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Leaving Laurier

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After five years at Wilfrid Laurier University, Ginny Dybenko, the former dean of the school of business and economics and the current executive director of strategic initiatives, will be leaving the university to pursue a new position at the University of Waterloo (UW) Stratford campus, effective Oct. 1. While she'll be leaving WLU, Dybenko's legacy and contributions to the SBE faculty will not be easily forgotten.

"I loved every single minute of my last five years at Laurier," said Dybenko. "I particularly loved working with the students. I loved working with the faculty and staff to support what I think is a very strong and relevant direction for the business school."

Before Dybenko joined the Laurier community in 2006, she spent her time as the vice-president of marketing at the Canadian IT company Syndesis, and had previously worked at Bell Canada in the early stages of her career. In January, Dybenko stepped down early in her term as dean of SBE to explore other opportunities within WLU.

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After five years at WLU, Dybenko is taking on a position at UW.

'All about them'

With students back in town, Waterloo works to keep drinking under control

LINDSAY PURCHASE
LEAD REPORTER

Each September, thousands of students pour into Waterloo on Labour Day weekend to prepare for school, settle into new dwellings or participate in frosh week activities.

However, for the 19-plus crowd, many head back to school early for only one purpose — to party.

Any student who has stayed in town for the summer can play witness to drastic and immediate change to Waterloo's night life, as crowds of lively people stumble through the streets at all hours of the night, and line ups for bars stretch down the sidewalk at 9 p.m.

According to Bob Leis, manager of local bar Fox and Fiddle, "Frosh week is all about them [students] getting drunk before they go to school."

Although the 'Fox' is a popular spot throughout the year, Leis noted that Orientation Week is a particularly busy time, something which brings with it a share of problems.

"The students don't understand the rules and regulations each bar has, as well as what they accept and don't accept, and what happens if they get unruly in a bar," he

"They don't understand they can't drink as much anymore, because the liquor law gets stricter and stricter every year."

—Bob Leis
manager of Fox and Fiddle

commented with apparent irritation. "They don't understand they can't drink as much anymore, because the liquor law gets stricter and stricter every year."

Leis has now been working with the university crowd for nearly 20 years, and has noticed an increase in behavioural issues.

"The last three years they don't respect it anymore, and that's not a good thing," said Leis.

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"Rashad said 'stay on my butt.' I stayed on his butt and he led me to the promised land."

—Felix Odum, Laurier receiver, on his success following Rasahad La Touche on a kickoff-return touchdown during last week's football game

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"I thought the football team started off really strong but it was a really weak defence effort in the second half."

—Ryan Fernandes
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Bag O' Crime: O-Week

These are some highlights from the whopping 91 reports provided by Special Constable Service

ASSIST OTHER SERVICE

Location: 43 Bricker Ave
Reported: Sept. 5 at 12:58 p.m.
While on mobile patrol, SCS officers observed a keg party on Bricker Avenue. The group of people at the party were yelling and using inappropriate language towards parents who were dropping off their children at Bricker Residence. Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) attended to deal with the matter.

DRUGS

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 5 at 10:17 p.m.
SCS Officers received a report of drug use at a residence. Two roommates admitted to smoking marijuana in their room, and were in possession of a small amount of drug residue and paraphernalia. The items were seized for destruction. They will be dealt with by Residence Life.

INTOXICATED PERSON

Location: Athletic Complex
Reported: Sept. 5 at 10:38 p.m.
ERT notified SCS dispatch of an intoxicated male who had vomited in the stands at the Athletic Complex. SCS officers attended, but ERT dismissed the underage male prior to the officer's arrival. SCS officers obtained the individuals name and information and contacted the RLAC to follow up with disciplinary measures.

ASSIST OTHER SERVICE

Location: Spruce Street
Reported: Sept. 5 at 10:57 p.m.
SCS received a call from a don from 345 King's Court Residence, stating a group of males in a white vehicle had stopped him and his group of 14 first years on the street asking if they wanted to buy marijuana. When the group refused, the group of seven to eight of unknown males exited the vehicle in a confrontational manner and uttering threats. WRPS was called to assist with the matter and search the area.

INTOXICATED PERSON

Location: Mid Campus Drive
Reported: Sept. 6 at 9:24 p.m.
SCS and WRPS officers on duty for the first year students' campus party discovered a male WLU student passed out near Willison Hall. He was extremely intoxicated and was unable to stand or look after himself. He was assessed by EMS. He was taken by SCS to his residence and left in the care of several dons.

INTOXICATED PERSON

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 6 at 10:43 p.m.
SCS and WRPS officers dealt with an intoxicated 18-year-old female WLU student on Mid Campus Drive. She was transported to her residence where her physical condition worsened. EMS attended and after an assessment she was transported to Grand River Hospital for further treatment.

INTOXICATED PERSON

Location: Mid Campus Drive
Reported: Sept. 6 at 11:04 p.m.
An 18-year-old female WLU student was found by SCS and WRPS officers on the ground by the Quad passed out as a result of being extremely intoxicated. ERT and EMS attended and after an assessment she was taken to Grand River Hospital for further treatment.

INTOXICATED PERSON

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 6 at 11:21 p.m.
One of the dons at student residence requested SCS assistance with an intoxicated 16-year-old male student in one of the stairwells in the student residence. ERT attended. Due to his extremely intoxicated condition he was transported to Grand River Hospital for further assessment and treatment.

INTOXICATED PERSON

Location: FNCC
Reported: Sept. 6 at 11:37 p.m.
SCS and WRPS officers dealt with a highly intoxicated 18-year-old

female student in the Turret nightclub who by her own admission had also taken several MDMA pills. She was assessed by EMS and was taken to her residence by members of Foot Patrol.

DRUGS

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 7 at 1:15 a.m.
SCS officers and Residence Life staff tended to a student residence to investigate a complaint of possible drug usage. A 19-year-old male WLU student was arrested under the Controlled Drug and Substances Act for Possession of a Narcotic. Officers seized 30 grams of marijuana. He was taken to WRPS north division and released on a Promise To Appear with a court date and also on an officer in charge undertaking with bail conditions.

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Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 7 at 1:58 a.m.
SCS officers received a complaint from a Foot Patrol member who had spotted an intoxicated male steal the height requirement bar from the entrance to the parking garage at the student residence. The suspect had fled the area upon SCS arrival.

INJURED/SICK PERSON

Location: Student Services Building
Reported: Sept. 7 at 6:12 p.m.
SCS and ERT attended to the Student Services Building in response to a call for medical assistance. An 18-year-old female student was treated by ERT for an allergic reaction to latex. She was suffering from a skin rash. She was advised to seek further medical attention if the symptoms worsened.

INJURED/SICK PERSON

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 8 at 1:07 a.m.
SCS officers and ERT members attended to the student residence in response to a call for medical assistance. A 20-year-old intoxicated female student had fallen and

sustained a head injury. She was experiencing pain in her spine and neck and was transported to Grand River Hospital for further assessment and treatment.

INJURED/SICK PERSON

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 8 at 11:28 a.m.
SCS officers and ERT members attended to the student residence in response to a call for medical assistance. A male student had fallen down a flight of stairs the night before and sustained a gash on his right knee from striking the railing. He was assessed and treated by ERT. He indicated that he would take himself to Grand River Hospital for further treatment later.

DISTURBANCE

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 9 at 12:49 a.m.
Special Constables responded to a complaint of two intoxicated males approaching two female students standing outside a residence. One of the males was using profane language and attempting to give the females advice regarding meeting the opposite sex. The females told the males that their advances were unwanted. No further action was necessary.

INJURED/SICK PERSON

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 10 at 1:31 a.m.
ERT attended a residence for a medical assist. A female student had broken the nail on her big toe on the left foot. A bandage was applied. No medical attention was required.

INJURED/SICK PERSON

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 10 at 4:16 p.m.
A special constable and ERT attended at a residence in response to a report that a resident had burned her hand when she attempted to gauge the temperature of the heating element on the stove. She subsequently went to hospital to have her hand checked.



"Awful, I'm embarrassed."
—Jake Howorth
First-year geography



"Well I wasn't at the game but I think we will do well."
—Michelle Pipe
First-year communications



"A little disappointing, I guess."
—Geoff Smith
Fourth-year economics

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Quote of the week:
"The brown ass in the hallway is mine."
—Graphics Editor Taylor Gayowsky on spilling her coffee.



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First-years start with a bang

MARCIE FOSTER
LEAD REPORTER

This year's O-Week faced unique challenges and required services and volunteers to be better organized and prepared for the incoming flux of more than 3,000 first year on- and off-campus students. The idea was to create programming that would accommodate the growing number of O-Week participants.

Having two move-in days was one of the major additions to this year's O-Week. Jacqueline Twomey, an icebreaker for the gold buccaneers, was very satisfied with how both move-in days went. "We had a lot of people who didn't need to help us move in help us move in. It was nice as well because then I got an extra day with my first years."

Chandler Joliffe, Foot Patrol coordinator, also spoke about the success of two move-in days. "I think at the worst point the line-up on University went to King Street, which isn't bad considering when I moved in last year I was parked by the time I was on the off ramp from the highway."

"I thought move-in day went great," said director of orientation Kevin Duquette. "In terms of both, it was a brand new process that we were dealing with, so there were a few hiccups ... but Monday went absolutely flawlessly, it could not have gone any better."

Reflecting back on the experience of the two days, Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union president Nick Gibson noted that in the future, moving in different residences in combination with certain times might help organize the move-in day better, but overall was pleased.

The On-Campus Celebration (OCC) included performances from These Kids Wear Crowns and Classified and was the longest night of the week for Foot Patrol and Special Constable Services (SCS).

"Overall I think it went well, I think this was the first year that every single student was able to get into a venue, with the fourth venue being the Athletic Complex," said Duquette.

"You always get the over-intoxicated individuals during O-Week," Joliffe said. "With the exception of OCC it was actually a pretty tame week." He mentioned how Foot Patrol broke their previous record of walks for the night at a staggering 230 calls.

"I think it's amazing that we have more calls than usual," he commented. "I think it's good that people are



A first-year student is greeted by cheering icebreakers as she gets ready to move into residence.

NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

being safety-conscious." Special Constable Services also experienced an influx in calls during O-Week.

"It was a very busy week for our service. On the Waterloo campus we attended on 455 calls for service and 91 incidents required a report by the Special Constables," Rod Curran, director of SCS, said. Of those 91 incidents, 17 of the reports were for injured/sick persons and 16 were for intoxicated individuals.

There were also six liquor offences handed out and 11 drug complaints. SCS also reported four break-and-enter incidents on campus, two at Clara Conrad Hall and two at Leupold. Curran noted that students should be mindful to lock their windows especially if they are at the ground floor level.

"Bottom line, all of our students made it back to residence safely and

were well behaved," Curran added.

Gibson explained the cause behind the increased amount of calls. "I think it's more so that [the incidents] were a little bit more known. In the past it hasn't been as obvious."

He clarified further, "Certainly there was a few [injuries] when it comes to first years, especially when it came to on campus celebrations, who had learned the tough way as to how to deal with a new environment and new ways to do things, if you know what I mean."

While O-Week is traditionally dry, OCC provided an opportunity for students who are of age to drink at Wilf's. Duquette explained, "In terms of Wilf's serving alcohol to people who are 19, it's been that way as long as I can remember. It gives students who are 19 an option to [drink]."

Regarding concerns of safe

drinking, Duquette added, "We are pretty strict and we enforce the alcohol policy in terms of underage drinking. We encourage responsible alcohol consumption. ... There were a few instances, but that's to be expected."

Icebreaker Twomey remarked on how responsible her first years were about alcohol.

"Oh yeah, they drank during O-Week. But no one being really hungover, no one talking about how wasted they got and I never saw them drinking," she commented.

Regarding the programming during O-Week in its entirety, Gibson added, "The speakers have gone well, the events have gone well and opening ceremonies went really well. I mean timing wise the first one was a little later, but again those types of things happen. Beyond that it's been great."

More O-Week: online



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Man injured in collision

A 21-year-old male was struck by a vehicle at King St. and University Ave. Tuesday afternoon

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O-Week safety: by the numbers

455

calls to Special Constable Services

91

incidents required a report by SCS

230

record-breaking number of walks set by Foot Patrol during OCC



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ERT, Foot Patrol, Special Constables and the Waterloo Regional Police attend to a student during OCC.

CAMPUS

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Campus projects still incomplete

Landscaping around the Terrace food court and construction for Spring Rolls Go still not finished



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The landscaping surrounding the Terrace food court is expected to be completed by mid-November.

MARCIE FOSTER
LEAD REPORTER

Over the summer months campus received numerous renovations, but not all have been completed by the expected date. Some of the completed and most noticeable changes include those made to the Concourse as well as a major makeover to the 24-Hour lounge.

However, there is still landscaping to be done around and in front of the Terrace food court, the final stage of the summer construction project implemented by Wilfrid Laurier University.

While the Concourse, Bookstore and OneCard office all had their renovations completed by September, what kept the Terrace landscaping from being completed in time for September was a wait on funding, according to Michael Welk, project coordinator for renovations and construction at physical resources.

Just as the landscaping around the Terrace is scheduled to be completed mid-November, the inside of the Terrace is also still in the process of renovation.

Most notably, the Union Market and Spring Rolls Go on the lower level and Ah So Sushi on the upper level are still under construction. Michael McMahon, general manager of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union, said he received an update from Aramark — the company that took over operations of the Terrace in June — that both projects should be completed soon.

"The city building inspectors are coming [Monday] and [Tuesday] to inspect the construction, so after that I can speculate that they then should be able to wrap up construction," said McMahon.

Aramark is responsible for the Terrace construction after the company took over operation of the food court earlier this year. Both the Union Market and Spring Rolls Go are closed for the remainder of

construction, while the other vendors in the food court remain open.

Soon to be the biggest construction project on campus is the new Global Innovation Exchange building — which is currently in its design stages — set to be built where St. Michael's campus currently stands.

Both Welk and Mark Dettweiler, director of planning, design and construction at physical resources said that the demolition of St. Michael's campus will begin later this month, with the construction fences going up later this week. According to Dettweiler, the building itself should be gone in two weeks.

"It takes time to empty the building, most of the work right now is preparing the building for demolition," said Dettweiler. Once the building is empty and safe for demolition, only then the crews can move in and demolish the building.

More projects underway and beginning in the coming months include the relocation of the student recruitment offices, currently in Alumni Hall, to the Bricker Academic building as well as accessibility improvements to the loading dock area beside the Fred Nichols Campus Centre and Alumni Hall. The WLU Health and Safety offices are set to relocate to 232 King Street North, and Dettweiler mentioned that renovations will be underway to accommodate their move as well.

The Laurier International offices were also relocated to the fourth floor of the Doctor Alvin Woods Building, while the original offices were then renovated into classrooms.

"The first floor classrooms are actually bigger after the renovations than the fourth floor ones were," said Dettweiler. "It works out better this way."

Physical Resources, Sustainability office, Human Resources and Public Relations were all relocated to a newly renovated office space this summer, at 255 King Street.

Dybenko to join UW Stratford

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Dybenko's new position will essentially be the head of the UW Stratford campus, which welcomed their first-ever students last week. The Stratford campus — also referred to as the Stratford Digital Media Centre — will not be the typical university campus. It will instead be focusing on research in the fields of technology, media and business.

"We have done a whole bunch of really amazing things [at WLU], but all of the sudden an opportunity came walking by that I really couldn't ignore," explained Dybenko. "The reason it interested me so much is because it's such a combination of technology and innovation, both of which are real hot buttons for me."

Tobi Day-Hamilton, director of advancement and public affairs at the UW Stratford campus, noted that Dybenko's new position will create the outlook for the new campus.

"Basically she's just setting the vision," said Day-Hamilton.

Day-Hamilton also mentioned that the Digital Media Centre will be geared towards blending creativity and technology in the field of business and media, and she believes Dybenko's experience as dean will be greatly beneficial.

In her time as a dean, Dybenko was instrumental in developing the SBE faculty to what it is today, by making substantial contributions to the executive master's in technology program, the early stages of the Global Innovation Exchange (GIE) building as well as in building relationships with external businesses.

