government.



#### Why should students vote?

"Students are directly affected by the policy of the provincial government especially. If they're going through a post-secondary institution, whether it's university or college, how their school is funded, the tuition grants they may receive, a great number of things impact their education and it's important for them to really get engaged in the political process."

### Peter Davis Independent

Born and raised in Waterloo, Davis holds an economics degree from Carleton University and a master's in international affairs from the Graduate Institute of International Affairs and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. After finishing his studies in Geneva, Davis didn't feel drawn to the world of international relations and returned to K-W to get involved in local politics. Working at local restaurant Ennio's, Davis is involved with a number of local organizations, including the Waterloo economic development committee.



#### Why should students vote?

"I think it's a very small sacrifice. It's important to have a balance in your life between social stuff and community stuff and I think there's a personal reward in having that balance. It's not that you should vote to change the world or for the good of all students, you should vote because it's good for you."

### J.D. McGuire Green Party

According to McGuire, his political career started at the age of 14, when he used to — voluntarily — watch the Ontario Legislature's "Question Period" with his father in his native Goderich, Ont. After moving to K-W to take computer science at Conestoga College, McGuire worked a number of temporary jobs before landing at Research In Motion as an IT professional. McGuire decided to join this year's election after "not wanting to sit on the sidelines" and be told what to care about.



#### Why should students vote?

"A lot of their education depends on the provincial government's attitude and policies. No other level has as much direct control over students' lives as the provincial government. ... Students, or anyone really, just need to find something that they really care about."

### Elizabeth Witmer (incumbent) Progressive Conservative

Currently in her 21st year as the MPP for Kitchener-Waterloo, Witmer is no stranger to politics. After emigrating from Holland at the age of four, Witmer grew up Exeter, Ontario and then went to the University of Western Ontario before becoming a secondary school teacher in Waterloo. Her start in politics came in 1980 as the trustee for the Waterloo Board of Education, a post she held for 10 years before becoming MPP. She has also served as Ontario's minister of health, minister of environment and minister of education, as well as deputy premier.



#### Why should students vote?

"I've always had a keen interest in making it possible for students to achieve their full potential and there's every reason for [students] to vote in this election, because it's their future that's at stake. When one premier in eight years doubles your debt, there's cause for alarm. I want to make sure that every student has the opportunity to get a job, to increase their skills, to make themselves more employable and that they be given every opportunity to reach their full potential."

### Melanie Motz Freedom Party

Born and raised in Waterloo, Motz has previous political experience with the Fair Vote movement. She has been a manager at several businesses across Southern Ontario and comes from a family that has lived in the Waterloo area for over 150 years. —Files from Freedom Party website, *The Cord* was unable to reach Motz before press time.

### Jay Ouellette Ontario Libertarian Party

—*The Cord* was unable to reach Ouellette before press time and no biographical information was available.

## More election coverage

WLUSU looks for student engagement

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# CAMPUS

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## Concerns with King and University

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On Tuesday of last week, a 21-year-old business student at Wilfrid Laurier University was rollerblading down University Avenue when he cut into the intersection at King Street and was severely struck by a red pick-up truck. Though he did break both his legs, Kyle Paraskevopoulos remains in hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

"I was flying down University Ave. I was on rollerblades; I was kind of on the road because I was going pretty fast, down the hill obviously," explained Paraskevopoulos. He turned left onto King Street and was then stuck by the vehicle.

"I think the advanced green might have just ended by the time I turned left. And I think the truck was already going and I'm not sure, I don't really remember any of this though," he added.

According to Rod Curran, director of special constables at WLU, the student was at "fault" for the accident. "When you're on rollerblades and if you cut across in front of three lanes of traffic in front of cars, you're going to get seriously hurt," said Curran. "It was very unfortunate; I guess he just wasn't paying attention."

He also noted that the student wasn't wearing any protective equipment.

The intersection has become a point of concern for many at the university, as this is not the first time for a collision to occur. While sometimes incidents can happen out of the control of pedestrians or drivers, the university hopes that students are mindful of their

surroundings, especially when it comes to traffic.

"Just being mindful that there are risks, that campus safety and community safety is a reality," said Lianne Holland-Brown, the dean of students at Laurier. "I think sometimes students are very distracted and they're busy and they have a lot on their mind."

Holland-Brown noted that students have a tendency to be absorbed in their cell phones and other devices while walking around campus, which can become a safety hazard. "I was walking from the exit from FNCC to the mid-campus drive and no word of a lie, I counted a hundred students texting and walking. It's an epidemic."

Even though Curran doesn't believe the intersection to be a huge point of concern at the moment, he still echoed Holland-Brown's remarks by saying, "People nowadays just see the walk sign and they start walking. I've seen students go out there and not even look at the traffic."

"I saw somebody last week, reading a book and walking," he added.

The intersection at King and University has been brought up at recent "town and gown" committee meetings and there have been discussion around making it a "scramble intersection."

Similarly to some intersections in downtown Toronto, a "scramble intersection" is where all four sides of traffic are stopped and any pedestrian from any side can cross the street simultaneously.

"There are pros and cons with an intersection like that but I hope that the dialogue about student safety continues at the next town



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The incident on Sept. 13 wasn't the only accident to occur at the King and University intersection.

and gown meeting," continued Holland-Brown.

Another initiative proposed by the university is to create an overpass walkway from one side of University Avenue to the other. This will be in conjunction with the construction of the Global Innovation Exchange building that will replace St. Michael's campus.

"The president [of Laurier] is concerned about the level of traffic. But it is quite busy, if you have two universities within four blocks of each other there is a lot of traffic,"

Curran added.

As for Paraskevopoulos, he believes that students should be more aware, but drivers as well. "It's pretty busy, they should be more careful, drivers too, obviously," said Paraskevopoulos.

Paraskevopoulos also felt that the accident was a bit out of his control, "A little bit ... I might have turned left after the advance green but I think the car still should have yielded or something."

"I thought I had the advance," he said.

### Other accidents:

#### Jan. 10, 2011

- Two car collision at King and University. Six pedestrians were hit.

#### Nov. 29, 2010

- Hit and run involving one pedestrian near King and University.

#### Sept. 7, 2010

- Two car collision with minor injuries.

## Union looks to create accessible election

Polling stations and an on-campus debate are some of the initiatives done by WLUSU



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When it comes to election time, it seems everyone, particularly young people, comes up with a reason not to vote. Everything from a lack of knowledge on election issues, to not living in one's home riding, to not knowing where to vote are common excuses for students to avoid voting.

But in the upcoming provincial election, the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) is looking to eliminate any of those excuses.

Spearheaded by WLUSU policy researcher and advocacy coordinator Chris Hyde and vice president: university affairs Sean Madden, the union has created several initiatives to inform WLU students on campaign issues while making voting itself easier.

In the lead up to Oct. 6's election day, WLUSU will be working with Elections Ontario in promotion and education, as well as hosting an all-candidates meeting tomorrow at noon in the Paul Martin Centre.

"Elections Ontario has really helped us with the 'how to vote,' the mechanics of voting, eliminating some of those barriers for students, whether they be informational or motivational," said Madden. "We'll have the usual social media rollout, we'll have posters, cards, buttons, on site volunteers, as well as [the open forum]."

When it comes to voting on Oct. 6, students living on campus will be able to vote at polls set up in the Concourse, which will be open from

9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Students not on the voter registry will have their proof of residence taken care of by being on the residence list, meaning all they will need to vote will be a piece of photo identification.

Off campus students will be able to vote in the Concourse during two advanced polls Sept. 28th and 29th, provided they bring a piece of mail to prove their Waterloo address along with a piece of photo identification.

"One of the first things we asked of Elections Ontario was the location of the advanced polls," said Hyde. "We didn't want it to be across the street at St. Mike's, we really wanted it in a more student focused area, an area they could easily access, so we're having it in the Concourse, which is a great first step because it's a high traffic area."

"For students, we're also trying to promote the advance poll for a couple reasons," added Madden. "We're concerned Oct. 6 will be a travel day for many students going home for Thanksgiving, but also, on Election Day, only students living in residence can vote in [the Concourse]."

According to Madden and Hyde, WLUSU is also able to provide proof of residence to students living off campus. The union is currently building a function in their website in which students can input their name and address and receive a piece of registered mail from WLUSU to serve as proof of their local residency.

Until then, any WLU student can get in touch with WLUSU and they can manually draft a piece of mail.

### Laurier in brief

#### Opt out deadline approaching

This Friday, Sept. 23rd, is the final day for students of Wilfrid Laurier University to opt-out of some incidental fees. Graduate students can opt-out of both health and dental insurance, which combine to cost \$462.11. In addition, business graduate students can opt-out of the \$125 SBE computer contribution.

Undergrads meanwhile, have the opportunity to save \$207.64 by opting out of the health and dental insurance plans, as well as the Laurier Student Public Research (LSPiRG) fee. Undergraduate business students can save an additional \$65 by opting out of the SBE computer contribution. Students can opt-out of these fees by visiting the Laurier business office's website.

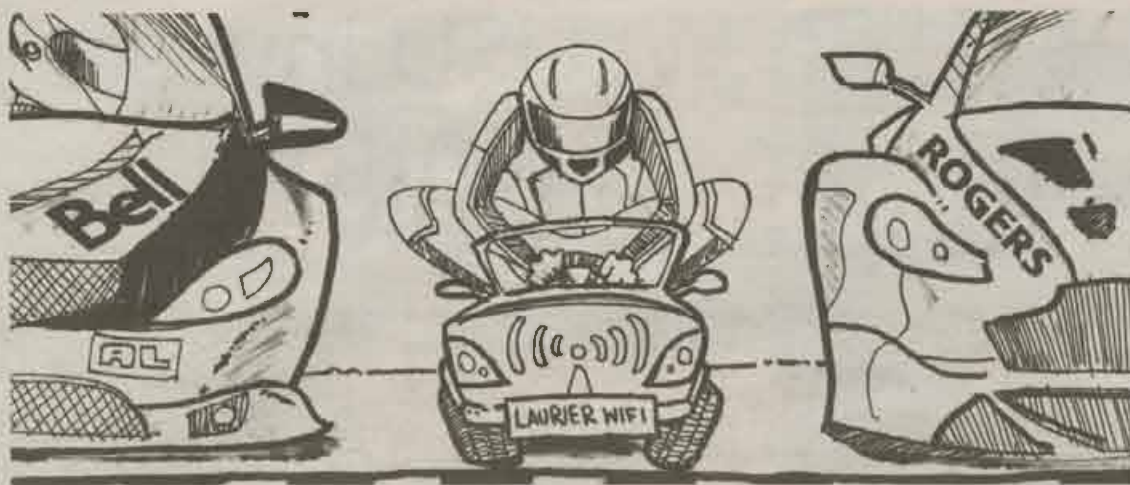
#### Spring Rolls open in Terrace

After remaining closed for O-Week and the first week of classes, the latest addition to the Terrace, Spring Rolls Go, opened for the first time on Monday. Currently, the Asian food outlet is only accepting cash and OneCard, however it will eventually have the capacity to accept debit and credit. Union Market, however, remains closed.

#### Interim Liberal leader coming to WLU

This Thursday at 7 p.m. Bob Rae, currently the leader of the Canadian Liberal party and a former Laurier chancellor, will be speaking at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. Rae is visiting WLU as part of a lecture series commemorating the institution's centennial.





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## Is Laurier wireless any faster?

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CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

As students and faculty increasingly continue to bring more electronic devices to school, discussion over the quality of the wireless connection at Wilfrid Laurier University has been a major concern for the past few years.

Announced in late August, WLU's Information Technology Services (ITS) expanded its wireless coverage to various different spots on campus.

"We have a tremendous amount of work to do to update the technical infrastructure at the university," explained Tom Buckley, assistant vice president: academic services.

"Students made it very clear to us that wireless, the state of the wireless system is something they were not satisfied with."

Buckley noted the approximately 40 per cent of the network switches on campus have been replaced.

The improved technology — which was done with funding from the university, the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLU-SU) and PRISM labs — was placed in some areas such as the Concourse, 24-Hour lounge, Peters and Schlegel buildings.

This was done by ITS to help increase reliability, connectivity as well as speed.

"Our core mandate is to support technology as it relates to the teaching and learning environment. But now students bring multiple devices; smart phones, tablets and laptops," continued Buckley.

"And they are used for a combination of personal use and academic use. We zeroed in on areas where they tended to frequently use technology and devices."

### Reviewing the connection

There have been mixed reactions from students on the improved wireless coverage, where some state it is better and where some say it's the same as previous years.

"Other years it's such a hassle and I just want to go home, but this year it's been good," said Robyn Hobbs, a fourth-year business and environmental studies student, who was studying at the time in the Concourse.

On the other side, some students in the Concourse visibly frustrated with the state of the Internet connection. Mike Paolini, a second-year business student, told *The Cord* that he doesn't notice much of a difference from last year.

"I can't tell right now to be honest. It's pretty slow right now," said Paolini.

Feeling similarly to Paolini, third-year business student Sunny Trochaniak, said, "It's been this bad since first year."

"I don't know how else to describe it though, it's terrible. I'm in three different classes and I can't connect to any of them," continued Trochaniak, noting that those three classes were all in the Peters building.

Since he's been having so much trouble getting connections, Trochaniak started to use his smart phone as a wireless hot spot in case he needed to access the Internet in class.

The *Cord* went to various spots on campus to test the reliability of the wireless connection, once in the evening when traffic was lower and once during the day when traffic was denser.

Almost every place on campus appeared to be a lot stronger during the evening, but once it came to earlier hours in the day, when

numerous students were studying in these areas, the connections were troublesome.

One place on campus that appeared to be consistently weaker was the library, where connecting to the wireless was inconsistent and unreliable, no matter what point of day it was and how many people were in the building.

### A higher density

Using an analogy of rainfall and a sewer system, Buckley mentioned that the higher use of laptops and internet usage on campus will put more strain on the system, therefore resulting in more laboured performance.

"If the library was full of people, everyone trying to download three videos at the same time, that's the data equivalent of a monsoon rain in Waterloo," said Buckley. "Will wireless at Laurier provide the same speed that you'll get from a dedicated landline connection at your apartment when you're downloading three movies at a time? No. We're not going to make that level of commitment."

While some improvements to wireless coverage have been made to some parts on campus, not every building or room has yet to receive an improvement and, according to Buckley, the process is still an on-going.

"It's going to serve the students much better but we'll be continuously doing a reality check on that, and we'll be engaging the student communities and the student leaders to find out if we got it right," concluded Buckley.

"If we need more, we have to have that conversation around what we do about this stuff so that teaching and learning can continue and not be interrupted."

## Making sure students meet the deadlines

University tries to keep students informed

JUSTIN SMIRLIES  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Students are sometimes faced with making quick decisions in university, and that includes making decisions regarding the courses they take — which may also have a direct effect on their wallet. While nothing has changed this year for deadlines to drop and add courses, students still have to be aware of these dates to avoid unnecessary losses.

If a student were to drop a class last week, they would receive the full tuition of the course back, but if they were to drop a course this week — up until Sept. 25 — then they will only receive 90 per cent tuition back and still have to give up the remaining ten to the university.

When asked whether this was fair for students, Ray Darling, the registrar and commissioner of oaths at Wilfrid Laurier University, responded, "I would hope so. They've been to the introductory class, they've received the outline, and they've met the professor. They know the work that is ahead of them."

Darling also noted that students have up to the 40th day of classes to drop a course without incurring an academic penalty, but will still lose up to 55 per cent of the cost of the course. While some students may feel like one or two weeks is not nearly enough time to determine whether or not they should stay in a course, Darling stated that this is the common approach for most universities.

"I think that's a pretty standard approach, like I've looked at other models across the province and they vary but there are a number that are like us," continued Darling. "There are some that go down incrementally throughout the whole term. But a lot of them actually would be hitting you with some type of money after the first week."

Sometimes the issue is that students are unaware of these dates, so

the focus of the university has been to find better ways to communicate this information.

"For me the most important thing is that the information is communicated and articulated in a way that students understand," said Leanne Holland-Brown, the dean of students at WLU. "At the end of the day there's always going to be deadlines and parameters."

This year, the registrar office has been using e-mail to communicate with students but that hasn't always been an effective approach since many of the emails from the university may not be read or noticed.

"We know that there is an issue with students not reading e-mails and not reading the information that is on the website," continued Darling. "I think students think we're spamming them as well."

Darling also predicted that on average only a third of the e-mails the university sends out get read by students.

By switching to a G-mail based e-mail system last year, Darling hopes that students will be more inclined to check to it.

With the rapid shift to more technological and digital ways of communication, the university is focused on finding more effective methods to communicate with students.

"It's an on-going question in post-secondary and the reality is we can be a little bit archaic, and we need to do a better job at being where the students are," added Holland-Brown. "I think students would prefer we texted it to them, realistically."

Darling noted that the responsibility weighs heavily on the students to keep informed, but there's always going to be issues with the way they communicate with students.

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—Ray Darling, registrar and commissioner of oaths at WLU

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## Research Profile: Dr. Greig de Peuter

ELIZABETH DICESARE  
CORD NEWS

Wilfrid Laurier University professor Greig de Peuter recently received a Standard Research Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, which will allow him to conduct research in his field of communication studies for the next three years.

For his current research, de Peuter said it's about "working conditions and labour politics in media cultural and information technology industries."

He also emphasized that the project is "still at its early stages . . . [and] being carried out in collaboration with a professor at Simon Fraser University in the school of communication by the name of Enda Brophy."

According to de Peuter, these sectors of work have been growing and becoming more popular. "There is a glamour associated with certain jobs within the cultural industry," he added.

However, these jobs are not your standard workday and are not supported by benefits, yet this 'flex-work' is a growing industry, especially within universities regarding CAS professors.