"What Ginny will be known for is her real enthusiasm for linking the business community with the school. Not only with [the business] school, but also with other units in the university," said Deborah MacLatchy, vice-president: academic and provost at WLU. She also noted that Dybenko was a constant enforcer of social responsibility within the SBE faculty.

Since Dybenko stepped down as dean, William Banks, associate professor in accounting, has been acting dean for the business faculty. According to MacLatchy, the search for a replacement dean has begun and she hopes to have a permanent dean by January of 2012.

With her rather short time as executive director of strategic initiatives, Dybenko has worked with WLU president Max Blouw and the alumni relations offices to find donors and to assist in fundraising for the new GIE building. She'll remain in that position until Oct. 1.

Robert Donelson, Laurier's vice-president: development and alumni relations, who Dybenko worked in conjunction with as executive director of strategic initiatives, remarked similarly to MacLatchy about Dybenko's enthusiastic attitude towards Laurier.

He also added that no one has yet been chosen to replace Dybenko's position, but did mention that it will be someone from the existing fundraising staff within the alumni relations office.

Dybenko hopes that the new campus at Stratford will become a hub of Canadian technology research and innovation, where other universities and businesses can work with the centre. This also includes potentially working with Laurier in the near future.

When asked what she'll take from her experiences at Laurier, Dybenko replied, "The respect I have the Laurier students, not only their intelligence and their eagerness to learn, but also their interest in making the world a better place for a lot of people who are far more disadvantaged than they are."

While she is excited about the new transition in her career, Dybenko said she will miss Laurier.

"I'll be leaving physically, but I'll never leave emotionally," she said.



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Dybenko has been a vital part of WLU, in particular SBE, since 2006.

Laurier in brief

Senate holds first meeting of school year

On Tuesday night, the Wilfrid Laurier University senate convened for their opening meeting of the 2011-12 academic year. For many of the senators, including recently hired vice president: research Abby Goodrum, this was the first meeting as part of the senate.

Goodrum was among seven people who gave reports, which largely served to update the group assembled of activity over the summer. Laurier president and vice-chancellor Max Blouw took this opportunity to quell rumours that Laurier would be one of the universities to receive a new satellite campus as part of the Ontario Liberal Party's platform commitment to construct three new campuses.

"No party has indicated either the location or the university," Blouw said plainly.

From there, the senate voted on four motions, all of which passed unanimously. The first two centred around revisions to the university's institutional quality assurance program (IQAP) and the implementation of the program. That was followed by the passing of a nomination committee and then decision to raise the minimum grade point average for progression in Laurier's faculty of education from a 7.0 overall to an 8.0.

Prior to the concluding in-camera session, Jean Becker, Laurier's senior advisor: Aboriginal initiatives discussed the barriers the estimated 200 Aboriginal undergraduate students at WLU have overcome and how Laurier can strengthen its presence in the Aboriginal community.

New programs at Brantford

The 2011-12 school year will see a graduate program offered at Wilfrid Laurier University's Brantford campus for the first time in Laurier Brantford's 12-year history.

It was announced last week that a two-year master of arts in criminology would initiate this school year, with international crime and justice, media criminology and culture, crime and policy being the degree's three fields of specialized study.

This year will also be the inaugural year for at the Brantford campus for the bachelor of business technology management degree, while the satellite campus will begin to offer a bachelor of arts and science in health studies in 2012-13.

WLU chemist honoured at CMMSE conference

Ian Hamilton, a professor in Wilfrid Laurier University's chemistry department was selected by a group of his colleagues as this year's winner of the Computational and Mathematical Methods in Science and Engineering (CMMSE) prize. The prize was awarded at the 11th annual CMMSE conference, which was hosted this past summer in Benidorm, Spain.

Hamilton was recognized for his research, which spans the fields of both computational and theoretical chemistry.

Laurier unveils 'alumni of achievement'

As part of the university's centennial celebration, on Sept. 9, Wilfrid Laurier University released its list of '100 alumni of achievement'.

The list was determined by the Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association (WLUAA) and recognizes 100 of the school's alumni, which is close to 80,000, who have gone on to achieve notable things. The list includes such names as former UN ambassador Paul Heinbecker (a graduate in 1965), Juno-award winning rapper Shadrick "Shad" Kabongo ('05), as well as Olympic gold medalists Becky Keller ('04) and John Morris ('03).



ALI UROSEVIC GRAPHICS ARTIST

Examining textbook prices

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As Wilfrid Laurier University students begin to flock to the Bookstore to buy their required textbooks and course packages, there have always been concerns about the amount of money they spend on those academic materials. Since textbook prices have increased over the years, students and faculty have begun to question if these books can be too expensive for students.

"There's been big increases in probably the last five to ten years or so. If you're doing a comparison from year to year, then yes, it's becoming increasingly expensive for students," explained Mike Zybala, manager: academic materials at the WLU Bookstore.

While prices in general have been higher than previous years, Zybala noted that this year's prices for most books appear to be somewhat similar to last year's.

"Maybe they [publishers] are starting to realize that pricing can be a little bit prohibitive for students," he added.

However, as a result of the constantly increasing prices, many students have opted not to buy from the Bookstore, and chose to either buy used or cheaper versions from another student, online book companies or local stores.

Increasing textbook prices is not a unique situation to Laurier and every university faces the same issue with publishers because they typically determine the prices.

"Unfortunately at our end, we sell at publisher's list price which is kind of standard in the industry. So with any other college or university, they are using the publisher's list price," continued Zybala.

Zybala noted that sometimes textbooks can be a bit more expensive than other books because of the volume at which they are printed; some textbooks are only meant for a certain amount of students. He also said that the number of sales for textbooks are considerably smaller than that of a popular novel or a text that is widely read.

Are they too expensive?

Sometimes students — in particular business and science students — believe that they spend more money than they have to when it comes to buying academics texts. Science and business textbooks tend to be more expensive because of the content, colour and visuals that go into them, therefore requiring more effort on the behalf the authors and publishers.

"I think the price of textbooks is relative," said Deborah MacLatchy, vice president: academic and provost at WLU.

"I think if the instructor has really tied the textbook to the learning the student is doing in class, then the textbook is a good learning tool. If the textbook isn't really tied to the learning of the class then they [students] are probably think they are overpriced."

Three third-year students, Ivan Vacacela, Gaurav Kapoor and Julian

Goellnicht, believe that they do spend a lot on textbooks, as all of them stated they spend an average \$600 per semester on textbooks and course packages.

Goellnicht, a kinesiology student, said that more materials are required for his classes, which typically results in higher prices. "It's almost like buying two classes worth of books for one class," he said, noting that labs for science classes require their own material.

"Essentially you're paying 200 bucks to read 200 pages," said Vacacela, a computer science and psychology student.

New editions of books, which are sometimes required for certain courses, have been problematic for students who want to sell old textbooks or buy used ones.

"For a business class they changed two or three pages in the book and then they make it a new edition then you have to buy it [the new textbook]," explained Kapoor, a business student at WLU. Kapoor also mentioned that he's had difficulty selling textbooks in the past because it's no longer the required edition.

MacLatchy, on the topic of recurring release of new editions on textbooks, said, "I think for the students who want to sell their books, they're probably quite disappointed in that."

Transitioning to digital materials

As technology continues to be more advanced in the classroom and with

academic materials, the bookstore and faculty have begun to look at e-books and digital readers — something that should be typically cheaper than print.

Zybala noted that the bookstore has begun to just sell online "access codes" for e-books and is looking towards doing business with e-readers such as Kobo. According to Zybala, prices for e-books and electronic academic materials are still only 60-70 per cent of the price of the hard copy version, but as electronic materials become more accessible, the price will be lower.

Many students, along with Vacacela, Kapoor and Goellnicht, still like use to paper textbooks just because of the convenience and their natural study habits.

"I think it's going to be a while before we're going to actually be done with textbooks," continued MacLatchy. "You can do things that you can't do with digital, and that can enhance the student's learning."

Textbook prices look like they will remain the same for the coming years, but it an still issue to watch. Laurier history professor Amy Milne-Smith said that it should still be something worth looking at and students should be mindful of textbook prices.

"I'm not quite sure what the solution is," said Milne-Smith.

"If you can still go onto Amazon and buy something for two dollars, and then go to the Bookstore and pay 24 dollars, I'm not sure if that systems is working well as it should."

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Shinerama continues strong efforts

First-year students raise \$112,221 on the 50th anniversary of Shine Day for an overall total of \$147,823

JUSTIN SMIRLIES
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Almost every student at Wilfrid Laurier University that took part in his or her first-year Orientation Week remembers the final day of that week: Shine Day. Waking up in the early hours of that Saturday to cheer enthusiastically may not be a common activity for most university students, but many let their personalities out to raise money and awareness for cystic fibrosis research.

The most recent Shine Day on Sept. 10, however, was the 50th anniversary. The first-years raised a total of \$147,823.90 during the whole week whereas \$112,229.61 was made on the actual day. This year's figure is roughly \$25,000 more than last year.

"The week went amazing we raised so much money and so much awareness," said Josh Proksch, the co-ordinator for Shinerama this year. Proksch also said that some of the highlights for him were speeches made by Paul Enns, founder of Shinerama at Laurier, and by people who have suffered from cystic fibrosis.

"It puts a face to the disease, it really affects people and lets them [students] know they are making a difference," added Proksch.

Students cheered, washed cars and asked for donations for most of the day on Saturday, while the Shinerama orientation committee spent the week organizing events such as barbeques and Shine Time.

While nothing really was changed from the Shinerama events of last year, Proksch explained that they, "didn't add anything [new] but we made everything a little more bigger and little more fun for the first-years."

Back in 1961, Paul Enns — a student at Laurier — what was then called Waterloo Lutheran University — set up Shinerama at WLU to raise money for a common cause, which at the time was raising money for the mentally challenged.

"We wanted people to feel really good about something, about what they are doing."

—Paul Enns, original founder of Shinerama at Wilfrid Laurier University

"What they called the initiation process in my freshmen year, was not a thrilling experience," Enns told The Cord. "I thought, you know, if I'm ever in the position to do something about this, I'm going to make some changes."

Enns noted that he had multiple objectives, other than just raising money, when setting up Shine Day 50 years ago. Among those were to give an opportunity for students to meet each other and to allow students to feel good about themselves.

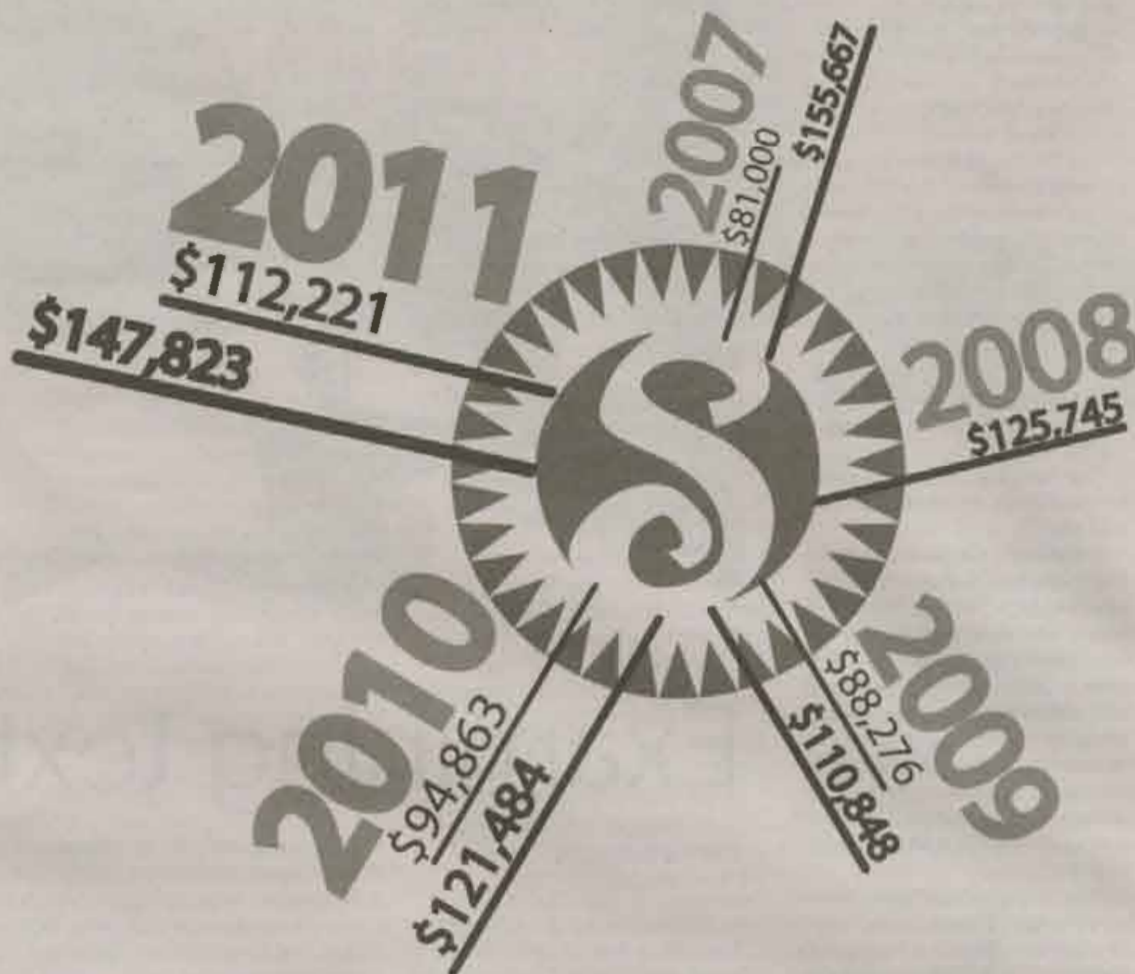
"There was enough bad press about students and what they do, and with their drinking and all that stuff — we wanted a different focus," continued Enns.

"We wanted people to feel really good about something, about what they are doing."

Shinerama has now spread to 60 other schools across Canada and has become vital part of student involvement. While this year's national total is yet to be determined, the overall total last year was over a million dollars.

The event has also become a strong tradition among the Laurier community and continues to be an effective way to get students involved. Proksch is overall pleased with the outcome, and hopes that Shinerama continues to be as big as it is today.

"I'm so exhausted, but so happy. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world," he said.



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First-year business students take part at the SBE Get Involved Fair.

Students' society shows first years the ropes

SBESS holds annual O-Day for new business students

ELIZABETH DICESARE
CORD NEWS

On the Sunday before term started, the School of Business and Economics Students' Society (SBESS) held their annual 'O-Day' for first-year business and economic students.

This event, which has been running for the past five years, gives first-year students an opportunity to attend specialized sessions for academic performance in areas of study such as accounting and marketing.

The event was held on the Wilfrid Laurier University campus at both the Peters and Schlegel buildings, as well as at the Waterloo Inn.

In the morning, over 400 students attended introductory sessions, which gave an overview about the faculty, ways to get involved and the SBESS mentorship program.

More focused sessions, information about co-op opportunities and presentations about student groups were given later in the day.

While at Waterloo Inn, students attended a lunch and listened to a speech given by the CEO of Certified General Accountants of Ontario, Doug Brooks.

His main point was to ensure students gain as much experience in school as possible.

"Experience isn't about getting a degree," Brooks stated. "It's about

"Your present situation doesn't determine where you go, it merely determines where you start."

—Doug Brooks, CEO of Certified General Accountants of Ontario.

truly learning . . . you got the grade, but did you really learn?"

Whether or not students succeed in their first year, Brooks repeatedly stated that fundamentally, it is experience in the real world that will determine when and how you will be successful. He emphasized that "your present situation doesn't determine where you go, it merely determines where you start."

Another valuable lesson reinforced to first year students was to learn from mistakes.

Failing to recognize your weakness is the biggest mistake one can make according to Brooks, so he encouraged everyone to ask for help while struggling.