His research surrounding these work sectors is based on the term 'precarity.' "[This term is] used to describe the social, financial and



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

existential insecurities that are exacerbated by working in a flexible manner," said de Peuter.

"Research starts off with the assumption that flex workers shouldn't be conceived only as victims of this [precarious] business logic, but they should be viewed as active agents who are capable of resistance . . . and transformation," continued de Peuter.

De Peuter's research aims at documenting various ways that flex-workers are starting to combat their working conditions.

Motivation for this project stemmed from his past experiences as a part-time worker within university settings. He stated that his current tenured position is his first "solid" job, and that past jobs were "textbook precarious."

This project is also a continuation of his doctoral work, but focuses

more on empirical aspects instead of the theory behind precarious work.

It is also a continuation of a pilot project that de Peuter took part in while at New York University during his research term in the department of social and cultural analysis.

De Peuter is collecting research for this project by interviewing labour activists, particularly participants in anti-precarity labour movements.

When the research is finished he hopes to have produced academic journal articles as well as contributions to labour publications and social justice publications.

He noted that his research will not be exclusive to just academic publications.

De Peuter also hopes to produce a book by the end of the three-year research term.

## WLUSU invests in Brantford

BREE RODY-MANTHA  
FEATURES EDITOR

Laurier's Brantford campus will soon be enjoying a larger variety of meals and snacks on campus.

At the Sept. 16 meeting of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) board of directors, the board approved just under \$100,000 in funding to add a coffee kiosk to one of the busiest, most central areas of the Brantford campus.

"Literally right after the meeting finished we sent out the e-mails to get things started," said WLUSU president and CEO Nick Gibson. "At this point it will be about a month to a month and a half to completion."

The coffee kiosk was proposed to accommodate Brantford's growing student population and provide students with additional social space. "It's central," Gibson said.

"Basically it would be kind of like where Starbucks is in the Concourse." Gibson assured *The Cord* that the budgets put together for the project were "very conservative" to avoid the risk of over-spending.

Last year the board made the decision to reallocate funds originally intended to construct a food services facility in Brantford to bail out the failing William's Coffee Pub currently on that campus.

Since then, the union has been making an effort to keep food services operating smoothly at Brantford. "Obviously we made that mistake and we learned from that mistake," said director Luke Dotto.

"You're going to make mistakes eventually, but I'm pretty confident that we've learned what to do and what not to do from that experience."

The union has already taken several steps to ensure that Brantford students will be served better. "We restructured William's," explained Gibson.

"We had some issues with the labour in that department. All of the managers were trained at a William's corporate store, which empowers them a bit there."

Director Tom Papanastasiou

"With the Brantford campus growing the way it is, we're able to dedicate a lot more attention to it."

—Luke Dotto, director on the WLUSU board

insisted on keeping realistic expectations and was apprehensive about some aspects of the project. "The only risk is us potentially going over budget," he said. "We did that last year and I don't think it'll happen again."

"If anything, worst case scenario, it could become a place that Brantford students just go to and don't really hang out; it won't be a hot spot for activity," added Papanastasiou. Though Papanastasiou expressed some mild hesitation, he felt that the project was relatively low risk.

"I'm mostly wondering, will this take away from the business at Williams?" he considered.

Present at the recent board meeting were representatives from the Brantford campus, who assured the board that business at Williams is indeed booming and that a second coffee shop would relieve the long line-ups from their current café.

"There's a lot of businesses in that area including a new call centre," Gibson explained, noting that many members of the community are drawn to Williams as well.

"We really [didn't] know their situation," Papanastasiou confessed, stating that he was happy that Brantford parties were able to provide input.

Dotto echoed his colleague's relief. "It was really great having the Brantford VPs there," said Dotto.

"We didn't know that they were having 40 minute line-ups at William's . . . with the Brantford campus growing the way it is, we're able to dedicate a lot more attention to it."

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# BBA grad nationally recognized

Jeff Nugent, a graduate of the class of 1995, was named in Profit Magazine's 'Hot 50'



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**JUSTIN FAUTEUX**  
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Even after finishing just one year at Wilfrid Laurier University, it was clear that Jeff Nugent was an entrepreneur.

Following his first year of university, Nugent wanted to take a white-water rafting trip and, after hearing from a company that his trip could be free if he got 12 other people to attend, he made started making some calls. 60 signups later, Nugent not only got a free whitewater rafting trip but started a relationship between Laurier and OWL rafting (an Ottawa-based whitewater rafting company) that is still used today for alumni events as well as WLU's summer student baseball league, the MLSB.

Today Nugent, a business grad from Laurier's class of 1995, is still enjoying entrepreneurial success,

just on a larger scale. And now, he's getting recognized for it.

Recently, Nugent's company Contingent Workforce Solutions (CWS) was named in the top of the Profit Magazine's 'Hot 50' ranking of Canada's top new-growth companies, after the firm grew its revenue by 10,330 per cent between the recession plagued years of 2008-10.

"It wasn't any kind of 'whiz kid IT startup' or anything along those lines," said Nugent of starting his contract staffing company in 2008.

"I had been in the industry for a number of years and I had all these clients that were discontent with utilizing traditional staffing agencies or were having trouble managing contract workforce ... I just saw the need and thought, 'Ok, it's time to start something up.'"

Taking advantage of the growing trend of companies hiring staff on contract as opposed to permanently,

CWS takes on a different role than a traditional staffing firm and manages a company's entire contract workforce, as opposed to placing one worker in one position.

According to Nugent, who is not only the founder of CWS but also its president and CEO, this has spurred the incredible growth of his company over the past three years.

"We take over a whole program, so if you take on 50 people, all of the sudden that would represent \$5 million in revenue," he said. "So as we acquired these clients, we grew rapidly; it's kind of the nature of the beast in what we do."

Among those clients CWS has acquired in its short history are some pretty noteworthy names.

Nugent's company currently works with everyone from big banks and insurance companies such as Bank of Montreal and TD Bank, to oil and gas companies like Enbridge

and Suncor, to retailers like Wal-Mart, Sobey's and Loblaws.

Despite the growth and recognition of CWS, Nugent and his company remain humble. The staff of CWS, which is still just eight people, was so shocked to find themselves at the top of Profit's list, Nugent emailed the publisher with a subject line that read: "OMG."

"You just try and do good work and you don't really know what the yard stick is," said Nugent. "So it was really neat when Profit approached us to apply and then incredible when we came out on top."

Nugent, who looks back fondly on his time at Laurier, hopes his story can be an inspiration to the students of his alma mater.

"Being self-employed is a viable career choice, even for new grads," he said. "Starting a business is not as scary as you might think if you have passion and commitment to it."

# Meal plan at Laurier to accommodate kosher students

**MARCIE FOSTER**  
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Keeping kosher on campus will no longer be a challenge, thanks to new initiatives by Food Services and student services at Wilfrid Laurier University. Students can purchase kosher meals at the Fresh Food Company located in the Dining Hall and have access to a kosher-designated microwave which is otherwise locked.

The program was part of an option students saw when applying for residence.

"New this year with residence

applications ... there were over 100 students that identified dietary concerns," said Dan Dawson, assistant vice president of student services. Dietary concerns included traditions such as Kosher and Halal.

The program currently has about 60 students, with more expected as fall progresses.

"All of the students using this program are in apartment-style residence, where they can cook their meals, so while they're on campus this is to supplement them," Dawson said.

The program involves the active participation of the Diversity and

Equity office and the help of Rabbi Moshe Goldman of the Chaplain's office. Dawson added, "We started late August with the meals, pre-packaged, kind of like a high-end TV dinner. There has to be some balance in the meal and it has to follow more specific kosher specifications. We'll be expanding the program as we try new items."

As of last year students were able to purchase Halal-certified food on campus, and Food Services hopes to introduce more options for students with dietary restrictions.

"Our culinary director David Hutchinson has been very active

in the last couple weeks sourcing gluten free products, and you'll notice even today the cereal station has three boxes of gluten free cereal, and the stations have rice pasta available. We're getting in specialty breads, waffles, pancakes for students as well," said Ryan Lloyd-Craig, director of Food Services.

Lloyd-Craig also mentioned that Food Services is working on introducing local and organic seasonal vegetables to the menu, sourcing from farms within a 10 kilometre radius of the university.

In terms of cost, both to students and to the university, Dawson and

Lloyd-Craig explained that there is a minimal ten per cent mark-up needed to cover the expense of the kosher program, as the pre-packaged meals must be delivered from Montreal.

"We're not looking to make a profit on it, we're seeing at something we need to provide for the students, and that's what we're going to do," said Dawson.

Students with allergies and special dietary requirements are encouraged to talk to Food Services chefs and managers to explore what options are out there and to inform both offices of student needs.

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Candidates of the Kitchener-Waterloo region promoted their platforms and answered audience questions at the debate Monday night.

## K-W candidates face the public

Potential members of provincial parliament take part in election forum

AMANDA STEINER  
LOCAL AND NATIONAL EDITOR

Waterloo Region Record editorial page editor and forum moderator John Roe introduced all the candidates meeting this past Monday night as an "important opportunity to get to know [Kitchener-Waterloo] candidates better." Representatives from the Liberal, Progressive Conservative, Green and NDP parties, as well as an independent candidate had an hour and a half to try and prove to the people of K-W why they were the best representative for the job.

Each spokesperson opened the floor with statements of optimism such as Green Party candidate J.D. McGuire's proclamation that, "good enough isn't good enough anymore," or NDP candidate Isabel Cisterna proclaiming that it's time to "put people first."

By far, the most original statement came from Peter Davis of the independent party when he said, "I don't pretend to be an expert on all issues. I thought if I were to run

without a platform, I would be a candidate you could vote for without pretending to know about politics."

The other candidates, such as Progressive Conservative leader Elizabeth Witmer, commented on Davis's ideas as, "very refreshing and I applaud him. I've seen him out there canvassing and you know what? I think you're a very enthusiastic person—kudos to you." Liberal leader Eric Davis said that, "obviously, the key to this election is to vote Davis."

Many questions were posed to the candidates throughout the evening, ranging from their plans to keep Waterloo as a world innovative hub, bully prevention methods and job-loss prevention plans.

A hot topic Monday night was the issue of Canadian debt. David of Kitchener specifically focused on Eric Davis when he asked, "why should we believe anything your party says?"

This question was asked because of the HST tax implemented by Dalton McGuinty. Davis's response

was quite passionate as he leaned towards the microphone and explained that, "the introduction of the HST was all about job creation. We need to make sure we keep Ontario globally competitive."

"And let's be clear," he continued. "Neither the Tories or the NDP are going to repeal or get rid of the HST. But what we've done is, as part of introducing the HST, it was also part of our tax reform package. And what that did was actually reduce personal income taxes for nine out of ten Ontarians."

Witmer almost seemed to roll her eyes at the liberal plan and said, "We're going to drop the 'H' off of HST. [The PCs] have a fully costed plan to start reducing the debt because right now we're paying \$10.3 billion to service that debt. We also have a plan for small and medium sized business to encourage private sector job creation."

It was Peter Davis who took a stand against Witmer and shared his doubts of the conservative plan with the crowd, and briefly

mentioned his own.

"I have to be honest here, regarding the PC platform, I have my doubts. I don't believe that more consumption is the way that we produce more economy," Davis said. "The way you produce more is investment. We have to make sacrifices now. As we save our money we can invest in new economy."

Later in the evening, Wilfrid Laurier student Drew Redding took the microphone and directed his question at Elizabeth Witmer. "If elected again on Oct. 6, do you promise Waterloo that you will serve a full term and not step down to let your son Scott run in the by-election?" This question elicited laughter and applause from the audience as they awaited Witmer's response.

Witmer seemed to share the humour as well, though she denied the rumor. "I will serve a four year term and I will serve another after that," she said. "There is a lot of work that needs to be done and I will continue to work for our community as long as I am able to."

## Discussing Waterloo's future

NICOLE GREEN  
STAFF WRITER

On Monday Sept. 19th Waterloo city council met to discuss the future of the city as outlined in the first draft of the official plan, a document which will be used to guide growth, development, sustainability and land use in Waterloo over the next 20 years.

The last official plan was approved in 1990. Due to the changing population, limited land supply and an increasing emphasis on the environment and sustainability, the city has produced new concepts aimed at strengthening the existing plan. The new official plan, which has been in development since 2005, calls for Uptown Waterloo, as a lively urban growth centre, to function as the focal point of the city.

The growth of the city has also been addressed in the plan, as it states that previous methods of outward expansion are not feasible with the lack of undeveloped land available. Alternatively, the plan suggests that growth should be accommodated through intensification and redevelopment of already built-up areas.

The official plan also addresses the zoning by law which has been the centre of controversy for developers of student housing in Waterloo.

The plan states, "The Zoning By-law, implements the Official Plan's vision and objectives through specific zones and detailed regulations regarding the specific uses permitted and performance criteria required."

At Monday's council meeting, many members of the community came out to voice their opinions on the first draft of the official plan. The concerns that many members had were in regards to a new way of measuring density.

The plan states, "The past Plan utilized a units [per] hectare method to calculate residential density, the new Plan incorporates a bedrooms [per] hectare calculation. Changing the way in which residential density is calculated is intended to better connect the development with the actual number of people who will be utilizing the amenities."

However, following the concerns voiced by the public, mayor Brenda Halloran decided that the method of measuring density should be looked at more closely.

"It's a very confusing detail which I think council needs to talk about further and so we've included it in the next discussion point just so we have a clearer understand as to what it really means," she said.

Among the many citizens that attended the meeting, local resident Chris Christodoulou felt it was important for him to voice his opinion.

"I think in general there are a lot of departments in this building that have to work together and at certain times it is very important for us to express our concerns, so that council have the opportunity to learn about our perspectives," he said. "Anyone who wants to express themselves should be sitting in these chairs."

Mayor Halloran valued the contributions that the delegates made. "Everything we do at the city directly impacts our citizens and their ability to live, work and play in their community," she said. "Tonight was a lot about how people can build and create places for people to live. So it's important for us to have their views expressed because we're making decisions that impact them."

The next phase of the report is to be released by the end of fall.

## Social media and global governance

LINDSAY PURCHASE  
LEAD REPORTER

As a component of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)'s tenth anniversary celebrations, a full day conference was held on Sept. 20 evaluating the role that think-tanks can fulfill. The conference, under the title of 'Can Think Tanks Make a Difference,' was aired globally as a webcast.

The morning began with an opening statement from CIGI chair and RIM co-CEO Jim Balsillie.

Throughout the day, three roundtable discussions evaluated the interactions of social media with policy, the emphasis placed on policy by governments and who holds the greatest influence in policy making.

The first roundtable, 'Policy Innovation in the Age of Social Media,' evaluated the impact of Internet-based tools such as Facebook and Twitter and how this alters the role of think-tanks. The discussion was moderated by CBC News

correspondent Peter Mansbridge, who began by explaining the revolutionary influence social media has had on journalism.

"For the purposes of my work, I'm a lot more confident how we, in my business, use social networking today than even a year ago," said Mansbridge. "I think things have changed in our world, just like they are changing in yours."

Despite acknowledging the use of social media as "ground-breaking," Mansbridge cautioned that people must be "wary of the information that often they are seeing, especially in fast-moving stories that impact our world."

While the impact on journalism is something clear to the everyday citizen, policy work is a more complex and typically out of sight process. Toby Fyfe, the editor-in-chief of *Canadian Government Executive* magazine, explained the changing nature of government policy undertakings.

"The fact is that through obvious technology like the Internet,

nowadays people have access to information, but it means from a policy perspective that governments are being driven to respond more quickly," Fyfe commented.

He continued, "The bottom line ... is that governments need to back off. They're understanding that they can't control the way they used to."

Alexandra Samuel, the director of the Social and Interactive Media Centre at Emily Carr University underlined this argument with examples of the use of the Internet to bypass government policy.

One of the most notable illustrations she provided was the ignorance of copyright laws, which are consistently undermined through file sharing.

"The reason we need to think about copyright is because the world of the Internet doesn't respect that policy anymore," said Samuel. "The policy is broken [and] there's really no capacity for the government to enforce it."

The Arab Spring was another

frequently utilised example of the impact of social media. Outlets such as Twitter and Facebook were drawn upon in certain cases to propel desire for change and to organize resistance.

However, as was explained by Bessma Momani, a CIGI senior fellow, the problem of what to do after dictatorial overthrow was far too intricate to be solved within 140 characters.

She explained, "It [social media] has a strong co-ordinating and logistical, if you will, mobilizing effect, in getting people to a certain place at a certain time ... but it can't solve the underlying, pressing problems of governance." Those issues, in her opinion, are better left to analytical policy institutes like CIGI.

Though each discussant evaluated the topic with a unique discourse, the overall consensus appeared to be that think-tanks will continue to play an important role into the future, assuring many more stimulating CIGI conferences to come.



# Hawking honoured with new building

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institution in *The Globe and Mail*. Describing her experience while touring the building, Parkin said, "It was absolutely fascinating, and to think of all these people that work here and the brain power is kind of mind-boggling."

Parkin was also appreciative of the building's unique design. "I love the concept of being able to see through to other areas, maybe other people's equations or what they're already thinking about, or to go off in a new direction," she commented. "What a beautiful place to let your mind conjure up things for our futures."

The Stephen Hawking Centre was designed by Teeple Architects, who earned the prestigious job through a competition held at the Perimeter Institute.

Head architect Stephen Teeple explained, "The main goal is they wanted to create one, collaborative, science-research institute. So they didn't want a new thing and an old thing, they wanted it completely interconnected."

From the inside, the two buildings connect seamlessly, joined by angular stairways and slanted ceilings. Chalkboards line many of the walls; some were inscribed with welcoming messages and scientific facts for visitors, others were littered with lengthy equations and scattered

ideas.