Brooks's messages were echoed by O-Day coordinator, Alex Di Lello. He stated that the mentorship programs run throughout the year to help first-years through their courses and give them any extra help needed.

At the end of the day, there was a Get Involved Fair for business clubs and associations. This gave students another chance to pick up extra curriculars.

"It's an opportunity to go through orientation [strictly for their specific programs] since O-Week is not really focused on business," said Di Lello.

In the coming weeks, surveys will be sent out to students who attended O-Day in order to gain feedback on whether or not the sessions were useful.

However, first-year students were mainly concerned with requirements regarding courses and the co-op program, as well as getting more involved within the SBE.

According to the vice president: academic of SBESS, Sarina Brundi, the event, speakers and fair were all geared towards getting students involved and to teach them "what it's like to be a Laurier student."

LSPIRG puts on third 'Rad Week'

Groups offers alternatives to first years

NICOLE GREEN
STAFF WRITER

It was hard to ignore the O-Week events that took over Laurier's campus last week.

The Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group (LSPIRG) joined in the festivities with their third annual 'Rad Week', a compilation of events designed to equip students with the resources and information to motivate social change.

LSPIRG's 'Rad Week' ran alongside the Orientation Week events organized by the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU).

Events coordinator for LSPIRG, Evelyn McGowan, explained, "We wanted to provide some sort of week of programming that worked in addition to [WLUSU's] Orientation Week so not in competition what so ever, but complimentary for students who may have other interests as well. It's much more socially minded."

"This is the third year now," said McGowan. "We did the most number of events, the widest variety of events. I think it was definitely one of the most successful years."

Events included a concert by Canadian folk musician and Waterloo native, Craig Cardiff, a clothing swap and vegan top chef.

There were also informational workshops and lectures on sustainability, anti-oppression, gender injustice and social change.

The Craig Cardiff concert at Maxwell's music house on Wednesday was one of the most successful events. According to McGowan, approximately 100 students attended the concert.

Concert attendee Rebecca Channer said, "I was so happy because it was all ages and it was free so I was actually allowed to go. It was

awesome."

McGowan explained the ultimate goal of these events was "to introduce students to the idea of social change in a very light setting. To show students that social change doesn't need to be big actions . . . little changes actually make a difference".

LSPIRG is a student-run group designed to encourage students to engage in acts of social change through funding, training and other resources, and the 'Rad Week' events were designed to reflect that.

"This year what I wanted to focus on was providing students both tools and the opportunities to engage in social change not just in the Laurier community but also in K-W. Not just telling them this is what needs to be changed but also showing them this is how to go about it," added McGowan.

After the success of this year's 'Rad Week' McGowan is already looking ahead.

"This is definitely paving the way for a really successful year with LSPIRG," she said.

'Rad Week' events:

Some of the events held during LSPIRG's 'Rad Week' that offered an alternative to some of the typical O-Week activities:

- Morning yoga sessions in the quad
- Sustainability workshop
- Vegan top chef
- Clothes swap
- Craig Cardiff concert
- Anti-oppression workshop
- Gender justice 101
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- Film screening: Food Inc.
- 'Let's chill out day'

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Laurier SOS gives back

JACQUELINE SALOME
CORD NEWS

20 Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) students of the Students Offering Support (SOS) organization ventured to the city of San Pedro, Colombia, in the Toledo district of southern Belize to aid in the erection of a new high school and water well.

SOS raised \$116,600 this past year via student-led exam-aid sessions with an admission cost of a \$20 donation to SOS. This was a great success for the organization in comparison to the \$100,000 raised the previous year.

"The whole point of SOS is to raise money here in universities while raising marks," said Klara Raic, second-year Laurier student and trip participant.

Proceeds raised by SOS are entirely used to sponsor community organizations in South America. This year, SOS donated \$30,000 to Columbia River Cooperative, a

non-profit organization in Belize committed to protecting the environment and people of Toledo and promoting education in sustainable agriculture.

"Not only are they teaching the basic curriculum, they're also taking initiatives to teach agriculture and business subjects," said Basia Frankiewicz, co-president of SOS.

In the village the volunteers were working in, a high school did not previously exist. The local students had to venture far outside of town to receive secondary schooling.

With simply attending school being so difficult a large portion of the youth in San Pedro Columbia do not graduate high school and therefore don't advance to post-secondary education.

Because most of the youth will remain within the village, the Columbia River Cooperative centre for learning will teach students how to properly conduct agriculture in a more sustainable manner

than the traditional slash and burn technique.

"That's one of the initiatives that we as the SOS executive team fell in love with; that they're trying to help develop the community," said Frankiewicz.

When the WLU students arrived, the foundation of the school had already been laid by participating contractors. It was the students' task to build the brick walls, which are filled with a hurricane-proof cement mixture. This allows the school to double as a hurricane shelter for the village.

When the students left, the well was finished entirely and the school was ready for roofing.

The Belize trip was one of three that SOS members participated in last year. The group also did work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

"For me, it was extremely life changing. I would definitely recommend it for people who are also interested in this," said Frankiewicz.



COURTESY OF KLARA RAIC

Above, Laurier SOS students participate in the construction of a well in Belize, while a native of the country (right) carves a hawk out of some spare lumber.

Quad hosts fundraiser

MARCIE FOSTER
LEAD REPORTER

Monday in the Quad at Wilfrid Laurier University was a little more than just a first day back to classes for the Kappa Omega chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. It was a chance to raise money for Save a Child's Heart and the Grand River Hospital Foundation.

Burgers and hot dogs, as well as a raffle for grocery store gift cards, raised \$1,750, which is to be divided evenly in half between both charities.

Bands and a DJ played from around 11 a.m. into the evening, while fraternity members roamed about with juice jugs collecting change — something that the Laurier community seems to have no problem tossing in for charity.

It was a member's own health experiences that led Alpha Epsilon

Pi to choose Save a Child's Heart, a worldwide organization that aims to improve cardiac care for children from developing countries.

Philip Kuperhause, president of the fraternity, said, "It was close to us because one of our members was born with a heart defect, so we thought it would be a good charity to help out."

Kuperhause also remarked on the campus support of this event, "Most of the donations were in the cent range, 25 cents, they were all very small but it added up."

He noted that most students who were coming through the Quad were trying to get to class, but the music and barbecue certainly attracted their attention.

The fifth annual event this year featured a number of bands from Toronto, Guelph and London and is one of several charity events held by the fraternity.

The Kappa Omega chapter also supports Get Swabbed, which matches eligible bone marrow recipients and donors, and Brick Breaker, which sells Brick Brewery tour tickets to raise money.

Int'l office program grows

OLIVIA NIGHTINGALE
STAFF WRITER

When Solidarity in Action (SIA) was first launched at Wilfrid Laurier University in 2008, it was small program with only thirty members.

Already a popular program at several other universities in Ontario, the organization hoped to have similar success at WLU.

SIA's two-week summer trips to Peru and Ecuador allow students to volunteer in a number of different fields including health and dental campaigns, daycare, education, nutrition and geriatric care.

Moreover, participants are able to be entirely immersed in the culture of the communities in which they are living, giving them a tremendous sense of solidarity with community members.

Laurier International Student Abroad Advisor and SIA trip leader, Jessie McCahill, participated in this

year's trip to Peru. She explained, "We really listened to the community to find out what they wanted and worked with mothers, fathers, and kids." McCahill and her fellow volunteers, which included several Laurier students and a faculty member from WLU's School of Business and Economics, were able to assist the community in addressing their needs and were also able to form strong relationships with the people living there through cultural events every evening.

During the second week of the trip, the group was able to explore various areas of Peru, with visits to destinations such as Machu Picchu and Cuzco.

The program's focus on promoting, not only service, but also social justice in the communities in which its trips visit, has clearly resonated with a number of students at Laurier's Waterloo and Brantford campuses. In just a few short years, the

WLU outpost of SIA has grown to include over 50 students, who have participated in summer trips.

Holly Thornton, a second-year WLU student, was a part of SIA Laurier's inaugural trip to Ecuador. While working in the city of Guayaquil, she and her group helped to build an enclosed space with seats to host community meetings.

For Thornton, "The best part of the trip was that you could pick what you wanted to do each day."

In fact, Thornton's experience was so positive, that she will be participating in another trip in the summer of 2012, this time as a tour leader.

In the coming year, McCahill stated, "I hope that SIA continues to grow and that students continue to take on greater leadership roles."

With a greater number of trip offerings for the summer of 2012, SIA is looking to attract an even greater number of Laurier students.

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CIGI set to celebrate 10 years

The internationally known think-tank offers tours, concerts and lectures to develop greater social change

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LEAD REPORTER

CIGI has come a long way since it began a decade ago as a small collection of people brainstorming ideas in the old Waterloo train station.

The Centre for International Governance Innovation, now celebrating its tenth anniversary, has since grown into an internationally recognized think-tank, known for its contributions to global governance policy research.

"We started with a blank slate," said Fred Kuntz, vice president of public affairs at CIGI. "We had three employees in 2002."

The organization, founded by Research in Motion (RIM) co-CEO Jim Balsillie, now employs 50 permanent staff and approximately 25 research fellows.

Kuntz continued, "International people around the world in our ... scholarly community ... have heard of CIGI and they know its work and they know the quality of the people there."

The most recent development has been the building of the Balsillie School of International Affairs, which will provide programs open to both master's and doctoral studies students.

The building is located beside the former Seagram museum—which was originally known as the Seagram Distillery, constructed in 1857, where CIGI is housed, and opens its doors to students and faculty on Sept. 22.

Students at the undergraduate level are encouraged to become involved as CIGI volunteers or by attending events. Said Kuntz, "We absolutely need the energy, the innovative thinking, the intellectual contribution that tomorrow's leaders in



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

CIGI has incorporated original elements of the Seagram distillery to blend old and new in a unique and beautiful style.

public policy can bring today to our thinking."

While the open invitation events held at CIGI consistently draw full crowds, student attendance seems to be lacking.

Executive director of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) and political science professor Alistair Edgar commented, "They have excellent speakers, excellent subjects, very contemporary issues being discussed down there that I wish more of our undergraduate community would come down to."

CIGI's research, which is focused

on global economy, global development, environment and energy and global security, could benefit students in many fields of study at Laurier. Edgar's suggestion for increased attendance: make it mandatory.

"We can have participation and attendance [at CIGI events] as part of our course requirements, and indeed, work with CIGI or the Balsillie School to have speakers up into our own classrooms too for a guaranteed audience," he explained.

Edgar described the new campus as a "major accelerator" for the organization overall.

"It's becoming a hub of think-tanks, different schools, a bunch of related institutions all around the issue of international affairs but all working together," he said.

Big announcements for additional growth can be expected in the next one or two years, according to Kuntz.

Negotiations are already underway to develop an international law program, potentially partnering CIGI with an Ontario law school.

The opening anniversary celebrations for CIGI will begin on Sept. 16, with a performance from Canadian activist-singer and Juno Award

winner, K'naan, along with a series of speakers. Although attendance has filled, the event will also be web-cast globally on CIGI's website.

An open house will be held the following day, where guided tours of CIGI and the Balsillie School will be provided.

A conference will be held on Sept. 20 under the title "Can Think Tanks Make a Difference?" with celebrations concluding on the following Thursday, with a lecture by humanitarian Dr. James Orbinski.

More information can be found online at CIGI's website.

Frosh week takes toll on Waterloo

—cover

He continued, "Parents are letting them loose, and they're letting them do whatever they want."

The University of Guelph has created a program designed to increase awareness of alcohol regulations and reduce crime, titled Project Safe Semester. According to the Guelph Mercury, the plan is focused on "keeping alcohol related crime and disorder problems in check for the first month of the school year," and includes greater police monitoring of the downtown area and increased transparency through the use of Twitter by the police force.

Waterloo has yet to engage in such a program, but director of by-law enforcement and property standards Jim Barry claimed that communication is key to success. "I believe that there's always more to be done," he said. "The more we do, the more we help everybody understand their roles."

In terms of complaints received by residents, Barry confirmed that the amount of calls received does go up as students return to town. "It's a

lot of people coming to our community, lots of them for the first time, and they're excited," he explained.

For their method of accommodating all citizens, Barry says the focus of bylaw officers is "... just finding that happy medium and making sure we're being firm but fair."

Alexandra Miciak, a third-year arts student at Wilfrid Laurier University, has experienced both the positive and negative attributes of frosh week festivities.

"I was part of it, it's been a lot of fun, but obviously partying does reach that point where it's just out of control," she admitted.

Part of the problem, she believes, comes from the sheer number of arrivals to the area in such a short time span.

"It's just like a big overload of people, so when you get that many parties, it can be pretty damaging [and] disruptive," Miciak explained. She noted that house parties in particular have a tendency to be more problematic, due to the inability of the host to control exactly who is attending.

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A 21-year-old male leaves on a stretcher, suffering from what police called non-life threatening injuries after being hit by a truck.

Pedestrian injured at King and University

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At approximately 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, a collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian occurred at the intersection of King Street and University Avenue right in front of Wilfrid Laurier University.

According to witnesses, the pedestrian was rollerblading from the university towards the intersection and cut left onto oncoming traffic where a red Chevrolet pick-up truck struck the pedestrian.

A Waterloo Regional Police officer at the scene said, "Their injuries

don't appear to be life threatening, they're being transported to a hospital right now for treatment and that's all we know at this point."

An ambulance and emergency services came to the scene to attend to the injured person, who was a 21-year-old male from Chatham. As of now, it is only known to be non-life threatening injuries, but that is yet to be confirmed.

It is also still undetermined whether or not the injured pedestrian is a student at either WLU or the University of Waterloo.

Bystanders flooded the scene and the intersection was temporarily

closed at the time of the incident. Police officers on both sides of the intersection slowly filtered traffic through the intersection.

Many witnesses and bystanders were shocked to see what happened. "It was quite loud when he got hit," one witness told The Cord.

Three student witnesses – who chose to remain anonymous, were all trained in first-aid and went to the victim as soon as he was hit.

"We saw him hit the car, flip over," a student said. "He basically came down the hill, turned left and cut across oncoming traffic and was hit."

All three students stated that there was already a green light and there "wasn't much the driver could do."

The driver of the vehicle was visibly distraught and upset as he spoke to the police, pacing back and forth in front of the police cruiser.

His vehicle took considerable damage on the front end, where the grill was bent in and the windshield was severely cracked.

This is not first time an incident has occurred at that intersection. Last winter, six pedestrians were hit in a two-car collision.

K-W in brief

Local man admits to drug charges

30-year-old Kitchener native Charles Martin admitted to one count each of producing marijuana, possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking and attempted possession of marijuana on Sept. 13. The crimes were committed last September, after police had raided ten area homes and arrested more than 20 people with ties to the alleged criminal organization about a month before.

Several other men were involved in the harvesting of marijuana. Martin and three other men escaped, but immediately returned to the illegal operation. When they executed a search warrant at the Clyde Road house the next day, officers found more than 40 pounds of dried marijuana worth up to \$65,000.

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WRPS seek sexual assault suspect

Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect in a sexual assault from mid-August.

On Aug. 15 on University Avenue East near King Street North, a woman was renovating a building when a man entered and sexually assaulted her.

The victim broke free and ran for assistance—she did not require any medical attention.

Police describe the suspect as male, Hispanic, 30 to 35-years-old, six-foot one-inch tall with a slender build and dark hair that's shaved on the side and wavy on top.

He speaks with a strong accent and is described as well groomed and very fit.

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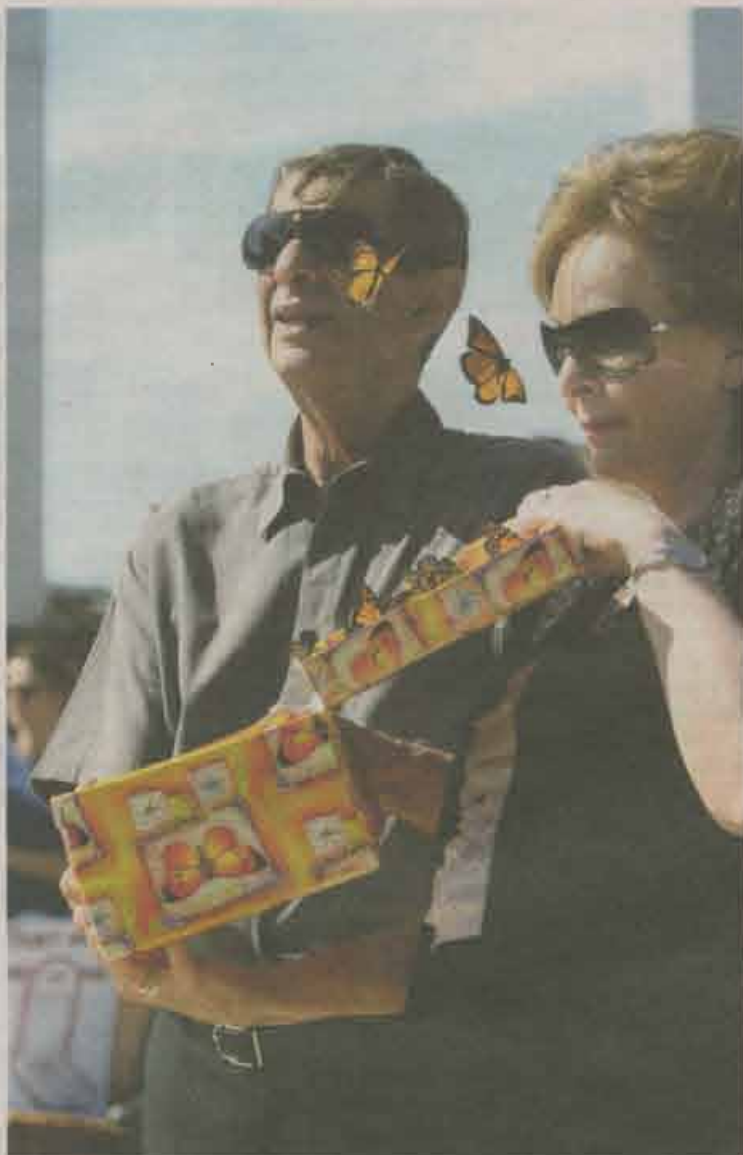
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Monarch butterflies released in honour of suicide prevention week.

Suicide prevention week begins

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"I don't think there is any one of us who hasn't thought about it [suicide] at various times in our lives," said Charles Cardiff, the honesty of his words shattering the stigma of a topic often met with silence.

Cardiff was one of many who joined together in Uptown Waterloo in support of World Suicide Prevention Day on Sept. 10. The event was organized and run by the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council.

Tears were undoubtedly shed and emotions ran high, but the prevalent feeling did not appear to be one of sadness. Inspiring words, shared stories and strength drawn from of a sense of unity lent themselves to an overarching atmosphere of hope and positivity.

"People do want to talk about suicide, it just takes someone to start the dialogue," said event organizer Tana Nash. She continued, "Talking about it is a catalyst for change."

Encouraged, though simultaneously saddened by the impressive turnout, Nash acknowledged, "We would never have met unless we were touched by suicide. It can truly be a double edged sword."

For Bonnie Heidelberg, the matter was deeply personal. "Our whole family's involved," she commented. "We've been touched."

Heidelberg had attended the event in previous years with her son, Wyatt. Though the location was more public than in previous years, it only served to strengthen her appreciation for the celebration.

"Being in the Square, the heart of the community ... it's really touching to us that live in the community, to know that we're not alone, there are other people out there that suffer," she explained.

Also present was Kitchener Centre member of parliament Stephen

Woodworth, who took the time to share a few words with the crowd.

"We're here because we know that our community loses on average one person every week to suicide," he said. "We're here because we know that suicidal depression is treatable if it's identified."

According to the Council's website, local police responded to over 1000 "suicide occurrences" in 2010 alone.

Suicide is recognized as one of the leading causes of death among youth, ranking second for ages ten to 24 according to statistics displayed by the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Some Ontario universities have chosen to implement a second reading week, taking place in the fall, often referred to by students as "suicide prevention week."

The interactive components aligned well with the messages shared by the inspirational speakers. Attendees had the opportunity to take up instruments in a drum circle, designed to create a sense of community. However, it was the butterfly release ceremony that truly made the event unique.

Fran Brown, who spoke on behalf of the Lisa Brown Charitable Foundation, began the ritual of releasing butterflies with her husband to honour the loss of their daughter. For them, the monarch is a symbol of hope.

"They fly together with determination and courage," she said. "They don't fly in isolation."

Events such as these, and the attention they gather, are designed open up lines of communication for those suffering in silence worldwide.

Though the future impact cannot be known, the immediate gratification of people openly able to unite in grief and celebration created a success that cannot be measured.

Students, community alike prepare for final car-free Sunday



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This Sunday in Waterloo's uptown core, cars and busses will be replaced by pedestrians and street vendors as the city launches its final 'Car-Free Sunday' event of the year.

King Street will be closed between Central and Union Streets to make way for the event, which was introduced early in the summer and held three times over the course of May, June and July.

'Car-Free Sundays' were brought to Waterloo Region as an initiative to not only try and get less cars on the road, but also create a festival atmosphere in the streets of Uptown Waterloo.

Waterloo Ward 7 councillor Melissa Durrell, one of the spearheads behind the project, has been happy with the three previous events, but this Sunday she has a specific target audience in mind: students.

In particular, those students who have only lived in Waterloo for just over week.

"The 4,000 new students who just moved in at WLU, it can actually be rare for them to even leave campus," said Durrell. "So this can be a great opportunity for the community to

say to students 'come to our core, see what we have and meet the community,' in a positive way."

Initially, this fourth and final 'Car-Free Sunday' was planned to begin at University Avenue and run up King Street, towards Uptown Waterloo, however, according to Durrell the festival organizers felt it best to stick to the same area as the previous events.

"We just thought for clarity and for the businesses in Uptown, we thought it would be best to keep it to the same spot that we've used for the past three [Car-Free Sunday events]," she said.

The initial plan for the summer series of events started off much grander.

Originally, these monthly events were to stretch along King St., from Uptown Waterloo, into Downtown Kitchener.

However, after the July edition of the event, citing poor attendance and cost concerns, the City of Kitchener withdrew from the remaining 'Car-Free Sundays.'

"We did have a really tough one in July where it was very hot," said Durrell of the July event, which only about 1,500 people attended.

"But we've gotten so many

different groups into the core and [the event is] so diverse and I really think that's made it successful."

On Sunday, students look like they will be heavily involved.

According to Durrell there between six and 12 student-related groups set up in Uptown; this includes Council for Social Justice, Right to Play, Free the Children, Future of Africa, Bike Share and AccessU from Wilfrid Laurier University.

"Certainly there will be some student presence there," said Nick Gibson, president of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLU SU).

"I know a lot of campus clubs are going to be involved but beyond participation, I think it's a great initiative. It's a good experience for students to get involved in the community and subsequently a chance for residents to see that all students aren't 'crazy, partying, property damage kind of people.'"

In addition to businesses being able to incorporate the sidewalk and roadway as part of their establishment, this Sunday will also feature live bands, an outdoor yoga studio and according to Durrell, three flash mobs.



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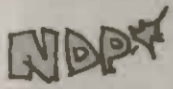
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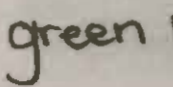
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Post-secondary education looms large in election

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The upcoming provincial election on Oct. 6 has the different political candidates fine tuning their platforms and getting to the streets to meet the different voting demographics.

However, all the parties realize that whoever takes office in Queen's Park has a lot of influence on post-secondary education, so most candidates have spent a lot of time and effort on their education platforms.

"Post-secondary education is crucial to the province and to the future," said John Milloy, current member of provincial parliament (MPP) for Kitchener Centre and minister of training, colleges and universities. "We want to make sure that finances are not a barrier to students to enter college or university."

The Green Party, meanwhile is focusing on a tuition freeze and keeping universities and colleges accountable.

"We want to prohibit institutions from charging late fees, as well as institute tuition freeze for 2012 and 2013," said Kitchener-Waterloo candidate J.D. McGuire. "We'd also like to prohibit institutions from charging different fees in the same year of study."

Isabel Cisterna, NDP candidate for Kitchener-Waterloo said that, "Post-secondary education is very important to me, and tackling high tuition fees is a very big deal. But we're not just dealing with tuition, it's about the cost of living as well."

According to Progressive Conservative party candidate for Kitchener-Waterloo Elizabeth Witmer, the PC's focus meanwhile, "is making sure that students pursuing a post-secondary education have the opportunity for a job afterwards."

And though all parties have a specific focus on post-secondary education, the Liberal party has their plan laid out in extreme detail. Eric Davis, Liberal candidate for Kitchener-Waterloo explained that there are a few promises his party is making to post-secondary students, including 60,000 more spaces in colleges and universities (which is on top of the 200,000 spaces they have already created), as well as a 30 per cent tuition grant, three satellite campuses across Canada and keeping a cap on student debt.

"The Liberal party has an exceptionally strong platform," Davis said passionately.

"When I was in school, I would have really appreciated all the help and the grants we're trying to make available. I would be—I am excited."

The 30 per cent tuition grant offered by the Liberal party, as explained by both Davis and Milloy, means that any student, whether or not they qualify for the Ontario Social Assistance Program (OSAP), can apply for a 30 per cent grant on their tuition if their total family income is less than \$160,000 a year. If they qualify, they can receive up to \$1,600 off their tuition bill, with no condition to pay it back.

This grant applies only to full-time, dependent students.

"We're going to make sure [school] is affordable," Davis said.

Davis chuckled slightly when asked about other parties' education platforms.

"The NDP have nothing in their platform about post-secondary education," he said. "But I'd be curious to find out what it is."

"As for the [Progressive] Conservatives," he continued, "their record is not great. They increased [education] fees by 67 per cent and cut funding by \$45 million, which is no help to middle income families."

Green candidate McGuire however, is skeptical of the plan the Liberals have presented.

"Their plan sounds excellent on paper," he said. "But that grant? That's going to cost a lot of money, and that has to come from somewhere— either increased taxes or social program cuts, and students will be affected by those as well."

He went on saying, "The Green party has a more balanced and realistic approach."

But Davis insisted that the Liberal platform was modest and sensible, which he deemed fitting because these are sensible times.

"Liberal history with

post-secondary education is very good," Davis said.

"We look at what we're promising as a reasonable, important step. Our platform has been fully costed and we're strategic about our promises." He continued to say that Liberals chose to spend the most money on post-secondary education, "because it intersects with so many other sectors like the economy, jobs, health, the environment. It's great to have a well educated community."

Sean Madden, vice president of university affairs at Wilfrid Laurier University and president of the Ontario Undergraduate Students' Alliance (OUSA), said that, "the Liberal party is taking, what I think, is a fantastic step, and I applaud them for lowering the sticker shock of seeing tuition, without seeing options that are available."

In a kick off campaign held by the Conservatives on September 7, Witmer said, "we can't continue the waste. The Liberals acknowledged before that the story they were telling was false and people cannot afford [Premier Dalton] McGuinty's tax increases. Our platform however, has been carefully costed."

Liberal candidate Milloy, commented that, "The PCs say we're big spenders. I think they put forward something like 224 promises? We put out 45 commitments."

The Green party, though historically unheard over the bickering between Liberal and PC parties, was defended by J.D. McGuire when he said, "our plan is not difficult to keep or expensive to implement. We deal with the things students care about— we listen and learn."

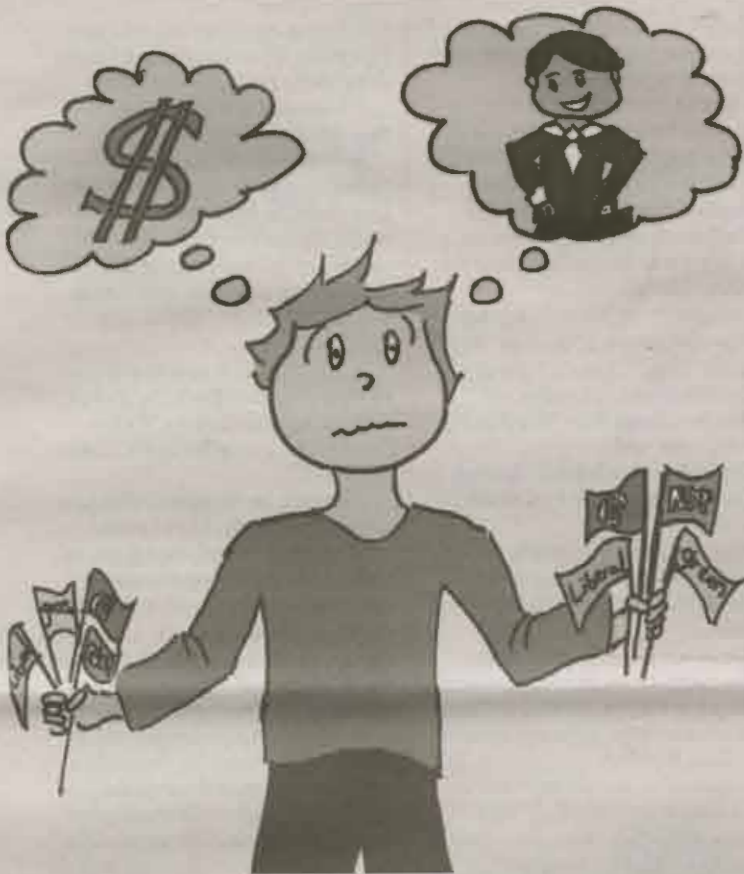
All of these platforms, however impressive, mean nothing unless people go out and vote.

"Regardless of who you want to vote for," Cisterna said, "please go out and vote, don't take it for granted."

"At the end of the day," Witmer added, "We just want students to be well informed. Obviously, there's an obligation on everyone's part to encourage participation and democracy."

Cisterna gave a direct message to the student demographic, "the NDP has a great belief in young people, students in particular. They can create magic that can be so inspiring—they can move masses and influence people."

"Students," she continued, "can create long lasting, positive change. Please, go out and vote."



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Electronic resources in question

Though technological options abound, students are still more likely to use traditional study materials

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Students today are considered to be more tech savvy than ever before. A small survey titled *The State of E-Learning in Canadian Universities, 2011: If Students Are Digital Natives, Why Don't They Like E-Learning?* conducted by Jason Rogers and Alex Usher of Higher Education Strategy Associates, evaluated the prevalence and uses of web resources for learning.

The survey found that many Canadian classes are starting to take to the web. 57 per cent of classes surveyed made some use of online programming.

However, the survey concluded that "the extent of e-resources had a negligible impact on the amount learned."

Interestingly, the survey found that students were "more interested in seeing universities make 'static' resources like readings available online, rather than the more dynamic ones."

Roxanne Dubois, the national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) agreed that this would be helpful. "As long as the online resources are being made with the intention of supplementing a student's learning and not to replace interaction with the professor and other students," she said.

Gavin Brockett, associate professor at Wilfrid Laurier University in Middle East and Islamic history, also emphasized the importance of professor-student interaction.

"I use mylaurier to supplement my teaching," said Brockett. "I do not use [mylaurier] to put my slides on and the reason for that is students are paying to engage with me in the classroom and I think that's more beneficial to a student's

learning".

However, Dubois also warned that online resources "do not compensate for lack of funding. Online resources cannot be used to mask cost cutting".

It seems this has already begun. "Many of us [professors] are being forced to use online resources because we're not allowed to print course syllabi off for students anymore and we've got to make them available somehow," said Brockett. McMaster University, Barbra

Ratemo, a business and commerce major, was one of approximately 3,000 first-years who enrolled in a psychology course with online lectures last fall.

The loss of student-professor interaction that comes with online lectures is what Dubois felt would be harmful.

"I think a student who is sitting in their living room won't get as much out of a student-professor interaction like when a student is sitting in a classroom," she said.