Teeple described the unique interactive spaces as "one of the most ... interesting innovations" in the building's design. The goal was to move beyond the typical isolation of office building floors to facilitate collaboration between scientists. "When you're walking on the bridges, you can see what's happening from people above and below you, and say 'hey, I might join that conversation, I might be part of that,'" said Teeple.

Other examples other interactive areas include the Black Hole Bistro, which sits over the reflecting pool, and the Sky Room, a meeting area designed with the discussion of "sky-high ideas" in mind.

Carrie Gilmour, a University of Waterloo employee who attended the Centre's opening, idealized the institute as a place for "the smartest people in the world." She continued, "We're really fortunate to have them here, I think it's a great presence."

Gilmour was highly enthusiastic about having the opportunity to view the building's interior.

"I think it's incredible that they opened this up to the community to come through," she raved. "I thought that they made things really simple and easy to understand, which was really great for the general public to just come in and learn these things."

Greater outreach to the community can be expected in the upcoming years as the Perimeter Institute

"They didn't want a new thing and an old thing, they wanted it completely interconnected."

—Stephen Teeple, head architect, Stephen Hawking Centre

continues to grow "with that ultimate goal of making Canada the most scientifically literate country in the world," said Dick.

# Balsillie school looking ahead



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

RIM co-CEO and CIGI founder Jim Balsillie at the opening of the new CIGI campus in Uptown Waterloo Friday afternoon.

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makers on issues of global governance. It started with a grant from Balsillie, and contributions from the federal and provincial governments, and now CIGI employs 50 permanent staff and about 25 research fellows.

In 2007, CIGI formed the first partnership of its kind when it teamed with UW and Laurier to form the BSIA. The partnership offers PhD program in global governance — a joint initiative between Laurier and UW — as well as a master's degree in international public policy (MIPP) from WLU and master of arts in global governance from UW.

"We are educating the next generation of policy makers," said Kuntz. "The current generation haven't done such a great job and you look at all the different things around the world, whether it's the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, there aren't very good mechanisms for global sustainability... Right now we lurch from crisis to crisis; we need much better leadership."

Currently there are 67 students enrolled in the BSIA of which 33 are in the joint PhD program, 14 in Laurier's MIPP program and 20 in UW's master's of global governance. And the institutions have enjoyed the benefits of the partnership.

"This is the only academic partnership that also includes a not for profit think-tank on international governance," said Laurier's vice president: academic and provost Deb MacLatchy. "The major benefit has been our ability to attract leading scholars in different areas, political science, economics, et cetera. But also to develop a master's program as well as a PhD program... It really allows Laurier to be at the forefront of studying some of the

most pressing social issues that we have."

While the CIGI campus was under construction — which started in the summer of 2009 — the BSIA took place in classrooms on the campuses of both WLU and UW. But now armed with a brand new facility, Kuntz sees a great opportunity for growth.

"Certainly there's capacity to grow in numbers," he said. "But I think what having a marvelous facility does, is attract talent. You'd be hard pressed to find a better graduate school facility than this one that's just been built."

MacLatchy also sees an opportunity for growth at the BSIA, particularly when it comes to expanding into undergraduate programs.

"With the master's of international public policy, students get to spend some time in Ottawa to understand how our government system works," she said. "We'd like to expand that into the undergraduate programs, to give those same experiences to undergraduate students."

However, the most immediate source of expansion for the institution will likely be the addition of an international law program, which would add an additional Ontario law school to the partnership.

According to Kuntz, the long-rumoured addition of the international law program is very close to being complete, however, due to the upcoming provincial election, very little details can be released.

"Pick your metaphor: We're on the threshold, we're on the cusp, we're on the edge, we're on the very rim of a great announcement about a new international law program," he said.

After the new campus was unveiled to the public on the weekend and over 2,000 people visited the site for free tours, faculty members have already begun to move in and classes will begin on Oct. 1.

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### Open House and Visioning Workshop Details:

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Wilfrid Laurier University, 75 University Ave. West

### Registration:

Participants are required to R.S.V.P. due to space constraints to Anne-Marie Phelan at [anne-marie.phelan@waterloo.ca](mailto:anne-marie.phelan@waterloo.ca) or phone 519-747-8752.

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We encourage the public to provide input into this important study. If you are unable to attend the public open house and visioning workshop, an online survey soliciting input will be made available the day of the event (linked from [www.waterloo.ca/northdale](http://www.waterloo.ca/northdale)). Members of the public not able to attend this event also have the option of submitting written/electronic comments. The public are advised that their name/comments will be public.

For further information regarding this public open house and visioning workshop, please contact Tanja Curic, City of Waterloo Policy Planner, at 519-747-8745 or [Tanja.Curic@waterloo.ca](mailto:Tanja.Curic@waterloo.ca).



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# Science in the club

LINDSAY PURCHASE  
LEAD REPORTER

"Science is useful, it's also fun, and in that way it's like sex," joked Cliff Burgess on the endless pursuit for scientific knowledge. "You don't do it because it's useful."

Burgess, who is an associate faculty member at the Perimeter Institute, was one of three panellists at "Science in the Club," a discussion on the future of science held at Starlight on Sept. 18. The event was organized by the Perimeter Institute, and was complemented by its partner event at the Huether Hotel, "Science in the Pub."

Discussion facilitator Richard Epp, the senior manager of educational outreach at Perimeter Institute, began with a broad discussion on the definition of science, and what innovations could be expected in the near future.

"I think science is all about asking questions," explained Thomas Jennewein, a faculty member at the University of Waterloo's Institute for Quantum Computing. "Essentially, we don't really know what we're doing. That's what science is."

Panellist and research fellow at Perimeter Institute Alioscia Hamma added, "I don't know what the future of science is, but science has a

future, because we will never end discovering new things."

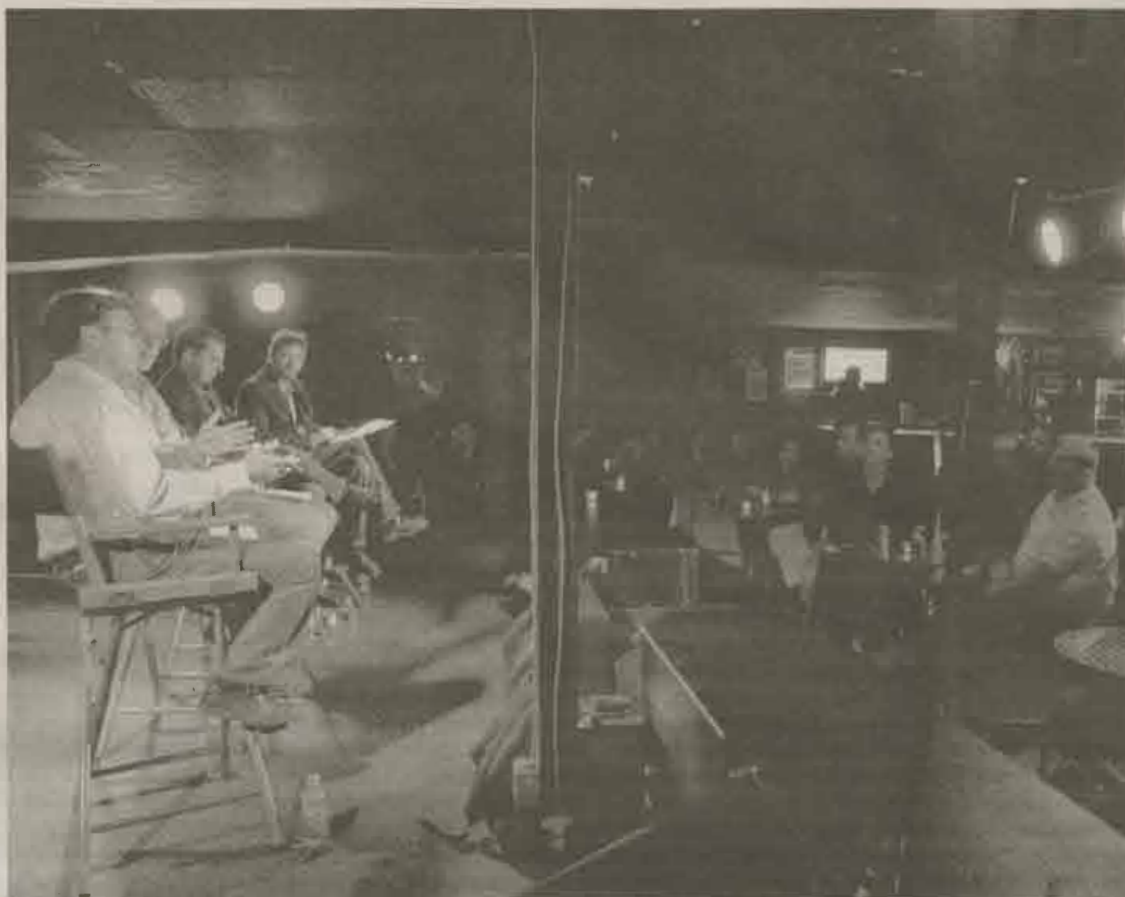
As was acknowledged by Epp, as scientists develop the skills and technology to delve into life's most enigmatic puzzles, the amount of information left to discover only seems to increase. "My sense is ... that the universe is more mysterious now than it ever was," Epp commented. He questioned, "What are the implications of that?"

"We're in a forest and we've got a fire, and that's what we know. And then we push the fire out a little bit, and we know more," Burgess responded. "And you're kind of asking, is there less darkness when we do that? It's hard to answer that."

Regardless of how much is left to discover, some of the work being done at present still seems unbelievably futuristic. For example, teleportation is now possible at the level of photons and atoms.

"This is not like the one we see in *Star Trek*, where people step into what looks like a shower, and come out somewhere else," Jennewein said on quantum teleportation.

"What happens is the information of single quantum states ... can be transferred onto a totally different quantum system ... somewhere else." This incredible accomplishment does not merely create a copy



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Panel of scientists brought in by Perimeter Institute discuss the future of science at Starlight.

of the original material, but in fact teleports the original to another location.

The discussion was followed by a question and answer period with the audience. One attendee inquired, "Is there benefit in readdressing questions that supposedly have been solved in the past?" With the immense resources, both financial and

material, that research consumes, it was an idea worth exploring.

Burgess replied, "If I can find a way to show that Einstein's wrong, I will do it so fast that you don't even see me, because then a hundred years from now you'll be celebrating me and you wouldn't care about Einstein."

He continued, "The thing about

science is that it's results driven and if you can find something new that's successful ... that trumps everything."

The unique location and amusing, though insightful, commentary by the panellists made for an entertaining and educational evening which attendees and presenters were reluctant to conclude.

# Giving back, one photo at a time

AMANDA STEINER  
LOCAL NATIONAL EDITOR

It's hard to think about an instance in which someone shouts, "Take our picture," and not a single person has a digital, film or at least a cell phone camera to record the memory.

It's hard to imagine bare walls at home with little to no record of family moments or personal achievements hanging on the walls or sitting in frames on a dresser.

However, for many Canadian families, especially for those with a tight budget and medical concerns such as mental illness, this is their reality. But on Friday Sept. 16, Wilfrid Laurier PhD student Matt Symes and four other WLU volunteer photographers went to the Kitchener-Waterloo Mental Health Centre to take portraits of people from the centre who are coping with

"We made quite a few people smile that day, that's for sure."

—Matt Symes,  
PhD student at Wilfrid Laurier University

mental illness. "One in five Canadians commits suicide every year," Symes said. "One person commits suicide every two hours in Canada and there were 52 recorded suicides in Waterloo

this past year." He continued to explain about a community organization called Help-Portrait.

Founded by celebrity photographer Jeremy Cowart, Help-Portrait is a community of photographers coming together across the world to use their photography skills to give back to their local community.

"I heard about this and decided to get in contact with them for the photo shoot," Symes said.

"It ended up being kind of hard to organize, you wouldn't believe how difficult it is to give something away," he laughed. "But it's an amazing organization."

The mission behind Help-Portrait is a simple one. Photographers grab their cameras, take some pictures of people in need, then deliver the pictures when they're ready. As their website states, "It really is that easy."

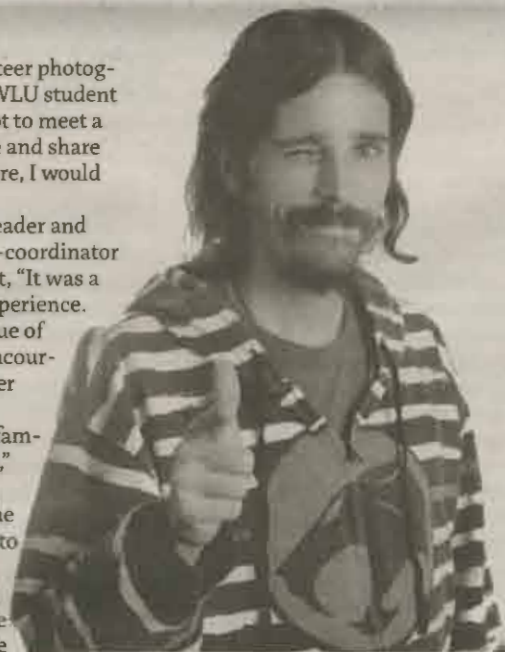
"It was a really interesting

experience," said volunteer photographer and third-year WLU student Stephanie Truong. "I got to meet a lot of innovative people and share and hear stories. For sure, I would do it again."

Allan Strong, team leader and Recovery Education co-coordinator of self-help.ca said that, "It was a unique and different experience. It really showed the value of peer support and the encouragement we give to other people."

"We take things like family portraits for granted," Strong said. "From the smiles I saw that day, the photos meant so much to them."

Symes seconded this when he said, "we made quite a few people smile that day. that's for sure."



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# University can be more than just a degree

HIRRA GILANI  
CORD NATIONAL

With more students enrolled in universities each year across the province and more questions raised regarding the value and benefit of the undergraduate program, universities are increasingly being innovated in what they offer and how they structure their programs.

"There is an increased number in students but there are also so many options to degrees now," said Jonathan Finn, associate dean and associate professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, who believes university degrees maintain their value despite the increase in accessibility. Some of the many forms a degree can take, he explained, now include business or management options, combined degree programs and programs hosted in conjunction with local colleges, which overall can be further supplemented with items such as the co-curricular record.

"It's not like we're producing

thousands and thousands of people with identical degrees, each one has different types of skill sets that lend themselves to different employment options than others," he said.

Wellie Chihaluca, a second-year global studies and political science major at WLU, can relate to the many options universities provide their students as she mentioned that Laurier has the "global studies experience" which made her choose global studies over other programs.

The global studies experience is a program run through the department that allows students to live and work abroad.

Chihaluca feels that if universities were able to have more initiatives added on to an undergraduate degree, similar to the global studies experience, it would make universities more innovative. However, no place is perfect, and many universities can try to distinguish themselves from others by implementing group based work, that reflects the work-place environment, as

suggested by Sean Madden, president of Ontario Undergraduate Students' Association (OUSA) and vice president: university affairs at Laurier.

Madden also suggested that universities should try, "To get students to set their own terms of reference, like coming up with some sort of project like having students do a thesis or a big project over the course of a year, tends to get them to check back so that they feel that they've actually accomplished something rather than maybe just cramming for a midterm and then forgetting the first half of the course material, then cramming for a final.

"So really coming up with a subject or a project that will keep the student engaged in it all for a term or even better a year," added Madden. Madden suggested that if both universities and the community incorporate what they have to offer to students, whether the students are volunteering in a field of their academic focus or not, these students

"You need to weigh the financial factors and whether you're committed to going down the line."

—Sean Madden, president, OUSA

would be getting practical skills that should be recognized by university institutions, since these skills will be beneficial to students when transitioning into the workplace environment.

"Something Laurier is getting pretty good at, and they are working at getting better at, is recognizing a student outside of the classroom and outside of campus. So I think universities can stand to look at what students are doing in extracurricular, I think that there should be some academic recognition of that," said Madden.

According to Madden, universities have a responsibility to innovate what they have to offer an undergraduate student, however, a large part of the responsibility still lies within the student themselves.

"You have to do what you want to do, and yeah, it's about balance and compromise," he said.

"So you need to weigh the financial factors and whether you're committed to going down the line, but you also need to be true to your own passions and interests. I would never advise a student to do something that they are not interested in."

## Canada in brief

**Average Canadian tuition sees eight per cent increase**  
SASKATOON (CUP) — As universities try to balance their budgets in the face of a sluggish economy, Canadian university students have seen their tuition go up by eight per cent in the last two years.

A four per cent increase for the 2010-11 year was followed by another 4.3 per cent hike this year, according to recent Statistics Canada study.

The Canadian average for undergraduate tuition is now \$5,366. Ontario students, who pay \$6,640 on average, pay the highest tuition in the country while Quebec undergrads enjoy the lowest tuition in the nation, paying an average of \$2,519.  
Tannara Yelland — CUP Prairies & Northern Bureau Chief

## McGill student to file complaint over blackface incident

MONTREAL (CUP) — A McGill law student will be filing a complaint with the Quebec Human Rights Commission after witnessing and recording the use of blackface at a frosh activity on Sept. 15.

Anthony Morgan explained he was walking by the Université de Montréal campus when he passed a group of students dressed in Jamaican colours and "rasta" hats who were waving the Jamaican flag, chanting, "More weed, ya mon, ya mon!"

The students were a group from HEC Montréal, the elite business school affiliated with Université de Montréal. According to a student representative, they were paying tribute to Jamaican sprinter Olympian Usain Bolt.  
Sarah Deshaies — CUP Quebec Bureau Chief

## Student convicted of manslaughter returns to UBC

VANCOUVER (CUP) — University of British Columbia student Sasan Ansari returned to campus last week after spending two years in jail for manslaughter.