Indeed, the survey also showed that less than 18 per cent of students would prefer live streaming of lectures and 56 per cent of students would be more likely to skip class if recordings were available. However, Ratemo pointed out some benefits, "with web lectures it is your responsibility to keep up with the lectures but it does offer more flexibility with your schedule." Flexibility is something classroom lectures cannot offer.

Patrick Cane, a second-year

double degree Laurier business and University of Waterloo math major took Economics 250 online this past summer and would agree with Ratemo.

"I liked the flexibility with hours," he said. "It gave me the opportunity to schedule my own time instead of being stuck to lectures certain hours of the week."

"It is very helpful for either getting some extra credits during the summer or to free up some space in your busy schedule during the year," said Natalie Maxwell, a second-year psychology major at the University of Guelph, who has taken four online courses in the last three school terms.

"The thing I like the most about my online courses was how organized everything was. Everything was easy to find and well laid out."

Dubois also pointed out some advantages of online learning.

"If online courses are going to give access to students in rural areas who don't have access to other post-secondary institutions to get them training they need then it would be worthwhile. It depends on context," she said.

The study explained students find online resources favourable because of the convenience it offers, despite the remaining preference for traditional, physical resources.

"Students prefer physical texts, but they like to have the option of having an e-resource to read it wherever and whenever they need," the survey concluded.

It is impossible to deny the growing prevalence of technology in classrooms. Looking ahead, Dubois said, "technology is not necessarily good or bad. It's how we use it, and I think as long as we use it to increase students' learning then we are on the right path."



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Unmasking ecstasy culture

With the increasingly mainstream use of MDMA, Staff Writer **Mackenzie King** weighs in on the culture surrounding the party drug, including risks and possible benefits

Behind closed doors a movement is taking place. There are neon lights, glow sticks, fog machines, loud music and hundreds of young adults. The floor is shaking to the continuous beat of the bass and the crowd is hypnotized by one man in charge of the rhythm. Everyone is dancing.

This is a typical DJ show, more commonly known as a rave.

Raves are not a new phenomenon. Raves have been a part of underground youth culture since the 1960s. Closely associated with club drugs, most notably methylenedioxymethamphetamine or MDMA, raves are stomping grounds for illegal activity.

Historically these raves have been held in warehouses, large barns and other venues far from the city and out of the public eye.

Recently, however, raves have begun to spring up in the middle of busy cities, with events promoted heavily through mainstream social media sites.

"It's gotten big within the past 6 months to a year — it's really taken off," noted fourth-year Laurier student Chris Patterson.

"We know students are using ecstasy. We're finding people passed out in bushes."

—Carol Perkins, public health nurse

Essentially, continuing to call raves "underground" is inaccurate.

"A lot of these DJs have been around for a while, like Tiesto's been around for years and I find that he's the biggest now," Patterson observed.

It's through these mainstream clubs such as Uptown Waterloo's Beta that these DJs have gone from

underground to household names among youth. "They come out with a big song, or a remix and everybody kind of jumps on board," Patterson observed.

The rapid rise to celebrity status of these DJs has allowed them to charge large sums of money to play for a night. According to Patterson, "Each one of these DJs costs like \$15 - \$20,000 for a set and they're coming for two to three hour sets. Two of those DJs a night is like \$40,000 worth of music. They're expensive."

Beyond the fast-paced excitement of these shows, there is a troubling trend: the accompanying use of party drug MDMA.

MDMA, sometimes referred to as simply "M," is the active ingredient of ecstasy in its purest form. It induces feelings of euphoria, diminishes anxiety and allows for increased intimacy with others.

Across Canada, a large number of the students going to these shows are on it.

"It seemed like the mindset of most students was to put alcohol on the back burner and to test out this new drug called MDMA," said Brett Knox, a dance music fan and fourth year science student at Dalhousie University.

"It's like a prerequisite needed to experience the full effects of the music."

When asked of the effects, Knox said, "It's euphoric, increases awareness of my senses — touch, taste, smell." He added, "You experience feelings unable to achieve without the drug."

Personal testimonies like Knox's present the drug to seem even more enticing, which prompts many students to try the drug with little thought or research.

What is often not brought to light is the dark side of MDMA.

The drug is known to have an unpredictable effect. Public affairs coordinator for the Waterloo Regional Police, Olaf Heinzal, offered perspective on the erratic side of an MDMA high.

"Because of the nature of MDMA and how it's produced, there are really no regulations that control the quality of the substance and what may be in it," Heinzal explained.

"[MDMA] is like a prerequisite needed to experience the full effects of the music... you experience feelings unable to achieve without the drug."

—Bretty Knox, student

"There could be foreign substances in it with unpredictable impact on a person's physiology."

Recalling a very recent incident, Heinzal told The Cord, "Two females got very ill after attending a nightclub in Waterloo allegedly after taking a substance they believe to be ecstasy. There were serious side effects."

Despite the euphoric and uninhibited feelings which result from MDMA consumption, negative effects on the body — and even on an individual's emotions — can occur even days after consumption.

Typically, "come down" from an MDMA high can result in a crashing of emotions, mood swings or even depression, and a notable increased anxiety.

Patterson recounted an experience where he took too much. "It was overwhelming," he said. "I was trying to calm myself down but I came up so quick and everything was just really, really intense. I was panicking. I was scaring myself and not enjoying the show."

Heinzal stated that the Waterloo Regional Police has not been ignorant to the increased use of the drug in the past year.

"We are aware of significant quantities of the drug being either produced or distributed [in the Waterloo Region]," he told The Cord. "If [dance music has] become more fashionable in recent years then clearly there would be an increase in usage."

Carol Perkins, a public health nurse for Waterloo Region, stated that the public health department is also well aware of the growing culture. "We know students are using ecstasy," she said matter-of-factly. "We're finding people passed out in bushes."

Some doctors have noted that

amid all its controversy, ecstasy can serve medicinal uses, particularly for patients suffering from chronic pain, depression and other psychiatric disorders.

It was prescribed as medication until it was made illegal in 1977. Since then, due to the legal status of the drug, users resort to obtaining the drug off the street.

Health and law officials agree that this is a huge risk, as Perkins explained.

"People cut E with all kinds of stuff," she said. "They're cutting heroin, they're cutting meth... because it's not a prescription there's no quality control."

The next time you take a full tab, it could be quite a different reaction than you had last time."

Some of Perkins' other major concerns included mixing ecstasy with alcohol or other drugs. "The mixing of medications with illicit substances and alcohol can be really, really harmful," she said.

According to Perkins, one of the biggest risks of consuming MDMA in a bar is the possibility of dehydration.

"A lot of places don't allow you to take water bottles in and they charge a fortune for them when you're in there," she said.

Conversely, hyponatremia can occur for those attempting to over-hydrate by consuming too much water under the influence. Hyponatremia occurs when sodium levels in blood are too low and can result in death.

There is no doubt that the recent dance music phenomenon has facilitated a drug movement in universities all over Canada.

The popularity of trance, techno, and dubstep are still currently on the rise, and students, true to their nature, are using the opportunity to experiment.

Quick facts*

- MDMA is the active ingredient in ecstasy and is consumed in pill form.
- The drug was classified as an illegal drug in 1977.
- MDMA is proven to induce feelings of euphoria and happiness while countering negative emotions, anxiety, and fatigue.
- Consumption also promotes very mild psychedelia, which enhances the vibrancy of colours and the impact of sound.
- Negative effects include dehydration, grinding teeth, depression upon comedown, jittering, nausea, loss of appetite, and possible erectile dysfunction in males.
- A common reason for hospitalization under the influence of MDMA is dehydration. Conversely, hyponatremia (over-hydration) is equally damaging and common.
- Fatalities as a result of MDMA are possible but rare, usually resulting from mixing MDMA and other drugs, alcohol or prescription drugs.
- In studies, very few regular users of MDMA have demonstrated signs of physical dependency to the drug.
- MDMA has been speculated to relieve feelings of depression as well as chronic pain and had been used to treat cancer patients and psychotherapy patients until its blacklisting in 1977.

* Statistics courtesy of Health Canada and Canadian Students for a Sensible Drug Policy.



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A-listers flock to Toronto for TIFF

One of the world's leading public film festivals kicks off in Toronto this week and will close Sept. 18

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ARTS EDITOR

The Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) is the epicentre of Hollywood's culture in Canada, with a reputation for educating and broadening audiences, while "adding the cultural richness of Canada."

Each September, the general public, along with celebrated movie stars and celebrities of all kinds, flock to downtown Toronto to take part in the festival.

With a yearly screening of over 300 films from 60 countries, Toronto International Film Festival is the leading public film festival in the world.

TIFF was born in 1976 and that year film enthusiasts were privy to 127 films from 30 countries. By 2009, the festival had experienced such monumental growth that a whopping 500,000 people were in attendance.

An appropriate reflection of its popularity and relevance in the industry, TIFF was originally dubbed "The Festival of Festivals" and didn't adopt its current name until the year 1995.

From old school Hollywood red-carpet glamour to gritty and enlightening documentaries highlighting global issues, TIFF has something to offer cinema enthusiasts of all veins.

TIFF 2011

The A-listers at this year's festival are not in short supply. One of the most sought-after celebrity sightings for festival-goers is Hollywood elite George Clooney, who stars in two movies shown at TIFF this year.

The first, *The Ides of March*, directed by Clooney himself, follows a staff member of a new presidential candidate who becomes rapidly involved in the dirty politics of the election. The film has an impressive cast, starring Clooney, Ryan Gosling, Paul Giamatti and Phillip Seymour Hoffman.

The second, *The Descendants*, casts

Clooney as a father looking to reconnect with his children.

Highly anticipated at TIFF this year is Madonna, who looks to redeem her horrendous directorial debut *Fifth and Wisdom* with the film *W.E.*, a thought-provoking piece about the love affair between Wallace Simpson and King Edward VIII.

Brad Pitt provides 2011 TIFF-goers with both supreme aesthetic appeal and drama with his film *Moneyball* starring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Robin Wright and Jonah Hill, and is based on the true story of baseball team the Oakland Athletics and its general manager's attempt to create a competitive team despite financial woes.

Pitt generated much attention for the film when he and his knockout wife Angelina Jolie attended the Toronto premiere on Sept. 9th.

Funny man and fan favourite Woody Harrelson will be in attendance as well this year, and involved in several different facets of the festival.

Over the summer months, TIFF hosted a series of celebrity one-on-ones, titled "In Conversation With." Harrelson joined head of film programmes Jesse Wentz onstage at the TIFF Bell Lightbox to discuss both prior and future aspects of his prolific and diverse acting career.

Furthermore, Harrelson has generated some early Oscar-buzz with his performance in *Rampart*, a renegade police film.

Gerard Butler attends this year's festival to promote *Machine Gun Preacher*, in which Butler stars as a reformed drug-dealing biker, who becomes a saviour of kidnapped and orphaned children in Sudan.

It isn't just actors who enjoy big time exposure at the festival; music documentaries are present in a big way at TIFF this year.

Notably, rock elite U2 appear in the documentary *From the Sky Down*, Canadian export Neil Young is featured in *Neil Young Live*, and Pearl Jam rocks on the big screen in *Pearl Jam*

Twenty. This element of the festival adds diversity to TIFF 2011.

Furthermore, TIFF 2011 promises some highly entertaining documentaries.

Super Size Me creator Morgan Spurlock premieres *Comic-Con: Episode IV - A Fan's Hope*, which looks at the comic book phenomenon and corresponding geek-culture that has become so much more mainstream in recent years.

A second highly anticipated documentary is *Sarah Palin - You Betcha!* which is a look at American right-wing politician Sarah Palin, set in her hometown of Wasilla, Alaska. Given the comedic takes on Sarah Palin's public persona in recent years (think Tina Fey on Saturday Night Live), *You Betcha!* is sure to be wildly entertaining and suitably educational.

New To TIFF

Traditionally, Toronto's Yorkville region has been host to TIFF festivities, with Bay and Bloor Streets especially flooded with eager fans hoping to spot an A-lister.

This year however, fans will have to venture south, to King Street West, to accomplish a similar feat. This is thanks to the Bell Lightbox that opened last year on King.

For the first time in festival history, only a small number of film screenings will take place in the posh Yorkville neighbourhood. The Varsity Theatre, a main venue in years passed, isn't being used by the festival this year.

Instead, the Princess of Wales Theatre on King Street will make its TIFF debut.

This year's events will also be held in more accessible venues such as Ryerson University, the AMC complex, Roy Thompson Hall, ScotiaBank Theatre and of course, the TIFF Bell Lightbox. Press events will no longer be held in swanky Bloor St. hotels, but instead, at the Lightbox and its neighbours.



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Seen and heard around TIFF 2011

Quoted at TIFF

"Hey, maybe [Rob Ford] wants everyone to drive big cars because that's the only kind of vehicle he can fit in."

— late night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel shares his thoughts on Toronto Mayor Rob Ford with the Toronto Star

"At Cannes, if you're a man, you have to have a tuxedo. A woman has to have an evening dress and high heels. In Toronto, you're probably better off with a good pair of walking shoes and a bottle of water."

— Cameron Bailey, co-director of the festival on smart apparel choices

Spotted at TIFF

Stephen Harper and Ludacris party together at the Thompson Rooftop Lounge. Although one may assume the social circles of these two public figures would never overlap, the pair were spotted at the Thompson

Hotels Rooftop Lounge party on September 9th at a private dinner. Controversial comedian Russell Peters was also in attendance, making something of an inappropriate toast to the politician.

Former Much Music VJ and Current CBC show host George Stroumboulopoulos hosted "Takeover" at the Hazelton Hotel. The party is generally a mix of varied degrees of celebrity and common place festival attendees. This year's "Takeover" had a guestlist that included Jon Hamm, Kiefer Sutherland, Rob Lowe and Gerard Butler.

According to a report by *The Globe and Mail*, Pop Queen Madonna failed to behave with an ounce of grace at the TIFF world premier of her film *W.E.*

The Globe and Mail reports that eight festival volunteers "were asked to turn their faces to a wall so that they would not look at the pop-star-turned-movie-director as she made her way to her press conference."

— Compiled by Liz Smith

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Rapper Classified rocks the Turret

East Coast rapper returns to Laurier to play to a packed crowd last Wednesday night at the Turret

BREE RODY-MANTHA
FEATURES EDITOR

During the Sept. 6 on-campus celebration, one of the many musical acts performing was Canadian rap sensation Classified.

Performing to a packed house at the Turret, Classified brought his exciting blend of moody urban rock and aggressive hip-hop beats to Laurier for the second time in several years.

"It's great to be back," Classified told *The Cord*. "I've played here

before a few years back... this is always a great crowd with lots of energy."

Classified, born Luke Boyd, gained much notoriety in 2009 with his patriotic rap "Oh... Canada." However, while many Laurier students may be too young to realize this, the hard-working Boyd has been making his way as a rapper since 1995 and has released a staggering 14 studio albums.

Boyd stated that the climb to the top was gradual, but he feels satisfied with the level of fame he has

achieved. "Basically when I was able to start paying bills with this, paying my rent, about five or so years ago, that's when I felt like I made it," said Boyd, 33.

He admits that his sampling of the national anthem is what has propelled him from an opening act to a headlining household name, though Boyd doesn't feel like the decision was strategic or fame-seeking.

"I'm just really proud of being Canadian," he said. "My attitude in doing that song wasn't to be a fighter,

it wasn't like, 'yeah, we're Canada, fuck the world!' It's just a good tune that's really positive."

The single proved to be a successful maneuver for Boyd. "It was our first single that went platinum," he stated.

Boyd hails from the community of Enfield, Nova Scotia, a town of roughly 3,500 people. Despite its size, Boyd insists that the Maritimes are ripe with talent.

"I don't think of myself as putting Nova Scotia or the Maritimes on the map as a musical capital or

anything," he said. "They already have a really good rep... maybe more-so with the rock and folk music, but there's an insane amount of talent there... There's fewer people so obviously it's less exposed."

Growing up in an area without a vibrant hip-hop scene allowed Boyd to be influenced by a number of genres and artists.

"I grew up listening to hip-hop," he said. "Dre, Gangstarr, they're all huge influences of mine. But I'm not just into that kind of stuff. Huey Lewis and the News, Red Hot Chili Peppers, they all are inspirational to me."

In past years, Boyd had also delved into the world of music producing. The show was opened by Boyd's newest project, up-and-coming rapper KO.

"We're really excited about what we've been working on with KO," Boyd said. "The guy's talent is just dope and I'm really enjoying working with him... he is one of my inspirations."

Having recently completed a cross-Canada tour to promote his newest album, *Handshakes and Middle Fingers*, Classified and KO spent last week partaking in a "frosh tour" and traveling to various Canadian universities including Brock University, McMaster, and Nipissing. He's set to return to his roots on Oct. 1 when he'll be taking the stage in Halifax, NS.

"Just seeing all the fans, seeing them sing along, when they come up to me and stuff, that's the best feeling you can get as an artist," said Boyd.



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Newfie rapper Classified entertains students at the Turret during O-Week and provides insight into his comedic and easy-going persona.

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Radio Laurier spotlight: New York Fashion Week

Celebrities and fashion moguls from all reaches of the globe are congregating in New York City from Sept. 8-15 for Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week. Fashion Week showcases Spring 2012 trends at the Lincoln Centre and various other locations around Manhattan.

The impressive list of designers has drawn A-list crowds including U2's Bono, actress Rachel Bilson and the unlikely pair of Nicki Minaj and Anna Wintour, who sat side by side at the Carolina Herrera show.

Many celebrities are also showcasing their lines this week, including the Olsen twins and Nicole Richie. Celebrity debuts include the Kardashian Kollection for Sears, Jennifer Lopez's line of casual wear for Kohl's and Katie Holme's new

dress line.

The Queen of Pop, also known as Madonna, was in town prior to heading to Toronto for TIFF to debut a junior line she designed with her daughter Lourdes called Material Girl, available at Macy's.

One of the big events during New York Fashion Week is Fashion's Night Out (FNO). This year marks the third consecutive year for the event.

FNO is both a huge party and a shopping experience with retailers in over 250 cities worldwide and 1000 in NYC alone who open their doors after hours for exclusive deals.

Stores and designers around the globe also host parties at various venues, including this year's extravagant Versace event, which was

DJed by Toronto export Drake.

This year's New York Fashion Week also happened to fall on the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 tragedies. Each show that took place on Sept. 11 paused for two moments of silence to commemorate lives lost in the tragedy.

New York Fashion Week continues until Sept. 15 with its most high profile shows still to come, including Betsey Johnson, Vera Wang, Badgley Mischka, Michael Kors and Ralph Lauren, who will close Fashion Week with two back-to-back shows.

—Compiled by Allie Hincks and Emily Frost
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Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment

Rihanna expands horizons

Rihanna is expanding her music career in a major way. It was recently announced that the singer would appear as a guest judge alongside nasty Brit Simon Cowell on the newest season of the UK's hit show *The X-Factor*. Rihanna performed at the finale of the show last season, and clearly made quite the impression. In other Rihanna news, the singer has made a segue from her usual pop hits in an interesting career move; she is featured on one of the tracks off Coldplay's upcoming album *Mylo Xyloto* (Oct. 24).
—Compiled by Liz Smith

The end of Entourage

No longer will the dry humor and wildly politically incorrect attitude of the fictional agent Ari Gold bring viewers to laughter verging on tears, as the *Entourage* series came to a close on Sept. 11. In its eighth and final season, lead character Vince was rehabilitated for a cocaine addiction and struggled to get his career back on track. Equally loveable characters E, Turtle, Johnny Drama and Lloyd contributed to the continued popularity and success of the series that will be dearly missed on Sunday nights to come.
—Compiled by Liz Smith

Coen brothers do folk-rock

Legendary Coen Brothers, Joel and Ethan, the cinematic visionaries behind such films as *True Grit*, *O Brother Where Art Thou*, and *No Country for Old Men*, embark on a new project entitled *Inside Llewyn Davis*. The film is based on Dave Van Ronk,

a prominent figure in New York City's Greenwich Village folk music scene in the 1960s. The script will be largely fictionalized, though based loosely on a real figure, but we can expect great things from the film as the Coen brothers seem able to do no wrong; they have been nominated for thirteen Academy Awards to date.
—Compiled by Liz Smith

Musicians perform at 9/11 anniversary

Simon and Garfunkel's Paul Simon performed the band's classic song *The Sound of Silence*, to a crowd of family, friends and sympathizers of victims lost in the tragedy ten years ago to the date.

Simon, wearing a 9/11 Memorial Baseball Cap, delivered a heart-wrenching performance. Furthermore, *The Love We Make*, a documentary about former Beatle Paul McCartney's experiences in New York City immediately following the 9/11 attacks premiered on Showtime on Sept. 10.

The documentary featured appearances by fellow rockstars Mick Jagger and David Bowie.
—Compiled by Liz Smith

DJ Mehdi killed in accident

Famous DJ and producer DJ Mehdi has reportedly died after falling off of a roof. The famous producer, who has worked with the likes of Chromeo and Daft Punk, was a prominent figure on the electro scene. Chromeo took to their Twitter to write "We lost our brother. No words".
—Compiled by Liz Smith

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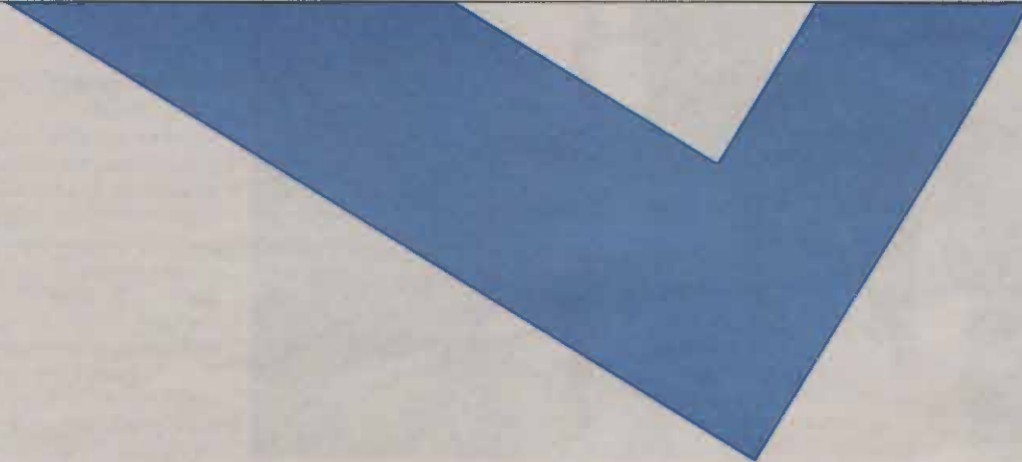
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Provincial election will have impact on students

Coming off the heels of a municipal election one year ago and a hotly-contested federal election just last spring, it would be easy to participate in this fall's provincial contest.

It is absolutely vital, therefore, that students tune into this election. With the McGuinty Liberals seeking a third-straight term, it is up to you to consider whether the accomplishments made in the last eight years warrant re-election or if it's time for a new Ontario government. The provincial legislature is responsible for issues that matter to you — health care, natural resources, the environment, welfare and education — things you deal with on a daily basis. Post-secondary education is also a major responsibility for the provincial government.

The McGuinty government has made major investments in education that are not just promises made in a party platform but that have materialized with tangible commitments.

Just last June, the Liberals announced a \$72.6 million investment in Wilfrid Laurier University, funds earmarked for the new Global Innovation Exchange building to be constructed in place of the St. Michael's building.

In this upcoming election, McGuinty has promised a 30 per cent tuition cut for post-secondary students. Hudak's Progressive Conservatives have announced that they will eliminate scholarships for foreign students while investing in 60,000 new post-secondary spaces. The Ontario New Democrats have not yet unveiled their post-secondary strategy but will be announcing education policy in the "coming days."

In the next few weeks, take a short break from your readings, your social life and your extracurriculars to review the party platforms and get to know your local candidates. It is an honour, a privilege and a humbling responsibility to select your government representatives.

As young Canadians, too often the needs of our generation are pushed back because we characteristically demonstrate a lack of interest in elections and politics in general. Yet, the recent federal election showed that nothing in politics is impossible — no one would have predicted a NDP opposition in the first weeks of the campaign. Your vote matters and you should cast it wisely.

—The Cord Editorial Board

Progress of campus construction disappointing

A number of major projects were undertaken this summer and, for several of them, their completion is to be applauded. The new Union Desk (UDesk) is now serviceable, the Concourse has been renovated and the 24-Hour Lounge is ready for students.

However, some projects are still sitting idle. One of the most glaring concerns on campus is the ongoing construction outside of the Terrace food court. After spending almost \$1.5 million on the project and opening the extension last year, why is the centre of campus still completely blocked off for students?

This inconvenience was annoying but justifiable last year as construction crews worked to finish the expansion. But now, after a summer of more construction in the Terrace, why are we not finally ready to open that part of campus again? The black walls might add some class to the university experience but it is likely time to consider wrapping up the project once and for all.

Similarly, Foot Patrol is still without a permanent office. Wilfrid Laurier University Student's Union (WLUSU) and WLUSU President Nick Gibson have offered assurances that the space for Foot Patrol in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre will be operational soon.

Foot Patrol is an important service on campus and it is disappointing that there was no permanent location set up in time for O-Week, a time when students are getting to know what is available on campus.

Many projects have been completed in time for the first week of classes. The timing and pace of several others leaves something to be desired.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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Activism means more than paying lip-service to a cause



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According to various experts on the Internet, I'm eight weeks and craving cherry Jell-O.

Allegedly, by letting you all know this, I am spreading an important message about breast cancer. What that message is, I'm not entirely sure.

At this point, most female Facebook users have gotten a message from a fellow woman urging her friends to "keep men guessing" and to help spread breast cancer awareness through cutesy games involving their birthdays, where they put their purse and the colour of their bra.

There is already enough of a problem with this — one cannot spread awareness through a message that is intentionally cryptic.

The exposure of these silly games just serves to prove that no one truly understands what awareness actually means.

While some may debate this, awareness is just as relevant and important as fundraising. However, the point of awareness — *real* awareness — is not to simply let the world know that you think breast cancer or autism is a bad thing.

Let's face it: anyone with a conscience thinks that breast cancer, autism, depression, homophobia and world hunger are bad things. Affirming that you feel this way via a Facebook status — yes, even if you make a message your status for a whole hour — does not do anything to solve that problem.

If anything, it only appears self-serving and makes the person posting look

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The goal is to get more people involved in a cause, not to alienate and annoy people while you giggle in front of your laptop.

painfully naïve.

In December of 2010, I was just as annoyed as the next sensible person at the amount of friends changing their profile pictures to images of Pinocchio, Rainbow Brite and Scooby Doo as part of a "campaign to end child abuse."

As it was proven, there was never any campaign and the original attempt to get users to change their pictures to those of cartoon characters had nothing to do with child abuse.

When I witnessed people who kid themselves into legitimately believing that these actions were helping (including some who thought, for some reason, that money was being raised), all I could do was shake my head in disbelief that grown people could be so easily swayed by the hive-mind.

True awareness means spreading facts about the problems and showing people ways that they can help. Awareness is relevant because it leads to more people taking an interest in that particular subject and can lead to more fundraising campaigns and support for research.

In the most recent case, it means letting people know that one in eight

women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime and that regular breast examinations are the most effective way to detect and treat tumours early.

The fact is, many of these truths are unpleasant and will make people uncomfortable. Unfortunately, that is often the best way to get people to take action. When someone truly understands that something like cancer, abuse or poverty could affect them then they can become motivated to help, even if it's through small actions.

In a couple of months, Movember will kick off and hundreds of men will sport mustaches to support research for prostate cancer. Last year, a very small team of Laurier students managed to raise close to \$5,000 in support of the cause.

These young men deserve applause for actually getting out and making an effort to contribute to something they cared about.

Unfortunately, a large number of males chose to use the month as an excuse to grow an ironic mustache free of judgment and then proceeded to tell others that they were "doing Movember." Individuals who do this only insult those who have actually put in the time and effort to raise funds and increase public engagement.

This is another example of people hiding behind the "awareness" label when in reality they have done nothing.

If you are truly interested in helping a cause but don't necessarily have the funds to support it directly, there is still plenty you can do. You can volunteer with an organization which raises money for a cause. You can attend fundraising events and encourage your friends to do the same. You can be the change that you think is necessary.

The goal is to get more people involved in a cause, not to alienate and annoy people while you giggle in front of your laptop.

Letters to the Editor and Online Comments

WLUSU projects offer solutions for students

Re: You Know What Yanks My Cord, Sept. 4
I appreciate the concerns that Keith Marshall brought up in his piece in the last issue of The Cord. I just want to clarify a few items which were mentioned.

Firstly, the website will cost \$40,000 up-front, but the operating costs are actually less than half of those of the previous site. Further, the up-front cost will be paid off within the next few years through revenue opportunities that the site provides — a net savings for students.

Also, to clear up some confusion, the previous construction in the 24-Hour Lounge was meant to prepare for the major project that occurred this year. There was not any redundancy in the construction over the past few years.

The LCD TVs also were meant to better communicate with students and our new sponsorship strategy which is in the works will help offset those costs as well.

After all of the projects this summer, Wilfrid Laurier University Student's Union (WLUSU) remains in a better financial position than it was in on May 1st of this year even though we improved facilities and services for students.

Lastly, compulsory fees that WLUSU deals with total less than \$450 (and that includes health and dental if you don't opt out of it which accounts for nearly half of that), not \$700 as was stated.

If anyone has any concerns or further questions, please feel free to contact me or flag me down when you see me around campus and I would be happy to explain this more.

—Nick Gibson, President, WLUSU

Don't forget about the faculty of social work

Re: Dealing with a decade of growth, Sept. 4
The author of this article states that Laurier is a two-campus university.

The faculty of social work should not be forgotten about — it should be considered a third campus. The faculty of social work is still a campus even if located in Kitchener.
—Roberta Ellington, Reference Associate, Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work

Assisted suicide is a human right, not a religious issue

Re: Point/Counter-point: The right to die, Sept. 4

Whether it is the right decision or the wrong decision is irrelevant. The question is whether you have "the right" to do it. Therefore, questions about what happens in the afterlife are absurd.

Even if you know that the afterlife is worse, what right do you have to stop someone from committing assisted suicide?

I'm quite sure that people who are contemplating committing assisted suicide will have come to terms with what happens to them. It is not a decision made on a whim.

The concept of death with dignity is concerned with personal freedom. If you feel that the prospect of a possibly bad afterlife prevents you from committing assisted suicide then that is your decision to make.

But, you have no right to tell people what they may do with their own selves when it does not affect others.

—Andrew

Don't tell me our decision was unjustified

Re: Point/Counter-point: The right to die, Sept. 4

My husband chose to use Oregon's law to end his life mere weeks before the growing tumor in his brain did it for him. I have since become an advocate for the enactment of similar laws in other places.

The Oregon Health Plan works with a limited budget to cover as

many citizens of Oregon as need help — a growing number in these hard times.

Sometimes plan participants request coverage for extremely expensive experimental or low-outcome treatments, which the plan is unable to provide.

The letter informing them of that also offers alternatives for the patient to consider, including palliative care and the availability of coverage for Death with Dignity.

One can skew this information by claiming the state "steered" people toward that option, but one could also frame the same letter as providing compassionate alternatives the patients might not have known were available.

States cannot afford every type of treatment for every plan participant no matter the cost and Oregon does an amazing job of making difficult decisions with diminishing funds.

For the cost of a single treatment of an experimental drug that might extend the life of an elderly frail terminal lung cancer victim a few weeks or months, the plan could also treat several people with heart disease or provide vaccinations for dozens of children.

Nobody likes the fact that we can't treat everybody, but in Oregon everybody does have a right to choose Death with Dignity, even if they can't afford it on their own.

The counter-point based the entire argument on the notion that "arguments for or against assisted suicide must logically be justified with an idea of the afterlife." Since I wholeheartedly disagree with that statement, I contend that is *your* opinion and not "fact."