Ansari was convicted of stabbing his friend, Josh Goos, 33 times in the parking lot outside of a West Vancouver country club after a dispute about money in 2006.

He was charged in 2008, completed his sentence this year and has returned to the University of British Columbia law school to finish his degree.

Ansari was admitted to law school before being convicted and attended UBC for the two years he was awaiting trial.

He even won a \$1,000 scholarship during that time. UBC does not deny admission or expel any student for committing a criminal act off campus — even one as serious as manslaughter.  
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UNB's Barb Nicholson said the university is working to ensure there is safe drinking water on campus following the lead contamination.

## UNB deals with lead concerns

HILARY PAIGE SMITH  
THE BRUNSWICKAN

FREDERICTON (CUP) — 18 per cent of fountains and sinks on the University of New Brunswick campus were found to have lead levels exceeding Health Canada guidelines after campus-wide water quality tests.

More than 420 samples have already been sent to an outside laboratory. Facilities Management began testing fountains and sinks on campus after a student-led effort last fall turned up above average levels of lead in a fountain in Bailey Hall. A UNB professor also expressed concerns about water quality on campus.

Fountains and sinks that were found to have high lead levels have been turned off or marked out of service. Drinking water sources have been tested in every building on campus and people on campus are still asking whether or not their fountain or sink has been tested, bringing to light additional sources on campus.

Barbara Nicholson, associate vice-president of capital planning and property development, said Facilities Management is taking samples from new sinks and fountains as they are made known.

UNB has been testing what they call "worst case scenario samples," a decision they made in conjunction with the consulting firm helping them throughout the process.

"What that means is that we're not quite following the testing guidelines that would be established by public health in that we're not flushing the water. We're taking the sample right from the tap immediately. Primarily, those are being taken first thing in the morning after the water's had the chance to sit for a while," Nicholson said.

The vice-president said they are testing like this because it's more representative of how people could be accessing water because most people don't flush out the taps before drinking.

According to Nicholson, Canada Health guidelines state water with more than 10 micrograms (.0001 milligrams) of lead per litre isn't fit for consumption.

"We have some samples with levels that are very close to the limit; they're below that, but they're very close. We're going to go back and retest those ones for peace of mind and comfort and we have some that are over that limit," she said.

Nicholson didn't have the numbers for how far over the recommended limit the samples were. She

also couldn't say if people were at risk of lead poisoning.

"I can't answer that question because I'm not a medical expert, but there are resources available if people are concerned. The guidelines are based on an extended exposure, not just a one-off occasion," she said.

UNB's Water Quality Working Group has been consulting with experts from the Department of Health and say the department is pleased with the process they've taken.

UNB has already ordered 20 new water fountains with lead filters, ten of them are the new type of "hydration units" with water bottle fillers. They already had three in stock as part of UNB's plan for a more sustainable campus. In the past week they've determined more fountains need to be ordered.

Fountains cost about \$5,000 each to replace, expenditures that were not planned for in the budget.

"There is a small amount of funding that was already established for that (hydration unit initiative), but this certainly is a much bigger initiative," Nicholson said.

Once new fountains are installed, they will be retested to ensure the lead filters are keeping levels far below the limit.

Nicholson expects the process will take up to six months to complete.

"It's about a step-by-step process. Right now we are in what I would call the first step, and that's identifying all of the fountains and the sinks that need to be addressed. That's going to take us still a bit more time and then we have process of doing more physical work and that could take up to six months before we get everything addressed," she said.

In the meantime, UNB is working on testing and retesting drinking water sources, installing new fountains and compiling a list of affected sources, that will be made available online.

The nearby St. Thomas University is experiencing a similar problem. They began testing lead levels after the water issue surfaced at UNB.

Five fountains on campus tested outside the requirements for drinking water quality and three were close to the limit.

According to a statement issued by Bill Maclean, director of facilities at STU, six units total have been taken out of service from two different residences and two more were taken out of service from another hall.

The STU administration has also ordered drinking fountains with a lead filtration system.

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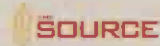
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# 85 years seen through the eyes

In Depth Editor Mike Lakusiak spends hours calling every number in the phone book to get pa

In the midst of Wilfrid Laurier University's centennial celebrations, featuring fifty-foot banners and warm feelings surrounding this institution's century of existence, the humble campus newspaper – published continually since 1926 – has reached a milestone of its own. Friday Sept. 23 will mark 85 years since the first *College Cord* was published.

Rather than simply commemorate that this publication has reached a ripe old age, it's worth exploring how *The Cord*, and those who have been at the helm of the

because everyone quit and now suddenly I had to put out this newspaper once a week."

Barry Ries, the EIC for the 1978-79 year returned to Laurier to run the newspaper after his application to journalism school was declined. "Let's face it, it was a rag," he said. "We ran not very interesting stories that were not very well done for the most part."

"The sports guy just kind of wandered in and the entertainment guy would show up if he felt like it, I spent a lot of time in the Turret drinking." Ries got in to j-school,

time, the major topic of conversation on campus was the debate over whether to create what would become the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union of today.

"In those years there was very little controversy, I think the most controversial thing though was the students' union," Cowsls said. "We were asked to discuss and vote on whether we wanted part of our tuition going towards a students' union – in other words have our tuition raised."

"Many people were against it," he continued, noting that these sorts of decisions were part of forming the institution as it, oddly enough, tried to catch up to the new university down the street. "The university was just beginning to see itself in a larger sense than simply a small college in North Waterloo."

"We were on the cusp of growing, that's the way I think of it now."

Aun noted that when he attended the school in the late 1960s, the campus had a bit

of a left wing streak, perhaps tied to the burgeoning student protest movement of the time. The university – still Waterloo Lutheran in name – had few of the trappings of a church-administrated institution.

With the University of Waterloo's (UW) founding by former Waterloo College faculty in the late 1950s, the relationship between the two schools on University Avenue was still being forged. In fact, *The Cord* was briefly the newspaper of both institutions during UW's early years.

"There was a lot of political stuff going on between the two," Aun said of the neighbouring universities in his time as EIC. "UW was going their route and there were some trying to keep [Waterloo Lutheran] as a religious university, but it wasn't going to happen. Other than the seminary it was completely

secular."

Fred Nichols, a fixture on campus since the early 1960s and dean of students between 1967 and 1997, said that in his first years at the school, the prominence of religion on campus was more apparent. "We were a Lutheran university. If a girl got in some kind of boy trouble or thought she was pregnant or something like that, what they would do then was give her some passages in the Bible or something," Nichols said. "That was kind of the therapy."

Nichols' office was across the hall from *The Cord's* in what is now the university's Health Services, and he said he got to know those at the paper, as he did most students, very well over the years.

"I've got to admit that the student editors were never afraid of the university. If students want some-

"It was sort of the last – and it's terrible to say this – but it was the last choice, the last chance. If it helps any, my father was a professor there."

—Tonu Aun, EIC 1969-71 re: WLU's admissions standards at the time

paper through the decades, can give insight into the character of the university as it transitioned from a Lutheran seminary to Waterloo College, to Waterloo Lutheran University and eventually its current state in 1973.

Julia Hendry, who works in the university archives and special collections, said that the bound copies of *The Cord* are perhaps the most widely used resource by those studying the history of the university, especially in the nostalgic rush of the centennial celebrations.

"We have a lot of records of the senate and board of governors going back to the opening of the university, but that gives you just the perspective of the university administration," she explained. "It's great to have this consistent record of what the students were thinking and doing."

"You certainly see in the very early Cords the pervasiveness of the Lutheran church and then you see a change as the university becomes more secular, you get a pretty good impression – at least if you read between the lines a little bit – of the students' social life going back to the beginning."

## Let's get involved

Editors at a campus newspaper are ostensibly privy to more of the goings-on of the university than an average student, simply because their job is to care about and ensure the paper covers such things.

Among the former *Cord* Editor-in-Chiefs (EICs) that surfaced in the course of researching this story, all had different reasons for getting involved at the student newspaper. Tonu Aun, who held the position for two years beginning in 1969, found himself in the job because someone needed to step up and run the newspaper after the previous editor quit midway through the year.

"I just took over because no one else was about to," he said. "It was just fun, that's why I got into it, but it was a little bit hard at that time

and years later returned to Laurier where he now works in the Research Office.

Aun remembered the art of keeping up morale in the office during his tenure as EIC. "You deal with a volunteer staff and try and keep everybody happy," he said. "At that time, I put the paper to bed on Thursday night and I'd be at the printers all night trying to get it all pasted together."

"On Friday, I'd bring in a couple of bottles of wine and drink with my staff. The dean was just across the way and he sort of ignored the whole thing, but that was how I kept the staff slightly motivated," he explained.

"Perhaps that's not how it's done today."

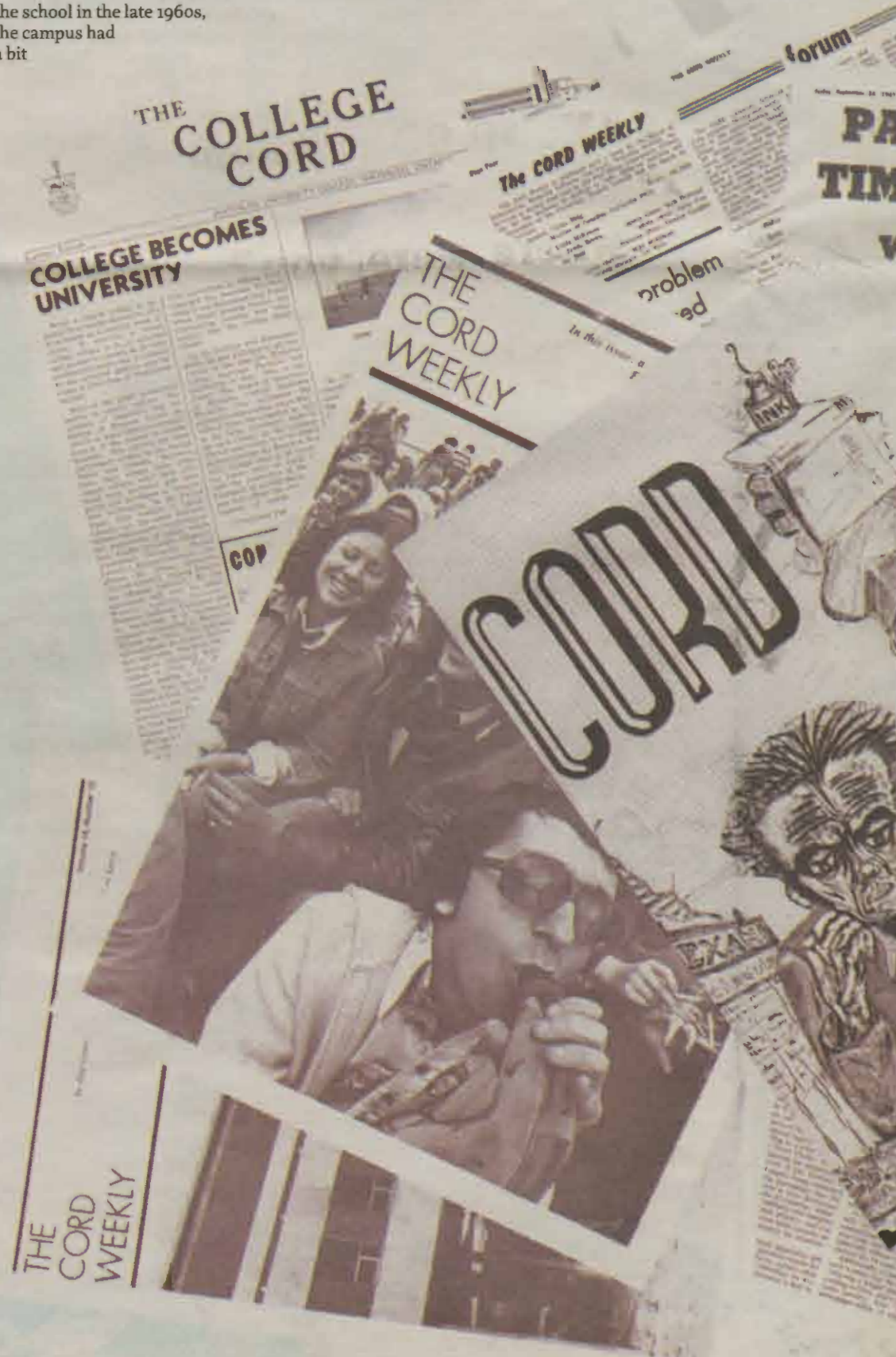
## Formative years

Going back to the 1950s, when the school was Waterloo College and Bill Cowsls was one of the paper's co-Editors, *The Cord* had strayed away for a time from strictly reporting on campus news and had become more of an arts magazine, featuring poetry and short stories.

Cowsls, more than 50 years removed from his stint as Editor, still expressed regret that students didn't really connect to the paper during this period and he felt that not many actually read it. He suggested that it might have been on the verge of extinction. "Nobody was interested in it," he said. "I should have found out why people weren't interested. I could have led it from what it was to something like it was in the past prior to that, but different. It should have spoken to more students."

The decision was made the following year to revert to the straight news reporting format that *The Cord* had held in its earliest years and retains today.

Had *The Cord* been reporting much news at the





# The eyes of *The CORD WEEKLY*

One book to get past editors' perspectives on the character of the university over the decades

secular."

Fred Nichols, a fixture on campus since the early 1960s and dean of students between 1967 and 1997, said that in his first years at the school, the prominence of religion on campus was more apparent. "We were a Lutheran university. If a girl got in some kind of boy trouble or thought she was pregnant or something like that, what they would do then was give her some passages in the Bible or something," Nichols said. "That was kind of the therapy."

Nichols' office was across the hall from *The Cord's* in what is now the university's Health Services, and he said he got to know those at the paper, as he did most students, very well over the years.

"I've got to admit that the student editors were never afraid of the university. If students want some-

thing bad enough, they're going to get it," he said. "The editors were always fair, even if they thought the university was being unfair with a faculty member or on an issue. They weren't afraid to speak their piece."

Visible in editorial content during this period are mentions of the war in Vietnam, striking workers and turmoil in sub-Saharan Africa.

Nichols noted that one *Cord* EIC during the protest era had a particular radical streak, including wielding a torch while participating in a riot outside the women's residence Conrad Hall during a power outage. Male students, who were not permitted to enter the building at all at the time, tried to storm the residence while the power was out, prompting the police and Dean Nichols to rush to the scene.

Aun, who stepped in to the role out of a sense that someone had to do it, recalled some tumultuous times as EIC. In 1970,

"There was a notion that we were a bit of an Ivy League backwater, but it was a good one. You got to sit with good profs in small classes."

—Bil Cows, EIC 1958-59 on the quality of education at Waterloo College

as the October Crisis took hold in Quebec, *The Cord* had a story related to the situation ready for print before a decision by the prime minister threw a wrench in things.

"The biggest hassle was when Trudeau put the War Measures Act in place," Aun said, referring to the temporary suspension of Canadian civil liberties imposed during the crisis that allowed the arrest without cause of suspected terrorists in Quebec. "We had a whole story and needed to pull it at the last second because the lawyers got into it and said, 'gee, you're going to go to jail.'"

## Gradual transformation

When Cows attended Waterloo College, the environment was drastically different from even the most optimistic evaluations of Laurier's small school mentality today. "I went through honours English and philosophy and in my English courses I never had more than ten kids," he said. "It was small, it was intimate, you could know everybody there and that was a precious, precious thing that's not possible to do anymore."

Cows fondly recalled the conversations and debates in what then passed for the Concourse arbitrated by Geoffrey Adams, a professor at the time. Selecting a topic of interest, he noted the arguments and discussion over Canadian involvement in the 1956 Suez Crisis.

The School of Business and Economics, the formation of which *The Cord* reported in Sept. 1966, began to take a larger role as the university shed some of its roots as an arts college. "Business was certainly the dominant program," Ries said of the late 1970s. "Much more so than I think it is now. The faculty of business has declined proportionally, arts has just mushroomed, science was nothing back then — it's changed academically for sure."

Ries also noted a shift in dominant political bent on campus to more right wing by the time he was at the university. "I can safely say it was conservative," he said.

"It was different than Guelph and Waterloo." Moving to the late 1980s, when Patrick Brethour began his undergrad at Laurier and got involved with publications during Frosh Week, the paper had an iffy relationship with the students' union, which it was technically still affiliated with, and the university. "I always liked writing and it was a fun place to hang out," Brethour said. "[It was] slightly disreputable and all the more fun for it."

"There were the usual shenanigans," he added, citing specifically that there had been threats to remove papers from the stands because some at the university did not agree with the content. The negotiations to make *The Cord* autonomous from the students' union were started during Brethour's year as *Cord* EIC, 1992.

In terms of the character of campus, Brethour explained that the exponential growth that characterized Laurier for much of recent memory had not quite begun at that point and it retained its small school

reputation.

"It was a small school in many ways, it had the pluses and minuses of a small town," he said.

The state of campus politics at the time was interesting, he mentioned. "It was sort of an odd time, there was a fairly active Young Conservative component on campus but there was also a vocal hard left component as well. There was not a lot of middle ground among those that were vocal."

Brandon Currie was an editor at the paper in the early 2000s and EIC in 2005-06. He explained the perspective that editors at the paper have of campus that may be different from other students.

"You look at campus trends in a way that other students don't — the administration have all kinds of people that look at how the identity of the school is being transformed and how to position it," he said. "As an editor, it's your job to look at those things in a critical light." He added that the propensity of *Cord* staff to take slightly longer than the typical four years to complete their degrees provides them with all the more insight.