In my opinion, you are free to base *your* decisions on your idea of the afterlife, but please allow me the same freedom.

Because I have no belief about an afterlife, I consider the argument that I should base my support of Death with Dignity on the idea of an afterlife simply illogical and irrational.

I base my decision to support

Death with Dignity on my belief in the right of individuals to make their own decisions about their own lives and deaths, free from the religious or philosophical "musts" and "shoulds" of others.
—nmtucson

Canada should take pause before legalizing assisted suicide

Re: Point/Counter-point: The right to die, Sept. 4

Both sides miss the very real issue of elder abuse and other potential pitfalls. In Oregon, where physician-assisted suicide has been legal since 1997, the Oregon Health Plan has offered citizens who wanted treatment, coverage for assisted suicide instead.

In other words, the plan, a government entity, steered citizens to suicide. This would seem a relevant factor for Canadians given your government-run health care system. Is this what you really want?

—Margaret Dore

Fond memories of Jack Layton

Re: In memory of the honourable Jack Layton Sept. 4

Jack was a world-class humanitarian and a man of great inspiration.

His very kind and considerate words inspire us all to be more compassionate for the less fortunate amongst us.

We will all miss you forever, Jack.
—Ted Drover

Golden Hawks have something to prove

Re: Lancers play last second spoilers, Sept. 10

Fantastic article. It's an interesting game for sure. Leaves many questions about whether or not Windsor is for real or if the Hawks are stumbling. I think Queens will

be a bit of an eye opener for everyone, but the real test is going to be the home game against the Mustangs. That's almost a must win game at this point in the year, or at least keep it close as they were easily able to dispatch McMaster today.
—Brandon

Intervention in Libya was the right choice

Re: The West's immoral crusade against Libya, Sept. 10

If the rebels wanted peace then there would not have been a civil war. Also, I think it is naïve to believe that a peace proposal could do anything productive.

You say that "Gaddafi is not some thug dictator that will leave his country for money and safety. He is a revolutionary dictator."

Do you honestly think he would share power with the rebels? You know very well that what happened in Egypt and Tunisia would happen in Libya (albeit with more blood spilt).

So, I think it does come down to either propping up a dictator (which has been done in the past) or supporting the popular revolution. And honestly, I think you have been exaggerating NATO's role.

If they were really as bloodthirsty and war-mongering as you think they are they would already be on the ground in Libya.

—Andrew

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9/11 and the lost decade of policy

With tens years having passed since the tragedy of September 11, Opinion Editor **Joseph McNinch-Pazzano** argues that it's time to finally refocus our foreign policies and recover from the lost decade



JOSEPH MCNINCH-PAZZANO
OPINION EDITOR

For the past ten years, Western foreign policy has lived in the shadow of 9/11 — a decade where policy debates and discussions turned inward, creating black and white illusions of good versus evil, national versus international and domestic versus foreign.

The stark aftermath of such discussions is perhaps no more evident than in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's recent comments referencing the anniversary of 9/11.

When asked to speak to the most imminent or pending challenges to national security he emphatically stated, "If we're talking about terrorism, the major threat is still Islamism."

To decisively and broadly name Islamism as Canada's most pressing national security concern is an indicator of the lasting impacts that 9/11 has had on our foreign policy. To name Islamism as the cause of 9/11 is to paint all people of the Muslim faith as terrorists. It is akin to blaming all Christians for homophobia or for violent acts committed in the name of God.

There are radical fundamentalists in each religion committed to irreligious acts; to place 9/11 on the shoulders on Islam is incorrect and irresponsible.

Yet, when we analyze the foreign policy decisions made in the months and years following the attacks, it should not be surprising that we are still talking about 9/11 in terms of one side versus another.

American — and to a lesser extent, Canadian — foreign policy became obsessed with the question of security, terrorized by the threat of another attack. In a way, we reacted exactly in the way the 9/11 perpetrators expected us to — provoked to isolate ourselves, hunker down and decide how to best secure ourselves against the "bad" forces that existed outside of our borders.

Retaliation was priority number one — against an elusive and wide-ranging threat unassigned to any one country or region: terrorism.

An attack that had claimed 3,000 lives was matched with two conflicts amassing almost 5,000 casualties in Iraq and almost 3,000 casualties in Afghanistan, not to mention the 150,000 (conservatively estimated) civilian casualties of Iraqis and Afghans who played not an iota of a role in the 9/11 attacks. Not to rehash the entire Iraq debate, but even as a pure matter of retaliation, where was the logic in invading a country that was 1,300 miles away from the origin of the 9/11 attacks?

Invasions in Iraq and Afghanistan stood in stark contrast to the "golden era of humanitarian intervention" that was the 1990s. Countries in need of humanitarian support after 9/11 — Darfur as a prime example — were neglected in the wave of American hubris determined to grind the Middle East to a pulp.

At the same time, our attempts to securitize countries perhaps resulted in greater physical security. What, though, did we lose in the process?

Civil liberties and basic human rights were swept up in the storm of national security policy.

The Patriot Act in the United States introduced wide-spread surveillance measures such as wiretapping and have continued into President Obama's administration. Canada passed a similar act entitled the Anti-Terrorism Act, the main provisions of which expired in 2007. The prime minister has stated that he is looking to expand those measures again, specifically preventative arrest and investigative hearings.

The tortuous acts that occurred in Guantanamo in an attempt to glean intelligence were committed in direct violation of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment that the international community agreed to in 1984. The clear refusal to comply with this norm in the aftermath in 9/11 speaks to the loss of compliance with important international standards that had been worked on in the years prior to the attacks.

In the years following 9/11 foreign policy lost focus, becoming too centered on short-term reactionary methods instead of long-term constructive measures.

Retaliation is understandable, a natural reaction to an unthinkable act of terror, just as securitization was a natural plan of action to calm fears and avoid panic.

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We failed to fear that our own governments would engage in behaviours unbecoming of global powers; that they would seek to militarize and securitize our futures.

International co-operation was not top of mind — debates as to whether it should have been are up for discussion.

Yet, the fact remains that we lost a decade to pursue potential constructive foreign policy: to reform the United Nations, to pursue global co-operation, to enhance integration of communities and the breakdown of borders, to defend those in situations of extreme poverty and violence, to pursue global and universal human rights, to look for international solutions to the economic and environmental threats that bind our collective futures and to find our shared global conscience.

We became lost in ourselves, paralyzed by the fear that 9/11 was only the beginning of a more violent world — a just and not completely irrational fear.

But, perhaps what we failed to fear was that our own governments would engage in behaviours unbecoming of global powers; that the governments expected to lead our world out of tragedy and to a safer moral high ground would seek to militarize and securitize our futures. It has been ten years — ten years committed to passing policies and waging wars that we thought would help us forget about that tragic day.

After the range of tributes, commemorations, documentaries and endless media coverage of the anniversary, let us now at least dedicate some time to thinking about where we go from here; how we can rescue the next decade before it too becomes lost to policies of terror and division.



TAYLOR GAYOWSKY GRAPHICS EDITOR

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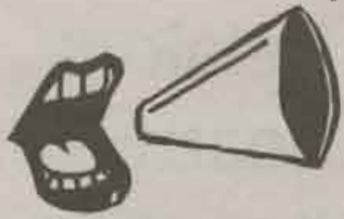
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Perhaps one day it became acceptable for you to be rude to your passengers. Or maybe it's a right of passage when you first start working for Grand River Transit.

But, regardless, would it really kill you to not automatically judge every one of your passengers as being the indecent image of a student passenger that you have conjured up in your head and choose to project on each one of us?

Take a lesson from those bus drivers who keep their chins up and say "good morning."

Maybe you might actually then enjoy your job and I wouldn't be ranting about you in a newspaper column.

—Joseph McNinch-Pazzano

The religiosity of education

Cord Contributor **Hayden Starczala** argues that students should question the liberal morality of higher education and engage in their own pursuit of knowledge



HAYDEN STARCZALA
CORD CONTRIBUTOR

I suffer from no delusion that a lot of Laurier students desire going to university for great philosophical reasons. Some have pragmatic reasons — to follow a certain career path or earn a certain amount of money, for instance. Others appear to lack any sort of reason, with partying taking precedence over studying. And still, others may not know why they are in university or are only there because their parents want them to be.

The partier probably does not see much value in a university education besides having a four-year period to get drunk while living off of parental and/or OSAP money. The pragmatist certainly seems to have a praiseworthy cause — finding decent work in which to employ one's skills in an ethical way ought to be encouraged. Yet I find it horribly unsatisfying to assign nothing more than a practical value to education. If one fails to achieve a career in the area of their study, then it would follow that their

education had not been altogether valuable, when they may have benefited from it in some other way. A true evaluation of university education must look beyond merely economic concerns, as important as they are.

How, then, do we establish the value of a university education? Cardinal Newman, in *The Idea of a University*, decided to look toward what the ultimate "end" of university is in order to identify its purpose. The "end" that Newman identified was knowledge and thus the value of a university education is acquiring knowledge. To Newman, knowledge did not merely have a value as being an end to some earthly good such as wealth, but is by its nature good.

An obvious objection to Newman's claim is that just because people have acquired a wealth of knowledge does not mean they will use it for good purposes. Some may even use knowledge to achieve bad or even evil ends. Yet, this does not disprove that knowledge is still a powerful and important tool.

A person of a more skeptical viewpoint and a lack of belief in God may challenge the claim that goodness is inherent in knowledge. My belief in God and Christianity justifies, in my mind, the idea that

knowledge is in and of itself a good purpose for education. 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.

Now that I have stated what the potential value of a university education is, I would like to make some suggestions to my fellow students to make the most of their degree — especially to those who have just started their education, many of whom may feel thrown into a new world.

My first suggestion is to challenge the predominant views of the student body. The student culture is very accepting of what can be called liberal morality, and Christianity is not in style. When I mentioned Mother Theresa in a class of mine, one student snarled about her being religious. Show courage and criticize your fellow students' presumptions. When I anger people, I often take it as a sign that I was right. If anything, as you seek to criticize false philosophies on campus, you too should grow in knowledge as you learn about the issues you are debating, gaining knowledge at university from sources other than your professors.

My second suggestion is to remember that your professors are not always right and do not always provide a complete picture of the knowledge you need. I was once taught in a classroom about a Catholic Archbishop of Montreal whom, my professor claimed, was relocated to Victoria after a controversial action of his.

The impression given was that he had been given a smaller diocese — a demotion.

I looked into the matter myself and discovered from a contemporary *Time* article that the archbishop had not been demoted — rather, he had retired. As for the relocation to Victoria: it was to a nursing home.

This does not mean that my time taking that course was a waste.

Yet if we relate it back to the root of education, Newman writes, "[The university] educates the intellect to reason well in all matters, to reach out towards truth, and to grasp it." While there was a failure to communicate the story exactly as it happened in that particular class, I was nonetheless motivated to discover the truth of the situation.

The overarching lesson is that in your university experience, you should actively seek out your own knowledge, take the knowledge you gain and use it to do great things.

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Playing platform politics

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With the recent release of the 2011 Ontario election platforms, the pace of the provincial party politics game has increased and the dynamics of each candidate's campaign strategy are beginning to show through. Dalton McGuinty is running for his third-straight term as Liberal premier of Ontario while new leaders Tim Hudak (Progressive Conservative) and Andrea Horwath (New Democratic party) hope for rookie success in the polls.

Presently, the public opinion polls show the McGuinty Liberals gaining momentum. The latest Harris-Decima poll ranks McGuinty in the lead by eleven points followed closely by Hudak and Horwath, with Green party leader Mike Schreiner placing last. McGuinty established at least some of his support in Ontario from his handling of the recession through stimulus spending and

long-term development strategies in his last terms.

The opposition parties' campaigns seem to be focused on the spending by the Liberal government. This is at least somewhat misguided as it fails to consider what the government has actually accomplished with those funds.

The Liberal campaign strategy focuses on policies that create jobs in clean energy and increase accessibility of education. McGuinty also has been promising tax credits to balance out negative opinions of his harmonized sales tax (HST) and offering businesses an affirmative action plan to cover \$10,000 of expenses from hiring and training of immigrant workers.

Hudak's promise to protect the taxpayer sets the tone of his campaign with attempts to foster frustration with the Liberal "tax man." Reception of the HST was poor because it primarily saved money for business owners by removing the provincial sales tax (PST) on capital while raising the cost of living for the average Canadian through heat and hydro tax. The PC platform argues for a need to remove the HST and to lower the corporate income tax from 11.5 per cent to ten per cent to make Ontario more competitive

and stimulate job growth.

Hudak's campaign is centred on generating popular ideas about reducing revenues but is saying little about where he would cut services.

NDP leader Horwath is also focusing her campaign against the "tax man" with promises to cut the HST on heat, hydro and, eventually, gas. She also has plans to create jobs by giving employers a 20 per cent tax credit for one year of wages from new hires. Although she may be at a disadvantage in the polls because of memories from the NDP's Bob Rae years, it is possible the "Orange Crush" from Jack Layton's federal success may influence voting behavior in ridings that are NDP federally but not provincially.

We can see that both Hudak and Horwath are targeting these ridings in attempts to sway support from their federal "brand." The power of the Conservatives federally is expected to give them ability to split some voters from the center of the political spectrum. The NDP is reaching out to Ontario's rural and northern communities. Northern Ontario's Ring of Fire region is highlighted as a priority area for all parties in light of the new development of chromite (found in stainless steel) mines. Resource revenue retention strategies are being presented as well as infrastructure development plans to allow these mines to benefit Ontario's taxpayers first.

The handling of the recession by McGuinty's government cost billions and Ontario is not expected to have a balanced budget again until 2017. The revenue produced from

chromite mining would be helpful along the way as government will be able to avoid cutting social programs to maintain other areas of spending.

This is where I believe the root issue of Ontario's provincial election is: how can our officials lower the costs of living for the voters without losing revenue or sacrificing things that would only make Ontarians' difficulties worse.

From this perspective Hudak's proposals seem to suggest that he will need to go out of his way to make up for lost tax revenue, especially with the proposed drop in corporate tax rates. Horwath also talks of large tax breaks and expenditures that leave out much information about revenue generation. Even McGuinty, although he will maintain revenue from present tax rates if re-elected, is promising expenditures that will strain the government's money supply.

The "tax man" campaign against McGuinty has left a bad taste in my mouth. While the Liberal party has a lot of work to do before they have stabilized Ontario's economy, their policies are focused on long-term success. The NDP and PC on the other hand, come across as sensationalist and are trying too hard to influence a negative emotional response from the public towards McGuinty with insistence that lower taxes will solve everyone's problems. When the emotions of the voters are used as a tool, it results in promises that were exaggerated for effect and then never properly fulfilled.

Belak death cause for concern



ANDREW CHAI
OPINION COLUMNIST

Wade Belak has been the most recent of three professional hockey players in a span of four months to be found dead in their homes. Belak along with Rick Rypien committed suicide while Derek Boogaard died from a drug overdose. Without a doubt the tragic deaths of these three Canadians have shook the hockey world and have affected many people. But the question of "why" still lingers.

These three men were in the prime of their lives; it seems they had everything going for them. They were all making good money and doing the thing they loved the most — playing hockey. Rypien, in particular, had just signed a one-year \$700,000 contract with the Winnipeg Jets, but died even before the team began training camp. Meanwhile, Belak left behind his wife, Jennifer, and two young daughters.

What was common to all three was their reputations of being enforcers on the ice. They were willing to deliver punishment and also receive it. So it is probable that the addictions and depression suffered by these three NHL enforcers may be linked to brain trauma they suffered from concussions.

Neurosurgeon Robert Cantu and his team of researchers at Boston University have been studying the brains of Reggie Fleming, an enforcer in the 1960s, and Bob Probert, an enforcer who retired in 2002 and died in July 2010 of a heart attack. Their research showed that both Fleming and Probert had chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a degenerative brain disease caused by a blunt impact to the head. People with this disease may show symptoms of memory loss, loss of impulse control, aggression, anxiety and depression.