The Laurier Currie reported on and attended has undergone a visible transition in his eyes, beginning around the turn of the century. "Laurier grew up, for lack of a better term, while I was there," he said. "It kind of stepped into the world a bit more."

He explained that the beginning of Laurier International, greater focus on international events after Sept. 11, 2001 as well as Laurier's initiatives in nations like China helped define the university a bit more. "It dropped that high school mentality it had back in 2000," he added.

Ries, who has observed the transformation of the university off and on for nearly 40 years, gave his assessment of the future. "So long as we are near Toronto and our reputation is okay, we should be fine," he said. "There's going to be growth — maybe more than we need."

As the campus and student body continues to grow, Cows' response to whether he had returned to campus since graduating from Waterloo College in 1959 seemed especially poignant.

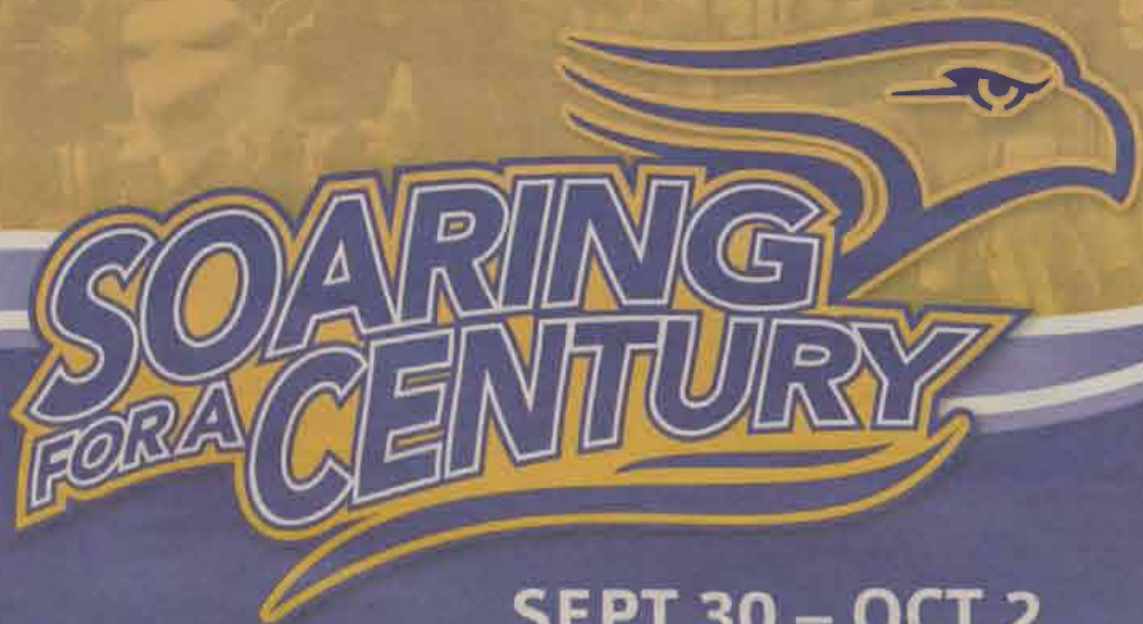
"I've only been back once," he said, recalling an alumni event not long ago.

"The bigness of [the university] overwhelmed me, the complexity of it overwhelmed me," he explained. "Not that I was lost or anything, but the phrase 'culture shock' comes to mind."

"I felt very strongly when I left that I was part of an era that was not there anymore and there was nothing left at the college that spoke to me anymore. I felt my age."







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## Arcade Fire secure \$30,000 Polaris Prize

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TORONTO (CUP) — If they somehow didn't have the indie cred before, one of this year's most successful bands has certainly solidified their top standing in the Canadian music world now.

Montreal's Arcade Fire were announced as the winners of the 2011 Polaris Music Prize at the annual gala held at the Masonic Temple in downtown Toronto.

"Since the beginning of our career, we've been trying to get paid in an oversized novelty cheque and it's never happened 'til now, so — thanks, Polaris," multi-instrumentalist Richard Reed Parry told the packed crowd as the band accepted their prize.

The indie rockers can now place that giant \$30,000 novelty cheque beside their Grammy, Juno and Brit award trophies they've already scooped up this year.

But Steve Jordan, founder and executive director of the Polaris Music Prize, doesn't think the band's previous wins will have an effect on this particular endeavour.

"There's no doubt that this is the

biggest selling band that's ever won Polaris and certainly that's going to extend our reach. But it's not our objective to have that kind of reach," he told journalists after the event, emphasizing the prize's goal of celebrating artistic merit above general popularity.

"What we're trying to create — it's not as much about picking a winner at the end of the whole contest as it is about the conversation that happens about music," Jordan explained.

In terms of putting that cash prize to good use, the band suggested

"There's no doubt that this is the biggest selling band that's ever won Polaris."

— Steve Jordan, founder and executive director of Polaris Music Prize

upon ascending the stage that they would invest the winnings into their recording studio.

"To be honest, we hadn't really thought about it much because we didn't expect to win," frontman Win Butler admitted after the gala.

"But we started a studio outside of Montreal after our first record, and whenever we haven't been using it, we've let bands go in there and record for pretty cheap," he said, noting that fellow shortlisters Timber Timbre and Colin Stetson have stopped in before.

"For us, it's been an important part of this band's success to be able to be a band and do the creation part with little to no stress," said Parry.

"We were really lucky in making records and having just from the get-go people being really generous with us, giving time, giving space, offering something — so I feel like we try to and will try to keep doing that as much as we can.

"We've been blessed and fortunate enough to have a wealth of resources at our disposal," Parry continued. "And as artists, that's the greatest luxury in life — to have resources and time to just work on the art."



Montreal exports *The Arcade Fire* accept their novelty cheque at the Polaris Gala on Monday night. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO JOSH O'KANE

## Expand your mind Vol 1. Polaris Shortlist Playlist

Arts Editor Liz Smith recaps some of the best tracks from Polaris' 2011 Shortlisted Albums

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| Braids — "Lemonade"                      | Austra — "The Beast"          | Ron Sexsmith — "Get in Line"                              |
| Destroyer — "Blue Eyes"                  | The Weekend — "What You Need" | Colin Stetson — "Fear of the Unknown and the Blazing Sun" |
| Galaxie — "Entre la lumiere et le bruit" | Braids — "Plath Heart"        | The Arcade Fire — "We Used to Wait"                       |
| Timber Timbre — "Black Water"            | Destroyer — "China Town"      |   |
|  | Galaxie — "Camouflar"         |   |

### Previous winners of the Polaris Music Prize

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# K'naan plays at CIGI

LIZ SMITH  
ARTS EDITOR

Rapper K'naan is known to the public for his diverse talents. The Somalia born Keinan Abdi Warsame is a musician, instrumentalist, lyrical poet and dedicated political activist.

On the afternoon of Sept. 16 at the opening of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) campus in uptown Waterloo, he was introduced by Research In Motion co-CEO Jim Balsillie simply as "an extraordinarily decent man with a heart."

K'naan, equipped with his ever present fedora, performed three songs to a small crowd honoured with an invitation to be the first of the public inside the CIGI campus.

After opening with an acoustic

version of the song "Take a Minute," K'naan performed "Fatima" and finally "Waving Flag," the song that was selected to be the anthem for the 2010 Fifa World Cup.

For his rendition of "Take a Minute," K'naan was joined on stage by a choir of children selected from schools based out of Toronto and K-W.

The kids were visibly excited by their proximity to the famous musician, who ran through the group delivering encouraging high-fives at the end of the performance. The soft-spoken musician appeared humble as he said to the crowd, "It's a real pleasure to be here for me, as someone who hasn't had much schooling."

K'naan's performance was the last of the day, immediately following

speeches by Balsillie, Waterloo Mayor Brenda Halloran and Shirley Blumberg of KPMB Architects, the firm responsible for the aesthetic of the campus. The newly opened CIGI campus, which housed K'naan's intimate performance, is the completed vision of CIGI founder and chair, Balsillie.

The school is intended to help build Canadian capacity in international affairs. The campus is comprised of CIGI itself, the Balsillie School of International Affairs, a unique partnership between CIGI, Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo, and other proposed graduate programs. While only a small number were privy to K'naan's performance at CIGI, the event was available to the general public via a live webcast.

## Political activism

K'naan spent the majority of his childhood in Mogadishu during the Somali Civil War, before moving to New York City at the age of 13 and later settling in Toronto where he resides today.

Much of K'naan's passion for political activism stems from the violence he witnessed growing up during the civil unrest in Somalia.

Through his musical career, K'naan has displayed great dedication to providing aid and using his rising star status to garner awareness for the issues that still plague the nation today.

In 2001 K'naan was recognized for his political agenda when he was invited to perform at the 50th anniversary of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva.

More recently, K'naan joined U2's Bono and journalist Anderson Cooper on CNN to discuss the famine in Somalia.

K'naan has announced he will establish a fund to help with famine relief and support Somali-led projects dealing with poverty and famine.



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER  
K'naan relaxes with youth choir following acoustic set on Sept. 16.



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER  
Artist Amy Fagin speaks to Laurier Professor Patricia Goff at exhibit.

## 'Beyond Genocide' exhibit on display

Fagin's exhibit aims to create awareness about genocide and massive human rights violations

LIZ SMITH  
ARTS EDITOR

The Waterloo Lutheran Seminary on campus is currently displaying an exhibit called "Beyond Genocide" featuring works by artist Amy Fagin.

The U.S. based artist has created 13 of what she has dubbed "illuminated manuscripts," or manuscripts that are accompanied by interpretive artwork. The works represent some of the most prominent and tragic instances of genocide and mass murder throughout history.

The main focus of the exhibit and Fagin's works are the impact of genocide and mass human rights violations on various cultures.

Rather than depicting images of genocide or its effects globally, Fagin chose to "illuminate" the effects of genocide through a more interpretive and abstract approach to the artwork.

Illuminations included in the collection on display at Wilfrid Laurier include Afghanistan, Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Iraq, North Korea and Namibia, to name a few.

The sheer volume of the list of nations that have been subject to the atrocities of mass murder and genocide alone show the importance of creating awareness about violence and honouring lives lost.

The exhibit also features illuminations of much older instances such as the Crusades and the Inquisition, effectively revealing that this is no new issue.

A professor in global studies at Laurier and the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Rhoda Howard-Hassmann, said of the exhibit, "I think it's important to have a visual and literary representation of genocide and massive human rights violations." "It shows respect for the culture of the people who have suffered, and for all the cultural losses to the world."

The exhibit certainly proves to be enlightening, as viewers learn from one illumination regarding Cambodia, "Scholars now believe that between 2.2 and 2.5 million people lost their lives in less than four years, between one quarter and one third of the entire population of the country."

The fact that the vast majority of the victims were from the same ethnic and linguistic group as the perpetrators makes this terrible crime all the more unprecedented."

According to the artist, "Each illumination begins with detailed research into the history of these cultures and civilizations and what led to the atrocities. Design of each composition demonstrates the exquisite alchemy of the illuminated manuscript with symbols and imagery representing the impact of the legacy of the genocide in question."

In addition to the "Beyond Genocide" exhibit, which is on display from Sept. 19-23 at the seminary, Amy Fagin will host a lecture called "Beyond Genocide: Illuminating Mass Atrocity" on Sept. 21 at 5 pm. Admission is free for all interested parties.

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# TIFF 2011: A taste of the festival

Cord contributors *Carly Basch* and *Kevin Hatch* review five films that premiered at TIFF last week



## Death of a Superhero

★★★★★

Part of an unexpected slew of "cancer comedy" films hitting the festival (most notably *50/50*, starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Seth Rogen) this year, *Death of a Superhero*, from Irish director Ian Fitzgibbon (whose terrific last film, *Perrier's Bounty*, screened at TIFF in 2009), proves just as poignant and hilarious.

Despite the subject matter, Fitzgibbon wisely avoids making his film dour or sombre, but instead foregrounds character and heart by, in his own words, making a film about a character who just happened to have cancer as opposed to "a cancer film."

As such, Fitzgibbon manages to explore the circumstance of dealing with cancer in a more profound and truthful fashion. Similarly, unique touches such as protagonist Donald (the eerily believable Thomas Brodie-Sangster) envisioning himself as a superhero constantly being chased by a sinister, Freddy Krueger-like supervillain (representative of cancer) in a succession of excellent, stylized animated interludes, or daring comedic twists (when Donald's condition takes a turn for the worse, his father, rather than crying or denying it, opts to get high with his son, arguably the highlight of the film), render the film refreshingly truthful and enjoyable without treating the subject matter with flippancy.

Add a heartwarming and hysterical performance by the criminally underrated Andy Serkis as Donald's therapist and *Death of a Superhero* emerges as one of the most charming, thoughtful, hilarious and inspiring films to reach the festival this year.

## Shame

★★★★★

Delving into the seldom explored condition of sex addiction, director

Steve McQueen (whose astonishing debut *Hunger* detailed the excruciating last days of an IRA prison hunger strike) offers yet another flooring film likely to haunt and perplex the viewer for days after viewing it.

*Shame* almost comes across as a Hollywood narrative (it's easy to think of the film as a counterpoint to *American Psycho*, with the character using sex rather than violence as an outlet), but one with almost all the 'Hollywood' moments carved out. The backstories of characters are left largely a mystery and their thoughts and feelings are seldom conveyed. General ambiguity and unanswered questions may alienate some viewers as much as the frequent and graphic sex and nudity.

Such an approach, however, does function to better highlight the performance of the stars. Current spotlight superstar Michael Fassbender does not disappoint, delivering what is perhaps his strongest performance to date as a man who, despite projecting a confident, successful front, remains crippled with emotional deadness, self-repulsion and evident inner pain. Carey Mulligan delivers ample support as the flighty but haunted sister, making *Shame* an occasionally frustrating but complex and powerful work easily worth seeing.

## Headshot

★★

The sole disappointment of my TIFF experience this year, *Headshot*, from Thailand, proved a film unable to live up to its intriguing plot (a cop-turned-hitman, shot in the head, wakes up to find he sees everything upside down). Director Pen-ek Ratanaruang aims for an artsy, non-linear feel, evoking the moody lighting, crisp cinematography and melancholy music of film noir, but struggles to maintain narrative coherency amidst constant, unspecified jolting back and forth in time and an emotionally distant approach to story and character. While

the occasional (brief) shootouts instil brief bursts of energy, there is a consistent sense of being lulled into a trance by the film, which is certainly not conducive to following the plot.

Equally, the upside down seeing trope is barely explored and only eventually translated into a hackneyed metaphor ("only now can I see clearly") which feels like a criminally misused opportunity. In the end, no matter how sumptuous the film may be to look at, an unfortunate one-two punch of the viewer having to struggle to keep up with the story and equally struggling to care makes for an uneasy viewing experience.

— Compiled by Kevin Hatch

## The Artist

★★★★★

In this stunning black-and-white silent film, the audience is taken back to the 1930's by French director Michel Hazanavicius. Initially, the audience is introduced to characters George Valentin, Hollywood's current heartthrob, and Peppy Miller, an up-and-coming actress waiting for her big break. As Hollywood begins to experience a transition away from silent films into 'talkies', Valentin faces conflict between his ego, new technology and his budding romance with Miller. Staying true to the art of silent film, the director uses traditional conventions such as incorporating iris-ins and outs as transitions, using as few intertitles as possible, and keeping the audience on the edge of their seats with two suspenseful chase sequences.

Although the modern audience may not be used to watching a feature-length silent film, it should not be a deal breaker for going to see this film. Those who are fans of *Singin' in the Rain* are especially likely to respond favourably to *The Artist*. If that is not enough, performances by James Cromwell, Missi Pyle, Jean Dujardin (who secured Best Actor at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival for

his performance) and Uggy the jack russell terrier, are sure to win you over.

360

★★★★★

One conversation, one run-in, one simple action, can alter life's path when two strangers interact with each other. Following the format of a puzzle film, director Fernando Meirelles takes the audience in a circle as we view the cause and effects of each character's actions towards each other and how it affects one another.

Wonderfully crafted, the film's plotline is constructed in a way to leave you on the edge of your seat. The audience gets taken all over the world; such as seeing the gritty parts of Venice, Italy, the bone-chilling weather in Denver, Colorado and a surprisingly sunny London, England. The jump from location to

location is not confusing as the cinematography is able to give us beautiful establishing shots of each location (as well as including a title at the corner of the frame) with the re-occurring motif of an airplane flying off in the background. Performances delivered by a slew of international actors steal the screen, leaving familiar faces — Rachel Weisz, Anthony Hopkins, Jude Law — left on the sidelines.

The use of an ensemble cast may at first seem confusing (and at some parts, pointless), but it functions to further advance the plot, and in the end, offers a rewarding outcome to those who pay close attention. That being said, if you dislike having to constantly connect the dots in order to understand what is going on, then this film will not appeal to you. However, if you enjoy intertwining plot-lines and ensemble casts exemplified in such Oscar-winning films as *Babel* and *Crash*, *360* will not disappoint.

— Compiled by Carly Basch



# EDITORIAL

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## Students need to be responsible for own safety

The recent incident at the King Street and University Avenue intersection has resulted in a number of concerns about the safety of that particular intersection as well as pedestrian safety in general.

Of course, there is a shared responsibility on the parts of both drivers and pedestrians. Drivers need to remain vigilant at this intersection and understand that while students should obey all traffic rules, countless numbers of pedestrians cross the street when they shouldn't and do not take all the necessary precautions.

However, students should also be motivated to pay attention and obey elementary rules of basic pedestrian safety.

Yes, we all get distracted thinking about where we are headed, when we have to get there and what we have to do when we arrive there. We get sidetracked by friends, by our phones and by our music.

But one can only place so much trust in drivers. They too are busy and easily distracted. Students need to be vigilant and not engage in dangerous and unnecessary behaviour — such as rollerblading in the middle of traffic — which puts them in precarious positions.

Some have expressed concern about the inherent danger of the intersection itself, suggesting the installation of red light cameras or a scramble intersection where pedestrians from all four corners cross at once. These ideas may have some validity and perhaps they should be considered as alternatives.

It is understandable that students may feel that they don't need a lecture on pedestrian safety but everyone needs to pay increased attention and take a greater role in their own safety.

However, there is no replacement for common sense and students need to understand that. At some point, we need to cast aside the stopgap measures and band-aid solutions and realize that it comes down to us, and our ability to take responsibility for our own actions.

—The Cord Editorial Board

## Waterloo continues to show economic promise

After 2,000 employees were laid off globally from Waterloo giant Research in Motion (RIM) and the company's most recent quarterly earnings were \$1 billion below the expected revenues, it is easy to paint a picture of doom and gloom for the company and, by extension, the Waterloo Region economy in general.

RIM has brought almost 9,000 jobs to the region, is the largest employer of post-secondary students in co-op jobs and has a massive philanthropic presence in Waterloo. Its current downward trend could have major implications for the city.

There is, however, much more that the region has to offer beyond RIM. While stakeholders await RIM's rebound, there are other important and exciting developments in Waterloo that citizens of the region can be hopeful about.

For instance, Jim Balsillie, co-founder of RIM, has worked to found the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), which has recently launched the CIGI Campus. This latest development will house the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA), a testament to this region's continued commitment to world-class education.

A recent addition to the Perimeter Institute (PI), the Stephen Hawking Centre, was officially unveiled last week and doubles the capacity of PI. The 55,000-square foot facility continues the institute's commitment to theoretical physics with new facilities for presentations and multi-disciplinary research.

This region is continuing to lead in post-secondary research and advancements. The commitments to academia and all the economic and cultural benefits that come with it will only bode well for the city.

Regardless of what happens with RIM, this region's promise is anchored in several different cutting-edge ventures. Waterloo will continue to hold its reputation of innovative and forward-looking thinking.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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## NDP's orange 'crush' turning into flirtatious courtship



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If the New Democratic Party (NDP) were dating Quebec, Nicole Turmel would have handed the province the keys to her apartment and they would be on their way to shacking up.

Much more than the initial orange "crush" that analysts had first attributed to the NDP's rapid uprising in the last federal election, the relationship between the NDP and Quebec continues to grow, especially evidenced by the caucus's attention to the province and the role it is playing in the beginnings of the leadership race.

In the party's 2008 election platform, the NDP referenced Quebec a paltry six times in the entire document. While the NDP was still talking about issues relevant to Quebec, the province was not the party's dominant focus and Quebecers weren't willing to get involved with the NDP just yet.

Now, however, the NDP is actively engaging with Quebec, becoming the province's champion in place of the now defunct Bloc Quebecois. Almost 60 per cent of the NDP's members hail from Quebec so the attention being devoted to the province is not only understandable but politically expedient. The party's future rests, in part, in the ability of the next leader to convince Quebecers that they are true social democrats, not just Layton admirers. To do so, both the caucus and the leadership aspirants must shower the province with attention.

There is no shortage of evidence that this is already occurring. Potential leadership frontrunner and current NDP President Brian Topp forced interim leader Turmel to clarify the party's

position on the sovereignty of Quebec when he suggested to a *Toronto Sun* reporter that Quebec constituted a nation within Canada, and that it should be considered for a certain number of seats in parliament, regardless of its population figures.

Topp's statements also reopened the question of NDP policy on the Clarity Act. After the 1995 referendum, the Supreme Court ruled that no province in Canada could unilaterally secede from the country. If a referendum were held, however, where a clear number supported the separation, the federal government would be encumbered to enter into negotiations with that province.

The Supreme Court left it up to parliament to decide what a "clear number" actually was. Among other points, the house and senate implied in the 2000 Clarity Act that a supermajority (60 per cent) would be needed before secession would be considered.

The NDP's disapproval of the Clarity Act is not a new phenomenon. As early as 2004, Jack Layton spoke of repealing the act and considered 50 per cent (not a supermajority) a sufficient number for separation.

Having garnered only 1.8 per cent of the vote in Quebec in the 2000 election, however, it didn't get the same kind of attention. What is a party with that kind of support going to do about Quebec sovereignty?

But now, we're in very different territory. The NDP is the party of Quebec and their position on these issues matter. Topp's statements about Quebec are wrapped in political opportunism. He criticized Prime Minister Harper for recognizing Quebec as a nation in 2006 and he openly supported the Clarity Act. In this climate, though, if he wants a shot at the Quebec wing of the party (arguably a main base of the party now) he needs to quickly board the Quebec ship and abandon his past views.

Topp's main rival for the job appears to be Thomas Mulcair. Mulcair was only

the second Quebec NDP candidate in history to be elected to parliament and for years, he was the only NDP member from Quebec. Layton appointed him as deputy leader alongside Libby Davies, in part because of his affiliation with Quebec.

Mulcair's election in a 2007 by-election can be thought of as the beginning of the orange "crush." It was a window into Quebec for the NDP and they seized it. They capitalized on a younger generation of Quebecers who sympathized with the social democratic values of the Bloc Quebecois but were searching for a federalist alternative.

Mulcair could present a daunting challenge for Brian Topp in Quebec. And, of course, a "spoiler" candidate could emerge just as Jack Layton did in his leadership contest.

But for now, the question remains how Quebec will shape the future of the NDP — and how the rest of Canadians will feel about its courtship with the province.

With fewer than 2,000 NDP members (only two per cent of the party's national membership) residing in Quebec, the drive to commit more Quebecers to the party to vote in the leadership race will be strong and noticeable. As such, the NDP will continue to focus on Quebec as a key plank in its platform. If the party can tie its commitment to Quebec into a broader social democratic weaving, it could be a national force to be reckoned with. If the next leader appeals to Quebecers while building ties with progressive voters in the rest of the country, the Liberals would be in serious trouble.

If, however, the NDP (and its leadership contenders) "goes steady" with Quebec and fails to entice voters in the other provinces — or worse, turns them off — by expending too much effort on Quebec, the NDP's federal success could be short-lived.

The debate over the NDP "crush" or "crash" is not over. In fact, it's just beginning.



# Letters to the Editor and Online Comments

## Islamism and Islam are different

Re: "9/11 and the lost decade of policy" Sept. 14

Although this article makes many good points about the negative effects of the wars in the Middle East and civil rights violations in the name of anti-terrorism, it is factually incorrect in one particular point. The article cites a quote by Stephen Harper about Islamism being a threat to national security and states "to name Islamism as the cause of 9/11 is to paint all people of the Muslim faith as terrorists."

Islamism and Islam are not the same thing: Islam is a religion, whereas Islamism is a political ideology.

Islamism is the fundamentalist and anti-secularist belief that Islamic law must form the basis of national law in Muslim countries and that mosque and state must not be separated.

Islamism also frequently includes the belief in purging all non-Muslim influences from Muslim countries, and often includes an opposition toward western and secular culture that may manifest itself in violent forms.

Now, whether or not Islamism is actually a major threat to Canadian national security today in 2011 is debatable.

However, the fact is, claiming "Islamists" are a threat to Canadian security is not the same as saying "Islam" or "Muslims" are a threat. In making his statement, Harper was not speaking against an entire religion, but against a specific fundamentalist political ideology.

—James Popkie

## What happened to the Golden Hawks?

Re: "Gael's obliterate Hawks" Sept. 17

Sort of a shock here — I feel most people would have imagined Laurier wouldn't come out this flat. But it's not entirely new in the world of sports. Losing a tight one to Windsor surely had something to do with this. Hard to believe the fourth game of the season is now a must-win game, against a team that has absolutely obliterated their competition. Good luck against the Mustangs!

—Brandon

## November is a real awareness campaign

Re: "Activism means more than paying lip-service to a cause" Sept. 14

November's number one goal is to raise awareness about prostate cancer.

The second goal is to raise money. Men donate their face to get people talking. More than 118,000 Canadians participated in November last year, raising almost \$22.5 million. All of these mo bros and mo sistas should be congratulated on doing something about a very underfunded issue with a serious lack of awareness.

One in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer — most people don't know this. Prostate cancer is extremely curable if detected early.

If a few mos on the faces of men looking for "free judgement" gets a single father, brother or friend to go to a doctor for a check-up, the campaign has done its job and those who take part should be applauded.

You raise a good point about people who take part in campaigns without asking why or doing any

research in the forefront, however these people can still make an impact.

—Alan

## Install red light cameras at King and University

Re: "Pedestrian injured at King and University" Sept. 14

I was one of the six people hit by the car last January. I fractured two bones in my pelvis and had to take the whole semester off, and I'm still recovering today. Regardless of whether it was the driver's fault, I think that there should be red light cameras installed at this major intersection.

—cadence30

## The point of university is critical thinking

Re: "The religiosity of education" Sept. 14

This article is well placed at the start of the school year and I think that questioning why people go to university is important at this time.

However, I feel that you mischaracterized arguments against your own points when you say that "Those that fail to recognize the accumulation of knowledge as a key facet of university are forced into choosing from the unsatisfactory philosophies of pragmatism, hedonism or agnosticism with regard to the purposes of education."

I would suggest that university is not about acquiring knowledge but acquiring the strong ability to think critically.

This must be accompanied with developing good intentions as neither knowledge nor critical analysis is good in and of itself.

A university degree (for arts anyways) is about allowing you to critically analyze the actions of yourself and others. This allows you to reassess your beliefs, actions and assumptions as well as things you hear from others.

This critical analysis is a powerful tool for good, allowing you to dispel damaging states of mind, false beliefs, terrible assumptions and lies/mischaracterization. It can also be used for evil, allowing you to become overly skeptical, lacking belief in anything.

Thus, acquiring critical thinking at university is not an end in itself but part a wider path to develop both tools like critical thinking and the right intention to guide their use to truly help ourselves and others.

In summary, university is about gaining the ability to critically analyze not just gain knowledge. More importantly though, gaining knowledge and/or gaining the ability to think critically is not good in and of itself but part of a broad struggle to develop the right tools and right intentions for ones own good and the good of others.

—Evan Henry

## MDMA article falls short

Re: "Unmasking ecstasy culture" Sept. 14

This is an article with a lot of potential that falls far short. It reads as a stereotypical piece that could have been lifted straight from Wikipedia, failing to "unmask" the true widespread culture surrounding the drug, of which raves make up only a small niche use.

First-hand accounts would have served to greatly improve this article instead of the typical "horror story" accounts surrounding this drug

— which in most cases comes not from simple use, but from abuse. Research on the substance, like any other (alcohol, marijuana, etc.) is readily available and people who overuse it shouldn't be surprised at the negative side effects they experience.

—Laurier student

## Rethink MDMA criticism

Re: "Unmasking ecstasy culture" Sept. 14

Finding kids in bushes has no real correlation to them using MDMA without testing them. They could have passed out for any number of legal or illegal reasons.

There is huge doubt that the recent dance music phenomenon has facilitated the drug movement. Regardless of the music or scene people are at, they will have the tendency to use drugs.

This article should be in the opinion section. If you dance for eight or more hours and "forget" to drink you will of course get dehydrated and if you don't bring in any money to a club you won't drink. Molly doesn't make stupid people stupider; they are already dumb.

—daBaus

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# UK's blood donation policy a win for gay rights



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The United Kingdom's Department of Health has determined "that permanently excluding gay men from donating blood is unmerited and not based on any scientifically proven increase in risk to the blood supply."

It may have taken 30 years, but I commend the United Kingdom (UK) for finally lifting the ban on gay men donating blood. It is encouraging to see the UK and other countries continue to move forward; Canada should be empowered to engage in a similar review of our national blood donation policies.

Originally adopted during the AIDS scare in the 1980s, many countries banned gay blood donation. In recent years, though, countries such as South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Sweden have all repealed bans on gay blood donation, recognizing the ineffectiveness of a broad, overarching ban. As of a week ago, the UK joined this list.

There are, however, some key restrictions that remain in place. In this case, gay men in the UK must be abstinent for 12 months.

By failing to eliminate all restrictions, the UK's policy shift shows progress but it also shows that we have yet to move past the era of outright homophobia. While the 12-month ban is a vast

improvement, there are reasons to eliminate all restrictions on gay blood donation and the restrictions that the UK has kept in place reinforce a stereotype that gay men are overly promiscuous.

Unfortunately, the UK's new laws do not account for individual sexual behavior, but like the previous restrictions, applies to the entire community of gay men without differentiating between individual actions. The restrictions for gay men are now the same as those who have had unprotected sex with prostitutes and IV drug users.

This just simply doesn't cut it. There are committed gay couples in monogamous relationships who have been with each other for years. Those individuals pose less risk to the population than heterosexual individuals who have had multiple partners in the same 12-month period. Why does Britain (and Canada as well) continue to discriminate on this basis?

The current system of blood testing allows most citizens to donate blood. Every donation undergoes thorough testing before it is used. While prior testing methods were not as effective, the current method of testing is almost fail-proof. According to medical journal articles, the most recent tests for HIV have an accuracy rate of 99.97 per cent, as accurate as almost all other medical tests. As such, it makes sense to eliminate these restrictions completely.

As we continue to see the UK moves forward, Canada continues to hold onto old, outdated laws. Why is it that the ban on blood

donation has yet to be struck down? The Canadian Charter should be enforced on this matter, as it is a clear case of discrimination — an issue that should be challenged under section 15, equality rights.

That being said, I won't expect the Harper government to lift a finger to support the gay community, since it has been reluctant to pursue any kind of pro-gay legislation in its tenure.

While this issue was brought before the Superior Court of Justice in Ontario last year, this issue should be brought before the Supreme Court of Canada, as this is a federal issue and deserves to be heard in the highest court.

When I first heard that the UK was repealing bans on gay blood donation, I saw this as an enormous leap forward, both for the government as well as gay men. Yet, the truth is that Britain has fallen short. The current laws allow gay men to donate blood, but only those who are abstinent. This is a step in the right direction but still miles from where the policy should be.

The issue of blood donation is at the root of a much larger, overarching issue.

Governments and citizens alike remain biased towards the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer (LGBTQ) community.

While it may take time for the complete acceptance of LGBTQ into society, it is the responsibility of governments to take the initiative and pass legislation to accommodate this community and put an end to discrimination against sexual minorities.

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# Point • Counter-point: McGuinty's tuition cuts

Cord Contributors **Keithana Senthilnathan** and **Ian Merkley** debate the merits of the McGuinty Liberals' campaign promise to grant students a \$1,600 tuition cut. Is it a necessary cut or fiscally irresponsible?



**KEITHANA SENTHILNATHAN**  
CORD CONTRIBUTOR

University and college, for a lot of families, is a golden gate. Once opened, a student is exposed to multiple benefits: a prestigious university or college education, influential networking opportunities and a wide array of social interactions. Post-secondary studies are the backbone of Canadian society.

However, there are many young adults who, when approaching the idea of university, cringe at its mention. This is primarily due to the financial aspects of pursuing a post-secondary education; for some students, it amounts to a fortune. Still, there is one agenda at the forefront of the provincial election that tackles this issue. One of the main propositions by current Premier Dalton McGuinty and his band of



**IAN MERKLEY**  
CORD CONTRIBUTOR

After eight years in office, Premier Dalton McGuinty's Liberals have announced a plan to cut tuition by 30 per cent by handing out \$1,600 to students who come from families earning incomes of less than \$160,000. This accounts for roughly 86 per cent of students. The Liberals predict that this will cost the province \$486 million per year. At first glance, this may seem like a great deal for the typical university student but after some more thought, it is apparent that this election bribe is not as beneficial as it may appear. This policy will add to Ontario's staggering government debt, is fiscally irresponsible and will damage our post-secondary education.

The problem with such a promise, and all similar promises, is the question of where the money comes from. Obviously it comes

Liberals is a 30 per cent tuition cut, approximately \$1600 a year per student, for post-secondary students whose families earn a combined total income of \$160,000 or less. This plan has potential to be a revolutionary policy, changing the way that Ontarians view post-secondary education.

The first and most prominent benefit of this proposition is the fact that it gives more students who don't have the financial aid necessary to pursue post-secondary studies the chance to obtain higher education. There is a well-known gap in post-secondary education participation rates among families of different socioeconomic backgrounds

and over the past 40 years, students have become more reliant on employment rather than family contributions, as stated by Statistics Canada. Therefore, any cuts to tuition are clearly beneficial for the majority of students who want to pursue their dreams.

This tuition cut would not only potentially increase post-secondary participation in Ontario, but also help students who are already enrolled. As I stated before, many students are working part-time to maintain their level of studies, and undoubtedly this affects an individual's priorities between school and work. However, as tuition decreases, these students would be

able to focus more greatly on their education rather than worry how to finance it.

Still, one major question with this proposition is, how do the Liberals plan to finance this move? If you look at their provincial party platform, clearly there are limited ways the Liberals are planning to finance this without raising taxes, despite their claims to refrain from raising taxes any further. Ultimately, this will upset a lot of voters. However, from a different perspective, taxes are the necessary evils of investing in our province's future.

Therefore, while an increase in taxes may seem like a bad idea now, in the long run it will definitely

enhance this way of living and our future economy.

Firstly, through increased taxes, students themselves would be able to pay back these cuts slowly just through paying taxes on a daily basis. In my opinion, this tuition cut can also be seen more like a loan than a bursary. In terms of families and adults who are already in the workplace, the benefit of this proposition is a better future. The increase of post-secondary education among Ontarians will help the economy as higher earnings generated will flow back into the economy through consumerism on multiple levels — higher taxes paid, increased consumption and increased savings.