Cantu and his team have also had the opportunity to examine Boogaard's brain because of the decision of his family to donate his brain to science. The results have not been made public yet, but it would be no surprise to learn that he also suffered from CTE.

Brain injury probably played a prominent role in the course of events that led to their deaths, but the problem certainly goes much deeper than that. Suicide is not unique to hockey, it is a societal phenomenon. That being said, the NHL can work from the assumption that the concussion-depression link is well-established and that alcohol and drug abused routinely accompany depression.

The NHL needs to do more to address these problems. A hockey mental health summit would do wonders for public acceptance and awareness of these matters. Even more so, Canada needs to do more as it is one of the few countries in the West that does not have a national suicide prevention strategy. Suicide is the second leading cause of death of Canadian youth at their most formative minor hockey years. This is completely unacceptable. It is our responsibility to learn from these deaths so that we may prevent them from happening again in the future.

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The men's rugby team opened their season with a 61-5 loss versus Western while the women dropped a 125-0 decision to Guelph, their worst loss in team history.

61-5 Growing pains 125-0

Rugby teams stumble in Laurier's home openers on Sunday

KEVIN CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

After a season brimming with frustration, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks rugby teams' year of redemption has hit an immediate roadblock.

With neither team winning a single game last year, the 2011 season openers on Sunday weren't much to get excited about, as the men's team dropped a 61-5 decision to Western and the women dropped their home opener by the worst score in team history; a 125-0 thrashing to the number-two nationally-ranked Guelph Gryphons.

But for men's coach, Rob McQueen and women's boss Michelle

Joslin, there's reason for optimism.

"I think the girls all understand they [Guelph] are a great team They're a nationally-ranked team so obviously it's a hard loss," said women's rugby co-coach Michelle Joslin. "We looked a lot better than we did last season."

There were diamond performances lost in the rough.

"[Fourth-year flanker] Samantha Schmalz stepped it up," said Joslin. "She had a fantastic game; she was all over the field."

For a program just finding its legs, it's the team's veterans that need to provide the comforting presence when things get rough and that's exactly what the squad's vets did.

"Briana Wilson, Brittany

Maksymyk and Taryn Caley all ... stepped it up. Their energy and their experience from playing on the team last year and their positive attitude and positive talk [kept the girls going]."

The women do have skill and craftiness on their side.

"We're very tiny; we've got some great plays on the outside We're going to try and work in some plays to get good ball movement and use our speed to our advantage," said Joslin.

"We can only go up from here." For the men's team, the squad didn't let Western leave without giving the team harbouring many national players something to think about.

"The score got out of hand a little bit," said the coach. "In the first half, we were at times totally playing with them and actually being the dominant team, but there were a few rookies and a few guys who didn't know their responsibilities, and by the second half, [the team] was a little deflated emotionally."

But things are looking up for the rest of the season.

The men's team can build on an exhibition win against those same Western Mustangs (minus a few key players) and put together a solid run.

"I still expect us to compete," said McQueen. "We should definitely beat Toronto [on Sunday] and we're about on par with Waterloo and

Guelph [the Hawks face both teams after the Toronto contest]. We've just got to get a few things ironed out."

First-year Neil McGregor had a standout game for the men. The fly-half fill-in for the injured starter worked on only two days of practice and performed admirably for the squad, scoring for the Hawks.

The team will also get a boost defensively, as starters Kent Johnstone and Brenden Gilbert will try and make their return from a concussion and a tweaked ankle respectively.

The men's team visits Toronto on Saturday and returns home to host Guelph at 1 p.m. on Sept. 24. The women will host Waterloo on Saturday at 1 p.m. at University Stadium.

Russ Franklin dives into coaching at Laurier

ELIZABETH BATE
STAFF WRITER

Russ Franklin's career is all wet.

Actually, the veteran swimming coach admits he doesn't spend any time in the water with the students he leads.

"I'm not actually that great a swimmer," he laughs.

For someone who professes a lack of ability, the 35-year coaching career of Laurier's new head swim coach has included leading two young Quebec athletes to the Olympic Games.

Franklin moved to Ontario for the first time on Aug. 22 and dove right into his new position.

Although he admits to feeling a little overwhelmed and missing his family — a wife, son and daughter back in Quebec — Franklin said he was excited to be at Laurier, coaching not only the varsity swim team, but the Region of Waterloo (ROW) swim team as well.

In addition to leading nine swim team practices a week, Franklin coaches 300 kids in the ROW program.

That kind of schedule means more than five hours a day of coaching, in addition to the administrative tasks that come with his new role.

Occupying a still sparse office in the basement of the Athletic Complex, Franklin is still buoyant at the end of a long day.

"You have to go on deck with a certain level of energy and the way I coach, if I want them to be up and excited, I have to be up and excited," he said.

"Physically, it's challenging. But I love my job."

Franklin said it was an inspiring moment seeing the swimmers that he'd coached reach one of the pinnacles of athletic success, but his focus is now much less competitive.

"My kick is having an impact on somebody," he said.

"I've been fortunate to work with some good athletes who've made Olympic teams. I've gotten to travel all over the world as a coach and I'm not really driven by that part of the game anymore."

Franklin's new position comes with a five-year contract, which will introduce more stability to a team that has had three coaches in the last three and a half years.

The swim team, the biggest in Laurier's recent history, is already seeing the results of another change in coaching with increased practices with a different focus.

Franklin said his new coaching strategy is about energizing athletes and guiding them to see new things in themselves and their abilities, a focus Laurier swimmers say is inspiring them.

Fourth-year history major and veteran swim team member Matt Fisher said the ambitious new coach is emphasizing the quality of training over the quantity of training.

"Every day, we've learned something new," he said.

"To be learning something new all the time is a lot more fun than just swimming laps."

Fisher said some past coaching strategies have focused on the quantity of laps swimmers accumulated during practice, a noticeable contrast to Franklin's focus on swimmers' techniques. "It's a lot more exciting," he said.

After 35 years of teaching



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Russ Franklin coaches Laurier's swim team as well as the Region of Waterloo (ROW) swim team.

swimmers the value of quality over quantity, Franklin said the job stays new every day through the eyes of his students.

Although Franklin refuses to use a score sheet as the sole means to evaluate the progress of his team, he hopes his students will see results in competition this year.

"As a competitive swim coach, obviously I want to see that, but honestly you can't just go by numbers and stats, you have to look inside the team," he said.

With a sense of stability and consistency, Laurier's aquatic best will hopefully gain a sense of coherence

and long-term purpose.

Franklin replaces departing Laurier and ROW head coach Nandi Kormendi.

The swim team will participate

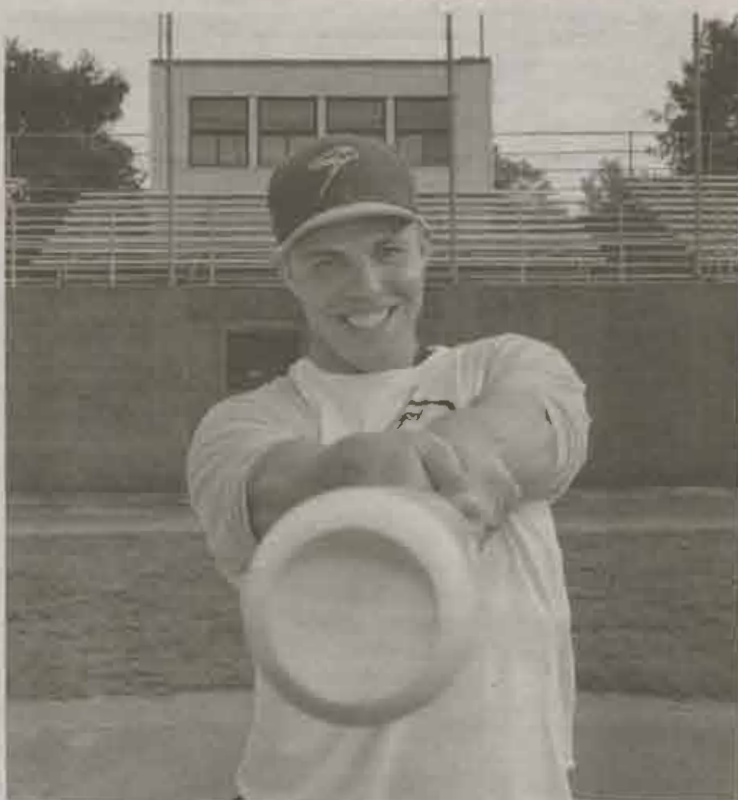
in their first exhibition meet during homecoming weekend, with time trials featuring returning alumni.

The team will attend the OUA Invitational in Guelph on Oct. 15.

"To be learning something new all the time is a lot more fun than just swimming laps It's a lot more exciting."

—Matt Fisher (men's swim team member)

Sophomore slugger ready for prime-time



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Nathan Loehle was named the OUA rookie of the year in 2010.

CHRIS MANDER
STAFF WRITER

Laurier baseball is one of the most competitive teams in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) this season.

The expectations for the team are grand, but perhaps no player has more pressure to succeed than reigning OUA rookie of the year and team MVP Nathan Loehle.

While the outfielder Nathan Loehle has been limited to playing designated hitter due to a shoulder injury, he is still able to contribute with his all-star batting, a talent he discovered at a young age.

"I started playing baseball right when I could walk, and when I was first playing, I was using a Fisher Price bat and ball and hit the ball over our house," said Loehle.

His talents started being noticed outside his backyard once he started playing house league, which he did until age 11, where he was asked to play rep ball.

The biggest jump came after his four years of rep, as Loehle had a successful tryout for an elite level of baseball, which cemented his belief

that baseball was the right sport for the all-around athlete he was.

"At 15, I started playing for the inner county Terriers out of Cambridge and baseball was just logical for me. I played other sports, but baseball was my passion," he said.

After three years on the Terriers, it was clear that Nathan Loehle could play baseball at a university level, which took him south of the border to see if he could make an impact in the ever-competitive world of American collegiate sports.

Before Loehle set his sights on becoming a Golden Hawk, he went down to the States to play baseball for Belleville University, located just outside of Omaha, Nebraska. Loehle's reason for leaving the States and becoming a Golden Hawk may be unexpected if not surprising to some.

"The education wasn't what I was looking for, so I landed on Laurier for obvious reasons. Plus it was close to home."

It was obvious right from the start that Laurier baseball was a perfect fit for Loehle, as evident by his first at-bat as a Golden Hawk, an eye opening moment for many.

"My very first at-bat as a Hawk was in an exhibition game against the [Guelph] Gryphons."

"I cranked it about 350 feet foul and I knew I could play OUA ball right then," he said.

Only a few games later, in a tournament hosted by the Golden Hawks, Loehle hit his first two home runs as a Golden Hawk, a trend that would continue for much of the award-winning season.

The personal success is not what the second-year arts student is concerned with though. Loehle expressed, "I don't care about any personal awards or success. I really just want to win the OUA and then a national championship. It is a team sport and I want to win it all as a team."

Loehle doesn't need to search far for extra motivation this season, as WLU will host the OUA playoffs and being a Cambridge native, friends and family will likely be out to show their support.

Loehle and the Golden Hawks continue their run at the title next weekend as they host Queen's for a double header Saturday, Sept. 17 at Bechtel Park. First pitch is at 4 p.m.



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Sports in brief

Baseball Hawks post a successful weekend

The Laurier Golden Hawks' baseball squad posted a 3-1 record at the OUA's inaugural Kick-Off Tournament held in Guelph at Larry Pearson Park. Laurier toppled McMaster, Brock and Toronto and fell to Western in their four matches. Pitcher Brett Van Pelt earned athlete of the week honours allowing one earned run in seven innings pitched and posted a 2-0 record. The Hawks sit at 4-1 in conference play and are in first place in the OUA.

Men's soccer falls to Western, ties Windsor

The Hawks (1-1-2) travelled to London on Saturday and dropped a 2-1 decision to Western. Spencer Cawker scored his first goal of the season to open the scoring before the Mustangs roared back in the second half. On Sunday, the team rallied to tie Windsor as Donald Chmura struck for his second goal of the campaign.

Women's soccer notches two more wins

The female Hawks shut out Western 2-0 on Saturday as goaltender Mallory Woeller acquired her second goose egg in four games. Julia Marchese got her first goal of the season against the Mustangs and Laurier's female athlete of the week Krista Cellucci racked up her second and third goals of the season against Western and the next day against Windsor in a 2-1 victory. Emily Brown notched her first goal in the win against the Lancers.

Football Hawks dropped from national rankings

The Laurier football squad was dropped from their eighth-ranked position to right out of the top ten in the national rankings as determined by the Football Reporters of Canada (FRC) after their 41-40 loss to the Windsor Lancers. The Lancers moved up to no. 10.

Women's soccer tops

After sitting at no. 2 for the past week, Laurier women's soccer slid into top spot in the country after posting four wins and no losses in their first two weekends.

—Compiled by Kevin Campbell

Hawks fall in shootout

Last-second, single point stuns Laurier and sends Windsor home with the win

KEVIN CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

As a football fan, you couldn't have asked for a more perfectly-scripted contest between the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks and the Windsor Lancers on Saturday.

But as a Hawks fan, the bitter after-taste of the 41-40 loss may have just soured the experience of a football game for the ages.

Under the lights on a gorgeous home opening night for Laurier, the Hawks (1-1) were ready to claim their second win in as many games during the young season.

And early on, they looked primed to do so.

A 30-yard pass from quarterback Shane Kelly to receiver Dillon Heap just over five minutes into the game had the Hawks rolling.

The purple and gold looked like they had picked up exactly where they left off a week ago against a lesser York University team, scoring 31 points in the fourth quarter after a slow start.

Running-back Anton Bennett even boosted that lead to 16-0 when he completed a nine yard pass from Kelly and showed the Hawks brass that they may have just found their consistent tailback. Bennett rushed for 132 yards, finding *chinks* in the Lancers' (2-0) defensive armour that weren't present against York.

But the Lancers hung around. Starting quarterback Sam Malian completed two of five passes before falling awkwardly off a Mitchell Bosch tackle. Malian broke his arm,

was taken off on a stretcher and whisked away in an ambulance.

For the Lancers, it was a sight seen far too often. Malian has been injured numerous times, never completing a full season with Windsor.

But if ever there was a silver lining in anything, it was there in Malian's fall.

Backup quarterback Austin Kennedy came in to relieve Malian and subsequently tore apart the Hawks' normally stalwart defence.

Kennedy, whose claim to fame is his scrambling and running game, tore through the Hawks' defensive line and found open Lancers in the end zone all night.

"We thought we'd see them both," said Laurier head coach, Gary Jeffries. "The kid [Kennedy]'s a special athlete and the plays he made at the end of the game were outstanding ... Certainly that dimension [mobile feet] makes it tougher on defence."

Kennedy rocked the Hawks, completing 25 of 37 passes for 443 yards, rushing for 112 yards and completing five touchdowns.

Kelly went 21 of 33 for 242 yards and three touchdowns, finding Heap, Mark Surya and Bennett.

The Hawks never trailed in the game.

But it was the final second and the final play that decided this one.

Lancers' punter Dan Cerino lined up at the Hawks' 20-yard line and booted the football towards the end zone.

Famed punt-returner Heap caught it and kicked it back out, but Cerino fielded it and blasted yet



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Dan Bishop attempts to take down Paul Lefaive of Windsor. The Hawks lost 41-40.

another counter-punt into the Laurier end zone for the single point.

The Lancers' had just shocked the Hawks.

"It was a hell of a football game ... They had the ball last," said Jeffries.

"We didn't get what we came here to get," said the Hawks' game star Felix Odum, who scored a touchdown off a 92-yard kickoff return.

"We've got a bunch of great returners. It just happened to be me today," said Odum.

Odum and his Hawks will now travel to Kingston to take on the Queen's Gaels on Saturday before returning to Waterloo to host Western on Saturday, Sept. 24.

With the loss, the Hawks lost their national ranking, falling from no. 8 to being erased from the top ten.



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Lancers' quarterback Sam Malian breaks his arm early in the game.

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