Undoubtedly, a slash in tuition prices is beneficial for every level of society in the long run. As a student, this tuition cut is music to my ears.

With the ever-rising prices of this university education, I cringe as I see the debt that I'm starting to accumulate.

An extra \$1600 a year may be a small amount when compared to the overall expenses involved. But still, who can turn down "free" money?

## Dalton McGuinty The "Tuition Fairy"



from the province coffers, but before we plunder public funds out of our own self-interest, we must remember that those funds come from all people of this province, including your classmates from high school that chose to enter the workforce instead of pursuing post-secondary education.

I have a friend who decided against going to university. The thought that I should use the collective force of the state to harvest money from him and line my own pockets with his money seems immoral. I fully understand that the use of collective force will never disappear from our government but we should work towards limiting it.

Morals aside, the other problem we are about to encounter is the fact

that the province is running out of money for new expenditures. Our province is in debt by \$245 billion and has a deficit of over \$16 billion. By not working towards fixing this problem by rebalancing the books and paying off Ontario's debt, younger Ontarians like you and me will be left with the bill. Implementing this education plan, which will cost \$486 million each year, will not help our situation.

Even if we only evaluate this Liberal plan for its impact on post-secondary education, it still has serious flaws. When a government implements a new policy, especially one that affects the pricing system, it very rarely fully understands what it is doing. As such, a number of negative side effects could develop.

The first problem is if the supply is greater than the demand, the value of what is being supplied would decline. This includes undergraduate degrees. Undergraduate degrees are certainly not as highly valued as they used to be due to government interference. If the government lowers the cost of tuition, another bad after-effect will take place: attracting people who have no serious interest in learning to campuses across Ontario, which will deteriorate the learning atmosphere.

Both of these bad effects are occurring right now because of government subsidization and will only be worsened by this Liberal policy. Another thing that could develop is that student tuition could rise at a faster rate to compensate for the

government subsidy, making the policy useless.

There is a better option and that would be to let the market work. As more young Canadians demand undergraduate degrees, signals will be sent through the price system and will be met by an increase in openings as the university feels it can profit. Investors work to invest in new campuses to meet the increase in demand to maximize profit to satisfy their own self-interest. Students are free to choose universities based off of any criteria they choose and each university will attempt to meet the demands of those students so it can make a profit. The competition between universities could drive prices down and increase the quality of services. This policy was poorly conceived because of its cost and negative effects on our post-secondary education. As such, the government of Ontario should not implement this policy. "Premier Dad" should cease harvesting burdensome amounts of money from people in Ontario through collective force and instead try a bit of individual freedom. He may be surprised at how well Ontarians can serve one another in a free society.

# Unlimited sperm donation needs rethinking



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In the past month or so, Internet news sites have been buzzing over a *New York Times* article which documented the case of a child, conceived as a result of sperm donation, who has found approximately 150 half-siblings through an online donor registry. This has sparked a flurry of responses, many of which are calling for government-based regulation in order to limit the number of live births per donor, in an attempt to minimize the possibility of accidental incestuous relationships between half-siblings. While

regulation in the United States is undoubtedly necessary, Canada's position in regards to sperm donations is even direr. In 2004, Canada adopted the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, which listed a number of sanctions, including prohibitions on cloning, sex-selective abortions and on the creation of embryos purely for research purposes. This act also caused a massive disruption in the sperm donation "industry," as it also prevented donors from accepting payment for sperm. This specific clause has had a significant impact on sperm donation, with the number of sperm banks falling from 40 to a single one. The Toronto Institute for Reproductive Medicine (Repromed) is now the only location in Canada where infertile couples, single mothers and lesbian couples can purchase insemination units.

The closing of so many sperm

banks is directly related to a sharp decrease in the number of donors, rather than a drop in demand. In fact, a report released in February 2011 by Assisted Human Reproduction Canada, confirmed that there are only an estimated 60 donors remaining in Canada, while the number of awaiting patients sits closer to 5,500. This is due to the fact that few men seem willing to submit to six months worth of tests for a meagre \$70-75 as compensation, which barely covers transportation costs and lost wages. As a result, about 80 per cent of sperm donations used are actually from the United States.

With so few donors, sperm banks have to be flexible with the number of live births per donor. At this point in time, there is no limit enforced by the government regarding the number of live births that can originate from a single donor. Sperm banks do self-regulate, but many say this

is insufficient. Repromed's current donor limit is three live births per 100,000 population in a given geographic area. However, as Tom Blackwell pointed out in a *National Post* article, this could mean that a city like Toronto could have as many as 75 live births from a single donor, a number which multiplies exponentially if you factor in the possibility of multiple children counting as a single live birth. With the declining number of donors and the never-ending demand, sperm banks may be tempted to increase their limit.

The final issue that arises at this time is the fact that limitations based on geographic area are no longer a reliable precaution. Not only are insemination units being shipped all over the world, it is impossible to expect each and every child to stay in his/her native geographical area. As well, parents of

donor-conceived children are recommended, but not required, to inform the sperm banks of the successful births. In the United States, only between 20 per cent and 40 per cent do, making it impossible for sperm banks to enforce even their own limits. As such, the number of children conceived using the same donor could very easily get out of control.

Donor-conceived children presently run the risk of unintentionally entering into incestuous relationships with their half-siblings, which would have detrimental effects not only on any offspring, but on the sperm donation industry as a whole. Canada needs to take the necessary steps to enact legislation that would regulate donor-conceived births through limits on the number of families (and not individual births) who successfully conceive with the same donor.







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Sincerely,  
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**Dear Life,**

Leggings are not the same thing as pants.

Sincerely,  
Leave a little mystery

**Dear Life,**

As if WLU doesn't make enough money from students, apparently even the vending machines have to eat our money too.

Sincerely,  
It's early and I had JUST enough change for a beverage.

**Dear Life,**

WTF. It'd be seriously nice if the WLUSU committee decided to PROPERLY advertise the fact they were holding a vote between The Weeknd aka a great, talented artist and the Arkells, some stupid shitty band Laurier has already seen before, for Laurier's homecoming performer this year. Very, very few people were aware that we were even being given an option until after this alleged "voting session" was over and only 350 people total voted out of a school with a population of 10+ thousand. I checked on the site daily once I found out a poll was going to be held and it was never there, also emailed asking when it was going to be up and never got a response. MAYBE if students could have had known they would have had an opportunity to vote for a GOOD artist and not have repetitive shit performers. They have no problem posting their posters all over campus for stupidity no one cares about but when it comes to something the students would probably want a say in, where was the information then?

Sincerely,  
Really pissed off.

**Dear Life,**

just when my classes have fucking awful people in them and I get soaked biking home and school-work is bludgeoning me over the head in the second week of classes, you throw one of those totally Life-affirming moments my way that reminds me I might be okay after all. Sincerely,  
Oh wait, this career path will almost definitely ensure my poverty?

## Bag o' Crime

**Assist Other Service**

Location: Off Campus  
Reported: Sept. 12 at 12:27 a.m.  
SCS officers assisted WRPS officers with a hit and run motor vehicle collision on Lester St. Patrolling SCS officers spotted a damaged parked vehicle on Lester St. and through further inquiries and investigation with WRPS the responsible vehicle was located behind a student residence. The driver was identified as a 19-year-old female student. She was located and charged by WRPS with Failing to Report and Exit Private Drive Not in Safety. The matter will also be dealt with via the Judicial Affairs Council.

**Injured/Sick Person**

Location: Fred Nichols Campus Centre  
Reported: Sept. 13 at 4:22 p.m.  
SCS attended to a 21-year-old female student at the Bookstore that was feeling ill. She was assessed and it was determined that her illness had been brought on by too much physical activity at once without eating properly.

**Assist Other Service**

Location: Off Campus  
Reported: Sept. 13 at 4:16 p.m.  
SCS assisted WRPS to direct traffic at a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of King St. and University Ave. between a motor vehicle and a pedestrian (roller blader). The injured pedestrian was identified as a 21-year-old WLU student. Information passed on to WRPS. He was transported to Grand River Hospital with multiple non-life threatening injuries. The MVC was captured on CCTV and video was provided to WRPS to assist in their investigation.

**Dispute**

Location: Science Building  
Reported: Sept. 14 at 1:09 p.m.  
SCS officers dealt with a female student who was having some issues with faculty members in relation to some of her academic work. She was referred to the Ombudsman's Office for a resolution.

**Theft Under \$5,000**

Location: Frank C Peters Building  
Reported: Sept. 15 at 4:14 p.m.  
A WLU student reported the theft of his bike from the bike racks at the northwest corner of the Peters Building. No suspects.

**Assist Other Service**

Location: University Ave.  
Reported: Sept. 17 at 1:07 a.m.  
Special constables assisted regional police with an assault complaint. The assault took place on University Ave. near Conrad Hall. The complainant had bumped into another male who subsequently punched him in the face knocking out a tooth. The assailant then fled towards King St. Regional police are investigating. The suspect is described as a white male with blond hair and wearing black pants and coat.

**Intoxicated Person**

Location: Residence  
Reported: Sept. 17 at 10:02 p.m.  
A resident student was taken to hospital by ambulance because of her extreme intoxication. She had been consuming straight vodka shots at an off-campus house party. It is unknown exactly how much alcohol she consumed.

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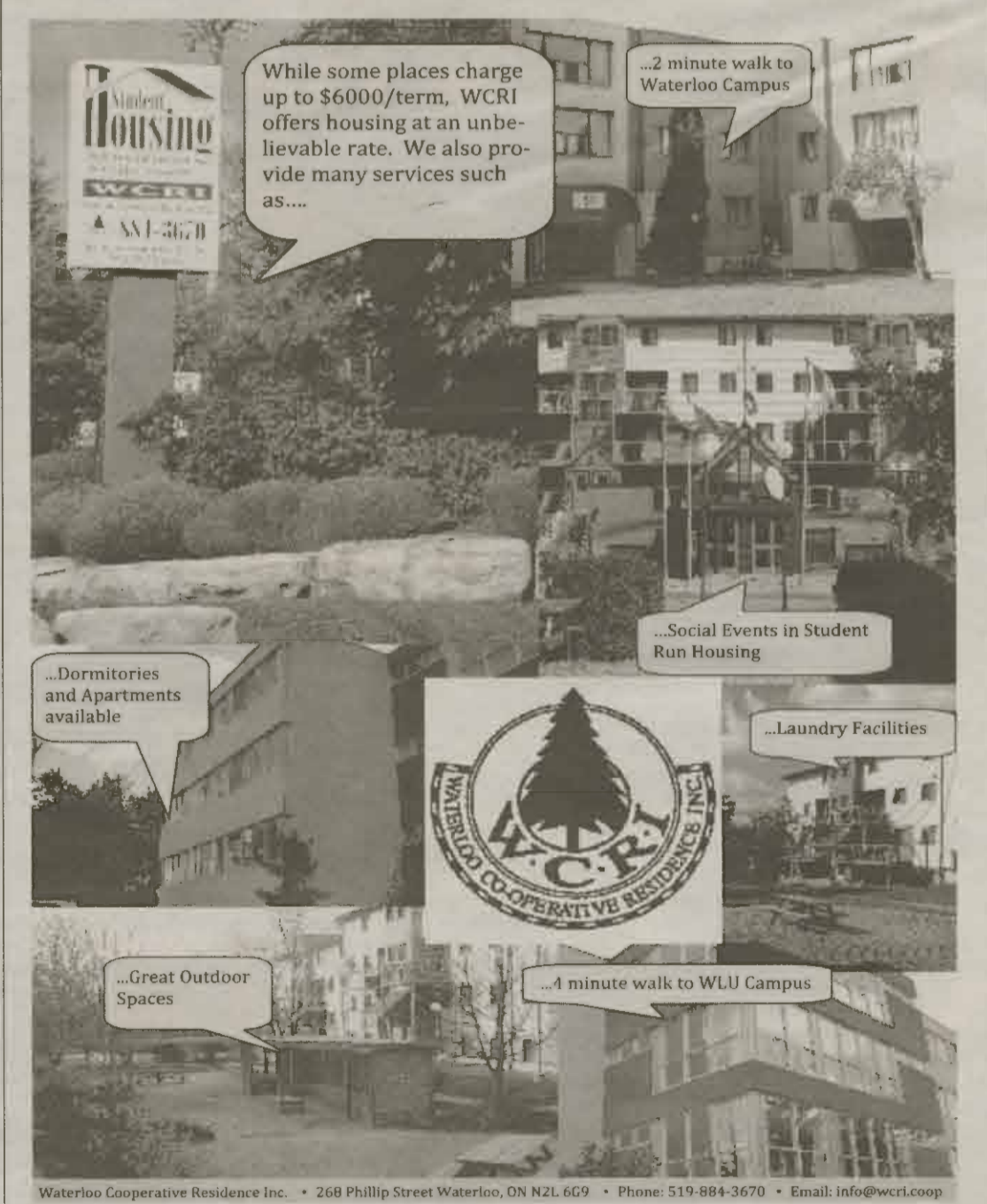
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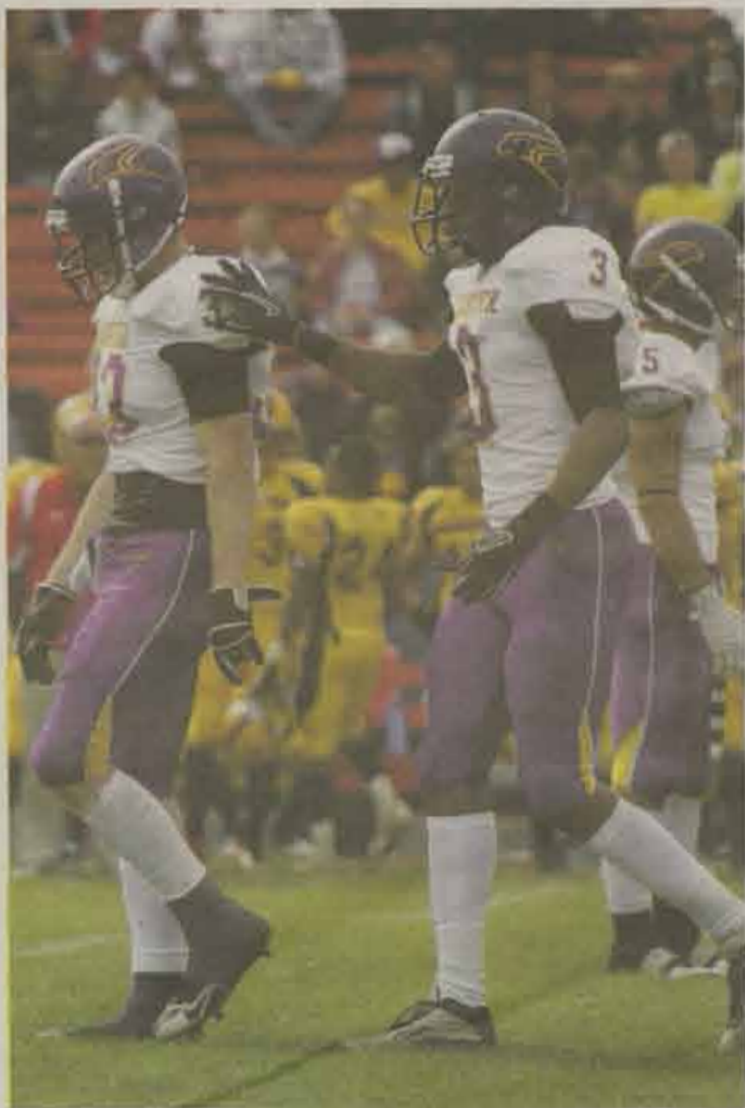
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## SPORTS

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The Hawks trudge off the field after Saturday's loss versus Queen's. They face Western this Saturday, the top team in the OUA.

## Coming off the rails

After dropping two straight, the Hawks need to find their game in a hurry before Saturday's game against arch-rival Western

KEVIN CAMPBELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

KINGSTON, Ont. — The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks are making a lot of teams look good.

Their past two opponents, Queen's and Windsor (two mid-dling Ontario University Athletics squads), who should have no business toppling the Hawks have received two football player of the week honours.

First, it was Austin Kennedy, the scrambling quarterback speedster from Windsor who destroyed the Hawks by racking up 25 passes for 443 yards and rushing for 112.

Kennedy was dubbed OUA footballer of the week, then Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) player of the week.

Next came Giovanni Aprile, the Queen's wide receiver who compiled 177 yards receiving and 191 more on special teams on Saturday. Aprile scored four touchdowns.

Now with a 1-2 record after playing three teams, who the purple and gold felt they could have vanquished at the start of the season, the Hawks find themselves face-to-face with their arch-rival, top OUA team in the league and number-two CIS ranked, Western Mustangs.

The Hawks haven't beaten the

Mustangs since 2006. If ever there was a time for a 180-degree turnaround, now would seem as good a time as any.

The Hawks' litmus test comes Saturday at 1 p.m. when the powerhouse Mustangs roar into town. If the Golden Hawks play the way they have the past two contests, with the defensive coverage almost non-existent at times, and the offence playing superbly only half the time they're on the gridiron, the game will be a short one.

But there have been bright spots.

Rookies receiver Kelvin Muamba and defensive lineman Ese Mrabure-Ajufo have shined in their debuts.

Mrabure-Ajufo had five combined tackles on Saturday and Muamba has looked strong in catching the ball from quarterback Shane Kelly.

Kelly has also survived almost half the season without instance of injury and has not looked out of synch with his offence.

Tailback Anton Bennett has emerged as a rushing machine and punter Ronnie Pfeffer has done his job well.

Kick-off returner Dillon Heap is his same old self, racking up special-teams yards like he came out of the womb with a football in hand.

But the team knows a giant looms

in the shadows.

"It's going to be a tough game," said head coach Gary Jeffries.

"Western's coming in and we've just got to get back to work."

"Everything's in the past," said Mrabure-Ajufo. "We've got to go to work."

"We've got to take it back to the lab and continue to grow," said cornerback Shane Herbert, who was part of one of the Hawks' lone highlights on Saturday. Herbert intercepted a pass and ran for a 107 yard touchdown, Laurier's third-longest in school history.

Jeffries can build on a positive second half of a Queen's game which saw them score 28 of their 35 points in the loss.

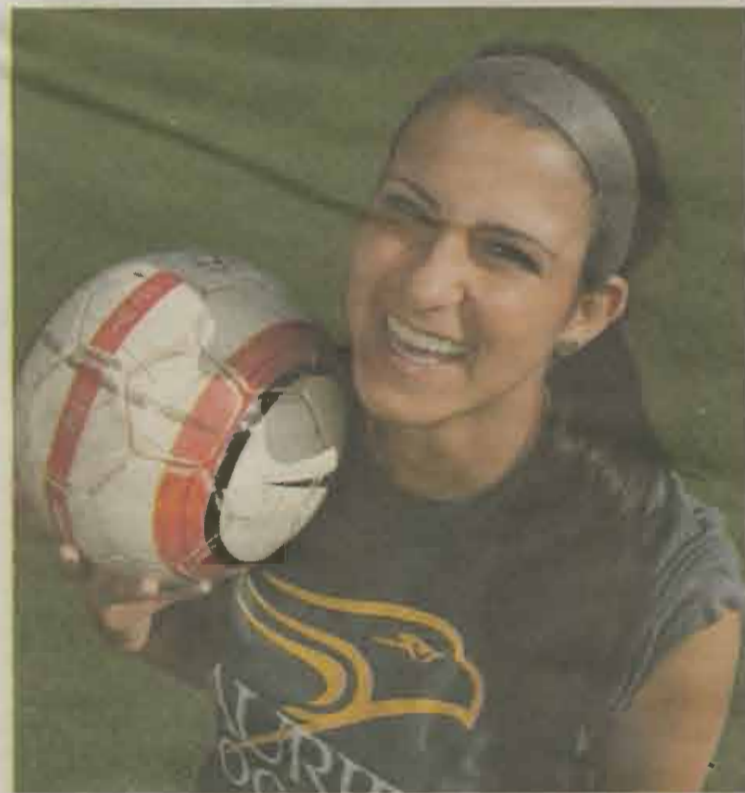
"Excuses are for losers, but I'll tell you what, a lot of kids are beat up like hell. A lot of kids weren't playing and a lot of kids were playing hurt," said the coach.

"We didn't give a God-dang what the score was. We wanted to keep competing right to the inside kick. We were not going to quit and we accomplished that."

The tough part of the schedule starts now.

The team plays Western this weekend, Ottawa during homecoming next week, and the sixth-ranked McMaster Marauders on Oct. 15.

## York transfer lights it up



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Krista Cellucci has four goals in six games for her new WLU squad.

"When my team came to play Laurier, [I saw] the team, the colours and the atmosphere here; how it's so small and it's a beautiful campus. It just motivated me. I really wanted to play here. I knew it right away when I looked at the team and when I saw who the coaches were, it made me want to come here and transfer right away," said the third year. "It's the best decision I ever made."

Cellucci was ineligible to play her first year at Laurier because of her transfer, but that gave her more motivation to practise that much harder to make her own mark on her new team.

"I find that this year, I have set goals for myself. I want to stand out in the field. I want to stand out off the field as well," said Cellucci. "[I like] just putting that extra stride in practice, pushing myself to that last cone and just pushing and preparing myself. Even before the season, I did a lot of running and I played soccer almost every day in the summer just to get ready and prepare for the season. I always put a lot of dedication into it, and I just want to perform well for my coaches and the team and for myself."

The motivation for Cellucci comes from one source — her teammates.

"Just seeing the Laurier atmosphere with the girls and some of the older players and how they lead by example, I wanted to stand out myself, and feed off their positivity and their success. I just wanted to achieve my own personal goals," said the emerging star. "As a striker, I have to score. I have to set up plays and make passes."

Looking forward in her career, Cellucci hopes she can reach nationals this year but she said, "Our strategy is to take it game by game and not to think about all the way to the national final, but think about the next game first and tackle it half by half."

The Hawks will take on Waterloo at home on Saturday at 1 p.m.



KATE TURNER LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

The women's soccer team has started the season 6-0.

## 'Unstoppable'

ASHLEY DENUZZO  
STAFF WRITER

Earning their sixth straight win of the season, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's soccer team showed promise of another successful season on the weekend.

Sunday afternoon's 2-1 victory over the Brock Badgers has the team in first place in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) west division and they remain first overall in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) women's soccer rankings list.

"Overall I think it was a good performance," said head coach Barry MacLean in reflection of Sunday's game. "I think we created fifteen clear scoring chances [but] I think our finishing wasn't the best today; overall it was a fairly comprehensive performance."

The first half of the game consisted of numerous shots from both ends of the field, including close scoring chances from Laurier's Krista Cellucci, Emilie Coroso and Emily Brown. However, a questionable penalty shot gave Brock player Meaghan Krawczyk the first goal of the game and give Brock a disappointing 1-0 lead.

"I think it's really important to stay calm," said Laurier rookie Emily Brown when asked to comment on Brock's first goal. "Focus on your passes and connecting them, and eventually [a goal] will come."

Brown's optimistic approach soon earned her a goal — her fourth of the weekend — and brought the game to a 1-1 tie.

WLU striker, Krista Cellucci, later finished the Badgers with a goal 24 minutes into the first half and ultimately brought the Hawks to their final closing score of 2-1.

The dominating Hawks came away from the game with an impressive total of 22 shots, seven of which came from Brown.

"She's electric," smiled MacLean. "She's got great pace and she finishes well. She's going to be a girl who's always looking to score goals; she's a valuable addition for sure."

The Laurier freshman had previously achieved a hat trick during Saturday's 6-1 blow-out against the McMaster Marauders.

Sunday's goal also brought her up to the top of the OUA in scoring. Playing like a veteran, the rookie shows no sign of slowing down this season.

"[The team] has made it really easy for me. I'm learning from them, I'm starting to play with them and the chemistry is just building."

Sunday's win keeps the Hawks' spirits high and determination strong.

The nationally-ranked purple and gold will look for their seventh straight win on Saturday against the Waterloo Warriors at 1 p.m. on Alumni Field.

CASSANDRA BRUSH  
STAFF WRITER

The Wilfrid Laurier women's soccer teams' record is nothing short of impressive. They are ranked first in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) rankings and are undefeated on the season with some big wins such as a 4-0 beat-down against York University and a 6-1 thrashing against McMaster.

Along with this impressive record, come some rather remarkable players, most with a provincial title to their name.

However, the silent threat that seems to be surfacing this year is Krista Cellucci.

The sniping striker has already amassed four goals in six games and

sits tied for fifth in league scoring. Cellucci laced up her first soccer cleats at the age of five and has been highly involved in the sport ever since.

"I was involved in under-18 teams. I was also involved at the provincial level and I knew I wanted to incorporate soccer into my university career," said Cellucci.

During her first year, Cellucci played soccer at York. While playing in Toronto, she knew Laurier was a better fit.

"I liked Laurier from the very beginning, even for their academics. I wasn't really achieving what I wanted to at York with the soccer program and my academics as well," said Cellucci, a communication studies major.





# A roller-coaster weekend

KATE TURNER LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Spencer Cawker evades a checker in their 3-0 win Sunday against the Brock Badgers. The team lost 4-0 to McMaster on Saturday.

**LUKE DOTTO**  
STAFF WRITER

Although playing without their head coach, starting keeper and star midfielder, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks men's soccer team (2-2-2) played without remorse in a resounding 3-0 victory over the lowly Brock Badgers at Alumni Field on Sunday afternoon.

The Hawks were playing short-handed on the field and short-staffed off of it by virtue of an eviscerating 4-0 loss to the McMaster Marauders on Saturday.

Keeper Brett Harrington and head coach Mario Halapir were ejected in the 2nd and 22nd minute respectively after tempers got heated.

Midfielder Hugo Hernandez was on crutches Sunday after injuring

his knee on the turf of Ron Joyce Stadium.

The turf at home however is far more forgiving and Brock had visible trouble with Laurier's speed.

This became evident in the 35th minute as rookie midfielder Dani Patros cut into the box with a burst but was pulled down by a Brock defender garnering a penalty-kick. Donald Chmura stepped in to take the shot and buried it low and into the left corner to give the Hawks a well-deserved advantage and Chmura a team-leading three markers on the year.

Laurier's foot speed continued to keep the Badgers on their heels as veteran Spencer Cawker made a well-timed run into the box before slashing to the left side and striking the ball across his body, left footed,

into the far side of the goal tucking off the post. The shot fell under the Brock keeper.

With a two goal advantage the Hawks opted to keep the pressure on for the second half and were rewarded when Chmura was taken down at the top of the 18-yard box with a heel clip in the 74th minute.

This time rookie midfielder Eddis Sokmez lined up the kick and unleashed a sublime strike that rose up and curved around the 5-man wall, tracking perfectly into the top corner of the net.

Sokmez's strike evoked a frenzy on the Laurier bench, but not simply for the beauty of it.

"Well, he hit one right into the wall of guys in the first half, so we were joking around before he took the shot that he would be putting

that one way into the parking lot," laughed assistant-turned-head coach for the day Jarrett Humphreys.

Humphreys credits their success on the day to a simple tactical change. "Guys were closing down a lot quicker, they weren't giving Brock time with the ball, we slowed it down and decided to keep possession... we took advantage of the opponent we had."

Humphreys and assistant coach Ben Clifford were charged the day of the match with taking the reins of a team that was run off the field the previous day in Hamilton. "I was doing the laundry for the game this morning and Mario told me I'd be calling the game today," recollected Humphreys.

"The guys responded really well [to the loss] and there was a lot of energy and hunger in the room. Before I got there, they actually had decided to hold a players-only meeting and it got them on the right track."

Laurier is on the road Wednesday night against the University of Ontario Institute of Technology then return home for their game against Waterloo on Saturday at 3 p.m.

## GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of  
September 19 - 25, 2011

RECENT SCORES

09.17.11

M Baseball 12 - Queen's 2  
M Baseball 15 - Queen's 6  
M Football 35 - Queen's 58  
W Hockey 2 - Mercyhurst 10  
M Hockey 0 - Windsor 6  
W Rugby 7 - Waterloo 34  
W Soccer 6 - McMaster 1  
M Soccer 0 - McMaster 4

09.18.11

M Baseball 3 - Brock 2  
M Baseball 3 - Brock 8  
M Rugby 27 - Toronto 7  
W Soccer 2 - Brock 1  
M Soccer 3 - Brock 0

09.19.11

W Hockey 8 - Mississauga 3

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

09.24.11

M Football vs Western  
University Stadium, 1:00 p.m.  
W Soccer vs Waterloo  
Alumni Field, 1:00 p.m.  
M Soccer vs Waterloo  
Alumni Field, 3:15 p.m.

09.25.11

M Rugby vs Guelph  
University Stadium, 1:00 p.m.

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### Sports in brief

#### Chambers ranked second for CFL draft

Wide receiver Shamawd Chambers of the Laurier football team has been ranked second-overall by scouts, behind only offensive lineman Ben Heenan of the Saskatchewan Huskies for the 2012 Canadian Football League draft. Chambers has 12 receptions for 184 yards and one touchdown in two games this year.

#### Women's rugby fall to 0-2

Laurier's women's rugby team lost their game against the Waterloo Warriors 34-7 on Saturday. Briana Wilson finished the game with a try. They're next in action on Friday against Trent University in Peterborough.

#### Men's rugby bounces back

The Wilfrid Laurier men's rugby squad knotted their record at 1-1 after a victory over the University of Toronto Varsity Blues 27-7. Jeff Pickel had 10 points and Alexander Wilcox-Bogart, Kenneth Jackson and Jason Hatzes each recorded one try. The Hawks will look to rise above .500 rugby when they play the Guelph Gryphons on Sunday.

#### Women's hockey open exhibition schedule at 1-1

The Golden Hawks' female ice-warriors bounced back from a 10-2 loss against Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania with an 8-3 win against the Mississauga Jr. Chiefs. Kristen Kilgallen and Erika Thunder split goaltending duties in both games.

#### Women's rugby coaches support Right to Play

Women's rugby coaches Amy Barnbury and Michelle Joslin went shoeless in their game against Waterloo on Saturday as part of the CIS campaign to raise awareness about players who need assistance in accessing proper sporting equipment.

#### Emily Brown recognized provincially

Rookie striker Emily Brown of the women's soccer team was declared the OUA's women's athlete of the week after scoring a hat-trick against McMaster and notching a single against Brock. Brown has five goals on the year tying her for top spot in the OUA.



# Hawks round first

Laurier baseball find themselves at the top of the standings, sitting with a 7-1 conference record after recording their first loss in the OUA standings three weeks into the season

**CHRIS MANDER**  
STAFF WRITER

Recent history has shown that the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks' baseball team can pitch, but at times struggle to find their bats.

This Saturday at Bechtel Park proved to be a different tale, however, as the Hawks were able to generate 27 runs in two games against the Queen's Gaels.

Laurier took the early game of the doubleheader by a score of 12-2, with the ten run mercy rule coming into effect in the fifth inning.

Leading the way offensively in the first game was Ryan Panas, who had three hits, an RBI and two runs.

Pitching was also of significant note, as freshman Jordan Patruska pitched a complete game, allowing only two hits and two runs, while striking out six. Patruska was able to throw strikes early and often — something that was key to his success according to manager Scott Ballantyne.

The second half of the doubleheader saw more Laurier dominance, as the Hawks came out on top 15-6.

Starter Ian Fillion earned the win going four innings, while allowing three runs and striking out two. Queen's did chase him from the game in the fourth inning however, a point that coach Ballantyne was fine with.

"Fillion cruised through the first three innings," said Ballantyne. "Then they put good swings on him. But if we can get four innings out of

him, we are happy and our bullpen is deep and strong so we are good with four."

Perhaps restoring faith in the bullpen was the dominant performance by Wesley Van Luven, who came in and pitched 1.2 perfect innings while striking out four.

"Wesley [an Luven] is a fifth year guy who can throw strikes and handle any kind of situation," said Ballantyne. "He went out and mowed them down which is what we needed.

The offensive production in the second game was led by two first-year standouts, as Alex Kupchak had four RBIs, and Jonathan Brouse had three.

A notable lineup change came when Ballantyne moved first baseman Tino Silvestri up in the order to leadoff and dropped former team MVP Nathan Loehle down to the four-hole.

This decision was not made without a great feeling of confidence from coach Ballantyne, who has managed Silvestri during the last three summers.

"Tino has been a leadoff for me this summer, so we figured we could move him up as he gets on base a lot," said Ballantyne. "Then we could move Loehle to the middle for more power at the four-spot."

The Golden Hawks continued their busy weekend by traveling to St. Catharines on Sunday to face the Brock Badgers for another doubleheader.

Starter Brett Van Pelt earned the win in the early match, after

out-pitching Brock's own ace Kurtis Robinson in what proved to be a pitchers' duel with a final score of 3-2.

The second game was completely different, however, as the Golden Hawks were unable to help out starter Jack Malone defensively, committing five errors in the game and eventually losing 8-3 for their first loss of the season in the OUA.

The Hawks take on the Guelph Gryphons this Thursday at Hastings Stadium in Guelph as they look to get back into the win column.



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Second-baseman Trevor Nyp runs home to score against Queen's.



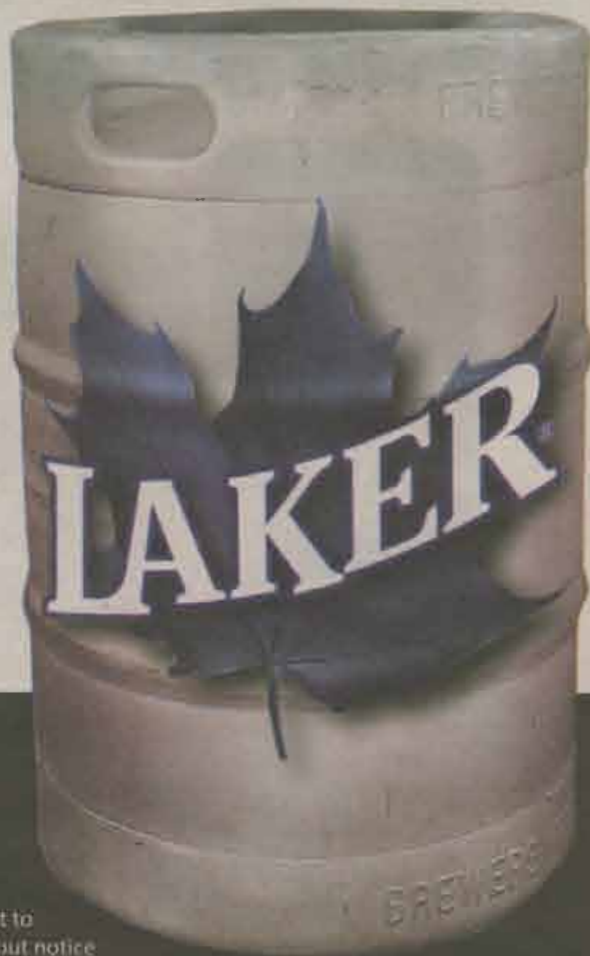
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Tino Silvestri lines up for a pitch against Queen's on Saturday. The Hawks won 12-2 and 15-6.

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